

# Scouting Report

**Overall Score** 57.9 **Overall Future Score** 62.5

**Player** Machin Thomas  
**Last Name** **First Name**

**Position** Catcher / 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base

**Grade** 10<sup>th</sup> **Grad Year** 2026 **School** Westhampton

**Hometown** East Moriches

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**Date of Birth** 6/13/2008

**Ht.** 5'11 **Wt.** 240 **Bats** L/R switch hitter **Throws** Right

**Team Name** Long Island Thunder **Age group** 15u JV

**League Play** Town of Brookhaven League

**Scouts Name** - Joseph Cuccia **Date** 3/21/24

<b>Player Skills</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Future</b>
Swing Mechanics	65	70
Power	65	70
Contact	55	60
Arm Accuracy	60	65
Arm Strength	60	65
Fielding	55	60
Range	50	55
Running Speed	45	50

<b>Ratings Key</b>
80 Outstanding
70 Very Good
60 Above Average
50 Average
40 Below Average
30 Well below Average
20 Poor

<b>Pitching</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Future</b>
Delivery/ Mechanics		
Control		
Velocity		
Poise on the mound		
Fastball		
Change Up		
Breaking Ball		
Other pitch		

<b>Mental Game</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Future</b>
Situational Instincts	55	60
Drive/ Dedication	70	75
Physical Maturity	60	65
Emotional Maturity	50	55
Natural Ability	55	60
Game Knowledge	55	60
Teammate Level	60	65
Respect Level	65	70

## **Physical Description (injuries, glasses etc.)**

Big and stocky. Needs to get lean and add muscle mass to reach future potential.

## **Abilities**

Switch hitter with power from both sides of the plate. Lefty is the natural side.

Ball exit velo at showcase was well above average with a 93 exit velo lefty and 89 exit velo righty.

Below average speed. 40-yard dash at showcase 5.40 needs to get down to 4.9 range. Above average arm strength, especially at catching position. Showcase arm velo was 83 which is above average for his age. Above average framer. Average blocking skills. Pop time average at catching position at showcase was 2.23 which is above average for his age. Average defender at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

## **Weaknesses**

Problems hitting off speed pitches. Has the tools and desire to achieve greatness but lacks the maturity in the mental side of the game right now. He needs to push himself outside of his comfort zone and push himself to take on challenges. He must learn how to become a complete hitter not just power hitting. He can be a dangerous hitter to all fields once the mental side of the game comes into play and he takes himself out of his comfort zone. As he learns to control the barrel to the ball on all pitches he will achieve the goal of a complete hitter not just a power hitter.

Once he starts training his body and leans down to achieve his baseball body his game will improve dramatically. Nutrition and workout programs need to start to be developed so he can take his game to the next level.

The defense side of the game is average but just needs to learn each position better. Example – 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base; he needs to learn how to read the ball off the bat and the proper footwork for each position. The first step reflexes need to be developed more. Catching, once again proper mechanics for pop time and learning to read pitches better to get into the proper blocking position.

## Summary

Thick, Large framed body. Righthanded Catcher/ 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman. Switch hitter. Above average arm strength.

Hit for power from both sides of the plate. Lefty is his natural side in which his swing mechanics are very smooth and on time. Very good barrel control and can hit to all fields. From the right side his swing is a little long and his hands come away from his body. Not staying connected which does affect his barrel control. Well above average bat speed and mechanics but lacks barrel control, especially from the right side. Once bat control gets better, he will hit for a high average with power. His mental game and drive are well above average. Below average speed. Needs to work on explosive first steps to get him into the proper range for his age in the 40-yard dash.

Above average catcher that has plenty of room to grow. He has a power arm but needs to work on his pop time and blocking some more. This will be achieved by better understanding of reading pitches out of the pitchers hand and working on proper footwork to become quicker in the position. Framing is above average.

He is a student of the game and applies that knowledge to game situations.

Can improve his overall score by seriously working on pushing himself and preparing himself for the next level of play. Must have the desire to achieve these goals and push himself out of his comfort zone and not settling for the norm. If he makes the sacrifices others are not willing to make, he can take his game to the next level quicker.

A player to watch! 10<sup>th</sup> grader who is playing and developing at the varsity level! Nothing but upside in the player. Hard worker and competitor who has the tools and desire to play college ball and possible MLB draft pick.