

**RHP PAUL SKENES**

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**HEIGHT:** 6-6**WEIGHT:** 255**B/T:** R/R**EXP:** 1 YR**BORN:** MAY 29, 2002 (21) IN FULLERTON, CA**RESIDES:** LAKE FOREST, CA**ACQUIRED:** 1ST ROUND (NO. 1 OVERALL, 2023) - LSU**GAME-BY-GAME**

| DATE | OPP       | DEC | IP  | H | R | ER | BB | SO | Pitches/Strikes | RESULT |
|------|-----------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|-----------------|--------|
| 8/10 | FCL Twins | --  | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 11/9            |        |
| 8/15 | Lakeland  | --  | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 16/11           |        |
| 8/20 | Lakeland  | --  | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 28/19           |        |

**Bold - Career High**  
*Italics - Relief outing***SKENES CAREER STATISTICS**

| YR                           | CLUB              | W-L        | ERA         | G/GS       | CG       | SHO      | SV       | IP         | H        | R        | ER       | HR       | BB       | SO       |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2023                         | FCL Pirates (RK.) | 0-0        | 0.00        | 1/1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1.0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
|                              | Bradenton (A-)    | 0-0        | 0.00        | 2/2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3.0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 4        |
|                              | Altoona (AA)      |            |             |            |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MLB Totals (1 season)</b> |                   | <b>0-0</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>3/3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>5</b> |

**PROSPECT RANKINGS**2023 *Baseball America* No. 4 Overall/ No. 1 Pirates Prospect  
2023 MLB.com No. 3 overall / No. 1 Pirates Prospect**CAREER NOTES****2023:** Made his professional debut on August 10 with the FCL Pirates and tossed a scoreless inning... Promoted to Bradenton on August 15 and made two starts, totaling 3.0 scoreless innings...**COLLEGE:** Began his collegiate career at the Air Force Academy where he was one of the nation's best two-way players as a freshman... Batted .367/.453/.669 with 31 2B, 24 HR and 81 RBI in 100 career games at the plate... Went 11-4 with a 2.72 ERA in 33 games (15 starts) in two seasons on the mound... Was named the National Co-Freshman of the Year by Collegiate Baseball in 2021 an award he shared with future LSU teammate OF Dylan Crews... **Earned the 2022 John Olerud Award** given to the nation's best two-way player, a season in which he went 10-3 with a 2.73 ERA and struck out 96 batters in 85.2 IP and batted .314/.412/.634 with 10 2B, 13 HR and 38 RBI at the plate... Transferred to LSU for the 2023 season and focused solely on pitching... **Earned the 2023 Dick Howser Trophy given to the nation's best NCAA Division I player** for the 2023 season after he finished 13-2 in 2023 with a 1.69 ERA in 122.2 innings... Also voted the 2023 National Player of the Year by Collegiate Baseball and D1 Baseball... Named the 2023 SEC Pitcher of the Year, first LSU winner since Aaron Nola in 2013 and 2014... Was named the Most Outstanding Player at the 2023 College World Series after going 1-0 with a 1.15 ERA with 21 strikeouts in two starts in Omaha... Struck out 48% of batters he faced in SEC play...**2023 HIGHS**IP: 2.0, 8/20 (BRD vs LAK)  
K: 2, 2x, last 8/20 (BRD vs LAK)  
BB: --  
Hits: 1, 8/15 (BRD vs LAK)  
Runs: --**CAREER HIGHS**IP: 2.0, 8/20/23 (BRD vs LAK)  
K: 2, 2x, last 8/20/23 (BRD vs LAK)  
BB: --  
Hits: 1, 8/15/23 (BRD vs LAK)  
Runs: --**RUNS ALLOWED BY INNING**

| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
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**SKENES CAREER NOTES**

Features a fastball (96-100), slider, and change-up

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 1st round (1st overall) of the 2023 First-Year Player Draft out of LSU... Signed on July 18, 2023 for a bonus of \$9.2 million, the largest bonus ever given, breaking Spencer Torkelson's \$8.4 million dollar bonus in 2020...**CURVE CUTS:** Paul Skenes... Attended El Toro High School in Lake Forest, CA where he was a three-year letterwinner and team captain as a senior... Grew up rooting for the LA Angels... Spent the first two seasons of his collegiate career at the Air Force Academy where he earned the 2022 John Olerud Award as the nation's best two-way player... Was a member of Cadet Squadron 9... Also saw time as a catcher at Air Force... Son of Karen and Craig Skenes; Craig works for a pharmaceuticals company, and Karen is a stay-at-home mom... has an older sister, Lauren, and a younger sister, Kristen... His uncles Mike and Pete served in the U.S. Navy and his uncle, Dan, served in the U.S. Coast Guard... Majored in military strategic studies while at Air Force... Chose to attend Air Force for "The opportunities it presents both while I am here and after I graduate. Also, the people I meet here are the best people to be around and will make me better." (h/t Air Force Sports Information)... Air Force Head Coach Mike Kazlauskis told NOLA.com in Spring 2023 "He will serve his country in some manner moving forward. It's just going to be a matter of when. Paul and I have spoken about that piece. We'll get him back in the military once his professional playing days are over. It's a big deal for Paul to be able to serve his country"... Had he remained at Air Force he would have had to fulfill his military service obligation following graduation, his only way to avoid that was to transfer before his junior season... After working at 93-95 mph and touching 99 with his fastball as a sophomore, Skenes averaged 98 mph and hit 102 with his fastball at LSU... **Pledged to make a \$10 donation for every strikeout he recorded in 2023 at LSU to Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of military and first responders who have died or been disabled... Struck out an SEC single-season record 209 batters resulting in a \$2,090 donation...** Became the first LSU player to be selected No. 1 overall since Ben McDonald was picked by Baltimore in 1989 (McDonald previously held the SEC single-season strikeout record)... He and OF Dylan Crews (No. 2 Overall - Washington) are the first college teammates to ever be selected in the top two picks of the draft... Was ranked as the No. 1 prospect in the 2023 Draft by MLB Pipeline, No. 2 by *Baseball America*... Was rated as having the "Best Fastball", "Best Breaking Ball", third in "Best Control" and fifth in "Best Changeup" in the 2023 college class by *Baseball America*... Was also rated as the "Best Athlete" among the 2023 college class by *Baseball America*...**SKENES VS. OPPONENT**

| Date | H/R | Dec | IP | H  | R/ER | K/BB | ERA |
|------|-----|-----|----|----|------|------|-----|
| --   | --  | --  | -- | -- | --   | --   | --  |

**SEASON SPLITS/MISC. STATS**

|             | W-L | ERA | G/GS | IP | R/ER | K/BB |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|------|
| Home        | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| Road        | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| Day         | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| Night       | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| Starter     | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| Reliever    | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| August      | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| First Half  | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |
| Second Half | --  | --  | --   | -- | --   | --   |