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To whom it may concern,

I had the pleasure of coaching Max last year at West Torrance High School. Max was one of the veteran players on my roster and was as one of the clear candidates for one of the starting pitchers on the mound. As the year went on Max became one of the leaders on the team. When it was Max's turn to get the ball every week, I knew as a coach that he was going to give me everything he had. Max is not so much a vocal leader but a young man that goes about his business the right way. This became apparent as summer ended, and this new campaign was upon us. Max this summer did everything and more that we asked of him as an individual. He got in the weight room and got stronger, he played in the summer and got a ton of innings. Now going into his senior year, I have seen nothing short of a perfect candidate of what a true grinder on the baseball field is. Max has exemplified not by his words that he is ready to be a contributor on the Varsity team this year but rather a true leader. He does not use his words to express how hard or how much he loves this game, Max's actions speak for themselves. He is lifting after practice, he is getting in extra reps before and after practices. The young man is always working, and has made me truly proud as a coach to have seen him make this transition from boy to man. He has a bright future ahead of him on the mound and one of Max's most best characteristics is that he is coachable. I wish him the best in the future and will be a great asset to any college program that he joins.

Sincerely,

Jacob Criss

West High School JV Baseball Coach

