



**UA ST. LOUIS PROSPECTS BASEBALL CLUB**  
**PROGRAM INFORMATION**  
**HIGH SCHOOL 2023-24**



**The St. Louis Prospects is the premier baseball organization in the St. Louis area when it comes to providing high school players the opportunity to develop and move on to the next level. Prospect players receive more college scholarships and have more MLB draft picks than any other club. The Prospects facilitate this success by participating in the most competitive tournaments, putting their players in front of college coaches of all levels to be seen and showcase their talents. In addition, the Prospects have hundreds of contacts and have built credible relationships with these coaches and scouts.**

- **18 college commits from Class of 2024**
- **25 college commits from Class of 2023**
- **89 College commits from '19, '20, '21, '22 classes**
- **More than 100 college commits for the classes of 2014-18**
- **3 2019 MLB Draft Picks including 1 in 1<sup>st</sup> round**
- **2 top 5 round Draft Picks 2018**
- **2- 1<sup>st</sup> round MLB picks 2017**
- **14 current/former major league players**
- **More than 500 college scholarships**
- **More than 100 MLB Draft Picks**
- **12 1st round Draft Picks**



## **AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE OFFER**

### **NEXT LEVEL EXPOSURE and RECRUITING**

#### **College Coaches Of All Levels**

- Our players will perform in front of college coaches of all levels during tournaments
- Tournaments are extremely well scouted by college coaches
- Our staff communicates directly with college coaches about our players

### **QUALITY & EXCLUSIVE TOURNAMENTS**

- Midwest Premier Baseball
- Prep Baseball Report (PBR)
- Midwest Prospect League (MPL)
- American Premier
- Perfect Game
- Other quality, high level tournaments that maximize exposure (Cincy Flames, Music City, etc)
- Many of these tournaments require membership, an affiliation, or are invite only

### **RECRUITING EDUCATION**

- Recruiting Coordinator to personally walk with you through the process
- Ensure each player/family fully understands the recruiting process
- Work with each player/family to establish goals and objectives
- Identify level of play and find college match based on academic and athletic goals
- Learn how to successfully communicate with college coaches
- Player profile on every member of our organization



## **VIRTUAL COMBINE**

- Each player will have their own web page/recruiting tool
- Used to document and post measurables, video, etc
- Can incorporate data from BLAST, Rapshodo, etc
- Can be sent to and viewed by college coaches
- Virtualcombine.com

## **TRAINING OPTIONS FOR 2023-24!**

As a club, we continue to strive to be the best and offer our players what they need to reach their goals. We have some exciting new changes for the upcoming 2022-23 season!

- **Prospects Hitting Academy (Rawlings Training Center)**
  - Hit 2x/week up to 20 weeks
  - 5:1 player/instructor ratio
  - Same instructor entire time
  - BLAST Motion- Each player will have their own BLAST account
- **PITCHING OPTIONS**
  - Pitchers will have the following options
    - ACE Pitching Academy
    - P3- Premier Pitching and Performance
    - Strength and Performance Training incorporated
- **PERFORMANCE TRAINING**
  - Fitzmaurice Performance
  - 2x per week at Rawlings Training Center
  - September through February

Along with these additional training options, we will continue with:

- 10 weeks position player training 1x per week Dec/Jan/Feb
  - Includes hitting and fielding instruction
  - Separate Catcher's training once per week

**Players will also have access use cages at Rawlings Training Center**



## **PREMIUM UNIFORMS- NEW UNDER ARMOUR!!**

- 2 Premium Under Armour uniforms (jerseys, pants, hats, bag, helmet)
- Under Armour Sponsored Teams

## **QUALITY AND EXPERIENCED COACHING**

- We hire coaches that have college or professional experience
- Coaches are selected by and held to a high standard by our staff

## **QUALITY AND EXPERIENCED ORGANIZATIONAL STAFF**

**Andy Benes (Owner)- 14 yr MLB Career, 1<sup>st</sup> overall pick 1988 MLB draft, Olympic gold medalist, MLB National League All-Star**

**Don King (President/Director of Training)- Played D1, 15+ years coaching**

**Frank Oliff (Recruiting Coordinator)- Played D1, 15+ years coaching**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**It is the mission of the St. Louis Prospects Baseball Club to provide opportunities and exposure in the best possible environment while competing at the highest levels in youth and high school club baseball. The Prospects strive to meet a standard of excellence that is built on a foundation of commitment, discipline, hard work, and pride while emphasizing the importance of faith, family, academics, and baseball.**

## **GOALS**

- Provide a positive atmosphere and environment that promotes the learning, development, and improvement of baseball skills in order for each member of the club to be the best player he can be and reach his full potential**
- Use baseball as a tool to develop life skills that will help make them successful in their future careers and as citizens in their community**
- To be recognized and regarded as a community leader and set the example of how to operate a successful youth and high school club baseball program**
- Put our players in competitive situations that help develop character, courage, loyalty, and teamwork**
- Promote and focus on the importance of academics in preparing players for high school and college advancement**



## **VALUES**

We value discipline, hard work and pride while emphasizing the importance of faith, family, academics, and baseball. We believe a major part of youth sports is the journey. Our teams build and promote good character, and play with great passion and energy. We expect proper sportsmanship for all coaches, players, and families involved in our organization.

## **THE NEXT LEVEL**

Our ultimate goal is to help players reach their desired level of play and understand what it takes to get there. Our proven track record touts more than a 20 years of success educating players on skills on the field and traits off it to get noticed by the decision makers at the next level.

We would like to emphasize that as each year goes by there is more focus placed on athleticism (speed, strength, size, mobility), especially by college coaches in the recruiting process. Therefore, in order to give each of our players the best opportunity to succeed, we are focused on improving our performance training and making it a focal point moving forward.

## **EDUCATION**

Simply being “good” isn’t enough. From teaching baseball fundamentals, to the importance of keeping high grades in the classroom, to choosing between collegiate and professional offers, our staff has the experience necessary to help you make the best decision for your future. We educate our players and their families on the recruiting process, and work side by side with our student athletes to find the best fit for them at the next level.

## **RESPECT**

“There have been many changes in amateur baseball since 1998, but there is one thing that has not changed. The Prospects organization is still the standard that all clubs in St. Louis model their clubs after.” ADAM STAHL-SCOUT CLEVELAD INDIANS

**TRAINING      DEVELOPMENT      EXPOSURE      RECRUITING**



## INFO FOR FUTURE PROSPECTS

**First of all:** We want to take this opportunity to provide you with some detailed information about the Prospects as it pertains to our high school program. We want our players and families to be fully informed when they make their decisions on who to play for. Here are some Prospects facts that others cannot claim:

- 1<sup>st</sup> major club in St. Louis area, started in 1998
- 12 Total First Round MLB Draft Picks
- 14 players that have played with us have reached the Major Leagues
- Over 500 Prospects players have moved on to play college ball
- Over 100 Prospects have gone to play college ball over the last 5 years (avg over 20/year!)

**Secondly:** We would like for you to understand what we bring to the table over the next X years of your sons life. There is a lot at stake for your son and family over the next few years. Don't leave it to chance! There is a vast difference of knowledge, experience, history, resourcefulness, relationships, and credibility between different organizations in this area of the country. We want you to be informed on the decision that is in front of you. We are here to support those loyal to our club now and in the future, as this organization has proven over a long period of time.

We understand everyone has choices, and we want you to feel good about your decision to play for, and be a part of the Prospect family. The bottom line is we firmly believe that we are THE BEST organization in the Midwest to help your son identify and reach his goals, whatever they may be. Here are just a few things that we will do for your son:

- Develop him as a player and grow as a person
- Educate him and your family on the recruiting process and personally walk with all of you through the recruiting journey
- Communicate with college coaches and professional scouts (if applicable)
- Put your son in positions to succeed including playing at college venues in front of college coaches
- Play in tournaments exclusive only to the Prospects

We provide a professional staff that is here for your needs, ready and willing to communicate and offer our assistance.

**Finally:** We constantly strive to improve our organization in order to meet the needs of each player and family. It is our goal at the end of the day for each player and family to believe that we did everything we could for your son and provided him with the necessary tools and resources to make playing for the Prospects a positive and fulfilling experience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact and member of our staff. We look forward to working with you now and in the future.






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