

RHP Jacob Dudan

School: NC State

Grade: Junior

DOB: 12/29/2004

HT: 6-2

WT: 191

H/T: L/R

Grades:

Fastball	Slider	Changeup	Command	OFP	Risk
55 (60) 94-97 T99	60 (65) 85-88	40 (45) 85-88	35 (40)	45	Extreme

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Physical: Dudan has a lean 6-2 frame that may still be able to add some weight. He starts out of the windup with the ball and glove letter-high as he raises it with the front leg kick to start his descent down the mound. It's a power arm with whippy arm action as he sits into his back leg well. There's really good hip/shoulder separation before releasing from a low 3/4 slot. However, his arm can lag behind at times making his command inconsistent which has been his biggest issue thus far.

Strengths: Worst case scenario is a dominant reliever given his above average fastball and plus slider/cutter that could both be elite offerings. The mid-90s heater has no shortage of arm side run and he's has been able to miss bats around the zone. His bread and butter is the upper 80s slider that he threw roughly 72% of the time in 2025. It's a pitch he showed more feel for and threw it for a strike more than his fastball while getting batters to miss more than twice as much (42%) and chase at a 33% clip. It's got plenty of sharp break and paired with the fastball, it's a formidable one-two punch that's attributed to a 10.5 K/9 and 12.3 K/9 in back to back seasons at NC State. On the Cape, Dudan shined in three starts with a 1.64 ERA and 11 strikeouts. He threw the fastball 83% of the time and featured his slider just 14%, a complete flip of what he was doing in the spring.

Weaknesses: While Dudan plays to his strengths and has two pitches with electric strikeout stuff, Dudan lacks consistent control/command and a tertiary offering. His fastball only landed for a strike 59% of the time in 2025 and although he's improved his walk rate by nearly 3% from his freshman to sophomore season, he still walked batters at a 12.7% clip. He rarely throws the changeup but will exclusively flash it against left-handers with not much feel.

Summary: With elite strikeout potential, Dudan needs to hone it on both his control and command in order to have any upside as a rotation piece. In addition, adding a third pitch at the very least will be crucial to his development and add to his overall upside. Dudan has top 100 draft potential with a lower floor than other arms in his range.