



**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**  
2025 DRAFT SELECTION BIOS

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ROUND	NAME	POS	HT/WT	B/T	SCHOOL
1.	Seth Hernandez	RHP	6-4/190	R/R	Corona (CA) High School
2.	Angel Cervantes	RHP	6-3/195	R/R	Warren (CA) High School
Comp. Balance B	Murf Gray	3B	6-4/230	R/R	Fresno State (CA) University
3.	Easton Carmichael	C	6-1/200	R/R	University of Oklahoma
4.	Gustavo Melendez	SS	5-8/160	L/R	Colegio Nuestra Señora de la Merced (PR)
5.	Adonys Guzman	C	5-11/221	R/R	University of Arizona
6.	Jack Anker	RHP	6-2/200	R/R	Fresno State (CA) University
7.	Brent Iredale	3B	6-3/200	R/R	University of Arkansas
8.	Josh Tate	OF	5-11/178	R/R	Georgia Southern University
9.	Jared Jones	1B	6-4/246	R/R	Louisiana State University
10.	Matt King	SS	6-1/195	R/R	Arizona State University
11.	Dylan Palmer	2B	5-9/170	L/R	Hofstra (NY) University
12.	Cameron Keshock	RHP	6-7/225	R/R	Samford (AL) University
13.	Dylan Mathiesen	RHP	5-10/195	R/R	Liberty (VA) University
14.	Connor Hamilton	RHP	6-4/205	R/R	Montgomery Bell (TN) Academy
15.	McLane Moody	RHP	6-7/210	R/R	Northside (AR) High School
16.	Eddie King Jr.	OF	6-2/220	R/R	University of Louisville (KY)
17.	Carter Gwost	OF	6-3/215	L/L	Little Falls (MN) High School
18.	Canon Reeder	OF	6-0/188	R/R	Oregon State University
19.	Brandon Cain	RHP	6-0/175	R/R	University of Oklahoma
20.	Nick Frusco	LHP	6-4/208	L/L	Miller Place (NY) High School



**SETH HERNANDEZ | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 1 - NO. 6 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-4/190    **SCHOOL** Corona (CA) High School

- Was rated by Baseball America as the No. 2 prospect in the draft (No. 3 by MLB Pipeline).
- Was rated by Baseball America as having the "Best Changeup" and the fourth-best "Fastball" among this year's high school draft class.
- Took home 2024-25 Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year honors (2024 Pirates first-round pick Konnor Griffin won the award last year).
- Struck out 105 batters while recording a 0.39 ERA (53.1ip/6r/3er) in his 11 starts as a senior at Corona High School (also hit .319 with a 1.019 OPS).
- Had a 0.62 ERA and 73 strikeouts while being named the 2023-24 Gatorade California Baseball Player of the Year.
- Was a two-time Los Angeles Times Player of the Year.
- Recorded an 18-1 record during his two years of pitching at Corona High School.
- He and Billy Carlson (No. 10 overall by White Sox) became the first set of high school teammates to both be selected in the top 10 of a draft.

**ANGEL CERVANTES | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 2 - NO. 50 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-3/195    **SCHOOL** Warren (CA) High School

- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 5 right-handed pitcher and No. 34 overall among high school players in this year's draft.
- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 49 prospect (No. 51 by Baseball America) in this year's draft.
- Went 7-3 with four complete games, a 1.59 ERA and 106 strikeouts as a senior.
- Was named the Gateway League Pitcher of the Year in 2025.
- Tossed his third career no-hitter while striking out 16 batters on April 30 against Downey (CA) High School.

**MURF GRAY | THIRD BASE****COMP. BALANCE B - NO. 73 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-4/230    **SCHOOL** Fresno State (CA) University

- Hit .324 with 22 doubles, 18 home runs, 73 RBI, a .398 OBP and .639 slugging percentage in 60 games as a junior in 2025 at Fresno State University.
- Was a 2025 American Baseball Coaches Association Gold Glove finalist and an American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-Region selection.
- Was recognized as the 2025 Co-Tony Gwynn Player of the Year.
- Took home Mountain West Championship MVP honors in 2025 and 2024 (first Fresno State Player to earn conference tournament MVP honors in back-to-back seasons).
- Was named the 2024 Mountain West Championship MVP and to the all-tournament team.
- Was named the 2023 Mountain West Freshman of the Year.

**EASTON CARMICHAEL | CATCHER****ROUND 3 - NO. 82 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-1/200    **SCHOOL** University of Oklahoma

- Was rated by Baseball America as the No. 91 prospect in the draft (No. 93 by MLB Pipeline).
- Finished seventh in University of Oklahoma history in RBI (174), 10th in triples (13), 11th in home runs (30), extra-base hits (80), and total bases (385), and 16th in hits (232).
- Took home first-team All-American honors by Perfect Game and College Baseball Foundation in 2025.
- Earned second-team All-American honors by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and third-team by Baseball America in 2025.
- Was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2025.
- Led the Sooners in batting average (.329), slugging percentage (.613), hits (80), RBI (62), triples (four) and home runs (17) in 2025.
- Was named a National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association third-team All-American in 2024 as well as a 2024 All-Big 12 first-team.

**GUSTAVO MELENDEZ | SHORTSTOP****ROUND 4 - NO. 113 OVERALL****B/T** L/R    **HT/WT** 5-8/160    **SCHOOL** Colegio Nuestra Señora de la Merced (PR)

- Was rated by Baseball America as the No. 123 prospect in the draft (No. 140 by MLB Pipeline).
- Was tabbed by Perfect Game as the No. 1 player in all of Puerto Rico as a senior in 2025 at Colegio Nuestra Señora de la Merced (was also rated by MLB.com as the top draft prospect in Puerto Rico).
- Appeared in five games for Team USA in the 2019 U-12 World Cup, batting .417 (5-for-12) with seven stolen bases and seven runs scored.
- Also played for Team Puerto Rico in the 2022 U-15 World Cup, where he went 6-for-23 (.261) with three doubles, a triple, two RBI, six walks and nine runs scored over his eight games.

**ADONYS GUZMAN | CATCHER****ROUND 5 - NO. 144 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 5-11/221    **SCHOOL** University of Arizona

- Was named a Buster Posey Award Semifinalist and an All-Big 12 honorable mention after batting .328 (76-for-232) with 12 doubles, nine home runs, 44 RBI and 43 runs scored in 62 games as a junior in 2025 at the University of Arizona.
- Was part of the 2025 College World Series All-Tournament Team after going 5-for-9 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored in two games.
- Had a combined .989 fielding percentage in his two seasons at the University of Arizona.
- Appeared in 22 games (19 starts) as a freshman at Boston College in 2023, where he had three doubles, seven RBI, 11 walks and eight runs scored.
- Was named a 2022 Perfect Game Preseason All-American as a senior at Brunswick (NY) School, where he was a team captain and an all-conference selection (was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 1 player in the state of New York and the No. 48 player nationally that season).

**JACK ANKER | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 6 - NO. 173 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-2/200    **SCHOOL** Fresno State (CA) University

- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 198 prospect in the draft.
- Was named to the All-Mountain West first team after going 12-5 (120.1ip/73er) with 130 strikeouts as a junior in 2025 at Fresno State University (also earned preseason All-Mountain West honors).
- Had four 10-strikeout games in 2025 (starting with a 10-strikeout effort in his season debut on 2/14 vs. Brigham Young), including a three-start stretch where he had 37 total strikeouts (11 on 4/4 vs. New Mexico, a career-high 16 on 4/11 at San Diego State and 10 on 4/17 vs. Air Force).
- Went 20-10 with a 5.18 ERA (212.0ip/122er) and 208 strikeouts in 51 career appearances (29 starts) in three seasons at Fresno State University.
- Was a three-year letterwinner at Tulare Western (CA) High School, where he was named a two-time EYL MVP and a two-time all-region selection (threw 79.2 innings and had a 1.29 ERA with 129 strikeouts as a senior in 2022).

**BRENT IREDALE | THIRD BASE****ROUND 7 - NO. 203 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-3/200    **SCHOOL** University of Arkansas

- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 177 prospect in the draft (No. 238 by Baseball America).
- Was a 2025 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings South all-region second-team selection after batting .286 (59-for-206) with 11 doubles, 14 home runs, 57 RBI, 46 walks, nine stolen bases, a .994 OPS and 63 runs scored as a junior at the University of Arkansas.
- Had an eight-RBI game this past season on 3/7 vs. Portland, becoming the first Razorback to do that since Rodney Nye in 1999.
- Was named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference MVP in back-to-back seasons (2023-24) at New Mexico Junior College, becoming the first player in conference history to win consecutive MVP awards (also earned first-team All-WJCAC honors in both seasons).
- Slashed .441/.576/1.000 and led New Mexico Junior College in hits (83), home runs (25) and runs (94) as a sophomore in 2024 (also posted 78 RBI).
- Attended the Hills Sports High School in Sydney, Australia and was the first native-born Australian to ever play baseball at the University of Arkansas.

**JOSH TATE | OUTFIELDER****ROUND 8 - NO. 233 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 5-11/178    **SCHOOL** Georgia Southern University

- Led Georgia Southern University with a .362 batting average, 89 hits, 18 doubles, 46 RBI and 60 runs scored as a junior in 2025, while his average and hits also ranked first in the Sun Belt Conference (had at least one hit in 53 of his 59 games, including 28 multi-hit games).
- Paced the team with a .369 average, 86 hits, 27 stolen bases, a .475 OBP and 63 runs scored during his sophomore season in 2024.
- Spent his freshman year (2023) at the University of Georgia, where he appeared in 13 games and hit a pinch-hit home run on 3/4 at Georgia Tech.
- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 20 player in the state of Georgia and the No. 206 player nationally as a senior in 2022 at Starr's Mill (GA) High School (batted .338 and helped lead his team to the 2021 GHSA 5A state championship during his junior season).

**JARED JONES | FIRST BASEMAN****ROUND 9 - NO. 263 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-4/246    **SCHOOL** Louisiana State University

- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 101 prospect in the draft (No. 205 by Baseball America).
- Was tabbed as a first-team All-American and a second-team All-SEC selection after hitting .323 (90-for-279) with 15 doubles, 22 home runs, 76 RBI and 66 runs scored as a junior in 2025 at Louisiana State University (his 76 RBI paced the SEC, while his home runs were second in the conference).
- Was named to the College World Series All-Tournament Team (had two home runs and six RBI while helping the Tigers to their eighth national title).
- His 64 career home runs in his three seasons at LSU (2023-25) are the third-most in team history, behind Eddy Furniss (80) and Brad Cresse (78).
- Was named to the All-SEC Freshman Team in 2023 after batting .304 (49-for-161) with 12 doubles, 14 home runs and 45 RBI in 55 games.
- Was recognized by Perfect Game as the No. 4 catcher and No. 47 player nationally as a senior in 2022 at Walton (GA) High School.

**MATT KING | SHORTSTOP****ROUND 10 - NO. 293 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-1/195    **SCHOOL** Arizona State University

- Led the Big 12 Conference in batting average (.403) and hits (87) as a senior in 2025 at Arizona State University, his lone season with the Sun Devils (his .464 on-base percentage led Arizona State and ranked fourth in the Big 12).
- Hit .336 (74-for-220) with 14 doubles, four home runs, 41 RBI and 52 runs scored as a junior in 2024 at the University of Texas, San Antonio.
- Played in all 57 of UTSA's games as a sophomore in 2023 (started 56 of them), batting .318 (69-for-217) with 11 doubles, six triples, six home runs, 58 RBI and 45 runs scored (his six triples were the seventh-most in the country).
- Was named to the 2022 Conference USA All-Freshman Team after recording 14 extra-base hits, 28 RBI and 31 runs scored in his 51 games.
- Batted .447 (51-for-114) and set school records in both home runs (10) and RBI (57) as a senior in 2021 at Kingwood Park (TX) High School.

**DYLAN PALMER | SECOND BASEMAN****ROUND 11 - NO. 323 OVERALL****B/T** L/R    **HT/WT** 5-9/170    **SCHOOL** Hofstra (NY) University

- Is Hofstra (NY) University's all-time leader in triples (12), while also ranking second in program history in stolen bases (82), third in hits (247), fourth in batting average (.386) and seventh in runs scored (141).
- Earned All-CAA first-team honors after batting .400 (88-for-220) with 13 doubles, seven triples, a home run, 32 RBI, 32 stolen bases and 47 runs scored as a junior in 2025 (the seven triples were a school single-season record, while his average and hits both ranked second in the CAA).
- Was the 15th Hofstra player ever to be selected in the draft and the first since right-handed pitcher Jimmy Joyce (by Seattle) in 2021.
- Was selected to the All-CAA Second Team after hitting .386 (93-for-241) with six doubles, two triples, a home run, 31 RBI, 27 stolen bases and 49 runs scored as a sophomore in 2024 (the 93 hits were second in the conference and the second-most in a single season in program history).
- Also ranked second in the CAA in both batting average and stolen bases during his sophomore season.
- Was a CAA All-Rookie Team and second-team All-CAA selection during his freshman season in 2023 after batting .369 (66-for-179) with 11 doubles, three triples, 23 RBI, 23 stolen bases and 45 runs scored (his average paced the team and was the fifth-highest in the conference).
- Attended Notre Dame (NJ) High School, where The Trentonian tabbed him as the Colonial Valley Conference Player of the Year during his senior season in 2022 (was also named to the NJ.com All-New Jersey second team after batting .577 with 30 stolen bases in 24 games).

**CAMERON KESHOCK | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 12 - NO. 353 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-7/225    **SCHOOL** Samford (AL) University

- Had a 5.73 ERA (77.0ip/49er) and 74 strikeouts as a redshirt sophomore in 2025 at Samford (AL) University, his lone campaign with the Bulldogs.
- Pitched in parts of two seasons at Auburn, striking out 10 batters over his 10 total appearances (8.1ip) with the Tigers.
- Was tabbed by Perfect Game as the No. 5 right-handed pitcher and the No. 16 player overall in the state of Alabama during his senior season in 2022 at Spanish Fort High School.
- His sister, Kayla, played volleyball at both Samford (2020-23) and the University of Alabama (2024).

**DYLAN MATHIESEN | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 13 - NO. 383 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 5-10/195    **SCHOOL** Liberty (VA) University

- Went 4-7 with a 5.42 ERA (89.2ip/54er) and 113 strikeouts in 31 appearances (19 starts) over two seasons (2024-25) at Liberty (VA) University (his 84 strikeouts as a junior in 2025 were the fourth-most in Conference USA).
- Spent his freshman season of 2023 at California University of Pennsylvania, where he went 5-2 with a 3.31 ERA (54.1ip/20er) and 56 strikeouts over his 12 games (nine starts) with the Vulcans (his 6.46 hits allowed per 9.0 innings were the fewest in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, while his 1.14 WHIP ranked fourth and his 9.28 strikeouts per 9.0 innings ranked 10th).
- Led the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League with 100 strikeouts over 70.0 innings as a senior in 2022 at Montour High School (was also tabbed as the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Class 4A Player of the Year after posting a 2.00 ERA and helping the Spartans to a state title).
- Received all-section honors as a junior in 2021 after tossing two no-hitters and leading Montour to an appearance in the state semifinals.

**CONNOR HAMILTON | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 14 - NO. 413 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-4/205    **SCHOOL** Montgomery Bell (TN) Academy

- Was rated by Baseball America as the No. 299 prospect in the draft.
- Was tabbed by Perfect Game as the No. 1 right-handed pitcher and No. 5 player overall in the state of Tennessee during his senior season of 2025 at Montgomery Bell Academy.
- Played for the M.A.D. Mavericks, a summer team coached by 2012 National League Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey.
- His maternal grandfather, Noel Sparrow, played in Canada for the St. John's Capitals and is a member of the St. John's Baseball Hall of Fame.

**McLANE MOODY | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 15 - NO. 443 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-7/210    **SCHOOL** Northside (AR) High School

- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 4 right-handed pitcher in the state of Arkansas and the No. 64 right-handed pitcher nationally during his senior season in 2025 at Northside High School (was recognized by the outlet as a preseason underclass All-American in both 2023 and 2024).
- Was also tabbed by Prep Baseball Report as the No. 6 prospect overall in the state of Arkansas as a senior (participated in the 2022 Prep Baseball Report Futures Game).
- Also played for the football team at Northside, where he was a quarterback for the Grizzlies.

**EDDIE KING JR. | OUTFIELDER****ROUND 16 - NO. 473 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-2/220    **SCHOOL** University of Louisville (KY)

- Earned second team All-ACC honors after batting .367 (69-for-188) with 19 doubles, a triple, 17 home runs, 63 RBI, a .435 OBP and .750 slugging percentage and 46 runs scored at the University of Louisville as a senior in 2025 (was named to the College World Series All-Tournament Team).
- His 1.185 OPS in 2025 ranked third in the ACC, while his slugging percentage was the 16th-best in the country.
- Batted .322 (46-for-143) with a team-best 14 home runs and 43 RBI, as well as seven doubles and 33 runs scored as a junior in 2024 (also hit Louisville's first inside-the-park home run since 2005 on 3/1 vs. Youngstown State).
- Hit .274 (45-for-164) with 42 RBI as a sophomore in 2023 (did not play at all in 2022 due to injury).
- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 2 outfielder and No. 8 player in the state of Illinois as a senior in 2021 at Marion Catholic High School.
- His cousin, Corey Ray, was selected No. 5 overall by Milwaukee in 2016 and made his Major League debut with the Brewers in 2021.

**CARTER GWOST | OUTFIELDER****ROUND 17 - NO. 503 OVERALL****B/T** L/L    **HT/WT** 6-3/215    **SCHOOL** Little Falls (MN) High School

- Was tabbed by Perfect Game as the No. 2 left-handed pitcher and No. 63 player in the state of Minnesota during his senior season in 2025 at Little Falls Community High School.
- Was named to the Minnesota Star Tribune All-Minnesota high school team after batting .444 with nine home runs at the plate and going 4-0 with a 0.00 ERA on the mound during the 2025 campaign.
- Also played for the basketball team at Little Falls, where he was a point guard for the Flyers.

**CANON REEDER | OUTFIELDER****ROUND 18 - NO. 533 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-0/188    **SCHOOL** Oregon State University

- Batted .281 (79-for-281) with 18 doubles, two triples, eight home runs, 53 RBI, 42 walks and 61 runs scored in his three seasons (2023-25) at Oregon State University, including a .293 mark (55-for-188) with 11 doubles, all eight home runs, 37 RBI and 38 runs scored as a junior in 2025.
- Was rated by Perfect Game as the No. 1 outfielder and No. 4 player in the state of Oregon as a senior in 2022 at Summit High School.
- Was a member of the all-league first team as a freshman (2019) and a junior (2021) in high school, where he was coached by Richie Sexson, who was a National League All-Star with Milwaukee in both 2002 and 2003.

**BRANDON CAIN | RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 19 - NO. 563 OVERALL****B/T** R/R    **HT/WT** 6-1/175    **SCHOOL** University of Oklahoma

- Played his only season at the University of Oklahoma as a junior in 2025 (had one strikeout in one game as a pitcher and five runs as a batter).
- Spent the 2023 season at Coastal Alabama Community College - North, as well as the 2024 season at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he went 5-1 with 40 strikeouts in 41.1 innings over 11 appearances/10 starts (also batted .359 with 21 extra-base hits, 29 RBI and 17 stolen bases).
- Is the nephew of two-time Major League All-Star, 2019 National League Gold Glove Award winner and 2015 World Series champion Lorenzo Cain.
- His brother, Bryce, is a wide receiver at Auburn (AL) University, where he appeared in three games as a freshman in 2024.

**NICK FRUSCO | LEFT-HANDED PITCHER****ROUND 20 - NO. 593 OVERALL****B/T** L/L    **HT/WT** 6-4/208    **SCHOOL** Miller Place (NY) High School

- Was rated by MLB Pipeline as the No. 249 prospect in the draft.
- Was tabbed by Perfect Game as the No. 1 left-handed pitcher in New York (No. 34 nationally) and the No. 8 player in the state as a senior in 2025 at Miller Place High School (also tossed a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts on 92 pitches as a junior in 2024).