Illinois Savage Baseball Organization

Hello everyone,

I wanted to take some time this morning to go over recruiting. For many of us, recruiting is scary, uncertain, and often difficult to begin. I have shared information in the past, but rarely have I addressed our full family about recruiting.

Recruiting is DIFFICULT. If playing college sports was easy, everyone would do it and I wouldn't spend time writing this. It can become much easier if you develop a system!

First, you need to have the skills necessary to get recruited. If you do not play at a level that shows you are ready for college your time is better spent in the gym getting better instead of chasing replies that will not come.

Next, get on fieldlevel (link below). Fieldlevel is a service we provide to you for free to help get you recruited. Basically, this is a social media page that college/professional coaches are able to view. Our program has gained a lot of attention through this in just the one year we have offered it. Slightly more than 4,000 times a Savage Player has popped up to a college coach on Fieldlevel. Make your account and connect to our roster. Make sure ALL information that you can provide is on there. Including grades and social media accounts. Coaches want to see this. After you make your account and get on our roster, create your list of target schools. I suggest 10-15 target schools MINIMUM. I use this list to promote you to the schools that you would like to go to. Make sure they are schools that you can actually play at. If your lists look like an AP top 10 rather than a target list, I will not promote you anywhere. Once you have made your list, start posting all the videos you have of you playing and training. The more good videos you can get out the better.

Last, like most things in sports, YOU have to do the work. Many people think the jobs of your coaches is to cold call every college in the country until you get an offer. That is not

the case. Our job is to build upon your skills, making you better until coaches call us wanting you to play for their school. How do you get that attention? You send countless emails to coaches. There are 100's of baseball programs across ALL LEVELS of college athletics. If you email 20 schools, you cannot complain about not getting responses. Frankly, I won't even want to have a conversation with you about recruiting until you have emailed 150 schools at least! That is roughly HALF of 1 Division of the NCAA. It's not a lot. If you do the work, emailing schools that fit your level of play, you will get responses. If you don't do the work, you won't play in college. It's that simple.

If you REALLY want to go to a certain school, be a man and CALL THE COACH. Coaches all have phones, phone numbers are all online, find the number and call their desk phone. Set yourself apart from the rest. Not many HS players are physically calling a coach.

Tips for emailing coaches:

- EMAIL THE RECRUITING COORDINATOR (head coaches wont open your email, if there is no recruiting coordinator, email your POSITION COACH, never the head.
- Send email with stats, video, and everything possible to make you look good! (PitchLogic, Blast Motion, Bullpens, Game video, cage work, etc.)
- All contact info can be found through the schools' athletics website, whether it is on the sport page OR the faculty directory.
- Solid grammar. DO NOT talk to a college coach as you would talk to a friend through a text. Talk to them respectfully and confidently.

If you need more help with recruiting let me know! I am here to help and I want more of you to USE THE RESOURCES YOU ARE GIVEN. It is never too early to start this process, but it can quickly become too late. GET TO WORK.

I have attached an excel file to help track which college you have communicated with or want to as well as a sheet with more information and a template for emailing college coaches.

ALL DIVISIONS COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM MAP:

https://www.collegebaseballhub.com/

JOIN SAVAGE FIELDLEVEL RECRUITING ROSTER:

https://www.fieldlevel.com/qhe7ryx7/baseball/roster/signup?teamId=453057&m=3