

2013 Prospect Guide

1. Billy Hamilton – Outfield

Acquired: 2nd Round, 2009 Draft

Born: 9/9/1990

Born in: Taylorsville, MS

B/T: S/R

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 160 lbs.

Scouting Report

Heading into the 2012 season there were plenty of questions about Billy Hamilton's bat as well as his defense. Some of those questions were put to rest as Hamilton would go on to hit .311/.410/.420 in 605 plate appearances. The 21-year-old showed dramatic improvements in plate discipline as he walked 86 times and struck out 113 times on the season. His bat still has some questions though, as his strikeout rate is still a bit high for a batter who shows no home run power to speak of. Improved balance, particularly from the left side of the plate likely led to such an improvement in his numbers. Hamilton has arguably the best speed in all of baseball and he showed it off as he stole a professional record 155 bases during the 2012 season as he led two different leagues in steals. The Reds moved him to the outfield and off of shortstop after the year was over. With his speed he should develop into an above-average defender in center. Some scouts question how valuable his bat will be at the Major League level if he can't cut down on his strikeouts due to his low power output. If he can make more contact, his overall ceiling could be that of an MVP caliber player. If he can't cut down on the strikeouts he is more likely to be an average starting caliber player.

2012 Spray Chart

As Right Hander					As Left Hander				
To	%	AVG	SLG	IsoP	To	%	AVG	SLG	IsoP
P	3.3%	.500	.500	.000	P	8.5%	.273	.273	.000
C	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	1.8%	.500	.500	.000
1B	9.9%	.000	.000	.000	1B	5.3%	.200	.200	.000
2B	11.6%	.286	.286	.000	2B	12.4%	.286	.286	.000
3B	9.1%	.000	.000	.000	3B	7.1%	.150	.150	.000
SS	12.4%	.133	.133	.000	SS	17.7%	.140	.140	.000
LF	19.8%	.667	1.042	.375	LF	15.2%	.500	.762	.262
CF	19.8%	.542	.792	.250	CF	15.9%	.495	.670	.176
RF	14.0%	.647	.941	.294	RF	15.9%	.820	1.180	.360

Career Stats

Year	Age	LVL	PA	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	K	AVG	OBP	SLG
2009	18	GCL	180	34	6	3	0	11	14	3	11	47	.205	.253	.277
2010	19	PIO	316	90	13	10	2	24	48	9	28	56	.318	.383	.456
2011	20	MWL	610	153	18	9	3	50	103	20	52	133	.278	.340	.360
2012	21	CAL	392	109	18	9	1	30	104	21	50	70	.323	.413	.439
2012	21	SOU	213	50	4	5	1	15	51	16	36	43	.286	.406	.383
2012	21	TOT	605	159	22	14	2	45	155	37	86	113	.311	.410	.420