Erik Averill ([00:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=xaL_KQMJI8POPsio3NPimq984gBtoyl8DwoPbFS2RK3cC_yxb39mneWH3vN00kJn6m0zciJcjasAIrj5ebTe_ehXG7s&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=58.13)):

Hey everyone, welcome back to the podcast. I am fired up for this episode. We have an exciting guest with us today. Someone I go back personally with a very long way and for you the audience is going to have a depth of insight, knowledge that very few other players are going to be able to share. And so with that introduction, let's welcome Tyler Beede, pitcher for the San Francisco Giants to the podcast. Tyler, welcome.

Tyler Beede ([01:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=D-feeom4oOPFmAGdB1xa8p9NoFmG-W6O-yMmpcXG6FU_A_EW-OkM79qONI6eQKPQ_EX6CmWbqH161cZ05Ki9uIiCSe8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=87.89)):

Erik, thanks so much for having me on. I'm excited to talk about the draft, my baseball experiences, and anything else I can bring to the table. I appreciate you guys having me on.

Erik Averill ([01:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=dbVPsbKVcLtbGSrWB4nTWKUsDhygr1_cOgs0U7v6RQwBK5FC2GzbNfIue8sl4MEtV3d-SJ6X4GIT7eGN1Rv1FDERFSk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=97.37)):

Absolutely. Well, the reason I'm so excited is there are probably a lot of people that are familiar with your background, but for the listeners who aren't, why I'm so excited is you're one of the only players that's actually been a first round draft pick two separate times, and so I really want to start with that. Going back to you and your dad and your family and your guys' draft experience coming out of high school, so we're talking summer of 2010 headed into the 2011 draft season, where you eventually end up being the 21st pick overall with the Toronto Blue Jays. Where I want to start in your journey though is actually kind of where we met back in the day as team USA. So many of these players listening to this podcast have traveled this kind of path that you're on, but for you it wasn't always a guarantee that, "Hey, I'm going to be a first round draft pick." You were a little bit of an underdog. Can you just share with me a little bit of your journey between that junior and senior year of high school?

Tyler Beede ([02:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=oab-aHRQg_vfCnj3dgcOH4iOVU20kRHax6qVRwNu64XxeFPYbvfL2QJ-1S9s1yc1eoAxXOxafFxtpvbGXxP-EejwBQo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=167.86)):

Yeah, absolutely. I think, for me it was growing up as a athlete, as a baseball player from Massachusetts, it was about, how can I expose myself to the talent around the country of guys from Georgia, Florida, the South, out West in California, kids who could play all year round, kids who were probably more talented than I was at that time, and just see how I compared to those guys? So yeah, I found myself every summer after high school baseball finished for me, I'd pack up a suitcase and just start traveling with my dad. We'd go to Georgia and so on and found ourselves in Cary, North Carolina at Tournament of Stars, and for me that was one of the first experiences and exposures I had to playing with kids with tremendous amount of talent and ability and seeing that, "Hey, I could have some success, but I wasn't where I needed to be."

Tyler Beede ([03:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=eWysFirTJYZOteKQEW4F9doW8BlBy8uucnNo8HE9Sy1D0w7Ym0nySYc_W931D0-MpH4r5vUgWJlAVscz3cP1GHs4AbI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=218.02)):

So it was time to get back to work and evaluate where I was at, work on the things that I know I needed to work on, develop some strengths, add some velocity, command another off-speed pitch, things of that nature that I had aspirations and the ability at the time to go play college ball. But after that off season of working out and getting myself in better positions and improving on my weaknesses, I found myself not only with the chance to be able to go to the school I dreamed of going to at Vanderbilt or even getting drafted. So there were a lot of things that I learned through those high school showcase experiences and that was one of them just improving on the things that I needed to improve on.

Erik Averill ([04:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=LYLxTh2Ne_f7no7dEWBCrmEWnk15MT4VE1nTmsfa_52nFVz1ecPbjWDJ7ZihrahcXqLXzQ5p0TYiQIiWTH3L7StD-Tc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=266.36)):

That's great. And can you elaborate a little bit? I think, what would be helpful for this audience is so many players, you go through the summer circuit, you go through the perfect game, All-American game which you were a part of, you get to do a lot of these great experiences and you start to see the draft rankings and the boards and it can become very emotional of people are projecting you certain places, but really what I heard from you in that little tidbit was you really propelled yourself by the work that you did in the off season, and can you talk about just what that process was, where you worked out?

Erik Averill ([05:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=AaMwOHo37Rby80qvNttSwI-C4B73Opv4SXd-Euwm9AbCZpm8Ff3Z7tG08JzzjFBu_SUrbcJ3i7vGHjVFKfk1xaRp92s&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=304.61)):

It's funny because I really want you to expand on who helped you from a physical standpoint because today he's probably one of the biggest names in baseball, but back in 2010 and 11 and he was an obscure strength and conditioning coach in Hudson, Mass, so walk us through that process and the mentality of what it took as a senior in high school, maybe the sacrifices you had to make from a social standpoint to get where you ultimately ended up in the first round of the draft.

Tyler Beede ([05:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=UUxPz-cVBAWp7S3vZkyzNWq__lxiF9HIJEFekSolY6OiOdUrH3Kf7DSj42P2EJH3auaxygZKjoPsHwFMa_KKWn_4fzc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=334.47)):

Yeah, absolutely. I was very fortunate to have Eric Cressey in my backyard in Massachusetts, and so for me to be able to utilize that resource at the age of honestly 14, 15 years old was huge for my development and it continues to be a huge resource that I use and a guy that continues to improve my career and keep me healthy, so. When I was going into my junior year of high, I made the decision to transfer from Auburn, Massachusetts, Auburn High School to Lawrence Academy, which is a prep school that forced me to live on campus and live there.

Tyler Beede ([06:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=DT4v4lV5sB5H_gBJeag7Wl19NjicYWQz8ApiJ3sbRwLKV9lx_G2-4QDdND0Tgtez3qV2vkCI_qINNU185JloLHL3nl4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=366.81)):

So at that point I needed to find ways to commute to Cressey's, so me and a teammate decided to finish up class and just commute and work out there and train there as much as we could and get back for study hours and time to get back into the room to get a good night's rest. And so yeah, for me to be able to utilize Cressey's in that time in my career was huge just because I was a string bean man. I was 165, 180 pounds, and then going into my senior year, I bulked up and got over 205 pounds and was able to put myself in a position to get drafted high. But yeah, I think a lot of it was a credit to the availability of Eric Cressey and being able to train there.

Travis Chick ([06:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=mVZ99Vk8vVfD6frTpMOiYjGaQFGRoITX5SY17UEfXRyX7RXdXA7Yj6Uhc9v1WzQvnVxMG-voee4aLGt7aNd-p_mAmuo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=414.86)):

Hey Tyler, just real quick, I have a question because it seems like so much of your focus, you've mentioned this just a couple of times, it seems like the focus was for the draft and so thinking through the mindset of kids going through this process, not really knowing if they're going to go high enough in the draft and make it worth signing or go to Vanderbilt or somewhere like that, what was your mentality to help you stay focused during that time? Was it, "I want to get drafted in the first round?" Or is it, "I just want to become a better baseball player. I want to get to Vanderbilt?" Just elaborate on that a little bit.

Tyler Beede ([07:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=XL625Rtfkzc1kNMWhAjNztNtv6DUOxJD_v291t4TntiDV87iNn60v0_8JYtRAlMErzArxAkQLeFhaYcvj4e3xaPryKs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=444.57)):

Yeah. I just had a deep passion, and as I still do, to just be the best that I can be. I think, I've always tried to understand that Tyler Beede can't be Corey Kluber. You can't be Max Scherzer. Won't be Jake Arrieta, he needs to be Tyler Beede. And so when I was just watching tape, when I was understanding, A, what I was really good at the time, but, B, the things that I needed to work on, it was, "Okay, what in my capabilities, what in my resources can I utilize to improve?" And so it wasn't ever with the desire to be a first round pick, I've always had a dream of being drafted and being able to play at the highest level, so knowing that could be an end product of my work ethic and my habits was a driving factor, but I never wanted to allow the outcome to be something that stole my ability to stay in the present moment and just be 1% better every day. Things of that nature that kept me focused.

Travis Chick ([08:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=cK6CL9p11nvMW2_3uPqMSGQQzRf0ek7bYNS2QwargA6aOMzfk6frLmdnbyIYz8S14hW2Ly5qzXimGyb2BaYqpYhbkGM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=511.84)):

That's fantastic. And it's so funny the mindset, you see excellence mindsets everywhere you look, you can read all the books and it's that focus on, how can I get better every single day? I love that 1% mentality, so that's fantastic.

Erik Averill ([08:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=bNpYjunLPmM3XudiqXCcJv9eBkmYzc_rHBGapSkwLQRp7N4xu1dPgRGCShDRfeh--5im-420nTB66gygl_Bg1AWXzuc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=527.35)):

Tyler, walk us through, so you put yourself in a position from a physical standpoint in a performance on the field, for a lot of these players listening and parents, they're in this situation where general managers, scouting directors, crosscheckers, agents, all these people are filling up into your living room and I'd love to hear you focus in on definitely, maybe it's four weeks out from the draft, two weeks from the draft, what's it like for a high school player to have to handle all of those type of meetings? And what advice would you give specifically to the 17, 18-year old player that's listening?

Tyler Beede ([09:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=r0kCNx6AtzhC9QXINBGkqFNwZY4Z81UTDYXNUTWBwcwKv3sOu7y70RA85RrHjjoJ8gWqrX0dRoJ4S9E7a2NsuO6A9EU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=574.5)):

Yeah. So there's so many things that will go on during the high school experience especially if you're going to be getting drafted high. Even if you're going to be drafted in later rounds, there'll be scouts at every game. There'll be things that are going to try to steal your attention and take you out of your comfort zone essentially and put you in positions where you feel like you have to please other people and you start to have high expectations from other people. I would say to create a strong inner circle and trust those people to obviously support you, to encourage you, to be there for you, to pray for you, to kick you an ass if you need to be kicked in the ass. Whatever it is, those people who are in your inner circle are going to love you and support you unconditionally.

Tyler Beede ([10:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=wmGUkZngGaPDWS022_wfCvLN-bzQNnH9e0o-oIjDSUcHA7vOHd9SzLR8kMoOouH0enswHnwv8-mz48FDVeeXejt3WLw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=618.12)):

So you need to figure out if those are a certain friend group that you're hanging out with. Obviously your parents, is it a guy who's trained you like Eric Cressey? Is it a pitching coach that you've always relied on? Those people need to know that you trust them. That they're there for you to support you, like I said. And so I would say just making sure that you create a strong inner circle of people who you can rely on to keep you grounded because it's an experience that will fill your head. It'll give you the opportunity to think that you are on top of the world, which obviously is an experience unlike any other, and it's not to steal the joy from the moment to be drafted, but also you don't want to let it get to your head. You know if you do get drafted, that it's just the start of your career and you have so much more work to do in order to reach the highest level of baseball. So just staying grounded and trusting your inner circle best that you can.

Erik Averill ([11:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=MwSqRlMFmaCsACUrpgRdzAx0awIAmhbgB0xlvOU_fCeLHhoIsmqrRT6ZltoFQGXOoHPlstbAnU0A23LeRTz2LwhjsI4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=676.82)):

That's a lot of wisdom right there. Fast forward to draft night. This is something I actually was able to be a part of, which is so much fun to think back on, right? We're at Eric Cressey's house. It's draft night. The Blue Jays pluck you off the board. It's all of this excitement, your first round pick, and then to kind of spoiler alert, in case people don't know your background, you end up at Vanderbilt. So just walk through that process and not anything specific that you don't want to share, right? This isn't even about, it wasn't enough money and medicals and all those things, but I would say this was your first introduction to truly the business of baseball. Can you just talk through that experience and maybe what are some of the potholes that you would give wisdom to the parents and to the players as they go through the actual draft day and the days after draft?

Tyler Beede ([12:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=gNUPduhvYyUrUfQT4LXQt0GBdXz8WwIf1U1jQU37WZsoT1oHCnNICwpiWtv-M3Y_25tUTru8cTq5ogLwWE485WzLgzM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=738.47)):

Yeah, I mean, I'll just say it was one of the best days of my life. It was truly incredible to be able to have so many of these people who, like I said, the inner circle of people in my life be able to be there and just experience that moment with me was truly humbling at the moment. I'll always look back on and be happy that I got to experience with people like you, Erik, my parents obviously, and just a bunch of my friends, high school teammates, and so it was incredible. But I think from that day forward, like you said, it was just an eye opening experience to what the business of baseball is all about. You get tested, you really have to become more conscious of the people you surround yourself with and the things that you're saying and the things that you believe in and you're ultimately going to get tested on, is this something that you really are prepared for or are you not prepared for?

Tyler Beede ([13:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Sm80Nq0W18mkd_mURSICUqh9tlqLsXEH--R3C_l0IOcUrhhNmqdbmdZdnSoMOutG69NEy3XFyPPLRl8mOUJ46-tZ-iY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=796.57)):

And so for me, just being able to understand that education is important to me. It always has been important to me and learning throughout that draft process that there were going to be signs that'll point you in a certain direction that say, "Hey, maybe this is for you or maybe this isn't for you." And it's not to say that the college route is always the best route or that the high school route is always the best route, but you need to determine what that process is for you and stick to it throughout your draft experience, which I think for me in high school was obviously a lot different than in college, but was incredible and eye-opening and just all the above, I would say.

Travis Chick ([14:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=5_sEbElb8rfGaVYgpZTqbLyOiIw8kCvA-1Uqpi46QpgAsNPMWZQA0zbSYdJY5xqjLPRk-7GzvGq6zwAs2VmUK-gmZQQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=842.53)):

It's so funny because really kind of the purpose of this podcast is to really just disseminate as much good information as we can to the kids that are about to go through this for the first time. And one of the primary goals for us is to help them remove the emotion from making this decision, because I can't imagine how much stress you're under having to go through the fact that you're turning down a first round opportunity. And that's just a testament to me to the kind of character that you have and the resilience and the information that you've been given, but how hard was that decision? Because I think so many guys are going to get wrapped up and I've already heard it from a few kids this year's draft already, "Well, I have to sign because this is my best opportunity." So walk us through that mentality of having the ability to say no. What pulled you into that [crosstalk 00:14:52] ?

Tyler Beede ([14:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=GpQZaxbZ1UoqAxNSGP56dsUq0WjjnnN4ptzjIjtg45wsR1kJelp8RpL98tz_00lx955dt-xeUzUGTgKrf4zi14COZ0I&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=892.3)):

Yeah, there's so much that I can obviously open up about that topic. And I think for me just understanding... And for kids to understand that you may feel very convicted in one way or the other, but until you're in the middle of the process and you're weighing the pros and cons of each, you really have to reevaluate it at that point. For me, going into the draft, I felt like I was kind of all the cliches. I felt like I was polished, mentally prepared, and ready for pro baseball at that point in my life. I was 17. I felt like I had good command and the ability to throw through pitches and I felt ready.

Tyler Beede ([15:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=zzXlxshmOiD5EHvdRk90p0hi4nFye14RdzQ6MpVErjS_hFaHZTPd5-O7568UP0pue4yEKve5wEsDH-SGNYDyrj28CSw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=932.61)):

And then I got into the draft process and things were just brought on my radar that just... Not... They didn't tell me that I wasn't ready, but I just felt like at that point I needed education. I needed Vanderbilt. I needed the SCC. I needed Tim Corbin. I needed to develop in college more at that point in my life than I did to be immersed in pro baseball and what that was going to do for a 17-year old kid at that time. And so you're going to learn different things throughout the process. You're going to hear different things. People are going to try to sway you one way or the other, but you need to, like I said, have that inner circle of people who you trust and can rely on to bounce things off of because you can't hold things down. You can't try to internalize the process because it will eat you alive.

Tyler Beede ([16:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=8Evb1A_PPy6wcUXhXh_xHryabBbMwIiVPgR_-jEn1i-o9kxOi8hLoTEsqdb-hBEvpCk0qEti2eatoeEHWEI-JszXick&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=977.96)):

It really is difficult for a 17-year old kid to go through. It's incredibly exciting, but don't be blindsided by a dollar amount as much as it is, what is the best place for you to develop, to learn, to grow, and to be a kid for the foreseeable future. And for me at that time it was Nashville, it was Tim Corbin and that Vanderbilt baseball program, and furthering my education and trying to get my degree.

Erik Averill ([16:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=_9l8SpRT3B1a95xngkrOLvdlxY1fTfe06ZyTZWC3ZHEa7mQKdttquQGKt0hIJDVpTr8D9sk3SH4GF8yWFeYB4wRPx6A&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1008.63)):

That's so helpful. And I think it's this unique perspective that you're sitting on the fact that, I mean, you're a current big leaguer. You made 30 plus stats last year in San Francisco and I think it's so fun to hear you reflect back on seeing yourself as a 17-year old kid and going, "Wow!" You actually know what it takes to be successful in the big leagues, right? So I just think it's so much value for the families listening to this podcast, this isn't a hypothetical, can I look through a crystal ball? This is you reflecting back, sitting you from a major league clubhouse right now saying, "Hey, these were all the necessary steps to get me where I'm at." And so transitioning to Vanderbilt, you obviously go there with huge expectations, you're the only player who doesn't sign in the first round of 2011, Vanderbilt is essentially on the map because of Tim Corbin. It's a huge draft class. You come in, huge expectations in your freshman year. And I remember talking to you just also the academic pressure of that, what was it like showing up?

Tyler Beede ([18:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nBJV_tc8SF0S0zpKDxadRiywRoiwlya5jwSSicslbuSXzZ2DGaZAA6Yp2L0t8MZcDgxcnueG8Vv5UtTxEJLSvab8rzI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1080.15)):

It was difficult, I'll be honest, it was one of the most difficult years of my life and I think I was overwhelmed. I went into college with a big ego. I thought, "Man, I'm a first round pick. A, I want to prove to these guys that I'm capable of being a first rounder and I want to go out there and be someone that the team can rely on as a freshman." And like you said, academics started to weigh on me.

Tyler Beede ([18:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=f-My9BSNd0pQ9HkKVgzLwNlRwiOhjtTyDpeoBNqLBCzavnmqHxXhFR1RHcdqKrUadKYJue7pXFFD15d5zDpcYGUu8Cw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1105.59)):

I'd wake up at 8:00 AM, have class up until about two o'clock, go to the field, practice for three to four hours and then have study hall. And that first year, the first fall, was tasking. It woke me up, it kicked me in the gut, and it obviously put me in my place to say, "Hey look, you have a lot of room to improve. Just because you were drafted in the first round doesn't mean that you can wake up and just have things go the way that you want them to go. You're going to experience failure. You're going to experience adversity. You're going to be humbled. And you need to be able to be a good teammate. You need to be able to get kicked down on the ground and be able to try to get back up."

Tyler Beede ([19:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=GFXZoLUds5pgqGOaWXRW_MKTS2i4QiPJaA6gU7aAEyYK0szmIym1YGHIaRClesMWyLHp5RzbJGTsf44_04TXtgaf6LM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1143)):

And like I said, learn and grow and try to improve every single day. And my freshman year was just the epitome of one step forward, two steps back. I just felt like I was putting myself in a hole because I didn't have the right perspective of, "Hey, this is going to be difficult. This is the SCC. You're not going to walk right onto campus, pitch on the weekend and have success right away. It's going to take a lot of learning and a lot of growing and a lot more focus."

Erik Averill ([19:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=fqlWfWvj1XEkCtQ_Lz3BmwwUBP6LEFbaYIsbD3j2k5n_Yc0Ix2AXBmleyYbMoj0s8bJ24a9DU__aDzu6giq3Gu2AMjI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1179.9)):

So you transition out of that freshman year, like you said, obviously, you had a meaningful impact as far as innings and exposure to the team. You roll into your sophomore year and you absolutely dominate sub-3 ERA, invite to team USA, and all of a sudden the draft chatter starts between your sophomore and junior year, right? Coming off USA, it's Tyler Beede, lock top 10 overall pick. Could he potentially be the one one? I remember during this process is when you're making the agent choice, so you've got that whole process swirling and going on. Can you talk to a lot of our juniors in college listening to this podcast or parents that there might be this projection of who you're supposed to be the upcoming June? Talk through maybe the ways you didn't handle it great, what you would recommend differently to someone in your position, and just kind of that overall process. Once again, probably, be in 20, 21 years old knowing, "Hey, I've got to live up to all this hype or maybe that's the wrong mentality." So just walk-

Tyler Beede ([20:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=BiEa7s4HQhmjZcf1h3gw3vrchTBW-XC_EG3-rmCTIIFiJWjA99Ujw1Z3WyuFqdix_3u0CdA4mTfmJo2WQgGcGVDUXXY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1250.94)):

Yeah, I think that was probably a year where, my identity was wrapped up in baseball more than any year prior. I was so tied to the outcome. I obviously turned down first round pick out of high school and so coming up, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel my junior year, like you said, being potentially projected to go top five, top 10, I saw the light at the end of the tunnel. I just wanted to get there so bad because the high school experience was incredible, but I knew that throughout college there was this weight that was kind of just continuing to build upon my back and I knew that the draft was probably going to be the experience where I kind of removed that weight and was able to take a deep breath and exhale and sort of enjoy being in pro ball after that.

Tyler Beede ([21:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=70Viyx1CI7-dvwb5rCaOucfuV3DnpY2kZhNEY2EzCOUumk2pfRAwWIrGl4h_xhTgUm1SZqwaOZAgpXEvWGgpfmFXfas&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1296.24)):

So that year, I think the things that I did poorly were just focusing too much of my attention on the draft as opposed to being immersed in the moment. Being able to enjoy that junior season with my teammates, not to say that I didn't enjoy games. We obviously went on to win the College World Series. We went to Omaha. We had an incredible team and I loved all of those moments, but I was too focused on how I did. It dictated my attitude. If I had a good game, I was the guy you wanted to be around. If I had a bad game, I either put myself in isolation or I was bad guy to be around.

Tyler Beede ([22:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=EH0qvu3JvnhnouZZitPWvqGuaWBlk_vpMnnnWbkWJ_nCNldL0U_wHXyBI1Ua6CS_mnozToA8UsA6p0GkQfQ4E9aeEh0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1333)):

So, I would say that was probably the way that I handled it poorly. And looking back, would rather have put myself in a more immersed environment to enjoy time with my teammates and not be so tied to the outcome. And I really wanted to win. I just wanted to be able to look back at my college career and say, "Hey, that's the reason I went to college right there was to win a national championship, and fortunate enough we were to do that. We had incredible staff. We had incredible players. And we got hot at the end and ended up winning." And so, it was incredible way to end my college career there at Vanderbilt. And looking back, there's so many incredible memories, but there's certainly a lot of things that I would go back and change.

Travis Chick ([23:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=IoLesm8yAEgb2UpprQjQa-8VeM3hv-yRjXmTR9zP64GJwVpQ3NwX-T7Cl-gjLkWdyrOdyhLl5GbMZXem19ZGroYT150&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1385.63)):

It's just crazy to me to think of the pressure that you must have been under internally to think, "I was a first rounder. I have to prove to myself that I can continue down that path and be a first round pick again." And then like you said, the draft chatter comes out and they're talking about you being one one and all that. It's funny because you see the guys that truly do make it to stick around are the ones who kind of figure out how to kind of handle that pressure, right? How to handle that pressure from a day to day basis. And I think so many of the kids right now are seeing all these new rankings, I think Baseball America's new draft ranking came out today, and I'm sure all the kids are looking at that draft ranking and all three of us obviously played professionally and we saw our stats, we saw our rankings, we saw where we are on prospect list and all that, how important do you think it is for the guys to really tune all that up now?

Tyler Beede ([24:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=-FGxHx7sXbl_S_M00vgW9W9C1rGPd_se2wrcsBGa0x8iteU30xlwP9XYKxuxdkj4CVHvGfePxUk0NkYtNeSMQV4DiNY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1440.5)):

Yeah, I think, it has its place, but I would say that for the most part it's going to take your attention and focus off of what's really important and that's your ability to be the best that you can be because you're going to look at the rankings and say, "Obviously 99% of the people are going to say, I'm not that guy at the top," and you're going to start to compare yourself to others on that list and start to become someone that you're not. And so, my thing about it was I looked at it as motivation because I was a kid from Massachusetts and I was an underdog and people didn't want to put me high up on a ranking because I wasn't always playing against the top talent in high school. And yeah, you can use it as motivation.

Tyler Beede ([24:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=GXu2U4-mh-erbE8O3NYBSLnM1cGvIgntMSQswRXSOmELxAklW6UZdS1ZHEgOxpU06rPH0tH-HQPnHThjnVEJt-uYfRI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1479.58)):

And I think like anything that you're going to go through in baseball, there's so much failure and negativity, and if you can have the ability to turn that negativity into motivation and have it inspire you and give you the desire to improve, then all the best to you. And that's how you should use it. So there'll be a lot of things that try to take your attention off what's most important and I think that's one of them, but don't let a ranking determine your value or determine your growth because only you know the strides that you're making, the improvements that you're making. And once it comes time for you to put that on display, you go on and do it and you compete and you don't look back. And so I think just understanding who you are, what you need to improve on is as an individual way to go about it, and the rankings can only kind of take your focus off of that.

Erik Averill ([25:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=r10QCRv6solSrhPvlMrTW4rqS9Pt54q5Rvno3sanBHr1cfEF93p_afOKKSdn1noh8_faFnBsGrZra7a4a7B7DTzdyto&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1536.19)):

Kind of turning pass a little bit and it definitely still feeds in. One thing that I'm just sitting here listening, you're obviously talking from a major league pitcher's standpoint and a lot of maturity. This is a decade since you went through this process as a high school kid. For a lot of these families, they're relying, like you said, on the these advisors or agents around them, and this is not something where, I want you to say whether agents are good or bad, I would love to hear the advice you would give the player sitting from this major league standpoint, recognizing, you know what? It's really my performance and the ownership of how I've handled myself whether or not I'm a big leaguer or not necessarily my agent. Can you talk about what you rely on your agent for and this might sound like a weird question, but how are you a good client to the agent? How do you have a good relationship and maybe what are some of the pitfalls that you see in player-agent relationships without-?

Tyler Beede ([26:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=YSW8pDLCN-zIKDvaczyf7pE9EppNa5dCM-iJPxZ2IHTiI1f__JUZ03S0xUE-AtJvGj9Lmkj8qCIqF3vv_UcE5bvGnCw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1602.87)):

Yeah, absolutely. I think it's always a tricky road to navigate is finding the right person to represent you in your career. You want to find someone who sincerely cares about your career and doing all that they can to put you in the best position to succeed. And like you said, it is up to you. Your performance is the way that you go about your business that ultimately will determine how you move up in your career and go to the next level. But an agent is there to try to alleviate the things that you can't control and try to help you out on that front. So they obviously have tight relationships. They've been in the game for a long time. They know how to talk to front office people. And when I was going through the draft process my first year in high school, obviously like I said, I learned about the business out of the game. And as you going through your career, the business side of the game is really what you just want to allow your agent to handle.

Tyler Beede ([27:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=W0mNbk7uAa47mk2n2rc0krrGiBD0mx6Coms1uoEwk5YJS3WBHLsPR6ew3zjYP2Ve8bdi9a6NdqCHl3Zu21vuwfYPvhg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1656.63)):

And like I've been saying, your focus needs to be on that your one job of whether it's being a pitcher, being a hitter, whatever it is, you need to focus on doing that job the best you can and allow your agent to handle things that you can't control on the business front. Some people will be passionate about trying to handle things on their own or trying to understand things that go on within the business of the game. There's just too much that's outside of your control that will draw your attention away from what's most important and for me it's always relying upon my agent to handle those things for me, to filter that information to me in a way that's healthy, and not going to put me in a bad place or get me too high and mighty. So trusting an agent to provide the right information and filter it in a way that's going to be beneficial for you is always what I recommend to people.

Erik Averill ([28:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=XDjXxH8mefNj5kOSHj4sHBrrqGLjQjZSCx4LWIowpl7g44vC81sX80NXvDThBAi2-u558mBqb4jL00GILO4F_a91x90&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1709.69)):

Great answer. Another... Sticking on this topic of people who surround you, I would love for you to share with the parents listening to this podcast, what is it important for a player in just this, the whole family is going through this draft process and going through your career, but I think it's such a unique opportunity for parents to listen to the advice of a current major league player of how do you keep a healthy relationship as a family through all of this stress and intensity? What advice would you give to parents through this process?

Tyler Beede ([29:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=-uGHh94U0VcEYgMFKLRB0apLyuUwgBN7GVtRtV59U-SXX2j2ktAHmHdtqbTE3L_jf11yZnZ2GLqdzEtJ_pvjV3_00Mw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1746.97)):

Yeah. I would always tell... I would always be open about the process with my dad. My mom was mostly just there for support, to tell me she loved me and to do her best just to be there for me when I needed her. Throughout the process, she was just always super excited, super nervous. And so I tried my best to just calm her down and let her know that everything was going to be fine throughout the process, to trust in the people who were representing me at the time, and to trust that things would work out the way they needed to. And then with my dad who is just very much involved with everything throughout my career, he sacrificed so much for me to be where I was in those places and continues to sacrifice things for me today to be in the big leagues and be the best that I can be.

Tyler Beede ([29:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3rPBs5SnHtmkQGSdoQd1tNwBDv-K0ZOheHYQ5zLOOCNtxv5hzRfd1tixhq4y0vb2RA5j9p-qQa3u8LteCcGvOgASF08&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1790.36)):

So with him it was always communicating boundaries. He wanted to be so involved in the process that he may have stressed himself out, which in turn stressed me out, but he did it in a healthy way that made us both learn so much through the experience of how to go about it in a better way. So always... What I tell parents is respect that this is a process for your child, for your son. This is for them to enjoy and for you to enjoy because you've obviously sacrificed so much for them to get there, but don't get in the way of what's most important and that's just letting your son truly experience the process and to just understand that it'll come true for your son. So it's an incredible moment and I think that the more that a parent can just be there alongside, walk alongside the son in the process, the better that the experience will be for everybody.

Travis Chick ([30:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=BEX9-6pHx8HUWnJurZi3IV30zb46PlYfuTEWkCAG7oCP4sHW3eCYXXPR--RKuCkskwsSeioQmIXsBUB_ISB3lDH4aYU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1855.1)):

It's such an important perspective that you just gave because that's one of the things that we try to hit on the most as we dig into relationships with our clients and it's that mindset that, let us handle the business side, let the agent handle the business side so you can't go back to just being a dad or a mom and just enjoy the ride, right? Enjoy watching you, propel yourself to the minor leagues to make that major league debut and then just be there to support. I think that's such an interesting perspective coming straight from a current major leaguer's mindset or so.

Erik Averill ([31:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=t3_bo4Yw50LmEGLmh4UeCcCyecJHXI6RMGbld0j5ZCRnrsebVV98q0iT58Gaw-u0JivLHfDU-bZtJxRyruQLdXBHmJ0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1896.87)):

And Tyler, definitely want to be respectful of your time. This has been a lot of fun conversation and I know a future podcasts for so many other things we haven't even had a chance to get into all the great things you're doing off the field with more than me and just your approach of being so generous with your time. But where I would love to end is for some reason, one of these draft kids is doing a pre-draft workout up at Oracle up in San Francisco and they're standing down the line and you get to grab five or 10 minutes with them, what's the advice, if you knew you were only going to see this kid for that maybe five to 10 minutes that you would give them, and it doesn't have to be around the draft, maybe it just might be life advice and around moving into professional baseball, what's the most important message that you would want [inaudible 00:32:33]?

Tyler Beede ([32:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=movdVMXya_owdGoCFFCQapzTSM1ZyRa1Za4OqUwdLc0RKmF51FnRMYLRQk3UMtU-jD06AX3vcMvAYODywz0dr2QVRDw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1953.05)):

Yeah, that's incredible because I feel like having those opportunities is few and far between of just being able to influence a young kid in the game today and I think just allowing people, kids who are coming up in the game, to understand how necessary failure is to the game and understanding how to handle that failure. It's difficult for me to think about talking to a kid about failure, who's just getting into the process of coming into professional baseball or college because a lot of kids at that age haven't experienced failure, to a certain extent, they've kind of had it sort of easy. They've been the best kid in their high school class, whatever it may be, and so just understanding how necessary it is for success and it'll allow you to be more relentless.

Tyler Beede ([33:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=9Re_BfmcN-y1Ftc4fp6grpQEk0xZMVu_iLW_cPcfgdniXcs1lBi1vLxYVFspmyz3nOiSRlZNl9TWjBleiRFY9krFzU0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1998.11)):

And I think that the ability for you to persevere through certain things in your career are going to allow you to have success and allow you to come out of the game no matter where you end up, whether you get to play 10 years in the big leagues or are you going to date in the big leagues or you fall short. For you to look back on your career to know that you gave everything that you had, that you treated every opportunity as an opportunity to learn and to grow as opposed to a test that you needed to pass, I think you'll look back and say that your baseball career was successful.

Tyler Beede ([33:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ifjZR1UiT1ag15CKeS2Ngg1wTD4vlaEvayaCY2SqWdzpUKLR7jfoTUe_ODQbintT2nLceh8HWAYpGAKNneyL97Nsago&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2028.7)):

You had the ability to do something that you loved for the period of time that you were blessed enough to do it and you grew. You became a person or became closer to the person that you want to become and now you can go out and influence the next generation of people to go on and do something that they love as well and do it at the level that you did it or whatever it may be, I think will define, your career has been a success.

Erik Averill ([34:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nkIiMMFim6mFT4aHYtjwlpEbJT51oNT7Ei_EtOBbKl1vZ4i7EMVAuR70lLQP-bgL0boNyk2SBMeruz7dRveOykP-kqQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2061.01)):

That's absolute gold. And on behalf of Travis and myself, we just want to say thank you Tyler. I know that you're so generous with your time and I know that these were heartfelt and genuine words and I encourage the audience, if you do happen to be at a pre-draft workout, you are going to come across Tyler, I can tell you this for certainty, he would absolutely want you to say hi, make sure that you let them know you listen to this podcast. And [crosstalk 00:34:54]

Tyler Beede ([34:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=UdWiYK8xXL9TBZ_3HYxPzpEoG82LSOQA1dHaG4etVeRz8-_QzxP5oqztZUMoPwn7AZwGVAynNhZ6KZsQpRJ282JrrVo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2093.86)):

Yeah, thank you guys so much. And to your point, if you guys [inaudible 00:34:58] listening, whoever's been on a certain position, whether you're a parent or a player, you feel the need to reach out to me, whether it's through Erik or through my social media, whatever it may be, I'd be happy to answer any questions that I have or share any knowledge that I have. I don't obviously know all the answers, but I know a few cool people who might know some answers. So yeah, thanks for having me on Erik and Travis, I appreciate what you guys are doing for the next generation of MLB players, college players, and let's continue to carry the torch.

Erik Averill ([35:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=2yexqsffOzwmQV2mdXq6Jwu9ccJN4L6ZNEdql8uaCeD9bcFME0efbdyugpb611x84mop6nr3KcyUFBo38Uvk6_weXaU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2131.48)):

Absolutely. Well, audience, thank you once again for listening to another episode of the MLB Draft podcast and look forward to another great episode with you next week.