

Evan Carter was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 2nd Round of the 2020 MLB Draft out of Elizabethton HS (Elizabethton, TN). Carter didn't get any in-game action in 2020 due to the COVID shutdown, which took almost 3 months of development away from all players in the 2020 draft. In 2021 he made his first professional appearance in Low A at the ripe age of 18. Being one of the youngest players at the level, Carter didn't really gain much traction in 2021, hitting .236 with a .151 ISO in 146 PA's before being sidelined for the entire back half of the season with a stress fracture in his lower back. There's really no telling how long he played injured before heading to the DL, or if he played injured at all, but it's always something to consider.

Carter entered the 2022 season with only 146 career PA's, but the Rangers aggressively assigned him to A+ where he played the majority of the season at 19 years of age. Carter had a big year in 2022 hitting .287 with 11 HR's and 26 SB's. He also increased his 2021 ISO by about 40 points while keeping his K#'s in check with a 1.21 K/BB ratio and a 16.8 K%.

Carter's performance in A+ earned him a late season call-up to AA, where he was the second youngest player at that level behind Brewers emerging star Jackson Chourio. In a small, 28 PA sample size, Carter put up some big numbers batting .429 with a .286 ISO. His K#'s stayed consistent (as they have throughout his career) while playing over 5 years below the league average age; showing off an impressive 1.19 K/BB ratio and a near 20% K rate.

The Rangers top OF prospect finished the 2022 season with 12 home runs, 21 doubles, and a A+ leading 10 triples. Carter was the 6th youngest player in A+ this season and of those six players, he ranked second in BA, ISO, OPS, WRC+ and K%. Carter ranked 1st in that same group in BB% and On Base Percentage while posting the highest ISO with a sub 1.25 K/BB ratio.

1.5	1	Evan Carter	YEAR	POS	B/T	ORG	OR	AGE/LVL	PA	BA	ISO	HR	SB	K/BB	K%	GB/FB	WRC+	\$RAW
			2021	OF	L/R	TEX	#9	18/A	146	.236	.151	2	12	0.82	19.1	1.00	138	\$30
			2022	OF	L/R	TEX	#7	19.9/A+	447	.287	.189	11	26	1.21	16.8	1.04	136	\$60
								20.1/AA	28	.429	.286	1	2	1.19	21.4	0.83	213	

Carter is an absolute tool shed checking all of the boxes with his hit tool, power, speed, arm strength, and defensive capabilities. He hits from the left side and already stands around 6'4" giving him a very projectable body to grow into some power as he develops physically. Carter has already shown signs of growing into more power as his ISO has been trending up at every level since his professional debut in 2021. Aside from his 5 tool potential, there is another very bright spot when you look at Carter's K#'s. Throughout his 2 year career, at any level, the young toolsy slugger has yet to post a K% above 22 or a K/BB ratio over 1.30. These numbers tell me he has an advanced

approach at the plate. Between his approach and hit tool, Carter should be able to maximize his raw power in game.

Evan Carter's 1st Chrome Autos and 1st Chrome Prospect cards can be found in 2020 Bowman Draft. His 1st Chrome Autos have been comping out around \$65 and his 1st Chrome Prospect cards around \$7. Market wise, his buy in seems rather cheap at this point compared to his performance in 2022 and 5 tool ceiling. I can think of a lot worse ways to spend \$65 within the Bowman Chrome Autograph market right now.

As you can see there is a lot to like about Evan Carter. He was named the Rangers 2022 MiLB Player of the Year and the organization's staff rave about his leadership qualities and character. Carter has all the tools to be a superstar caliber player. I really feel he is tremendously undervalued on MLB.com's Top 100 List at #56. I think Carter could be a kid that cracks the Top 25 by the end of the 2023 season and could also finish the upcoming year as the Ranger's #1 overall prospect.