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## INDIANS 2017 FIRST-YEAR PLAYER DRAFT RECAP

CLEVELAND, OH - Information on Cleveland Indians 2017 First-Year Player Draft selections.

### **Round 2 (#64 overall)**

#### **OF QUENTIN HOLMES**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, July 7, 1999**High School:** Monsignor McClancy Memorial HS(Queens, NY)**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/175**Signed 6/30**

Holmes, who will turn 18 on July 7, has attended Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School located in East Elmhurst, Queens, New York, playing at the varsity level in all four of his seasons with the Crusader baseball program. The 6-foot-1, 175-pound outfielder was recently named 2016-17 Gatorade Player of the Year for New York State, batting .420 with 7 homers, 18 extra-base hits and 33 runs scored during his senior campaign. Holmes also stole 22 bases in 23 attempts. The 2017 Rawlings Perfect Game Pre-Season All-American was also a member of the Under-18 U.S. National Team last summer. 33<sup>rd</sup>- ranked amateur prospect according to **MLB.com** and 50<sup>th</sup>-ranked prospect according to **Baseball America**.

**From MLB.com on Holmes**

**Comments:** As is often the case with Northeast area high school players, Holmes had to play a little catchup to his warm-weather contemporaries on the summer showcase circuit. He did make the 18-and-under U.S. National Team and was able to show off his tools at a number of events along the way. Scouts had to wait for the weather to warm up in New York before getting the chance to re-evaluate the outfielder in his regular season. Holmes has been able to show off his best tool, his true 80 speed, as he is likely the fastest player in this Draft class. Over the summer, he consistently clocked in with some of the best 60-yard-dash times, and also showed he knows how to use that speed on both sides of the ball. He's a major basestealing threat and he can cover a lot of ground in center field. While he still has much to learn, the New Yorker's hit tool isn't bad and he finds the barrel a bit more consistently than fellow Northeasterner Garrett Whitley, a former first-round pick, did. There is strength to be added to his 6-foot-1 frame, an athletic body some feel is also the best in this class, so there might be some power to come. Teams interested in the Mississippi State commit will definitely be taking a gamble on that hit tool. If it comes enough, Holmes could be the kind of dynamic leadoff hitter teams covet, but rarely find.

### **Competitive Balance Lottery Round B (#71 overall)**

#### **INF TYLER FREEMAN**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, May 21, 1999**High School:** Etiwanda HS (Rancho Cucamonga, CA)**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/170**Signed 6/28**

Freeman, 18, batted .526 (51-97) with 8 doubles, 4 triples, 4 home runs, 36 RBI and 35 runs scored in 30 games for Etiwanda High School in Rancho Cucamonga, California. He was named a 2017 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** 1st Team All-American after leading the state of California high school players in batting average. He was named Baseline League MVP, leading his team to a 27-3 record and CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) Southern Section Division 2 title...Freeman has signed a National Letter of Intent with TCU...97<sup>th</sup>-ranked amateur prospect according to **Baseball America**.

**MLB.com on Freeman**

**Comments:** Etiwanda High School has had seven players drafted in its history, none earlier than the sixth round and none since 2008. A shortstop in high school, Freeman does have some range and a decent arm, but he tends to play too fast at the position, with many evaluators foreseeing a move to second at the next level. He has the chance to play there every day if his bat continues to develop. Early this spring, Freeman got away from his usual approach, adding a leg kick and trying to show he could hit for more power. When he's at his best, he's a high contact, line-drive hitter, one who should grow into some power naturally in the future. While he's not a burner, he is an above-average runner, especially once underway. If he can continue to swing the bat like he's capable, he could develop into a Michael Young type. At worst, he becomes a Mark DeRosa type of utilityman, though a team that wants to find out might have to take him in the top three rounds, or wait three years after his TCU career.

### **Round 3 (#102 overall)**

#### **OF JOHNATHAN RODRIGUEZ**

**AGE/DOB:** 17, Nov. 4, 1999**High School:** Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy**BATS/THROWS:** S/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/180**Signed 6/24**

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game 2nd Team All-American and Canada/Puerto Rico - All Region 1st Team by the same organization...Rawlings-PG Underclass All American in 2016...Committed to Florida International.

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**Round 4 (#132 overall)****INF ERNIE CLEMENT****AGE/DOB:** 21, March 22, 1996**College:** Virginia**Signed 6/22****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/175

Clement hit .315 with 31 RBI and 12 stolen bases in 53 games while making the move from second base to shortstop during his junior season for UVA...Struck out just 7 times in 254 at bats...Was a third-team All-ACC selection in 2016 and 2017...Named 2016 Cape Cod League MVP...Fanned just 31 times in 745 career at bats for the Cavs...2017 Preseason All-American (first team by **D1Baseball**, second team by **Baseball America**).

**From MLB.com on Clement**

*Hailing from upstate New York, Clement was an outstanding hockey player for four years of high school while also playing baseball. He focused his efforts on the diamond by heading to the University of Virginia and took full advantage of scouts pouring in to see first-round teammates Pavin Smith and Adam Haseley. Clement has been an effective hitter at the top of the Cavaliers lineup over the last two years, claiming the leadoff spot for much of the last season and a half. He has tremendous contact skills, and while he doesn't walk much, he has proven to be one of the toughest college hitters to strike out in the country throughout his career at Virginia. An above-average-to-plus runner, Clement does have some basestealing ability. As a freshman and sophomore, he split time between second and center field. He's played shortstop this season, and while he doesn't profile as an everyday player there, his average arm and solid range would play there well enough in a pinch. A bit undersized, Clement doesn't have the frame to really impact the baseball, and that might limit his ceiling to being a super-utility type of player who mostly sees time at second and in center. Even so, his track record of performance at a top-flight program, with a lot of people watching this year, could help him land in the top three or four rounds.*

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**Round 5 (#162 overall)****OF AUSTEN WADE****AGE/DOB:** 21, Feb 17, 1996**College:** TCU**Signed 6/27****BATS/THROWS:** L/L**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/185

Was named 2017 All-Big 12 First Team for the College World Series-bound Horned Frogs, hitting .342 (78-228) with 16 doubles, 3 triples, 5 home runs, 37 RBI in 58 games (15 SB, 52 runs)...Named 2016 Honorable Mention All-Big 12 Conference...Native of Midland, TX.

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**Round 6 (#192 overall)****C MICHAEL RIVERA****AGE/DOB:** 21, Dec 12, 1995**College:** Florida**Signed 7/6****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/200

Missed time with a broken hand (right hamate) during his junior season, member of College World Series-bound Gators...Batted .241 (32-133) with 6 2B, 2HR & 24 RBI in 41 games.

**From MLB.com on Rivera**

*Some college catchers have excellent bats, but the jury is out about whether they can stay behind the plate. Rivera is the opposite, a sure-fire backstop defensively who will have to prove he can hit at the next level. A hamate injury that kept him out for a chunk of the 2017 season didn't help matters, though he did return as the Draft approached. Rivera has serious defensive skills behind the plate. He's the kind of take charge player teams like to see from the position. He works with pitchers well, has good hands and catch-and-throw skills. There's a reason he was chosen to catch for the U.S. National Team both as a high schooler, when he hit well, and last summer for the Collegiate National Team, where he didn't swing the bat effectively. There is some pop in his bat, but it is definitely behind the defensive tools. When healthy, Rivera pushed teammate JJ Schwarz from behind the plate because of his superior defensive skills. He profiles as a future defensive-minded backup, but a team that thinks he can hit just enough to be a glove-first regular might consider him in the top six rounds.*

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**Round 7 (#222 overall)****LHP KIRK McCARTY****AGE/DOB:** 21, Oct 12, 1995**College:** Southern Mississippi**Signed 6/24****BATS/THROWS:** L/L**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/190

Named first-team All-Conference USA (starting pitcher) in 2016 and 2017...Went 10-2 with a 3.52 ERA in 17 starts (99.2IP, 39ER, 103SO)...Named to 12-man Conference USA All-Academic team in 2016... Hattiesburg, MS native

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**Round 8 (#252 overall)****RHP ELI MORGAN****AGE/DOB:** 21, May 13, 1996**College:** Gonzaga**Signed 6/22****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/190

Started 14 games as a junior for the Bulldogs, named second Team All-American from **Collegiate Baseball**...First Team All-WCC in both 2016- and 2017...Named to Golden Spikes Award Midseason Watch List...Went 10-2 record with 2.86 ERA and 138 strikeouts, second-most in a single season by a GU pitcher...Moved to No. 2 all-time in Zags history with 283 career strikeouts...One of four pitchers in the nation with multiple 15-strikeout games.

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**Round 9 (#282 overall)****RHP JAMES KARINCHAK****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept 22, 1995**College:** Bryant University (RI)**Signed 6/22****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/225

Garnered All-NEC honors over his three seasons at Bryant, 2015-17...This past spring during his junior season was limited with shoulder soreness, but still fanned 86 batters in 56.2IP in 13 starts...In 2016, was named second team **Louisville Slugger/ABCA/Perfect Game/Rawlings** All-American ...2016 Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Year, going 12-3 with a 2.00 ERA in 15 starts (112SO, 94.2IP).

**From MLB.com on Karinchak**

*It might not occur to people to think of Rhode Island as a baseball hotbed, but Bryant University has been a bit of a machine in terms of producing draftable talent, with a total of 18 coming out of its baseball program over the years, including three in the 2016 Draft. Only five of those 18 were taken in the top 10 rounds, Karinchak should be the sixth, though some injury concerns could make it a bit more challenging. When healthy, Karinchak showed a fastball up to 96 mph with a plus breaking ball at times. But he missed time in March with shoulder discomfort. Since he came back, his fastball has sat in the 90-93 mph range more consistently. His 12-to-6 breaking ball has been consistent, a hammer with depth. Karinchak gets good deception thanks to his high front side. He hides the ball well and typically throws with good angle and plane. Karinchak's command also went in the wrong direction post-injury. There might be some medical history to be discussed before a team feels comfortable with taking the right-hander, but his stuff is good enough to land in the top five or six rounds.*

**Round 10 (#312 overall)****INF JESSE BERARDI****AGE/DOB:** 21, Jan. 13, 1996**College:** St. John's**Signed 6/22****BATS/THROWS:** L/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/185

The Commack, NY native batted .356 (80-225) with 10 2B, 4 HR and 47 RBI in 55 games for the Red Storm this year, leading the team to a regional appearance vs. Clemson...Reached base in 37 straight games and ranked in the top 100 nationally in batting average, on-base percentage and hits per game...Was an All-Big East first-team selection and a CoSIDA Academic All-America second-team choice...Selected by the Phillies in the 40<sup>th</sup> round of the 2014 draft.

**From MLB.com on Berardi**

*The last infielder from St. John's to make a splash in the Draft and then the big leagues was Joe Panik, who was a first-rounder in 2011 and is now the Giants' starting second baseman, a former All-Star and Gold Glove winner. Berardi doesn't quite fit on that scale, but then again, few thought Panik would be this good, either. Like Panik, Berardi plays shortstop for St. John's, but will likely need to shift over to second base at the next level. He has a very good internal clock that helps him slow down the game, and he gets rid of the ball quickly, but many feel his arm, average at best, isn't enough to stay on the left side of the infield long-term. His hands and feet should work just fine at second. Not the biggest guy in the world, Berardi has shown a strong hit tool this spring from the left side of the plate, with an advanced approach that has led to more walks than strikeouts in his college career. He has some extra-base power and can run into a few homers along the way. Berardi isn't going to jump into the first round like Panik did six years ago, but he is performing well for a good college team at just the right time. A team that sees a little Howie Kendrick in him could take him in the top five rounds.*

**Round 11 (#342 overall)****LHP MATTHEW TURNER****AGE/DOB:** 17, Aug. 4, 1999**High School:** Miami Palmetto Sr. HS (Pinecrest, FL)**BATS/THROWS:** L/L**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/180**Signed 6/24**

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Florida Region Honorable Mention...Juco commitment to Broward CC.

**Round 12 (#372 overall)****RHP DANTE MENDOZA****AGE/DOB:** 18, Dec. 16, 1998**High School:** Torrance HS (Torrance, CA)**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-5/186**Signed 7/6**

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American & California Region Honorable Mention...2016 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass High Honorable Mention...cousin of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Zach Britton.

**Round 13 (#402 overall)****C ANGEL LOPEZ ALVAREZ****AGE/DOB:** 20, Mar. 14, 1997**College:** Northampton CC (PA)**Signed 6/21****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/194

Led the Spartans (ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally in NJCAA) with a .411 batting average (58-for-141), 14 homers (school record) and 62 RBI (school record) in 44 games played...also stole 14 bases and was named First Team All-Region by NJCAA.

**Round 14 (#432 overall)****INF OSCAR SERRATOS****AGE/DOB:** 17, Sept. 24, 1999**High School:** Grayson HS (Lawrenceville, GA)**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/185

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American & Southeast Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team...2015 & 2016 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass High Honorable Mention...commitment to Georgia Tech.

**Round 15 (#462 overall)****LHP KYLE NELSON****AGE/DOB:** 20, July 8, 1996**College:** UC Santa Barbara**Signed 6/27****BATS/THROWS:** L/L**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/175

Compiled a 16-7 record with a 2.96 ERA in three seasons with the Gauchos...led the team in his junior year with 87.1 innings and 69 strikeouts.

**Round 16 (#492 overall)****RHP NICK GALLAGHER****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept. 9, 1995**College:** Iowa**Signed 6/24****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/200

Led the Hawkeyes with 8 wins in both his sophomore and junior seasons, compiling a 16-5 record with a 3.01 ERA in his three years at Iowa...member of the 2017 Big Ten Tournament championship team and was named a Big Ten Tournament All-Tournament Team selection in 2016.

**Round 17 (#522 overall)****OF PEDRO ALFONSECA****AGE/DOB:** 19, Sept. 4, 1997**College:** Black Hawk College (IL)**Signed 6/19****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/178

Drafted by the Indians in the 39<sup>th</sup> round of the 2016 draft out of North Kansas City High School (MO) but did not sign...led NJCAA Region 4 with 37 stolen bases and batted .401 with five homers, eight doubles, five triples and 37 RBI in 46 games.

**Round 18 (#552 overall)****INF DILLON PERSINGER****AGE/DOB:** 21, Jan. 31, 1996**College:** Cal State Fullerton**Signed 6/27****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/180

Drafted by the Indians in the 31<sup>st</sup> round of the 2015 draft out of Golden West Community College (CA) but did not sign...was named First Team All-Conference in both of his seasons at Golden West and was named Orange Empire Conference Player of the Year & Junior College Player of the Year in 2016...is batting .296 with three homers, 30 RBI, 40 runs scored and 18 stolen bases in his first season at Cal State Fullerton, who have won their Super Regional and advanced to the 2017 College World Series.

**Round 19 (#582 overall)****GallaNASHED****AGE/DOB:** 21, June 8, 1996**College:** San Jose State**Signed 6/27****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/195

Was a two-way player in all three of his seasons with the Spartans, playing 89 games in the field and making 36 pitching appearances...2015 & 2016 Academic All-Mountain West honoree...2017 Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholar award recipient.

**Round 20 (#612 overall)****RHP JONATHAN TEANEY****AGE/DOB:** 21, Jan. 28, 1996**College:** San Diego**Signed 6/20****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/190

Went 5-1 as a reliever for the Toreros in his junior season, striking out 50 batters in 39.0 innings (11.54 K/9.0IP).

**Round 21 (#642 overall)****INF TYLER FRIIS****AGE/DOB:** 21, Feb. 12, 1996**College:** Indiana State**Signed 6/20****BATS/THROWS:** S/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-9/180

Batted .322 in 45 games for the Sycamores in his junior season with 11 doubles and 23 RBI...also led the team with 14 steals.

**Round 22 (#672 overall)****OF CLARK SCOLAMIERO****AGE/DOB:** 21, Jan. 24, 1996**College:** North Greenville University**Signed 6/20****BATS/THROWS:** L/L**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/175

Played two seasons at the University of South Carolina before transferring to North Greenville for his junior season...batted .360 in 53 games for the Crusaders, leading the team with 76 hits, 52 RBI and 29 stolen bases.

**Round 23 (#702 overall)****RHP JORDAN SCHEFTZ****AGE/DOB:** 21, Aug. 31, 1995**College:** Central Florida**Signed 6/21****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/190

Compiled a 1.76 ERA over 26 relief appearances in his junior season at Central Florida...struck out 40 batters in 30.2 innings (11.74K/9.0IP) and did not allow a home run.

**Round 24 (#732 overall)****RHP RILEY ECHOLS****AGE/DOB:** 22, Apr. 12, 1995**College:** Freed-Hardeman (TN)**Signed 6/20****BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/205

Went 6-2 with a 4.64 ERA in his senior year for the Lions...struck out 80 batters in 77.2 innings and allowed just three home runs.

**Round 25 (#762 overall)****RHP CHANDLER FERGUSON****AGE/DOB:** 19, Mar. 3, 1998**BATS/THROWS:** R/R2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-American & Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region...2016 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass 3<sup>rd</sup> Team.**High School:** Jefferson HS (Lafayette, IN)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/193**Signed 6/19****Round 26 (#792 overall)****RHP TOMMY DeJUNEAS****AGE/DOB:** 21, Oct. 24, 1995**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Went 4-0 with a 4.22 ERA in 15 appearances (2 starts) for the Wolfpack in 2017...pitched 2.0-or-more innings in six of his 13 relief appearances, striking out 27 batters in 32.0 innings.

**College:** North Carolina State**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/180**Signed 6/21****Round 27 (#822 overall)****C CASEY OPITZ****AGE/DOB:** 18, July 30, 1998**BATS/THROWS:** S/R2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American & West Region All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team...committed to University of Arkansas.**High School:** Heritage HS (Centennial, CO)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/175**Round 28 (#852 overall)****LHP MICHAEL HENDRICKSON****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept. 13, 1995**BATS/THROWS:** R/L

Earned a 6-2 record with a 3.84 ERA in 14 starts for the Wolverines in 2017...struck out 67 batters in 70.1 innings and allowed just one home run.

**College:** Michigan**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/205**Signed 6/27****Round 29 (#882 overall)****OF TRE' GANTT****AGE/DOB:** 21, May 10, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

Made 52 starts for the Buckeyes (48 in center field, 4 in left field) and led the team with 60 hits, 42 runs scored &amp; 38 walks...has hit .294 in three seasons at Ohio State with 22 doubles, 80 runs, 26 stolen bases and 40 RBI.

**College:** Ohio State**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/180**Signed 6/19****Round 30 (#912 overall)****LHP ZACK DRAPER****AGE/DOB:** 22, Oct. 18, 1994**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

Went 5-7 with a 2.83 ERA in 14 starts for College of Idaho (NAIA) in 2017, leading the team in strikeouts (100) and innings pitched (95.1).

**College:** College of Idaho**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/200**Signed 6/21****Round 31 (#942 overall)****LHP ASA LACY****AGE/DOB:** 18, June 2, 1999**BATS/THROWS:** L/L2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American & Texas All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team...2016 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass Honorable Mention...commitment to Texas A&M.**High School:** Tivy HS (Kerrville, TX)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/190**From MLB.com on Lacy**

**Comments:** Tivy High (Kerrville, Texas) sent future big leaguer Kevin Whelan and Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel to Texas A&M, and Lacy seemed to be headed down the same path. But he has blossomed this spring into the best left-handed prep pitching prospect in the state, so he might go high enough in the Draft to turn down the Aggies. Lacy could have three solid or better pitches when he's fully developed. He currently operates with an 87-91 mph fastball and should work in the low 90s once he fills out his lanky frame. He has advanced secondary stuff for a high schooler, with a tumbling changeup that earns plus grades at times and a curveball with depth that needs more power. Lacy's athleticism and feel for pitching are two more points in his favor. One of the more projectable pitchers in the Draft, he could turn into a 2020 first-rounder if he decides to attend college.

**Round 32 (#972 overall)****OF MITCH REEVES****AGE/DOB:** 22, Nov. 18, 1994**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Batted .363 over two seasons at Florida Southern with 28 homers, 101 RBI and 109 runs scored...led the team in 2017 with 17 homers, 53 RBI and 55 runs scored.

**College:** Florida Southern**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/210**Signed 6/21****Round 33 (#1002 overall)****INF MICHAEL COOPER****AGE/DOB:** 17, July 27, 1999**BATS/THROWS:** L/R

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Texas Region Honorable Mention...2016 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass Honorable Mention.

**High School:** Ridge Point HS (Missouri City, TX)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-5/180**Signed 6/21**

**Round 34 (#1032 overall)**

**OF COLE TURNEY**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, Jan. 16, 1999

**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American & Texas All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team...2015 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass Honorable Mention and 2016 Underclass 1<sup>st</sup> Team...commitment to University of Arkansas.

**From MLB.com on Turney**

**Comments:** *Early in his high school career, Turney emerged as a potential top prospect for the 2017 Draft. He still offers some of the best left-handed power available in this year's prep class, though questions about his ability to translate it into game production have dinged his stock. It's unclear whether he'll get picked early enough to lure him away from a commitment to Arkansas. Turney's combination of bat speed and strength creates plenty of raw power and enables him to put on a show in batting practice. But he has a high back elbow that leads to an inconsistent bat path and overswings too much during games, leading to swing-and-miss concerns. He has enough natural pop that he'd still hit home runs and be a better overall hitter if he didn't try to shoot for the fences. Turney has fringy speed and probably will lose a half-step as he continues to develop physically, so he'll have to play on the outfield corners at the next level. He has reached the low 90s on the mound, showing the arm strength to fit nicely in right field.*

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**Round 35 (#1062 overall)**

**RHP SPENCER STRIDER**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, Oct. 28, 1998

**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American & Southeast Region All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team...2015 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass Honorable Mention and 2016 Underclass High Honorable Mention...commitment to Clemson.

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**High School:** Christian Academy of Knoxville (TN)

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/205

**Round 36 (#1092 overall)**

**LHP JORGE ARELLANO**

**AGE/DOB:** 17, Sept. 14, 1999

**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American & California All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team...2015 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass High Honorable Mention & 2016 Underclass 2<sup>nd</sup> Team...commitment to UC Santa Barbara.

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**High School:** Downey HS (Cudahy, CA)

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/190

**Round 37 (#1122 overall)**

**INF AUSTIN MARTIN**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, Mar. 23, 1999

**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American...2015 & 2016 Rawlings-Perfect Game Underclass High Honorable Mention...commitment to Vanderbilt.

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**High School:** Trinity Christian (Orange Park, FL)

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/160

**Round 38 (#1152 overall)**

**LHP SCOTT KOBOS**

**AGE/DOB:** 19, Aug. 3, 1997

**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

Went 6-3 with a 3.01 ERA in 13 starts for St. Johns River State, striking out 68 batters in 71.2 innings.

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**College:** St. Johns River State College (FL)

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/175

**Round 39 (#1182 overall)**

**C JOSUHA ROLETTE**

**AGE/DOB:** 21, May 21, 1996

**BATS/THROWS:** L/R

All-Big 12 Freshman Team, Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American and All-Big 12 Honorable Mention in 2016.

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**College:** Kansas State

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**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/195

**Round 40 (#1212 overall)**

**OF COLE KLESZCZ**

**AGE/DOB:** 19, June 16, 1997

**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Finished his 2017 season with a state-high 18 home runs and led the Cougars with a .410 batting average, 46 RBI and 60 runs scored...was named the Western State Conference Player of the Year.

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**College:** College of the Canyons (CA)

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/190