

## ARIZONA BOUND

**Taylor Sansaver** has been playing softball since she was 4 years old. Now she has reached a milestone that many who play the game can only dream of. She has committed to the University of Arizona which is one of the premier softball programs in the nation. I asked the 16-year-old Tracy High Junior leadoff hitter to share a little bit about her softball journey.

“As I progressed in youth softball, I always played in a higher age group. Since 8<sup>th</sup> grade I’ve been playing with the 18Us,” said Sansaver. “This allowed me to not only have mentors who were preparing for college ball, but I got a chance to play for many years in front of scouts who were there to evaluate the older talent on my teams.”

Taylor believes it was around 7<sup>th</sup> grade that schools really began to show direct interest in her game. “I played on the local All American Sports Academy team from 10 on and then last season started playing for LTG Henderson out of Elk Grove in the summer. As a Freshman and Sophomore, I toured many schools outside of California with an emphasis on all the SEC schools. I was getting a lot of phone calls showing interest.”

This summer the relationship with colleges and Taylor really heated up. “Arizona showed a really strong interest in me and they came to every summer game I played. I also had gone to many camps at Arizona so they knew me very well. I also got a lot of calls from the SEC schools. Recently I got a call from the Arizona Head Coach Caitlin Lowe who invited me back to the school. I visited this past weekend, and several premiere players signed early in the day. I went to the Arizona football game later that day and it was then that I committed and notified the other schools of my decision”

Taylor stated the key factors in choosing Arizona included how competitive they were for National Championships and the relationships she built with the coaches. “They really took the time to watch me and get to know me as a person. I really fell in love with the campus and have become friends with several of my future teammates.”

Taylor gave thanks to Tracy High Softball Coach Paulette Keeney in her development process. “She has always been so supportive of me and has been flexible with my decision making and helping me get on base. She trusts my game decisions and gives me the latitude to execute my talents.”

Taylor hopes to significantly contribute to the 2026 Bulldog softball team that is loaded with talent. “As a Freshman I got a lot of singles. As a Sophomore I generated more RBIs. I hope this year to balance the two out more and contribute with more homeruns. I also want to help the team by collecting a high number of stolen bases.”

“My family and I are excited to have this commitment with Arizona locked in, and while in one way the pursuit of a college has been completed, I’m now challenged to continuously improve and prepare myself to play at the next level.”

Fortunately for the Bulldogs, Taylor has two more years in Green and Gold.

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