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To the Cleveland Guardians,

I received this job application through a professor I have been networking with at Brigham Young University (BYU). I had been introduced to him through one of my professors at Brigham Young University -Idaho where I currently attend due to my interest in sports analytics. When I read through this job description, I felt like this is exactly what I have been wanting – an opportunity to work with sports data, biomechanics and use statistics to gain insights. I even called my brother to share my excitement and have reach out to the Adam Ott, a current Data Scientist with the Guardians who sent this the Department at BYU, over LinkedIn. I have always had an interest in sports as I am the youngest of five boys in my sports driven family and sat through many games and played in many. As brothers, watching ESPN was a given. One of the reasons I enjoyed it so much was because of the use of analytics in discussing topics and games and players. It is always fascinating to me to see the use of various statistics in games as well. It wasn’t until I took a stats class in high school that I thought I can see myself doing something with this. Furthermore, it wasn’t until an opportunity to operate Trackman for the Idaho Falls Chukars that I realized that the world of sports analytics is field I want to pursue as it combines passions of mine – data and sports.

P 2 – team work interpersonal emotional intelligence,

I know the world of sports is evolving and changing rapidly with use of statistics on the various data sources and I believe that my experience working with teams, my current association with the Independent Pioneer League and coding skills have prepared me to such a position. My current opportunities with the Pioneer league prove my ability to see potential in data, showcase my skills and exhibit a level of professionalism in collaboration with the League Office, as well as, my passion for sports.

P3 – passion and drive to learn along with math, coding and previous experience with data and baseball

As Adam Ott and the job application says, the Cleveland guardians are looking to expand their Research and Development group, I believe I will be a great asset to it. With growth comes excitement. There is a lot to be excited especially as the Guardians enjoy success with a young team. One of the things I get most excited the impact the data can have on not just the team but the individual player as well. The success that the team is currently having says a lot about the work of the R&D department and I want to be a part of that success.

P4 –

My phone and gmail found in my attached resume are the best sources to contact me. I always check my gmail and can be best reached over the phone on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I look forward to hearing back from you and would love to go into more detail about myself and the position throughout the interview process.

Thank you,

Matthew Goodsell