



RHP **Andrew Bellatti**, 23, begins his first season at the Triple-A level, after spending all of 2014 with Double-A Montgomery. Last season he set career-highs in games (46), saves (6) and K/9 (10.1), while allowing 0 or 1 earned run in 40-of-46 appearances. The 2009 draft pick embarks on his fourth season as a reliever after beginning his career as a starter.

1B/3B **Vince Belnome**, 27, opens the season with the Bulls for a third straight year. The corner infielder has appeared in 245 games for the Bulls the last two seasons, combining for a .273 batting average, 18 home runs, 60 doubles and 116 RBIs. Acquired from San Diego prior to the 2013 season, he made his Major League debut last season, appearing in four games for Tampa Bay.

2B **Ryan Brett**, 23, enters the 2015 campaign ranked the No. 9 prospect in the Tampa Bay system by *Baseball America*, and the No. 9 second baseman prospect in all of baseball by MLB.com. A year ago he was a Southern League Midseason and Postseason All-Star with Double-A Montgomery when he ranked fourth on the circuit with a .303 batting average, and fourth in the league with 27 stolen bases. The 2010 3rd round draft pick was one of just three Double-A players to hit at least .300 and steal at least 25 bases in 2014.

OF **Corey Brown**, 29, joins Durham after spending the last four seasons in the International League. From 2011-2013 he hit 58 homers for Syracuse, before tallying another 17 last year with Pawtucket. Tampa Bay marks the Tampa native's fourth organization, after he was originally the 59th overall selection in the 2007 draft out of Oklahoma State University. Over the past three seasons, Brown has hit .356 against Durham, tallying seven home runs.

RHP **Matt Buschmann**, 31, returns to the Rays organization after a one-year absence that saw him go 9-7 with a 4.52 ERA in 22 starts for Triple-A Sacramento in 2014. A member of the Tampa Bay farm system in 2012 and 2013, Buschmann was promoted to Durham midway through the 2013 campaign and went 8-2 with a 2.97 ERA in 17 starts. That year, between Double-A Montgomery and Durham, he ranked third in Minor League Baseball with 167 strikeouts, and tied for third with 14 wins.

OF **Joey Butler**, 29, returns to the United States after finishing the 2014 season with the Orix Buffaloes in Japan. Prior to Orix he opened the year with Triple-A Memphis, hitting .360 until his promotion to St. Louis in early May. After six games with the Cardinals, the Mississippi native was granted his release and spent the remainder of the year overseas.

C **Curt Casali**, 26, opens the 2015 season in Durham after jumping three levels a year ago. In 2014, the Vanderbilt University product opened the season with Double-A Montgomery, before a promotion to Durham in early May. By mid-July the backstop was promoted to Tampa Bay, where he appeared in 30 games for his first career Major League action.

LHP **Scott Diamond**, 28, enters his first season with the Bulls after he was acquired by Tampa Bay in the last week of Spring Training. The Ontario native split 2014 between Triple-A Rochester and Triple-A Louisville, combining to go 5-12. He's appeared in the International League for three different teams over the past five seasons, and from 2011-2013 made 58 starts for the Minnesota Twins.

RHP **Jose Dominguez**, 24, joins the Rays system after he was traded by the Los Angeles Dodgers in November of 2014. He made five big league stints a season ago, appearing in five games, while tallying 31 appearances for Triple-A Albuquerque. Entering his eighth professional season, he was signed four months after his cousin, former Bull Alex Colome.

1B **Allan Dykstra**, 27, returns to North Carolina after spending his college career with the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. He's spent the last four seasons in the New York Mets' organization, where he was a 2014 Pacific Coast League Midseason All-Star, and the 2014 Triple-A Home Run Derby champion. In 2013 he was the Double-A Eastern League's Most Valuable Player with Binghamton, and was an MiLB.com Organization All-Star in three of his four years with the Mets.

INF **Jake Elmore**, 27, enters his first season in the Tampa Bay system after he was signed in February. He split 2014 between Triple-A Sacramento, Triple-A Louisville and Cincinnati, after the Reds selected him off waivers in August. Over the past three seasons, he's combined to appear in 87 Major League games for Arizona, Houston and Cincinnati.

RHP **Dylan Floro**, 24, gets his first taste of Triple-A baseball after leading the Double-A Southern League in innings pitched (178.2), complete games (3) and starts (28) in 2014 with Montgomery. The 2013 Tampa Bay Minor League Pitcher of the Year set an organizational record with a 1.77 ERA that season, and followed it with an 11-win, 3.48 ERA a year ago. The California native was the Rays' 13th round draft pick in 2012 out of Cal State Fullerton, where he was the 2012 Big West Pitcher of the Year.

RHP **Brandon Gomes**, 30, makes his fifth stop with the Bulls in as many years to open the season. Since 2011 the product of Tulane has split time between Durham and Tampa Bay, appearing in 96 games with the Bulls and 110 games with the Rays. In 2014 he began the season in Florida and made 29 Major League appearances over three stints, while posting a 3.62 ERA with Durham over 27 outings.

SS **Hak-Ju Lee**, 24, begins his third straight season in Durham. He aims for a full season in 2015, after appearing just 108 games between 2013 and 2014 because of two separate leg injuries. The infielder is attempting to become just the third Korean-born position player in Major League history, joining Shin-Soo Choo and Hee-Seop Choi.

OF **Mikie Mahtook**, 25, returns to Durham as the team's reigning Most Valuable Player and the No. 8 prospect in the Rays system according to *Baseball America*. In 2014, his first taste of Triple-A baseball, the LSU product set career-highs in home runs (12), doubles (33) and walks (46), while tying career-highs in RBIs (68) and games (132). The International League Midseason All-Star and MiLB.com Organization All-Star was one of just three players in the league with at least 12 home runs and 12 stolen bases.

C **Luke Maile**, 24, made his Triple-A debut in the 2014 postseason, after spending the entire regular season with Double-A Montgomery. With the Biscuits, the 2012 8th-round draft pick was named a Southern League Midseason All-Star, hitting .268 and throwing out 32.4% of runners attempting to steal. He started five games for the Bulls in the playoffs, tallying a pair of RBIs.

RHP **Jim Miller**, 30, returns to the International League for the third straight season after spending the majority of 2013 and 2014 with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. A year ago he notched a 3.30 ERA for Scranton/WB, and the year before posted a 3.55 mark in 42 relief outings. He's appeared in the major leagues in parts of five seasons between Baltimore, Colorado, Oakland and New York (AL), including each of the past four seasons.

INF/OF **Taylor Motter**, 25, is coming off a 2014 campaign in which he was named a Double-A Southern League Midseason and Postseason All-Star after setting career-highs in games (119), runs (60), hits (124), doubles (19), home runs (16) and RBIs (61). The Coastal Carolina University product showed off his versatility as well, starting 88 games in right field, 14 at second base, 10 at shortstop, three in center field and three at third base.

LHP **Jordan Norberto**, 28, returns to the playing field after missing all of 2014, and all but three outings in 2013 while recovering from Tommy John surgery. Prior to his injury, the Dominican native appeared in 78 Major League games from 2010 to 2012 with Arizona and Oakland, posting a career-best 2.77 ERA in 39 appearances for Oakland in 2012.

LHP **Jim Patterson**, 26, spent the majority of 2014 with Double-A Montgomery, while appearing in five games for Durham in the month of May. Between the two levels, the Arizona State product combined to go 5-1 with a 3.89 ERA in a career-high 40 games.

LHP **C.J. Riefenhauser**, 25, spent the majority of 2014 with Durham, while appearing in seven games with Tampa Bay over two stints for his first Major League experience. With the Bulls, the Rays 20th round pick in 2010 posted a 1.40 ERA in 39 games, and has posted a 1.30 ERA in 90 minor league games since the start of the 2013 season.

LHP **Enny Romero**, 24, returns for his second season in the Bull City after a 5-11 campaign a year ago. The three-time Futures Game selection finished 2014 strong, posting a 2.32 ERA following the All-Star Break, losing just once in his last eight starts. The Dominican ranked third among IL starters in K/9 (8.36), while the Durham offense averaged just 3.2 runs/game in his 25 starts, the fewest among Durham starters.

RHP **Bryce Stowell**, 28, made 38 appearances with Double-A Montgomery a year ago before a promotion to Durham for the final two days of the regular season. With the Biscuits, he went 4-2 with a 1.99 ERA, while limiting right-handed hitters to a .181 batting average. Originally selected by Cleveland in the 22nd round of the 2008 draft out of UC Irvine, the California native spent the first five seasons of his career in the Indians organization before signing with Tampa Bay prior to last year.

LHP **Everett Teaford**, 30, returns to the United States after pitching for the LG Twins in Korea in 2014. Of his 20 appearances, he made 19 starts, and tallied more innings (99.2) than he had since the 2010 season. From 2011-2013 he appeared in 45 games (eight starts) for Kansas City, going 3-5 with a 4.25 ERA.

RHP **Jake Thompson**, 25, returns to Durham after splitting 2014 between the Bulls and Double-A Montgomery. After opening the season with the Biscuits, Thompson was promoted in early May and spent the rest of the season in Durham. Between the two teams he combined to go 5-1 with a 2.79 ERA in 34 appearances in his first year as a reliever.

INF **Eugenio Velez**, 32, opens his first season in the Tampa Bay system with Durham after signing as a minor league free agent in the offseason. 2014 saw the Dominican rank 7th in the Pacific Coast League with a .309 average for Triple-A Nashville, playing 64 games in the outfield and 33 at second base. He appeared in 259 Major League games for the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers from 2007-2011, and in eight career Triple-A seasons has a .305 batting average.