



FOCUSED SKILL SCOUTING REPORT

HITTING | REMOTE VIDEO REVIEW

FIRST READ

THE BARREL IS THE FIRST THING
THAT GETS YOUR ATTENTION.

It enters the zone cleanly, works through the middle and gives this hitter a real skill to build around.

EVALUATION QUESTION

What makes this hitter's barrel efficiency stand out, how does his body create it, and what must improve for that tool to show up consistently throughout complete game at-bats?

2 VIEWS

VIDEO REVIEWED

HIT TOOL

CARRYING TOOL

DIRECTION

PRIMARY PRIORITY

REPORT DETAILS

ATHLETE	Sample Athlete 01 Fictional
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REPORT FOCUS	Swing Movement Barrel Efficiency Direction Through Contact
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THE PLAYER IN FOUR ANSWERS

Who he is, what carries, how it works and what must develop.

01

WHO IS THE PLAYER RIGHT NOW?

A compact, coordinated hitter with a balanced start, limited pre-swing movement and a barrel that repeatedly enters the hitting zone cleanly. The swing loses consistency when the front side pulls away from the line too early.

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WHAT IS THE CARRYING TOOL?

The hit tool, driven by barrel efficiency. In these clips, the barrel enters the hitting zone cleanly, works through the middle and returns to a similar entry point across consecutive swings. That repeatable efficiency is why the hit tool stands out.

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HOW DOES HE DO IT?

His balanced posture and compact gather organize the body early. From there, the barrel enters on a direct path. When the turn stays centered, the body and barrel work in the same direction. When the front side pulls away, the finish changes.

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WHAT MUST DEVELOP?

Directional control through contact. Keep the balanced start, compact gather and efficient barrel entry. Develop the ability to keep the turn centered through contact so the barrel can finish on the same clean path. That will give the swing greater consistency without taking away the movement that already works.

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CLIP A | 00:00-00:18

Open-side practice view

CLIP B | 00:00-00:16

Catcher-line practice view

WHAT SHOWS UP ON VIDEO

Four moments that explain the hitter, the carrying tool and the priority.

CLIP A

00:02-00:07

ATHLETIC, USABLE BASE

He starts balanced and organized, giving the swing room to work without creating extra movement.

CLIP A

00:08-00:17

FRONT SIDE LEAVES THE LINE EARLY

The body begins moving away before the barrel completes through contact. The entry is good; the direction of the finish is less consistent.

CLIP B

00:03-00:10

EFFICIENT BARREL ENTRY

The barrel enters through the middle of the zone on a compact, repeatable path. This is the best feature of the swing.

CLIP B

00:11-00:16

THE FINISH DOES NOT ALWAYS MATCH THE ENTRY

As tempo changes, the finish direction becomes less consistent. The good swing is present; repeating the entire move is the next step.

WHY THE HIT TOOL STANDS OUT | BARREL EFFICIENCY

CLEAN MOVEMENT. DIRECT BARREL. REPEATABLE ENTRY.

The barrel reaches the hitting zone without a long or complicated move. It enters cleanly, works through the middle and returns to a similar path. When the turn stays centered, that efficiency has a chance to affect the entire offensive profile.

DEVELOP THE LIMITER. TEST THE TOOL.

Protect what already works, improve the direction and see how often the tool shows up in games.

PRIMARY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY

KEEP THE TURN CENTERED THROUGH CONTACT

The front side sometimes leaves the line before the barrel finishes through contact. Improve that direction while protecting the balanced start, compact gather and efficient barrel entry. The swing does not need to be rebuilt.

PROJECTION | HOW OFTEN DOES IT SHOW UP?

FREQUENCY DETERMINES HOW FAR THE TOOL PLAYS

Batting practice shows the shape and quality of the tool. Complete game at-bats show how often the hitter can get to it. How far the tool projects depends on how consistently the same barrel efficiency holds up against velocity, spin, changing locations, different counts and in-game adjustments. When it keeps showing up, it becomes a dependable part of the player's offensive identity.

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEP

PROTECT THE BARREL. TRAIN THE DIRECTION. TEST IT IN THE GAME.

Keep the good move on line, then review complete at-bats to see how often the tool carries into competition.

SCOUTING SUMMARY

THE HIT TOOL IS THE REASON TO BE EXCITED.

This hitter has a swing worth building around. He starts balanced, gathers without wasted movement and delivers the barrel through the middle of the zone with real efficiency. That barrel efficiency is why the hit tool carries the profile in these clips.

The separator is body direction. When the front side leaves early, posture changes and the barrel has less time and space to finish through contact. Keep the compact gather. Keep the efficient barrel. Improve direction through contact, then track how often the tool shows up in complete game at-bats. That frequency will determine how far the hit tool plays.

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