

I have had the pleasure of knowing Reid Davis since the fall of his freshman year (‘21) of high school. That fall, I was brought in to coach a pitching clinic for his baseball class. I met Reid, along with 10 other freshmen pitchers on the baseball team, and he immediately stuck out to me. It wasn’t because of his baseball ability yet, but it was his desire to ask questions upon the coaching he was receiving. As for myself, I have had the privilege of playing baseball at several levels... with the highest being AAA for the Toronto Blue Jays. Along the way, I learned that the players who were exceptionally great were those that had the most drive and work ethic. They were the players that were persistent on continuing to learn their craft, fine tune their strengths, and intentionally hone in on their weaknesses to elevate their game.

Reid’s desire to ask questions as a then 14 year old shows a maturity that I don’t see very often. Out of the hundreds of kids that I have had the privilege to coach over the past 6 years... Reid is a kid you hope to coach. When I work with new kids for the first time, I encourage them that they are their own best coach. I teach them that growing as a baseball player involves asking questions, challenging thoughts, and learning what works for them. All of these things require curiosity. Reid’s curiosity makes him such a coachable athlete. Not to mention, he is a fierce competitor. Not only does he compete in the games that matter, but in the times when nothing is on the line at that moment. Why? Because Reid knows those moments matter most when it comes down to big game situations. A simple answer is never enough for him. He craves and desires more because he wants to be better, get better, and grow.

Together, Reid and I often talk about our ability to control our preparation for certain moments. We don’t get to control when that moment comes, but we stay ready for them whenever our name is called. I got to witness Reid’s undeniable preparation this past season. Reid stepped into big situations and performed like a seasoned Varsity player – while he was just a sophomore coming into his first experience with the team. Reid was a consistent starter week in and week out for Varsity. His attributes play so much more than to just his ability as a ball player, but his approach to all that he does. Reid is never satisfied with his results yesterday. Instead, he continually looks to improve and has a competitive drive that cannot be taught.

Reid is the guy that I would put on the mound in any situation – confidently knowing that I’m going to get his best. He doesn’t only show his best when it matters... but he shows it in practice, in the weight room, in the classroom, and in his friendships and relationships. Reid’s consistency and excellence summarizes his character and maturity both on and off the field. I cannot say enough excellent things about Reid’s approach to his craft, as well as to the rest of his life. If you have any other questions that I could answer, please give me a call.

In Him,

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