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Dear Coach:

My name is Ewdis Taveras. I am head of scouting for the Pericos de Puebla in the Liga Mexicana. I have been the primary trainer and coach for Matias Anderson Garcia since he was 12 years old. I know him better than anyone other than his mother and his father. Matias is a professional-grade prospect. I would sign Matias to a contract with the Pericos, if he would let me. He wants to play baseball in college and study aeronautics, which I appreciate. He is goal-driven and if he sets his mind to something, he achieves it. I will continue to work with him in the off-season and look forward to signing him in the future.

As a scout, the most important thing apart from current baseball ability is his character and projected trajectory. That helps me understand where the player has come from and where he is going. Matias has a very promising trajectory not only because he is an excellent baseball player, but because he has certain elements of character that will carry him far. He is not my most talented prospect at the moment, but I guarantee in 2 years he will not only be a top potential prospect for the Pericos, but a top international-level prospect. Scouts may not heard of him outside of Mexico because he decided to stay and work in Mexico during the pandemic, but if he continues on his current path, that will not be the case. He will be known.

Matias doesn't perceive barriers - only challenges to meet and surpass. Some kids will "hit the wall" and quit when things become difficult. Matias may fail at first, but he will regroup, come up with a plan of action, and execute. I have him train and complete alongside Mexican professionals and prospects all the time. He always learns from those around him and rises to the challenge. If I could transmit one element of Matias' mental makeup it would be this – he has incredible determination and strength of character. He will achieve what he wants to achieve.

As far as his frame and physical projection are concerned, he is currently 6'1/178 and growing. He is big and strong for his age. He has strong broad shoulders, broad back, and strong legs. He has focused intently on increasing his overall strength in the pandemic instead of playing excessively or attending showcases. He has a very aggressive workout plan that involves cross-training to improve core and explosive baseball movements, sand running workouts, daily yoga to improve balance, flexibility, and tone in smaller muscle groups, long toss, heavy ball training, and weight training. During the pandemic he added 25 lbs. of muscle. I estimate that he will be around 6'3 and 215-225 when he finishes growing.

At the plate, he is incredibly patient with a good idea of the strike zone, drawing a lot of walks and quality at bats. He has traditionally been a line drive and gap hitter, but this spring he added a power stroke with his improved physique. He uses all fields. While he flashes power right now, I think he will develop into a consistent power hitter over time while still hitting for average and high on-base percentage.

In the field, he has a solid glove with an accurate and strong arm. Under my tutelage, he has trained primarily as a "Dominican" shortstop but he has experience in all infield positions. He is also very



comfortable at 3B and 2B. He is learning to play the outfield and he will add this as a primary position option. In the outfield, his strengths are his first-step instincts, solid glove, and his arm which are well above average.

His one weakness in my opinion is his current 60-yard time which is below average for prospects, but I feel he will improve his overall speed as he has done recently with his current training plan. He has already dropped a full second off his 60-yard times in the past month. When he stops growing, his times will improve as he sets into his adult body. His first-step quickness and great instincts off the batted ball compensate for a lack of sprint speed at the moment. He is also an intelligent baserunner. I see him as a taller-than-average infielder in the mold of Corey Seager or a corner outfielder.

As a pitcher, he brings an intelligent approach to reading batters. He uses different arm angles and change of velocity from direct overhand, $\frac{3}{4}$, and submarine to keep hitters uncomfortable and off-stride. He has good 12-6 curve and an excellent wipeout sidearm curve. He is working on both an overhand and sidearm changeup with movement. He does not try to overpower hitters but keeps them consistently off balance with arm angle, movement, and change of speed, producing weak ground balls and opposite field fly balls off the bat handle to the right side of the field and pulled fouls with right-handed batters. He busts left-handed hitters in with the fast ball and use the wipeout curve as a back foot slider. He patterns his pitching style after Rich Hill.

In summary, I have the great advantage to see Matias on a daily basis and project where he is going. If you want a kid with great character who will blossom over the next few years into a top prospect, Matias is definitely your choice.



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I had this letter translated from Spanish to English. I am happy to speak with anyone in Spanish or receive emails at the address above and I will translate them.