2026 SEASON HOMESTAND

# THE VOYAGE CONTINUES



**FRIDAY**

## JULY 24

VS.

NASHUA

6:30 PM

**SATURDAY**

## JULY 25

VS.

NEW BRITAIN

6:30 PM

**SUNDAY**

## JULY 26

VS.

LOWELL

DOUBLEHEADER

GAME 1 • 1:00 PM

GAME 2 • 45 MIN AFTER GM 1

FUTURES LEAGUE

GREAT PEOPLE. GREAT BASEBALL. GREAT SUMMER.

## ★ PLAYER SPOTLIGHT ★

# TJ BAER

**OUTFIELDER | MARIST UNIVERSITY | 5'9" | 175 LBS**

**HOMETOWN: EASTON, CONNECTICUT | FIRST SUMMER WITH THE SEA UNICORNS**




*The Marist product has been a regular in the outfield this summer for Norwich spending time in right field and center field appearing in a team high 34 games.*

*Baer paces Norwich this summer with 38 hits, ranks third on the team in RBI (22) and batting average (.319 – 5th best in the FCBL) and stolen bases (18 – second on Norwich).*

*Baer is coming off his best week of the summer delivering the walkoff hit Tuesday (7/14) against Nashua and the go-ahead two-run home run Wednesday (7/15) in Lowell.*

*Baer has collected hits in five-straight games, going 10-for-23 (.434 AVG) with 6 RBI, 4 runs and 3 extra-base hits.*

### ★ 2026 SEASON STATS ★

| GAMES | HITS | AVG |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 38 | .319 |

| RUNS | RBI | SB |
|---|---|---|
| 26 | 22 | 18 |

## ★ Q & A WITH TJ BAER ★

**1. FOR FANS WHO HAVEN'T MET YOU YET, TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR JOURNEY TO MARIST UNIVERSITY.**
I'm from Easton, Connecticut, and I've been playing baseball for as long as I can remember. Growing up, I always dreamed of playing at the college level, and Marist felt like the perfect place for me. It gives me the opportunity to compete at a high level while getting a great education, and I've really enjoyed my experience there so far.

**2. WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER IN NORWICH AND PLAY IN THE FUTURES LEAGUE?**
I was placed in Norwich by my assistant coach at Marist, Zach Donahue, who was a Sea Unicorn in 2023. He told me it would be a blast... he was right! I wanted to challenge myself by facing good competition every day and continue developing my game over the summer. The Futures League is a great place to do that, and I knew playing in Norwich would help me prepare for the college season while giving me the chance to be part of a great team.

**3. WHAT'S BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF THE SUMMER SO FAR, EITHER ON OR OFF THE FIELD?**
It's hard to pick just one, but the walk-off win against Nashua was definitely special. Celebrating with the guys after a moment like that is something you never forget. Off the field, just hanging out with the team has been a lot of fun too. Whether it's golfing, or Guitar Hero, we have a great time together and our bond is special.

**4. YOU'VE DELIVERED SOME HUGE MOMENTS RECENTLY, INCLUDING A WALK-OFF HIT AGAINST NASHUA AND THE GO-AHEAD TWO-RUN HOME RUN IN LOWELL. HOW REWARDING HAS THIS STRETCH BEEN FOR YOU PERSONALLY?**
It's been really rewarding. You always want to help your team win, so coming through in big situations means a lot. At the same time, it's a credit to my teammates for putting me in those opportunities. I've just been trying to stay confident, trust my preparation, and compete every at-bat.

**5. WHAT DID IT MEAN TO HEAR YOUR NAME CALLED AS A FUTURES LEAGUE ALL-STAR?**
It was definitely an honor. There are a lot of talented players in this league, so being recognized like that means a lot. It's something I'm proud of, but it's also motivation to keep working and getting better every day.

**6. WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT THE BALLPARK, HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?**
I like to relax, hang out with my teammates, watch sports, and spend time with family and friends whenever I get the chance. Sometimes it's nice to just unwind after a long day at the field.

**7. WHO'S BEEN THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR BASEBALL CAREER, AND WHY?**
I'd have to say my family, especially my parents. They've supported me every step of the way, whether it was driving me to games, encouraging me through tough times, or always believing in me. I wouldn't be where I am without them. My parents both watch every game they can and my Father always has a post game text waiting for me on his diagnosis of the game!

**8. WHAT'S ONE THING YOUR TEAMMATES WOULD SAY ABOUT YOU THAT FANS MIGHT NOT KNOW?**
I'd like to say I am a decent singer on Guitar Hero. I can get up to the high notes! On a more serious level I love to fish. It is one of my favorite ways to connect with nature off the field.

**9. WHAT'S ONE GOAL YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE THE SUMMER COMES TO AN END?**
*The biggest goal is to win the 2026 FCBL and 4 peat. On a personal level, I just want to keep improving and finish the summer playing my best baseball, keeping my confidence high rolling into the fall.*

**10. WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE TO SEA UNICORNS FANS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE TEAM ALL SEASON LONG?**
*Thank you for all the support this season. We really appreciate everyone who comes out to the games and cheers us on. You make the atmosphere a lot of fun, and we're grateful to have such great fans behind us every night.*

#24 TJ Baer

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SEA UNICORNS

# ADVANCING

## TO THE NEXT LEVEL

# AIDAN COCHRANE

RHP | 6'1" | 185
NIANTIC, CT



- A MEMBER OF THE 2026 SEA UNICORNS
- WAS COMMITTED TO UCONN
- EARNED A FREE AGENT CONTRACT BY THE SAN DIEGO PADRES
- WITH THE SEA UNICORNS
  3 APPEARANCES
  1-0 RECORD | 6.1 IP
  2.84 ERA | 5 K
- COCHRANE BECOMES THE 10TH SEA UNICORN SIGNED OR DRAFTED BY AN MLB TEAM

WAS COMMITTED TO UCONN BEFORE EARNING A FREE AGENT CONTRACT BY THE

## SAN DIEGO PADRES

WITH THE SEA UNICORNS

| 3 | 1-0 | 6.1 | 2.84 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| APPEARANCES | RECORD | IP | ERA | STRIKEOUTS |

**10TH** COCHRANE BECOMES THE SEA UNICORN SIGNED OR DRAFTED BY AN MLB TEAM




### FROM MANAGER ZACH GITSCHIER

"It's not every day you get to manage young players that have signed professional contracts. I was fortunate enough to coach Aidan over the last month or so and I am floored by his fierceness as a pitcher. A guy who always wanted the ball and to battle it out for his teammates. His abilities and talents are going to take him very far in baseball, however his character will be what defines him. The ultimate teammate who showed up to hangout with the guys even when he couldn't pitch after signing and made it a point to say thank you to everyone who makes the Norwich Sea Unicorns possible before leaving. Congrats AC! You deserve it. Dream big."

**DREAM BIG.**

## Q&A WITH AIDAN COCHRANE

**1** ***As someone who grew up just down the road in East Lyme, what did it mean to put on a Norwich Sea Unicorns uniform and play in front of family, friends, and a hometown crowd?***

**Aidan Cochrane:** "It may sound like a simple answer, but it truly meant a lot to me. The Sea Unicorns are a big part of the East Lyme community, so wearing that jersey gave me a tremendous sense of pride. I spent time coaching at a summer camp in East Lyme, and the kids were always asking what it was like playing for Norwich. Being able to see those campers and local Little Leaguers at Dodd Stadium, sign baseballs, and interact with them was really special because I remember being that kid asking for autographs when the Connecticut Tigers were around."

**2** ***When you joined Norwich this summer, what were you hoping to accomplish, and how did your time with the Sea Unicorns help prepare you for professional baseball?***

**Aidan Cochrane:** "My goal was simple: compete and help the team win games. Every time I took the mound, I wanted to give us the best chance to win because winning is fun. Playing at a first-class facility like Dodd Stadium in front of great crowds helped prepare me for professional baseball. The biggest adjustment was facing experienced college hitters instead of high school competition, which forced me to be at my best every outing. Looking back, playing for the Sea Unicorns was the most fun I've ever had playing baseball. We had a great group of guys, and I'll always remember the clubhouse and all the laughs."

**3** ***You recently signed with the San Diego Padres. Can you take us through the moment you found out and what that opportunity means to you?***

**Aidan Cochrane:** On draft day, I knew the Rangers and Padres were the two teams showing the most interest. I had built a great relationship with Padres scout Jack Montgomery, who came to watch one of my outings with Norwich. The Padres were very transparent throughout the process, so I knew I had a legitimate opportunity to either get drafted or sign. When my agent called to tell me the Padres wanted to sign me, it was pure euphoria. Playing professional baseball has been my dream since I was four years old, and now getting to live that dream is something I'm incredibly grateful for.

**4** ***What's one lesson you'll take away from your time in Norwich that you'll carry with you into professional baseball?***

**Aidan Cochrane:** The biggest lesson is to have fun playing the game you love. During a long summer season, every game is a battle, but once it's over, it's over. We'd grab dinner together, joke around, laugh, and then do it all again the next day. My time in Norwich was short, but the friendships and memories I made with that group are something I'll always carry with me.

**5** ***Away from the field, what are you looking forward to most as you begin your professional baseball journey?***

**Aidan Cochrane:** I'm really looking forward to meeting new teammates and coaches. Baseball doesn't last forever, but the friendships, relationships, and memories you build through the game stay with you for the rest of your life.

**6** ***What advice would you give to young players in eastern Connecticut who dream of playing professional baseball?***

**Aidan Cochrane:** Don't be afraid to branch out and meet people in the baseball community. I was fortunate to build a relationship with Todd Donovan, a professional scout with the Phillies and owner of the Shell Shockers program. Through that connection, I was introduced to Padres scout Jack Montgomery, who came to watch me pitch. Sometimes opportunities come down to who you know, but when preparation meets opportunity, your talent, work ethic, and determination will take you a long way.

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## PITCHERS (21)

| # | PLAYER | B/T | HT | WT | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | Charlie Bushley | R/R | 6'4" | 230 | Bates | Cohasset, MA |
| 45 | Charlie Cariello | R/R | 6'3" | 225 | Bates | Bedford, NH |
| 4 | Adam Carpenter | R/R | 6'0" | 180 | URI | Richmond, RI |
| 27 | Hudson Castillo | L/L | 6'1" | 190 | UCONN | Murrieta, GA |
| 16 | Sean Connolly | R/R | 6'3" | 195 | Stonehill College | Hebron, CT |
| 38 | Alexander D'Ambrosio | R/R | 6'3" | 195 | Rider | Marlboro, NJ |
| 11 | Janvier Diaz | R/R | 6'3" | 205 | Eastern CT State | East Haven, CT |
| 21 | Shaun Flannery | R/R | 6'2" | 185 | UCONN | Wallingford, CT |
| 30 | Zion Fraser | R/R | 6'0" | 185 | Post University | New London, CT |
| 40 | Ryan Harrison | R/R | 6'5" | 225 | Citrus College | Upland, CA |
| 17 | Sam Hutchinson | L/L | 6'2" | 220 | UCONN | Ivoryton, CT |
| 1 | Eric Mathewson | R/R | 6'0" | 185 | Eastern CT State | Eastford, CT |
| 12 | Sean McGettigan | R/R | 6'2" | 190 | Monmouth | Flourtown, PA |
| 26 | Joe Pitts | R/R | 6'6" | 230 | UCONN | Greenacres, WA |
| 18 | Kevin Penny | L/L | 5'10" | 175 | Ramapo | South Plainfield, NJ |
| 13 | Jackson Pray | R/R | 6'0" | 200 | UCONN Avery Point | Haddam, CT |
| 19 | Jack Scholz | L/R | 6'1" | 165 | Catholic University | Narberth, PA |
| 8 | Jacob Schrage | R/R | 6'3" | 172 | Stonehill College | Mystic, CT |
| 3 | Matt Tabet | R/R | 5'11" | 205 | Amherst College | Wilton, CT |
| 32 | Elijah Wells | R/R | 5'10" | 180 | Johnson & Wales | West Hartford, CT |
| 2 | Michael Zalinkanskas | R/R | 6'5" | 183 | Ramapo | Cranford, NJ |

## CATCHERS (3)

| # | PLAYER | B/T | HT | WT | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | Paul Calandrelli | R/R | 5'11" | 205 | URI | Madison, CT |
| 10 | Luke Maltacea | R/R | 5'9" | 185 | George Washington | Marblehead, MA |
| 37 | Bryce Miller | R/R | 5'10" | 185 | Yale | San Diego, CA |

## INFIELDERS (8)

| # | PLAYER | B/T | HT | WT | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Michael Fiatarone | L/R | 5'11" | 205 | Bryant | Shelton, CT |
| 34 | Carter Grande | R/R | 6'1" | 195 | Fairfield | Midland Park, NJ |
| 25 | Jake Howlett | R/R | 6'0" | 190 | Monmouth | Wall, NJ |
| 22 | Tyler Jones | R/R | 6'2" | 195 | Stony Brook | New Hyde Park, NY |
| 20 | Kenny Noe | S/R | 5'10" | 185 | Monmouth | Freeport, NY |
| 23 | CJ Nolan | R/R | 5'11" | 185 | Sacred Heart | Coventry, CT |
| 33 | Matt Park | R/R | 5'11" | 185 | Quinnipiac | Bridgewater, NJ |
| 41 | Jack Treat | L/L | 6'0" | 210 | Bryant | Oakdale, CT |

## OUTFIELDERS (5)

| # | PLAYER | B/T | HT | WT | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | TJ Baer | R/R | 5'10" | 180 | Marist University | Easton, CT |
| 39 | Taylor Kaufman | R/R | 6'1" | 200 | Fordham | Penn Valley, CA |
| 31 | David Pengel | R/R | 6'3" | 190 | Northeastern | Avon, CT |
| 6 | Jackson Powers | L/R | 5'11" | 175 | Saint Anselm | Woburn, MA |
| 36 | Jacob Snyder | L/L | 6'1" | 180 | Rutgers | Exeter, PA |

## UTILITY (1)

| # | PLAYER | B/T | HT | WT | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | Henry Ayers | L/R | 5'11" | 190 | Middlebury | West Caldwell, NJ |

## ★ 2026 FUTURES LEAGUE STANDINGS ★

| TEAM | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vermont Lake Monsters | 34 | 12 | .739 | - |
| New Britain Bees | 24 | 18 | .571 | 8.0 |
| Worcester Bravehearts | 22 | 22 | .500 | 11.0 |
| Norwich Sea Unicorns | 20 | 24 | .455 | 13.0 |
| Nashua Silver Knights | 20 | 25 | .444 | 13.5 |
| Lowell Spinners | 18 | 27 | .400 | 15.5 |
| Westfield Starfires | 16 | 26 | .381 | 16.0 |

**38** PLAYERS

**9** STATES REPRESENTED

**20+** COLLEGIATE PROGRAMS

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