

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

-Pele

When you love something you put everything into it. Sometimes you forgo all else to make sure that every ounce of your energy is put forth. The BBC has seen all types of athletes; from those who are multi-sport athletes and show up in March to pick up a bat. At first they might be rusty but soon enough they are back into form. There are those who love baseball and their presence is morning, noon, and night. Over the past few years there has been no one else who personifies that more than Paul Gurley, our February Athlete of the Month. Paul loves the game and gives every waking hour to pursuing his goals of being the best.

We will be honest, this award is well overdue. Since we have been open, Paul has been a part of the BBC family. From fall baseball to attending hitting and pitching classes, Paul has done it all. Whatever it is going to take to be the best, Paul will do it. Paul has also volunteered his time at the BBC. For the past two years he has been a part of the staff teaching 4-6 year old Future Bandits the game. In the first few years, Paul observed and idolized the high school employees whom came to club to develop and also to teach the game. Now, Paul is doing a great job filling those shoes and becoming one of those instructors. Now as a high school athlete Paul has done a tremendous job in his pursuit of excellence and has deserved his role in the Braintree High School Baseball Program. It was certainly no accident that Paul joined the program, he has earned everything that has been given to him. Coach John Richardi stated about Paul, “When we opened the club I told Jim that I just want an office where I can hide and take a nap. Then Paul Gurley moves to Braintree and since then all opportunity is gone. It seems like everytime I go to put my head down I hear a tapping at my door. It is Paul wanting to hit or field ground balls. I may have lost some precious and valuable nap time but I wouldn’t want it any other way. I am happy and proud to see him get better and I am very fortunate to have played a role in his development.”

Over the past year and more important than anything, Paul has made great strides in academic achievement. He has bought into the idea of a student-athlete and acknowledges that just as much effort needs to go into his education. Thanks Paul for all your effort and good luck in the future.

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Coach Joyce