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What does future hold for Giants starter?

One-time top pick making most of unexpected opening

By Karl Buscheck Special to S.F. Examiner

ATT PARK — As Chris Stratton plodded through the first half of 2017, hugging around an ERA north of five for the Triple-A Sacramento River Cats, it would have been difficult to envision the August opportunity that was awaiting the former first-round pick.

Before supplanting Matt Cain in the rotation on Aug. 5, Stratton had cut a low profile in his cameo at AT&T Park, making four appearances for the San Francisco Giants — a trio of relief outings and an emergency start in July.

Bouncing between the River Cats rotation and the big league bullpen was an unenviable assignment for the right-hander.

"It makes it tougher for sure not to be able to get on a routine," Stratton said. "But then again, this is the big leagues and you've got to be ready for whatever everyday. So, that's what I've tried to do."

As Stratton tells it, manager Bruce Bochy and the front office hardly gave him a heads up when it came to stepping in for Cain — and no assurances about how long his rotation tryout will extend.

"To be honest with you, it's just kind of been each time I've pitched I've just kind of waited on them to tell me what's next," Stratton explained. "So, I'm just trying to be prepared for whatever they throw at me."

Stratton has seized the opportunity that likely would have gone to more prominent prospects if not for unexpected circumstances.

Tyler Beede, the consensus top arm in the system, is expected to miss the rest of the season after suffering a groin strain at the end of July.

Jean Gregorio, who had a 3.04 ERA in Triple-A, earned himself from the call-up conversation by drawing a season-ending PED ban in July after testing positive for Stanozolol.

These developments helped create the opening for Stratton, who has responded by allowing two earned runs in 17.2 innings in his three August starts.

"It's a ton of fun," Stratton said of his run in the rotation, highlighted by a 10-strikeout gem against the high-powered Washington Nationals on Aug. 13.

"This is what I've grown up doing," Stratton continued. "So, it's been good, but like I've said before, I really did enjoy my time in the pen. I really do think it prepared me for where I am right now."

Stratton, who turned 27 on Tuesday, is starting to remind his bosses why he was the No. 26 overall pick in 2012 after earning SEC Pitcher of the Year honors that spring at Mississippi State.

Before starring in Starkville, Stratton grew up an hour north in Tupelo, where he still makes his offseason home with his wife, Martha Kate, and his one-year-old son, Christopher Mack.

“I love it there,” Stratton said. "It's definitely a small town — especially compared to something like this," Stratton added. "It's bigger for Mississippi, but, I mean, maybe 40000 people. But I love it — a good small town feel."

Stratton is one of 25 Tupelo High School graduates to be drafted, but the first to make it to the majors. Kirk Presley — the third cousin of Elvis, the town's most famous son — was also a Tupelo draft pick once upon a time, and even served as Stratton's summer coach one year when he was growing up.

After parlaying a successful college career into a major league deal, Stratton has navigated a winding road to Third and King.

This year marked the third partial season Stratton had spent in Triple-A — a trying experience for the right-hander and his young family.
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