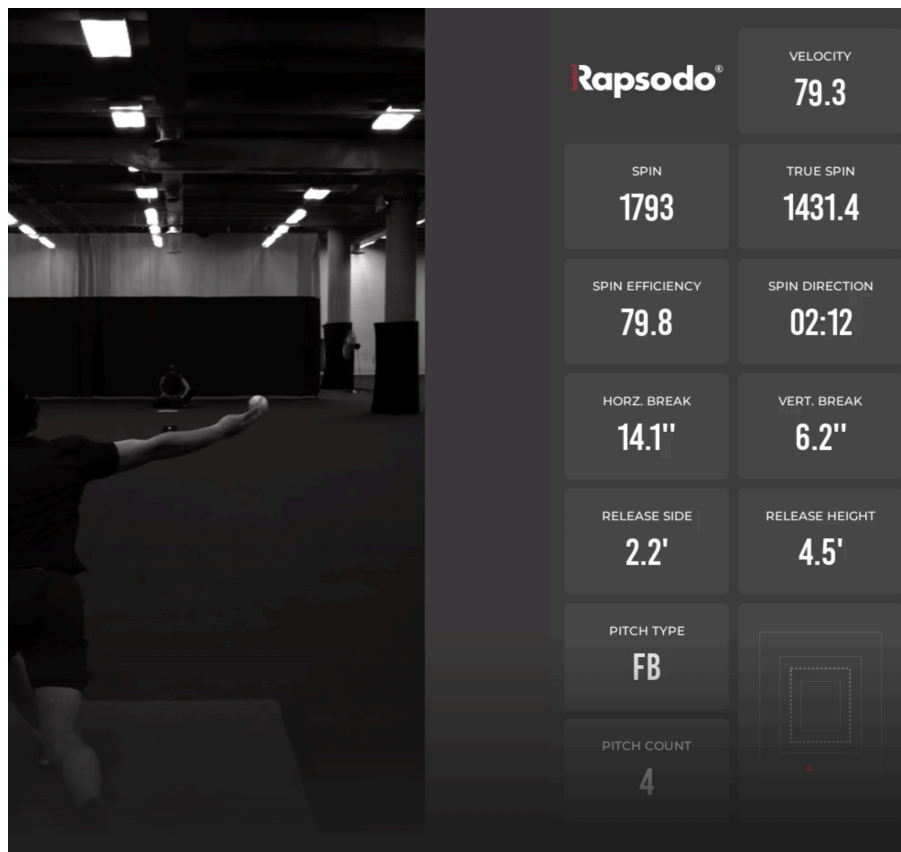
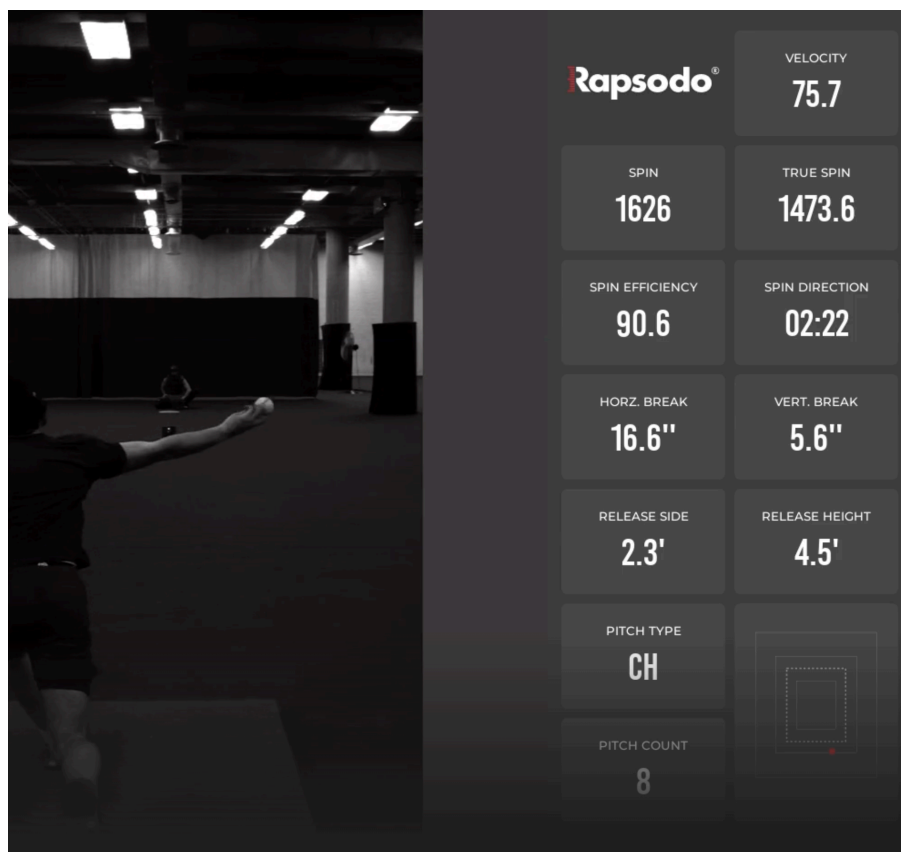


2-Seam Fastball and Changeup:



On the top is the 2-seam fastball and on the bottom is the changeup. Looking at the numbers, I think these pitches look far too similar to each other. Velocity differential is less than 4 between these two pitches, the spin axis is almost exactly the same, and most importantly the shape is almost exactly the same. Should these pitches be the one and two in the arsenal it will definitely be hard to get ground ball outs. I think focusing on the cutter as the number one fastball is a viable option but velocity needs to be upped for that to work. Watching the video, the release and path of the hand/wrist for these two pitches looks very similar, so barring grip, that is why they have such similar numbers. In my opinion, the best option is to practice and incorporate a traditional 4-seam fastball as the #1 fastball option. I think he would be able to get a feel for getting his fingers sturdier and more behind the fastball. It would allow him to up the spin efficiency and feel confident about his primary pitch. The fact that a 4-seam feels much more distinct from a changeup's feel than a 2-seam does would allow the fastball-changeup combo to become far more lethal.





Rapsodo®	
VELOCITY	70.4
SPIN	2374
TRUE SPIN	1622.9
SPIN EFFICIENCY	68.4
SPIN DIRECTION	08:10
HORZ. BREAK	-15.6"
VERT. BREAK	-6.4"
RELEASE SIDE	2.3'
RELEASE HEIGHT	4.4'
PITCH TYPE	SL
PITCH COUNT	10

Slider:

That being said, this slider is disgusting. Incredible movement, awesome pitch overall. To me, the fact that this pitch is a sweeper means the best arsenal would be 4-seam fastball, changeup, sweeper. I think simple would work, not trying to do too much in terms of deception. If a strong 4-seam gets developed, sequencing these three pitches well could be more than enough to pitch at an elite level. I don't think anything specific even needs to be done with the changeup either because of how great this slider is. Just the 4-seam development.