

## Freshman Season (2018)

Talented freshman who starred both on and off the mound during his freshman campaign · Finished the season with a 1.69 ERA in 10 appearances on the mound and a .316 average at the plate · Finished the season 1-0 with one save on the mound while collecting 18 hits and 15 RBI · Earned his first collegiate win and save in back-to-back appearances at NC State to help the Heels earn their first ever sweep in Raleigh against the Wolfpack · On April 27 he threw 1.0 innings of no-hit ball to pick up the win before turning around and throwing 2.0 innings of relief work on April 29 to earn the save and clinch the sweep · Made collegiate debut on February 25 by throwing one inning against ECU · Missed over a month of the season with a foot injury before coming back for the College World Series · In first game back from injury, he had his biggest game of the career going 2 for 5 driving in 3 RBI in the Heels game 1 win in the College World Series over Oregon State.

## Staples

No. I overall player in the state of Connecticut and No. 22 shortstop in the country by Perfect Game • 2017 Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year • Led Staples High School to the 2017 State Championship • 2017 Coaches Association Player of the Year • All-time hits leader in the state of Connecticut • All-Academic First Team All-State • Tri-State Player of the Year • Perfect Game Third Team All-American • USA Today Connecticut Player of the Year • Hit .490 with 11 home runs during his senior season • Went 5-1 with a 1.90 ERA and 85 strikeouts on the mound.

## **Personal**

Ben is the son of Stacey and Phil Casparius  $\cdot$  Born on February 11  $\cdot$  A member of the Service League of Boys  $\cdot$  Volunteered at local homeless shelters in Connecticut  $\cdot$  Has not yet declared a major at Carolina