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BASEBALL

41- BURKHALTER, BLAKE

Preseason Notes

- CH SPINS INCREDIBLY TOO MUCH AND APPROACHES THE PLATE SIMILAR TO A FASTBALL AS SEEN BY IT'S IVB AS WELL AS THE APPROACH ANGLE AND VELO/SPIN CHART ON PAGE TWO.
- CB DOES NOT SPIN AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD EXPECT ONE TOO AT THAT VELOCITY, BUT IS NOT NESSISARILY A BAD THING. THE IVB SHOULD BE LOWER AND IS STRANGE THAT IT HAS MORE GLOVESIDE HORIZONTAL BREAK THAN DOWNWARD BREAK.
- SL LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD PITCH, BUT AS SHOWN IN THE VELO/SPIN AND BREAKS CHART, THEY LOOK TO BE PRETTY SIMILAR PITCHES- SOME MORE SEPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO (ESPCIALLY IN VELO) WOULD BE A POSITIVE.
- FB IS ALREADY A REALLY GOOD PITCH PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT IS HARD AND THE IVB IS OFF THE CHARTS, BUT COULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO TRACK HIGH IF IT SPUN MORE.

AUGUST 23RD & 26TH BULLPENS-

- FASTBALL STILL LOOKS GOOD AND HAS GREAT VB (18-20 INCHES), SPIN EFFECIENCY WAS
 MOSTLY IN HIGH 80s-LOW 90s SO IF HE COULD BE JUST A LITTLE MORE EFFICENT ON A PITCH
 THAT ALREADY HAS AROUND 2200 RPMs IT COULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A HITTER TO GET ON
 TOP OF. SPIN DIRECTION CONISISTANTLY AROUND 12:30-12:40 WHICH IS PERFECT FOR AN
 OTT 4SFB
- THE CHANGEUPS THROWN STILL HAD A HIGH SPIN RATE (AROUND 1860-2000). However the direction was consistantly around 1:50 which profiles like a fader change and is about 60 min off the fastball which is exactly what you want. Just need to find a way to kill spin and pull the string a little better. Breaks are as expected.
- ONLY FOUR SLIDERS (REALLY A SLURVE) THROWN IN THE 26TH BULLPEN BUT LOOKED PRETTY GOOD MOVEMENT-WISE. DIRECTION IS AROUND 7:20-7:50 SO NEED TO BE MORE CONSISTANT THERE AND STAY MORE ON THE SIDE OF IT- NOT MUCH GYROSPIN ON THAT PITCH EVEN FOR A SLURVE.

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SEPTEMBER 21ST, 24TH & 28TH APPERANCES:

- 21ST Line: 1 IP, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 ER, 2 K, 3 BATTERS FACED, 13 TOTAL PITCHES
- 24TH LINE: 1 IP, 0 H, 2 BB, 0 ER, 1 K, 5 BATTERS FACED, 19 TOTAL PITCHES
- 28^{TH} Line: 1 IP, 0 H, 1 BB, 0 ER, 2 K, 5 BATTERS FACED, 26 TOTAL PITCHES
- OUTINGS HAVE LOOKED VERY STRONG OVERALL AND CUTTER HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE, LOTS OF BALLS THROWN GLOVESIDE TO RHH AND LHH.
- FB VELO WAS 91-94 SPINNING AROUND 2200-2400. HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HIGH IVB GUY- WAS 17 TO 21 INCHES BUT HB VARIED ANYWHERE FROM 0 TO 14 INCHES. A LOT OF THEM STAYED OUTSIDE TO RHH- 17 OF THE 36 WERE THROWN FOR STRIKES THOUGH.
 - O BEST FB: 93.67 MPH, 2312 RPMs, 8.15 HB, 21.20 IVB, 12:45 RELEASE
- CT VELO WAS 84-87 SPINNING AROUND 2300-2500. LOOKED LIKE A TYPICAL CUTTER WITH A LITTLE BIT OF POSITIVE IVB (7 IN ON AVERAGE) BUT 11 INCHES OFF THE FB AND JUST A LITTLE BIT OF GLOVESIDE RUN (3 IN ON AVERAGE). 38% OF CUTTERS INDUCED A SWING AND NONE OF THEM WERE PUT IN PLAY.
 - O A FEW WORTH HIGHLIGHTNG. THE CUTTER THAT STRUCK OUT HOWELL WAS EXELLENT LOCATION AND LATE CUT, THE MOVEMENT ON THE SWING AND MISS BY LARUE, AND THE LATE MOVEMENT ON THE ONE THAT STRUCK OUT LAND.
 - BEST CT (K OF HOWELL): 86.82 MPH, 2459 RPMs, -2.15 HB, 4.82 IVB, 11:00 RELEASE
- SL WAS 76-79 SPINNING AROUND 2100-2200. IT IS A LITTLE ATYPICAL TO SEE THE SLIDER SPINNING LESS THAN (OR AROUND THE SAME AS) THE FASTBALL. WAS AGGRESSIVE WITH IT AS FIVE OF THE NINE SLIDERS THROWN ALL THREE DAYS WERE HIGH STRIKES. RELEASE CONSISTANTLY AROUND 8:45. This is close to a true slider, so it is suprising to see so MUCH SPIN-INDUCED GLOVESIDE BREAK (9 to 12 inches), but not necessarily a bad THING- JUST WORTH MONITORING.
 - O BEST SL: 78.06 MPH, 2125 RPMs, -9.63 HB, -0.41 IVB, 8:45 RELEASE
- ONLY ONE CH THROWN: 81.89 MPH, 1929 RPMs, 15.55 HB, 10.64 IVB, 2:00
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