

Doosan, a professional baseball team, has finished off-season training this year. 19-year-old right-hander Kim Taek-yeon has already been impressive by national hitter Lee Seung-yeop, raising expectations. [안전놀이터](#)

Doosan said on Wednesday that it had returned home on the afternoon of the day after 34 days of spring camp. Doosan had the first camp in Sydney, Australia on June 1, and then had warm-up matches with Japanese professional teams in Miyazaki and Fukuoka, Japan, to prepare for the actual battle.

The most valuable players in the camp (MVP) selected by the coaching staff, including manager Lee Seung-yeop, were fielder Kim Min-hyuk and pitcher Kim Taek-yeon. Kim Min-hyuk joined the team in 2017 and showed the possibility of hitting 284 with five homers and 16 RBIs in 38 games in 2022, and expectations are high that he will hit his potential this season.

In particular, Lee did not spare a compliment on Kim Taek-yeon. In an interview in Korea, he highly praised the 19-year-old pitcher for his pitches. Kim Taek-yeon is already surprising people by throwing fastballs at speeds of 151 kilometers per hour.

Kim Taek-yeon, who was nominated as the second overall pick in the first round, pitched in four $\frac{1}{3}$ of the spring camp, allowing one hit, no hit, no outs and eight strikeouts. Notably, he showed off his strong mentality by displaying lackluster pitching in matches with Japanese pro teams.

"I didn't expect it at all. I just wanted to give it to you to keep up the good work," Kim said. "Spring camp is a process. I'm going as well as I've prepared, but I shouldn't be satisfied," he said. "I'll thoroughly prepare to show you better performances during the regular season."

Kim had a batting average of 0.221 (eight hits in 19 at-bats) with two homers and eight RBIs in seven spring camp games. "I really enjoyed playing baseball throughout the spring camp. I am more satisfied with my mental growth than my batting record," Kim said. "I finished the spring camp well in the direction I wanted. I will only think about continuing my current mindset and showing good performances in front of fans."

"We successfully completed the first and second camps without a single loser," coach Lee Seung-yeop said. "It was possible thanks to all the hard work of the team, coaching staff and staff." "A real war will begin now. Everyone will prepare thoroughly and show good performance from the 23rd when the regular season begins."

Doosan will start its schedule this season with an exhibition game against Kiwoom at Bears Park in Icheon, Gyeonggi Province on the 9th.