

"One-shot instructor" Pedi drew a big picture of why he passed on the secret to Moon Dong-joo, who is not on the same team, saying, "I will grow that much."

Not only his baseball skills but also his generous heart was an ace. Eric Pedi (30, NC Dinos), a leading KBO MVP candidate this season, delivered his experience to the opposing team's young pitcher.

Pedi had a meal in Changwon in mid-August. It was on the 14th of last month before the three consecutive home games (August 15-17) against the Hanwha Eagles. It is no wonder that a player eats outside on a break, but what happened to the other person and at the appointment was amazing.

On the same day, Pedi reportedly ate with Hanwha's second-year pitcher Moon Dong-joo (20). Pedi and Moon Dong-ju have not met, but the meeting took place as Moon Dong-ju conveyed his intention to meet Pedi. An NC official said, "Moon Dong-joo asked a foreign scout (Jinyoung Kim) of Hanwha (at the time), and the meeting took place because he was close to Pedi's agent."

It wasn't just a meal. On this day, Moon Dong-joo asked various questions about pitching. Pedi also showed a demonstration with the ball himself and informed Moon Dong-joo of the slider and change-up. The gap between 10 years of age difference, different teams, and different nationalities was not visible to the two.

The meeting became belatedly known as Jinyoung Kim (31), a former Hanwha player and scout, recently posted it on his SNS. On top of that, Moon Dong-joo himself responded by posting a flame-shaped emoticon in the comments. The Internet community was full of praise for Moon Dong-joo's passion, who went first to receive his know-how, and for Pedi, who generously passed it on to his opponent.

Pedi, who met before the home game against the Lotte Giants at Changwon NC Park on the 8th, explained about the meeting, "Moon Dong-ju is a friend who has a strong will to learn baseball, so such a meeting took place." "We talked about baseball a lot, but I was very surprised because (Moon Dong-joo) spoke English so well," he said. He said, "The agent was good at English, so we talked without an interpreter, but Moon Dong-joo was also good at English, so there was no problem." [토토](#)

"I played baseball in the United States for 10 years and tried to share as much knowledge as I could," Pedi said of what he told Moon Dong-joo. He then said, "I also asked questions about the Major League, but overall, I asked a lot about pitching."

In fact, Moon Dong-joo will not take the mound against NC this season. This is because the Hanwha club ended Moon Dong-joo's 2023 season with the end of the Jamsil LG match on the 3rd to protect players. However, it may be reluctant to "transfer the draw" in that it will be able to face NC again next year.

But Pedi looked at the forest instead of the tree. He said, "I'm sharing it in the hope that I'll be the best in each position while playing baseball," adding, "If the part I told Moon Dong-joo

comes out, I think the league will grow and become more fun baseball." This is because if a young pitcher named Moon Dong-joo can develop, the level of the KBO league can be raised that much.

Moon Dong-joo, who made his professional debut last year, showed further development this year. He pitched 118 innings in 23 games with an 8–8 record and a 3.72 ERA. Moon Dong-joo pitched steadily despite the fluctuating starting lineup, with foreign pitcher Birch Smith, who had been tapped as the first starter, being kicked out. In particular, in the match against KIA on April 12, he became the first Korean player in the KBO League to throw a ball of more than 160 kilometers per hour, engraving his name in the league history. Pedi gave a generous tip to the resources who would become the ace of the KBO League.

Of course, NC colleagues also ask for advice from Pedi. Jeon Sa-min (24), a right-hander who was taught two-seam fastball by Pedi, once said, "I asked Pedi how he solved the high two-seam hit rate against the left-handed batter, and Pedi told me well." "When asked a question, I try to answer everything I have as honestly as possible, rather than keeping it secret," Pedi said.

Pedi also received help from veterans during his time with the Washington Nationals. "I've asked a lot of questions to Max Scherzer, Steven Strasbourg, Gio Gonzalez, and so on," he said. He said, "I want to return the same amount as I received from my seniors here, so I am answering all questions faithfully."

This year, Pedi has established himself as the best player in the KBO league. Having pitched in 24 games, he has a 17-6 record with a 2.28 ERA. He is ranked first in terms of multiple wins and ERA, and strikeouts (160), currently ranked second, are also set to turn around as No. 1 Ahn Woo-jin (164 Kiwoom) has been out for the season. Such a player's teaching of pitching would be like a lecture by a "one-shot instructor."