

## Former 51s Contributing in New York

By Dave Lukow

The Las Vegas 51s aren't having a stellar season. The top farm club of the National League's New York Mets, the 51s are third in the Pacific Coast League Southern with a 57-58 record. They're 8.5 games behind the division-leading El Paso Chihuahuas (65-49).

Despite the mediocre mark, the 51s have sent several players to New York, where they're having an impact with the Mets.

Infielder Jeff McNeil spent 31 games with Las Vegas this season, batting .368 with five home runs and 28 RBIs. In 14 games with New York, McNeil has five runs, two homers and four RBIs. He's hitting .333.

Outfielder Brandon Nimmo had two runs, a pair of hits and an RBI in his only game with Vegas this year, but he's become a regular with the Mets. Through 103 games in New York, Nimmo has 54 runs, six triples, 14 home runs, 32 RBIs and 48 walks. He's also stolen eight bases.

From Cheyenne, Wyo., Nimmo was drafted in the first round by New York in 2011.

Luis Guillorme hit .301 with 31 runs, 21 walks and 26 RBIs with Las Vegas. In 34 games with the Mets, the third baseman has four runs, seven walks and five RBIs.

Pitcher Corey Oswalt has made six starts for New York. He's 1-2 with 23 strikeouts in 33.1 innings. Opposing hitters are batting just .218 versus the big hurler, who went 4-4 with 52 strikeouts with the 51s.

In 23 games with Las Vegas, reliever Drew Smith was 5-1 with two saves and a 2.76 ERA. Smith, who played his college ball at Dallas Baptist, has appeared in six games for the Mets. He's fanned four and has a 2.57 ERA.

Amed Rosario, New York's starting shortstop, has 44 runs, 17 doubles, six triples, 28 RBIs and 10 stolen bases. In 2017, he played in 94 games for the 51s, finishing with 66 runs, seven triples, seven home runs, 58 RBIs and 19 steals. A native of the Dominican Republic, Rosario, 22, hit .328.