

## **If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.**

-William Edward Hickson

In this game of Baseball, the strong survive. Baseball is a game of failure. That is a tough idea for any 7 year old to fathom as he steps to the plate and tries to learn the game. Most beginners give up after their first attempts realizing the amount of work necessary to succeed in such a game is just too much. That is why our Athlete of the Month for March, 2015, has been chosen for his resilience in the face of adversity.

Two years ago when Connor Currie and I began, his first lesson was very trying. He was new to the game and hitting a baseball was as foreign to him as physics. As I continued to point out some of his mechanics, he kept at it without much success. Despite his troubling lesson, he left that day with the same smile he came in with. I wasn't too sure if I would see Connor again but I soon realized this was not a child who would give up. Over two years, Connor has become a fixture at the Baseball Club. Not only has he worked hard at lessons, but also Little League Hitting, Pitching and Fielding Sessions, Friday Fun Nights, and Saturday Morning Boot Camps. His hard work earned him a spot on the Bandit 10u AAU team as a 9 year old. While attending these sessions, Connor has been very coachable and is extremely helpful and friendly with his peers. More importantly, Connor through his hard work has improved his skills tremendously in every aspect of the game. During our meeting for Athlete of the Month, Bill Berman, 10u Bandit Head Coach, mentioned how Connor, in the first Bandit scrimmage versus the Dirt Dawgs pitched two great innings and combined his pitching efforts with a big RBI single.

In life, there is no bigger test of someone's character than when they face hardships. How does one react? The majority give up. The strong pick up the pieces and continue to work hard and look forward to the challenge. The Baseball Club Staff applaud you Connor for the tremendous effort you have given to this game we all love. Your dedication is an inspiration to others and an example for all that even the young can teach the old to never give up.

Thank you for what you have taught us,

Jim Joyce