

College Planning Meeting

Different Levels of Collegiate Athletics

- NCAA Division 1 (Lehigh, Delaware, Rutgers)
- NCAA Division 2 (Millersville, West Chester)
- NCAA Division 3 (Misericordia, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, DeSales)
- NAIA
- NJCAA (2-year with Divisions 1, 2, and 3)
 - D1 Hagerstown CC
 - D2 Lackawanna
 - D3 Northampton CC

What I've learned

- Every match between player and university usually has a different story. There is no one set path. However, there are some things that keep coming up...
- Relationships/contacts are extremely important! Some of which involve you and some of which you don't even know about.
 College coaches have people that they trust and/or know.
- This question always comes up: 'What kind of parents does he have?'
- Recruiting videos have tremendously helped some. They haven't helped others.

What some college coaches are saying..

Brian Walker, Pitching Coach/Recruiting Coordinator University of Delaware	Over the last few years, we haven't gotten out on weekends during the Fall too much simply because we are having our own Fall practice then. If football is home and we can get out on a Saturday, normally I will go to Diamond Nation if they have something going on. All Star Baseball Academy also runs tournaments during the Fall in which they pay college coaches to sit and watch the games. I have done those in the past too. The best thing to do in my opinion to get your kids some exposure is to get video of all of them, send them to the schools they are interested in, along with whatever schedule you decide on playing. Summer is the biggest time for coaches to be out. You will see a dropoff once Fall starts because of the same reason we don't get out that much.
Barry Davis, Head Coach Rider University	We spent a lot of time at Diamond Nation as well as various showcase events. Please forward any player you feel can compete at the D1 level.

Ryan Forrest, Asst. Coach Millersville University	Thanks for the email. Usually in the fall we do not get out to much. We of course do the big events like Diamond Nation and such. An event that might be of interest to you though for your fall team is our own Fall Team Camp. Last year we had 6 different universities represented. I can get you those dates when they come out.
Jonathan Shehan, Head Coach Millersville University	As far as showcases go, I would recommend the All Star Baseball Top 100, any of the PBR events, and then attending the college camps in the summer and fall (once the players have narrowed down there choice of schools to a manageable number. Lets keep in touch this spring. We need to focus primarily on outfielders and arms for 2017, but we have not ruled out taking infielders and a catcher if need be. It is still too early to tell.
John Kochmansky, Head Coach East Stroudsburg University	We continue to recruit in the fall. The challenge is we are also conducting our fall season. We attend "local tournaments" in the fall. I.e. Allentown, Scranton, Philadelphia, Reading, Diamond Nation.
Chris Blum, Head Coach Kutztown University	The showcases are nuts right now. they are all over the place, all the time, every weekend. I go down to maplezone and Kutztown and Albright also have a little weekend we have teams come in and play. We may expand that to another weekend if we get enough interest from other teams.
George Valesente, Head Coach Ithaca College	We do attend summer clinics around the area and have three on campus camps at IC. Many of our players have attended the camps we offerthey are not for other coaches but only ours and senior players. This gives potential players the opportunity to see us first hand as we coach during the workouts. Many of our players have been recommended as wellif you contact me with recommendations for a player or two, we will reach out to him and begin the process.

Grant Achilles, Head Coach Brown University	Thank you very much for reaching out to introduce yourself, I greatly appreciate it. Pennsylvania is not an area that we have had much success with recruiting, but we are always making the effort so this should help! Since we recruit nationally, we are literally all over the map with respect to our tournaments and showcases that we attend. Academically, we look for a player with at least a 3.7 unweighted GPA, I 900 SAT (old format), I 250 SAT new format (with both parts being over 600) or a 28 ACT. There are always going to be exceptions, but those are the numbers that we feel comfortable recruiting with.
Tom Ford, Associate Head Coach Cornell University	There are certain showcases/tournaments we do attend on a regular basis—Super 17 at Diamond Nation, WWBA in Georgia, SelectFest, Top 100 at Plymouth Meeting, Head First events, etc. If you do have any players with the grades, you can send me their contact info and I will reach out to them. Quite often, we adjust our recruiting travel based on players we need to see as well.
Jonathan Anderson, Asst. Coach Dartmouth College	Not particularly as they very year to year, depending on where we are with our class. We do some stuff in Long Island and New Jersey, but do not get to PA as much later in the summer or early fall. Most of those kids go up to NY or NJ
Tucker Frawley, Asst. Baseball Coach Yale University	We have a camp and I would also recommend Headfirst for your high academic kids. We do go to others but it changes year to year.

Just my thoughts and beliefs

- Integrity will not be compromised during the recruiting process. I'll do anything I can to help our kids play college baseball in an honest and truthful manner.
- You don't need to travel nationally to be recruited.
- But you have to do something if you want to be recruited. You can't afford to sit back and hope they find you.

Other

- Carpenter Cup helps! Definitely a great decision to tryout for this team as a sophomore and junior.
- College camps have been helpful in ways not commonly known. D1 hosts can help kids find their way into D2 and D3 schools.

Recruiting Videos

- How they can help Todd Moxey
- Please respect the time it takes to make these
- You can definitely help! No matter where he's playing, get video clips! Collectively, it would be nice to have a video collection. EHS coaching staff will have the basics - bullpen videos, batting practice, etc...

College Camps

- With new D1 recruiting restrictions, college camps in winter months may become more important.
- If you're not serious about that school, I would strongly consider whether or not it's worth it.
- Find out who is going to be there.
- Are you going to showcase or to learn? If showcasing, you better be ready to showcase.
 Pitchers, beware.

My recommendations

- Go to college camps if you're interested in that school or if other potential college interests are there. This will require you to do some research, but well worth it. It may turn into something. It may not turn into anything.
- If you have some schools you're interested in, find out where they're going to be. PBR? All-Star?

My recommendations

- Strong academics keeps doors open. With every drop in academic performance, the doors start shutting.
- Understand where you can play and where you can't play.
 This is hard for some kids to accept.
- Kids are young and changing, but start thinking of what kind of school you see yourself at. Big school with big Saturday football games tend to be elite baseball schools too.
- You must be active. Send away to all the schools you think you can play at and would possibly, maybe, just maybe consider attending. Then wait to see what comes back.

My recommendations

- In the meantime, begin looking at college camps to attend.
- Download the NCAA Clearinghouse packet
- Create a huge list of schools you think you can play at and when the video is ready, we can send to those schools. In the meantime, create a spreadsheet with colleges, coach names, and coach email addresses.