



ATLANTA, Ga. – Atlanta Blues’ shortstop Termarr Johnson was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates with the No. 4 pick in the first round of the 2022 MLB Draft.

Johnson is making Sunbelt League history by being the highest overall pick ever for a Sunbelt League player.

“It was a tremendous honor to have Termarr Johnson play in the Sunbelt League this season. It brought attention to not only him and the Atlanta Blues, but also to many players in the Sunbelt League, as the scout coverage at the games was outstanding,” said Sunbelt Commissioner Todd Pratt. “We wish Termarr the best and hopefully he takes the next step in his baseball career and becomes a Pittsburgh Pirate.”

“The Pirates are the luckiest team in the draft to have him fall in their hands,” said Joe Austin, Atlanta Blues head coach. “He was the youngest kid on the team, but every player, and I mean every player, looked up to him as well as respected him.”

The shortstop from The Mays High School (Ga.) has played a big role in the Atlanta Blues’ game this season. He played in 16 of the Blues’ 23 games this season. With 55 at bats, Johnson has a .273 AVG with 15 hits and 10 RBIs. He also drew 13 walks and has 6 stolen bases this season.

“Words cannot express my joy. I am so proud of Termarr and his commitment to make his dreams come true!” said father and owner of the Atlanta Blues Terry Johnson. “Before the start of the season, we discussed him playing for our team and the Sun Belt League. We knew that the league would prepare and provide him an opportunity to sharpen his skills for the next level!”

“I am extremely grateful that my dream as little leaguer has come true... It is surreal!” said Johnson about getting drafted. “I must thank the Sun Belt League and Atlanta Blues for the opportunity to play this summer. It was a great experience. The level of competition was high every game. I wish every SBL player the best luck in their journey!”



ATLANTA, Ga.— The Sunbelt Baseball League has released the rosters for the 2022 All-Star Game to be held in Oxford, Alabama.

The All-Star Game will take place on Sunday July 17 with first pitch at 4:05pm EST (3:05pm CST) at the Choccolocco Monsters' home ballpark, Choccolocco Park.

The league will be split up into the American and National teams. The American team will consist of players from the Gainesville Gol'Diggers, Atlanta Crackers, Waleska Wild Things, and Columbus Chatt-A-Hoots. The National team will consist of players from the Brookhaven Bucks, Atlanta Blues, Gwinnett Astros, Alpharetta Aviators, and Choccolocco Monsters.

The American team will be coached by Aviators head coach Brandon Boggs and assisted by Frank Cacciatore, Dewayne Crowder, and Dalton Cobb. The National team will be coached by Chatt-A-Hoots head coach Steve Smith and assisted by McLendon Hill, Rodney Rutherford, and Howie Shackleford.

Here are this season's Sunbelt All-Stars:

American Team

Pitchers

- Austin Grause, Gol'Diggers (University of South Florida)
- Blake Wehunt, Gol'Diggers (Kennesaw State University)
- Halton Hardy, Gol'Diggers (Francis Marion University)
- Riley Stanford, Gol'Diggers (Georgia Tech)
- Zach Valentine, Gol'Diggers (Georgia Highlands College)
- Nathan Alexander, Wild Things (Garner-Webb University)
- Brock Weiss, Wild Things (University of Colorado-UCCS)
- Ryan Suppa, Crackers (Columbus State University)
- Hunter Lane, Crackers (Lee University)

Catchers

- Samuel Gilliam, Gol'Diggers (Chabot College)
- Sam Thompson, Crackers (Michigan State University)

Infielders

- Cam Suto, Crackers (Lee University)

- Landon Underhill, Wild Things (Mercer University)
- Bobby Boser, Gol'Diggers (University of South Florida)
- Brett Blomquist, Wild Things (Western Kentucky University)
- Brady Moore, Gol'Diggers

Outfielders

- Jackson Mayo, Gol'Diggers (University of South Florida)
- Theodor Bryant, Gol'Diggers (Tennessee Tech)
- Scott Campbell, Crackers (Chattanooga State C.C.)
- Zane Ross, Chatt-A-Hoots (Albany State University)
- Jamarie Brooks, Crackers (Kennesaw State University)

National Team

Pitchers

- Drew Bouchard, Aviators (Shorter University)
- Will Griffith, Monsters (University of Alabama-Huntsville)
- Cade Mitchell, Astros (Chattahoochee Valley C.C.)
- Tyler Clayton, Astros (Georgia Gwinnett College)
- Cole Turner, Bucks (University of Alabama-Huntsville)
- Logan Frady, Bucks (LaGrange College)
- Ben Norton, Blues (Cleveland State C.C.)
- Charles Stephenson, Blues (Berry College)

Catchers

- JD Kaiser, Aviators (Georgia Southern University)
- Andrew Pendleton, Bucks (Berry College)

Infielders

- Dylan Jones, Blues (Allegany C.C.)
- Wade Richardson, Bucks (Columbia State C.C.)
- Josh Cooper, Monsters (Claflin University)
- Kyle Carlson, Bucks (Piedmont College)

Outfielders

- Elgin Bennett, Astros (Kansas State University)
- Jack Herring, Bucks (Rollins College)
- Jack Poist, Bucks (Berry College)
- Christian Jackson, Blues (Georgia State University)
- Myles Austin, Blues (University of New Orleans)

Honorable Mentions

- Nathaniel Shipley, Monsters (Georgia Highlands College)
- Brandon Prince, Monsters (Georgia Tech)
- Tremarr Johnson, Blues (Arizona State University)
- Bryce Valero, Chatt-A-Hoots (Murray State University)
- Nick Morgan, Chatt-A-Hoots (University of West Georgia)

PROSPECT SHOWCASE

ATLANTA, Ga. – The Southeast Collegiate Prospect Showcase will be held June 27th and 28th giving top prospects from four summer collegiate leagues across the nation the opportunity to show off their skills.

The Sunbelt Baseball League, along with the Florida Collegiate Summer League, the Southern Collegiate Baseball league, and the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League, will send their prospect teams to Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia for the Prospect Showcase.

The Sunbelt Baseball League is sending the following players to represent the league at this year's showcase:

#	PLAYER	POS.	B/T	HT	WT	YR.	COLLEGE	TEAM	HOMETOWN
1	Brandon Prince	INF	R/R	5-10	185	SO	Georgia Tech	Monsters	Bremen, GA
2	Jackson Mayo	OF	L/L	6-2	190	SO	USF	Gol'Diggers	Saint Johns, FL
3	Wyatt Castoe	INF	R/R	6-0	180	R-SO	NW FL State	Crackers	Fairmount, GA
4	Allen Grier	OF	R/L	5-9	170	SO	Arkansas State	Blues	Atlanta, GA
5	Elgin Bennett	OF	L/L	6-0	190	FR	Kansas State	Astros	Atlanta, GA
6	Jacob Harper	C	R/R	6-0	195	JR	Valdosta State	Astros	Hiram, GA
7	Ricardo Leonett	C	R/R	5-10	195	SR	Western Kentucky	Wild Things	Gilbert, AZ
8	Tyler Clayton	LHP	L/L	6-3	190	SO	Georgia Gwinnett	Astros	Douglasville, GA
9	Tyler Dietz	RHP	R/R	6-2	185	SO	USF	Gol'Diggers	Trinity, FL
10	Halton Hardy	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	JR	Francis Marion	Gol'Diggers	Athens, GA
11	Nathan Alexander	RHP	R/R	6-1	180	R-FR	Gardner-Webb	Wild Things	Sugar Hill, GHA
12	Blake Gillispie	RHP	S/R	6-1	190	FR	Georgia	Blues	Lula, GA
13	Ben Norton	RHP	R/R	5-10	175	SO	Wabash Valley	Blues	Woodstock, GA
14	Brady Moore	INF	R/R	6-2	200	R-SO	Troy	Gol'Diggers	Talking Rock, GA
15	Hunter Lane	RHP	L/R	6-0	200	SO	Lee	Crackers	Madison, GA
16	Connor O'Neal	INF	L/R	6-2	225	SO	Chattahoochee Valley	Hoots	Columbus, GA
17	Devin Warner	INF	S/R	6-2	210	JR	Greyson County	Astros	Taylorsville, GA
18	Colson Lawrence	OF	R/R	6-5	220	JR	South Alabama	Crackers	Hoover, AL
19	JD Kaiser	C	L/R	6-1	225	SO	Georgia Southern	Aviators	Statesboro, GA
20	Cade Mitchell	LHP	L/L	6-3	230	SO	Chattahoochee Valley	Astros	Covington, GA
21	Bryce Valero	RHP	R/R	6-2	220	JR	Murray State	Hoots	Fortson, GA
22	Blake Wehunt	RHP	R/R	6-6	225	JR	Southern Mississippi	Gol'Diggers	Carnesville, GA
23	Riley Stanford	RHP	R/R	6-3	235	FR	Georgia Tech	Gol'Diggers	Gainesville, GA
24	Jacob Riordan	RHP	R/R	6-3	220	SR	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Wild Things	Marietta, GA
25	Cole McNamee	RHP	R/R	6-4	215	SR	Georgia Tech	Bucks	Alpharetta, GA
26	Cole Turner	RHP	R/R	6-1	215	SO	Alabama Huntsville	Bucks	Decatur, GA
27	Bailey Shannon	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	JR	Georgia Southwestern	Blues	Loganville, GA
32	Harry Cain	RHP	R/R	6-7	225	SO	Kennesaw State	Crackers	Atlanta, GA

Coaches & Staff

Manager: Todd Pratt

Bench Coach: Kevin Meistickle

Pitching Coach: Micah Owings

Hitting Coach: Gil Navarro

The team will be managed by Todd Pratt, while Kevin Meistickle, Micah Owings, and Gil Navarro will be the team's coaches.

The Prospect Showcase began as a two-league event starring prospects from the Florida League and the Sunbelt League. Over the years, it began to grow, and in 2016, the Southern League joined the show. The following year the event grew to five teams with the Cal Ripken and Valley Leagues. Due to COVID however, the showcase took a pause.

For its 9th edition, the Prospect showcase is now back to a four-team event. The teams will play two games each over the span of two days. It's founders, the Florida and Sunbelt leagues will play on Monday night.

Monday June 27th

4pm – Hamptons League v. Southern League

7:30pm – Florida League v. Sunbelt League

Tuesday June 28th

9:30pm – Hamptons League v. Florida League

12:45pm – Southern League v. Sunbelt League

Tickets for the Prospect Showcase can be bought in advance or at the door for \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors/Military/Children Age 7-12.

The link for tickets is <http://bit.ly/22prospectsnow>

The Showcase will also be broadcasted by FloSports. Fans can tune into FloBaseball, a network of FloSports, to catch the livestream for both days.



The link for the broadcast is <https://flosports.link/39MvDv3>

The Sunbelt Summer Baseball League has been providing premier summer baseball for the Southeast since 2005. For everything around the Sunbelt League go online to sunbeltleague.com for news, scores, broadcast information, and much more and on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @sunbeltbaseball.



ATLANTA, Ga. – During the 2022 MLB Draft, the Sunbelt League had five active players and seven Sunbelt alumni drafted by MLB teams across all three days.

The 2022 Atlanta Braves team had 5 players drafted in the 2022 MLB Draft, setting a Sunbelt League record for most players drafted in a year.

On day one, Termarr Johnson was drafted in the first round by the Pittsburgh Pirates. On day three, four more Braves were drafted. Marquis Grissom Jr. was drafted in the 13th round by the Washington Nationals. Garrett Brown was drafted in the 18th round by the Chicago Cubs. Christopher Williams Jr. was drafted in the 18th round by the Detroit Tigers. Christian Jackson was drafted in the 19th round by the Atlanta Braves.

Sunbelt alumni that were drafted were four players from past Alpharetta Aviators and three players from past Brookhaven Bucks teams.

Graham Pauly was drafted in the 13th round by the San Diego Padres. Shane Marshall, on the Aviators' COVID roster, was drafted 14th round by the Chicago Cubs. Tres Gonzales, on the Aviators' COVID roster, was drafted 5th round by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ryan McCarty signed a free agent contract with the Toronto Blue Jays.

All three Bucks were members of the 2019 Bucks team. Chandler Simpson was drafted in the second round by the Tampa Bay Rays. Andrew Jenkins was drafted in the 9th round by the Detroit Tigers. Kevin Kilpatrick was drafted in the 17th round by the Atlanta Braves.



BROOKHAVEN, Ga. – Brookhaven Bucks game have become a popular and fun activity for families in the city.

Playing at Oglethorpe University's historic Anderson Field, Bucks' games are full of life and energy with fans scattered around the ballpark. It has unique stands inspired by the Coliseum and plenty of green space to bring your own seats.

"We make Bucks games fun for everyone with some good baseball and fun games for the kids to enjoy," said Brad Dickison, owner of the Brookhaven Bucks.

There are plenty of things for fans to enjoy outside of the Bucks' game. They have a tent space for VIP fans hosted by the Buck's sponsor Cutwater Spirits, where fans can sit back and relax while watching the game up-close. Dickison also takes kids onto the field for the National Anthem and hosts games such as a water-balloon home run derby and running the bases after games.

"At the end of the games, the kids can go out there to meet the players and get autographs. And to little kids, it feels huge. It feels like they're meeting Braves players," said Maureen Thomas, a Bucks fan who often brings her family to enjoy the games.

"We love to come out here because it's such a fun way to get out of the house and keep the kids busy with the water balloon home run derby and other games," said Amy Page, a local Bucks fan, "it really is our favorite summer activity."