

Mavrick Rizy Live Look – Futures League Debut (5/25)

Final stat line: ND, 4 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 1 BB (1 HBP), 9 K (73 pitches, 46 strikes; 63%)

Pitch Mix: FB 90-93 T94, CB 79-81, CH 85-87

It's a large 6-foot-9, 225-pound frame with long leavers and a smooth simple delivery. It takes a little bit for his operation to get going downhill but pushes off the rubber well with a strong lower half to stride down the mound. He has good control of his limbs and body and it's a repeatable delivery.

The fastball is as advertised. A future plus-pitch with good arm-side run and was consistently hitting his spots as he settled in. Had been up to 97 at Worcester Academy this past spring. It's a pitch that can miss bats especially when elevated away to LHH. Had trouble locating it early and got behind in counts. Errors behind him resulted in throwing more pitches than necessary.

The curveball has tremendous break and good depth with a two-plane tilt, almost operates as more of a slurve. He locates it well and is most efficient as a put out pitch on the outer half to RHH as it generates a high percentage of swing and miss. He has plus command on the pitch and can back door it to LHH and throw it for strikes that ultimately freezes hitters after the low-mid 90s FB. Had good feel for it and easily his best put-out pitch. An above-average pitch that could continue to get even better.

CH showed solid fade, not utilized as much but still looks like a decent put out pitch tunneling off the FB. Had some swing and miss out of the zone for strike 3, saved it for later in counts. Command/Control isn't as sharp but a solid 3rd pitch.

An MLB team will be chasing the stuff with Rizy. It's a power arm with a smooth operation and high spin pitches. The physical stature is MLB-ready and the upside is there when it's all put together. He's a top-3 round guy talent wise but we'll see if a team can sign him away from his University of Tennessee commitment.

Strong 4th inning. Settled in and sequenced well. Overpowered hitters on the FB that maintained velocity in the low-90s. Popped a few 93's in the inning. Slurve was nearly unhittable. Froze LHH back door and generated a swing and miss to RHH away for strike three. Efficient inning, got ahead in all 3 counts. Liked the elevated FB away to LHH; wasn't

afraid to go breaking ball back door to freeze hitters. Mixed it up and wasn't over reliant on any pitch.