

*"Leadership is a matter of having people look at you and gain confidence, seeing how you react. If you're in control, they're in control."*

-Tom Landry

Not many people can reflect back on their high school or even baseball career and say they were a part of the winning Super 8 Championship team and even less can say they were the Super 8 MVP. Scott Creedon can say he accomplished both of these coveted titles. Hardworking, dedicated and willing to step up and guide his team are all characteristics that younger players admire about Scott and strive to emulate. That is why Scott has been chosen as the June Athlete of the Month.

Growing up, Scott was praised as a kid with a lot of talent. As a high school coach, I remember going with Bill O'Connell, Head Coach of Braintree, to see Scott and other athletes his age play Little League games. We were told Scott was the real deal. This past month, Scott certainly lived up to all those expectations.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Braintree faced Saint John's Prep of Danvers for the Super 8 State Championship. St. John's needed to beat Braintree twice. They completed half their task on that day with a 20-4 victory over Braintree. However, the following night Scott Creedon would be on the mound. With the help of timely hits by teammates Colin Rios and Kevin Troy, and great defense by Connor Columbus, Anthony Venuti, Jeff Diauto and Cal Berman, Scott pitched a 105-pitch complete game including 11 hits, 5 strikeouts and most impressively, no walks. On top of his great pitching performance Scott hit .429 and was 2-0 with a 3.20 E.R.A. during the Super 8. Braintree Head Coach Bill O'Connell stated, "Scott has pitched many big games for us over the past three years. He is a warrior when it comes to big games."

Scott didn't just impress many of us this past month, he has been doing it for a long time. As long as the baseball club has been open, Scott has been an employee and leader at the facility. The young athletes who enter the building love to see Scott at the desk, they love it even more when they find him inside hitting or pitching. Scott has big shoes to fill as an influential individual in the community and he has done that with a quiet, lead by example attitude that is a perfect lesson to our young boys and girls. Scott's hard work and effort has been instrumental to the success of the Braintree Baseball Club.

Keep up the hard work Scott, your commitment to excellence has been an inspiration for your teammates and the community and will help you to obtain more of those coveted accolades. You have a bright future ahead.

James Joyce