



# FIU PANTHERS

## 2024 BASEBALL GAME NOTES

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### 2024 RECORD

OVERALL.....0-0  
CUSA.....0-0  
HOME.....0-0  
AWAY.....0-0

### 2024 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
16	LONG ISLAND	6:30 p.m. ET
17	LONG ISLAND (DH)	2 p.m. ET
17	LONG ISLAND (DH)	6 p.m. ET
18	LONG ISLAND	12 p.m. ET
20	at Bethune Cookman	6 p.m. ET
23	NOTRE DAME	6:30 p.m. ET
24	NOTRE DAME (DH)	2 p.m. ET
24	NOTRE DAME (DH)	6 p.m. ET
25	NOTRE DAME	12 p.m. ET
<b>MARCH</b>		
1	SETON HALL	6:30 p.m. ET
2	SETON HALL	5 p.m. ET
3	SETON HALL	12 p.m. ET
4	SETON HALL	6 p.m. ET
5	BETHUNE COOKMAN	6 p.m. ET
8	at Florida Atlantic	6:30 p.m. ET
9	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	5 p.m. ET
10	at Florida Atlantic	12 p.m. ET
13	FLORIDA GULF COAST	6 p.m. ET
15	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	6:30 p.m. ET
16	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	5 p.m. ET
17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	12 p.m. ET
19	at Miami	6 p.m. ET
22	at Western Kentucky*	7 p.m. ET
23	at Western Kentucky*	5 p.m. ET
24	at Western Kentucky*	12 p.m. ET
26	MIAMI	6 p.m. ET
28	LOUISIANA TECH*	6:30 p.m. ET
29	LOUISIANA TECH*	5 p.m. ET
30	LOUISIANA TECH*	12 p.m. ET
<b>APRIL</b>		
2	at Florida Gulf Coast	6:30 p.m. ET
5	at Jacksonville State*	7 p.m. ET
6	at Jacksonville State*	7 p.m. ET
7	at Jacksonville State*	2 p.m. ET
9	at Florida Gulf Coast	6:30 p.m. ET
10	FLORIDA GULF COAST	6 p.m. ET
12	WOFFORD	6:30 p.m. ET
13	WOFFORD	5 p.m. ET
14	WOFFORD	12 p.m. ET
16	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	6 p.m. ET
19	at New Mexico State*	8 p.m. ET
20	at New Mexico State*	4 p.m. ET
21	at New Mexico State*	1 p.m. ET
26	DALLAS BAPTIST*	6:30 p.m. ET
27	DALLAS BAPTIST*	5 p.m. ET
28	DALLAS BAPTIST*	12 p.m. ET
<b>MAY</b>		
4	at Liberty*	6 p.m. ET
5	at Liberty*	4 p.m. ET
6	at Liberty*	10 a.m. ET
8	at Miami	6 p.m. ET
10	SAM HOUSTON*	6 p.m. ET
11	SAM HOUSTON*	5 p.m. ET
12	SAM HOUSTON*	12 p.m. ET
14	MIAMI	6 p.m. ET
16	at #20 Iowa	7 p.m. ET
17	at #20 Iowa	7 p.m. ET
18	at #20 Iowa	7 p.m. ET
22-26	at CUSA Championships	TBA

\* - Denotes CUSA game

ALL CAPS - Game at FIU Baseball Stadium

### GAME 1



FIU PANTHERS  
(0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

VS

LONG ISLAND SHARKS  
(0-0, 0-0 NEC)



Friday, February 16, 2024 • 6:30 p.m. ET • FIU Baseball Stadium

### STAT BREAKDOWN

FIU		LIU
.281	BATTING AVG.	.273
0.98	HOME RUNS/GM	1.11
1.53	DOUBLES/GM	1.62
0.18	TRIPLES/GM	.13
.419	SLG %	.423
.366	ON BASE %	.371
6.1	SCORING	6.4
1.02	SB/G	1.20
7.12	ERA	8.24
1.73	K-TO-BB	1.96
.968	FIELDING %	.955

### HEAD COACH INFO

#### FIU

Head Coach: Rich Witten (Coastal Carolina '12)

Overall Record: 21-34 (2nd season)

Record at FIU: Same (2nd season)

#### LIU

Head Coach: Dan Prillo (LIU '08)

Overall Record: 154-162 (8th season)

Record at LU: same (8th season)

### PROJECTED ROTATION

Friday: Jackson Ritchey (FIU) vs Garrett Yawn (LIU)

Saturday (DH): G1- Owen Puk (FIU) vs Dominic Pioto (LIU). G2- Joel Pineiro (FIU) vs Jared Huges (LIU)

Sunday: TBA

### SETTING THE STAGE

#### OPENING UP THE SEASON AGAINST THE SHARKS

The FIU baseball program is set to welcome in the Long Island Sharks for a four-game set to open up the 2024 campaign this Friday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at FIU Baseball Stadium.

Saturday's contest will be a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. followed with game two's contest set for 45 minutes after the conclusion of game one.

Sunday's bout will be a noon start.

It will mark the first meeting between both the Panthers and the Sharks.

Friday's & Sunday game will be aired on ESPN+ with Corey Brooks (pxp) and George Richards (analyst) calling the action while Zach Letson (pxp) and Benjamin Cure (analyst) have the call Sunday. The game can also be heard on FIU 3932 Sports Radio Network with Carlton Gillespie (pxp) and Kevin Barral (analyst) calling the action for Friday and Saturday's contest

#### THE RETURNING CAST

The Panthers embark on the 2024 season under second-year head coach Rich Witten who guided FIU to the most wins for the program since the 2019 season, including 18 victories at home, the most since the 2019 campaign as well.

In addition, the offense shined, scoring 337 runs, a team-high since 2017.

FIU returns 18 letterwinners, highlighted by first baseman and designated hitter Ryne Guida, who led the Panthers in nearly every single offensive category from a season



## QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Miami, Florida  
 Founded/Opened.....1965/1972  
 Enrollment.....56,000  
 Nickname.....Panthers  
 Mascot Name.....Roary  
 Fight Song.....FIU Fight Song  
 Colors.....Blue (PMS 282) & Gold (PMS 871)  
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I (FBS)  
 Conference.....Conference USA  
 School President.....Kenneth A. Jessell  
 Director of Athletics.....Scott Carr  
 Team Twitter.....@FIUFootball  
 Athletics Twitter.....@FIUAthletics  
 Website.....FIUSports.com  
 Conference Website.....ConferenceUSA.com

### STADIUM INFORMATION

Venue.....FIU Baseball Stadium (2,000)  
 Surface.....Grass  
 Ticket Office Phone.....(305) FIU-GAME

### FIU BASEBALL HISTORY

First Year of Baseball.....1973  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances.....16  
 NCAA Tournament Record .....17-34  
 NCAA Record (1973-2022):...1685-1125-1251  
 All-Time CUSA Record.....113-155(12 yrs)

### 2024 PANTHERS

Head Coach.....Rich Witten  
 Alma Mater.....Coastal Carolina  
 Record at FIU.....21-34 (2nd Year)  
 Career Record.....same  
 Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator.....Brian Jeroloman  
 Pitching Coach.....Karsten Whitson  
 Assistant Coach.....Frankie Navarrete  
 Returning/Lost Letterwinners.....18/21  
 Newcomers.....22  
 Most Wins in Single-Season.....51 (1982)

## GAME NOTES

ago. He paced the Panthers in batting average (.366), hits (78), RBIs (50), which were all team-highs. His 50 RBIs mark was the most for a Panther since 2017.

Catcher Brendan Roney, who started in 32 games behind the backstop in 2023 brings his veteran presence to the lineup in 2024, hitting .260.

On the mound, veteran hurlers Jackson Ritchey, and Ryan Cabarcas are expected to be major contributors in 2024, with Ritchey starting on the bump Friday night. Ritchey and Cabarcas combined for 35 starts throughout the 2023 season.

### FRESH FACES

The 2024 roster features 22 newcomers for FIU including six freshmen to bolster the roster.

Notable key additions in DII transfer Jeff Liquori who play various positions across the field. Seminole State College transfer Kishon Frett will be a key power bat in the Panthers lineup, alongside South Florida State College transfer Brylan West, and Erskine transfer Armando Becerra. In the infield, Miami Dade CC transfer Alex Ulloa is projected to play shortstop, while Tulane transfer Chase Engelhard will get looks at second.

On the mound, JUCO additions Logan Runde and Ryan Reyerson will be pivotal pieces on the bump while freshmen Tristan Dietrich and Evan Alwine will get looks on the mound across the season.

### HOME SWEET HOME

FIU begins the regular season, playing 13 of its first 14 games at FIU Baseball Stadium with upcoming series against Notre Dame from Feb. 23 – 25, and Seton Hall from Mar. 1 – 4.

The Panther's competition against the Sharks will be FIU's eighth consecutive year to open up the season at their home ballpark.

Dating back to 2017, FIU is 4-3 in their home openers with their last victory coming against the St. Thomas (MN) Tommies in an 4-3 win on Feb. 18 in 2022.

### MLB CONNECTIONS

FIU has multiple MLB connections on their roster as pitcher Orlando Hernandez is the son of 4x World Series Champion Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez and nephew of Marlins 1997 WS Champion Livan Hernandez.

Pitcher Joel Pineiro is the son of 12-year MLB veteran Joel Pineiro.

Pitcher Owen Puk is the brother of current Marlins relief pitcher AJ Puk.

## SERIES HISTORY

It mark the first meeting between both schools



### REFER AS FIU PANTHERS

Florida International University has a long and storied history across all of its Division I NCAA programs. We respectfully ask that you refer to our University's athletic programs as the FIU Panthers.

Please refrain from using any of the following

**Fla Int'l = use FIU**

**Golden Panthers = use Panthers**

## 2024 FIU BASEBALL ROSTER

### NUMERICAL

No	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	B/T.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Ronny Medina	C	5-10	206	Sr.	R/R	Miami, Fla. / Doral Academy / Florida Southwestern
1	Alex Ulloa	INF	5-10	184	Jr.	R/R	Cutler Bay, Fla. / Miami Dade College
2	Tracen Cameron	INF/RHP	5-11	180	Fr.	R/R	Vero Beach, Fla. / John Carroll Catholic
4	Roylan Quevedo	INF	5-10	172	So.	L/R	Miami, Fla. / Miami Christian
5	Nick Pitelli	C	5-8	175	Sr.	R/R	Miami Fla. / Doral Academy / Miami Dade College
6	Ryan Cabarcas	LHP	5-10	180	R-Sr.	L/L	Pembroke Pines, Fla. / American Heritage /Florida
7	Chase Engelhard	INF	6-1	194	Sr.	R/R	Atlanta, Ga. / Tulane
8	Andre Martinez	INF	5-9	160	R-Sr.	R/R	Davie, Fla. / University of Charleston
9	J'Quann Smith	OF	6-3	190	Jr.	L/L	Virgin Islands / Polk State College
10	Richie Pena	RHP	6-2	205	Sr.	R/R	Coral Springs, Fla. / ESB Academy
12	Orlando Hernandez	RHP	6-0	207	Sr.	R/R	Miami, Fla. / Florida Christian
13	Bryce Greene	RHP	6-2	187	Jr.	R/R	Gaithersburg, Md. / Frederick CC
14	Samuel Fischer	INF	6-2	197	Fr.	R/L	Cali, Colombia / True North Classical Academy
16	Jaydon Bishop	LHP	6-0	185	Jr.	L/L	Zephyrhills, Fla. / Polk State College
17	Hector Candelas	OF	6-0	195	Jr.	L/L	San Juan, Puerto Rico / Kansas City Kansas CC
18	Armando Becerra	OF	6-0	188	Sr.	L/R	Hialeah, Fla. / Erskine College
19	Austin Dearing	OF	6-2	210	R-Jr.	L/R	Hurricane, W.Va. / State College of Florida
20	Kishon Frett	OF	6-2	227	R-Jr.	R/R	Ocala, Fla. / Seminole State College
22	Joel Pineiro	RHP	6-0	188	R-So.	R/R	Miami, Fla. / Westminster Christian
24	Jackson Ritchey	RHP	6-5	212	Sr.	R/R	Huntingdon, Pa. / Huntingdon Area / Virginia Tech
25	Tristan Dietrich	LHP	6-4	190	Fr.	L/L	Phoenixville, Pa. / Owen J. Roberts HS
26	Adrian Figueroa	INF	6-5	225	Sr.	L/L	Miami, Fla. / Doral Academy
27	Cameron Clines	RHP	6-3	208	Jr.	R/R	Lake Worth, Fla. / State College of Florida
28	Jeff Liquori	OF/1B	6-1	194	Sr.	L/L	Lake Mary, Fla. / Florida Southern
29	Owen Puk	RHP	6-4	209	Jr.	R/R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Marion HS
30	Andrew Ildefonso	RHP	6-1	198	Fr.	R/R	Miami, Fla. / Archbishop McCarthy HS
32	Nelson Rivera Flores	C	5-11	197	Sr.	R/R	Toa Alta, Puerto Rico / South Florida
33	Brylan West	1B	6-4	242	R-Jr.	R/R	Tampa, Fla. / South Florida State College
34	Kevin Martin	RHP	6-2	235	Jr.	R/R	Miami, Fla. / Westminster Christian / Florida
35	Logan Runde	RHP	6-1	223	Jr.	R/R	Peosta, Iowa / Kirkwood CC
36	Matthew Corpas	INF/OF	5-10	181	Sr.	R/R	Miami, Fla. / Doral Academy / Florida Southwestern
37	Brendan Roney	C	5-10	179	R-Jr.	R/R	Key West, Fla. / Key West / VCU
38	David Eckaus	LHP	6-0	199	Jr.	L/L	Brandon, Fla. / Bloomingdale HS
39	Ryne Guida	1B	6-1	225	Sr.	R/R	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Coral Springs Christian / Indian River State
40	Ryan Reyerson	LHP	6-3	217	Jr.	L/L	Marshalltown, Iowa / Iowa Western CC
43	Jacob McKenzie	C	5-11	172	Fr.	R/R	Winter Springs, Fla. / Winter Springs HS
44	Zac Lampton	LHP	6-4	198	R-Sr.	L/L	Wellington, Fla. / Palm Beach Central
46	Cameron Knox	RHP	6-1	198	Sr.	R/R	Mt. Lebanon, Pa. / Mt. Lebanon High School / Fordham
48	Evan Alwine	RHP	6-5	217	Fr.	R/R	Altoona, Pa. / Altoona Area HS
49	Lucas Chantres	LHP	6-0	186	R-Fr.	L/L	Miami, Fla. / Florida Christian HS

### COACHING STAFF

Name	Coaching Title	Year at FIU	Alma Mater
Rich Witten	Head Coach	2nd season	Coastal Carolina
Brian Jeroloman	Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator	2nd season	Florida
Karsten Whitson	Pitching Coach	1st season	Florida
Frankie Navarrete	Volunteer Assistant Coach	1st season	Samford
Jan Figueroa	Graduate Assistant/Operations	1st season	FIU

### ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
48	Evan Alwine	RHP
18	Armando Becerra	OF
16	Jaydon Bishop	LHP
6	Ryan Cabarcas	LHP
2	Tracen Cameron	INF/RHP
17	Hector Candelas	OF
49	Lucas Chantres	LHP
27	Cameron Clines	RHP
36	Matthew Corpas	INF
19	Austin Dearing	OF
25	Tristan Dietrich	LHP
38	David Eckaus	LHP
7	Chase Engelhard	RHP
26	Adrian Figueroa	INF
14	Samuel Fischer	INF
20	Kishon Frett	OF
13	Bryce Greene	RHP
39	Ryne Guida	INF
12	Orlando Hernandez	RHP
30	Andrew Ildefonso	RHP
46	Cameron Knox	RHP
44	Zac Lampton	LHP
28	Jeff Liquori	OF/1B
34	Kevin Martin	RHP
8	Andre Martinez	INF
43	Jacob McKenzie	C
0	Ronny Medina	C
51	Justin Paz	RHP
10	Richie Pena	RHP
22	Joel Pineiro	RHP
5	Nick Pitelli	C
29	Owen Puk	RHP
4	Roylan Quevedo	INF
40	Ryan Reyerson	LHP
24	Jackson Ritchey	RHP
32	Nelson Rivera Flores	C
37	Brendan Roney	C
35	Logan Runde	RHP
9	J'Quann Smith	OF
1	Alex Ulloa	INF
33	Brylan West	INF

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Alex Ulloa.....You-low-uh  
 Roylan Quevedo.....Kay-vay-doh  
 J'Quann Smith.....Jay-quan  
 Armando Becerra..... Beh-serra  
 Kishon Frett.....Keyshawn  
 Jeff Liquori.....Lick-corey  
 Owen Puk.....Puck  
 Frankie Navarrete.....Nav-uh-rett

Andrew ildefonso.....Ill-duh-fon-so  
 Logan Runde.....Run-dee  
 Brendan Roney.....Rooney  
 David Eckaus.....Eck-iss  
 Ryne Guida.....Ryne Gwee-duh  
 Evan Alwine.....All-wine  
 Lucas Chantres.....Shon-tress