

2011 Prospect Guide

1. Aroldis Chapman - LHP

Acquired: Free Agent - 2010

Born: 2/28/1988

Born in: Holguin, Cuba

B/T: L/L

Height: 6' 4"

Weight: 185 lbs

Scouting Report

Aroldis Chapman made his mark during the 2009 World Baseball Classic while pitching for the Cuban National team and throwing 100 MPH as a left hander. Several months later, Chapman simply left the hotel that the Cuban National team was playing at in the Netherlands and defected from the country becoming a free agent. The Reds made the highest offer for Chapman and officially signed January 11, 2010. Chapman impressed in spring training but found himself in AAA to begin the year with the Louisville Bats. While there, Chapman had his ups and downs, sometimes working in the low 90's with his fastball, while other times he would work in the upper 90's and touching 100 MPH. The lefty also mixed in a plus slider in the mid to high 80's as well as a change up that clearly lacked behind his other two pitches as he often slowed down his arm speed to throw it. After spending all of April, May and half of June in the starting rotation, the Reds placed Chapman in the bullpen to hold down his total innings pitched on the season. The results were not immediate, as Chapman allowed 6 earned runs over his first 6 appearances out of the bullpen. However, from that point forward, he only allowed 2 earned over his next 19 appearances before getting called up to the Reds. From the bullpen, Chapman moved into a two pitch repertoire with just the fastball that was regularly clocked between 98-102 MPH while reaching as high as 105 MPH as well as his plus slider in the high 80's. Mechanically, Chapman does not have anything that sticks out as "bad". He throws from a normal 3/4 arm slot and uses his entire body well to generate velocity. Some scouts still are unsure if Chapman winds up in the rotation or the bullpen, so 2011 will be big to see if he can improve his control and his change up as both will be needed in order for him to stay in the rotation long term.

2010 Season Splits

Split	GS	W	L	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP
Starter	13	5	5	0	65.7	60	6	40	76	4.11	1.52
Reliever	0	5	3	8	42.3	26	1	17	65	2.34	1.02
April	4	1	1	0	21.0	14	2	12	22	1.29	1.24
May	5	4	1	0	24.7	28	2	13	33	5.47	1.66
June	4	0	4	0	24.7	22	2	16	29	5.84	1.54
July	0	2	0	1	12.0	9	0	7	17	1.50	1.33
August	0	1	0	7	13.3	4	1	4	22	1.35	0.60
Sept/Oct	0	2	2	0	12.3	3	0	5	18	2.19	1.14

Career Stats

Year	Age	Tm	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	K	WHIP	BB%	K%	K/BB
2010	22	LOU	9	6	3.57	39	13	8	95.7	77	7	52	125	1.35	13%	30%	2.4
2010	22	CIN	2	2	2.03	15	0	0	13.3	9	0	5	19	1.05	10%	37%	3.8