

## **“Talent is nothing without the dedication to match it”**

**-Anonymous**

In softball or baseball, a pitcher can take over a game and have a huge impact on the team’s success. When a pitcher takes the hill, establishes control, and dominates the game, it instills confidence in the entire team. In her junior year, Erin Barry continued her dominance on the mound for the Lady Wamps, not only her talent and impressive performances but above all her continued dedication and work ethic, earned the Braintree Baseball Club June Athlete of the Mound award.

Since the club opened, Erin has come in consistently with her father and worked tirelessly on fine tuning her mechanics. This past season, she also coordinated with the other captains of the BHS team to help lead workouts as the girls prepared for the season. Her relentless hard work put forth during the offseason paid off this season. To say Erin Barry was “dominant” this year is an understatement. Out of 21 games, Erin pitched in 18, compiling a 13-5 record with a 1.69 E.R.A. The most impressive statistics were her 226 strikeouts compared to only 21 walks. She threw two no-hitters against Dedham and Quincy, and a perfect game against Natick. Her great season was recognized by the Bay state Coaches as she was not only named a First Team All-Star for the second time but also MVP of the Bay State Carey Division. At the conclusion of her junior year, Erin has amassed a total of 509 strikeouts, 78 walks and a 2.58 E.R.A. over her career. Coach Katie Jenkins had this to say about Erin, “Erin is an exceptionally hard working player who strives to improve every season. On the mound she brings a great amount of intensity and passion. She is a leader on and off the field as she sets an excellent example for work ethic and dedication as well as being able to pump the team up in tight games”.

Erin congratulations on your excellent season and career so far at Braintree. We expect it to continue next spring.

James Joyce