



**PROSPECT  
HANDBOOK  
2060**

GRADE	HITTER ROLE	PITCHER ROLE
<b>75-80</b>	Franchise Player	No. 1 Starter
<b>65-70</b>	Perennial All-Star	No. 2 Starter
<b>60</b>	Occasional All-Star	No. 3 Starter, Game's Best Reliever
<b>55</b>	First-Division Regular	No. 3/4 Starter, Closer
<b>50</b>	Solid-Average Regular	No. 4 Starter, Setup Reliever
<b>45</b>	Second-Division Regular/Platoon	No. 5 Starter, Middle Reliever
<b>40</b>	Reserve	Fill-in Starter, Low-leverage Reliever

## RISK FACTORS

**LOW:** Likely to reach realistic ceiling, certain big league career barring injury.

**MEDIUM:** Some work left to refine their tools, but a polished player.

**HIGH:** Most top draft picks in their first seasons, players with plenty of projection left, players with a significant flaw left to correct, or players whose injury history is worrisome.

**VERY HIGH:** Recent draft picks with a limited track record of success or injury issues.

**EXTREME:** Teenagers in Rookie ball, players with significant injury history or players who struggle with a key skill, especially control for pitchers or strikeout rate for hitters.

# FARM SYSTEM EVOLUTION

## Departures from the 2059 Handbook

### Traded away (3):

- 14 IF Sam Corkum (now with Vancouver)
- 15 1B/OF Carlos Garcia (now with Boise)
- 26 RHP Sergio Valdes (now with Vancouver)

### Graduated (4):

- 2 1B Dan Wilkinson (BBA)
- 5 OF Clancy Lee (BBA)
- 21 CF Antonio Hernandez (BBA)
- 24 IF Bill Atkinson (BBA)

### Dropped in rank below top 30 (9):

- 9 LF/1B Hamza bin Uthman (AAA)
- 13 OF Taylor Bryant (AA)
- 19 OF Francisco Rios (R)
- 20 OF Marcus Chilcott (AAA)
- 23 OF Cisco Cintron (AAA)
- 25 OF Bill Crittendon (AA)
- 28 RHP Yaman Abdul-Salam
- 29 LHP An-yan Dou (Int'l Complex)
- 30 RHP Mo Ji (Int'l Complex)

## Additions to the 2060 Handbook

### Arrived in Trade (8):

- 5 SS Maximo Gousto (from San Fernando)
- 16 3B Julio Torres (from Boise)
- 19 RF Herman de Jonge (from Phoenix)
- 25 SP Ron Fay (from Atlantic City)
- 26 SS Eduardo Galvan (from Austin)
- 28 LHP Jake Beers (from San Fernando)
- 29 RHP Gustavo Brown (from San Fernando)
- 30 RHP Zaki Jamal (from Phoenix)

### Amateur Draft (3):

- 7 LF Manny Burgus (2<sup>nd</sup> round)
- 18 LF Phillip Higgins (1<sup>st</sup> round)
- 22 RHP Antonio Figueroa (3<sup>rd</sup> round)

### Rule 5 Draft (3):

- 11 RF Luis Chavez (2<sup>nd</sup> round)
- 14 SP Peter Ramsey (3<sup>rd</sup> round)
- 20 CF Jedidiah Marzuq (1<sup>st</sup> round)

### Signed (2):

- 1 (IAFA) SP Hilal Yusuf (Bahrain)
- 24(MiLB) SP Rashid Umrani

## PROJECTED 2063 LINEUP

Catcher	Loren Hall	30
First Base	Dan Wilkinson	25
Second Base	Bengt Zippro	26
Third Base	Tom Allen	27
Shortstop	Eduardo Galván	24
Left Field	Manny Burgus	23
Center Field	António Hernández	25
Right Field	Clancy Lee	25
Designated Hitter	Raul Gallehos	23
No. 1 Starter	Lúcio Juárez	33
No. 2 Starter	Harry Stewart	22
No. 3 Starter	Seth Nagaswamy	27
No. 4 Starter	José Martínez	23
No. 5 Starter	David Uribe	24
Closer	Wlody Sidelsky	26

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# Hilal ‘The Bern’ Yusuf, RHP

New

Born: Aug 20, 2043 B-T L-R HT: 6’1” WT: 175 Signed as IAFA 01/06/2060

**TRACK RECORD:** Montreal signed Yusuf out of Bahrain with an \$18 million bonus, the largest of the 2060 international amateur free agent class.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Yusuf projects as a front line starting pitcher with an arsenal of six pitches. His stuff generates ground balls at a high rate and should minimize long balls. With time, he is expected to have good command of his pitches. His best pitches are his sinker, curveball, and changeup. Scouts speak highly of his intelligence and adaptability, say that he responds well to coaching.

**THE FUTURE:** For now, he’ll be assigned to Montreal’s international complex.



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Risk:  
Extreme

SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter
	7	8 / 5	7	5 / 7 / -	8 / -	8 / 6 / 4

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# Pedro ‘Suds’ Hernandez, OF

**Born:** Nov. 20, 2041. **B-T L-R HT:** 6’4” **WT:** 185 **Signed** as IAFA 11/16/58

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**TRACK RECORD:** Hernandez signed for a \$4,750,000 bonus as an international amateur free agent out of El Salvador before the 2059 season. Assigned to Rookie league Oshawa, he hit .172/.221/.271 with 8 SB in 8 attempts in his first exposure to pro ball.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Hernandez has elite contact skills and rarely strikes out, even though he often chases pitches out of the zone. With his plus speed, his power into the gaps plays up. Despite his tall frame, his line drive approach does not lend itself to home runs. He is known to frequently bunt for hits with great success.

He is a plus-plus outfielder, capable of playing all three positions. He likely projects as an elite corner outfielder in the long run.

**THE FUTURE:** Hernandez will return to rookie ball for the 2060 season.



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Risk:  
Extreme

SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	8	8/3	3/10	8/7	8/9	6/-

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Was 3

# Raúl ‘Scooter’ Gallehos, 1B

**Born:** Mar. 15, 2040. **B-T R-R HT:** 6’5” **WT:** 175 **Drafted:** 2057 (1<sup>st</sup> round).



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Risk:  
Very High

**TRACK RECORD:** Gallehos was drafted in the first round by Montreal in the 2057 draft, who were surprised to see him still available when they picked 24<sup>th</sup> overall. It took a huge bonus (\$9,000,000) to convince him to pass up college. He was promptly assigned to their Rookie ball team, the Oshawa Dodgers, where he continued to show off his power, but struggled with contact, slashing .227/.314/.502 in 62 games. In the field, he played a below average, but not awful, third base. At just 17, he was younger than most players in the league.

In his second year in the pros, Gallehos destroyed Short Season A pitching to the tune of .349/388/.698, earning him a promotion to Single-A. He struggled after the promotion.

Last season, his third, he hit .255/.308/.408 in 458 plate appearances in Single A, with more strikeouts (122) than hits (107).

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Gallehos is currently ranked as the 84<sup>th</sup> overall prospect in the BBA. He’s a natural pull hitter with plus-plus power. His hit tool is well above average, but he will strike out fairly often when he sells out for the long ball. Originally projected as a third baseman, the organization has moved him to first base, where his 6’5” height will play up. He has Gold Glove potential as a first baseman. His time spent over the last two offseasons with a personal trainer seems to have paid dividends, as he is now recognized for his strong work ethic. In the most recent BNN Prospect Pipeline, Gallehos is ranked as the BBA’s 93<sup>rd</sup> best prospect.

**THE FUTURE:** Gallehos will return to Single-A Dearborn Heights to begin the 2060 season.

SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	6	6/8	5/4	3/1	6/5	5/4

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Was 4

# Harry Stewart, RHP

**Born:** June 5, 2040 **B-T** R-R **HT:** 6'6" **WT:** 185 **Drafted:** 2057 (2<sup>nd</sup> round).

**TRACK RECORD:** Montreal drafted Stewart in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 2057 draft, 60<sup>th</sup> overall. The Blazers farm system is weak in pitching, and Stewart found himself making his first professional start in Short Season A at the tender young age of 16 (two days short of his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday), surrounded by grown men. He made 12 starts, pitching to a 5.09 ERA (91 ERA+), but allowed only a single home run in 63⅔ innings pitched. At 17, Stewart made 21 starts in Single-A with 12 quality starts, but with a 5.48 ERA and 5.7 walks/9. Last season, Stewart mastered Single-A, starting 19 games, going 5-4 with a 2.97 ERA (134 ERA+).

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Stewart is a right-handed sidewinder who is particularly effective against right-handed batters. He is ranked as the #36 prospect in the BBA. With his arsenal of six pitches, however, he is also effective against lefties. His best pitch is his plus fastball. The rest of his repertoire grades out as average. All of his pitches move, making it difficult to square him up. He's still working on command and control, but scouts project it to be above average. His floor appears to be as a back-of-the-rotation starter. In the most recent BNN Prospect Pipeline, Stewart is ranked as the BBA's 51<sup>st</sup> best prospect.

**THE FUTURE:** Stewart will start the 2060 season in the rotation at AA Mississagua.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF 5	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP 8 / 6	CONTROL 6	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter 7 / 5 / -	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change 5 / -	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter 5 / 5 / 5
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New

# Máximo Gousto, SS

**Born:** Aug. 22, 2040 **B-T** R-R **HT:** 5'11" **WT:** 170 **Drafted:** 2057 (1<sup>st</sup> round).

**TRACK RECORD:** After being selected out of high school in the first round of the 2057 amateur draft by Las Vegas, Gousto was assigned to rookie ball as a 16-year-old, where he remained for the next two seasons. Last season, he was traded to San Fernando. Two months later, he was again traded, arriving in Montreal as part of the Qutuz Mahdi deal. He has yet to reach league average with his offense, most recently hitting .197/.223/342 with 6 SB in 6 attempts. Interestingly, he has been sent to training at teams' development three times in his short career. He was unsuccessful at improving his plate discipline with Las Vegas but did improve his base stealing technique with them. This offseason, he delivered outstanding results improving his defense at shortstop.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Despite his hitting woes in rookie ball, scouts project Gousto as an elite hitter with above average power but a poor batting eye. He has plus-plus speed and baserunning instincts. His defense at shortstop is outstanding, if not quite Gold Glove level. His work ethic, intelligence, and adaptability are highly regarded.

**THE FUTURE:** Gousto will return to rookie ball, now with his third organization.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	9	5 / 6	2 / 5	8 / 8	9 / 9	9 / 8

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# Chris Parker, RHP

Was 18

Born: Aug.31, 2040 B-T R-R HT: 6'6" WT: 185 Drafted: 2057 (6<sup>th</sup> round).

**TRACK RECORD:** Drafted in the sixth round out of high school, Parker assumed the role of stopper in rookie ball. He pitched to a 3.89 ERA (109 ERA+) with 7 saves, a 1.06 WHIP, and a 3.5 K/BB ratio. In 2058, after a jump to Single-A Dearborn Heights, Parker again pitched well, throwing 32 innings to a 3.58 ERA. Last season, Parker moved up to AA Mississauga and struggled with facing older competition. He threw 51 innings, allowed almost 2 home runs per nine, and finished with a 9.23 ERA (45 ERA+). During the offseason, he successfully completed training at Montreal’s development complex to improve his feel for his cutter.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Parker has a plus fastball. He also throws a cut fastball and a changeup, neither rating above average. Scouts project him to have excellent command and control of his pitches, minimizing walks and home runs, despite his rough introduction to AA.

**THE FUTURE:** Still only 19, Parker will return to the AA bullpen with his upgraded cutter to start the new season.



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Risk:  
High

SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF 5	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIB 6 / 5	CONTROL 8	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter 6 / - / 5	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change 4 / -	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter - / - / -
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New

# Manny Burgus, LF

**Born:** Feb. 2, 2040 **B-T** L-L **HT:** 6'0" **WT:** 170 **Drafted:** 2059 (2<sup>nd</sup> round).

**TRACK RECORD:** Burgus was taken in the second round of the 2059 amateur draft by Montreal. Prior to the draft, he detrimentally completed training to improve his base stealing technique at the Central America Conquistadors development complete. Initially assigned to rookie ball, he earned a promotion to Short Season A in mid-season after hitting .350/.425/.700 in 40 games. He continued to hit at the next level, recording a .316/.388/.434 slash line (125 OPS+) in 85 plate appearances. This offseason, he successfully completed training to improve his strength and conditioning at the Montreal development complex.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Burgus projects as an extra base machine, with plus-plus power into the gaps mixed with elite speed. His hit tool and batting eye are average, but he should develop plus home run power as he matures. His below average arm strength restricts him to left field, but he has plus range and projects as a plus-plus left fielder defensively. In the most recent BNN Prospect Pipeline, Burgus is ranked as the BBA's 95<sup>th</sup> best prospect.

**THE FUTURE:** Burgus will start the new season at Single-A Dearborn Heights.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	5	8 / 6	5 / 5	9 / 4	7 / 5	4 / -

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## Bengt Zippro, 2B

**Born:** Jan. 10, 2037 **B-T R-R HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 175 **Signed:** 2053 out of Aruba.

**Was 6**

**TRACK RECORD:** Rocky Mountain scouts discovered Zippro in 2053. He was traded to Las Vegas just months later. He spent four years in Rookie ball before moving up to Short Season A last season as a 21-year-old, where he hit .365/453/514 over 86 plate appearances with 7 stolen bases in eight attempts. He was traded to Montreal in early June of 2058. Last season in Single-A he hit .295/.349/.407 (106 OPS+) and stole a remarkable 60 bases in 66 attempts. During the offseason, he completed training at Montreal's development complex to improve his defense at second base with an outstanding result. Both his arm and error rating improved by a full point, with lesser gains to his range and double play ability. Scouts say, "Expect him to be leaps and bounds better."

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Zippro possesses a plus hit tool, plus gap power, a plus eye, and plus-plus speed and base stealing skills. He has plus-plus range in the infield with a plus arm. Unfortunately, his lack of drive is holding him back. He profiles as solid major league regular at second base if he reaches his projections.

**THE FUTURE:** This offseason, Montreal traded their Gold Glove All-Star second baseman, Miguel Martinez, opening a path forward for the young Zippro. With the young Bill Atkinson taking over in Montreal, there is no need to rush Zippro's development. It is expected that he will return to Single-A Dearborn Heights to start the new season.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	6	7 / 5	6 / 6	9 / 9	8 / 7	6 / 5

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# Nikolaus Buser, 1B/LF

**Born:** July 15, 2041 **B-T** R-L **HT:** 6'7" **WT:** 190 **Drafted:** 2058 (2<sup>nd</sup> round).

Was 8

**TRACK RECORD:** After being selected in the second round in the 2058 draft, he spent his 16-year-old season in Rookie ball, where he hit .233/.309/.419 (97 OPS+). Last season, he hit .270/.339/.437 (126 OPS+) in Rookie ball.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Buser has an elite batting eye. When he gets his pitch, he uses the entire field with a line drive stroke. His other tools are mostly average. He is an average defensive corner outfielder but a plus-plus defender at first base. He is a respected voice in the clubhouse.

**THE FUTURE:** Buser is ticketed for Short Season A Nassau this season.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	6	5 / 6	9 / 4	4 / 4	6 / 5	4 / -

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Tom ‘Gauntlet’ Allen, 3B

Born: Aug. 25, 2035 B-T R-R HT: 6’6” WT: 200 Drafted: 2052 (3<sup>rd</sup> round).

Was 10

**TRACK RECORD:** Allen was drafted out of high school in the third round by the Blazers. He struggled in his first couple of years in the lower minors, hitting below the Mendoza line. In year three, still only 18, he broke out in AA, posting a .263/.340/.515 slash line good for a 129 OPS+. In 2058, in AAA, he hit .265/365/476 with 27 home runs, then improved in 2059, hitting .317/.384/533 with 26 home runs. In a September callup, Allen hit .289/.333/.553 (130 OPS+) in 42 plate appearances.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Allen is described as a spark plug, with a strong work ethic and said to be very adaptable, although he is never going to be the smartest guy in the room. He possesses an elite arm that serves him well at third base. His calling card is his power to all fields, both into the gaps and over the fences. He has a plus eye that allows him to take walks when pitchers try to pitch around him, but his contact skills are average at best. He is a painfully slow runner. A towering 6’6” tall, he could be an excellent first baseman, but his arm would be wasted at the position.

**THE FUTURE:** In last year’s handbook, we said, “Blazers officials expect another year in AAA should have him ready for his big league debut in 2060.” This is indeed the case, as Allen broke camp with the big league club and has been installed as the full time third baseman for Montreal.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	5	7/7	6/5	1/1	5/11	4/2

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## Luis ‘Papa Smurf’ Chávez, RF

**Born:** Jan. 11, 2036 **B-T** L-L **HT:** 6’1” **WT:** 200 **Signed as** IAFA 2055

New

**TRACK RECORD:** Chávez signed with Calgary as an international amateur free agent out of Venezuela for a \$5,500,000 bonus in 2055. Not quite two years later, he was included in two blockbuster trades within 3 months of each other, first to Rocky Mountain in the Resurrection Santos deal and later to Sacramento as part of the Wullenweber transaction. Last season, his fifth in professional baseball, he hit .317/.405/.512 (144 OPS+) in AA with 28 doubles, 11 triples, 16 home runs, and 56 stolen bases in 69 attempts, but struggled in right field with a -9 zone rating. The Blazers selected him in the second round of the Rule 5 draft and immediately dispatched him to their development complex to work on his defense, which he is said to have completed successfully.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Chávez is a bat first outfielder with a plus hit tool, plus-plus gap power, and plus-plus speed and baserunning instincts, combining to make him an extra base hit machine. He has a significant platoon split that may see him sitting out versus tough left-handed pitching. He has average range in the outfield, but his plus-plus arm plays well in right field.

**THE FUTURE:** Chávez will now get his shot at the big leagues as a Rule 5 acquisition by Montreal. He is expected to start in right field against right-handed pitching. The Blazers love their speedy gap hitters and Chávez certainly fits the mold.



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Risk:

Low

SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	7	8 / 5	5 / 5	8 / 8	5 / 8	6 / -

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Seth Nagaswamy, RHP

Born: Aug. 15, 2035 B-T R-R HT: 6'4" WT: 195 Signed: 2052 out of India

Was 11

**TRACK RECORD:** Nagaswamy was 16 when he was signed out of India in 2052. Graduating from the Blazers international complex in 2056, he finally had his breakout season at age 22. In nine starts in AA, he posted a 3-3 record with a 4.26 ERA. He was promoted mid-season to AAA, going 5-5 with a 5.92 ERA. Last season in AAA, in 28 starts, he went 13-9 with a 4.65 ERA (110 ERA+), surrendering only 0.4 home runs per nine innings pitched.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Scouts love his stuff, but they universally speak poorly of his work habits and adaptability. He has four plus pitches, including a rare screwball, but no traditional fastball or sinker. His cutter, slider, and screwball all move in different ways, complemented by his changeup. He’s a workhorse who can work deep into games.

**THE FUTURE:** Nagaswamy will return to AAA New Jersey to begin the 2060 season, where he is expected to head up the rotation.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF 5	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP 7 / 6	CONTROL 5	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter - / - / 7	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change 7 / -	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter - / 7 / -
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Wlodz ‘Mongoose’ Sidelsky, LHP

Born: Apr.17, 2036 B-T L-L HT: 6’0” WT: 180 Drafted: 2057 (7<sup>th</sup> round).

Was 22

**TRACK RECORD:** Selected in the seventh round of the 2057 draft out of college, Sidelsky has performed well at every level. Assigned to Single-A Dearborn Heights after the draft, he threw 40 innings with a 3.35 ERA and 15 saves. In 2058, moving up to AA Mississauga, he delivered 58 innings with a 2.62 ERA and 26 saves. Last season at AAA New Jersey, he started 6 games and saved 17 games, going 8-8 with a 3.34 ERA (154 ERA+). In the offseason, he completed training at Montreal’s development complex to increase his velocity, with an outstanding result. He added 2 mph to his fastball and sinker, significantly increasing their effectiveness.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Proving that the whole is more than the sum of its parts, Sidelsky’s pitch repertoire features four average and below average pitches: fastball, sinker, cutter, and splitter. He keeps batters off balance, throwing any of them on any count. His pinpoint control is the key to his success.

**THE FUTURE:** He will make his big league debut this season. He is slated for a late inning role, likely as the setup man.



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Risk:  
Low

SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF 4	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP 6 / 5	CONTROL 8	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter 5 / 5 / 4	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change - / -	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter - / - / 4
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# 14 Peter Ramsey, LHP

New

Born: Apr. 15, 2030 **B-T** L-L **HT:** 6'4" **WT:** 200 **Drafted** 2048 (3<sup>rd</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** Ramsey was selected out of high school by Twin Cities in the third round of the 2048 amateur draft. He was released in 2054 after two seasons in AA and signed by Des Moines. In 2058, he signed with San Fernando. The last three seasons have seen him pitch as a swing man in AAA. Last season, he threw 74 innings to 3.50 ERA (137 ERA+). Montreal selected Ramsey in the third round of the 2059 Rule 5 draft.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Ramsey has a five-pitch arsenal, led by his plus fastball. His other pitches are all average or better, including a developing changeup. He rarely allows home runs with his extreme groundball profile. He can be problematic in the clubhouse, as he loves to argue.

**THE FUTURE:** Ramsey will spend the season on the big league roster where he'll start near the backend of the Blazers rotation.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Forkball
	5	7 / 5	5	7 / - / -	6 / -	5 / 6 / 6

# 15 Cristo Manuel, 1B

**Born:** Apr. 2, 2038 **B-T** R-R **HT:** 6'4" **WT:** 200 **Drafted:** 2058 (6<sup>th</sup> round).

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**TRACK RECORD:** Originally selected by Brooklyn in the fifth round of the 2055 draft, he failed to sign and went to college. Montreal selected him in the sixth round of the 2058 draft. Manuel's college experience was on display in the minor leagues. He started 17 games in Single-A, hitting .338/.420/.506. This earned him a promotion to AA Mississauga, where he picked up where he left off, hitting .373/.434/.522 in 56 starts. Last season in AAA, he hit .368/.392/.525 (126 OPS+) with 20 home runs.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** A typical Dominican, Manuel swings early and often. He has plus contact skills and will rarely strike out. His power projects as average to slightly above average, which is not ideal for a first baseman. He is a plus defender.

**THE FUTURE:** Manuel has hit convincingly at every level in his short career. He'll return to AAA New Jersey for now but expect him to be on the first plane if the big league club needs a first baseman or DH.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	6	5/6	3/8	3/3	4/3	4/1

# 16 Júlio Torres, UTIL

New

**Born:** Nov.16, 2037 **B-T S-R HT:** 6'4" **WT:** 190 **Drafted** 2057 (6<sup>th</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** After three years of college, Torres was selected in the sixth round of the 2057 amateur draft by Charm City. He has hit at every stop, climbing up the ladder every season. Last season he hit .314/.393/.478 (116 OPS+) with 21 stolen bases in AAA. He was traded at the deadline last season to Boise, then dealt again in the offseason to Montreal.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Torres is a switch hitter who possesses a plus-plus batting eye and rarely strikes out. He has elite speed and baserunning instincts such that a walk may translate into extra bases. In the infield, he has plus range and a plus-plus arm; in the outfield, he has above average range with an elite throwing arm. He is plus defender at second base as well as in the infield and outfield corners, and can play shortstop without embarrassing himself. His floor is as a bench utility player with a ceiling of a super utility leadoff hitter who you plug in whatever position you need him.

**THE FUTURE:** Torres will likely start his Blazers career in AAA New Jersey where he will work to polish his defensive skills around the diamond.



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Risk:  
Low

SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	5	4 / 5	8 / 7	9 / 9	7 / 8	5 / 5

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Was 7

# José Martínez, RHP

**Born:** Nov. 15, 2039 **B-T** R-R **HT:** 6'4" **WT:** 195 **Drafted:** 2058 (1<sup>st</sup> round).

**TRACK RECORD:** Selected by Montreal as the 28<sup>th</sup> overall pick in the first round of the 2058 draft, Martínez was assigned to Single-A Dearborn Heights. He made 14 starts to a 5.18 ERA as an 18-year-old. Last season at Dearborn Heights, he started 28 games, going 9-12 with a 3.18 ERA (104 ERA+).

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Martínez throws five mostly average pitches from an over-the-top arm slot. His fastball variations (four-seam, two-seam, and cutter) all project as average offerings, while his two offspeed/breaking pitches project as slightly below average. The good news is that his pitching repertoire features plus-plus movement and above average command and control. Thus, while hitters may not be intimidated by his stuff, they'll be kept guessing as to what coming and will have some difficulty squaring it up.

**THE FUTURE:** Martinez is expected to move up to AA Mississauga to begin the 2060 season, where he will be part of the rotation.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF 5	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP 7 / 6	CONTROL 6	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter 5 / 5 / 5	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change 4 / -	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter - / - / 4
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# 18 Phillip Higgins, LF

New

**Born:** May 30, 2040 **B-T** R-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 185 **Drafted** 2059 (1<sup>st</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** Higgins was selected out of college in the first round of the 2059 amateur draft by Montreal. Prior to the draft, he successfully completed training to improve his defense in LF at the Australian Kangaroo development complex. Initially assigned to Short Season A, he quickly graduated to Single-A, where he hit .317/.377/.446 (124 OPS+) in 168 plate appearances.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Higgins projects to have plus power into the gaps and above average home run power. His hit tool is above average and he should strike out less than most players. He has an average batting eye. His speed and baserunning are merely average. He has plus outfield range and a better than average throwing arm. All in all, he is pretty good at everything but not great at any one thing. His floor appears to be as a platoon corner outfielder with a ceiling of a full time regular.

**THE FUTURE:** Higgins should graduate to AA for the 2060 season.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	6	7 / 6	5 / 7	6 / 5	7 / 6	6 / -

# 19 Herman 'Sheriff' de Jonge, RF

**Born:** July 16, 2038 **B-T** R-R **HT:** 6'6" **WT:** 205 **Drafted** 2055 (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

New

**TRACK RECORD:** De Jonge was selected in the second round of the 2055 amateur draft by Phoenix. He was assigned to rookie ball and then apparently forgotten. He has languished in rookie ball purgatory ever since, logging a remarkable five seasons in Traverse City. He is now a household name in Traverse City and hugely popular with the local fans, who wear ten gallon hats and sheriff's deputy badges in the bleachers in right field as they cheer for him. Last season, a man among boys, he hit .374/.500/.702 (257 OPS+). The Blazers acquired him during the offseason as part of the return in the Miggy Martinez deal.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** De Jonge has a plus-plus hit tool and above average power. Unfortunately, his launch angle is not ideal, and his speed is well below average. His height plays well at first base, but his elite throwing arm plays equally well in right field. He projects as a plus defender at either position.

**THE FUTURE:** His new organization will finally give de Jonge an opportunity to showcase his skills above rookie ball, with Single-A as his likely next stop.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	7	5 / 6	5 / 4	4 / 4	5 / 10	5 / -

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Jedidiah Marzuq, OF

Born: June 5, 2037 B-T L-L HT: 6'2" WT: 175 Signed as IAFA 2054

New

**TRACK RECORD:** Marzuq was signed by Jacksonville as an international amateur free agent out of Kuwait in 2054 with a \$13 million bonus. After three years in rookie ball, he earned a promotion to Short Season A Paraiso. Last season, he hit .257/.323/.341 (83 OPS+) with 22 stolen bases in 26 attempts. He was selected in the first round of the 2059 Rule 5 draft by Montreal.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Marzuq has a plus hit tool, above average gap power, plus speed, and elite stolen base instincts, but his batting eye and ability to avoid strikeouts is below average. He has a plus-plus throwing arm and plus-plus outfield range, making him a strong defender at all three outfield positions.

**THE FUTURE:** Marzuq is being thrown in the deep end as a Rule 5 pick, considering that he has never played above Short Season A. Montreal is expected to employ him as a pinch runner, defensive replacement, and to occasionally give the starting outfielders a day off.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	7	6 / 5	4 / 4	7 / 9	8 / 11	7 / -



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Ramón Téllez, 1B

Born: Apr.22, 2039 B-T R-R HT: 6'6" WT: 200 Drafted: 2056 (2<sup>nd</sup> round).

Was 16

**TRACK RECORD:** Taken in the second round of the weak 2056 draft, Téllez hit well in his rookie ball campaign, .314/.356/.584 for a 145 OPS+ as a 17-year-old. Last season, he split time between Rookie ball and Short Season A, hitting well in both (.315/.363/.472 and .433/.438/.533, respectively). Having never played first base before turning pro, the 6'6" Téllez has adapted well and projects to offer Gold Glove defense at the position.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** A typical Blazers pick, Téllez is a line drive hitter with the power to drive the ball into the gaps and the speed to capitalize when he does. He has plus power into the gaps, but only average contact skills and home run power. His batting eye is below average. His best tool is his speed, allowing him to take the extra base and steal a base equally well. The club praises his work ethic and his preparation.

**THE FUTURE:** Téllez will start 2060 at Single-A Dearborn Heights.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	5	7 / 5	4 / 6	9 / 8	6 / 5	5 / 6

# 22 António Figueroa, RHP

New

**Born:** Aug. 6, 2042 **B-T S-R** HT: 6'6" **WT:** 190 **Drafted** 2059 (3<sup>rd</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** Figueroa was selected out of high school in the third round of the 2059 amateur draft by Montreal, after which he was assigned to Short Season A Nassau. He appeared in nine games, throwing 17 innings to a 2.60 ERA (140 ERA+), allowing no home runs. In the offseason, he successfully completed training to improve his slider at Montreal's development complex.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Figueroa is an imposing 6'6" classic fastball/slider power pitcher, whose plus heater sits between 96-98 mph. Scouts project him to have excellent control and expect him to limit home runs. They suggest that he can be slow to absorb instruction from his coaches.

**THE FUTURE:** After his successful debut in Short Season A, the 17-year-old Figueroa will graduate to Single-A Dearborn Heights, where he is expected to fill a role in the backend of their bullpen.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS	OFF SPEED PITCHES	BREAKING
	5	7 / 6	6	Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	Changeup/Circle Change	Curve/Slider/Splitter
				7 / - / -	- / -	- / 6 / -

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Abdul-Halim bin Mansur, LHP

**Born:** Jan.9, 2038 **B-T** L-L **HT:** 6’4” **WT:** 185 **Signed:** 2045 out of Kuwait  
**Was 17**

**TRACK RECORD:** Signed out of Kuwait in 2045, bin Mansur was plucked out of the Blazers international complex to fill out Nassau’s Short Season A staff in 2056 when he was 18. To everyone’s surprise, he managed a 5.46 ERA (86 ERA+) against the much older and more experienced competition. Since then, he has split time between Short Season A and Single-A. Last season in Nassau, he started 15 games, going 4-8 with a 3.87 ERA (94 ERA+).

**SCOUTING REPORT:** His pitch repertoire includes four roughly average pitches: fastball, sinker, slider, and changeup. He depends heavily on movement to be effective; hitters have a very difficult time squaring up his relatively pedestrian stuff. His control is a work in progress but should ultimately be decent.

**THE FUTURE:** Bin Mansur will begin the new season in the rotation at Single-A Dearborn Heights.



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Risk:  
Very High

SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF 4	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP 8 / 6	CONTROL 5	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter 4 / 5 / -	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change 5 / -	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter - / 5 / -
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# 24 Rashid Umrani, RHP

**Born:** Mar. 19, 2032 **B-T R-R** HT: 6'1" **WT:** 180 **Drafted** 2049 (GBC 9<sup>th</sup> round)  
**New**

**TRACK RECORD:** Umrani was selected out of school by Jerusalem in the ninth round of the 2049 GBC amateur draft. Released in 2053, he quickly signed with Nashville. After the 2058 season, he was taken in the first round of the Rule 5 draft by Hawaii but was returned before the season began. He split 2058 between AA and AAA working out of the bullpen. Last season, he threw 75 innings of relief with a 2.52 ERA in AA (168 ERA+). After the 2059 season, Montreal signed him to a minor league deal.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Umrani is a power pitcher who relies on his plus fastball, supplemented by an above average slider and an average changeup. He rarely gives up the longball, despite his average control. He profiles as a swingman who will rarely throw more than five innings in a start but could provide quality multi-inning relief when called upon.

**THE FUTURE:** He's ticketed for AAA New Jersey to start the season with his new club, where he'll start in the rotation.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter
	5	8 / 6	5	7 / - / -	5 / -	- / 6 / -

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Ron Fay, RHP

New

**Born:** Jan. 6, 2033 **B-T S-R** HT: 6’1” **WT:** 185 **Drafted** 2052 (GBC 6<sup>th</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** Fay was selected by Cairo in the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the GBC amateur draft. Twin Cities signed him to a minor league contract in 2053. He spent four seasons in Single-A before being promoted to AA in 2056 and AAA in 2057. Released in 2057, he was signed by Atlantic City after that season. Last season in AAA, he threw 62 innings out of the bullpen to a 3.18 ERA (160 ERA+). In March, he was sold to Montreal for \$2,000,000.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Fay is a groundball artist whose pitch arsenal includes four average offerings: fastball, slider, changeup and splitter. He’ll limit home runs and pitch to contact, rewarding good defense. He’s a hard worker who can pitch deep into games.

**THE FUTURE:** He’ll start the season at AAA New Jersey, but he may be the first man up if the big league club needs to fill a spot in its rotation.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter
	5	7 / 5	5	5 / - / -	5 / -	- / 5 / 5

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Eduardo Galván, SS

Born: June 22, 2038 B-T R-R HT: 6'0" WT: 180 Drafted 2058 (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

New

**TRACK RECORD:** Galván was selected by Edmonton in the second round of the 2058 amateur draft after three years of college. He was assigned to rookie ball, where he hit .343/.422/.531 (159 OPS+). Last season, he split his time between Single-A and AA, hitting .296 (118 OPS+) and .316 (120 OPS+), respectively, while posting a zone rating of +10.7 at shortstop. During the offseason, he was traded to Montreal.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Galván has plus gap power but poor home run power. He is otherwise average with the bat. His speed and base running instincts are below average. His calling card is his defense. He has plus-plus infield range, a plus arm, and is elite at turning the double play. He rates as a plus-plus shortstop with Gold Glove potential at second base. Unfortunately, scouts say that he is not a hard worker. His floor is that of an infield reserve, with a ceiling of a big league regular at shortstop.

**THE FUTURE:** Galván will probably return to AA for the new season, albeit with a new organization.



SCOUTING GRADES	HITTING BABIP	POWER Gap/HR	PLATE DISCIPLINE Eye/Avoid Ks	BASE RUNNING Speed/Stealing	FIELDING TOOLS Range/Arm	FIELDING SKILL Avoid Err/Turn DP
	5	6 / 3	5 / 6	4 / 3	8 / 7	10 / 9

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David Uribe, RHP

Born:

Aug.24, 2038

B-T

L-R

HT: 6'1"

WT: 190

Drafted:

2057

(4<sup>th</sup> round).

Was 30

**TRACK RECORD:** Selected out of high school in the fourth round of the 2057 amateur draft, the 18-year-old Uribe impressed in rookie ball, making twelve starts, throwing over 80 innings, and posting a 2.02 ERA (211 ERA+). The following season, promoted to Single-A, he struggled to a 5.99 ERA over 15 starts. He split last season between Single-A and AA; he started 8 games in Single-A, going 2-2 with a 1.88 ERA, then 20 games in AA, going 3-11 with a 4.83 ERA.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Possessing six pitches, Uribe keeps hitters off balance. He has a plus fastball that he uses to set up his other pitches, which include a sinker, slider, curveball, splitter, and changeup. Scouts project him to exhibit above average control as he matures. He is respected for his strong work ethic and adaptability.

**THE FUTURE:** Uribe will make the leap up to AAA to start the new season.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter
	5	6 / 5	6	6 / 5 / -	5 / -	5 / 5 / 4

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New

Jake 'D on Green' Beers, RHP

Born: Feb. 21, 2040 B-T R-R HT: 6'5" WT: 185 Drafted 2057 (3<sup>rd</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** Beers was selected by Vancouver out of high school in the third round of the amateur draft in 2057. He was immediately jumped all the way up to Single-A, where he struggled against the much older competition. He spent a second season in Single-A before being traded to San Fernando as part of the return in the Jeffrey Smith deal. His new organization sent him down to Short Season A for the 2059 season, where he started 13 games to a 3.69 ERA (96 ERA+). At the trade deadline, he was again included in a major trade, this time in the Qutuz Mahdi transaction. He has struggled since his high school days to limit walks, average over 5 walks per nine in his pro career.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Still only 20, Beers is a tantalizing prospect, if only a team can show him how to harness his triple-digit fastball and cut down on the free passes. He has plus-plus movement on his pitches, and batters can rarely square them up. His pitch arsenal also includes a plus slider, above average changeup, and an average curveball, if all develop according to projections.

**THE FUTURE:** Now with his third team in as many seasons, the Blazers plan to assign Beers to the rotation in Short Season A Nassau. Jammers Pitching coach Tim Whitney specializes in power pitchers and has an outstanding reputation for refining mechanics. Sources say that Whitney and Beers have already established a good relationship. Will he finally be the one who unlocks the secret to getting Beers to throw strikes consistently?



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter
	5	8 / 6	4	8 / - / -	6 / -	5 / 7 / -



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New

Gustavo Brown, LHP

Born: Oct.15, 2041 B-T L-L HT: 6'6" WT: 190 Drafted 2058 (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

**TRACK RECORD:** Brown was selected out of high school by Long Beach in the second round of the 2058 amateur draft. The most action that he saw that season was involvement in the Sammy McNeill trade that sent him to San Fernando. He threw 29 innings out of the bullpen in rookie ball with his new organization last year, recording a 5.46 ERA (61 ERA+) at age 17. At the trade deadline, he was traded again, this time to Montreal as part of the Qutuz Mahdi deal.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Left-handed hitters struggle not to bail out when they face Brown’s sidearm delivery. While not as intimidating when facing right handers, his extensive pitch arsenal allows him to be effective against them as well. He throws both a four-seamer and a two-seamer, three different breaking pitches that all go different directions, and tops this off with a decent changeup. All this movement means that he rarely surrenders home runs, but the flip side is lots of free passes. Scouts describe him as very bright, so perhaps he can figure it out.

**THE FUTURE:** Brown will start in Short Season A with his third organization, this time as part of the rotation.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	OFF SPEED PITCHES Changeup/Circle Change	BREAKING Curve/Slider/Splitter
	5	7 / 5	4	6 / 6 / -	5 / -	5 / 5 / 5

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Zaki Jamal, RHP

Born: Feb. 24, 2037 B-T R-R HT: 6’3” WT: 190 Signed: 2053 out of Iraq  
New

**TRACK RECORD:** Jamal was signed out of Iraq by Yellow Springs in early 2053. He graduated to rookie ball in 2057, making 13 starts to a 4.14 ERA (97 ERA+). In 2059, he was released and signed shortly thereafter with Phoenix. Last season, he made 13 starts in Short Season A, recording a 2.57 ERA (142 ERA+). In over 73 innings pitched, he only surrendered two home runs. During the offseason, he was part of Montreal’s return in the Miguel Martinez trade.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Jamal relies on good control and movement for success, as all five pitches in his repertoire are rather pedestrian. His forkball is his best pitch, joined by a fastball, cutter, screwball, and changeup.

**THE FUTURE:** For his first season in the Blazers organization, he’ll make the leap to the AA rotation. He’s an older prospect, but at age 23, there’s still time for him to develop into a useful piece.



SCOUTING GRADES	STUFF	MOVEMENT HRA/PBABIP	CONTROL	FASTBALLS	OFF SPEED PITCHES	BREAKING
	4	6 / 6	6	Fastball/Sinker/Cutter	Changeup/Circle Change	Screwball/Forkball
				4 / - / 4	4 / -	4 / 5

Best Hit Tool: Máximo Gousto  
Best Gap Hitter: Luis Chavez  
Best Power Tool: Raul Gallehos  
Best Eye: Nikolaus Buser  
Best at Avoiding Ks: Pedro Hernández  
Fastest Speed: Bengt Zippro  
Best Base Stealer: Bengt Zippro  
Best Base Runner: Bengt Zippro  
Best Infield Range: Máximo Gousto  
Best Infield Arm: Tom Allen  
Best Infield Glove: Eduardo Galván  
Best at Turning DP: Eduardo Galván  
Best Outfield Range: Will Cullen  
Best Outfield Arm: Jedidiah Marzuq  
Best Outfield Glove: Nicolo Penni  
Best Catcher Blocking: Tadesa Zaid  
Best Catcher Framing: Tadesa Zaid  
Best Catcher Arm: Ben Wilkins  
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Best Stuff: Hilal Yusuf  
Best Movement: Harry Stewart  
Best Control: Wlodz Sidelsky  
Best Stamina: Abdul-Halim bin Mansur  
Best Fastball: Jake Beers  
Best Sinker: Hilal Yusuf  
Best Cutter: Yaman Abdul-Salam  
Best Curveball: Hilal Yusuf  
Best Slider: Seth Nagaswamy  
Best Screwball: Seth Nagaswamy  
Best Changeup: Hilal Yusuf