

Optimized UT Austin Baseball Lineup (Pre-College Playoffs)

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Position	Player	wOBA	OBP	SLG
3B	Borba, Casey	0.4140909	0.4545455	0.4705882
DH	Rodriguez, Adrian	0.4328571	0.4693878	0.5121951
2B	Mendoza, Ethan	0.3121277	0.3617021	0.3076923
C	Galvan, Rylan	0.3230189	0.3207547	0.4000000
1B	Schuessler, Kimble	0.3076471	0.3529412	0.3095238
SS	Flores, Jalin	0.2877358	0.2641509	0.3863636
OF	Williams, Jonah	0.2817857	0.2857143	0.3461538
OF	Farmer IV, Tommy	0.2668182	0.2954545	0.2820513
OF	Gasparino, Will	0.2433333	0.2564103	0.2647059
PH	Belyeu, Max	0.2409524	0.2380952	0.2777778
PR/DR	Duplanier, Jayden	0.1380000	0.2000000	0.0000000
PH	Chamberlain, Cole	0.3500000	0.5000000	0.0000000

*Data since May 1st, 2025

If you have been keeping up with the University of Texas at Austin's Baseball team it is no secret that the team has had some tough losses in the month of May. This team has endured adversity the entire 2025 season. From being ranked outside the top 15 team in preseason by every major publication, to being unanimously ranked 1st, to now losing two of the last three series' they have played. The team can not afford to let the losses get to them, and spiral down this late into the season. After all, playoff baseball has always favored the "hottest" teams. Look at teams such as the 2023 Texas Rangers and famously the 2019 Washington Nationals for proof. So I decided to create a lineup based on the "hottest" hitters on the UT team.

Data Used:

Player	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SF	wOBA	OBP	SLG
Belyeu, Max	18	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0.2409524	0.2380952	0.2777778
Borba, Casey	34	10	8	0	0	2	10	0	0	0.4140909	0.4545455	0.4705882
Chamberlain, Cole	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0.3500000	0.5000000	0.0000000
Duplantier, Jayden	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.1380000	0.2000000	0.0000000
Farmer IV, Tommy	39	8	5	3	0	0	4	1	0	0.2668182	0.2954545	0.2820513
Flores, Jalin	44	6	2	0	1	3	7	1	1	0.2877358	0.2641509	0.3863636
Galvan, Rylan	45	9	4	3	0	2	7	1	0	0.3230189	0.3207547	0.4000000
Gasparino, Will	34	5	3	1	0	1	5	0	0	0.2433333	0.2564103	0.2647059
Mendoza, Ethan	39	9	7	1	1	0	7	1	0	0.3121277	0.3617021	0.3076923
Rodriguez, Adrian	41	15	10	4	1	0	5	3	0	0.4328571	0.4693878	0.5121951
Schuessler, Kimble	42	10	9	0	0	1	6	2	1	0.3076471	0.3529412	0.3095238
Stewart, Jaquae	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
Williams, Jonah	26	6	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0.2817857	0.2857143	0.3461538
Winfield, Easton	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.1725000	0.2500000	0.0000000

I collected the data for each AB since May 1st, 2025. This was the first game UT lost against Arkansa that started the 4-7 stretch to end the season. During this stretch the team's offense started to falter compared to how they started the season.

Player Selections:

Leadoff, Casey Borba: I'll admit, not your traditional lead off type of guy being built like a true third baseman, but he has found a way to get on consistently when no one else has. He's been incredibly patient at the plate taking walks when he can and finding his pitch to mash homers. He has normally been in the bottom half of the lineup this season, but needs to move up to give the Longhorns more base runners early in the game.

2 Hole, Adrian Rodriguez: This guy has been consistent all season, and has been especially picking it up in the backend. He has easily been the best hitter this month with no signs of slowing down. Best hitter deserves to be hitting 2nd.

3 Hole, Ethan Mendoza: All around solid gap to gap hitter. Has regressed a bit from his previously insane numbers, but still easily a top bat on the team. If he starts showing his previous numbers again, I would not mind having him switch with Borba in the lineup. Having speed at leadoff is always nice to have.

Cleanup, Rylan Galvan: Easily the teams best slugger. Has done great in the clutch, and has had himself a walkoff homerun already this season. Definitely a guy you want at cleanup to bring in runs.

5 Hole, Kimble Schuessler: Has been somewhat of a streaky hitter this season, but when he's on, he is on. He has been the SEC play of the week and can reproduce those videogame numbers at any moment. Great middle of the lineup guy whether he is on fire or not.

6 Hole, Jalin Flores: Normally hitting in the 3-5 hole range, but I have him slightly pushed back. Great power hitter while also playing plus defense at shortstop. Has gone a bit cold as of late with more strikeouts than usual. Jalin is the type of player to get a fire lit under him rather than mope if moved back in the lineup. You will see a big time hit from him during the playoffs.

7 Hole, Jonah Williams: The young freshman has impressed thus far since his late start to the season. Making great defensive plays and hanging in with the best pitchers in the conference. He will be a leader in the near future. Right now he is a great late in the order bat who brings passion and energy to the team.

8 Hole, Tommy Farmer IV: Started the season blazing hot, but has cooled down considerably since. Does have a knack for big moments, having his first career home run against A&M in late innings. If he doesn't come back to his early season form he might find himself platooning with Belyeu.

9 Hole, Will Gasparino: Another player who has gone cold late into the season. Normally a plus bat with great pop, but has struggled with only two extra base hits in the past 34 ABs. The Longhorns need him to be himself again if they want a real shot at winning in Omaha. Hopefully having him at the "second leadoff" spot will lead to some extra barrels and speed on the bases.

1st Pinch Hitter/Platoon, Max Belyeu: One of the best hitters on the team pre-injury. But in his somewhat short sample size since being back he has not impressed. My recommendation would be to have him stand in the box during pitcher bullpens just to see the ball out of the hand more. This is a player that will adapt quickly and could easily shoot up into the top half of the order out of nowhere.

Pinch Runner/Defensive Replacement, Jayden Duplanier: Has not been able to find great barrels all season. He lunges forward collapsing his front leg on every pitch he swings and takes. But he is one of the fastest guys on the team who will certainly be responsible for critical late game base running. Also an amazing super utility player being able to play almost any position on the diamond.

2nd Pinch Hitter, Cole Chamberlain: Amazing plate discipline. Has the highest BB and HBP per AB by far on the team. May not have an amazing swing, but if it is late innings, you need a guy on base, and there's an erratic pitcher. Cole will give a great AB.

GitHub:

<https://github.com/Bolivarez14/Optimized-UT-Austin-Baseball-Lineup-Pre-College-Playoffs-/tree/main>

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