



EVALUATION REPORT

Alex Rivera

RHP/OF · Class of 2028 · PG 14U Super25, Emerson GA · 3-2, lost in quarters · Sample

EVENT CONTEXT

The 14U Super25 pulls in established travel programs from across the Southeast — not a national showcase, but the arms throw strikes and the lineups don't give away at-bats. Rivera worked both ways: Saturday starter on the mound, right field and the two-hole the rest of the weekend. He played all five games as the team went 3-2 and bowed out in bracket quarters.

PERFORMANCE

Rivera's Saturday start was the best look. Five innings, two runs, both in the first before he settled. Fastball sat 76-78 and touched 80 in the fourth, which plays up at 14U. He threw a changeup for strikes in every inning — that pitch, not the fastball, got him through the middle of the order the second time around. Eight strikeouts. Only one walk, and it came on a full count he probably should've had.

At the plate he was steadier than loud. He went 5-for-14 with a pair of doubles, both the other way, both on outer-half pitches he stayed on well. Nothing cheap. The one time he tried to pull an outside pitch he rolled over it weakly to short — the difference between his good swings and his one bad one was clear.

In right he took good routes and threw a runner out at third on a line from medium depth. He's not a burner, but he read the ball off the bat early and that bought him range.

DEVELOPMENT AREAS

- He drifted onto his front side against slower stuff twice on Sunday, and both times he grounded out to the left side — at this level pitchers will keep feeding him soft away until he proves he'll wait on it.
- His pickoff move is slow and telegraphed; a runner read it and stole third standing up in the third inning, which put a run in scoring position for free.

DRILL PLAN

Tee, Oppo-Field Only

Addresses: drifting forward on off-speed away

Reps/Setup: Solo off a tee set on the outer third into a net, 25 swings, driving everything to the right-center gap, back foot planted.

Watch » <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pn3xtpCc8uM>

Quick-Slide Step Downs

Addresses: slow, telegraphed pickoff move

Reps/Setup: Solo off a mound or flat ground, 15 controlled slide-steps to a first-base target, timing the whole move under 1.3 seconds.

Watch » https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6km3T_Lae8



COACH'S NOTE

Rivera reads the game a beat ahead of most 14U players and it shows up in his routes and his approach the other way. The changeup and the strike-throwing are real, present strengths — not projections.

PITCHER RECOVERY PLAN — MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Monday	Complete rest. No throwing. Band work only, and only if the arm feels clean. Ice front and back for 15 minutes if there's any fatigue.
Tuesday	Rest day two. No throwing. Light lower-body work and a walk. Reassess arm feel honestly before Wednesday.
Wednesday	Easy flat-ground. 20-25 throws at 50-60%, out to 75 feet. Stop at any discomfort. This is feel, not effort.
Thursday	Build up. 30 throws to 90 feet at 70%, add ten controlled pitches off flat ground if Wednesday was clean.
Friday	Short game-prep. 15-20 throws at game effort, arm loose and ready for the weekend. No mound work.