

Regarding Drake Khamis,

I have been a coach of elite level club baseball for nearly 25 years. In that time I have sent dozens of players to every level of college and professional baseball up to and including the 1st overall pick of the MLB draft. I certainly understand the difference between current and projectable talent and know what college baseball recruiters at all levels are looking for. Drake is coming off a devastating baseball injury (broken femur) which obviously cost him a season of game reps but more importantly it deprived him of the ability to show that he is among the elite underclass middle infielders in AZ. Offensively he understands his role as he consistently takes situational AB's with positive and productive results. There's not much swing and miss in his simple approach regardless of velo or secondary pitches, he has surprising power from his frame and he is a solid baserunner. Off the field, pound for pound, Drake is one of the strongest kids I've ever coached. He loves to put the time in in the weight room and basically it is his goal to outwork everyone around him. He is a great teammate and is a plus character kid from a plus family. Bottom line, he is going to improve the baseball team wherever he goes.

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