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## INDIANS 2018 FIRST-YEAR PLAYER DRAFT RECAP

CLEVELAND, OH - Information on Cleveland Indians 2018 First-Year Player Draft selections.

### **Round 1 (#29 overall)**

#### **C NOAH NAYLOR**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, Feb. 21, 2000**High School:** St. Joan of Arc HS (Mississauga, Ontario)**BATS/THROWS:** L/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/195

Naylor, 18, is a standout high school catcher at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. The left-handed hitter appeared in 7 games with the Ontario Blue Jays this spring (8-for-26, .421, 2 2B, HR, 6RBI), the elite 18U travel team in Ontario, Canada. He also toured Florida as a member of the Canadian Junior National Team during spring training, including games and at-bats against the Major League staffs of the Boston Red Sox and Toronto Blue Jays. He participated in the 2017 High School Home Run Derby during the All-Star Game festivities at Marlins Park last July and his older brother, Josh, was the first round pick of the Miami Marlins in 2015 and currently is a top prospect in the San Diego Padres system. Noah is committed to play at the collegiate level at Texas A&M.

#### **MLB.com on Naylor**

**Comments:** *The younger brother of Padres first base prospect Josh Naylor, Noah has a similar offensive profile to his sibling, but with one difference in his overall game: his ability to catch. His combination of a power bat and power arm were on display over the summer and was watched carefully when the Canadian high schoolers started playing this spring. The power bat was definitely on display at Marlins Park in Miami as Major League Baseball's All-Star Break commenced. On the Sunday morning before the Futures Game his brother would play in, Naylor out-homered top prospect Nolan Gorman in the annual High School Home Run Derby and got to take hacks in between rounds of the big league derby. In game action, he's shown an advanced feel to hit, giving him the chance to hit for average and power. His defensive game is a bit behind his bat, outside of his arm, which is a plus tool that helps control a running game. To show he can stick behind the plate, he'll have to improve his overall receiving skills, with many scouts seeing strides in his defensive work this spring. Naylor did play some third base during the Area Code Games and showed some agility there, and there's always the chance he could join his brother among the first base ranks. The team that takes him early will likely give him every chance to catch at the next level.*

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### **Compensation 1<sup>st</sup> Round (#35 overall)**

#### **RHP ETHAN HANKINS**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, May 23, 2000**High School:** Forsyth Central HS (GA)**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-6/215

Hankins, 18, recently completed his senior season at Forsyth Central High School in Cumming, Georgia. The 6-foot-6, 215-pound right-hander appeared in both the 2017 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** All-American Classic at Petco Park and the 2017 **Under Armour** All-America Game at Wrigley Field. Hankins helped the USA Baseball 18U squad to a gold medal in the World Cup last fall, going 1-0 with a 0.75 ERA and 27 strikeouts across 12.0 innings (3H, 1R/ER, 0HR, 3BB). During that tournament, he fanned 14 batters over 6.0 innings in a 2-0 win over Korea. Hankins has verbally committed to Vanderbilt University. The pick was awarded to the Indians after **INF CARLOS SANTANA** signed with Philadelphia in the offseason.

#### **MLB.com on Hankins**

**Comments:** *Hankins made himself a candidate to become the first high school right-hander to go No. 1 overall in the Draft with an outstanding summer on the showcase circuit, finishing by striking out 27 in a pair of six-inning starts to help Team USA win the 18-and-under World Cup. He hasn't been the same pitcher this spring, however, leaving a mid-February start early due to shoulder tightness, an issue that was determined to be muscular but affected his stuff when he returned after a month-long layoff. He has become a total wild card as to where he fits in the Draft, and teams have to gauge his signability because he's part of a loaded Vanderbilt recruiting class that also includes fellow Georgia standouts Kumar Rocker and Will Banfield. When he's 100 percent, Hankins has the best fastball in the 2018 Draft, sitting at 92-96 mph and reaching 98 mph with the promise of more velocity as he fills out his 6-foot-6 frame. Radar-gun readings alone don't make his heater special, as it also has electric life and he can spot it to both sides of the plate, and he could dominate amateur hitters while relying almost entirely on his fastball if he wanted. But there also have been times this spring where his fastball has parked around 90 mph with less movement than usual. Hankins also has a fading changeup that has the makings of a plus pitch, though he'll need to come up with a reliable breaking pitch to become a front-of-the-rotation starter. His hard curveball showed improvement during the summer and he also began trying a slider, though neither has been very impressive this spring. He repeats his low-effort delivery well and will vary its tempo, at times adding a Johnny Cueto-esque shimmy to add deception.*

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**Competitive Balance Round A (#41 overall)****RHP LENNY TORRES JR.****AGE/DOB:** 17, Oct. 15, 2000**High School:** Beacon HS (NY)**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/185

Torres, 17, posted a 0.68 ERA (3ER/41.0IP) for the Beacon (NY) High School Bulldogs this spring, striking out 85 hitters during his senior campaign in the Lower Hudson Valley. The 6-2, 185-pound right-hander posted strong showings last summer at **Perfect Game** National, the Tournament of Stars and by pitching in the **Perfect Game** All-American Classic Game. He is committed to play collegiately at St. John's University in New York City.

**MLB.com on Torres**

**Comments:** There have been some good high school arms taken from New York state, most notably Ian Anderson, the No. 3 overall pick in 2016, and Scott Blewett, a second-round pick back in 2014. Torres Jr. won't go as early as Anderson did, but also seeing him come off the board in the top two rounds seems very reasonable. A standout for Beacon High School, Torres put his name more firmly on the national radar with strong showings at Perfect Game National, the Tournament of Stars and by pitching in the PG All-American Classic Game. He cemented his spot by coming out of the gate and showing similar arm strength this spring. The right-hander will sit around 93 mph right now and can touch 96-97 mph, and it's easy to dream on more velocity consistently in the future, especially given he's just 17 years old. Torres has a slider that could be a future plus pitch, though he doesn't always show it now, dominating his competition with his fastball. He'll also fiddle with a changeup in the bullpen that has some arm side run, but he doesn't use it in games. Like with many young pitchers, he's more control over command right now, but he tends to throw strikes. Some see a future reliever in the St. John's commit, but the team that thinks he can start will be the one to take him in the top few rounds.

**Round 2 (#67 overall)****RHP NICK SANDLIN****AGE/DOB:** 21, Jan. 10, 1997**College:** Southern Mississippi**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/170

Sandlin, 21, recently concluded his junior season at the University of Southern Mississippi, posting a 10-0 record with a 1.06 ERA in 15 starts for the Golden Eagles. He struck out 144 batters in 102.1 innings pitched against just 18 walks, leading all Division I pitchers in ERA (1.06) and WHIP (0.71). The 2018 First-Team All-American (per **Baseball America**) was also named the 2018 recipient of the C. Spire Ferriss Trophy, which honors the top collegiate baseball player in the state of Mississippi. He worked out of the bullpen in his first two seasons at Southern Mississippi, earning 2017 First-Team All-American honors from **Rawlings-Perfect Game**.

**MLB.com on Sandlin**

**Comments:** Sandlin recorded 20 saves in his first two seasons at Southern Mississippi and dealt in the Cape Cod League last summer, then shifted to the rotation this spring. The move couldn't have gone much better, as he ended the regular season leading NCAA Division I in WHIP (0.71) and ranking second in ERA (1.25). He has high spin rates on his pitches, making him even more attractive to analytically minded clubs. While he's a 5-foot-11 right-hander without overpowering stuff, he makes up for it by mixing five pitches and three arm angles. He'll throw a four-seam fastball and a curveball from a nearly overhand slot and a two-seamer and a slider as a sidearm, and he'll also work in a changeup and a lower-three-quarters angle. It all adds up to about a dozen combinations of pitches and slots, and he can hit 94 mph with nasty life on his fastball from down low. Sandlin will have to tighten his slider at the next level, because pro hitters won't chase it as much as collegians do. He has the makings of a solid changeup too, and his feel for altering speeds and eye levels while pounding the strike zone gives him the opportunity to continue to succeed as a starter at the next level. His size will lead to durability questions -- he left one April start early and missed the next with shoulder stiffness -- and a pro team could be tempted to move him quickly as a reliever.

**Round 3 (#103 overall)****SS RICHARD PALACIOS****AGE/DOB:** 21, May 16, 1997**College:** Towson University (MD)**BATS/THROWS:** L/R**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/180

Played three seasons at Towson, batting .301 with 18 doubles, 8 home runs, 31 RBI and 56 runs scored in 2018, earning a spot on the Colonial Athletic Association Second Team...Compiled a .323/.430/.928 slash line in his collegiate career, with 38 doubles, eight triples, 19 home runs, 98 RBI and 154 runs scored in 163 games.

**MLB.com on Palacios**

**Comments:** Palacios comes from a baseball family, with a father who made it to Triple-A with the Tigers, an uncle who played in the Royals organization and a brother who currently plays in the Blue Jays organization. Richie has made a name for himself as a three-year starter at Towson and one of the better performers in the Colonial Athletic Association. A left-handed hitter who plays shortstop for Towson, Palacios could be a favorite of the analytics set because of his outstanding on-base skills and his fairly consistent performance with the bat. He has walked far more often than he has struck out and that, along with his excellent speed, makes him a potential table-setter in the future. There is some raw power to tap into, though it's not a huge part of his game. Stealing bases is and he has been very efficient on that front. Defensively, some see a move off of shortstop, mostly because his fringy arm won't play there. Second base or perhaps even center field might be a better fit. A team taking Palacios in the first five rounds will be banking on his bat and on-base skills translating to the pro level. His brother Josh was taken in the fourth round of the 2016 Draft, 132nd overall, so there could be some family bragging rights on the line.

**Round 4 (#133 overall)****LHP ADAM SCOTT****AGE/DOB:** 22, Oct. 10, 1995**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

Went 8-5 with a 3.14 ERA (36ER/103.1IP) in his senior season for the Wofford Terriers...struck out 137 batters (8<sup>th</sup> among Division I pitchers) against just 18 walks...was named Southern Conference Pitcher of the Month for April 2018...concluded his collegiate career as the active Division I leader in strikeouts (389) & innings pitched (364.2).

**College:** Wofford (SC)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/220**Round 5 (#163 overall)****OF STEVEN KWAN****AGE/DOB:** 20, Sept. 5, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

Batted .353 in his junior season for the Beavers, with eight doubles, five triples, 13 stolen bases and 34 RBI...named to the 2018 Pac-12 All-Conference Team, and was Pac-12 Player of the Week for the week ending April 29, 2018...owns a career .325 batting average in three seasons at Oregon State.

**College:** Oregon State (OR)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-9/175**Round 6 (#193 overall)****INF RAYNEL DELGADO****AGE/DOB:** 18, April 4, 2000**BATS/THROWS:** S/R

Recently completed his senior season at Calvary Christian Academy, batting .364 (28-77) with two homers, seven doubles, 26 RBI and 28 runs scored for the Eagles...member of Team USA's gold medal-winning U-18 squad at the 2017 World Cup...named 2018 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American...verbal commitment to Florida International University.

**High School:** Calvary Christian Academy (FL)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/185**MLB.com on Delgado**

*Comments: Delgado made some noise over the summer on the showcase circuit, playing well enough to make USA Baseball's 18 and Under team that won gold. He's shown some promise with the bat this spring at Calvary Christian Academy, but has been more inconsistent than some scouts had hoped. Delgado's carrying tool is his bat. A switch-hitter, he has shown a feel to hit from both sides, and his bat speed should give him the chance to hit for average and power as he progresses. There are more questions about his defense. A shortstop in high school, most feel he won't stay there because his below-average speed limits his range. He's struggled with the accuracy of his throws this spring, making it tougher to project where his long-term defensive home will be, though he has shown enough arm strength in the past to make some believe he could play third. Otherwise, a future as an offensive-minded second baseman might make more sense. Any team considering Delgado in the top five or so rounds will be doing so because of the bat and the hopes of figuring out his position down the road. Whether or not he can be signed away from his Florida International commitment remains to be seen.*

**Round 7 (#223 overall)****RHP CODY MORRIS****AGE/DOB:** 21, Nov. 4, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Morris posted an 8-3 record and 3.68 ERA (78.1IP, 67H, 32ER, 30BB, 83K) in 15 starts for the Gamecocks in 2018...was a 2015 **Perfect Game** 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American (Atlantic – All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team)...was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 32<sup>nd</sup> round of the 2015 First Year Player Draft but did not sign...named 2014 **Gatorade** Maryland Baseball Player of the Year while in high school.

**College:** South Carolina (SC)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-5/222**Round 8 (#253 overall)****RHP ALEX ROYALTY****AGE/DOB:** 21, March 19, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Has compiled a 23-9 record with a 4.14 ERA in three seasons for the Seahawks...earned 2018 Colonial Athletic Association All-Tournament honors following a complete game effort vs. Northeastern on May 24...named CAA Pitcher of the Year and First-Team All-CAA in his 2017 sophomore campaign, going 9-2 with a 3.20 ERA and 106 strikeouts in 98.0 innings.

**College:** UNC Wilmington**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/200**Round 9 (#283 overall)****RHP BRIAN EICHHORN****AGE/DOB:** 20, Aug. 15, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Posted a 4-3 record with a 3.15 ERA in 14 starts for Georgia Southern in his 2018 junior campaign...struck out 106 batters across 88.2 innings and was named First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference...was also a member of the 2016 & 2017 Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament team.

**College:** Georgia Southern**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/225**Round 10 (#313 overall)****RHP ROBERT BROOM****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept. 17, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Has compiled a 22-9 record with a 2.40 ERA in 103 appearances (one start) across three seasons at Mercer...the sidearm thrower struck out 111 batters in just 74.0 innings in 2018, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division I with 13.5 strikeouts per 9.0 innings...named a 2018 Third-Team All-American by **Baseball America**, and is a two-time First-Team All-Southern Conference honoree (2017 & 2018).

**College:** Mercer University (GA)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/190

**Round 11 (#343 overall)****RHP JACK DEGROAT****AGE/DOB:** 21, Nov. 29, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Missed the 2018 season after undergoing "Tommy John" surgery...pitched two seasons with Liberty and finishing with a 5-6 record and 3.43 ERA (110.1IP, 28H, 12R, 10ER, 60 BB, 123K)...2017 Cape Cod League All-Star after fanning 30 batters in 15.0 innings...2015 **Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (Atlantic Region HM).

**College:** Liberty University (VA)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/195**Round 12 (#373 overall)****RHP THOMAS PONTICELLI****AGE/DOB:** 21, April 15, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Starting pitcher has compiled a 13-12 record and 4.01 ERA in 43 appearances and 35 starts for the Dons (237.2IP, 254H, 114R, 106ER, 44BB, 187K)...2015 **Perfect Game** California Region Honorable Mention All-American.

**College:** University of San Francisco (CA)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/195**Round 13 (#403 overall)****RHP KYLE MARMAN****AGE/DOB:** 21, March 3, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

In 2018, went 4-0 with a 1.45 ERA (5ER/31.0IP) in five starts for the Owls before a season-ending elbow injury...named a 2015 **Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (Florida Region HM).

**College:** Florida Atlantic University (FL)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/195**Round 14 (#433 overall)****OF KOREY HOLLAND****AGE/DOB:** 18, Jan. 1, 2000**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**MLB.com on Holland**

**Comments:** *Holland impressed on the showcase circuit last summer and has established himself as the best up-the-middle position prospect among Texas high schoolers this spring. He could fit in the first four or five rounds, though whether that will be early enough to sign him away from a commitment to Texas remains to be seen. As the son of noted Houston-area hitting coach Sid Holland, it's no surprise that Holland has a quality right-handed swing. He doesn't try to do too much at the plate, satisfying himself with hitting line drives from gap to gap. He has some bat speed but isn't very physical, so most of his power will come in the form of doubles. Holland's best tool is his plus speed, though he's still learning how to get the most out of it as a basestealer and defender. He's a solid center fielder with average arm strength. While he can play all three outfield positions, he doesn't have the pop to profile on the corners.*

**High School:** Langham Creek HS (TX)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/170**Round 15 (#463 overall)****C BRYAN LAVASTIDA****AGE/DOB:** 19, Nov. 27, 1998**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

2018 Suncoast Conference First Team.

**College:** Hillsborough CC (FL)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/200**Round 16 (#493 overall)****OF RUBEN CARDENAS****AGE/DOB:** 20, Oct. 10, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Batted .297 (69-232) with 13 doubles, four triples, four homers, 34 runs scored and 37 RBI in 2018...hit a three-run homer in Cal State Fullerton's 5-2 win over Stanford on June 3, advancing them out of the NCAA Stanford Regional this year...2015 **Perfect Game** California Region Honorable Mention All-American...selected by the Miami Marlins in the 37<sup>th</sup> Round of the 2015 First Year Player Draft but did not sign.

**College:** Cal State Fullerton (CA)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/185**Round 17 (#523 overall)****RHP LIAM JENKINS****AGE/DOB:** 21, April 9, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

Posted a 1-1 record and 6.46 ERA (11ER/15.1IP) in 14 appearances (two starts) for Louisville this season, with 25 strikeouts in his outings...pitched for two seasons at Arizona State University and one year at Wabash Valley College prior to his season with Louisville...drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the 40<sup>th</sup> Round of the 2017 First Year Player Draft but did not sign.

**College:** Louisville (KY)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-8/225**Round 18 (#553 overall)****RHP SHANE MCCARTHY****AGE/DOB:** 21, July 29, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

2018 Big East Second Team and Preseason All-Big East Team...has compiled a 16-19 record & 3.32 ERA (301.1IP, 307H, 145R, 111ER, 64BB, 211K) in four seasons at Seton Hall...named Preseason All-Big East Team (2016-17), All-Big East First Team (2016), ABCA All-Region Second Team (2016) & Freshman All-American Team (2015)...selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 18<sup>th</sup> Round of the 2017 First Year Player Draft but did not sign.

**College:** Seton Hall (NJ)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/190

**Round 19 (#583 overall)**  
**OF ANTOINE DUPLANTIS****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept. 9, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** L/L**College:** Louisiana State (LA)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/180

Played three seasons at LSU, batting .324 (268-828) with 36 doubles, 13 triples, six homers, 150 runs scored and 148 RBI...earned various honors in his career, including 2017 College World Series All-Tournament Team, 2017 SEC All-Tournament Team, 2017 Second-Team All-Louisiana, 2016 **Collegiate Baseball**, **NCBWA & Perfect Game** Freshman All-American, 2016 Freshman All-SEC and 2016 First-Team All-Louisiana.

**Round 20 (#613 overall)**  
**LHP JAKE MIEDNIK****AGE/DOB:** 22, May 1, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** L/L**College:** Florida Atlantic (FL)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/185

Compiled a 15-5 record and 4.12 ERA (168.1IP, 157H, 95R, 77ER, 57 BB, 166K) in 30 appearances (29 starts) across two seasons with Florida Atlantic...pitched at Walters State Community College prior to FAU, earning National JUCO Pitcher of the Year and TCAA Pitcher of the Year honors.

**Round 21 (#643 overall)**  
**C ERIC RODRIGUEZ****AGE/DOB:** 19, July 28, 1998  
**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**College:** George Wallace CC (AL)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/188**Round 22 (#673 overall)**  
**LHP ELI LINGOS****AGE/DOB:** 22, May 21, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**College:** Arizona State (AZ)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/192

Pitched four seasons at Arizona State, compiling a 17-18 record and 4.21 ERA (263.0IP, 297 H, 154R, 123ER, 86 BB, 206K)...2014 **Perfect Game** California Region Honorable Mention All-American.

**Round 23 (#703 overall)**  
**OF CODY FARHAT****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept. 26, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**College:** Texas Tech University  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/185

Batted .301 (108-359) in three seasons at Texas Tech, with 17 doubles, nine triples, nine home runs, 83 runs scored, 64 RBI and a .474 slugging percentage...2015 **Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (Texas – All Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Team).

**Round 24 (#733 overall)**  
**RHP AARON PINTO****AGE/DOB:** 21, July 3, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** L/R**College:** SUNY Stony Brook  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/200

Recorded a 1.05 ERA (5ER/43.0IP) with 50 strikeouts in 23 relief appearances in 2018...pitched four seasons for Stony Brook, compiling a 13-7 record and 2.72 ERA (37ER/122.1IP) in 68 games (two starts).

**Round 25 (#763 overall)**  
**LHP KELLEN RHOLL****AGE/DOB:** 22, May 13, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** L/L**College:** Angelo State (TX)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/200

Named to the 2018 **ABCA/Rawlings** All-Region First Team after leading the team with 25 relief appearances, fanning 40 batters in 29.0 innings...went 3-3 on the season with a 3.72 ERA (12ER/29.0IP).

**Round 26 (#793 overall)**  
**RHP GUNNAR HALTER****AGE/DOB:** 22, March 18, 1998  
**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**College:** Seminole State (OK)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/180**Round 27 (#823 overall)**  
**INF GIONTI TURNER****AGE/DOB:** 17, August 17, 2000  
**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**High School:** Watson Chapel HS (AR)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/178**Round 28 (#853 overall)**  
**OF BILLY WILSON****AGE/DOB:** 22, May 28, 1996  
**BATS/THROWS:** L/R**College:** Loyola Marymount (CA)  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-11/185

Played four seasons at Loyola Marymount, batting .270 (58-215) with 11 doubles, six triples, five home runs, 38 runs scored and 32 RBI in 2018...ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation with seven triples in 2017.

**Round 29 (#883 overall)****LHP TIM HERRIN****AGE/DOB:** 21, Oct. 8, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

Pitched for the Hoosiers for three seasons, compiling a 9-3 record &amp; 3.44 ERA (120.1IP, 55R, 46ER, 46BB, 80K).

**College:** Indiana University**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-5/225**Round 30 (#913 overall)****INF CONNOR SMITH****AGE/DOB:** 21, April 22, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/REarned 2018 First Team All-MAC, 2017 Second Team All-MAC, 2016 **Louisville** Freshman All-American & first MAC Freshman Position Player of the Year in the history of the Western Michigan baseball program.**College:** Western Michigan (MI)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/180**Round 31 (#943 overall)****OF JONATHAN ENGELMANN****AGE/DOB:** 21, Sept. 18, 1996**BATS/THROWS:** R/RBatted .351 (74-211) with 14 doubles, two triples, six home runs, 44 RBI & 21 stolen bases in 54 games for the Wolverines in 2018...2018 All-Big Ten First Team...drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 28<sup>th</sup> Round of the 2015 First Year Player Draft but did not sign.**College:** Michigan (MI)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/210**Round 32 (#973 overall)****OF ANDREW EYSTER****AGE/DOB:** 19, Jan. 29, 1999**BATS/THROWS:** R/R**College:** Santa Fe CC (FL)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/190**Round 33 (#1003 overall)****INF DANIEL SCHNEEMANN****AGE/DOB:** 21, Jan. 23, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** L/R

Batted .288 (163-566) with 21 doubles, five triples, five home runs, 76 RBI &amp; 97 runs scored in three years at BYU.

**College:** Brigham Young (UT)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/180**Round 34 (#1033 overall)****RHP SPENCER SCHWELLENBACH****AGE/DOB:** 18, May 31, 2000**BATS/THROWS:** R/R2018 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-American (Central – All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team)...**Gatorade** Michigan High School Baseball Player of the Year...committed to the University of Nebraska.**High School:** Saginaw Heritage HS (MI)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/185**Round 35 (#1063 overall)****RHP CASEY LEGUMINA****AGE/DOB:** 20, June 19, 1997**BATS/THROWS:** R/RPitched two seasons at Gonzaga, compiling a 4-7 record and 4.23 ERA (50ER/106.1IP), with 14 saves...named 2016 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (West – All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team)...drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 25<sup>th</sup> Round of the 2016 First Year Player Draft but did not sign.**College:** Gonzaga (WA)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/185**Round 36 (#1093 overall)****C JOSE GUTIERREZ****AGE/DOB:** 17, Sept. 5, 2000**BATS/THROWS:** L/R2018 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (Texas – All Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Team).**High School:** Arlington Lamar HS (TX)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/230**Round 37 (#1123 overall)****INF TIMOTHY BORDEN****AGE/DOB:** 18, Sept. 1, 1999**BATS/THROWS:** R/R2018 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-American (Central – All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team).**High School:** Our Lady of Providence HS (IN)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/180**Round 38 (#1153 overall)****INF ZACK GELOF****AGE/DOB:** 18, Oct. 19, 1999**BATS/THROWS:** R/R2018 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (Northeast – All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team).**High School:** Cape Henlopen HS (DE)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/175**Round 39 (#1183 overall)****LHP KALEB HILL****AGE/DOB:** 18, June 3, 2000**BATS/THROWS:** R/L2018 **Rawlings-Perfect Game** Honorable Mention All-American (Southeast – All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team).**High School:** Watson Chapel HS (AR)**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/205



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**Round 40 (#1213 overall)**

**LHP BRAXTON COTTONGAME**

**AGE/DOB:** 18, May 18, 2000

**College:** Perry Central HS (KY)

**BATS/THROWS:** L/L

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/185

2018 *Rawlings-Perfect Game* Honorable Mention All-American (Central – All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team).

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