# **AUBURN**

# BASEBALL

#### **PLAYER NAME REDACTED**

#### Preseason Notes:

- FB HAS A HIGH SPIN RATE, CAN GET SWINGS IF USED CORRECTLY
- CB RATIO LOOKS NORMAL, IVB LOOKS VERY STRONG SO THERE IS PLENTY OF NATURAL

  DOWNWARD BREAK ON THE BALL, BUT WOULD BE A PLUS TO BUMP VELO UP A FEW MPH
- WHIFF RATE SHOWS RHH ARE MISSING A LOT ON BALLS INSIDE WITH BOTH PITCHES,
   ESPECIALLY FASTBALL

#### AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> BULLPENS:

- FB SPIN EFF AND SPIN (2250-2350) WAS REALLY IMPRESSIVE AND A CONSISTANT 10:4010:50 DIRECTION. JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, VB FOR THIS OTT FASTBALL IS GOOD (AROUND 17
  OR 18 INCHES) AND HAS A LOT MORE ARMSIDE BREAK (12 OR 13 INCHES) THAN EXPECTED
  FOR THAT TYPE OF RELEASE. NOT A BAD THING AT ALL BUT CERTAINLY SOMETHING
  NOTEWORTHY.
- CURVEBALLS THROWN LOOKED TO HAVE GOOD MOVEMENT. GREAT DOWNWARD BREAK (18-20 INCHES) AND RELEASED AROUND 5:00. I AM VERY PLEASED WITH HOW MUCH SPIN HE PUTS ON THE BALL (2300-2500), BUT MORE CONSISTANCY IS KEY. SPIN EFF WAS UP TO 88% AT TIMES. PUSH MORE 12-6 ACTION AND GET THAT UP TO 95%? HE DID MISS REALLY LOW WITH MOST OF THE ONES THROWN.
- ONLY THREE CH THROWN, 10:00-10:20 DIRECTION SPIN DOWN TO 1650-1680.

### SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> SQUAD GAME APPERANCE:

- LINE: 4 IP, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 ER, 5 K, 12 BATTERS FACED, 37 PITCHES THROWN
- FB was 88-91 (LOWER IN FINAL INNING) SPINNING 2200-2350 WITH A LOT OF IVB, 18-21 INCHES WHICH MAKES HIS CB EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE TO PLAY OFF OF. FB ALSO SEEMED TO HAVE AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF ARMSIDE RUN, 10-17 INCHES OF IT BUT PROVED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE RUN.



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- CB DID HAVE A TENDENCY TO "POP OUT" OF HIS HAND AT TIMES AND EFFECT LOCATION BUT NUMBERS ON IT LOOKED GREAT. 70-73 MPH AND 2300-2450 RPMs. 15 TO 18 INCHES OF DOWNWARD BREAK PRETTY CONSISTANTLY (SEE COMMENT ABOUT PLAYING OFF FASTBALL). IT SEEMED THAT THE CURVEBALLS WITH THE BEST MOVEMENT/DEPTH WERE THE ONES CLOSEST TO 12-6. THEREFORE, THE ONES THROWN WITH LESS HB AND AT 5:00 OR 5:15 IS WHERE HE SHOULD TRY TO STAY.
  - O THERE ARE THREE THAT DESERVE TO BE POINTED OUT- THEY ARE LOCATED WELL, WITH TWO STRIKES, AND THE DEPTH IS WORTH APPLAUDING. THE ONE IN THE SECOND INNING THAT STRUCK OUT BROWN, ONE IN THE THIRD THAT STRUCK OUT BURK, AND THE ONE IN THE FOURTH THAT STRUCK OUT HELMS. ALL OF THESE START MIDDLE-AWAY AND END UP WHIFFS ON THE PLATE. THE MORE THE 12-6 THE BETTER!
  - O BEST CB (TO BURK): 71.24 MPH, 2346 RPMs, 7.43 HB, -18.06 IVB, 5:00 RELEASE
- CH was very notable because of how much armside break/fade was on it- from 14 to 18 inches which is impressive. Hayden drew a swing 62% of the time on Thursday, but of the seven changeups he threw to rightys, 5 of them were swung at (and four of them were chases away). Good location, good movement. Only thing is that it might help to kill a little more spin, he's 1800-2050. Also the IVB is up higher than you would typically want (he was up to 15 or 18 a couple times), but it is at least differentated from the FB. Howell and Brown specifically were way out in front of it.
  - O BEST CH (TO HOWELL): 78.82 MPH, 2051 RPM, 7.62 IVB, -17.63 HB, 9:45 RELEASE
- Hayden and I went over this outing and findings on Sunday afternoon (9/26)