## PitchAl | Pitch Biomechanics Report



Player Name: Bowen Kortkamp Handed: R Height (mm): 152 Team Name: Elite Velocity LLC File Name: phpTwUMQL\_c5248b9f-05cd-4bed-900d-28cf4

#### **Pitch Sequence Image Frames**

Peak Leg Kick (PK)

Video Frame 19

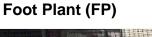


**Maximum External Rotation (MER)** 

Video Frame 63



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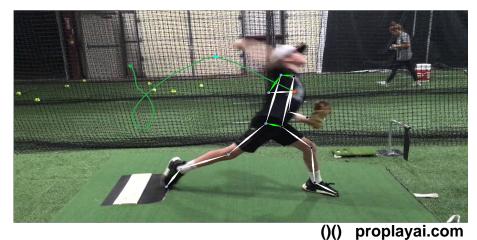


Video Frame 60



Ball Release (BR)

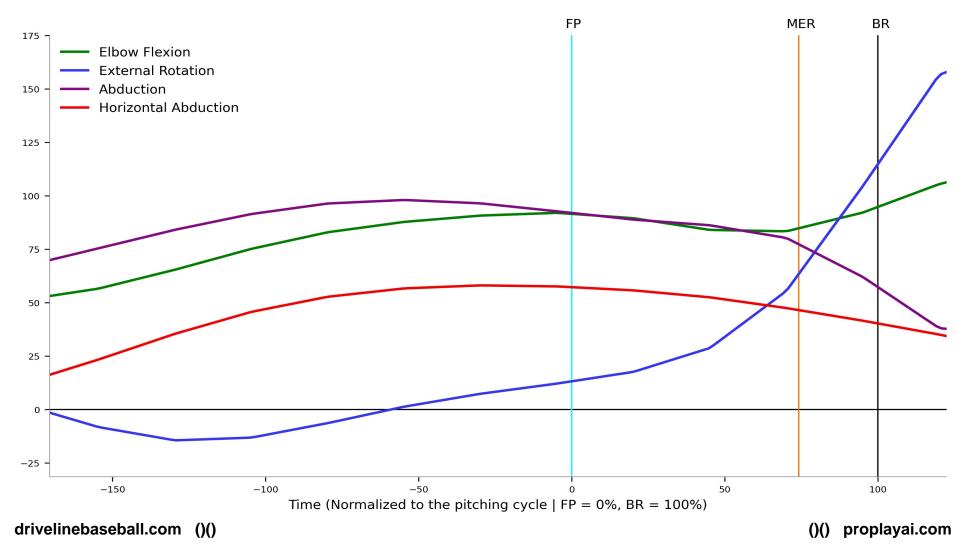
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## Arm Angle Kinematics Analysis (deg)

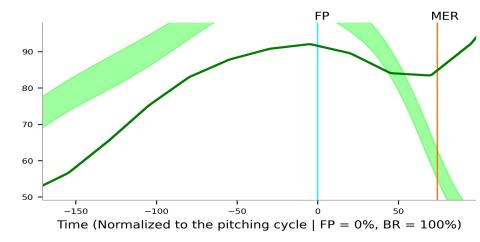
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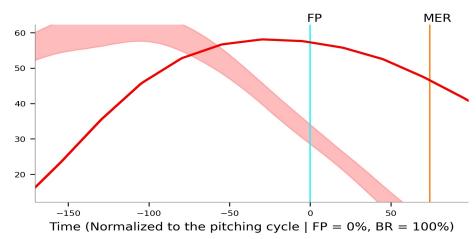


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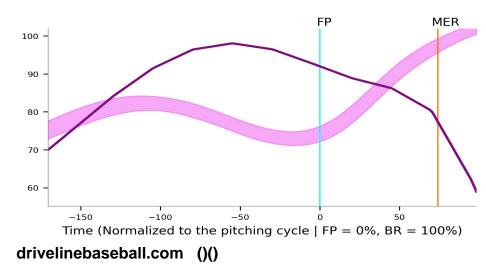
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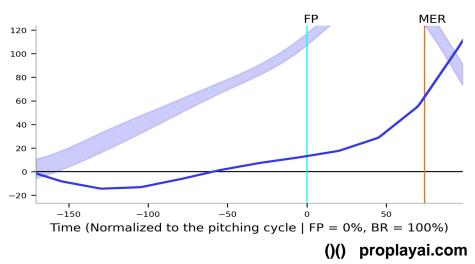
Shoulder Horizontal Abduction



**Shoulder Abduction** 



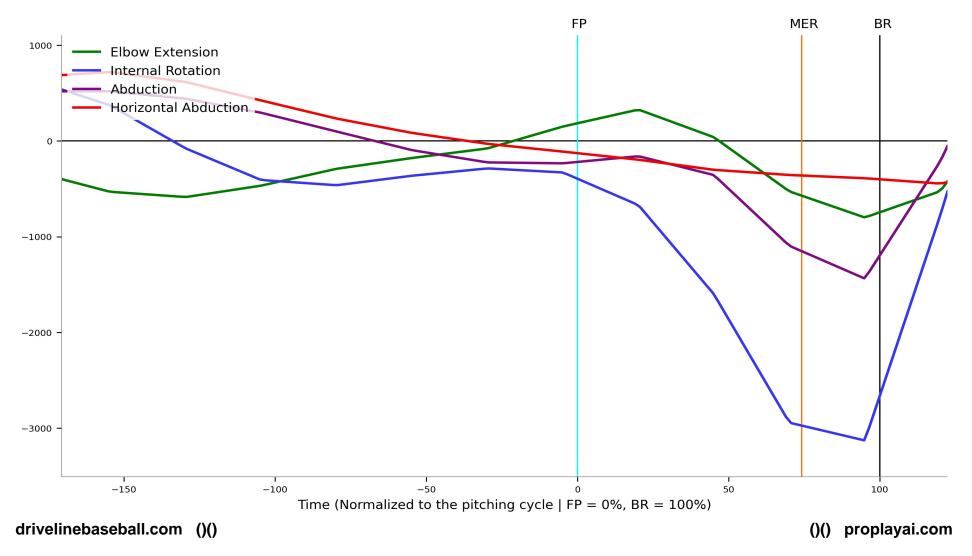
#### **Shoulder Rotation**





## Arm Angular Velocity Kinematics Analysis (deg /sec)

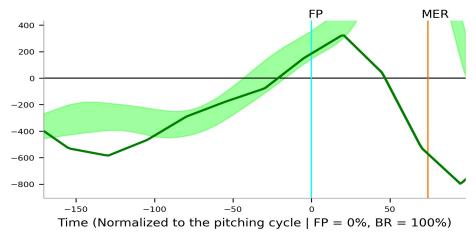
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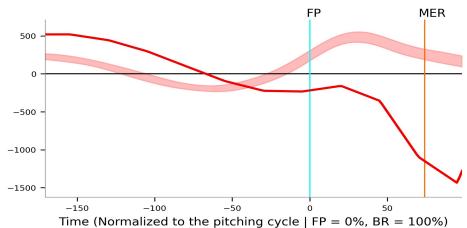


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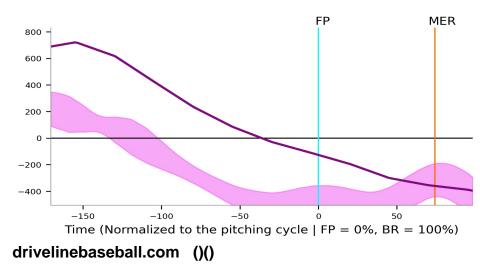
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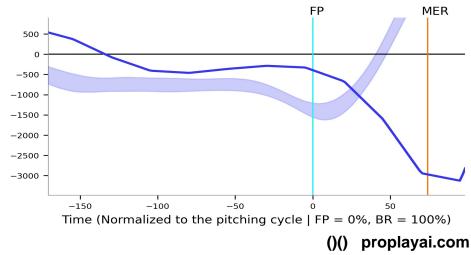
#### Shoulder Horizontal Abduction



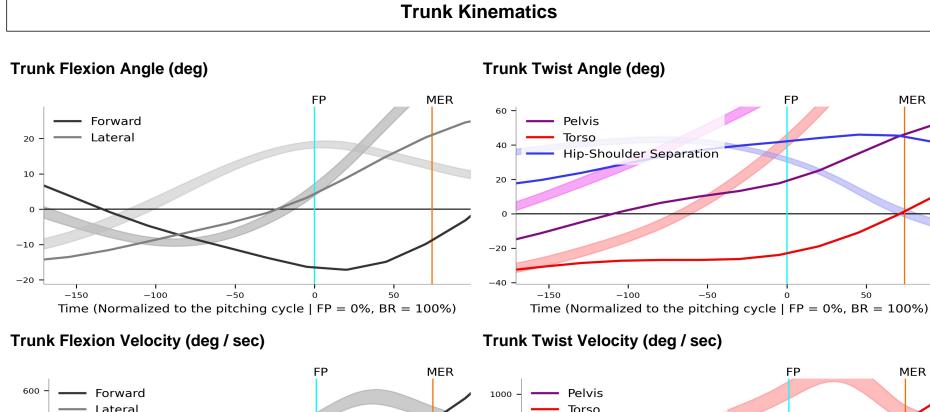
#### **Shoulder Abduction**

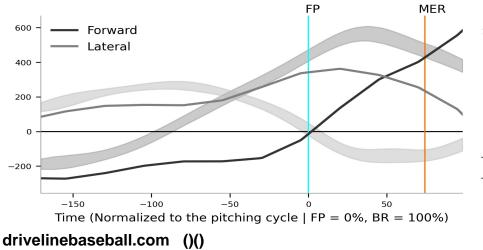


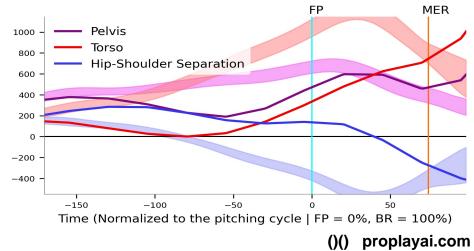
**Shoulder Internal Rotation** 



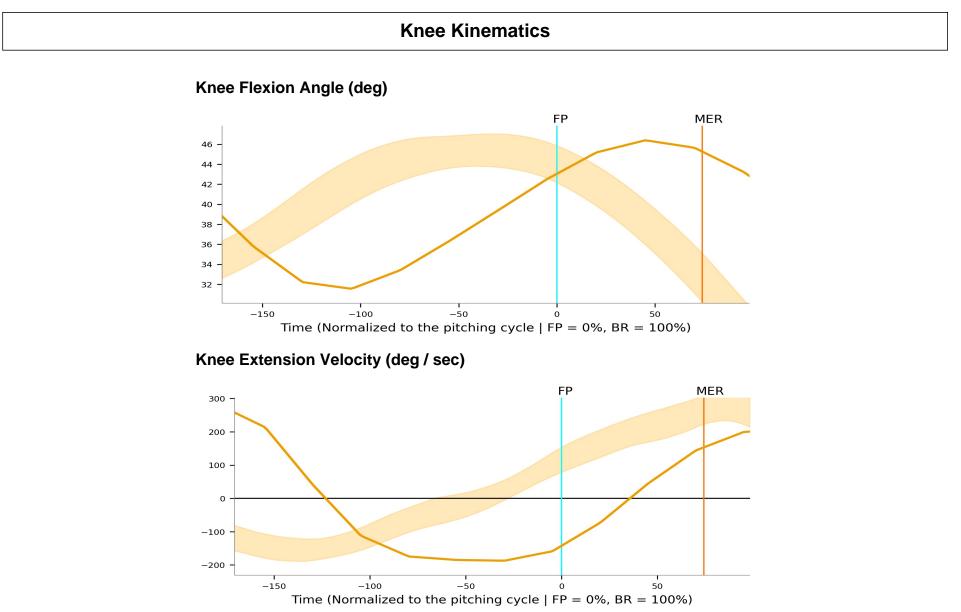












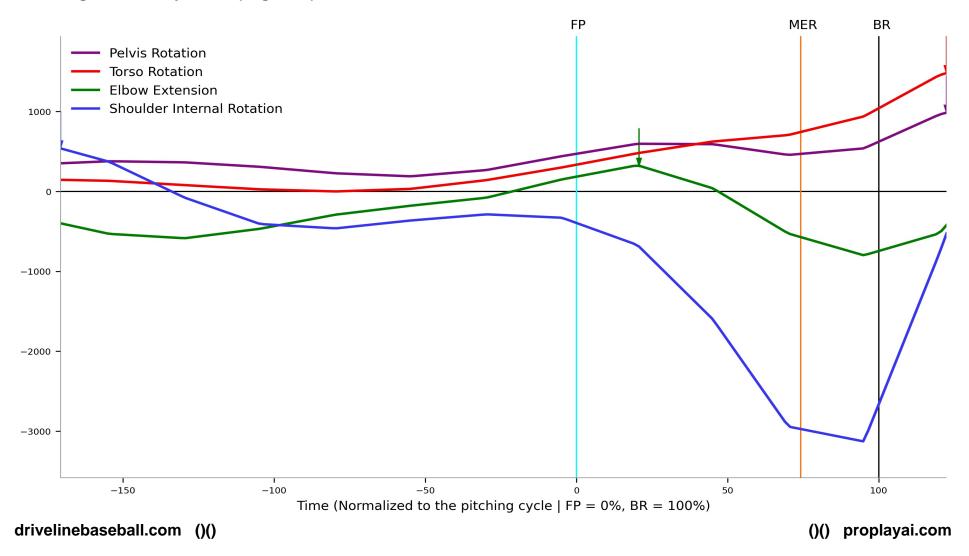
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## **Kinematic Sequencing**

#### Joint Angular Velocity Chain (deg / sec)





# **PitchAl Report Appendix**

# How to Read the Report

Page 1: Pitch Sequence Image Frames

The pictures on the title page are of the athlete throwing at 4 events throuhgout the Pitching sequence.

- 1. Peak Leg Kick (PK)
- 2. Foot Plant (FP)
- 3. Maximum External Rotation (MER)
- 4. Ball Release (BR)





# Page 2 and 3: Arm Angle Kinematics Analysis (deg)

## • Elbow Flexion:

Angle of elbow, fully extended is 0 deg

- $\odot$  > 90 deg at FP indicates "inside 90
- If elbow flexion never gets to 90, it could lead to below average scap retraction as well as early forearm flyout later in the arm action

# • Shoulder External Rotation:

Making a goal post with your arms is 90, rotating them forward moves towards 0

- Below 40 at FP could indicate arm drag
- Maximum is typically 150-180, anything less could indicate mobility issue Note: a lower throwing velocity can reduce max shoulder rotation

# Shoulder Abduction:

Raise your arms into a lateral raise. A T-pose is 90, arms at your side is 0

- Above 100 maximum could indicate elbow climb (inefficient)
- 90 at BR is average

# • Shoulder Horizontal Abduction:

- A T-pose is 0, moving behind you is positive
  - $\odot$  We look for a maximum value ~40, with roughly ~35 at FP
  - Around 0 at BR is average

- Look for shoulder abduction to stay pretty smooth and flat
- Look for shoulder horizontal abduction to decrease as external rotation increases.



# Page 4 and 5: Arm Angular Velocity Kinematics Analysis (deg/sec)

- Elbow Extension Angular Velocity:
  - How fast your elbow extends
  - 2000-2250 deg/s peak is average
- Shoulder Internal Rotation Angular Velocity:
  - How fast your shoulder internally rotates
  - 3000 deg/s peak is average
- Shoulder Abduction Angular Velocity:
  - How fast your shoulder abducts throughout the throw
- Shoulder Horizontal Abduction Angular Velocity:
  - $\odot$  How fast your shoulder horizontally abducts throughout the throw

- Look for elbow extension angular velocity to peak between MER and BR
- Look for shoulder inrenal rotaton angular velocity to peak near BR



# **Page 6: Trunk Kinematics**

## • Forward Trunk Flexion Angle (deg):

Standing straight up is 0 deg, leaning backwards is negative, forwards is positive

- A positive value around 0 deg at FP is considered "stacked"
- Positive value at BR indicates "extension" towards home, 20-30 deg is average

### • Lateral Trunk Flexion Angle (deg):

Standing straight up is 0 deg, leaning towards your lead leg side is positive

○ "Over-the-top" pitchers generally have higher trunk tilt at BR (>15-35 deg)

## • Trunk Twist Angle (deg):

Facing home plate is 90 deg, set position is 0 deg

• Want to avoid opening the trunk early into foot plant, meaning closer to 0 deg, 15-20 deg is average

## • Pelvis Angle (deg):

Facing home plate is 90 deg, set positon is 0 deg

 $\odot$  Want to be more open at foot plant, 45-55 deg average

### • Hip-Shoulder Separation (deg):

Maximum degree of separation between pelvis and torso

 $\odot$  ~32 deg is average for a maximum value

- Look for maximum hip/shoulder separation to occur close to FP
- Look for front knee flexion to constantly decrease after FP (does not increase at all)



# **Page 7: Lead Leg Kinematics**

- Front Knee Flexion Angle (deg):
  - Angle of knee, fully extended is 0 deg • Amount of flexion should decrease from FP to BR

## • Front Knee Extension Angular Velocity (deg/s):

- $\odot$  Max speed that your knee extends
- $\odot$  >360 deg/s is average





# **Page 8: Kinematic Sequencing Velocities**

- Pelvis Rotation Angular Velocity:
  - Max speed that your hips rotate at
  - 650-750 deg/s is average
- Torso Rotation Angular Velocity:
  - Max speed that your torso rotates at
  - $\bigcirc$  1050-1150 deg/s is average
- Elbow Extension Angular Velocity:
  - How fast your elbow extends
  - $\bigcirc$  2000-2250 deg/s is average
- Shoulder Internal Rotation Angular Velocity:
  - How fast your shoulder internally rotates
  - 3000 deg/s peak is average

### Notes:

- Pelvis angualr velo does not correlate stringly with throwing velocity
- Upper trunk angular velo, elbow extension velo, shoulder IR velo, and knee extension angular velocity maximums do correlate with throwing velocity

- Expanded verison of the kinematics graph
- Arrows are color coded to when the respective peak velocities occur
- Peak pelvis angular velocity happens close to FP and before peak torso rotation velocity



# Joint Angular Velocity Chain should follow the Kinematic Sequence

Pelvis 🖒 Torso 🖒 Elbow Ext ⊳ Shoulder IR