

PLAYER: Max Meyer TEAM - AFFILIATE: Miami Marlins - 2020 Draftee PV: 50 FV: 60

POSITION: RHP HT: 6'0 WT: 200 BAT: L THROW: R AGE: 21 DATE OF REPORT: 11/24/2020

TOOLS	P	F	Sits	Tops	COMMENTS	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
FASTBALL	60	70	94-98	101	High velocity combined with elite spin (~2500 RPMs) and very good extension (6.7 feet). Potential to be a true power four-seam despite Meyer's size. Sequencing and tunneling with his great slider allow the pitch to play up as is currently but some glove-side cutting should be addressed.	Lean upper half with incredibly strong legs and core. A shorter build allows for quick levers and repeatable athletic movements. Some room to add strength without hindering overall athleticism and mobility.
FASTBALL MOVEMENT	50	70			Raw metrics on the fastball are somewhat undermined by slight cutting. Optimizing spin efficiency through a minor grip change or altering wrist angle at release can solve this issue. With cut the pitch is still able to miss bats due to the extension and total spin numbers, even if the vertical break appears mediocre (~14 inches). Removing the cut and increasing vertical break determining factor on pitch ceiling.	STRENGTHS: Best breaking ball in 2020 draft class. Potentially best fastball as well. Elite athleticism. The solid extension adds to the effectiveness. Clean and repeatable mechanics from both wind-up and stretch. Command/control presently good and improving with experience.
SLIDER	70	70	86-89	92	Very firm with late, sharp horizontal breaks. Able to spot glove side at will. Exceptional raw spin (~2750 RPMs) and heavy gyro minimize vertical movement in favor of horizontal. Moves thumb on grip to slightly alter shape. Great MLB put-away pitch that can play right now.	WEAKNESSES: Too slider-happy at times, especially with 2 strikes. It is a great pitch but the Fastball and Changeup are very good as well so a more consistent mix would be beneficial.
CHANGEUP	50	60	85-87	90	Changeup with arm-side fade and minimal vertical break mirrors the slider very well. Keeps arm speed consistent. At least an average offering currently with flashes of plus to neutralize left-handed hitters. Generated 30% whiffs over college career.	The cut on the Fastball is not a major issue, but should still be addressed and if possible corrected to maximize the potential.
DECEPTION	60	60			A shorter build with above average extension allows for plus deception. Slows motion on occasion to alter timing. Incredible hip internal rotation leads to slight cross-firing.	DELIVERY: Wind-up is quick yet controlled and explosive down-hill. Does well out of the stretch getting to the same loading position. Hips remain stacked during downhill move to gain maximum hip-shoulder separation. Clean arm path with big lay-back.
CONTROL	50	60			Able to find the strike-zone with all 3 pitches regularly. Consistently pounds four-seam up and above swings, slider and change-up down and below. Slider primarily thrown glove-side, changeup arm-side. Comfortable throwing slider in any situation. Misses over the plate some but overall pitch movement usually bails him out.	
ATHLETICISM	70	70			2-way player in college: NCAA First Team All-American in 2019. Grew up playing hockey in Minnesota and was used in the bullpen early in college—arm is still fresh. Exceptional mobility and functional strength. Compact frame with slim waist and broad shoulders suggest athleticism will likely hold throughout career.	ARM ACTION: Impressive scapular and shoulder mobility allow for inverted-W shape. Flexibility and athleticism allow for consistent arm path. No discernable mechanical differences based on pitch type.

REPORT SUMMATION:

Max Meyer is shaping up to be one of the best pitching prospects in the game with as electric stuff as any arm in Minors. He has top tier athleticism which helps negate concerns about his size. The Miami Marlins were confident in drafting Meyer with the 3rd overall selection in the 2020 MLB Draft, so they are clearly going to plan on bringing him forward as a starter. He could take some time to get his arm conditioned to a starter's workload since he only recorded 15 starts in 3 years of college, though the raw stuff would currently be capable of finding a role on a big-league roster. His mechanics are clean and fluid and he has good-to-great feel with all of his pitches, though optimizing the fastball movement and finding a more balanced pitch mix will benefit Meyer at the professional level. If Meyer is able to continue his onward progression, Sixto Sanchez could soon have some competition for the top spot of the Marlins rotation.

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