

Duane Below

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 205
 ■ **B/T:** L/L
 ■ Spent the first half of last season with Mud Hens and was 9-4 with a 3.13 ERA in 18 starts. ... Promoted to Detroit on July 20 and spent rest of the season with Tigers, posting an 0-2 record with 4.34 ERA. ... 7-12 with a 4.93 ERA in 28 starts for Double-A Erie in 2010 after missing most of 2009 because of Tommy John surgery. ... Was Detroit's minor league pitcher of the year in 2007 after posting a 13-5 record and 2.97 ERA with Lo-A West Michigan.



Quintin Berry

Outfielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 175
 ■ **B/T:** L/L
 ■ Hit .297 in 93 games for Double-A Carolina, Cincinnati's team in the Southern League. ... Led that league with 40 stolen bases and was fourth in on-base percentage (.399). ... Also hit a career-best six home runs last season. ... Has had 48 stolen bases or more in three seasons, with a high of 55 for Lo-A Lakewood, which led the South Atlantic League. ... Played in four games for Louisville last season and hit .056 but stole two bases.



Chris Bootcheck

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-5, 210
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Pitched in 16 games, with seven starts, for Durham last season, posting a 3-2 record with one save and a 3.57 ERA. ... Left Bulls at the end of June to pitch in Korea for the Lotte Giants. ... Spent parts of four seasons in the majors with the Angels (2003, 2005-08) and Pirates in 2009. ... Best season as a reliever was 2009, when he was 3-2 with 20 saves and a 3.38 ERA for Indianapolis. ... In 246 minor league appearances has 60-46 record and 4.68 ERA.



Brooks Brown

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 212
 ■ **B/T:** L/R
 ■ Posted a 3-9 record with 5.67 ERA in 17 starts for Double-A Erie last season. ... Went 12-9 with a 4.15 ERA in 28 starts for the SeaWolves in 2010. ... Traded to Detroit from Arizona in April of 2009 and split that season between the Hens and Erie. ... Posted a 3-13 record and 4.71 ERA in 20 games for Toledo that season. ... Was 5-0 with a 2.21 ERA in six starts for the SeaWolves in 2009. ... Was the 34th overall pick in the 2006 draft by the Diamondbacks.



Audy Ciriaco

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 195
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Split last season between the Hens and Double-A Erie. ... Hit .277 with five homers and 55 RBIs in 101 games with the SeaWolves, then batted .093 in 14 games in Toledo. ... Also played in seven games with the Mud Hens in 2009 and one game the following year. ... His most productive season was 2009, when he hit .262 with 11 homers and 59 RBIs for Hi-A Lakeland. ... Has played shortstop most of his career, but will see extensive time at third this year.



Casey Crosby

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-5, 218
 ■ **B/T:** R/L
 ■ Posted 9-7 record and 4.10 ERA in 25 starts for Double-A Erie last season. ... Had 121 strikeouts in 131.2 innings with the SeaWolves. ... Made just three starts in 2010 because of elbow inflammation. ... Tigers' minor league pitcher of the year in 2009 after going 10-4 with a 2.41 ERA and 117 whiffs in 104.2 innings for Lo-A West Michigan. ... A fifth-round draft pick in 2007, he missed the 2008 season after Tommy John surgery in November of 2007.



Argenis Diaz

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 190
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Hit .279 with 45 runs scored, 25 RBIs and 17 doubles in 98 games for the Hens last season. ... Played in 22 games for Pittsburgh in 2010, hitting .242. ... Played for Indianapolis in 2009-10 but began his career in the Red Sox organization. ... A fine defensive infielder who played second, short and third for the Hens last season. ... Baseball America named him "best defensive infielder" in Boston organization three straight seasons (2006-08).



Brad Eldred

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-6, 270
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Hit .278 with 23 home runs and 57 RBIs in 111 games for Fresno in the Pacific Coast League last season. ... Finished fifth in the PCL with 30 home runs with Colorado Springs in 2010. ... Led the IL with 35 home runs and 100 RBIs in 114 games for Charlotte in 2008. ... Spent three years in Indianapolis (2005-07) and hit 33 home runs in 158 games. ... Played 74 games in the majors with Pittsburgh in 2005 and 2007 and 11 games with Colorado in 2010.



Jerad Head

Outfielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 210
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Hit .284 with 24 home runs and 70 RBIs in 114 games for Columbus in 2010. ... Finished third in the IL in home runs. ... Also played in 10 games for Cleveland last year in his first taste of the major leagues. ... Named MVP of the 2010 Triple-A National Championship Game after going 3-for-4 with two doubles and four RBIs in a win over Tacoma. ... Named MVP of 2009 Eastern League playoffs after hitting .345 with nine RBIs in seven games.



Justin Henry

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 180
 ■ **B/T:** L/R
 ■ Hit .309 with 46 RBIs and 52 runs scored and 21 steals in 113 games with Double-A Erie. ... Finished sixth in the Eastern League in batting average. ... Also played in six games with the Hens last year and hit .421. ... Split time between those two clubs in 2010 and batted .269 with nine stolen bases for the Hens. ... A versatile fielder who can play all four infield positions and the outfield as well. ... Has stolen at least 18 bases in his first four full pro seasons.



Matt Hoffman

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-1, 225
 ■ **B/T:** L/L
 ■ Pitched in one game for Double-A Erie before getting promoted to Toledo last season. ... Posted a 2-5 record with a 3.18 ERA in 49 appearances with Hens. ... Struck out 46 in 62.1 innings. ... Finished with 10 holds (enters game in save situation and gets at least one out, but leaves before earning save), third-best in the IL. ... Pitched in three games for Hens in 2010. ... Switched from starter to reliever in 2010, but has just four career saves in 95 appearances.



Bryan Holaday

Catcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 205
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Hit .242 with seven home runs and 42 RBIs in 95 games for Double-A Erie last season. ... Threw out 35 of 104 potential base-stealers (33.7 percent). ... In just second full pro season after he was picked in sixth round of 2010 draft. ... Named best defensive catcher in Tigers organization after that season, while batting .220 with three homers and 12 RBIs for Hi-A Lakeland. ... At TCU in 2010, won Johnny Bench award as best catcher in college baseball.



Fu-Te Ni

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 176
 ■ **B/T:** L/L
 ■ Posted 6-3 record with 3.42 ERA in 34 games with Hens last season. (2.76 ERA in 12 games as a starter.) ... Also split time between Detroit and Toledo in 2009-10. ... Went 3-0 with a 2.60 ERA for Hens in 2009 and was 0-0 with a 7.50 ERA here the following season. ... Posted 0-1 record and 4.33 ERA in 58 appearances with the Tigers. ... Native of Taiwan who had 12-24 record and 3.43 ERA in two seasons pitching in China Professional League.



Andy Oliver

Pitcher

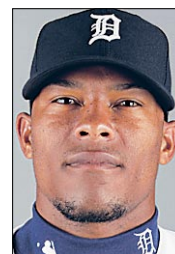
■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 210
 ■ **B/T:** L/L
 ■ 8-12 record with 4.71 ERA in 26 starts for Hens last season. ... Tied for third in the IL with 143 strikeouts. ... Started twice for the Tigers and was 0-1 with a 6.52 ERA. ... Had 3-4 record with 3.23 ERA while fanning 49 in 53 innings for Toledo in 2010. Five starts for Detroit that year. ... In just his third full pro season after Tigers selected him in second round of 2009 draft. ... Graduated from Vermilion High School, 40 miles east of Cleveland



Jose Ortega

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-11, 155
 ■ **B/T:** R/R
 ■ Pitched in 33 games for the Hens last season and was 1-3 with a 6.30 ERA. ... A hard thrower who struck out 44 in 50 innings. ... Pitched at three different levels in 2010 and had a combined mark of 3-4 with a 3.03 ERA and 61 whiffs in 68.1 innings. ... Has 134 career minor-league appearances but only one start, with Double-A Erie in 2010. ... Native of Venezuela who signed with the Tigers at age 17. ... Struck out 175 in 208.1 career minor-league innings.



Eric Patterson

Infielder
Ht./Wt.: 6-0, 170
B/T: L/R
 Played in 47 games for San Diego last year, batting .180 with two homers, eight RBIs and eight steals. ... Hit .253 in 51 games with Triple-A Tucson and scored 31 runs. ... Played in the majors with the Cubs (2007-08), Athletics (2008-10) and Red Sox (2010) as well as the Padres. ... Has stolen 182 bases in his minor league career, with a single-season best of 43 at Sacramento in 2009. Hit .307 with 12 homers and 56 RBIs for the RiverCats that year.



Luke Putkonen

Pitcher
Ht./Wt.: 6-6, 200
B/T: R/R
 Split last season between Hi-A Lakeland, where he was 2-6 with a 5.54 ERA in 18 games, and Double-A Erie, where he went 1-7 with a 7.57 ERA in 11 starts. ... Spent 2010 with the Flying Tigers, going 9-7 with a 3.18 ERA, the seventh-best mark in the Florida State League. ... 9-7 record for Lo-A West Michigan in 2009 but finished third in Midwest League with his 3.13 ERA. ... Was chosen by the Tigers in the third round of the 2007 first-year player draft.



Omir Santos

Catcher
Ht./Wt.: 6-0, 213
B/T: R/R
 Hit .245 with two homers and 16 RBIs in 49 games with the Hens last year. ... Also played in 11 games with the Tigers and batted .227. ... Spent time in the majors with Baltimore in 2008, but his best season came with the New York Mets in 2009. That year he batted .260 with seven homers and 40 RBIs in 96 games. ... His best season offensively was in 2005, when he hit .252 with 10 homers and 48 RBIs for Double-A Trenton in the Eastern League.



Drew Smyly

Pitcher
Ht./Wt.: 6-3, 190
B/T: L/L
 Will start one game for the Mud Hens before getting a promotion to Detroit to become the Tigers' fifth starter. ... Began last season with Hi-A Lakeland and went 7-3 with 2.58 ERA in 14 starts for the Flying Tigers. ... Promoted to Double-A Erie on July 30 and posted 4-3 record and 1.18 ERA in eight appearances with the SeaWolves. ... Last season was his first as a pro after he was selected in the second round of the 2010 draft out of Arkansas.



Ryan Strieby

Infielder
Ht./Wt.: 6-5, 235
B/T: R/R
 Hit .255 with 19 home runs and 76 RBIs for the Hens last season. ... Led the team in homers, RBIs, runs (66) and walks (60). ... Also played in Toledo in 2010, hitting .245 with 10 homers and 49 RBIs in 76 games. ... Named the Tigers 2008 minor league player of the year after leading the Florida State League in home runs (29) while adding 94 RBIs and seven triples for Hi-A Lakeland. ... Has hit 97 home runs in 588 minor-league games, or one every six games.



Brayan Villarreal

Pitcher
Ht./Wt.: 6-0, 170
B/T: R/R
 Began last season with Detroit and was 1-1 with a 6.75 ERA in 16 relief appearances with the Tigers. ... Optioned to Mud Hens in May and was 3-5 with a 5.05 ERA in 17 appearances. Struck out 40 in 66 innings here but also walked 29. ... Split the 2010 season between Hi-A Lakeland, where he was 7-4 with a 3.47 ERA in 16 starts, and Double-A Erie, where he went 0-4 but had a 3.71 ERA. ... Has fanned 359 batters in 384.2 career innings in the minors.



Thad Weber

Pitcher
Ht./Wt.: 6-2/200
B/T: R/R
 Spent last season with the Mud Hens, posting a 5-11 record and a 5.65 ERA in 27 starts. ... Finished second on the team with 111 strikeouts. ... Made three starts for Toledo at the end of 2011 and was 2-1 with a 1.64 ERA. ... Spent most of 2010 with Double-A Erie and was 9-12 with a 4.08 ERA. ... Finished 7-3 with a 4.06 ERA with the SeaWolves in 2009. ... A 16th-round pick of the Tigers in the 2008 draft.



Adam Wilk

Pitcher
Ht./Wt.: 6-2/181
B/T: L/L
 Split last season between the Hens, where he was 8-6 with a 3.24 ERA in 18 starts, and Detroit, where he had a 5.40 ERA in five relief appearances. ... Named Tigers minor league pitcher of the year in 2010 thanks to an 11-5 record and 2.74 ERA in 27 starts split between Hi-A Lakeland and Double-A Erie. ... 2-0 with a 1.14 ERA with the SeaWolves and 9-5 with a 3.01 ERA with the Flying Tigers.



Matt Young

Outfielder
Ht./Wt.: 5-8/175
B/T: L/R
 Spent most of last season with Gwinnett, where he hit .273 with a homer, 24 RBIs, 64 runs scored and 17 stolen bases in 99 games. ... Also played in 20 games with Atlanta, hitting .208 with four runs scored. ... Played for Gwinnett in 2010 and hit .300 with 88 runs scored and led International League in stolen bases (39). ... Single-season high 42 stolen bases for Double-A Mississippi in 2009.



Weber to enter 38th season in radio booth

Jim Weber, who has the longest tenure of any International League broadcaster, returns for his 38th year to anchor the Mud Hens' radio and television broadcasts for the 2012 season.

Weber has broadcast 4,720 consecutive games on the radio.

All 144 games will be on radio this season, with WCWA (1230 AM) serving as the flagship, station while WFOB (1430 AM) in Fostoria carrying 32 select games.

All 72 home games will be televised on BCSN.

Weber will provide the radio play-by-play for all contests, with the 72 home games simulcast on TV. For home contests Weber will be joined by Jason Griffin, who for the past 13 years has also served as Hens director of public/media relations, or Matt Melzak, who enters his third year on the broadcasts.

Bill Clark will present pregame and postgame shows for the home radio broadcasts as he has for the previous four seasons.



Weber

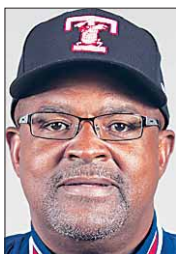
Phil Nevin

Manager
 In his second season with Toledo after leading Mud Hens to a 67-77 record last year. ... In his third year as a manager with Tigers' organization after directing Double-A Erie to a 66-76 mark in 2010. ... A 12-year pro who played for Houston, Detroit, Anaheim, San Diego, Texas, Chicago Cubs and Minnesota. ... 2001 NL All-Star when he hit .306 (41 home runs and 126 RBIs). ... First overall pick in 1992 draft. ... Earned the Golden Spikes award as college baseball's best player while at Cal State-Fullerton.



Leon "Bull" Durham

Returns for his 12th season as the Mud Hens' hitting coach. ... In his 17th season as a professional coach after spending five years in the Anaheim Angels organization before coming to Toledo in 2001. ... Spent 10 seasons in the majors with St. Louis, the Cubs and Cincinnati and hit .277 with 147 home runs. ... Named to the NL All-Star team in both 1982 and '83. ... His best season was in 1984, when he had 23 home runs and 96 RBIs for Chicago. ... His biggest home-run total came in 1987, when he hit 27 for the Cubs.



A.J. Sager

Pitching coach
 Begins fifth season as Mud Hens pitching coach and his 11th as a pitching coach in the Tigers' organization. ... Served as pitching coach for Double-A Erie in 2007 and was the pitching coach at Lo-A West Michigan from 2002-06. ... Spent all or part of five different seasons in the majors pitching for San Diego, Colorado and Detroit. ... Also pitched for the Mud Hens in 1996 and '98. ... Played both football and baseball at the University of Toledo and is a member of the Varsity "T" Hall of Fame.



Matt Rankin

Trainer
 Enters his 12th season as Hens' trainer. ... 17th year as a trainer in Tigers' organization. ... Spent two seasons at Hi-A Lakeland (1999-2000), two seasons at Short Season Jamestown (1997-98) and one year at Hi-A Visalia (1998). ... Trainer for Honolulu in Hawaii Winter League in 1997 and for Leones del Escogido in the Dominican Winter League in 2000. ... A native of Marion, Ohio, who received a bachelor's degree in community health and a master's in athletic training from Ohio University.

