

“You can't hit a home run unless you step up to the plate. You can't catch fish unless you put your line in the water. You can't reach your goals if you don't try.”

It is with great pleasure, that I announce and write about Brandon Fein, Braintree High School Class of 2016, as the Braintree Baseball Club's October Athlete of the month. Brandon came on board late to the Bandits 18u College Prospect Summer Baseball Team. He was able to play in two college prospect tournaments and earned a spot with the Fall Baseball Team. He started a new strength and conditioning program and prepared himself to play in front of college coaches during the fall. While playing third base and pitching every weekend, it was Brandon's bat that truly helped the team win games. In an 8 game stretch, Brandon went 11-24, a .458 batting average, while the Bandits went 6-2.

During the month of October, Brandon was dominant on the mound. He accomplished the goals that all of our athletes aspire to during the fall. He put himself in a situation to be successful on and off the field.

While on the field he did the following:

10/3 vs. NorthEast Baseball Selects: 6 inn 97 pitches, 2 earned runs, 8ks 1bb, W 5-3.

10/11 vs. Grand Slam Blue Jays, Pennsylvania: 6 inn 102 pitches, 1 earned run, 9ks, 1bb, W 7-1.

10/17 vs. Connecticut Capitals: 7 inn 109 pitches, 0 earned runs, 7ks, 0bb, W 13-0.

10/24 vs. Team Connecticut Selects: 7inn 98 pitches, 3 earned runs, 10ks, 2bb, W 5-4.

The following schools have shown interest in Brandon Fein after such an impressive Fall: Brandies, Alvernia, UMASS Dartmouth, and Eastern Connecticut University. Meanwhile, Brandon continues to work hard in the classroom increasing his G.P.A. to increase his chances of playing baseball in college. When putting this together, Coach Joyce had the following to say about Brandon

I have known Brandon since he was in 7th grade at South and I was coaching the basketball team. It was clear right away he was a very hard-working, persistent individual on the court and in the classroom. I have also had the pleasure of working with him at the high school on the baseball field over the past few years. Now being Brandon's senior year I think he is very determined to have a great season and live up to the high standards and expectations set by players before him. I am excited to watch him and his peers defend their State Championship.

There is no question that Brandon's hard work and preparation put forth this fall should be recognized. As a coach who works to prepare our players for moments like these, Brandon Fein truly rose to the occasion and I am excited for what his future holds. There is no question his best baseball is in front of him, and that is exciting for a senior in high school on their way to the NCAA level.

Good luck and congratulations Brandon.

Jay Schnabel