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To whom it may concern,

My name is Mike Adams and I am writing this letter on behalf of Ethan Hott whom I have been coaching for about five years. I have coached high-end travel/club baseball for nearly 25 years and, in that time, I have coached hundreds of boys and young men. Their careers have varied from simply playing high school ball to all levels of college ball to many professional draft picks, one even being the #1 overall pick in the MLB Draft.

As a coach I have been asked countless times for my thoughts on a player, to give a scouting report or to write a referral such as this one. One of the hardest things for a coach to do is to walk a fine line on how to characterize a player when that player may have some question marks in his game or character so as not to destroy the coaches’ credibility in the coaching/scouting community. Our credibility is our currency and it is limited...each referral either earns more or erodes that currency. I have always taken great pride in being honest with both the families and the coaches so that each know they will get honest answers and opinions from me.

I say all of that to say this… I refer Ethan without any reservation whatsoever. In all my years as a coach I have never had a young man who is a better combination of player, student, teammate, hard worker and game competitor than Ethan. His off-the-chart player make-up is only exceeded by his character both on and off the field. The exceptional young man that Ethan is undoubtedly comes from his upbringing as he is unusually well-rounded for a player of his caliber.

I am also aware that it is a goal of Ethan’s to play baseball at a high academic school. This goal alone is indicative of the type of kid he is and speaks to the level of goals and expectations he sets for himself. This is a pipedream for most, Ethan is different. He chases his goals every day in a way that kids his age don’t, and his years of hard work have put him in position to achieve his goals both athletically and academically.

Baseball-wise, in my opinion, Ethan projects as a CF and top of the order player. His reads, jumps and routes are beyond his years and he throws with excellent carry and accuracy. He understands situational hitting, he’s a plus baserunner and pound-for-pound will hit the ball as hard as anyone in your program.

Bottom line, Ethan will succeed wherever he goes at whatever he does. The school/program that gets him gets a rock solid kid who will be a productive, difference-making human being long after his baseball playing days are over.

I can’t recommend him highly enough.

Sincerely,

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