

“A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.”

-Colin Powell

Everyone has dreams. Some choose to keep them internal, too afraid to fail. Some attack fully knowing that failure is imminent but push on through obstacles knowing there is success up ahead. Those very special individuals belonging to the ladder group deserve the respect and appreciation of all. We know, just like the quote above describes, the road is a difficult one that many choose not to take. Our Athlete of the Month for October, Owen Coppola, has shown over the years a great work ethic and drive while pursuing his dreams on the baseball diamond.

Owen Coppola has been coming to the baseball club for a few years now. Primarily, Owen has attended classes, pitching and hitting, and has also participated in our Fall Ball Program. This past year his commitment level was largely noticed by the coaching staff of his Fall Baseball group, Coach Joe Hock and Coach Brendan Morrissey. They saw in him a determination and no quit attitude that was inspiring to others. Brendan stated that, “the best part about Owen is that he shows up ready to learn. Every time a coach is talking, he is listening. You combine that level of respect and his eagerness to improve with his terrific work ethic and you find the athlete of the month. Owen has worked hard to improve and is now enjoying the success that comes with it. He is one of the highest character players I have coached so far.” Joe Hock reiterated Coach Morrissey believing, “Owen never complained once this fall. He came to the facility and would work hard, handled corrections and made adjustments. He is someone you would love to coach again.”

This off-season so far Owen has committed to building strength and agility meanwhile fine tuning his hitting mechanics. As the primary instructor in those classes I have seen Owen, like many others, struggle a little in his development. Many see this as frustrating and quit. Not Owen. After every little talk I have seen the same smile and drive in Owen that I saw the day before. The obstacles and small setbacks encountered are no match for his perseverance. Owen’s work ethic matched with his determination will help him not only in baseball but in whatever the future has in store for this young man.

Owen thank you for all your hard work and continual effort.

Sincerely

James Joyce