

**Mason Black: P**

DOB: 12/10/99 (22)

HT: 6'3"

WT: 230

H/T: R/R

Acquired: San Francisco Giants, 2021, Round 3 (85)

Highest Level: College (Lehigh)

Grades:

Fastball	Slider	Changeup	Command	OFP	Risk
60 94-95	50 87-88	45 82-83	40	45	High

**PHYSICAL:** Has great overall body strength throughout his delivery and a tall, large frame to go along. Sturdy lower half which helps pump the ball through the zone. Overall muscular build with explosive mechanics at a 3/4 arm slot. His durability and live, athletic body could help see his fastball reach triple digits occasionally at the higher levels.

**STRENGTHS:** His plus fastball shows tremendous velocity and could eventually develop even more considering his strong and powerful build. His low release height gives the illusion of added velo and explodes at the plate, sneaking up on hitters. FB can jam righties and projects well up in the zone. Shows great hip-shoulder separation and is able to use his strong legs to lock his front half and drive off the mound. Above-average slider has late tumble and sits comfortably in the 87-88 range. Carries a great mound presence and is aggressive on the bump.

**WEAKNESSES:** Has trouble with commanding his slider at times. Has turned it more into a cutter. His tertiary offering lacks conviction and late break which you like seeing in a changeup. Only possesses a three-pitch mix which could be troublesome as a future starter, as his below-average curveball is more of an afterthought. Due to trouble with command, walks are a concern and if hitters at the higher levels are able to sit on FB and show patience, he could run into trouble. Overall motion isn't as effortless as you'd like to see despite his thick stature.

**SUMMARY:** Black is able to overpower hitters with his plus fastball and can be a dominant pitcher on the bump as long as he improves on his overall command. His unique lower release point and combination of long, loose arm action and extension of the mound can provide a deceiving fastball at any level. Could definitely be seen as a future reliever as he's been able to pump it up to the high 90s during inning-long stints. If he further develops a fourth pitch he could profile as a back of the rotation starter, especially if he improves on his command.

**EVALUATOR:** Ethan Kagno