

J.J. Matijevic: 1B/OF

DOB: 11/14/1995 (26)

HT: 6'0"

WT: 205

H/T: L/R

Acquired: 2017 2nd Round (75) - HOU

Highest Level: AAA (Sugar Land)

ETA: 2022

Grades:

Hit	Power	Field	Throw	Run	OFP	Risk
45	55	40	45	45	40	Moderate

PHYSICAL: Large, sturdy frame with strong lower half and broad upper body. Minimal projection left, most likely capped. Shows visual frustration at the plate and plays with a passion. Big hands start high near his head prior to the pitch.

STRENGTHS: Decent power and has a compact and violent uppercut swing. Is active in the box prior to the pitch. Able to use tremendous raw power to drive the ball to all fields. Shows good patience and can square up pitches he likes. Somewhat average arm good enough for 1B or LF. Average speed with deceptively strong instincts on the base paths. Makes good reads when on base. Has a balanced approach and follow through along the bat plane.

WEAKNESSES: Seems a little too antsy at the plate in certain instances. Could potentially shorten his approach to make it more smooth through the zone. Would like to see the bat path more level which could improve contact and cut down on whiffs. Despite patient approach, struggles with swing and miss. Inability to consistently square up the ball with his violent bat path. Average arm and below average speed limit him to LF/1B. Fringy defensive abilities with his offensive power being his best trait. Coils his hands and bat head extends above his head.

SUMMARY: Was suspended for 50 games in 2019 for a second failed drug test which hurt his development. Won't have a characteristic that can carry his profile and is mostly viewed as a platoon option off the bench. Must improve contact and cut down on strikeouts. Nothing special defensively, and could eventually just DH if the future power projects.

EVALUATOR: Ethan Kagno