

ONE-YEAR PLAYERS

#25 – LHP – Sam Dawes (Miami)

Sam had one of the best starts to a Steam career in recent memory, tossing 14.0 consecutive scoreless innings to begin the 2010 season and 16.2 straight without allowing an earned run. When he was selected to the All-Star Team, he still had not allowed a run on the season. In the Midsummer Classic, Sam threw a nine-pitch scoreless seventh inning and his Blue Team tied the game in the bottom half of the frame. His 12 outings rank fourth in Steam single-season history; in 10 of those he has held the opponent scoreless and in seven games he has not allowed a hit. Sam has collected saves in two of his past three outings en route to a 1.37 season ERA, sixth-best in the league among pitchers with at least 18.0 innings. He has held opponents to a .185 batting average on the year and has allowed just one hit to a left-handed batter all season.

#31 – RHP – Mark Lincoln (Sonoma State)

Mark has appeared in five games for the Steam this summer, compiling a 6.75 ERA in 8.0 innings pitched. He allowed one earned run or fewer in each of his first four outings and has excelled pitching with the lead, recording an ERA of 3.00 when he enters with the Steam on top. Mark recorded holds in each of his first two outings, preserving a two-run lead against Licking County on June 13 and a one-run lead against Delaware on June 19, both in relief of starter Nathan Smith. And he tried his hand at hitting in last night's contest, with his ninth-inning fly ball falling a few feet shy of being a walk-off extra-base hit.

#3 – OF – Bryan Rose (Northern Kentucky)

The Steam's midseason upsurge in offense had a lot to do with the success of Bryan at the plate, as he has scored 14 of his 16 runs, collected 12 of his 14 RBI, and notched 11 of his 13 extra-base hits on the year in the last 19 games. Over that stretch, he has walked 18 times and struck out on just seven occasions for an on-base percentage of .481. His 21 walks on the summer, a total that ranks sixth in the league, put him just two shy of the Steam single-season record, held by Jon Edgington; counting the spring season, Bryan has walked 61 times in 86 games in 2010. His 10 doubles also rank sixth in the league, a total that sits fourth in Cincinnati single-season history. With his two-hit game last night, he now has four multi-hit games in his last eight contests, while his third-inning home run made him one of eight players in Steam history to go deep multiple times in a single season.

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#34 – LHP – Michael Peterson (DePauw)

Michael has been one of the most durable relievers for the Steam over the past two summers, making 19 appearances, fifth all-time for the Steam, and becoming the 12th Cincinnati pitcher to throw at least 40.0 career innings. He went a perfect 3-0 last summer and picked up another win this season, making him sixth in Steam history with four career wins. Michael has thrown at least 2.0 innings in 12 of his 19 outings, including eight straight at one point, and has not given up more than two runs in a game all year. He tossed a career-high 4.1 innings earlier this season against Lexington, and his last time out, he threw 2.0 scoreless innings to pick up his first career save at Grand Lake. Michael has compiled a 4.50 ERA and a 4-1 record in his Steam career, walking just 14 in 40.0 innings to sit eighth in Cincinnati history in fewest walks per nine innings.

#46 – 1B – Ben Thomas (Xavier)

At the conclusion of the season, Ben will most likely go down in the books as Cincinnati's all-time leader in batting average, currently at .333, and on-base percentage, currently at .433, as the first baseman has put together one of the best offensive seasons in Steam history in 2010. His .347 batting average is ninth in the league, as is his .495 slugging percentage, while his 26 RBI put him sixth. He set a Steam single-season record with his ninth hit-by-pitch against Grand Lake on July 27; he also holds Cincinnati single-season records in sacrifice flies and putouts, and with one more fielding chance and one more fielding double play, will hold season records in those categories as well. Ben needs four more RBI to tie the club single-season record, set by Brandon Besl and Zach Hurley in 2008, and with 49 career RBI sits fourth in club history despite playing just two seasons—the top three RBI men in Steam history all played for three years. Ben also ranks in the top five in Steam single-season history in triples and on-base percentage and sits in the career top-five in slugging percentage, doubles, triples, times hit by pitch, sacrifice flies, putouts, fielding chances, and fielding double plays. He reached base safely in 16 consecutive games earlier this season and had a stretch where he reached base safely in seven straight plate appearances and 20 times in a span of 27 trips to the plate.

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#17 – C/OF – Ryan Bellamy (Xavier)

One of the top catchers in the league who can also flash some leather in the outfield, Ryan has hit .276 with a home run and 34 RBI in 60 career games with the Steam, while also tossing out 18 runners on the basepaths, the most by any catcher in the league over the last three seasons. His 34 career RBI put him 10th in Steam history, and his eight two-out RBI this summer leads the team. Ryan has collected a career-best 14 RBI in 2010 and has struck out just five times in 69 at bats, making him the eight-toughest player in the league to strike out. He has been one of the most clutch hitters in the GLSCL all season, hitting .400 with runners in scoring position, including .462 with runners in scoring position and two out. Ryan has also thrown out the third-most would-be base-stealers in the league while making just two errors over his entire career; as a freshman in 2008, Ryan did not commit an error all season and had the third most chances in the league without committing a miscue. He collected a four-hit game and a five-RBI game in 2009, a season in which he went 5-for-5 in stolen bases, making him one of just four Cincinnati players to steal five or more bases in a single summer without being caught.

#12 – UT – Jon Edgington (Miami)

The man they call “Edge,” Jon has been an instrumental part of the success of the Steam over the past three seasons. As a freshman in 2008, Jon scored 28 runs—fifth in the league—and went 14-for-14 in stolen bases as Cincinnati won the league crown for the first time. Then last year, he ranked fifth in the GLSCL in walks, fifth in walk-to-strikeout ratio, and sixth in on-base percentage en route to an all-star selection—as well as a Player of the Week selection—as the Steam won the title for the second straight season, a campaign that began with Jon going 4-for-4 with a home run and five runs scored in the season-opener. And after a tough start in 2010, he has bounced back by notching hits in each of his last eight games and is hitting .450 over his last five contests. Jon is the holder of numerous Steam records, including times hit by pitch in a career, walks in a season, and single-season stolen base percentage, and is second in Steam career history in on-base percentage, stolen-base percentage, triples, and stolen bases. He has been successful on 29 of his 32 career stolen base attempts with Cincinnati, including the first 16 of his career. Counting this season’s total with the Miami RedHawks, he is a perfect 21-for-21 in steal attempts in 2010. All told, Jon has compiled a .274 batting average, a .409 on-base percentage, 53 runs scored, 43 walks, and 37 RBI in 83 career games with the Steam. In addition to his offensive and base-running abilities, Jon has literally been a perfect fielder for the Steam, having committed zero errors in 191 career fielding chances.

#20 – IF – Brad Gschwind (Miami)

A stalwart on the left side of the infield for the Steam, Brad has started the fourth-most games in Cincinnati history, collecting 90 hits, 45 RBI, and 55 runs scored in 96 career contests. One of four two-time all-stars in Steam history, Brad is Cincinnati's all-time leader in fielding assists with 244 and double plays turned with 43. He has struck out just 37 times in 332 at bats, including just eight times in 118 at bats last year, making him the second-toughest player in the league to strike out that season. His 95 assists last season ranked second in the league and set a new Steam single-season record, while his six career sacrifice flies is a Cincinnati record. Brad ranks third in Steam history in at bats, third in runs, fourth in hits, fifth in RBI, second in times hit by pitch, and second in sacrifice bunts. He has committed only four errors all season—including just one in his last 16 games—for a fielding percentage of .964, the highest of any starting shortstop in the league. He was named the GLSCL Player of the Week during the 2008 season, one of two Steam players to earn the honor that summer. With another three-hit game last night—his third this season—Brad now has four multi-hit games in his last six contests.

#42 – RHP – Steve Matre (Mount St. Joseph)

It's hard to imagine anyone putting up better numbers than Steve did in his career at the College of Mount St. Joseph, as he recorded a miniscule ERA of 1.19 and 32 saves in 59 relief appearances. Yet Steve did just that as a member of the Steam, registering an even lower ERA of 1.15 in 16 career relief outings with Cincinnati. With the Lions, Steve struck out 110 and walked just 17 in 91.0 innings for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 6.47, yet he improved on that number with the Steam, punching out 20 and walking just two in 15.2 innings. A two-time first-team Division III All-American and former MVP of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Steve is Mount St. Joseph's all-time leader in ERA, appearances, and saves while ranking seventh in Steam history with 16 appearances and sixth with two saves. He bounced back nicely after Tommy John surgery forced him to miss the 2009 summer season and the 2010 spring season, notching a 0.90 ERA this summer and giving up just one hit to a left-handed batter all season. His 12-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio this year was the best by any Great Lakes League reliever with at least 10.0 innings pitched. Steve put an exclamation point on his college career by striking out the last five batters—and eight of the last 10—he faced with the Steam. He also did not allow a single extra-base hit in his GLSCL career. Steve was selected in the 39th round by the Los Angeles Dodgers in this year's MLB Draft and signed a professional contract on July 21.

#29 – RHP – Brian Sand (Cincinnati)

No pitcher has been on the mound more in Steam history than Brian Sand, whose career total of 90.1 innings is 22.0 more than the second place pitcher. And Brian has made good use of those innings, holding arguable the most impressive Steam record of all, a 9-0 career win-loss record. The nine wins are the most in Cincinnati history, as are his 14 games started. He began his Steam career by registering a 2.40 ERA and a 4-0 record in 2008, the fourth most wins in the league and third most in Steam history in a single season. He held opponents to a .216 batting average that year, ninth in the league, en route to being selected to the All-Star Game. Then last season, Brian went 3-0—the fourth-most wins by any pitcher in the league without a loss—and led the GLSCL with two complete game victories, both against Stark County. He also was fifth in the league in fewest walks per nine innings, as he handed out just seven free passes in 34.1 innings; in fact, he has had at least as many strikeouts as walks in every one of his outings over the past two seasons. And in 2010, he is one of just six pitchers in the Great Lakes League to have started at least six games and not suffered a loss. Brian will rank second in Steam single-season history in starts when he makes his seventh of the campaign tonight. For his career, he has recorded a 3.69 ERA with 72 strikeouts and 25 walks in 20 appearances; his strikeout-to-walk ratio is sixth in Cincinnati history, while his 72 strikeouts are second only to teammate Mike Jefferson, who has 74.