



#20 DEON STAFFORD JR – C

Height: 5-11 **Weight:** 211
Bats: Right **Throws:** Right
Born: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Resides: West Chester, Pennsylvania
High School: Lower Dauphin (Hummelstown, Pennsylvania)
College: St. Joseph's University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – "Hawks")
Draft: 5th – PIT – 2017
DOB: 3/17/96 **Opening Night Age:** 26
Classification: LS-2
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CAREER SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

R: 3 (4x) – last, 7/13/19 vs. Fort Myers (Bradenton)
 H: 3 (12x) – last, 9/2/21 vs. Chicago (Winnipeg)
 HR: 1 (29x) – last, 9/2/21 vs. Chicago (Winnipeg)
 RBI: 6 – 8/11/18 at Rome (West Virginia)
 BB: 2 (11x) – last, 8/4/21 vs. Sioux City (Winnipeg)
 SB: 1 (4x) – last, 5/3/19 vs. Lakeland (Bradenton)
 HITTING STREAK: 9 – 8/21/21-8/29/21 (Winnipeg)

Career Highlights: Fifth season of professional baseball and second with the Goldeyes...re-signed by the Goldeyes on 3/7/22...originally signed by the Goldeyes on 8/3/22...career .256 batting average with 29 home runs and 138 RBI in 265 games played...138 career runs scored with 48 doubles, nine triples, four stolen bases, and 90 walks...lifetime .418 slugging percentage...has averaged 85 runs scored, 30 doubles, 18 home runs, 85 RBI, and 56 walks per 162 games as a professional...drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the fifth round in 2017...twice voted an all-star in the affiliated minor leagues (Short Season-A New York-Penn League with the West Virginia Black Bears in 2017 and Low-A South Atlantic League with the West Virginia Power in 2018)...appeared in the Major League spring training games for the Pirates in 2019 and 2020...ranked the 22nd best prospect in the Pirates' farm system by Baseball America in 2019...rated Best Defensive Catcher in the Pirates' farm system in 2019...played three seasons of college baseball at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 2015-17...hit a combined .348 for the Hawks with 28 home runs and 97 RBI in 143 collegiate games...voted Atlantic-10 Player of the Year as a sophomore in 2016 after hitting .395 with 18 home runs and 49 RBI in 54 games...18 home runs in 2016 set program single-season record...voted Atlantic-10 All-Conference as a junior in 2017...played for the Cape Cod League's Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in 2016...played at Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania...full name is Deon Christopher Stafford Jr.

2021

Winnipeg Goldeyes (American Association/Independent)

- Hit .309 with four home runs and 21 RBI in 27 games for the Goldeyes
- Hit safely in 21 of 27 games played
- Had 9-game hitting streak from 8/21-8/29 (12-for-32, .375)

Altoona Curve (Double-A Northeast/AA/Pittsburgh)

- Appeared in 14 games for the Curve
- 1-for-4 with a run in first career Double-A game on 5/5 vs. Bowie

FCL Pirates Gold (Florida Complex League/R/Pittsburgh)

- Appeared in six games for the Pirates going 8-for-22 (.364) with two home runs and five RBI
- Had four RBI while going 2-for-5 with a run and a home run on 7/2 vs. the Pirates' Black Florida Complex League affiliate

2019

Bradenton Marauders (Florida State League/A+/Pittsburgh)

- Hit six home runs with 32 RBI for the Marauders in 79 games
- Had four RBI while going 3-for-4 with two runs and a home run on 6/3 at Daytona
- Had 8-game hitting streak from 7/26-8/6 (11-for-35, .314)

2018

West Virginia Power (South Atlantic League/A/Pittsburgh)

- Hit 11 home runs with 49 RBI in 94 games for the Power
- Threw out 27 percent of opposing base stealers (24-for-90)
- Voted South Atlantic League All-Star
- Scored three runs while going 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI on 4/14 at Hickory
- Had 7-game hitting streak from 4/25-5/3 (8-for-30, .267)
- Had 8-game hitting streak from 6/1-6/10 (13-for-30, .433)
- Had six RBI while going 3-for-5 with a run, a double, and a home run on 8/11 at Rome

2017

West Virginia Black Bears (New York-Penn League/A-/Pittsburgh)

- Hit .280 with four home runs and 28 RBI for the Black Bears in 28 games
- Voted New York-Penn League All-Star
- Made professional debut, and picked up first career hits, home run, and RBI on 6/24 at Batavia while going 2-for-3 with a run and a double
- Had 8-game hitting streak from 7/18-7/31 (16-for-38, .421)
- Had four RBI while going 2-for-4 on 7/25 vs. Batavia
- Had 7-game hitting streak from 8/23-9/5 (8-for-30, .267)

Rick Forney on Deon Stafford Jr.: I'm excited about Deon returning for 2022. He did a fantastic job for us last season. Deon plays hard every day, has the ability to be a run-producer, and is a versatile defender.

year	team name	league	level	org	age	#	pos	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	sb	cs	bb	so	hbp	sh	sf	iw	gdp	tb	pa	xbh	1b	avg	obp	slg	ops
2015	Saint Joseph's At10	NCAA-1	Fr	19	37c	47	37c	47	182	36	62	19	2	26	3	4	24	33	5	0	4	0	3	91	215	23	39	.341	.423	.500	.923	
2016	Saint Joseph's At10	NCAA-1	Jr	20	37c	54	37c	54	215	57	85	10	1	18	49	1	36	45	4	0	2	0	1	151	257	29	56	.395	.486	.702	1.189	
2017	Saint Joseph's At10	NCAA-1	Jr	21	37c	42	37c	42	146	35	42	8	1	8	22	3	1	42	28	6	0	0	4	76	194	17	25	.288	.464	.521	.984	
Total NCAA-1 (3 yrs) --		NCAA-1	--	--	--	143	543	128	189	37	4	28	97	10	6	102	106	15	0	6	0	8	318	666	69	120	.348	.459	.586	1.045		
Year	Age	AgeDif	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	TB	GDP	HBP	SH	SF	IBB			
2017	21	-0.1	West Virginia	NYPL	A-	PIT	45	203	182	22	51	11	1	4	28	3	1	15	53	.280	.332	.418	.749	76	2	1	1	4	1			
2018	22	0.6	West Virginia	SALL	A	PIT	94	381	344	60	87	19	5	11	49	0	3	28	99	.253	.316	.433	.749	149	10	5	1	3	0			
2019	23	0.6	Bradenton	FLOR	A+	PIT	79	316	275	30	63	9	2	6	32	1	1	35	86	.229	.319	.342	.660	94	3	2	2	0	0			
2021	25		2 Teams	2 Lgs	AA-Rk	PIT	20	59	53	11	13	4	0	4	8	0	5	16	.245	.322	.547	.869	29	0	1	0	0	0				
2021	25	1.1	Altoona	AA	PIT	14	33	31	5	5	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	11	.161	.212	.387	.599	12	0	0	0	0	0				
2021	25	5.0	Pirates Gold	FCL	Rk	PIT	6	26	22	6	8	3	0	2	5	0	0	3	5	.364	.462	.773	1.234	17	0	1	0	0	0			
2021	25	-1.8	Winnipeg	AA	Ind	27	105	94	15	29	5	1	4	21	0	0	7	18	.309	.362	.511	.873	48	2	0	2	1	1				
All Levels (4 Seasons)									265	1064	948	138	243	48	9	29	138	4	5	90	.272	.325	.418	.742	396	15	11	4	11	2		