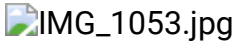


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DON REYNOLDS
PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL GROUP
PLAYER EVALUATION

Profile Photo


Player's Name
Nolan Ducey

Position
Catcher

Player's Number
6

Height
6'0"

Weight
150

Bats
Right

Team
IL - Quad City Hitmen Elite

Throws
Right

Grad Year
2026

Evaluation Date
Tuesday, July 26, 2022

ATHLETIC SKILLS

Feet

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Lite on his feet.

Hands

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Catches the ball.

Reactions

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Blocks ball in dirt and reacts well to game situations.

Body Control

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Balanced on offense and defense.

Strength

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Strong hands with room to get stronger.

Physical Development

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Broad shoulders with projectably body to add weight and strength.

BASEBALL SKILLS

Fielding

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Has defensive skills that need more strength and playing time to to develop. (Catching the ball, blocking pitches in the dirt and throwing)

Range

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

With normal growth should get stronger and quicker and increase range even more.

Running

3 - Average

Comments

Sound running form that with more strength will increase speed some.

Arm Strength

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

With physical development and long toss program arm strength will get better.

Arm Accuracy

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

With more strength, better use of feet and more experience accuracy will get better.

Hitting Ability

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Showed slight uppercut with some lifting action. Needs to make some adjustments

Power Potential

4 - Slightly Above Average

Comments

Drives the ball on occasion.

PLAYER SUMMARY

Summary/Action

In the future will be catcher beyond high school with defensive and offensive skills. All players this age need to improve to play beyond high school. It takes a lot of practice in all areas. The most important skills of a catcher are catching the ball and throwing runners out attempting to steal. Blocking pitches in the dirt is important. You did this really well in the tournament. Keep working on this to maintain. Both knees in the dirt with shoulders closer to the pitcher than your waist and block the ball rather than trying to catch it. Arm strength and accuracy can get better with good habits. When playing catch watch the ball from your throwing partner's hand all the way to your mitt. (And from the pitcher's hand to your mitt during the game, warming up between innings or in bull pen when pitcher is warming up). When throwing hold the ball across the wide seams and throw overhand with the elbow as high as the shoulder. Always throw to a target, your throwing partner's chest or the bill of his hat will work. When making the exchange from the mitt to your hand reach into the mitt to grip the ball rather than flipping it to your hand. Long toss can make a big difference in arm strength long range. Start long tossing from 50-60 feet with easy throws with 3/4 effort. Keep backing up and make each throw a little longer. Throw as long as you can comfortably throw to your partner in the air. At that point make 10-15 more throws and then move back in to the distance that you will be throwing from your position in the game. Catchers will be about 130 feet in the game (the distance from home plate to 2nd base). During long toss after the distance gets longer feel free to use a crow hop. When throwing to 2nd base be sure to use your feet and step directly toward the base and close the front shoulder. Hitting is what separates the average player from the good player. With the slight uppercut and the lifting action some adjustments need to be made. Start with trying to see the ball out of the pitcher's hand until it hits the bat. The middle of the field to right-center field approach helps a lot. Batting practice is the most important. Limit the swings to no more than 10-12 each round. Hit as many rounds as reasonable. Some drills in addition to batting practice that will help: Front toss underhand from behind a screen from about 15 feet or so. Can be done in a batting cage or on the field. Try to hit line drives toward the middle to right-center field for right-handed hitters. Again try to see the ball out of the hand until it hits the bat. Another drill is hitting off a tee inside a batting cage. Place the ball on the tee at the top of the strike zone and try to hit line drives into the back of the cage. Keep in mind: These drills will help a lot long range. To become a better player it takes a lot of practice. You are going in the right direction, keep up the good work.