

# 19 NIKO GOODRUM, SS/2B

**Born:** Feb. 28, 1992. **B-T:** B-R. **Ht.:** 6-3. **Wt.:** 180. **Drafted:** HS—Fayetteville, Ga., 2010 (2nd round).

**Signed by:** Jack Powell.

The Twins' international spending spree in 2009 focused on athletes in part because the domestic draft was short in that regard. They wanted to get back to more athletes in the 2010 draft, and the long, lean Goodrum was part of that focus. Minnesota drafted him 71st overall and signed him away from a Kennesaw State commitment with a slot bonus of \$514,800. He emerged from the scrum of Georgia's amazing high school talent last year, and his plus-plus arm may have been the best in the state. Goodrum is raw at the plate, where he switch-hits and has some holes because of his long arms, and in the field, where he lacks classic infield actions. Goodrum generates leverage and raw power in his swing, and he's an above-average runner, especially under way. He has good hands and there's some thought he could wind up at third base eventually. However, some with the Twins believe he has enough athletic ability and the requisite work ethic to stick at shortstop, unless he gets too big. He has the frame to get much bigger and heavier—his father is a solid 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds—and could wind up as a right fielder with big power and arm strength. As one club official put it, "Whichever way the body goes, if he gets just a little bigger or a lot bigger, it will be a great body." The Twins will take it slow with Goodrum, who could wind up back in the Gulf Coast League or move up to Elizabethton this season.

Year	Club (League)	Class	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG
2010	Twins (GCL)	R	.161	36	118	10	19	4	0	0	5	9	34	4	2	.219	.195
<b>Minor League Totals</b>			.161	36	118	10	19	4	0	0	5	9	34	4	2	.219	.195