

September 15, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Makaila Schneider

I have both coached against the aforementioned and been her head coach on different occasions during the past 5 years and therefore have some experience in commenting on her abilities, attitude, work ethic and values.

The first impression you receive when you meet her is her energy level. It is high, almost electric, contagious and always

· enthusiastic. She takes that to both practice and games. She is focused in practice and when learning. She is aggressive and fearless on the diamond, never afraid to extend herself in the field, on the bases and at the plate.

She is a technically sound hitter with

good plate coverage, the ability to hit with power to all fields and knows the strike zone well. She understands situational hitting, can shorten her swing and has the ability to bunt. Her speed sometimes allows her beat out infield hits as well as leg out triples. She is also adept at stealing bases.

Her natural abilities extend to her above average speed and quickness. She possesses a strong efficient throwing motion as well as a short fast transition. Her footwork and extemporaneous athletic ability allow her to throw on the move accurately. She defends her position well whether it be 3B, SS or CF, partly due

to athleticism and partially because of high softball IQ and her tendency to prepare well.

She places high importance on practice and preparation. She spent more of her own time perfecting her fundamentals, developing her strengths and eliminating her weaknesses, taking input and criticism, asking questions and clarifying and comprehending feedback intelligently, than any other player in her age group.

She is so coachable and an excellent teammate. Her game and practice commutes are especially long. She comes from a smaller community well outside the Lower Mainland. She has had to persevere and endure this regimen her entire career without complaint.

Finally she thinks the game well both situational and pragmatically. Her focus and conscientiousness eliminates mental errors.

In summary, I strongly respect this player and I believe she has not reached her potential to this point. The more she continues to be challenged, the more growth she will achieve.

Sincerely Jack Hopwood

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