RHP Alex Philpott

School: South Carolina

Grade: Junior DOB: 09/14/2004

HT: 6-6 WT: 200 H/T: R/R

Grades:

Fastball	Slider	Curveball	Changeup	Command	OFP	Risk
55 (60) 92-94, T97	45 (50) 84-86	50 (55) 77-79	40 (45) 85-87	40 (45)	45	High

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<u>Physical:</u> Philpott has a long wiry frame that has put on roughly 25 pounds since his freshman season. He utilizes a glove tap and high leg kick that gets him downhill well and releases from a ³/₄ slot with great arm speed given the longer arm action. The former two-way player shows solid athleticism for his size and generates solid extension through his delivery.

<u>Strengths:</u> Philpott's low to mid 90s fastball has exceptional ride and has topped 97 on the Cape where he excelled primarily out of the bullpen. He commanded it well and threw it for a strike 72-percent of the time. While it didn't generate a ton of whiff, he relied on the pitch more than half the time and could be a future plus offering. The slider and curveball combination were both thrown 20-percent of the time on the Cape and they flashed some promise with above average whiff rates. The high 70s curveball showed 12-6 action and sharp break, posting a 33-percent chase rate working down and out of the zone. He threw a mid 80s slider/cutter and landed it for strikes slightly more than his fastball with a 39-percent miss rate.

<u>Weaknesses:</u> He moved away from the changeup over the summer after adding a more prominent curveball to his pitch mix. The changeup had a 41-percent chase rate with some fade during his sophomore campaign, but tended to leave it too much over the plate at times resulting in hard contact. The command was sporadic throughout the his first two seasons at Florida, posting below average walk rates and a struggle to find consistent command of his secondary offerings. However on the Cape, he struck out 16 batters and walked just two in 14.1 innings, showing improvement against some of the best collegiate bats.

<u>Summary:</u> The pitch mix is there with two to three pitches to rely on consistently to get swing and miss. However, it's more of a reliever-ish profile until he can hone in on some of the command woes and prove that his stuff can play over a longer outing. There's still room for growth in his junior year and will be an enticing follow leading up to the 2026 draft.