# **Athletic Coast Conference**

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Daniel Cuvet, 3B, Miami - 3 AB, R, 2 H, 4 RBI, 2B, HR

Danny Dingers hit a solo shot in the fourth inning and cleared the bases with an opposite field double in the fifth to help lift the Canes (20-17, 6-9) to a series win over Duke (24-14, 9-9) in ACC play. The big bodied sophomore launched his second homer in as many games (106 EV, 387 FT, 31° LA) and his opposite field two-bagger paced Miami on offense. "That was a big spot with two outs, bases loaded," said Cuvet. "I've raised the expectation for myself in the box and feeling more comfortable has helped me a lot. Getting that confidence back has been huge ... With the game on the line I know I'm going to come through just about every time."

The fan-favorite during his time on the Cape with Brewster, Cuvet has already replicated his wood-bat numbers from last summer en route to a standout campaign that saw him start in the league's All-Star game. Reminiscing on his summer in 2024, Cuvet said, "facing the top arms in the Cape and and Team USA helped because that's the highest level of baseball in college ... It has helped me slow things down for myself."

Cuvet is another top name to know for the 2026 MLB Draft, where his immense raw power and ability to drive the ball hard to all fields should help him garner first round consideration.

## Jason DeCaro, RHP, North Carolina - 5.2 IP, 2 H, 1 R/ER, 3 BB, 6 K (107 pitches)

Sophomore right-hander Jason DeCaro shut down the Demon Deacons (24-13, 9-9) as the No. 16 Tar Heels (28-8, 11-7) earned the sweep at Chapel Hill. With the offense clicking, the starting pitchers did their job, allowing just three runs on 11 hits in 17.1 innings (per UNC Baseball via Twitter/X) in a dominant weekend. DeCaro didn't allow a hit until the fourth inning and allowed just one extra base hit during his outing.

I asked Jason what he thought worked well for him on Sunday regarding his ability to limit damage and execute efficiently. He praised Pitching Coach Bryant Gaines and Director of Pitching Performance, Development and Analytics Jason Howell on getting him ready for this weekend adding, "they worked with me a lot on fastball execution and being bale to land a breaking ball early for a strike ... I think that preparation allowed me to get ahead early and put guys away." DeCaro went on to say, "I think the extra day of rest this week also helped with that ... being able to throw multiple bullpens focusing on execution ... I was very happy with the result."

DeCaro throws a low-90s heater with life and flashes a high-spin curve and slider with late break that he commands well to get ahead in counts. The 6-foot-5, 230-pound sophomore has a large durable frame and could be one of the top pitchers off the board in the 2026 MLB Draft.

Tomas Valincius, RHP, Virginia – 5.2 IP, 2 H, 0 R/ER, 0 BB, 4 K (81 pitches)

The freshman southpaw whirled a gem and got plenty of run support in the Cavaliers' 18-0 win over Pittsburgh (18-16, 5-10) in seven innings to improve to 20-14 (9-9).

Valincius earned the victory after allowing two singles and just three base runners total. He was perfect through four innings and took a no-hitter into the fifth.

"I didn't really think about it," Valincius said when asked about what he had brewing into the fifth frame. "I just go out there and try to compete ... I didn't worry about what the score was, it's the same mindset all the time" (per Virginia Baseball via Twitter/X).

At 6-foot-2, 210 pounds, Valincius has good size and commands the zone well. He executed to near perfection on Sunday and has allowed just 10 walks in 44.2 innings pitched (2.03 BB/9) and struck out 52 (10.6 K/9). He limited hard contact and induced eight ground ball outs.

## Chris Arroyo, 1B, Virginia – 3 AB, 2 R, 3 H, 6 RBI, BB, HR, SB

Arroyo was one of the many catalysts in the Cavs' 18-run fiesta in Charlottesville on Sunday afternoon. The elite two-way star reached base in all four plate appearances, driving in a third of Virginia's runs on the day.

The Hoos jumped out in front quickly, as Arroyo started the scoring off with a two-run blast pull side in his first at bat off of a 1-0 breaking ball. It was his team-leading eighth home run of the season for the power-hitting junior, who could hear his name called in the top four rounds this July. Arroyo later collected a pair of two-run singles through the right side as the offense put on a clinic. Catcher **Jacob Ference** (2-for-3, BB, GS, 4 RBI) and DH **Harrison Didawick** (1-for-2, 2 BB, HR, 3 RBI) ignited the offense with successful days at the dish in the run-rule shortened game.

## Drew Burress, OF, Georgia Tech - 4 AB, 2 R, 3 H, RBI, 2B, K

Burress continued swinging a hot bat for the No. 18 Yellow Jackets (29-7, 14-4) with a three-hit day which included a double and drove in the go-ahead run in the home half of the seventh inning to upend California. Burress hit a first pitch slider off of right-hander Ethan Foley that softly found its way to shortstop; beating out the throw to first base, good for his ACC leading 46th RBI of the spring in a tie with Marek Houston (Wake Forest). In his first at bat, he drove in his league leading 19th double which surpassed his total output (15) from last season.

The 5-foot-9, 182-pound centerfielder has, for the second season in a row, shown why he belongs atop of draft boards in 2026. Coming into Sunday, Burress has slashed .357/.477/.757 and has walked (32, 18.2%) more times than he's struckout (23, 13.1%).

The Jackets secured consecutive ACC Baseball sweeps for the first time since 2011, and notched their third sweep overall during the 2025 campaign so far (per Georgia Tech Baseball via Twitter/X).

#### Chase Williams, OF, Florida State - 3 AB, R, 2 H, 2 RBI, 3B

The ninth-ranked Seminoles (28-7, 11-4) brought out the broomsticks, sweeping No. 25 Virginia Tech (23-13, 9-9) thanks to Chase Williams who put together a career weekend. The switch-hitting sophomore hit .500 (5-for-10), stole a pair of bases, and tripled home a run in the sixth inning on Sunday in Blacksburg.

Williams is a twitchy athlete whose defense is possibly his best tool. He shows good athleticism and plus speed in the outfield. The quickness translates well between the bases and showcased the wheels for his three-bagger and later tagging up on a sacrifice fly. Coming back from a shoulder injury he sustained in early March, Williams has been a solid replacement on the grass following the departure of former Seminole, DeAmez Ross, who transferred to Central Florida.

#### Justin DeCriscio, SS, NC State - 5 AB, 2 R, 4 H, 4 RBI, HR

The Wolfpack (24-12, 9-6) scored 11 unanswered runs to defeat No. 14 Louisville (26-9, 9-6) and take the conference weekend series win. DeCriscio put the Pack on the board with a two-run shot to take the lead in the bottom of the third inning and hit two more RBI in the fourth inning, propelling NC State to a five-run lead.

The transfer from San Diego is in the midst of his best collegiate season yet. He excels at putting his bat on the ball and has done the most damage of his career thus far, posting a .273 ISO with seven home runs and a .291/.403/.564 slash in 32 games donning the red. Entering his senior year, DeCriscio had hit just six long balls combined since his freshman season and has continued to be a hard out with a career-high 10.4 BB% and career low 5.9 K%, albeit he hasn't struck out more than 9.3-percent of the time in a given season.

#### Trevor Haskins, 3B, Stanford - 6 AB, 3 R, 4 H, 2 RBI, 2B, HR

The Cardinal (19-14, 6-12) took a weekend trip to Doug Kingsmore Stadium, roughly 2,800 miles to take on No. 4 Clemson (33-6, 11-4), and third baseman Trevor Haskins did not forget his bat en route to salvaging a win in the three-game series. Haskins finished the road trip with back-to-back four-hit performances and a 7-for-15 (.600) showing with a pair of homers, five RBI, and two strikeouts.

On Sunday, the senior delivered out of the leadoff spot with a double in his first at bat and took an elevated off-speed pitch into the left field stands to break a 3-3 tie in the top of the fourth inning. Shortstop **Temo Becerra** (2-for-4, R, 3 RBI, BB, 2B) and second baseman **Jimmy Nati** (2-for-5, R, 3 RBI, HR) enjoyed terrific at bats as well, with Nati's home run leaving the stadium (110 EV, 434 FT, 25° LA).