

# Class of 2018 Signing Day Superlatives

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While the class of 2018 doesn't have the depth of the class of 2016 or the star power at the top like 2017, he does have some very impressive player. Here is a look at who really stands out in this class with their skill, athleticism, and overall potential.

## BEST SHOOTER

1. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Noah-Locke-86979](http://www.scout.com/Player/Noah-Locke-86979)) Noah Locke ([//www.scout.com/Player/Noah-Locke-86979](http://www.scout.com/Player/Noah-Locke-86979)) (Florida)
2. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Cole-Swider-93593](http://www.scout.com/Player/Cole-Swider-93593)) Cole Swider ([//www.scout.com/Player/Cole-Swider-93593](http://www.scout.com/Player/Cole-Swider-93593)) (Villanova)
3. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Dane-Goodwin-77298](http://www.scout.com/Player/Dane-Goodwin-77298)) Dane Goodwin ([//www.scout.com/Player/Dane-Goodwin-77298](http://www.scout.com/Player/Dane-Goodwin-77298)) (Notre Dame)
4. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Anfernee-Simons-89839](http://www.scout.com/Player/Anfernee-Simons-89839)) Anfernee Simons ([//www.scout.com/Player/Anfernee-Simons-89839](http://www.scout.com/Player/Anfernee-Simons-89839))
5. C.J. Fredrick (Iowa)

Florida got a really good one in Locke. The Baltimore native is prolific both off the catch and off of the dribble, and also knows how to get open. With a great feel for the game and long arms, Locke can get his shot off in almost any circumstance, and more often than not it goes in. Slightly undersized, Locke will play off the ball at Florida, but there is no doubt he will be a threat that defenses have to be aware of at all times when he is on the floor.

## BEST REBOUNDER

1. ([//www.scout.com/Player/David-McCormack-85446](http://www.scout.com/Player/David-McCormack-85446)) **David McCormack** ([//www.scout.com/Player/David-McCormack-85446](http://www.scout.com/Player/David-McCormack-85446)) (Kansas)
2. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Daniel-Oturu-93594](http://www.scout.com/Player/Daniel-Oturu-93594)) **Daniel Oturu** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Daniel-Oturu-93594](http://www.scout.com/Player/Daniel-Oturu-93594)) (Minnesota)
3. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Nassir-Little-86026](http://www.scout.com/Player/Nassir-Little-86026)) **Nassir Little** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Nassir-Little-86026](http://www.scout.com/Player/Nassir-Little-86026)) (North Carolina)
4. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997](http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997)) **Zion Williamson** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997](http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997))
5. Jalen Smith (Maryland)

Along with being arguably the hardest working big man in this class, McCormack is also the best rebounder. He rebounds both in and out of his area, and has tremendous hands which allow him to grab missed shots on offense as well as defense. Having gotten himself into excellent shape over the past year, McCormack has the stamina to get into position to get rebounds, and then the strength to make sure opponents can't get around him. Look for McCormack to clean the glass for several years while at Kansas.

## BEST ATHLETE

1. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997](http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997)) **Zion Williamson** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997](http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997))
2. **Simisola Shittu** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Simisola-Shittu-86023](http://www.scout.com/Player/Simisola-Shittu-86023))
3. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Griffin-46047721](http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Griffin-46047721)) **Zion Griffin** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Griffin-46047721](http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Griffin-46047721)) (Iowa State)
4. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Jarvis-Thomas-84655](http://www.scout.com/Player/Jarvis-Thomas-84655)) **Jarvis Thomas** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Jarvis-Thomas-84655](http://www.scout.com/Player/Jarvis-Thomas-84655)) (Minnesota)
5. DJ Stewart (Mississippi State)

One of the best athletes in recent memory, Williamson can do some incredible things on a basketball court. He is big and physical, but Williamson absolutely explodes to the rim. Also he runs the floor really well, can move laterally, and has a good first step. Still it is his explosive and powerful leaping that steal the show. Not many players can do the things he is capable of when he is on the court from an athletic perspective, and none in this class can match him.

## BEST SHOT BLOCKER

1. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Bol-Bol-82110>) **Bol Bol** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Bol-Bol-82110>)
2. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Immanuel-Bates-45572606>) **Immanuel Bates** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Immanuel-Bates-45572606>) (NC State)
3. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997>) **Zion Williamson** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Zion-Williamson-85997>)
4. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Daniel-Oturu-93594>) **Daniel Oturu** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Daniel-Oturu-93594>) (Minnesota)
5. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Jaxson-Hayes-46047457>) **Jaxson Hayes** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Jaxson-Hayes-46047457>) (Texas)

At over 7-feet tall with long arms and tremendous timing, Bol has proven to be a game changer at the rim. Bol is aggressive going after shot blocks from the weak side, where he is at his best, but also will swat shots away when defending his man. Given that he has so many great physical tools, it is no surprise that Bol alters the game on the defensive end, and he should only continue to improve in this regard.

## BEST SCORER

1. R.J. Barrett
2. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Ignas-Brazdeikis-93702>) **Ignas Brazdeikis** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Ignas-Brazdeikis-93702>) (Michigan)
3. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Romeo-Langford-86372>) **Romeo Langford** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Romeo-Langford-86372>)
4. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Anfernee-Simons-89839>) **Anfernee Simons** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Anfernee-Simons-89839>)
5. (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Coby-White-94139>) **Coby White** (<http://www.scout.com/Player/Coby-White-94139>) (North Carolina)

Quite simply there isn't much that Barrett struggles to do when it comes to the offensive end. He is a very capable shooter from distance, is solid in the mid-range when he attacks a closeout, and then has the size and athleticism to finish around the rim. Add in that Barrett has a mindset that lends itself to him being an aggressive scorer, and no prospect in the country is more capable of putting points up in a hurry than Barrett.

## BEST PLAYMAKER

1. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035](http://www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035)) **Tre Jones** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035](http://www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035)) (Duke)
2. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Immanuel-Quickley-85421](http://www.scout.com/Player/Immanuel-Quickley-85421)) **Immanuel Quickley** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Immanuel-Quickley-85421](http://www.scout.com/Player/Immanuel-Quickley-85421)) (Kentucky)
3. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Andrew-Nembhard-45572620](http://www.scout.com/Player/Andrew-Nembhard-45572620)) **Andrew Nembhard** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Andrew-Nembhard-45572620](http://www.scout.com/Player/Andrew-Nembhard-45572620)) (Florida)
4. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Jahvon-Quinerly-85007](http://www.scout.com/Player/Jahvon-Quinerly-85007)) **Jahvon Quinerly** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Jahvon-Quinerly-85007](http://www.scout.com/Player/Jahvon-Quinerly-85007))
5. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Spencer-Freedman-88765](http://www.scout.com/Player/Spencer-Freedman-88765)) **Spencer Freedman** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Spencer-Freedman-88765](http://www.scout.com/Player/Spencer-Freedman-88765)) (Harvard)

Duke won a national title on the play making of ([//www.scout.com/Player/Tyus-Jones-14913](http://www.scout.com/Player/Tyus-Jones-14913)) **Tyus Jones** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Tyus-Jones-14913](http://www.scout.com/Player/Tyus-Jones-14913)), and now they are hoping to have history repeat itself with ([//www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035](http://www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035)) **Tre Jones** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035](http://www.scout.com/Player/Tre-Jones-77035)). Jones just makes everybody better when he is on the floor. He can really pass, has a tremendous feel for the game, and simply knows how and when to attack and where to pass the ball to put his teammates in a good position to make plays. Jones is one of the most gifted true floor generals to come around in recent years, and is tremendous at making plays in a variety of ways.

## MOST UPSIDE

1. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Cameron-Reddish-77233](http://www.scout.com/Player/Cameron-Reddish-77233)) **Cameron Reddish** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Cameron-Reddish-77233](http://www.scout.com/Player/Cameron-Reddish-77233)) (Duke)
2. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Bol-Bol-82110](http://www.scout.com/Player/Bol-Bol-82110)) **Bol Bol** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Bol-Bol-82110](http://www.scout.com/Player/Bol-Bol-82110))
3. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Darius-Bazley-94169](http://www.scout.com/Player/Darius-Bazley-94169)) **Darius Bazley** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Darius-Bazley-94169](http://www.scout.com/Player/Darius-Bazley-94169)) (Syracuse)
4. ([//www.scout.com/Player/Moses-Brown-90020](http://www.scout.com/Player/Moses-Brown-90020)) **Moses Brown** ([//www.scout.com/Player/Moses-Brown-90020](http://www.scout.com/Player/Moses-Brown-90020))

## 5. Marcus Bingham (Michigan State)

Quite simply there is nothing on a basketball court that Reddish struggles to do. With the size, athleticism, and natural skill set that he has, if Reddish can figure it out from a consistency and motor perspective he has NBA All-Star level talent. The challenge for Duke will be bringing that talent out of him on a game by game basis, but there is no questioning just how good he can be down the road.

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