

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

-Thomas Edison

At the Braintree Baseball Club, there are only a few athletes we see on a regular basis. Most athletes, come once a week, get there work in and then we see them again in a few weeks. Yet we have those rare, very dedicated baseball players who are there almost every day putting in the consistent effort. They understand that it is easy to be average, but very difficult to be great. Leo Lombardi is one of those individuals who we see consistently and understands just how much he needs to give to get better.

Two years ago, Leo walked through the doors at the club. As many young boys are for their first visit, he was a bit overwhelmed by his first experience. The place was filled with high schoolers and Babe Ruth players and you could tell he was intimidated. Over time, that intimidation turned into sheer perseverance. However, you could tell Leo was passionate about baseball and he would have to dedicate himself to developing his skills with the older intimidating crowd. Over time, Leo fit right in. That young boy from Quincy, Leo Lombardi, learned that these new experiences can open new doors and that this new dedication to the game of baseball will turn him into the student-athlete he has decided to become.

Leo first started with the little league hitting clinic last winter. He learned about his stance, balance at the plate and he developed an understanding of the strike zone. Leo continued to work on all parts of his game throughout the winter and has made great strides. Leo has made many new friends at BBC and a week doesn't pass without seeing him walk through the doors. On behalf of Braintree baseball club, it's with great pleasure that I present the athlete of the month award to Leo Lombardi.

Leo, I hope that you continue to work hard, on and off the field, and that you thank your parents often. They have given you a great opportunity to pursue your goals.

Thanks

Jay Schnabel