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ValleyCats Are Back In Town Looking To Make Some Noise

by Amy Modesti



Looking to start off the 2021 Season are ValleyCats left to right: Parker Kelly, Ryan McKay, Avery Tuck, Carson Maxwell, and Keaton Weisz. Photo by Amy Modesti.

The optimism ran high on Media Day, Wednesday, May 26 as the Tri-City ValleyCats met with reporters at Joe Bruno Stadium. This most recent version of the 'Cats are clawing to get on the field, which hasn't seen a baseball game in more than a year, and a very turbulent year at that.

First COVID-19 shut down the 2020 NY Penn League season, and then Major League Baseball shut down the NY Penn League in a move to reduce the number of affiliated minor league teams.

The 'Cats however, showed that like their namesake, they indeed had more than one life. The Troy based organization soon announced they had been accepted into the independent Frontier League, made up of many teams around the northeast and midwest as well as one in Quebec.

During the interviews *The Eastwick Press* spoke with both right handed pitcher Parker Kelly and the team's manager (and former major league player) Pete Incaviglia. Speaking of his first experience on the east coast Kelly said "it's been awesome so far,

amazing. We have been treated first class since we got here and I am thankful the opportunity to play some baseball again."

Manager Incaviglia has previous ties to the league and helped the 'Cats and become one of its newest members. The California native was a fierce competitor when he played for the Texas Rangers and Philadelphia Phillies, slamming 206 home runs and driving in 655 runs during his career. He hopes to bring that same drive to the 'Cats, telling *The Eastwick Press* "for me, it's either a championship or bust. That's the reason why we're all here is to win a championship and put a ring on everybody's finger." Incaviglia says the team is young, with a few grizzled veterans to help out. He added "I am looking forward to getting started and seeing what we got."

Home Opener Friday

After starting the season 1-2 in New Jersey, the 'Cats return home for their first game at "The Joe" on Friday, June 4 at 7 pm. The game is preceded by a COVID-19 vaccination clinic and fireworks after the game.

SOFTBALL



Berlin / New Lebanon catcher K. Danforth waits for the ball to arrive Friday morning at the New Lebanon school's softball field. Tamarac baserunner Abby Becker was safe on the play. Tamarac went on to win the game. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Tamarac	2	0	3	4	0	1	2	12	16	2
Berlin / New Lebanon	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	1

Friday, 5/28. Moria Collins led the way for Tamarac with 4 hits and two RBI's. Abby Becker, Abby Buckey and Isabella DeLorenzo each had three hits with Abby Becker knocking in the RBI's. Mikayla Corsey had two hits for Berlin / New Lebanon.

BASEBALL



Berlin / New Lebanon's Danny Hunt tries to get a triple against Mechanicville. He didn't make it as the third baseman got the tag on Hunt before he reached the bag. Mechanicville went on to win the game. Photo by Steve Bradley.

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