# Pitchers’ Scouting Report

## Name: Kenneth Roberts School: MTSU City: Murfreesboro State: TN

## Position: SP B/T: L/L Grade: JR Opponent: Florida Atlantic University Date: 3-21-09

**-Height and Weight:** 6’1’’ 200lbs

**-Body Description:** Slim athletic build, with room to put on a little weight.

-**Body Comparison (Current or Former Major Leaguer that played same position):** Slender version of Tom Glavine.

**-Arm Action:** High ¾ release point does not slow arm done on any pitch. He has good arm action with each pitch making his delivery look the same before the pitch whether it was a fast, curve, or change. He seemed to have a slight hook around body, but it was nothing major.

**-Delivery:** He has a slight hesitation when beginning his stride while straightening/locking his stride leg briefly, but softens it up a little before landing.

**-Athleticism:** Seemed to be athletic with an athletic looking body but had no plays he had to make or come off the mound quickly for any reason.

**-Feel for pitching:** He had a feel for pitching and great composure and presence on the mound. He pitched with confidence

-**Fastball**

**-Velocity:** 88-89 Average, Topped out at 90.

**-Command (20-80):** 50

**-Life (20-80):** 45

-**Curveball** (He manipulated it very well.) (1-7 with a hard, sharp break)

**-Velocity:** 76

**-Command (20-80):** 55

**-Life (20-80):** 50

-**Change-Up**

**-Velocity:** 79-80

**-Command (20-80):** 35

**-Movement (20-80):**40 (slight downward and away action to righties)

**- Comments:** He threw his curveball on any count and was very confident with it. He located it very well and used it at the start of the count to get ahead as well as an out pitch to sit hitters down. He loved throwing it low and in to righties, he was putting it on their shoe tops and they could not do anything with it. His fastball showed some life. He worked the inside and outside parts of the plate hitting his spots well. Inside fastball to righties was mainly straight, but he showed some 2 seam action when throwing on the outer half to righties with some late tailing action. He looked as good as possible through 3 or 4 innings. When he began to get tired his velocity decreased only 1 or 2 mph, but his location worsened. The above ratings were based on the first 4 innings. His command fell off in the 5th and 6th. He threw strikes all night and was ahead of nearly every hitter while not having many 2 and 3 ball counts at all. He showed great presence of the strike zone, he walked the first batter of the game, but did not walk anyone else. When he stopped hitting his spots, he did not start throwing balls. He began leaving the ball up in the strike zone and over the middle. He showed a changeup, but only as waste pitch. I think he would find some success at the pro level if he could develop his change-up more and throw it with more confidence.

**-Describe what you role you think this pitcher will have at the major league level.** I think he would be a middle reliever at the major league level. For 3 innings, he looked as sharp as anyone, and then started to regress. Also, I am not sure he has enough confidence in his changeup to be an effective starter; he was a 2 pitch pitcher for the most part. I think he could have success as a reliever with his fastball and curveball. His changeup showed signs of life and could be developed, but he did not throw it with confidence

**-Make up:** His makeup was good, and he was a competitor. After giving up the back to back homeruns, he did not mope or pout or hang his head. He got back on the mound and battled again getting out of the inning.

**-Mound Presence:** He showed knowledge of pitching and had an idea of what he was trying to do. He took the ball with confidence.

**-Concentration:** He showed extreme concentration and seemed to not be shaken or rattled by anything. He overcame a leadoff walk in the 1st inning by getting the next 3 in order.

**-Box score:** 6 **IP** 4 **-H** 3 **-ER** 1 **-BB** 6 **-K**.

**-Comments:** I left impressed and liked what I saw out of him, especially in the first 3 innings. He showed some positive potential especially with the command of his curveball. The 6th inning was the only inning that he got hit and he responded by not panicking or letting the game get out of hand. He went back to work and got out of the inning. He gave up 3 runs but kept them in the game giving them a chance to win which they did in the bottom of the 9th 5-4.