

**NJ AAU's Top Ranked Baseball Players for
Class of 2022, 2023 & 2024
As of January 2021**



AAU Baseball of NJ in its second year has developed its list of some of the top talent in New Jersey. New Jersey has some of the most talented baseball players in the country and the AAU staff developed its initial list of players to watch for the Class of 2022, 2023 & incoming Freshman (Class of 2024). A variety of metrics went in to develop this list which included standard metrics such as exit velocity & pitching velocity, but AAU took a step further and looked at baseball IQ, mental toughness & athleticism. While this is not an exhaustive list, AAU will continue to expand this over the upcoming spring and summer. Moreover, this list is in alphabetical order and not listed from top to bottom - if you made this list, you are an elite player in your class.

Class of 2024 (Alphabetical Order):

First Name:	Last Name:	Overview	Position	High School
Sebastian	Aponte	Good size at 5'11 162lbs. A consistent presence on the mound and middle of the lineup bat. Very sound all around ballplayer.	RHP	Howell
AJ	Bosch	Could arguably be the most athletic player in the 2024 NJ class. Absolutely blazing speed with good pop in the bat. Balls in the gap are stand up triples. Can get to any ball in the OF. Lots of range when playing IF and fierce competitor when he has the ball on the mound.	OF/SS/RHP	Woodbridge
Rhys	Bowie	Solid all-around player. Good speed in the OF and base-paths. Big time OF arm who may lead the state in base runners thrown out. A contact bat with high OBP who rarely strikes out. A lefty arm with mid/upper 70s velocity.	OF/LHP	Dwight Englewood

Kevin	Burgess	Very athletic, speed burner who turns walks into triples. Already running sub 7 second 60yd times with ease. Good outfielder with strong arm and a prototypical lead-off man.	OF	Philipsburg
Gabe	Kushner	All around solid catcher. Big arm who can throw runners out from his knees. Frames and blocks well. Big time stick with 90+ exit velocity.	C	Don Bosco Prep
Jake	Howlett	Wall - thick frame at 5'10 175lbs. A powerful bat with mid 80s exit velocity and strong arm in the upper 70s.	C/3B/OF/RHP	
Kevin	Jiratatprasot	Great size at 6'2 180lbs. Powerful lefty arm in the high 70s with a devastating curveball. Plays OF and has a lefty bat with pop.	LHP/OF	Seton Hall Prep
William	Kirk	Maybe the most polished pitcher in the 2024 NJ class. Big game pitcher with mid/upper 70s FB with a devastating strikeout producing changeup. Locates spots extremely well and pitches with his mind not just his physical tools. A lanky lefty at 6'0 150lbs. Very solid lefty bat, consistent. Plays OF and 1B very well.	LHP/OF/1B	Ramsey
Zack	Kucerka	Thick frame at 5'9 180lbs. Runs well for his size. Powerful lefty arm in the mid/upper 70s. Strong bat approaching 90 exit velocity.	LHP/OF	Ridge
Landon	Mack	Big game player. Exceptional fielder with a strong bat who can also control a game on the mound. Solid all-around game.	SS/RHP	Bishop Eustace
Luke	Monico	Slick fielder with good hands and quick DP turns. Prototypical two hitter that hits to all fields, moves runners and good speed on the base-paths. Run producer. Can play anywhere in the field.	2B/SS/OF/RHP	Ramsey

Macai	Moore	Nice size at 6'0 215lbs. 94 Exit Velocity with a powerful bat that the ball jumps off of. On the mound he can dial it up to 84mph.	1B/RHP	St Peter's Prep
Alex	Payne	Very polished lefty pitcher who throws in the upper 70s. Good size at 6'0 160lbs. Good outfielder with solid lefty bat and mid 80s exit velocity.	LHP/1B/OF	Pingry
Gavin	Soares	Nice size at 6'1 180lbs. Is an 80mph+ righty with nasty breaking ball pitches. Solid left side of the infield fielder with big arm across the diamond.	SS/3B/RHP	Northern Highlands

Class of 2023 (Alphabetical Order):

First Name:	Last Name:	Overview	Position	High School
Chris	Accardo	Chris a RHP who attends Delbarton has smooth mechanics works both sides of the plate and commands his pitches well. He has high projectability and will look to see this year how his velocity gets up in the higher 80's from 78 – 82. Good solid bat that shoots the gaps on both sides.	RHP, 1B, 3B, OF	Delbarton
Aiden	Alexander	One of the best left hander pitchers we noticed over the summer and fall. Great presence on the mound running a fastball in the mid 80's and uses his change-up well. A tall frame that is not afraid to run it inside on you. Aiden also has good bat with good pop and drives the ball as a natural pull hitter. This lefty is one to watch and one for the college coaches to put on their radar.	LHP, 1B, OF	Pope John
Charles	Batista	This player can throw the ball and throw it well! Tall frame runs it up in the high 80's with	RHP, IF, OF	Don Bosco

		good control of his breaking ball. Good all-around player with a high baseball IQ. At the plate – quick hands with big power, especially pull-side. Moves well and has great athleticism at multiple positions, he will have no issues finding a college home.		
Robbie	Carvelli	Robbie solid outfielder, reads the ball real well with an explosive first step. Contact hitter that will bat for high average. Robbie pitches as well with velocity in the mid to upper 70's. As he continues to fill out he will continue to dominate on the mound.	OF, RHP	St. Joseph High School
Brendan	Chanley	Duke commit here with zip on the fastball that reaches in the high 80's. Great command at 6 foot 4 inches tall at 180+ this young player can grind and has high baseball IQ. Plays the OF extremely well and tracks the ball effectively. Good solid bat with power and will make an excellent addition to the Blue Devil program.	RHP, OF	Ridgewood
Braden	Connors	Solid catcher, quick transfer and good strong arm that throws on a line. Left hand hitter, pulls the ball with solid contact. This Virginia commit will continue to improve as he continues to fill-out. Good plate presence behind the plate and works well with his pitchers calling pitches and setting up.	C, OF	Bergen Catholic
Justin	Ford	Justin a large frame 85 MPH fastball that will attract a lot of attention this year for sure as his talent is becoming too hard to ignore. Has a confident aura that helps to elevate his game with gifted hands at 3B along	3B, RHP	Roxbury

		with a strong bat with exceptional pop and drive. Justin commands his pitches well with good linear drive off the mound and controls his breaking ball well to go alongside his fastball. A player to watch and track this year!		
Mark	Gialluisi	A Boston College commit, Mark is another solid catcher with a good medium frame at 5' 11" and has good power from his lower half. Has efficient movements and short, quick arm. Also has a solid bat that can hit in all directions with solid contact with decent bat speed and speed on the base-paths as well. Overall a solid back-stop behind the dish.	C/OF	St Josephs
Jace	Gilligan	Gilligan is one if not the best catcher we noticed during the summer and fall. With an innate ability to get under the ball to stick the low strike, this polished catcher has loose hips with soft hands to go along with a cannon of an arm – players don't run on him! A right handed hitter there is quickness to the hands and he exhibits the ability to work both gaps with ease. Overall the defensive abilities alone are enough for college coaches to lock-in on Gilligan.	C	Wayne Hills
Jonny	Gilligan	Jonny can play the infield and very versatile at SS, 2 nd and 3 rd base. A lefty bat with tremendous power and pop coming off that bat with solid contact. A strong presence in the field and on the mound. His 85+ fastball goes well with a devastating breaking ball to keep those hitters guessing. A focused and determined player	IF, RHP	Wayne Hills

		will have no problems as a high level D1 prospect and will make any program better.		
AJ	Gracia	AJ continues to progress and impress. This Duke commit ranges very well in the OF and has a strong leadership presence in the field. Good closing speed with a great explosive first step. Has exceptional instincts in the field. AJ is also a lefty pitcher with good command and will continue to keep hitters off-balance. Duke got themselves a solid all around player!	OF / LHP	Ranney
Kyle	Hard	Hard has great hands and has no issues with getting rid of the ball quick with excellent accuracy while turning two. Has excellent range in the field with a good sense of the game. Contact hitter that can hit the gaps. Kyle also excelled in premier events not only as an infielder but on the mound as well. Kyle reached 82 on his fastball this year with command of three pitches continues to challenge hitters on both sides of the plate. Watch for Hard this year as he will be an all-around asset on both offense and defense and will be asset to any College program.	RHP, MIF	Mahwah
Allen	Hernandez	Allen a 6 foot 4 big bat with solid contact, drive and exit velocity off his bat. Allen has demonstrated good range from 3 rd to 1 st and can man both corners very well. A recent commit to Florida Gulf Coast will prove to be an impact player for any D1 program. Allen is also an effective pitcher with a high 80's fastball and commands a breaking ball well to keep	1B, 3B, RHP	Don Bosco

		hitters off balance to go along with his change-up. A strong leader in the dugout that stays humble is a guy you want.		
Elan	Ofeck	A tall frame with a good stick. A versatile player that can play the corners well with good range across the diamond. A high leg-kick pitcher with an 82+ fastball from this 6' 1" frame will only improve. Elan has good pop from his bat with excellent exit velocity, a contact hitter with power. A strong presence on and off the field with an excellent work ethic – the guy you want, he will be looked at for sure this year as a high level college prospect.	IF, RHP	Northern Valley
Ryan	Polansky	Ryan a “sleeper” in our evaluations that grabbed our attention as a true lefty pitcher that knows how to pitch. This disciplined player at 5' 10" 155 pounds will only get better. Ryan commands all sides of the plate with all three pitches – fastball, breaking ball and change-up and keeps hitters off balance. Ryan’s ability to compete on the diamond only helps to enhance his present athleticism, and college coaches are likely to be glued to his progress moving forward.	LHP, OF	Indian Hills
Luca	Reyes	A recent commit to the University of Miami has excellent speed in the field, with excellent routes and a good arm. Plays all positions in the outfield real well and is quick in right field to gun a player from right to First Base due to his good reaction time. He plays Centerfield as well as anyone, a true leader in the outfield. He	OF	Bergen Catholic

		communicates well out in the field. Reyes has a solid bat, with excellent exit velocity and can really drive the ball. A pull hitter with power and has speed on the base paths. Bergen will have a solid defender in the field this year and Miami added to their arsenal of weapons.		
Johnathan	Rodriguez	Johnathan a nasty lefty pitcher which hitters don't want to face. He can drop down side-arm, go $\frac{3}{4}$ or stay on top with various looks and good fastball in the low 80's. He keeps you guessing and forces a hitter to make a bad decision. An athlete for sure and covers tremendous ground as an outfielder, good explosive first step and tracks the ball real well. A player to watch and a high level college prospect that will be an asset for sure.	LHP, OF	Don Bosco
Kyle	Rogers	Kyle has great stuff as a lefty pitcher with a tall frame at 6' 2" 205 lbs. Not shy about running it in and mixes his pitches up well. Commands the fastball at 79 – 80 MPH. Has a high baseball IQ as a pitcher and is leader on the field when he is on the mound. Plays 1B real well, with a solid glove scooping those balls right up. Has a solid bat and is more of a pull hitter, but hits for contact and will attract interest for sure this year especially as lefty with his size and potential.	LHP, 1B, OF	Clifton
Griffin	Seibel	Griffin has had another solid year pumping it up on the mound with a fastball at 86 MPH. He has electric stuff with a nasty curve-ball and change-up. Griffin is a true competitor and displays great composure on	RHP, OF	Glen Ridge

		the mound. He utilizes all sides of the plate and mixes his pitches up well. He has good bat with solid contact thru the zone and can hit the gaps on both sides. He will continue to grab attention at the national events as he is a high college prospect.		
Zach	Selfon	Zach is all over the infield with great instincts and excellent range to compliment his soft hands. A solid infielder with a short arm stroke that delivers that ball quickly to turn 2. Is a contact hitter with good balance at the plate and can drive the ball in the gaps. Quick hands and quick feet – what you expect from a solid MIF. Zach will continue to develop and will be on the radar for college coaches to track as he will grind and is the type of player that makes any college program better.	MIF	Mahwah
Alex	Stanyek	Impressive for the college prospect in Alex Stanyek. A fastball in the high 80's to low 90's this kid is solid all around. Muscular build that you notice put his time in the gym, commands a fastball well and with movement that blows it by you. Also an exceptional outfielder that is explosive and tracks the ball real well. With a cannon of an arm in the OF and one who has a solid bat in the lineup that can hit for power with contact this is a high level recruit for any D1 college.	RHP, OF	Red Bank Catholic
Aiden	Teel	A Virginia Commit - Aidan is a talented player with great athleticism and smooth hands in the infield. Teel has no issues firing a cannon across diamond	IF, RHP	Mahwah

		with his live arm. Teel commands an 88-90 MPH fastball with command along with a nasty breaking ball. He also has great bat speed with solid contact to both sides of the field with fast speed down the line. You will see this young man steal a lot of bags this season. Teel will continue to grow and mature as a player and has room to grow physically, mentally and athletically. Keep an eye out for Teel this year to make more headlines.		
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Class of 2022 (Alphabetical Order):

First Name:	Last Name:	Overview	Position	High School
Carson	Applegate	Committed to Kentucky – Carson is solid all around with a live fastball at 92+ with soft hands and powerful bat that drives the ball, Kentucky got a solid player!	SS, RHP	The Hun
Nick	Avagnano	Strong & Athletic corner fielder that has smooth hands, a quick release and covers ground. Nick also has an explosive first step and takes good angles in the OF. Due to his size and strength, his bat is explosive, with high exit velocity and can hit to all sides of the field. The ball flies off his bat and has tremendous athleticism. High level baseball college prospect here!	3B, 1B, OF	Paramus
Rocco	Brezezniak	This Louisville commit has strength and power in his stick. At 6-2 210 lbs. he has good size, power and speed. Has quick hands, short arm angle and can sling it across the diamond. Big pop off his bat	3B, 1B, OF	St. John Vianney

		and tremendous bat speed with an aggressive swing. A player to continue to watch as Louisville got themselves a good power hitter.		
Johnny	Bruno	Strong build, primarily an outfielder, with good routes, and tracks the ball well. Aggressive approach to the ball with a cannon from OF to 3B. Hits for power with good bat speed and level bat path. He is a high level college recruit.	OF	Rumson Fair Haven
Christian	Charalambous	A solid athlete and an intelligent pitcher on the mound that works all sides of the plate and mixes it up with a mid 80's fastball. Good command and uses a breaking ball and change-up effectively. Has a strong presence on the mound and he will continue improve. He also has a solid bat, with a level swing and drives the ball with power. Solid infield glove with good mobility and range. Another high level college prospect!	LHP, 1B	Bergen Catholic
Angel	Colón	Angel impressed the scouts for sure, one of the best short stops we have seen. With smooth hands, a quick delivery across the diamond he is as reliable as they come. His demeanor and presence on and off the field is impressive – a true leader that players rally around. Angel has a strong build with a powerful lower half that has good range and instincts. His bat is short to the ball with good extension, a level swing with power to all sides of the field. A strong contact 2-3 hitter. Angel is a high level college D1 prospect.	MIF, 3B, RHP	St. Joseph Regional

Matt	Fais	Matt has smooth, solid, consistent mechanics. His delivery is effortless with a mid to upper 80's fastball. He mixes up his pitches and has nasty breaking ball to go along with his change-up. Mixes in a knuckle-ball which stifles the hitter and is one of the more intelligent pitchers we reviewed. Has a good presence on the mound and handles adversity well. A mature player and one in which we grade out as a high level D1 prospect.	RHP, 3B	Ramapo
Michael	Featherstone	A tall strong frame at 6-5 220 who delivers power in his bat. A good level swing that he can drive the ball to all sides of the field. An overall solid intelligent hitter that has great contact, power and drives the ball! Great range at first base with good hands and is reliable as they come to scoop those tough balls in the dirt. Great presence on the field and in the dugout, a team player / captain. On the mound a mid to upper 80's fastball with good command and uses a curve-ball and change-up well. A solid player all around and will attract interest from D1 colleges for sure due to his size, maturity and power.	RHP, 1B	Ramsey
Tommy	Finnegan	A Vanderbilt commit, this guy is the real deal on the mound. A 90 MPH fastball that he can paint on the corners and makes you hit his pitch. A tall frame at 6-7 with solid smooth consistent mechanics. We see why Vanderbilt scooped this kid up.	RHP, 1B	Ocean City

Andrew	Fischer	A Duke commit, at 6-2 180 this kid has power, good footwork and can sling it across the diamond. We like his hands and quick release with excellent range on the field. Reliable lefty bat that delivers pop to all sides of the field. Uses his lower half real well to maximize power and aggression in the box. He will do well as a Blue Devil.	3B	Wall
Denny	Furcal	One of the better more consistent LHP we saw. His mechanics are smooth, consistent and effortless on the mound that mixes his pitches up well. An intelligent pitcher than can handle adversity well. Uses his fastball to set up his breaking ball and change-up well. Reliable glove at 1B with quick feet and good range to back it up with a solid bat that can drive ball. At 5-11 160 he will continue to grow and attract attention as a high level college prospect this year.	LHP, 1B	Hudson Catholic Regional
Ellis	Garcia	A West Virginia commit and one who lights it up on the field. One of the best MIF in the state, with soft hands, excellent footwork, and a quick delivery that can be used in any spot in the infield. We like his presence and leadership qualities on the field and in the dugout. A strong bat and intelligent hitter in the box, he can drive the ball with power and consistency. West Virginia got a stud.	SS, 3B, 2B	St. Joseph's Regional
Chris	Maldonado	A Clemson commit where they received an all-around solid player. Solid footwork, a strong build, soft hands and can	SS, 3B, 2B, RHP	Seton Hall Prep

		transfer the ball quickly – as reliable as they come in the infield. Big bat with strong pop and drives the ball to all sides of the field. A RHP at mid to upper 80’s and commands the ball well and paints the corners. Clemson got themselves a solid player.		
Nazier	Mule	Nazier is a true talent on the field and one that graded out as the best prospect in the state in his class. An all-around 5-tool player that has a 97+ MPH fastball, smooth consistent mechanics and off-speed pitches to keep hitters guessing. Great hands as an infielder with a quick release and a high baseball IQ all around. He is a true difference maker on the field. Excellent instincts on the field and on the base paths. Strong bat and intelligent in the box, delivers pop on the ball and can drive the ball to all areas of the field with an exit velocity of over 100 MPH. This uncommitted Junior out of PCTI has college coaches on their radar as well as MLB scouts. Enjoy watching this NJ talent.	SS, 2B, 3B, 1B, RHP, OF	Passaic County Tech
Christian	Pareja	Solid pitcher on the mound with excellent command of his three pitches. A fastball between 83-85 MPH with smooth repeatable mechanics. A guy that goes out and does his job and has a commanding presence on the mound. This uncommitted junior had an excellent year last year and we expect big things from him this year. College coaches should put Pareja on their radar.	RHP	Passaic County Tech

Clayton	Policy	<p>This RHP was impressive to watch at 6 foot plus 175 lbs., he commands a mid to high 85+ MPH fastball with consistent smooth mechanics. He mixes up his pitches well and is not afraid to run the ball inside. An intelligent pitcher on the mound and can deal with adversity well. A strike thrower that will not give in and make hitters hit his pitch. Good range, quick feet and fields well off the mound. A high level D1 grade / prospect for college coaches to put on their radar.</p>		Don Bosco
Pablo	Santos	<p>Glad to see a high level talent decided to stay in NJ – a Rutgers Commit. Overall a phenomenal athlete that can do it all! Smooth, reliable hands in the field, high baseball IQ and is a difference maker on the field. Solid infielder that can play anywhere on the field with excellent footwork, range and explosive first step. 87-88 MPH fastball one of the smartest pitchers we seen and mixes it up real well. He will be a solid addition to the Scarlet Knights.</p>	SS, MIF, RHP, OF	Don Bosco
Tony	Silva	<p>At 6 foot 175 lbs. corner infielder impressed us with his athleticism on the field. Good hands and transitions the ball well. Has good instincts on the field with a solid bat. Like his approach and mentality in the box and is a disciplined hitter with an aggressive stick, high contact hitter that can drive the ball to all areas on the field. He will have college coaches on his radar for sure this year!</p>	3B, 1B, OF	Cranford

Ryan	Sprock	<p>This Elon commit is a special athlete with a 91 MPH fastball, excellent athleticism and overall good student – it was easy to see why Elon committed to him. He lit it up on the mound with consistent repeatable mechanics that is effortless and is a strike thrower to go along with his velocity. Excellent command and utilizes secondary pitches well. A two-way player his skills as SS/3B grade out high with good soft hands a quick release. This player can drive the ball with power to all areas of the field. One to watch when he’s at the plate as he is a difference maker across the board!</p>	SS, 3B, RHP	Seton Hall Prep
Marcos	Suarez	<p>Marcos has a strong bat, with quick hands and an aggressive approach he hits for contact and power to all sides of the field. Has a good presence in the box with good discipline. High exit velocity to go along with a level swing and you can hear that pop off that bat when he connects. Good smooth hands as middle infielder with excellent footwork and range. A RHP that throws in the 82+ MPH range with good command and mixes it up with different pitches. High baseball IQ and was graded out as a high college D1 prospect.</p>	MIF, RHP	Lodi