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On Joey Bart, the Giants and sticking with the club

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First of all, no funeral dirges. A baseball demotion is not a draft sentence. What the Giants’ decision about Joey Bart, the player they drafted with the No. 2 overall draft pick but cursed with the legacy of fellow catcher Buster Posey, is exactly the truth. He’s overmatched and will take some time to figure things out, and he needs to learn the mechanics of the game as a back-up catcher, he isn’t finished as a major league catcher. His role may be defined, but he isn’t finished.

That’s all part of being a pro, of course. That’s all part of being a pro, of course. The Giants currently have a career backup catcher as their starter, and a backup-back-up catcher ready to go as well. That isn’t a matter of sympathy; it’s a matter of competition. That isn’t a matter of sympathy; it’s a matter of competition. Joey Bart won’t have that luxury. He’s being sent to Sacramento with specific instructions on the things he needs to do, and they’re important and fundamental changes to the actual mechanics of his hitting, and they have to get done before he arrives back in the majors again. That’s tough, man.

The Giants’ coaching and front-office brain trust want Bart to dig his hips and shoulders more while approaching the ball and hit out of his bottom. They want him to develop more of a “pull” to his front side—essentially, to break the way of getting the ball on a more inside/late front-side path. He’s the middle of a baseball season. It rarely works and usually fails. Bart just learned that on the job. That’s the unlearning reality at work here.

Of all the great wonders surrounding the career of Posey, one of the greatest is how little his swing appeared to change over the years. Talk about shift being able to carry roughly the same approach and execution effectively from one season to the next is unusual to the point of rarity, even among MLB catchers. The same can’t be said for Bart. Give Posey full credit. Not only was he multiply-out of凡是 pregnancy with that swing, but he had enough early success that no one told him to move with it. It was all about maintenance, which is difficult enough when you tap the best pitchers in the known universe. But maintenance is essentially predictable to attempting a reboot.

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Giants catcher Joey Bart hopes to be back in the lineup before the team's next road trip. (THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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Giant GM Farhan Zaidi wasn’t the guy who drafted Joey Bart in 2018. Gabe Kapler wasn’t the manager, and Gabe Kapler’s coaching staff essentially put a stop sign before Bart’s development and then hit the brakes.

I’m betting that the word, breakout pitcher, marked off-seasons did not fit Bart’s narrative. It was bandied and still existed, in some form. Bart lost three seasons he looked like this Pandemic concurrency MLB start in 2020, so full in the memory is to 25, an

offseason in which he was not allowed to speak with his new coach, an abbreviated training camp in 2021. Bart is 25 years old, with only 225 career plate appearances in the majors. The date of his demotion is noteworthy, he was drafted 25th in 2018. The letter standing for “weighted mean created,” and for our purposes this is a sort of all-encompassing measure of offense. League average is set at 100, so 81 doesn’t look so great— and it’s only three points below the MLB average for catchers.

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