

To whom it may concern, I am writing this letter to give my recommendation for Drake Stilwell. If you are lucky enough to have had the chance to meet this extraordinary human you will understand what I'm trying to put into words. I have had the opportunity to coach this young man since 2014. It did not take long to recognize him as a great athlete as he would always be at the top of his teams' stats and pulled us out of a lot of close games. But after working with him for years I found him to be more than a player. He works harder than the other players and has shown more focus during learning times and the ability to not only take what was taught to him but had great understanding of what was being asked and would most of the time finish his drills and move over to help a teammate struggling, with positive interactions and reinforcement of the training he had just learned. This is a great skill Drake possesses, to pick up a new skill and pay attention so well that he can work through it find the small things that make it work best and then turn around and show someone else the magic trick to be successful. He is kind and gentle when working with other people and they feel safe that he is not judging them but uplifting them and this is a true sign of a player / coach. We would be happy if kids were coachable but this young man has shown me what the real goal of a coach is. To organize and structure a team so they are self sufficient and have the tools to improve their team and community. I know Drake has exceptional leadership, drive, work ethic, and a knowledge, that a team is only as great as the worst player and he will motivate anyone to perform their best so they are part of the team and not just on a team. If I had to give advice to someone thinking of recruiting him to their side I would say move fast and offer your best before someone else recognizes his greatness. Personally, I would rather have him on my team than have to face him in compition. I have only written a small bit about Drake and have so much more to offer. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me, my info is at the bottom. Best regards Jeff Jessup.



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