

# TOP PROSPECTS

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## PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL GROUP

### PLAYER EVALUATION



#### Player's Name

Owen Meli

#### Position

OF

#### Player's Number

66

#### Height

6'1"

#### Weight

155

#### Bats

Right

#### Team

X Factor 2 CA

#### Throws

Right

#### Evaluation Date

Saturday, March 20, 2021

## ATHLETIC SKILLS

#### Feet

5 - Above Average

#### Comments

I like his agility. Light on his feet, especially for his size and frame. Should continue to maximize and keep this a strength developmentally in his training.

#### Hands

4 - Slightly Above Average

#### Comments

No concerns here. Receives and transfers the ball well both in OF and at 1B.

#### Reactions

5 - Above Average

#### Comments

Quick feet. Anticipates. Head in the game guy.

## Body Control

5 - Above Average

## Comments

Live body. Quick and loose general actions.

## Strength

4 - Slightly Above Average

## Comments

Wirey strength to upper body. Lean muscled lower half with definition. Advanced core strength in the lower half with hams and quads. Room to add/project.

## Physical Development

4 - Slightly Above Average

## Comments

He's got that rangy, raw boned look and build. Spindly but strong.

# BASEBALL SKILLS

## Fielding

5 - Above Average

## Comments

Positional versatility in the OF/1B. Does a solid/quality job at both. I like him better in the OF where he can show his athleticism better. Good size target at 1B, active and rangy around the bag.

## Range

5 - Above Average

## Comments

First step quickness and aggressive to the ball.

## Running

4 - Slightly Above Average

## Comments

Shows you what he's got, gives a good effort. Good form, good strides, however, just an average straightaway runner.

## Arm Strength

4 - Slightly Above Average

## Comments

Better than average strength, but rm action needs work. Too much length and swing in the back with a natural wide 3/4 slot. Needs to shorten in the back, better lead arm mechanics, and a more conventional slot.

## Arm Accuracy

4 - Slightly Above Average

### Comments

Reliable and consistent at this level, however, he will want to work on his throwing fundamentals to improve accuracy as well.

## Hitting Ability

4 - Slightly Above Average

### Comments

Right now he does it with natural athleticism and aggressiveness. I like his set up to hit, swing and batspeed. He gets jumpy and forward in his approach to the ball causing his head to move making recognizing spin and strikes more challenging than they should be. It may start with the tension in his set up; a more relaxed mindset and a deep breath as he's getting into his stance should help. That's an immediate adjustment he can make that should help his consistency and development as a hitter.

## Power Potential

4 - Slightly Above Average

### Comments

He's got a quick bat and takes a healthy hack, so there's power in his swing. Right now it doesn't project to big power, but he enough athlete to drive the ball in his approach to hit.

## PLAYER SUMMARY

I saw him both with the bat and on the mound. It's not easy to determine at this time which direction his athleticism will take him, but there's a better than average HS talent and competitor there no question. He's an intense competitor, much to his credit, and at times to his detriment at the plate. Grinder/effort oriented with the bat. Learning how to channel that properly and find a balance between being confident and relaxed and aggressive is a good area of focus for his hitting development. The arm action is another area for him to be mindful of in the near future. Good ceiling to the player. Offense and throwing still lack refinement.