

2024 DRAFT SELECTIONS

| PICK | NAME | POS | HT/WT | B/T | SCHOOL |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Konnor Griffin | SS | 6-4/215 | R/R | Jackson Preparatory (MS) School |
| Comp. Balance A | Levi Sterling | RHP | 6-5/202 | R/R | Notre Dame (CA) High School |
| 2. | Wyatt Sanford | SS | 6-1/175 | L/R | Independence (TX) High School |
| 3. | Josh Hartle | LHP | 6-5/210 | L/L | Wake Forest (NC) University |
| 4. | Eddie Rynders | SS | 6-2/195 | L/R | Wisconsin Lutheran (WI) HS |
| 5. | Will Taylor | CF | 5-10/180 | R/R | Clemson (SC) University |
| 6. | Matt Ager | RHP | 6-6/225 | R/R | UC Santa Barbara (CA) |
| 7. | Connor Wietgreffe | LHP | 6-2/200 | R/L | University of Minnesota |
| 8. | Gavin Adams | RHP | 6-4/195 | R/R | Florida State University |
| 9. | Duce Gourson | SS | 6-0/200 | L/R | UCLA |
| 10. | Derek Berg | C | 6-3/200 | R/R | Army West Point |
| 11. | Jacob Bimbi | LHP | 6-0/185 | L/L | Western Kentucky University |
| 12. | Camden Janik | C | 5-10/195 | R/R | University of Illinois |
| 13. | Matt McShane | RHP | 6-4/220 | R/R | Saint Joseph's (PA) University |
| 14. | Ian Farrow | OF | 6-2/215 | R/R | Florida Gulf Coast University |
| 15. | Ethan Lege | 3B | 6-1/215 | R/R | University of Mississippi |
| 16. | Brian Curley | RHP | 5-10/200 | R/R | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| 17. | Andrew Patrick | OF | 6-4/195 | R/R | Wright State (OH) University |
| 18. | Jake Shirk | RHP | 6-2/200 | R/R | Wright State (OH) University |
| 19. | Joe Vogatsky | RHP | 6-0/215 | R/R | James Madison (VA) University |
| 20. | Taylor Penn | RHP | 6-5/190 | R/R | Woodford County (KY) High School |



KONNOR GRIFFIN | SHORTSTOP

ROUND 1 - NO. 9 OVERALL

B/T R/R **HT/WT** 6-4/215 **SCHOOL** Jackson Preparatory (MS) School

- Was named Baseball America's 2024 High School Player of the Year.
- Was rated as the "Best Athlete", second in "Best Power" and "Best Defensive Outfielder" and fourth in "Best Speed" in this year's high school class by Baseball America.
- Was rated as the No. 9 prospect in the draft by both Baseball America and MLB Pipeline.
- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 2 overall high school prospect and the No. 1 prospect in the state of Mississippi.
- Hit .559 with 13 doubles, four triples, nine home runs, 39 RBI, 85 stolen bases, .690 OBP, and .966 slugging percentage in 43 games as a senior at Jackson Preparatory School.
- Went 10-0 with an 0.72 ERA and 107 strikeouts in 67.2 innings as a pitcher during his senior season.
- Was named the 2024 Gatorade National Player of the Year.
- Was named the 2024 MaxPreps Player of the Year.
- Was one of two high school players along with Cam Caminiti named to the 2024 Golden Spikes Award pre-season Watch List.
- Was teammates with 2024 Comp A pick Levi Sterling for Team USA in the Under-18 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan in November of 2023.

LEVI STERLING | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-5/205 **SCHOOL** Notre Dame (CA) High School

- Was rated by Baseball America as the No. 54 prospect in the draft and No. 58 by MLB Pipeline.
- Recorded a 2.62 ERA in 45.1 innings while also hitting .319 as a senior at Notre Dame (CA) High School.
- Was a 2024 end-of-season Baseball America second-team High School All-American.
- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 6 right-handed pitcher in the nation and as the No. 31 prospect overall.
- Was teammates with 2024 first-round pick Konnor Griffin for Team USA in the Under-18 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan in November of 2023.

WYATT SANFORD | SHORTSTOP

ROUND 2 - NO. 47 OVERALL

B/T L/R **HT/WT** 6-1/175 **SCHOOL** Independence (TX) High School

- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 35 prospect and No. 42 by Baseball America.
- His dad, Chance, played for the Pirates in 1998 after being drafted by Pittsburgh in both 1991 and 1992.
- Was named a second-team All-American during his senior year at Independence (TX) High School.
- Was recognized as the Defensive Player of the Year in District 10-5A during his senior season.

JOSH HARTLE | LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

ROUND 3 - NO. 83 OVERALL

B/T L/L **HT/WT** 6-5/210 **SCHOOL** Wake Forest (NC) University

- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 70 prospect (No. 75 by Baseball America) in this year's draft class.
- Went 6-3 with a 5.79 ERA (74.2ip/48er) and 81 strikeouts in 15 appearances (15 starts) as a junior at Wake Forest University.
- Went 11-2 with a 2.81 ERA (102.1ip/32er) and 140 strikeouts in 18 appearances (17 starts) as a sophomore at Wake Forest (his 2.81 ERA was the fourth-lowest in the ACC).
- Took home first-team All ACC honors while being named a Golden Spikes Award semifinalist in 2023.
- Was named a first-team All-American by Baseball America and the National Baseball Writers Association as a sophomore at Wake Forest.
- Was rated as the No. 25 recruit in the country, the No. 1 left-handed pitcher in North Carolina and the No. 2 overall prospect in North Carolina by Perfect Game.
- Was the 2021 Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year.

EDDIE RYNDER | SHORTSTOP

ROUND 4 - NO. 112 OVERALL

B/T L/R **HT/WT** 6-2/195 **SCHOOL** Wisconsin Lutheran (WI) High School

- Was a first-team all-state selection as a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran (WI) High School.
- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 229 prospect in the draft.
- Hit .411 during his junior season while earning Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association honorable mention accolades.
- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 4 prospect in the state of Wisconsin (No. 2 among shortstops) and No. 276 overall in the class of 2024.
- Was named the Prep Baseball Wisconsin Player of the Week for May 7-13 during his season after going 9-for-12 with two doubles, two home runs and eight RBI.

WILL TAYLOR | CENTER FIELDER

ROUND 5 - NO. 145 OVERALL

B/T R/R **HT/WT** 5-10/180 **SCHOOL** Clemson (SC) University

- Hit .313 (115-for-368) with 18 doubles, three triples, 13 home runs and 69 RBI in 107 games in his career at Clemson.
- Had a team-best .465 on-base percentage in 2024 while hitting .230 with seven home runs and 19 RBI in 32 games.
- Hit .362 with 16 doubles, two triples, five home runs and 46 RBI in 62 games as a sophomore in 2023 with Clemson.
- His brother, Paul, and grandfather, Ed played baseball at The Citadel.
- Was previously selected by Texas in the 19th round (No. 554 overall) in the 2021 draft.
- Was a three-time state champion in wrestling, a member of the state-champion football team and a member of the state championship track and field team in high school.
- Was the first Clemson athlete to play on two different ACC championship teams (football and baseball) in the same academic year since 1992.

MATT AGER | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

ROUND 6 - NO. 174 OVERALL

B/T R/R **HT/WT** 6-6/225 **SCHOOL** UC Santa Barbara (CA)

- Took home All-Big West Conference second-team accolades as a senior in 2024 after going 3-4 with 11 saves and a 4.02 ERA in 24 appearances (nine starts) at UC Santa Barbara.
- Played for the USA Baseball Collegiate national team in 2023.
- Was a 2023 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association third-team selection.
- Went 5-4 with a 3.12 ERA (92.1ip/32er) and 115 strikeouts in 15 appearances (15 starts) in 2023 while being named a American Baseball Coaches Association All-West Region second-team honoree and All-Big West first-team.
- Was a second-team All-Big West selection in 2022 as a freshman.

CONNOR WIETGREFE | LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

ROUND 7 - NO. 204 OVERALL

B/T R/L **HT/WT** 6-2/200 **SCHOOL** University of Minnesota

- Was an ABCA/Rawlings Division I first-team All-Midwest region selection in 2024 as a junior at the University of Minnesota.
- Went 8-4 with a 2.77 ERA (78.0ip/24er), one home run allowed and 74 strikeouts in 15 appearances (13 starts) in 2024.
- Is currently pitching in the Cape Cod League.
- Was recognized as an All-Big Ten first-team selection in 2024 while also being named the Dave Winfield Pitcher of the Year.
- Is one of four players from the University of Minnesota to be drafted by the Pirates (last was J.P. Massey in 2022).
- Tossed a complete game on April 21 against Indiana while also punching out a career-high 13 batters in 6.0 innings at San Francisco on March 24.
- Recorded a 2.89 ERA in 18.2 innings while pitching in the Northwoods League for the St. Cloud Rox in the summer of 2023.

GAVIN ADAMS | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 8 - NO. 234 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-4/195 **SCHOOL** Florida State University

- Averaged 15.04 strikeouts per 9.0 innings at Indian River State College in 2023.
- Was selected by Washington in the 11th round (315th overall) in the 2023 draft, but did not sign.
- Was named the Sun-Sentinel Palm Beach County 5A-1A Player of the Year as a senior at St. John Paul II.

DUCE GOURSON | SHORTSTOP**ROUND 9 - NO. 264 OVERALL****B/T** L/R **HT/WT** 6-0/200 **SCHOOL** UCLA

- Took home All-PAC 12 honorable mention honors as a junior when he started 51 games while leading the Bruins in OBP, doubles, extra-base hits, walks, and stolen bases.
- Hit .288 with seven home runs, 16 doubles, and 27 RBI during his 2024 season at UCLA.
- Became the first UCLA player drafted by the Pirates since Kevin Kramer in 2015.
- Was a member of the 2023 USA Collegiate National Team.
- Holds UCLA's program record for the most doubles (23) as a freshman.

Derek Berg | Catcher**ROUND 10 - NO. 294 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-3/200 **SCHOOL** Army West Point

- Started in 53 games during his senior campaign while hitting .290 with a team-high 15 home runs and 38 RBI.
- Finished his senior season with a 28-game on-base streak while earning Patriot League All-League first-team honors.
- Was named Patriot League Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks (April 16 and April 23) after hitting seven home runs in the six-game stretch.
- Attended Conroe High School in Texas where he was a two-time All-Conroe Independent School District player.

Jacob Bimbi | LEFT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 11 - NO. 324 OVERALL****B/T** L/L **HT/WT** 6-0/185 **SCHOOL** Western Kentucky University

- Was named the 2022 Great Rivers Conference Co-Pitcher of the Year after going 11-1 with a 1.49 ERA and 133 strikeouts in 84.2 innings.
- Earned 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association first-team honors.
- Went 4-2 in 15 appearances (14 starts) while recording a team-high 71 strikeouts in 54.2 innings as a senior at Western Kentucky University.
- Went 2-0 with 22 strikeouts in 13.2 innings in 15 appearances as a junior at the University of Tennessee in 2023.
- Went 4-2 in 15 appearances (14 starts) while recording a team-high 71 strikeouts in 54.2 innings as a senior at Western Kentucky University.
- Was named the Co-Male Athlete of the Year at Crystal Lake South (IL) High School.

Camden Janik | CATCHER**ROUND 12 - NO. 354 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 5-10/195 **SCHOOL** University of Illinois

- Was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-America third-team and Midwest All-Region first-team as a junior in 2024.
- Was recognized as a 2024 All-Big Ten first-team selection.
- Hit .336 with 24 doubles, 18 home runs and 79 RBI in 121 games in his career at the University of Illinois.
- Was ranked as the No. 14 recruit in the state of Illinois at Wauconda High School by Prep Baseball Report.

Matt McShane | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 13 - NO. 384 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-4/220 **SCHOOL** Saint Joseph's (PA) University

- Went 5-2 with two saves, a 3.95 ERA (43.1ip/19er) and 57 strikeouts in 20 appearances as a junior at Saint Joseph's University.
- Was named a Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Freshman All-American in 2022.
- Was a member of the 2022 Atlantic 10 All-Rookie team.
- Went 6-0 with two saves, a 2.40 ERA (45.0ip/12er) and 51 strikeouts during his freshman season.

Ian Farrow | OUTFIELDER**ROUND 14 - NO. 414 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-2/215 **SCHOOL** Florida Gulf Coast University

- Took home American Baseball Coaches Association second-team All-American honors in 2024.
- Was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-South region team in 2024.
- Was an Atlantic Sun Conference first-team selection as a designated hitter in 2024.
- Led Florida Gulf Coast University in slugging percentage (.750), batting average (.375) and OPS (1.254) during the 2024 campaign.
- Set the single-season home run record (21) for Florida Gulf Coast University in 2021.

Ethan Lege | THIRD BASEMAN**ROUND 15 - NO. 444 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-1/215 **SCHOOL** University of Mississippi

- Led Ole Miss in batting average (.323), slugging (.645) and doubles (11) while also recording a .424 OBP in 2024.
- Was named a 2024 finalist for the Ferriss Trophy Award (award for the most outstanding baseball player in the state of Mississippi).
- Struck out just 32 times while recording 34 walks during his career at the University of Mississippi.
- Won all-district awards for baseball, football and basketball during his senior year of high school at Vermillion (LA) Catholic High School.

Brian Curley | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 16 - NO. 474 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 5-10/200 **SCHOOL** Virginia Commonwealth University

- Went 6-0 with three saves, a 2.87 ERA (78.1ip/25er) and 78 strikeouts as a sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Took home Atlantic-10 All-Conference first-team honors as a sophomore in 2024.
- Played baseball and golf at Trinity Episcopal (VA) High School.

Andrew Patrick | OUTFIELDER**ROUND 17 - NO. 504 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-4/195 **SCHOOL** Wright State (OH) University

- Was named to the East-American Baseball Coaches Association /Rawlings All-Region first-team and the All-Horizon first-team in 2023 as a sophomore.
- Hit .326 with 21 doubles, four triples, 20 home runs, 59 RBI and 72 runs scored in 61 games in 2023 at Wright State.
- Led the Horizon League in home runs, runs scored and stolen bases in 2023.

Jake Shirk | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 18 - NO. 534 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-2/200 **SCHOOL** Wright State (OH) University

- Was a 2023 All-Horizon League first-team selection in 2023.
- Led the Horizon League in walks allowed per 9.0 innings (1.52) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (5.07) in 2023.
- Was a second-team All-Horizon League selection in 2022 after leading the league in wins (six) and games started (16).

Joe Vogatsky | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 19 - NO. 564 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-0/215 **SCHOOL** James Madison (VA) University

- Went 3-2 with nine saves and a 3.49 ERA (49.0ip/19er) in 27 appearances in 2024 at James Madison University.
- Finished tied for the second-most saves in a season (nine in 2014) and career (14) in James Madison history.
- Was previously drafted by Toronto in the 14th round (424th overall) in 2023.

Taylor Penn | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**ROUND 20 - NO. 594 OVERALL****B/T** R/R **HT/WT** 6-5/190 **SCHOOL** Woodford County (KY) High School

- Earned Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association first-team all-state honors.
- Was named Gatorade's 2023-24 Player of the Year for the state of Kentucky.
- Recorded an 0.43 ERA and 83 strikeouts in 49.0 innings during his senior year at Woodford County (KY) High School.
- Was rated as the No. 16 overall prospect and No. 8 right-handed pitching prospect in the state of Kentucky by Perfect Game in 2024.