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Mendez Signs Contract With Pirates Organization

Mendez becomes first member of Silverados to be promoted to affiliated baseball

Napa, CA – The Napa Silverados are pleased to announce that reliever Deivy Mendez has signed a contract to join the Pittsburgh Pirates Organization. The hard-throwing right hander becomes the first Silverado to be promoted to affiliated baseball after a successful stint with Napa.

The native of the Dominican Republic makes his way back to affiliated ball after spending the last six seasons in the minors. San Rafael Pacifics Pitcher Max Beatty was the Pacific Association's last affiliated promotion in 2017.

Assistant General Manager Megan Castellucci shared the excitement of many in the Silverados organization after hearing the news of the promotion of Mendez.

"This is such an exciting day for the Silverados," Castellucci said. "This is a very special moment for Deivy Mendez, the Silverados Organization, and the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball Clubs. We wish him nothing but success with the Pirates Organization."

Mendez was completely dominant in his last five outings with the Silverados out of the bullpen. The flame-thrower allowed no runs, and two hits over his last eight innings pitched with 19 strikeouts. Mendez struck out the side in five of the last eight innings that he pitched. He finished with 23 strikeouts in 11 2/3 innings total.

Manager Tito Fuentes Jr. thought Mendez did a great job of using the Pacific Association as a Platform to prove he could perform at a high level.

“Playing in this league was a good platform for Mendez because it forced him to remember where he came from,” Fuentes Jr. said. “He had to grind it out every day with a goal in mind to get to where he wanted to.”

Mendez joins Nick Gotta as the second member of the Silverados to be promoted to a higher league. So far the Pacific Association has promoted four players to higher leagues. Graylin Derke of the Admirals joined the group last Friday when he was promoted to the Wichita Wingnuts of the American Association.

Fuentes Jr. sees the recent promotions as a positive for all players with goals set on moving up in professional baseball.

“The recent promotions give validity to our players to practice what we are preaching,” Fuentes Jr. said. “It gives our players confidence knowing that we know what we are doing as coaches, and that they should trust the process.”

The Napa Silverados are in their inaugural season as a professional franchise in 2018 playing in the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball Clubs. The Pacific Association is the only independent minor league based on the West Coast. To learn more about the Silverados visit silveradosbaseball.com.