



PITTSBURGH PIRATES MINOR LEAGUE NEWS

PIRATES SIGN FIVE PLAYERS FROM 2024 DRAFT

The Pittsburgh Pirates today signed the following players from the 2024 First-Year Player Draft. The announcement was made by Justin Horowitz, Pirates Director of Amateur Scouting.

Round	Name	Position	Height/Weight	School	Affiliate Assignment
6	Matt Ager	RHP	6-6/225	UC Santa Barbara (CA)	Florida Complex League

Took home All-Big West Conference second-team accolades as a senior in 2024 after going 3-4 with 11 saves and a 4.02 ERA in 24 appearances (nine starts) at UC Santa Barbara...Was a 2023 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association third-team selection...Played for the USA Baseball Collegiate national team in 2023...Went 5-4 with a 3.12 ERA (92.1ip/32er) and 115 strikeouts in 15 appearances (15 starts) in 2023 while being named an American Baseball Coaches Association All-West Region second-team honoree and All-Big West first-team...Was a second-team All-Big West selection in 2022 as a freshman...Was signed by Pirates scout Brian Tracy.

Round	Name	Position	Height/Weight	School	Affiliate Assignment
7	Connor Wietgreffe	LHP	6-2/200	University of Minnesota	Florida Complex League

Was an ABCA/Rawlings Division I first-team All-Midwest region selection in 2024 as a junior at the University of Minnesota....Went 8-4 with a 2.77 ERA (78.0ip/24er), one home run allowed and 74 strikeouts in 15 appearances (13 starts) in 2024...Is currently pitching in the Cape Cod League...Was recognized as an All-Big Ten first-team selection in 2024 while also being named the Dave Winfield Pitcher of the Year...Is one of four players from the University of Minnesota to be drafted by the Pirates (last was J.P. Massey in 2022)...Last name is pronounced witt-griff...Was signed by Pirates scout Anthony Wycklendt.

Round	Name	Position	Height/Weight	School	Affiliate Assignment
8	Gavin Adams	RHP	6-4/195	Florida State University	Florida Complex League

Averaged 15.04 strikeouts per 9.0 innings at Indian River State College in 2023...Was selected by Washington in the 11th round (315th overall) in the 2023 draft, but did not sign...Was named the Sun-Sentinel Palm Beach County 5A-1A Player of the Year as a senior at St. John Paul II...Was signed by Pirates scout Darren Mazerowski.

Round	Name	Position	Height/Weight	School	Affiliate Assignment
9	Duce Gourson	SS	6-0/200	UCLA	Florida Complex League

Took home All-PAC 12 honorable mention honors as a junior when he started 51 games while leading the Bruins in OBP, doubles, extra-base hits, walks, and stolen bases...Became the first UCLA player drafted by the Pirates since Kevin Kramer in 2015...Hit .288 with seven home runs, 16 doubles, and 27 RBI during his 2024 season at UCLA...Was a member of the 2023 USA Collegiate National Team...Holds UCLA's program record for the most doubles (23) as a freshman...Was signed by Pirates scout Brian Tracy.

Round	Name	Position	Height/Weight	School	Affiliate Assignment
10	Derek Berg	C	6-3/200	Army West Point	Florida Complex League

Started in 53 games during his senior campaign while hitting .290 with a team-high 15 home runs and 38 RBI...Finished his senior season with a 28-game on-base streak while earning Patriot League All-League first-team honors...Was named Patriot League Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks (April 16 and April 23) after hitting seven home runs in the six-game stretch...Attended Conroe High School in Texas where he was a two-time All-Conroe Independent School District player...Was signed by Pirates scout Eddie Charles.

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