

# Power Pitchers

## These pitchers ...

- Tend to have less command of the strike zone
- Often throw to the top of the strike zone
- Usually go to their fastball when in trouble
- Mostly first-pitch-fastball guys
- Usually have a bigger ego – get flustered easy
- Want to just get the ball and throw – tend to be fast workers

## Hitters should ...

- Be ready for a fastball every pitch!
- Swing at strikes
- Make him bring the ball down in the strike zone – lay off high strikes until two strikes.
- Take your time between pitches. You control the pace.

# Standard Pitchers

## **These pitchers ...**

- Have average ability and velocity
- Try to use both sides of the plate and change speeds
- Try to make the batter get himself out. Rely on anxious batters.
- Tend to use soft stuff when in trouble.
- Is usually aggressive (fastballs) early in the count. (Their stuff isn't generally good enough to overcome being behind in the count a lot.)

## **Hitters should ...**

- Be ready for a fastball early in the count.
- Have a game plan for what pitches and locations they are going to look for.
- Wait for pitches you can handle.
- Have confidence to hit behind in the count

# Specialty Pitchers / Closers

## **These pitchers ...**

- Usually are advanced with either one pitch or in their ability to throw strikes.
- Go to their specialty pitch (out pitch) when in trouble or have two strikes.
- Usually rely on swings and misses.

## **Hitters should ...**

- Still be ready for a fastball early in the count.
- Be more aggressive early in the at-bat to avoid his out-pitch.
- Look more up in the zone if his out-pitch has a downward break.
- Be very good two-strike hitters and put the ball into play!

# Finesse Pitchers

## These pitchers ...

- Usually pitch to the outer third of the plate.  
Especially finesse lefties!
- Tend to have a below average fastball
- Rely on batters swinging at pitches outside the strike zone.
- Pitch backwards (slow stuff in fastball counts, hard stuff in off-speed counts)

## Hitters should ...

- Force him to throw in the strike zone.
- Look for pitches up in the zone. Lay off low strikes early in the count.
- Be open to moving closer to the plate and challenge him to come inside (get him away from his strengths)
- “Single him to death.” Especially to the opposite field. (he wants you to take “pull-power” swings)