

Northeast Conference Coach of the Year **Dan Pirillo** has guided LIU to its second NCAA Regional in his six seasons at the helm. He also has led LIU to both NEC postseason titles in program history. LIU reached the NCAA Tournament under Pirillo in 2018, falling to host Coastal Carolina and UConn. The program's only other trip to the D-I tourney came in 1972, when LIU defeated St. John's, 2-1, before falling to Temple and Penn State. Pirillo graduated from LIU Brooklyn with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 2008. He earned a master's degree in exercise physiology from the school while serving as a graduate assistant coach from 2009 through '11. An infielder, he played in 153 games from 2005 to '08, hitting .261 with two homers, 56 RBIs and 32 steals in 468 at-bats. Pirillo owns a 135-128 record at his alma mater.



LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY SHARKS

NCAA REGIONAL GAME NOTES

LIU Baseball (37-19), No. 4 seed

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PROBABLE LIU STARTING PITCHERS AND SCHEDULE

Friday, June 3 vs. No. 1 Maryland (ESPN+)	7 p.m.	RHP Josh Loeschorn (11-2, 3.02) Tied for NCAA lead with 11 wins
Saturday, June 4 vs. No. 2 Wake Forest/No. 3 UConn	TBD	RHP Jalen Wade (4-4, 5.90) Grad transfer joined younger brother at LIU this season
Sunday, June 5 vs. TBD (if necessary)	TBD	RHP Ryan Neuweiler (4-2, 5.16) Also reached NCAA tourney with LIU in 2018

WIN MARK > LIU established the program's Division I record for wins with No. 32 in a 5-0 victory at Siena on May 17. The mark passed the 2018 squad, which went 31-26 in **Dan Pirillo's** second season at the helm. The 2018 team is the only other squad in program history to win the Northeast Conference Tournament. Three members of the '18 team — **Ryan Neuweiler**, **Nick DeSalvo** and **James Steindl** — also are on the current team. Neuweiler and DeSalvo, now key pitchers, attended the 2018 NCAA Regional but did not appear. Steindl logged one perfect inning against Coastal Carolina. He is redshirting this season while recovering from shoulder surgery.

TOP CATS > The Sharks became the first NEC team since Bryant in 2016 to win the league's regular-season and postseason titles in the same year. LIU ended Bryant's nine-year reign as regular-season champion. The Sharks also defeated Bryant twice in the NEC Tournament, including 7-0 in a winner-take-all game on Sunday in Norwich, Conn., after dropping a game to the Bulldogs earlier that afternoon. LIU twice previously had won a regular-season title since the NEC's baseball inception in 1987. The 1990 team won the title outright. The 2000 squad won the Northern title when the conference was split into two divisions. Both of those teams were coached by LIU Athletics Hall of Famer **Frank Giannone**, who participated in an alumni celebration this season before a May 14 game against Fairleigh Dickinson.

ACE > NEC Pitcher of the Year and Collegiate Baseball second-team All-American **Josh Loeschorn** enters the regional tied for the NCAA lead in wins. Loeschorn pulled even with Campbell's **Thomas Harrington** by winning the NEC tourney opener with a 121-pitch, seven-inning outing. He then recorded the save in the 13th inning two days later against Bryant to move the Sharks into the championship round, striking out NEC Player of the Year **Matt Woods** with the tying runs on base for his first career Division I save. Loeschorn is the first LIU D-I pitcher in 58 years to reach double-digits in wins in a season. If he wins one game in the NCAA Tournament, he will pull even with **Sal Campisi** (12 in 1964) for the program's D-I single-season record. Loeschorn, who began his collegiate career with the Division II LIU Post squad, graduated summa cum laude on May 10 with a 3.91 GPA and a bachelor's degree in computer science. He recently was recognized as a CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree, and currently is under consideration for Academic All-American.

D-III IMPACT > A pair of grad transfers from Division III programs are having a major impact at the plate for the Sharks, ranking Nos. 1 and 2 in batting average. First baseman **Luke Turner**, who played at York (Pa.) College, and right fielder **Mikey Edelman**, who played his undergraduate ball at Emory and hails from Manhattan's Upper East Side, enter the NCAA Regional hitting .343 and .326, respectively. In all, six potential starters for the regional opener began their collegiate careers in D-II or D-III. The others: Loeschorn, center fielder **Giovanni Ciaccio** and third baseman **Christopher Wasson** from the D-II LIU Post squad and shortstop **EJ Exposito** from D-II New York Tech, which suspended its athletic program. Edelman enters the NCAA tourney one steal shy of matching the program's D-I single-season record, set by **Tom Jakubowski** with 28 in 2016. Turner, who suffered an ulnar collateral ligament tear and fractured elbow, among other injuries, while reaching into a runner to collect a throw from Loeschorn at first base at Merrimack on April 1, returned to the lineup May 13 after a six-week absence. He plans to play this summer in Germany while continuing to wear a brace on his left arm, then undergo surgery, with the hopes of playing professionally in the United States in 2023.

DEEP THOUGHTS > Exposito bashed four homers at Mount St. Mary's from May 19-21, to complete the regular season with 13. Exposito became the first LIU D-I player since **Joe Zeccardi** also had 13 in 1999 to reach double-figures in homers in a season. The D-I program record belongs to **Lou Deman**, who had 18 in 1995. Zeccardi is second with 15 in 1998, followed by No. 3 **Ciro Ambrosio** (1990), **Sal Conti** (1990), **Louis Hernandez** (1985), Zeccardi (1999) and Exposito (2022) with 13 apiece.

BABY SHARKS > Since **Brian O'Boyle** suffered season-ending knee ligament tears in his first at-bat of the season, two freshmen have capably handled second base — **Jack Power** and **Christopher Hund**. Of the Sharks' 56 games entering the regional, Power has started 32 at the position, while Hund has started 21 (including all four in the NEC tourney). From April 14 through the regular season's close, Hund hit .351 (13-for-37) in NEC games.

#OneLIU

Long Island University has campuses in Brookville on Long Island and in Brooklyn in New York City. The campuses operated with separate athletic programs, as the Division I LIU Brooklyn Blackbirds and the Division II LIU Post Pioneers, through the 2018-19 academic year. Under the leadership of university president Kimberly R. Cline, the athletic programs merged as part of a "One University" vision for the 2019-20 academic year and were rebranded as the Sharks.

Five members of the final D-II LIU Post squad remain with the current team: Giovanni Ciaccio, Christopher Wasson, Josh Loeschorn, Jack VanDoran and Victor DeNicola. The 2019 Pioneers went 38-16 and fell in an NCAA East Regional.

Please refer to us as "Long Island University" on first reference and "LIU" afterward. The Sharks baseball team is based at the Brookville, Long Island, campus.

NCAA WIN LEADERS



Josh Loeschorn	LIU	11
Thomas Harrington	Campbell	11
Tyler Schweitzer	Ball State	11
Rhett Lowder	Wake Forest	11

Record when ...

Overall:	37-19	Hit 0 home runs:	11-11
Conference:	18-9	Hit 1 home run:	17-6
Non-league:	16-9	Hit 2+ home runs:	9-2
Postseason:	3-1	Opp. 0 home runs:	17-10
Home:	14-5	Opp. 1 home run:	15-5
Away:	16-8	Opp. 2+ home runs:	5-4
Neutral:	7-6		
Day:	37-18	Made 0 errors:	9-3
Night:	0-1	Made 1 error:	12-5
vs. LH starter:	8-8	Made 2+ errors:	16-11
vs. RH starter:	29-11		
1-run games:	7-3	Scoring 0:	0-2
2-run games:	7-2	Scoring 1:	0-1
5+ run games:	14-8	Scoring 2:	0-4
Extra innings:	3-2	Scoring 3:	1-5
Shutouts:	3-2	Scoring 4:	6-1
		Scoring 5:	4-1
Out-hit opponent:	23-3	Scoring 6:	6-3
Out-hit by opponent:	8-14	Scoring 7:	2-1
Hits are tied:	6-2	Scoring 8:	3-0
		Scoring 9:	5-1
Scored in 1st inning:	18-5	Scoring 10+:	10-0
Opp. scored in 1st:	13-8		
Scores first:	23-8	Opp. scoring 0:	3-0
Opp. scores in first:	14-11	Opp. scoring 1:	1-0
		Opp. scoring 2:	8-0
After 6 leading:	33-5	Opp. scoring 3:	6-0
After 6 trailing:	3-13	Opp. scoring 4:	8-2
After 6 tied:	1-1	Opp. scoring 5:	5-3
After 7 leading:	32-4	Opp. scoring 6:	1-2
After 7 trailing:	3-12	Opp. scoring 7:	1-2
After 7 tied:	2-3	Opp. scoring 8:	3-1
After 8 leading:	34-4	Opp. scoring 9:	0-3
After 8 trailing:	1-13	Opp. scoring 10+:	1-6
After 8 tied:	2-2		

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2022 LIU SHARKS BASEBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Seth Surrett	LF	5-10	190	L/R	Jr.	New Windsor, N.Y. / Kennedy Catholic
1	EJ Exposito	SS	6-0	195	R/R	Jr.	Central Islip, N.Y. / St. John the Baptist / NYIT
3	Dom Pioto	RHP	6-0	190	R/R	So.	Cranberry Township, Pa. / Central Catholic
4	Mikey Edelman	RF	6-0	195	R/R	Gr.	New York, N.Y. / Eleanor Roosevelt / Emory
5	Alec Huertas	RHP	6-2	180	R/R	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa. / Freedom
6	Brian O'Boyle	IF	6-3	205	R/R	So.	Bethpage, N.Y. / Bethpage
7	Connor Price	C	6-0	195	R/R	So.	Germantown, Tenn. / Memphis Univ. School
8	Christopher Wasson	3B	6-1	175	R/R	Gr.	Massapequa, N.Y. / Massapequa
9	Jack Power	2B	6-3	175	R/R	Fr.	Northampton, Mass. / Northampton
11	Giovanni Ciaccio	OF	5-10	165	L/L	Sr.	Manaplan, N.J. / Manaplan
13	Jarod Wade	OF	6-2	190	R/R	R-Fr.	West Chester, Pa. / Malvern Prep
14	Bentley Boekhout	1B/OF	6-3	205	L/L	Jr.	Pittsburg, Kan. / Pittsburg
15	Christopher Hund	2B	5-9	175	R/R	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va. / Woodbridge
16	Carlton Harper	INF	6-1	180	L/R	Jr.	Canton, Mich. / Salem
17	Josh Loeschorn	RHP	6-3	215	L/R	Sr.	Butler, N.J. / Butler
18	RJ Latkowski	RHP/OF	6-0	195	R/R	Fr.	Austin, Texas / St. Michael's Catholic Academy
19	Joshua Gainer	RHP	6-1	195	L/R	Gr.	Parma, Ohio / Normandy / Glendale C.C.
20	Jalen Wade	RHP	6-4	215	R/R	Sr.	West Chester, Pa. / Malvern Prep / Cincinnati
21	Garrett Yawn	RHP	6-4	190	R/R	So.	Moorpark, Calif. / Moorpark HS / Moorpark College
22	Nick Torres	RHP	6-0	195	R/R	Sr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Etowah
23	Myles Proctor	OF	6-1	195	R/R	Jr.	Yorktown Heights, N.Y. / Kennedy Catholic
24	Ryan Neuweiler	RHP	6-1	215	R/R	R-Sr.	Queens, N.Y. / Monsignor McClancy
25	Luke Turner	1B	6-2	210	R/R	Gr.	King of Prussia, Pa. / Conestoga / York College
26	Evan Panjwani	LHP	6-2	190	L/L	So.	Irvington, N.Y. / Irvington
27	Kurt Lange	RHP	6-5	230	R/R	Sr.	Fairfield, Ohio / Fairfield / Northern Kentucky
28	James Steindl	LHP	6-2	200	L/L	Gr.	Harrington Park, N.J. / Northern Valley Old Tappan
29	Philip Gerena	UTL	5-10	180	R/R	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Xavier
30	Colin Adams	C	5-11	230	R/R	Gr.	Upper Chichester, Pa. / Caravel Academy
31	Ryan Mullahey	1B	6-2	240	L/R	R-Jr.	Shoreham, N.Y. / Shoreham-Wading River
32	Nick DeSalvo	RHP	6-4	185	R/R	R-Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Xavieran
33	Chris Buehler	LHP	6-3	210	L/L	Sr.	Stony Brook, N.Y. / Ward Melville Senior
34	Jack VanDoran	LHP	6-4	195	R/L	R-Jr.	West Babylon, N.Y. / West Babylon
35	Kevin Small	LHP	6-2	185	L/L	So.	Downingtown, Pa. / Downingtown West
36	Shane Tucker	RHP	5-11	193	L/R	So.	Alexandria, Va. / TC Williams
40	Victor DeNicola	C	6-3	205	R/R	R-Jr.	Garden City South, N.Y. / H Frank Carey
44	Carter Kim	RHP	6-1	195	R/R	Fr.	Copley, Ohio / IMG Academy
48	Haile Daley	RHP	6-4	220	R/R	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Alonzo

Head Coach: Dan Pirillo, Sixth Season

Associate Head Coach: Tom Carty

Assistant Coaches: Paul Gehring, Chris Lundin

Athletic trainer: Matt Messick

PRONUNCIATIONS

0 Seth Surr-ETT

11 Giovanni CHA-chee-oh

14 BENT-lee BOOK-out

17 Josh LOW-schorn

18 RJ la-COW-ski

21 Garrett YAWN

24 Ryan NEW-why-ler

26 Eh-vuhn Pan-juh-waa-nee

27 Kurt LANG

28 James STINE-dul

29 Philip GUR-ee-na

40 Victor DEE-nuh-CO-la

48 HIGH-LEE Daley

MVP, MVP > Right-hander **Nick Torres** was named conference tourney MVP after tossing 95 pitches in 6 1/3 scoreless innings in a 7-0 victory against Bryant in the winner-take-all championship game on Sunday. It was only Torres' second start of the past three seasons and his longest start since shutting out Wagner in a nine-inning complete game on April 13, 2019 as a freshman. As a reliever, Torres has stranded all five inherited runners this season. Loeschorn, Edelman and **Seth Surrett** joined Torres on the NEC's all-tournament team. For the regular season, Edelman and Loeschorn earned first-team All-NEC honors, while Exposito, DeSalvo and Wasson were named to the second team.

TURNER BROTHERS > First baseman Luke Turner is following in the footsteps of older brother **Andrew Turner** in reaching the NCAA Tournament with LIU. Andrew, currently an assistant coach with NEC-rival Wagner, hit .302 with 14 homers and 77 RBIs in 165 games with LIU from 2015 through '18. He went 3-for-8 in the 2018 regional en route to being drafted in the 39th round by the Marlins. Andrew went on to play two seasons of minor league baseball with Miami's Class A affiliates. When Luke was seeking opportunities as a grad transfer out of Emory a year ago, Pirillo's familiarity with the family helped seal the deal. Luke had only one other D-I offer for this season, from Central Connecticut State.

THIS MAGIC MOMENT > While it will be an uphill battle, there is recent precedent for LIU coming to College Park and pulling off an NCAA Tournament upset. The LIU men's soccer team defeated Maryland, 1-0, in the tourney's opening round on Nov. 18. **Assane Ben Fall** scored with 76 seconds remaining in regulation and **Demetri Skoubakis** had the clean sheet in goal.

NEW YORK STATE OF MIND > A record six baseball programs from New York State earned NCAA Regional invites: LIU, Hofstra, Army West Point, Binghamton, Canisius and Columbia. There were five qualifiers in 2004, 2012 and 2018. Long Island's three Division I college baseball programs in particular had banner years. In addition to LIU winning the regular-season and postseason NEC titles, Hofstra won its first Colonial Athletic Association postseason title. And Stony Brook shared its conference regular-season title, but was banned by America East from participating in the postseason tournament because it is moving to the CAA in 2022-23. LIU went 3-1 vs. Hofstra and 1-0 vs. Stony Brook. Exposito, incidentally, played for current Hofstra head coach **Frank Catalanotto** at New York Tech.

SHARK BYTES > The Terps and LIU have met only twice in their program histories — both won by host Maryland, in 1991 (6-2) and '92 (12-11, 10 innings). LIU's lone meeting ever against UConn came in that 2018 regional, while LIU and Wake Forest have never met. ... Four LIU players have at least 15 steals — Edelman (27 of 31), Ciaccio (19 of 21), Wasson (16 of 21) and Surrett (15 of 23). None attempted a steal during the four-game NEC tourney. ... **Jalen Wade** joined his younger brother **Jarod Wade**, a sophomore outfielder, at LIU this season. ... Surrett has successfully reached base in 39 straight games entering the regional, while Turner has an active 15-game on-base streak, Ciaccio is at 14 and Exposito at 10. ... Exposito at shortstop and Ciaccio in center field have started all 56 games entering the regional. ... LIU honored 13 student-athletes during its May 15 Senior Day ceremony. All are expected to complete their playing careers with this postseason run: **Colin Adams**, Ciaccio, **Victor DeNicola**, DeSalvo, Edelman, **Josh Gainer**, **Kurt Lange**, Loeschorn, **Ryan Mullahey**, Neuweiler, Turner, Jalen Wade and Wasson. ... LIU has played only one night game this season: an 8-0 loss to Washington State in Peoria, Ariz., on Feb. 25 ... Pirillo will see a familiar face in the UConn dugout if the teams meet. Huskies pitching coach **Joshua MacDonald** served on the coaching staff at LIU during Pirillo's playing days. ... Pirillo worked as an assistant at Georgia College for his current associate head coach, **Tom Carty**.

PROJECTED ROTATION



17. JOSH LOESCHORN, RHP > NEC Pitcher of the Year ... Tied for NCAA lead with 11 wins ... Earned win and save in NEC tourney, throwing 121 pitches vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, then notching save in 13th inning two days later vs. Bryant ... Next win would match Sal Campisi's 12 in 1964 for program's D-I single-season record ... CoSIDA Academic All-Region and current Academic All-America candidate ... Graduated summa cum laude with 3.91 GPA and B.S. in computer science on May 10 ... NEC Pitcher of the Week on March 8 and March 15 ... At D-II LIU Post in 2019: NCBWA second-team All-American, ABCA/Rawlings East Region Pitcher of the Year, nation-best 0.74 WHIP and second-best 1.34 ERA.

Date	Opponent	W/L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	NP	SCORE	W	L	SV	G-ERAS-ERA	
2/18/2022	vs. Northeastern	W	5.0	1	0	0	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	--	5-3	1	0	0	0.00	0.00
2/25/2022	vs. Washington State	W	5.0	5	3	3	0	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	77	8-3	1	0	0	5.40	2.70
3/5/2022	vs. Saint Peter's	W	7.0	4	2	2	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	4-2	1	0	0	2.57	2.65
3/11/2022	at Fordham	W	6.0	6	3	2	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	81	9-4	1	0	0	3.00	2.74
3/18/2022	Iona	W	8.0	4	2	2	0	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	95	14-4	1	0	0	2.25	2.61
3/25/2022	at Bryant	L	7.2	5	4	4	2	7	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	--	1-4	0	1	0	4.70	3.03
4/1/2022	Merrimack	W	6.0	8	4	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	108	6-5	0	0	0	4.50	3.22
4/8/2022	at Central Conn. St.	W	6.0	4	3	3	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	--	4-3	1	0	0	4.50	3.37
4/14/2022	Wagner	W	5.2	9	5	4	1	5	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	109	15-5	1	0	0	6.35	3.67
4/22/2022	at Merrimack	W	7.0	6	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	--	10-3	1	0	0	1.29	3.41
4/29/2022	at Sacred Heart	L	7.0	6	5	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	3-12	0	1	0	6.43	3.71
5/8/2022	Bryant	W	7.0	4	3	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	8-4	1	0	0	0.00	3.38
5/13/2022	FDU	W	5.0	3	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	82	4-2	0	0	0	0.00	3.17
5/19/2022	at Mount St. Mary's	W	5.0	8	3	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	9-8	1	0	0	1.80	3.09
5/26/2022	FDU	W	7.0	8	2	2	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	10-2	1	0	0	2.57	3.05
5/28/2022	vs Bryant	W	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6-4	0	0	1	0.00	3.02
Total			95.1	82	41	32	26	102	16	1	9	2	0	10	0	977	116-68	11	2	1		3.02



20. JALEN WADE, RHP > Tossed five scoreless innings in NEC tourney vs. Bryant ... Grad transfer from University of Cincinnati in order to join younger brother Jarod, a sophomore outfielder, for this season. The brothers, three years apart, had never played on the same team at any level ... Earned undergraduate degree in communications from Cincinnati in May 2021. Currently pursuing an MBA in a two-year program at LIU, although he may complete that degree elsewhere next academic year if he can land a graduate assistant position with a baseball program ... Father Reggie played baseball at West Chester University.

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2/19/2022	vs Penn State	L	4.0	7	8	7	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	82	3-14	0	1	0	15.75	15.75
2/25/2022	vs Washington State	L	3.2	6	7	7	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	102	0-8	0	0	0	17.18	16.43
3/2/2022	at Hofstra	L	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	5-6	0	0	0	0.00	14.54
3/8/2022	at Stony Brook	W	5.0	5	1	1	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	103	10-6	1	0	0	1.80	9.88
3/20/2022	Iona	W	6.0	4	3	2	1	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	103	12-4	1	0	0	3.00	7.78
3/26/2022	at Bryant	W	4.2	5	4	2	4	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	--	6-4	0	0	0	3.86	7.03
4/2/2022	Merrimack	L	6.1	7	3	2	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	132	4-5	0	0	0	2.84	6.16
4/9/2022	at Central Conn. St.	W	2.0	8	7	6	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	--	13-10	0	0	0	27.00	7.44
4/15/2022	Wagner	W	5.0	3	1	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	6-1	1	0	0	1.80	6.69
4/23/2022	at Merrimack	W	6.0	6	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	--	6-2	1	0	0	0.00	5.77
4/30/2022	at Sacred Heart	L	4.1	10	7	7	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	65	6-9	0	1	0	14.54	6.56
5/8/2022	Bryant	L	6.0	5	1	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	98	3-5	0	0	0	1.50	6.00
5/14/2022	FDU	L	6.0	1	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	2-5	0	0	0	1.50	5.55
5/20/2022	at Mount St. Mary's	L	3.2	7	8	8	2	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	67	6-11	0	1	0	19.64	6.36
5/27/2022	vs Bryant	W	5.0	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	89	6-4	0	0	0	0.00	5.90
Total			68.2	76	53	45	40	50	14	1	8	6	0	6	0	1045	88-94	4	4	0		5.90



24. RYAN NEUWEILER, RHP > One of three members of 2018 NCAA Tournament team remaining with current squad ... Twin brother, Charlie, who was committed to LIU Brooklyn, instead was drafted in fifth round of 2017 MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City Royals and signed. He pitches at high-A Quad City in 2022 ... Pursuing MBA at LIU ... Suffered assorted injuries over first three years of college baseball, which limited him to 11 combined appearances from 2019-21.

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2/19/2022	vs Penn State	W	2.0	8	6	6	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	11-8	0	0	0	27.00	27.00
2/26/2022	vs Washington State	L	2.0	4	5	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	45	2-9	0	1	0	22.50	24.75
3/6/2022	at Hofstra	W	3.0	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	8-4	1	0	0	0.00	14.14
3/15/2022	at St. John's	W	5.2	6	2	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	78	4-2	1	0	0	1.59	8.53
3/20/2022	Iona	W	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	6-0	0	0	0	0.00	7.36
3/27/2022	at Bryant	L	4.1	3	2	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	--	3-6	0	0	0	2.08	6.16
4/3/2022	Merrimack	W	6.0	5	3	3	2	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	99	4-3	0	0	0	4.50	5.76
4/10/2022	at Central Conn. St.	W	5.0	3	1	0	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	--	5-2	1	0	0	0.00	4.80
4/16/2022	Wagner	L	4.0	4	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	7-10	0	0	0	2.25	4.50
4/24/2022	at Merrimack	W	4.0	8	4	4	3	7	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	--	9-4	0	0	0	9.00	4.97
5/1/2022	at Sacred Heart	W	1.0	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	7-5	0	0	0	27.00	5.54
5/8/2022	Bryant	L	2.0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	45	3-5	0	0	0	0.00	5.27
5/15/2022	FDU	W	5.1	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	76	5-2	1	0	0	3.38	5.05
5/21/2022	at Mount St. Mary's	W	4.0	4	2	2	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	13-7	0	0	0	4.50	5.01
5/29/2022	vs Bryant	L	2.0	0	3	2	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	66	2-7	0	1	0	9.00	5.16
Total			52.1	52	37	30	34	40	11	1	6	4	0	6	1	657	89-74	4	2	0		5.16

LIU VS. MARYLAND BY THE NUMBERS



.269	52	6.3	.387	.794	95-129	4.21	1.48	0	8.4	86	.958
BA	HR	R/G	OBP	OPS	SB-ATT	ERA	WHIP	CG	K/9	E	FLD%
.307	123	9.1	.418	.975	71-87	4.89	1.36	1	8.5	61	.972

PROJECTED LINEUP

NEC TOURNEY: .333 (7X21), 3 RBI

HIT STREAK: 2 games (3x11, .273)
LAST HR: 5/19 at Mount St. Mary's
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 4 (2x), last vs. FDU (5/26)



0. SETH SURRETT, LF > Enters NCAA Regional having successfully reached base in 39 straight games ... All-Northeast Conference tournament team ... Went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored in 10-2 win vs. Fairleigh Dickinson to open NEC tourney on May 26 ... In May 19 win at Mount St. Mary's, delivered first game-opening homer for Sharks since Giovanni Ciaccio at Hofstra on March 11, 2020 ... Doubled and scored tiebreaking run in seventh inning of 4-2 win vs. FDU on May 13.

NEC TOURNEY: .300 (6X20), 1 HR, 4 R

HIT STREAK: 6 games (11x29, 2 RBI, .379, 9 R)
LAST HR: 5/26 vs. FDU
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 4 (2x), last at CCSU (4/8)



4. MIKEY EDELMAN, RF > Enters NCAA Regional one stolen base shy of Tom Jakubowski's D-I program record (28, 2016) ... All-NEC first team ... All-NEC tournament team ... Homered in NEC tourney debut as LIU defeated Fairleigh Dickison, 10-2, on May 26 ... Amassed 12-game hit streak from Feb. 26 to March 22 ... Played in 92 games spanning four seasons with D-III Emory in Atlanta, batting .333 with three homers, 39 RBIs, 22 doubles, three triples, 89 hits and 55 runs.

NEC TOURNEY: .294 (5X17), 2 RBI

HIT STREAK: 10 games (13x36, 5 HR, 12 RBI, .361)
LAST HR: 5/21 at Mount St. Mary's
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 3 (3x), last vs. Wagner (4/14)



1. EJ EXPOSITO, SS > Slugged four homers in final regular-season series at Mount St. Mary's May 19-21 to up season total to 13, tied for third in a single season in Division I program history; became program's first D-I player to reach double-digits in homers since Joe Zeccardi had 13 in 1999 ... Has played every inning at shortstop and started every game in No. 3 slot this season ... Transferred from D-II New York Tech after athletic program disbanded ... All-NEC second team ... Enters regional with team-best 10-game hitting streak.

NEC TOURNEY: .353 (6X17), 5 R, 3 RBI

HIT STREAK: 5 games (7x21, 3 BB, .333)
LAST HR: 5/15 vs. FDU
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 3 (3x), last vs. Merrimack (4/2)



11. GIOVANNI CIACCIO, CF > Enters regional with team-leading 44 RBIs and 11 multi-RBI games ... Has started every game in center field ... Delivered tiebreaking three-run homer in third inning en route to 5-2 victory vs. Fairleigh Dickinson on May 15 that allowed LIU to match program's D-I record for wins (31) ... Reached over center-field wall to take away would-be homer from Mount St. Mary's Connor Buggy on May 20 ... Has reached base safely in 14 straight games entering regional ... 6-for-14 this season with bases loaded ... Team-best .397 BA (25-for-63) with RISP.

NEC TOURNEY: .214 (3X14), 2 2B, 2 R

HITLESS STREAK: 1 game (0x3, 2 BB)
LAST HR: 4/24 at Merrimack
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 4 (2x), last at Merrimack (4/24)



8. CHRISTOPHER WASSON, 3B > All-NEC second team ... Has started 55 of team's 56 games at third base ... NEC Prime Performer on April 12 and April 26 ... Delivered three-run double to open scoring in 5-0 win at Siena on May 17 as LIU set program's D-I record for wins with No. 32 ... Began collegiate career at Division II LIU Post ... Joins EJ Exposito as native Long Islanders in starting lineup ... Recruited as shortstop, played first base out of necessity in 2021, and now settled into third.

NEC TOURNEY: .333 (5X15), 5 RBI

HIT STREAK: 3 games (5x15, 5 RBI, .333)
LAST HR: 5/15 vs. FDU
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 3 at Stony Brook (3/8)



16. CARLTON HARPER, DH > Delivered game-deciding two-run single in top of the 13th inning of 6-4 win vs. Bryant in NEC tourney on May 28 ... Has been dealing with assorted leg injuries, prompting pinch runners later in games ... Has started 34 games at DH and none at a position this season.

NEC TOURNEY: .125 (2X16), 4 BB, 10 K

HITLESS STREAK: 2 games (0x6, 3 BB)
LAST HR: 5/21 at Mount St. Mary's
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 4 vs. Wagner (4/14)



30. COLIN ADAMS, C > Produced four homers in final six NEC regular-season games ... Has thrown out 19 of 57 would-be base stealers (33.3%) ... Calls own pitches behind plate.

NEC TOURNEY: .083 (1X12), 2 R, 2 RBI

HITLESS STREAK: 1 game (0x3, BB)
LAST HR: 3/11 at Fordham
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 3 vs. Iona (3/20)



25. LUKE TURNER, 1B > Team-leading .343 BA ... Returned after six-week absence May 13; suffered an ulnar collateral ligament tear and fractured elbow reaching into runner on Josh Loeschorn's throw to first base on April 1 vs. Merrimack ... Brother Andrew Turner, a coach at NEC-rival Wagner, earned All-NEC honors and played on 2018 NCAA tourney team as LIU third baseman before being drafted by Marlins in 39th round that year ... NEC Player of Week on March 22.

NEC TOURNEY: .214 (3X14), 2 HR, 4 R

HITLESS STREAK: 2 games (0x6, 3 BB)
LAST HR: 5/27-28 (suspended game) 2 vs. Bryant
SEASON-HIGH HITS: 2 (6x), last vs. Bryant (5/27-28)



15. CHRISTOPHER HUND, 2B > Started all four games of NEC tourney at second base ... Had two-homer game vs. Bryant in eventual 13-inning win in conference tourney, both times breaking ties ... Three of four homers of freshman season have come vs. Bryant ... Graduated from Woodbridge (Va.) Senior High School in 2021, fewer than 40 miles from College Park.

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

AT BATS	7	Mikey Edelman vs. Bryant (5/27) Carlton Harper vs. Bryant Sacred Heart (5/27)	HOME RUNS	2	EJ Exposito at Fordham (3/11) EJ Exposito at Mount St. Mary's (5/19)
RUNS SCORED	4	Mikey Edelman at Mount St. Mary's (5/21)	WALKS	3	Five times
HITS	4	Five times	STRIKEOUTS	4	Seth Surret at Stony Brook (3/8) Colin Adams vs. Bryant (5/27)
RBIS	5	Jack Power at Merrimack (4/22) Christopher Wasson at Merrimack (4/24)	STOLEN BASES	3	Four times
DOUBLES	3	Mikey Edelman at Central Connecticut State (4/8)	HIT BY PITCH	3	Seth Surret at Sacred Heart (5/1)

2022 LIU SHARKS BASEBALL STATISTICS

#	Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SF	SH	SB/A	PO	A	E	FL%
25	Turner, Luke	.343	32-31	108	15	37	7	0	1	17	47	.435	11	6	24	1	.429	1	2	3-3	156	14	3	.983
4	Edelman, Mikey	.326	55-55	230	57	75	12	3	7	34	114	.496	31	6	41	7	.419	0	0	27-31	120	2	1	.992
11	Ciaccio, Giovanni	.310	56-56	203	43	63	11	4	5	44	97	.478	46	4	44	0	.436	6	3	19-21	161	3	4	.976
16	Harper, Carlton	.308	40-34	120	16	37	2	1	1	20	44	.367	20	1	11	4	.406	2	1	3-6	0	0	0	.000
0	Surrett, Seth	.296	54-51	189	42	56	11	2	2	35	77	.407	42	11	34	0	.445	3	4	15-23	106	2	5	.956
8	Wasson, Christopher	.277	55-55	202	42	56	8	1	4	31	78	.386	30	12	23	7	.398	2	4	16-21	40	90	16	.890
1	Exposito, EJ	.264	56-56	216	43	57	9	0	13	41	105	.486	44	2	33	1	.387	4	2	6-10	72	135	21	.908
30	Adams, Colin	.251	54-51	187	27	47	7	0	9	30	81	.433	34	4	66	3	.378	0	0	2-4	434	39	5	.990
15	Hund, Christopher	.238	29-22	84	16	20	3	0	4	11	35	.417	12	3	27	1	.350	1	3	0-1	36	46	7	.921
18	Latkowski,RJ	.235	19-6	34	4	8	3	0	0	6	11	.324	0	0	9	2	.235	0	0	0-0	7	0	0	1.000
7	Price, Connor	.217	29-17	69	4	15	3	0	2	15	24	.348	8	1	27	0	.304	1	1	1-1	45	1	0	1.000
14	Boekhout, Bentley	.184	39-28	103	14	19	1	0	1	8	23	.223	19	0	29	2	.304	3	6	0-1	229	12	4	.984
9	Power, Jack	.178	36-33	107	18	19	6	0	2	17	31	.290	14	5	38	1	.297	2	1	3-4	48	53	5	.953
23	Proctor, Myles	.136	16-4	22	8	3	1	0	1	3	7	.318	2	3	13	0	.296	0	0	0-3	6	0	1	.857
13	Wade, Jarod	.067	16-2	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.083	3	0	8	0	.222	0	0	0-0	3	8	1	.929
31	Mullahey, Ryan	.000	10-2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	2	5	1	.263	0	0	0-0	18	0	1	.947
40	DeNicola, Victor	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
6	O'Boyle, Brian	.000	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
29	Gerena, Philip	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Totals		.269	561906	352	513	84	11	52	313	775	.407	319	60	434	30	.386	25	27	95-129	1499	477	86	.958	
Opponents		.258	561952	291	503	86	13	38	263	729	.373	235	55	468	25	.351	18	15	44-66	1493	482	72	.965	

#	Player	ERA	WHIP	W-L	APP-GSC	GSHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK	SF	SHA	
27	Lange, Kurt	2.45	1.20	0-1	12-0	0	0-2	1	18.1	14	7	5	8	28	4	1	0	69	.203	0	1	0	1	0
17	Loeschorn, Josh	3.02	1.13	11-2	16-15	0	0-0	1	95.1	82	41	32	26	102	16	1	9	367	.223	2	10	0	2	1
22	Torres, Nick	3.14	1.37	5-2	22-2	0	0-1	5	51.2	43	23	18	28	47	3	0	1	197	.218	3	1	0	1	2
19	Gainer, Joshua	3.18	1.34	2-3	25-0	0	0-1	7	39.2	30	17	14	23	43	8	0	1	146	.205	3	7	0	0	1
32	DeSalvo, Nick	3.32	1.37	5-1	22-1	0	0-1	1	57.0	62	25	21	16	78	12	2	5	224	.277	9	8	2	1	0
21	Yawn, Garrett	4.72	1.78	2-1	10-6	0	0-1	0	34.1	46	23	18	15	23	3	2	4	140	.329	3	1	0	3	2
36	Tucker, Shane	4.91	2.39	1-1	12-3	0	0-1	0	14.2	13	11	8	22	18	1	0	0	53	.245	2	4	0	2	1
24	Neuweiler, Ryan	5.16	1.64	4-2	15-10	0	0-1	0	52.1	52	37	30	34	40	11	1	6	200	.260	4	6	0	5	2
33	Buehler, Chris	5.18	1.38	2-1	17-5	0	0-2	0	40.0	44	24	23	11	22	7	3	4	158	.278	1	5	1	0	3
20	Wade, Jalen	5.90	1.69	4-4	15-14	0	0-0	0	68.2	76	53	45	40	50	14	1	8	274	.277	6	6	0	1	3
26	Panjwani, Evan	7.07	2.14	1-0	6-0	0	0-0	0	14.0	24	16	11	6	9	4	0	0	70	.343	3	0	0	0	0
35	Small, Kevin	3.37	2.63	0-0	3-0	0	0-0	0	2.2	5	6	1	2	3	2	0	0	13	.385	1	2	0	0	0
18	Latkowski, RJ	5.40	.75	0-0	7-0	0	0-1	1	6.2	4	4	4	1	4	1	0	0	21	.190	2	3	0	1	0
34	VanDoran, Jack	8.31	2.54	0-1	5-0	0	0-0	0	4.1	8	4	4	3	1	0	2	0	20	.400	0	1	0	1	0
Totals		4.21	1.48	37-19	187-56	0	3	16	499.2	503	291	234	235	468	86	13	38	1952	.258	39	55	3	18	15
Opponents		5.48	1.67	19-37	196-56	1	2	5	497.2	514	352	303	319	434	84	11	52	1906	.270	45	60	8	25	27

STARTING LINEUP BY POSITION

P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Loeschorn-15	Adams-51	Boekhout-28	Power-32	Wasson-55	Exposito-56	Surrett-51	Ciaccio-56	Edelman-54	Harper-34
Jalen Wade-14	Price-5	Turner-26	Hund-21	Hund-1		Latkowski-3		Latkowski-1	Price-12
Neuweiler-10		Mullahey-2	Jarod Wade-2			Proctor-2		Proctor-1	Turner-5
Yawn-6			O'Boyle-1						Latkowski-2
Buehler-5									Edelman-1
Tucker-3									Power-1
Torres-2									Proctor-1
DeSalvo-1									

STARTING LINEUP BY BATTING ORDER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Surrett-34	Edelman-50	Exposito-56	Ciaccio-43	Wasson-36	Harper-19	Adams-22	Boekhout-16	Power-23
Ciaccio-13	Surrett-3		Turner-10	Adams-9	Wasson-11	Surrett-10	Turner-10	Hund-16
Wasson-8	Harper-3		Harper-3	Harper-7	Adams-12	Turner-7	Adams-8	Boekhout-9
Power-1				Turner-3	Price-6	Price-6	Power-7	Latkowski-3
				Boekhout-1	Surrett-4	Edelman-4	Hund-5	Price-1
					Boekhout-2	Power-2	Price-4	Jarod Wade-1
					Edelman-1	Harper-2	Latkowski-3	Proctor-1
					Turner-1	Hund-1	Proctor-2	Mullahey-1
						Proctor-1	Jared Wade-1	O'Boyle-1
						Mullahey-1		

INHERITED RUNNERS/STRANDED AND LAST APPEARANCES FOR RELIEVERS

Chris Buehler	6/4	5/29 vs. Bryant
Nick DeSalvo	14/10	5/29 vs. Bryant
Josh Gainer	25/19	5/27 vs. Bryant
Kurt Lange	5/3	5/27 vs. Bryant
RJ Latkowski	4/3	5/29 vs. Bryant
Nick Torres	5/5	5/29 vs. Bryant (start)
Shane Tucker	4/3	5/29 vs. Bryant
Jack VanDoran	4/1	5/3 at Army
Garrett Yawn	3/3	5/17 at Siena (start)



CLIPPING SERVICE

Recognition Came as Surprise to Tourney MVP Nick Torres

➤ Of all the LIU baseball players who needed a day to exhale after a grueling weekend at the Northeast Conference Tournament, right-hander Nick Torres arguably sits atop the list. Asked at the NCAA Tournament selection show how his arm felt a day after tossing 95 pitches over 6 1/3 scoreless innings in a 7-0, winner-take-all victory against Bryant at Dodd Stadium, Torres replied: "I can barely move it." Torres, a senior from Woodstock, Ga., held Bryant's relentless offense without an earned run in nine innings spanning two appearances over the weekend en route to earning NEC Tournament MVP honors. He proved a major reason why the Sharks will open an NCAA Regional on Friday at 7 p.m. against top-seeded Maryland in College Park. "Before the day on Sunday, I literally said I had one inning in me," Torres said. "And then I was going, and I just felt good. So I just kept telling the coaches, 'I'm good. Just let me keep going.' I was going to go until they pulled me." Torres confessed on Monday that he was surprised to receive the tournament's MVP award. He figured the honor would go to NEC Pitcher of the Year Joshua Loeschorn, who handily won the tourney opener against Fairleigh Dickinson, and who then vanquished Bryant to the losers' bracket with his first Division I save, which came in a 13-inning game that spanned two days. Loeschorn as well as outfielder Michael Edelman and Seth Surrett joined Torres on the all-tournament team. "I mean, I went back and watched the video and I literally had no idea," Torres said about the MVP award. "The whole team thought it was Josh the whole time. And then they said me and I was in shock." Torres had made a 4 2/3-inning start against Bryant on May 6, but otherwise exclusively had come out of the bullpen over the past three seasons. Still, he had opportunities to stretch out, including a five-inning relief performance at Merrimack on April 24. Like in the regular-season start against Bryant, Torres handed the ball off to Nick DeSalvo to complete Sunday's NEC tourney finale. Sunday's outing was Torres' longest since a nine-inning shutout against Wagner as a freshman on April 13, 2019. "I was just trusting the defense," Torres recalled about that three-year old complete game. "And that's what I did Sunday, too."

Computer Science Degree in Hand, Josh Loeschorn Flirts with NCAA Wins Lead

➤ Right-hander Josh Loeschorn graduated summa cum laude a month ago, with a degree in computer science and 3.91 GPA. He was voted onto the ballot for Academic All-America consideration that same week. On the mound, Loeschorn has the most wins of any Division I pitcher from the program in 58 years, and is tied for the national lead in victories. Not bad for a pitcher who had no Division I offers out of Butler (N.J.) High School in 2018 ... and only one offer in total outside of Division III — at LIU Post. "I didn't touch my first 90 mph until I was coming in as a freshman in college," Loeschorn said. "I was sitting in the low-80s when I got recruited by Post out of high school. I was very underdeveloped, a late bloomer. I didn't develop physically until later in high school. I grew like five or six inches my last two years of high school. I didn't even really start weightlifting until my senior year. I probably put on 15 or 20 pounds that first

offseason I started lifting, going into my senior year spring and summer. That's where I saw the biggest jump in velocity." Loeschorn said the lack of D-I recruiting interest during his high school days is no exaggeration. "I had none," he said. "Post was my only non-Division III offer coming out of high school." Loeschorn, whose fastball currently sits at 88 to 92 mph, burst onto the scene as a freshman in 2019. He ranked second nationally in D-II with a 1.34 ERA and first in WHIP at 0.74 en route to being named American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings East Region Pitcher of the Year and a National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association second-team All-American. When LIU's Brooklyn and Post campuses became "one university" and unified the athletic program before Loeschorn's sophomore season, he jumped onto the joint D-I program and continued to shine out on Long Island, where the D-I squad relocated. Two current LIU starters, third baseman Christopher Wasson and center fielder Giovanni Ciaccio, as well as reliever Jack VanDoran and backup catcher Victor DeNicola are the other remaining players from that 2018 LIU Post squad. Loeschorn's 11 wins this season are the most by an LIU D-I pitcher since Sal Campisi's program-record 12 in 1964. Statistics are close to Loeschorn's heart ... and mind. His pursuit of a computer-science degree stemmed from his older brother's interest in the subject in high school and then at Montclair State University. Brother Chris is now a software engineer. There are baseball applications to Loeschorn's educational foundation, which culminated with him earning a bachelor of science degree in computer science on May 10. He keeps his own statistics in a notebook — things that may not be readily available otherwise, such as swing-and-miss rates. "I try to get the bigger picture of how I'm performing, not just the boxscore at the end of a game," he said. Loeschorn's commitment to academics recently earned him CoSIDA Academic All-District recognition. He now has advanced to Academic All-America consideration. Those voting results will be announced June 8. "I had to be creative time-management-wise," Loeschorn said. "You come back from practice knowing other stuff has to get done." Limits exist to Loeschorn's prioritization of academics. Although the workout was optional for seniors, he decided to practice with his baseball teammates rather than walk in the commencement ceremony on campus, at the adjacent football stadium, two weeks ago. That said, he did skip practice and attend his girlfriend's graduation at Ramapo College a couple of days later. No one has suggested he's not smart.

Baseball Freshmen Step Up at Second Base after Opening Day Injury

➤ Sophomore Brian O'Boyle started for the LIU baseball team on Opening Day against Northeastern. On his second swing in that Feb. 18 game, however, O'Boyle hit a second-inning ball up the middle and didn't get out of the batter's box. He was forced to depart with torn knee ligaments, an injury that required surgery five weeks later and has proven season-ending. "We had to have guys step in and step up," coach Dan Pirillo said. Pirillo soon thereafter turned to a pair of freshmen to man the position. The duo has helped the Sharks to the program's first Northeast Conference outright regular-season title in 32 years as well as a program-record 37 wins ... and counting. Lefty-hitting Jack Power has started 32 games at second base, while righty-hitting Christopher Hund has started 21. "When

Brian went down I had no idea I was going to play as much as I did, but when I got the opportunity I just tried to contribute and compete to help the team win," said Power, a 6-foot-3, 175-pound native of Northampton, Mass. "I think the biggest adjustment to college baseball is getting used to the travel and schedule. Understanding how to prep your body every day to prepare for a weekend series keeps you healthy in the long run." Pirillo and his deputies early on thought second base might be a lefty-righty platoon between the freshmen. As it has turned out, both freshmen have reverse splits — Power performing better against southpaws and Hund better against righties. Hund particularly heated up late in the season, which resulted in him starting all four NEC tourney games. From April 14 through the conclusion of the regular season, Hund hit .351 (13-for-37) in NEC games. "There's a learning curve with those guys," Pirillo said. "... Hund has really come on." The 5-9, 175-pound Hund had been used to playing regularly while a four-year starter and three-year captain at Woodbridge (Va.) High School. So the part-time role took some acclimation. "It certainly hasn't been easy to stay sharp or in a groove while not playing every day," Hund said. "When you're splitting time with someone else, it's very important to really be focused and locked in — not only on the days you play, but the days Jack is playing as well. Watching him and the decisions he makes helps me when I am in the field or at the plate the next game. It's been very important to me to always be prepared for any situation. I try to talk through all of the possibilities with other teammates and coaches."

Wade Brothers Reunite for Lone Season Together with LIU Baseball

➤ After completing his final undergraduate season at the University of Cincinnati a year ago, Jalen Wade entered the transfer portal, looking to find a new playing home as a graduate student. A day later, LIU's coaches called. The idea had not previously struck Jalen to join his younger brother Jarod Wade with the Sharks. But once the coaching staff proposed it, Jalen was sold. The brothers, three grades apart during their high school days at Malvern Prep in Pennsylvania, had never previously been teammates at any level. "I was in Florida for summer ball, and the staff called me and asked if I would want to play with him — if I would have a problem if he came here," said Jarod, now a sophomore outfielder with the Sharks. "I said, 'No. I want him to.'" Said Jalen: "The possibility of being able to play together, I just had to be here." In his first and only season with LIU, 6-foot-4, 205-pound Jalen has served as a regular weekend conference starter. Jarod, meanwhile, has 15 at-bats in 2022. The brothers don't room together on campus, so there is some separation. They nonetheless relish being teammates. Jarod escorted Jalen onto the field during the Sharks' Senior Day ceremony last Sunday. Jalen earned his undergraduate degree in communications from Cincinnati last May. He currently is pursuing an MBA in a two-year program at LIU, although he may complete that degree elsewhere next academic year if he can land a graduate assistant position with a baseball program. With the brothers playing on the same team, that has spared the family having to choose which game to attend. Their father Reggie, who played baseball at West Chester University, was on hand this past weekend for the final regular-season series at Mount St. Mary's as the Sharks clinched first place.