

Eat, Sleep, and Breathe Baseball

-anonymous

There is something to be admired about a young adolescent's commitment to one activity. You try as a parent or a coach to get them to diversify their efforts but sometimes they just won't budge. It is not irrational, it is simply passion, a desire to do what you love and tirelessly work hard at it. The individual is passionate about that activity and wants to participate in every clinic or class offered to make sure they do not miss out on an opportunity to get better at that sport. With parent support of course, this should also be recognized. This type of passion and fervor for the game of baseball is what has developed at the BBC with our December Athlete of the Month, Aidan Manning. Since Aidan has entered the baseball club he has committed himself to any and all classes that he believes will help him to succeed in the sport he is most passionate about, baseball.

In 2014, Aidan Manning began his work at the Braintree Baseball Club. He started with Saturday morning Boot Camps with Coach Jay and myself and then slowly joined other classes such as infielding, pitching, hitting with Coach Jay and Duff, the list goes on and on. His presence is seen almost every day. He works hard, carries himself well, is very coachable, and most of all is always respectful towards coaches and fellow peers. Coaches have visibly noticed certain skills develop, whether it is with hitting or even just slowing the pace down to think about the game more and focus on mechanics rather than speed. Aidan's future Bandit teammates saw first-hand how well Aidan was doing as he hit the ball all over the field against them during the Quincy Redstockings vs. Bandits games last year.

This past year Aidan Manning has been working with Coach Jay and Matt Duffy in the advanced boot camp and hitting class. Coach Jay has seen an increase in Aidan's development owed to the confidence he has gathered in his abilities and the hard work put forth every session. Aidan also came out for the 11u Bandit Team and his hard work paid off as he was able to break into a team that has seen a lot of success. Coach Richardi believes it speaks volumes to how well he is doing because it is very difficult to make a team that is already very competitive and well-established. There is no doubt in my mind that the confidence Aidan has found in himself will lead to a very successful spring with AAU and also Quincy Baseball.

December can be a very lazy month for many as we get caught up in the holiday season. Aidan never slowed down his efforts or taken a break. He has given nothing but 100% to baseball and has relentlessly done anything it takes to get better. Aidan you truly deserve this award.

One of your biggest fans

Jim Joyce