

Speak softly and carry a big stick

Theodore Roosevelt

When you turn on ESPN or any other sports media today you see a lot of showboating and flaunting for individual heroics. A player hits a homerun and flips the bat letting the whole world know he is “the man”. It is almost inevitable that our youth will act the same as those they idolize. That is why, I, like many I have spoken to, take great pride in the athletes who “let their game do the talking”. There are great models in our community who continuously go about their business and play the game with their glove and their bat and leave the rest for someone else. Cal Youhas, Our Athlete of the Month for September is the greatest example of this ideology.

Cal has been with the BBC for a few years now. His quiet, go about your business demeanor is almost undervalued because he isn't the loudest or most outgoing player. However, his presence and visibility is becoming a highly respected norm. His commitment to the sport and his skills are recognized and appreciated by both staff and players. If there is a big game in town or a workout for high school players that was advertised, you could be sure Cal would be there. If we told the players they could sleep in Cage 1 overnight, you could be sure Cal would be coming through the door with a pillow in tow. Cal's commitment to excellence is unmatched. Equal to his dedication is Cal's care for his peers. The 10-12 year old coaching staff during our Fall Program has been witness to Cal's work with others; giving advice on small drills that have worked for him in his own development. Coach John Richardi, Cal's Bandits Coach stated, “Cal leads by example with his work effort and his character. As the oldest brother of five he brings a caring character and commitment to his own development and that of others far above his peers”.

Not only is Cal a valued asset to the BBC but to his community. As a teacher at South Middle School I have already noticed in Cal's first year through his interaction with peers, teachers, and administrators that his principles at the BBC are an extension of his everyday life. A perfect example of this is that for the past two years Cal has run in the Falmouth Road Race raising money for both Children's Hospital and Kyleigh's Cure. At twelve years old, Cal is a glowing example that how we care about one another and how we treat one another is far more important than boasting that you are the man. There is a lot this world can learn from such a young adult.

Thanks for being a great example to the world

James Joyce