2028 Bats — Staff Rankings

Hitters from the ARMS 2028 Big Board (93 position players screened) · ranked on a three-source blend — PBR national · PG top-500 (9/2) · Over Slot 2028 HS top-100 — plus our Future Games data · updated 9/10/26

UVA RECRUITING HITTER RANKINGS

TIER 1 — NATIONAL TARGETS · THE CLASS'S BEST BATS ON OUR BOARD

1 Colin Anderson — 3B/OF · Etowah, GA

PBR **#8** · PG **#6** · Over Slot #22 · 6'0" 185 · R/R · uncommitted

The best consensus bat on the board — top-10 on BOTH services. PG: **"barrel skills and game power... MVP of the 14U World Series... .406-13-79 in 2024."** The rare '28 who has already produced against every level they've put in front of him. National recruitment; move accordingly.

Over Slot #22 — top-25 on all three national boards.

2 Landon Bonner — SS · Rouse HS, TX

PBR **#7** · PG **#11** · Over Slot **#7** · 5'9" 160 · L/R · uncommitted

Elite everywhere they rank him (7/11/7). PG: **".493-4-20 in 30 PG games in '25, an absurd .833 at WWBA 15U... fun to watch play."** Small frame, huge production lefty middle infielder — the profile that always outhits its listed size.

Over Slot #7 — their highest-ranked hitter on our board.

3 Derek Vazquez — SS · Cox Mill, NC

PG **#15** · PBR #23 · Over Slot **#3 overall** · 6'2" 188 · L/R · uncommitted

Over Slot's #3 player in the ENTIRE 2028 HS class. PG: **"smooth fielding middle infielder with arm strength, power in the LH'd swing, 6.50 runner / 90 mph IF arm."** True shortstop with power and speed — the complete toolset at the premium position, one state south of us.

Over Slot #3 — the highest national ranking of any player on either of our boards.

4 Levi Kerr — SS/3B · Marvin Ridge, NC

PBR **#21** · PG #40 · Over Slot #74 · **6'5" 195** · L/R · uncommitted

The highest-ceiling frame we saw at the Future Games — a 6'5" QB1 who hit a **97-EV opposite-field homer** at LakePoint. PG: **"extra long and lean, ultra projectable, very loose and fluid left-handed swing — highest level hitting prospect."** If the frame fills the way frames like this do, he outgrows every rank listed here.

5 Jacob Welch — SS/2B · Lehi HS, UT

PG **#16** · Over Slot **#8** · PBR unranked · 5'11" 170 · uncommitted

The best bat-to-ball on the board: PG logs a **50:9 walk-to-strikeout ratio from 2023–25** — read that again — with an MVP at 15U WWBA (.552). "Bouncy" middle infield athlete. PBR hasn't ranked him, which is a filing error the other two boards already corrected.

TIER 2 — HIGH-CONSENSUS BATS

6 Travis Fiedler — SS/3B · Prosper, TX

PBR **#33** · PG #48 · Over Slot **#12** · 5'11" 180 · L/R · uncommitted

Two-way standout — lefty-hitting middle infielder with a **90 mph arm off the mound** (PG), showed out at 15U WWBA. Over Slot buying at #12 says the helium is real. Fits the athletic-infielder mold this staff recruits.

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Ryan Sheffer — SS/3B · CA

PBR **#22** · Over Slot #24 · PG #149 · 6'0" 165 · uncommitted

PBR and Over Slot agree (22/24) while PG lags at #149 — two of three boards say top-25 bat. West Coast middle infielder with the classic lean projection build. The PG number is the discount.

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Rylan Jenkins — CF · Washington County, GA

PG **#27** · Over Slot **#20** · PBR #117 · 5'9" 175 · L/L · uncommitted

Our own FG scouting: **"best pure at-bats at the event — six hits, three steals, a true CF table-setter."** PG: game-changing 6.46 speed, **.501 hitter 2023-24 with 11 K in 65 games**. The leadoff/CF archetype done to perfection.

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Noah Harris — SS · Benedictine Military, GA

PG **#37** · Over Slot #37 · PBR #71 · **6'3" 185** · L/R · uncommitted

Projection lefty infielder — our FG note: **"smooth stroke, 102 EV already"** at 6'3"/185. PG and OS land on the identical number (#37), which is about as clean as consensus gets for a projectable frame this age.

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Kam Gillespie — SS · Liberty, MO

PBR **#30** · Over Slot #28 · PG #69 · 6'0" 165 · L/R · uncommitted

Our FG read: **"lefty table-setter, sprays line drives, best shot of the group to stay at short."** PG: stood out playing UP at Jupiter. Two boards in the 20s; the glove keeps the floor high.

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Francis Conners-Schmid — OF/LHP · Salisbury School, NY

PG **#21** · Over Slot #83 · PBR #124 · 6'2" 220 · L/L · uncommitted · **also #1 on our Arms board**

The two-way flagship — ranked #1 on our pitching board, and the bat alone belongs here: **107.7 EV (3rd-best at the FG)**, 421-foot power, Impact 90. OS: "plus raw power projection with middle-of-the-lineup impact upside." One recruit, two boards, both real.

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Brett Paciorek — SS · TN

Over Slot **#6** · PBR #45 · PG #358 · 6'0" 165 · uncommitted

The biggest divergence case on the board: Over Slot has him **#6 in the class** while PG sits at #358. When a film-heavy evaluator is 350 spots ahead of a metrics aggregator, someone is about to be very right — the in-person look this fall settles it cheaply.

TIER 3 — THE CATCHERS

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Jack Rhodes — C/OF · Christ Presbyterian, TN

PG **#33** · Over Slot #61 · PBR #217 · **6'3" 190** · uncommitted

C1 on this board: a 6'3" catcher PG puts #33 in the class. Two of three boards top-65. Premium position plus frame — the kind of catcher recruitment that ends early; treat the timeline that way.

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Julian Martinez — C · NY

PG **#76** · PBR #126 · 5'10" 175 · uncommitted

PG: **"highest level defensive catcher, can dominate a game defensively"** — .400 with 9 walks at 14U WWBA, 4X Select Fest. The defense-first C profile every staff needs one of; the receiving is the carrying tool and it's already elite.

15 **Brody Sharp — C/SS · Rouse HS, TX**

PBR **#66** · PG #333 · 6'0" 195 · uncommitted

A catcher athletic enough to double at shortstop — PBR top-70. Bonner's HS teammate, so one Texas trip scouts #2 and #15 together.

TIER 4 — RISERS & LEADERBOARD BATS

16 **Canyon Koonce — CF/LHP · Brownsburg, IN**

PBR **#60 (riser, was #138)** · Over Slot **#17** · PG #261 · 6'1" 175 · L/L · uncommitted

Over Slot at #17 and PBR jumping him 78 spots tell the same story our FG data does: **89.9 avg EV at 160 lbs, 26.2 hand speed, and the event's Top Run Tool award**. Plus-run lefty CF with a lefty arm — two-sport-style athleticism in one package.

17 **Gabriel Coupet — SS · FL**

PG **#65** · Over Slot #70 · PBR unranked · 6'0" 166 · uncommitted

PG: **"hit everywhere in 2025 — .500-0-23 in PG play — true shortstop athleticism with 6.58 speed."** Two boards agree in the 65-70 range; the production line is the argument.

18 **Ty Madden — CF/SS · NJ**

PG **#99** · PBR #146 · 6'0" 177 · L/R · uncommitted

PG: **".500-4-37 with 21 steals in 2025, MVP at the 16U PG Fall World Series"** — 8-of-9 on all-tournament teams last year. Production machine from the Northeast; the trophies keep stacking.

19 **Brooks Bond — SS · Lewis Central, IA**

PBR **#108** · PG #165 · 6'0" 175 · L/R · uncommitted

Our FG scouting: **"easily one of the sweetest strokes at the event" — 102+ EV with a 93 mph infield arm.** Iowa kid, under-seen, over-skilled.

20 **Kobe Reese — OF · Eastside Catholic, WA**

PG **#143** · Over Slot #96 · PBR #188 · **6'4" 219** · uncommitted

Made **five separate FG leaderboards**: 100 avg EV, a 423-foot shot, top-4 hand speed, bat speed AND rotational acceleration. The biggest raw-power/bat-speed combination in this tier, in a 6'4" frame.

21 **Yariel Diaz — UTL · FL**

PBR **#60** (July) · PG unranked · uncommitted

PBR top-60 on the July list with no PG top-500 presence — a one-board bat out of Florida worth one look to break the tie. Thin public data; flagged for an in-person or video follow-up.

22 **Kai Bledsoe — OF/SS · Brentwood Academy, TN**

Unranked both services · R/R · uncommitted

Ranked here on one number: a **95.4 Edge Score — elite MLB hitters test around 87**. Best vision/decision tool in the class per the FG testing, and nobody has priced it yet. The purest data-sleeper bet on the board.

DATA SLEEPERS — FG METRICS OUTRUNNING THE RANKINGS

★ **Elijah Archer — OF/1B · Dominion, VA · Graham Virag — SS · Cardinal Gibbons, NC · Nathan Godbold — SS · CA · Thomas Shank — CF · CO · Dylan Murphy — SS · IN**

Archer (unranked, IN VIRGINIA): 99.4 avg EV with 70% sweet-spot — top-8 at the Future Games; the single cheapest visit on this page. **Virag** (PG #205): 417 feet at 105 EV — the NC power sleeper. **Godbold** (PG #64 / OS #86): two boards in, PBR out. **Shank** (PG #190 / OS #44): OS 150 spots ahead of the field. **Murphy** (PBR #79 / PG #390): the reverse split. All five carry board-worthy data with off-board prices.

OFF THE BOARD — COMMITTED

✕ **Emerson Morris — SS, TN → Alabama · Grady Callaway — C, TN → Kennesaw State · Brad Bucci — SS, PA → Penn State**

Three board names already gone in the post-Labor Day wave — the same clock running on every uncommitted bat above. The daily watcher flags changes at 7:25am.

Ranking = blend of national consensus (PBR July list · PG 9/2 top-500 · Over Slot 2028 HS Draft top-100), verified production (PG game lines & scouting notes), our Future Games TrackMan/testing research, and fit/recruitability · 93 position players screened from the ARMS 2028 Big Board; 58 carried a national ranking on at least one service; 19 on Over Slot's top-100 · Committed players excluded from numbered ranks · Prepared by UVA Recruiting · 9/10/26