

Triple-A, come back, ERA 17.05 'The Catastrophe'

David Buchanan aged 35, Louisville Betts seems to have been shocked by his first big league performance in a day. He has been sluggish since he returned to Triple-A.

Buchanan started in an away game against the 2024 Triple-A lowa Cubs at Principality Park in Des Moines, Iowa, and allowed seven hits two homers with two strikeouts, two walks and six runs in two innings. The lineup exploded after the middle of the game, barely getting over the edge of losing the game.

Buchanan appeared in 113 games with the Samsung Lions in the KBO League from 2020 to 2023, going 54-2 with a 3.02 ERA. He was the best foreign pitcher in Samsung's history, and Samsung offered Buchanan a multi-year contract ahead of this season.

However, Buchanan is taking on the challenge instead of staying at Samsung in order to achieve his Major League dream. He signed a minor contract with the Philadelphia Phillies ahead of this season. He did not have a good performance in 22 games with nine wins, three losses and an earned run average of 4.82f.

Buchanan suddenly received an out-of-power notification from Lehigh Valley in late August. Still, the Philadelphia Phillies sent Buchanan to the Cincinnati Reds in a cash trade. Cincinnati sent Buchanan to Triple-A Louisville. And Cincinnati put Buchanan back in the majors on the 1st.

The team returned to the big league in a home game against the Milwaukee Blue Jays on the 1st. It was the first time in nine years since 2015 when he was playing for the Philadelphia Phillies. However, Buchanan allowed two hits, one strikeout, two walks and one run during 3.1 innings that day, and Cincinnati assigned Buchanan to the next day, on the 2nd, and transferred the contract back to the Minor League. It was literally a dream overnight.

Although the Major League Baseball is a jungle world, Buchanan would not have felt good about returning to Louisville after just one day of playing in the big leagues. Was he shocked? Buchanan threw his worst pitch of the season by allowing 14 hits, five strikeouts and six runs in 4.1 innings against the Shrimp of the Jacksonville store on Sunday.

He took the mound for the first time in a week. As a result, his performance was not good either. As he threw a changeup shot to Kevin Alcantara at the start of the game and got hit by a two-run shot over the left-center field, he showed signs of nervousness. He allowed one more run on a sacrifice fly in the face of a crisis with one out due to consecutive walks. He also had three hits in the second inning with one out. He put a high cutter on Matthew Shaw, but allowed a two-run shot over the left-center field.

He pitched 56 pitches through the second inning. He was able to throw in the third inning, but the Louisville bench protected Buchanan, who was in an abnormal situation. With an earned run average of 17.05 in two games after returning to Triple-A, Buchanan should wrap up the season well and calmly seek to return to the Major League next year.