

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of coaching Emmett this past summer for the Tri State Arsenal. Emmett is a coach's dream. He shows up everyday with a positive attitude, competitive fire to succeed and the will to be a better baseball player. Emmett showed great leadership, determination, loyalty and most of all great overall character. He is the definition of the kid who "will do anything for the team. He shows up to play to the best of his abilities everyday. For example, our team was playing in the 15u Perfect Game World Series and we didn't have any pitching left for one of our games. I approached him prior to the game and asked what he thought about pitching that night? Knowing he was not a pitcher he responded, "if you need me to pitch tonight I'll do whatever is best for the team, coach." He pitched that night, against the team who ended up winning our pool; he threw 5 innings and gave up only 3 runs to a team he had no business shutting down; all he wanted was to give our team the chance to win the game.

Emmett was offensively and defensively our teams best catcher this summer. His receiving and blocking skills are advanced for his age. He has a good arm and quick, athletic movements behind the plate which allow him to consistently throw runners out from behind the dish. He also played a lot of third base for me on days he wasn't catching and was one of our best infielders. He has good hands and a good first step with more range at third than most his age. His arm strength allows him to make any throw needed from third and his athleticism allows him to make the great plays.

He has a high baseball IQ, much higher than most his age. He was the first catcher that I trusted this summer to call pitches and he did it at a very high level. His baseball IQ allows him to be a great hitter I believe. He knows what pitches to expect in different situations and how to make adjustments mid at bat. He has above average bat speed, gap to gap pop and great barrel control. I believe, with his determination to succeed, he will be a successful hitter at any level.

I believe that Emmett would be a great addition to any baseball program. He will be successful at any level because he brings a contagious positive attitude which will make any team better.

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about Emmett feel free to contact me at anytime on my cell (712-210-5810) or via email (Taylor.ostrich@gmail.com).

Best in Baseball,

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