

May 5, 2024

RE: Character Letter, Joe Duke, Class of 2025

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tony Wagner, I am the Head Coach of the Prospect United 18U Premier baseball team and I have been the Head Coach of Joe Duke for the past 2 seasons and 3 seasons in total. In addition to being the Head Coach of the 18U Premier team, I am also one of the lead trainers and instructors at Big League and their VPX Performance Platform training program. This has given me a unique perspective of each of the boys within the Prospect United Program as well as all teams that utilize the Big League Edge Facility.

Joe is an extremely athletic, quick twitch player who has put in the time and continues to put in the time to separate himself from the pack. Though not a big kid physically, Joe has extremely quick hands and feet, with above average arm strength and very good bat to ball abilities, who generates gap-to-gap power at the plate.

A natural leader, whom other kids gravitate to both on and off the field and is one of the hardest workers in the facility. You can count on Joe being the first one there and one of the last to leave, setting the standard for all others to follow. He has put in numerous hours before and after the set practice times this past offseason which has transformed him from a lower end of the batting order kid, to the one I expect to bat lead-off and play the majority of the innings at short for the team.

Over the past 5+ years I have truly enjoyed getting to know Joe and watching him grow in the game he loves has been an absolute pleasure. The sky's the limit with him and I can't wait to continue to see him excel and move forward in his baseball career.

Any questions regarding this top-notch kid, player and person, I can be reached at any time.

Sincerely,

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