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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:07pm
Views: 2577
Replies: 7

Colorado fraud!

I spent almost \$3,000 for my DD to be showcased by her team. She only played 9innings all week! She will be a Junior. We had no colleges watching our team but our coaches swear they get scholarships for players. Hardly nothing in Vegas, nothing in Aurora ,champions cup and promised again for Gold Nationals if we make it. The only teams that had all the colleges at their games were the Worth Firecrackers and San Jose Sting. It seemed like they had a 100 everytime they played. We maybe get 3 at the most but my DD does not play because these coaches say that we have to win and we still got eliminated. Isnt this suppose to be for the girls? Why take my money. I am just so mad right now. I know the Sting already and they have all the big time players on their team going to all the major colleges and Firecrackers too.I remember them on TV last year. Does anybody have their website links? I want to know when tryouts are. I rather spend my money with those teams and know she is on a top notch team.
Beware do not play for teams in Sacramento.

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Nickname: Spazsdad
Posts: 828
Member Since: 1/26/05

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:17pm
Views: 2547
Replies: 1

This has to be a contender for most idiotic post of the year.
What have you and you DD done to get coaches at her games? Sure some coaches have a name draw but it is still up to the players to market themselves.

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Nickname: WileECoyote



Posts: 898
Member Since: 6/01/03

Re: Colorado fraud!

"This has to be a contender for most idiotic post of the year."

Well, maybe not the most idiotic, but it's pretty clear the author doesn't have a clue about recruiting. Someone will be along shortly to enlighten them, I'm sure.

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Nickname: mightyfred
Posts: 16
Member Since: 11/27/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Who does she play for?

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:18pm
Views: 2544
Replies: 1

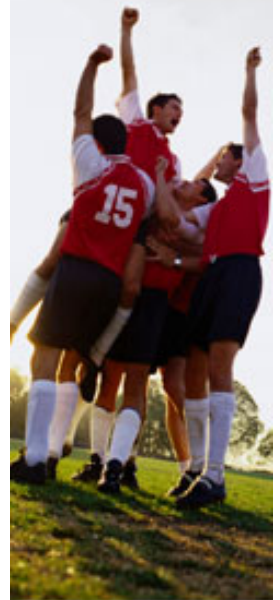
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Nickname: grillguy



Posts: 2448

Member Since: 4/06/01

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:43pm

Views: 2471

Replies: 1

**Re: Colorado fraud!**

I'm just learning about this getting recruited stuff.

I have learned that the kid writes into to the school(not her Coaches).Then the school's Coach takes intrest in the kid.Then they follow the kid until they lose intrest in the kid no matter what tournament they play in.IS THIS TRUE? gg

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Nickname: CalExpo

Posts: 33

Member Since: 2/08/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:53pm

Views: 2446

Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

My DD typed and mailed off 30 letters to her favorite schools. Some of the schools did show up and my DD was not put in. I finally had to tell the coach so then he put her in for one at bat in front of the school. I feel like now that I am some parent that bashes the coach. Was I right or wrong to be upset. She has one of the highest batting avarages on the team. I know they want to get the older girls in. I can respect that but if there are no schools there but the ones to see mine, shouldnt my DD play? Anybody else have any problems like mine?

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998

Member Since: 9/09/03

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:47pm

Views: 2465

Replies: 5

Re: Colorado fraud!

"I spent almost \$3,000 for my DD to be showcased by her team."

There's 40% of the cost of one year's tuition to UCLA down the drain. A D1 one team gets twelve rides per season. There are twenty to twenty-five players on a roster. There's twenty-two times as much money available for academic rides. How much have you spent on tutoring this year?

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Nickname: CalExpo

Posts: 33

Member Since: 2/08/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 6:57pm

Views: 2434

Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

My dd has a 3.6 GPA/ 185 PSAT and takes AP classes. We believe in academics. She wants to go to a good academic school and play softball. It would be nice if the school can pay for everything.

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Nickname:
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Posts: 1507
Member Since: 12/09/01

Posted: 7/2/2007 7:11pm
Views: 2385
Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

If there were signed seniors on the field, leave the team. Unsigned Seniors always have top priority.

Have you joined the So Cal ASA Players Association? I believe they will take anyone in California, and this is a great source of schools you have never thought of.

You send the letters, did you send a skills video with them? If so, then send weekly emails updating the coaches of this weekends schedule.

She is going to be a Junior, next summer is the most important summer. Don't give up.

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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 7:46pm
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Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 7:51pm
Views: 2264
Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

The schools that we wrote to our coming to the game. Nobody on the team wrote to these schools. I put the time into this so let my DD play. I talked to a Sting mother who said that the team left their signed players home and brought up like 6 16U players and everybody plays. They were like 8-0 when I talked to them on Saturday. So I guess if you do not want to be seen then play for us and if you want to be exposed and have coaches promoting you then go play for Sting or Firecrackers.

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Nickname: LMU__fan
Posts: 4
Member Since: 7/02/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 8:37pm
Views: 2156
Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

-->"I spent almost \$3,000 for my DD to be showcased by her team."

There's 40% of the cost of one year's tuition to UCLA down the drain. <--

Yet it's only a blip at Loyola Marymount, just 7 miles from UCLA where a year costs around \$43K.

What's the difference? I graduated UCLA so I can tell you that there are a number of classes with 500 in the room. You'll never meet that professor. Better buy the class notes. Often it's very difficult to get the classes you need. While I graduated in 4 years, that's not the norm, the average is over 5 years. Who pays for the extra years? You may even be encouraged to take meaningless classes during the season which spans two quarters at UCLA. Parking costs a fortune at UCLA and the quarter system is a killer.

LMU, on the other hand, averages 19 per class, never more than 30. You are guaranteed to graduate in 4 years. How do they do that? You can NOT take less than 15 units per semester and you can only register while sitting with a counselor. They want to be absolutely sure that you are on track to graduate. Parking is free as are tutors (for all students, not just athletes).

While I don't want to bash UCLA, it is my alma mater after all, it's not for everyone. Last year the average incoming freshman had a 4.05 GPA in high school. Better be damned good if you aren't getting in the back door via athletics.

While LMU is an outstanding academic school it's not quite that high. Closer to a 3.85.

In the end, while I spent a good chunk of change in travel ball and my daughter doesn't get a full ride, it's still cheaper than UCLA without a ride and she gets to play softball to boot.

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998
Member Since: 9/09/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:52am
Views: 1263
Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

You missed the point. The point is how much parents will spend to get their kid a partial ride for softball when they would be better off financially if they just put the money towards college.

I chose UCLA's tuition because it's a state cost tuition. If affordability is an issue parents aren't looking for the 40K+ schools.

I put away \$50 a week for each kid from birth and ended up with over 100K for each for college. With the academic ride my daughter got I paid 18K for her frosh year at an expensive private college. She just transferred to a D1 state school (out of state). With the academic ride I'm paying 8K a year. And she's still playing softball.

(Before anyone sees this and remarks on my previous comments about the best academic school, I'm not thrilled with this transfer. It's about softball, not academics. Before I relented there were words about priorities.)

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Nickname: DonnieS
 Posts: 4409
 Member Since: 4/30/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:20am
 Views: 1200
 Replies: 1

☺ Re: Colorado fraud!

>> I'm not thrilled with this transfer. It's about softball, not academics. Before I relented there were words about priorities <<

Hey pal, its good to see you're human. Don't go getting soft on us now.

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998
 Member Since: 9/09/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:25am
 Views: 1185
 Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

"Hey pal, its good to see you're human. Don't go getting soft on us now."

Not a chance. No one on this board is going to bat their baby blues at me and say "But Daaaaadddd!"

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Nickname: DonnieS
 Posts: 4409
 Member Since: 4/30/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 5:04pm
 Views: 708
 Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

Mine use the brown eyes - and I saw my married dd and the two at home coaching the granddaughter in the proper methodology of using the 'brown eyes on grandpa'. Can't win - getting older and weaker - they gang up on me.

Got keep that 'going deaf' scam working... hows that? hows that? - cant hear you!

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Nickname: Seabiscuit__
 Posts: 8
 Member Since: 7/01/07

Posted: 7/2/2007 8:58pm
 Views: 2102
 Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

TG_ said: "I spent almost \$3,000 for my DD to be showcased by her team."

There's 40% of the cost of one year's tuition to UCLA down the drain."

I think you need to recompute. The UCLA site states that the average student will pay around \$22,000 per year to attend UCLA. So, his \$3,000 is only about 13% of a year's cost. Assuming, of course, that he is a resident of California. If not, add about \$14,000 to the cost per year.

TG_ added: "There are twenty to twenty-five players on a roster. There's twenty-two times as much money available for academic rides. "

Yes, but there are about 34,000 students competing for that academic money instead of 25.

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998
Member Since: 9/09/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:56am
Views: 1256
Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

"I think you need to recompute."

I think you need to read closer. I said "tuition." If affordability is an issue, all the other costs have variables. A kid from the area can live at home to avoid R&B costs. Some of the bundled costs are arbitrary, miscellaneous costs.

"Yes, but there are about 34,000 students competing for that academic money instead of 25."

Academic scholarships can come from places other than the school. Softball rides can't. 3% of high school athletes get athletic money. The percentage for academic rides is much larger.

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Nickname: Kurt__11
Posts: 427
Member Since: 9/26/00

Posted: 7/2/2007 8:15pm
Views: 2212
Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

****spent almost \$3,000 for my DD to be showcased by her team.****

Just curious as to how this amount is broken down? Can you share the math with us please?

It really doesnt matter, as money out of pocket, is money out of pocket, but would help understand your dilemma, and possibly help provide some solutions for others, on what not to do.

If others than learn from your mistake, all is not lost.

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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/2/2007 8:37pm
Views: 2151
Replies: 0

\$700 airfare-2 people
\$890 room
\$478 rental /gas
\$640 food
\$150 misc.

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Nickname: SacOldTimer__1
Posts: 154
Member Since: 2/13/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/2/2007 8:52pm
Views: 2109
Replies: 1

"Beware do not play for teams in Sacramento."

Pretty wide sweeping condemnation. How many Sacramento teams have you played for that you can lump them all together like that?

And is DD 1)a pitcher or 2)a catcher? If so, is she one of the top 10 in her class?If not I wouldn't hold my breath for anything close to a full ride, especially Pac-10.

[Modified 7/2/2007 8:58pm by **SacOldTimer__1**]

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Nickname: Seabiscuit__
Posts: 8
Member Since: 7/01/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/2/2007 9:00pm
Views: 2095
Replies: 1

SacOldTimer said: "Pretty wide sweeping condemnation. How many Sacramento teams have you played for that you can lump them all together like that? "

There are travel teams in Sacramento? ;)

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Nickname: SacOldTimer__1
Posts: 154
Member Since: 2/13/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/2/2007 9:05pm
Views: 2082
Replies: 2

Watch close, one may actually have a shot at winning Nationals in the younger age group this year. :)

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Nickname: OriginalBoardMember
Posts: 256
Member Since: 8/04/06

No Clue

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:32am
Views: 1311
Replies: 2

Some need to get a clue.

The money spent on travel ball for your DD is NOT only about "scholarship dollars".

In fact it is about WAY more then that:

Travel the country to experience different regions of the US.

Learning to work in a team environment.

Learn the values of success through teamwork.

Learning time management in a hecctic scheduling environment.

Learn compassion for those who might be struggling and how to give them support.

Learn that success is NOT ALWAYS measured by winning, but by how you deal with losing and how you work to improve.

Learning/Gaining the benefit of exercise and physical activity at a young age.

Learn how to respect authority.

Learn the value of grades and education.

Learn moral values that do NOT INCLUDE drugs, alchohol, teen pregnancy.

And on, and on, and on, and on.....

Yea, your money is waisted all right.....

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998
Member Since: 9/09/03

Re: No Clue

When a parent whines about the money spent and the lack of colleges coaches watching, we know why he spent that 3K.

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Posted: 7/3/2007 10:00am
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Nickname: RandyF
Posts: 138
Member Since: 5/29/03

Re: No Clue

OBM<--clearly understands why we all do this! If #1 on the list is not: Want to spend time with my daughter, you are missing the point.

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Nickname: LASOFTBALL34
Posts: 8
Member Since: 7/01/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Sac dude/Lady Magic Dude,

I will tell Marty you said so. Win nationals? That is funny. Very funny. Where did you finish last year? I think like 35th?

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Views: 858
Replies: 2

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Nickname: SacOldTimer__1
Posts: 154
Member Since: 2/13/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 3:46pm
Views: 775
Replies: 1

LASOFTBALL34, don't over react and get your panties in a bunch now.....

I did not say they WOULD win, just may have a SHOT at winning.

Oh, and two years ago it was 3rd.

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Nickname: LASOFTBALL34
Posts: 8
Member Since: 7/01/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/4/2007 12:32am
Views: 527
Replies: 2

You finished third behind Marty and now you say you have a shot at winning? You have no shot, none. Good job at putting a bulls eye on the Lady Magic's back. EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT. THE TWO TEAM ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A GOLD TEAM NOT GOING TO NATIONALS WILL WIN THE 14U NATIONALS. The magic in the lady has left the building.

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Nickname: SacOldTimer__1
Posts: 154
Member Since: 2/13/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/4/2007 7:23am
Views: 478
Replies: 1

Whew! Must have really hit a nerve, eh? I can see your blood pressure rising now. You need to seek out a good mental health professional. It's just a game bozo!

Update: Congrats to Lady Magic for winning the 2007 Colorado Fireworks tournament!

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998
Member Since: 9/09/03

Re: Colorado fraud!

It cracks me up when parents get into "my team is better than your team" mode. I thought the game was for and about the kids.

Posted: 7/4/2007 11:56am
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Nickname: cano10
Posts: 67
Member Since: 5/30/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/4/2007 7:46pm
Views: 199
Replies: 1

LASOFTBALL34
are you with the Sorcerers?

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Nickname: gsballer
Posts: 2
Member Since: 7/04/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/4/2007 10:55pm
Views: 141
Replies: 0

Grapettes, I think.

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Nickname: cano10
Posts: 67
Member Since: 5/30/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 4:40pm
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LASOFTBALL
"I will tell Marty you said so. Win nationals? That is funny. Very funny. Where did you finish last year? I think like 35th?"

don't tell big papi yet

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Nickname: 4everFastpitch
Posts: 17
Member Since: 7/18/05

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:11am
Views: 1369
Replies: 2

The best way to get noticed by recruiting colleges is to send a skills video, as stated above by another poster. It also helps to put actual footage from a game on the video, so when your daughter does get a chance to play, take video and include the best clips from the game in the video.

Of course, it does help for the recruiters to actually see your daughter play in person, so maybe let the coaches know ahead of time that the recruiters will be at a certain game to watch your daughter play and kindly suggest that she play one inning to showcase her awesomeness. This might not happen during any bigtime tournaments, if the coaches are concerned with winning and feel that other players on the team are more qualified for the job. If that's the case, then maybe you should put her on another team that would appreciate her more.

I also agree with another poster who said that to go to UCLA or one of the top schools, she has to be the BEST of the best. Otherwise, you might not want to limit your recruiting letters/videos to

just D1 schools. D2 and D3 schools hand out scholarships too, you know :)

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Nickname: Softball_Dad
Posts: 1936
Member Since: 5/15/02



Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:43am
Views: 1281
Replies: 0

I understand your pain! It was an expensive one for us! I figured around \$1500 to \$2000. Ouch! We were'n't even at the main complex for half of our games. Players/parents must do their homework.

You need to send out emails and letters to coaches along with a skills video. That doesn't guarantee anything though. Try to get on an established team that already has a large college coach following.

Spoke to one coach last weekend and he stated that he and his assistants get over 200 emails a day each. They're not even a big SB program. How can they pick your DD out of that pile?

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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:47am
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My point is that my coaches are not playing my DD when the coaches show up. Shouldn't a coach play my DD especially during pool play in front of the coach? I did my job on getting the schools there but i cant make her play- Is it about winning or showcasing players? I feel that you can accomplish both. I know i have been talking about the Worth firecrackers and San Jose Sting alot but i admire their programs. Very elite programs. Lady Magic is the best program here but I know some of the parents and there are some wrinkles to iron out with them but I am sure every team has that.

Can anybody please tell me the website for Sting ? i keep getting directed to a closed website.

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Nickname: LMU__fan
Posts: 4
Member Since: 7/02/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:02am
Views: 1233
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--> My point is that my coaches are not playing my DD when the coaches show up. Shouldn't a coach play my DD especially during pool play in front of the coach? I did my job on getting the schools there but i cant make her play- Is it about winning or showcasing players? <--

CalExpo,

You are absolutely 100% correct. The Colorado tournaments are strictly about exposure. It's a key exposure tournament of the year because it always hits the "golden" July 1st date when coaches can approach girls who have just finished their junior year.

In fact, when my daughter was playing the joke used to be that if you were playing on Sunday then you didn't know anything about exposure. This is because college coaches can't talk to the girls until their team is out of the tournament.

When my daughter played travel ball and the team manager knew that a college coach was there to see a player that wasn't currently in the game they would stop the game and put her in immediately after a short warmup. This was for any player including pitchers. They knew that exposure tournaments had nothing to do with winning on the field and everything to do with winning at the recruiting game. We had games where we were ahead and ended up losing because of the disruption. No one on the team cared about that if it meant getting valuable exposure time. This included every game, including elimination games, except for ASA qualifiers.

Your coaches are either new at this exposure process (as many teams that move up the age ranks are) or they're just idiots. The point is that you don't have time for them to learn the process. You need action now and I suggest that you move your daughter to a team that knows the ropes. I doubt that she'll have a shot at the Firecrackers, et al, because if she were that good there's not a chance that she'd be riding the bench. However, there are plenty of teams that understand the recruiting process that can help you. You should go around at exposures such as the one in Colorado and pick up the team roster fliers that they are handing out. That's the place to start.

The Champions Cup is coming up real soon, begin your new journey there.

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Nickname: RockDoc__1
 Posts: 55
 Member Since: 2/28/05

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:26am
 Views: 1179
 Replies: 0

Food for thought...The grass is always greener on the other side.....that being said, San Jose Sting's web site is www.sanjosesting.com

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Nickname: NuggDawg

Re: Colorado fraud!



Posts: 996
Member Since: 3/08/04

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:36am
Views: 1297
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CalExpo,

You and DD have to get the coaches there. Sure, there are organizations that are better at promoting their players. Sorry to hear that the one your dd is with is not one of them.

But you and DD have to do the work regardless of what her coaches do or don't do. Any half-quality gold coach will put in the player who a college coach came to see.

DD does the work (emails, calls, texts, letters, camp, etc.), and when the coaches she's contacted show up to a game they will ask DD's coach to see her play. The math is pretty simple.

The college coaches at any one game are there to see the player(s) who asked them to come. They're not waisting their time wishing to see their next impact player who never heard of their school, just so they can waist more time recruiting that reluctant player.

And if your dd is on the field for only nine innings, she needs to be *on* every moment. And be just as *on* when in the dugout. Once a coach sees how DD plays on the field, that coach wants to see what she's like off the field. They're watching the little things perhaps even more than the big plays.

As for the San Jose Sting, the squad in Colorado was made up of the unsigned players (perhaps only one or two were signed players, there to support teammates who were showcasing). The colleges that showed up were there because the players asked them to, and the organization made it a priority to talk with each coach about their needs.

Don't waste your time bytching. Email college coaches.

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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Posted: 7/3/2007 9:54am
Views: 1259
Replies: 2

Re: Colorado fraud!

College coaches did not once talk to our coaches. They were too busy coaching. I never saw a college coach approach the dugout at any time for anybody's game.

Yes, I have sent out skills videos..I have done everything !!!! It has been non stop for a year. i plan just to take my DD to these schools camps. I would rather spend the money for that than go to these stupid showcases that my DD does not play in or put her on a elite program like the Sting.

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Nickname: rock12
Posts: 50
Member Since: 2/20/01

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:00am

Re: Colorado fraud!

Views: 1241
Replies: 0

Calexpo...

Dont know you or your daughter, but you keep talking up the SJ Sting. So if your daughter is currently not on an elite team(according to you) and she only played 9 innings on her current team, what makes you think she would get anymore innings if she were even on a team like the Sting?

Sometimes parent expectations are not realistic.

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Nickname: NuggDawg



Posts: 996
Member Since: 3/08/04

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:07am
Views: 1222
Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

I've never seen a college coach approach a dugout either. The Gold program HAS to have a member of its staff dedicated to approaching the scouts. And the parents and players have to keep him informed as to which schools they've contacted.

On my DD's former Gold team, we had coach with that job, but he had multiple coaching jobs. So we struck a deal. I noticed who was who in the stands and let him know.

As a parent, you cannot strike up a conversation with a college scout, but you can ask which school they represent and thank them for showing up.

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Nickname: TG_



Posts: 13998
Member Since: 9/09/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:04am
Views: 1226
Replies: 2

Re: Colorado fraud!

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Nickname: DonnieS
 Posts: 4409
 Member Since: 4/30/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:17am
 Views: 1206
 Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

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I'm fairly new to the showcase stuff but at one point, several coaches were watching my kid - of course, thats when she grounded out to short. They instead told me they were impressed with the effort she put out trying to out run the throw - and they have been back to watch again. The one guy said thats the kind of effort that is not coachable.

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Nickname: LMU__fan
 Posts: 4
 Member Since: 7/02/07

Posted: 7/3/2007 1:37pm
 Views: 908
 Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

--> I'm fairly new to the showcase stuff but at one point, several coaches were watching my kid - of course, thats when she grounded out to short. <--

The LMU coach gave an offer to my daughter while only seeing her bat once. As I recall, it was a ground out also. He said he liked the way she played short and how she was always in the right place at the right time. It helped that she perfectly executed a run-down play and showed off her strong arm on a couple throws to first. Ironically, this was a serendipitous moment as she had never contacted him about a scholarship.

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Nickname: NuggDawg



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 Member Since: 3/08/04

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:25am
 Views: 1183
 Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

At 16 Nationals two years ago, my spouse passed by a women sitting at a picnic table 20 yards beyond the temporary outfield fence - a long way from any player. The woman was blond and dressed in light blue.

My spouse asked the woman what she was doing, sitting so far from the game, to which the woman replied, "Several players on a team asked me to see them play." We heard that that woman retired from coaching last year.

We've also heard that Coach Enquest would sit in her rental car in the parking lot while watching players warm up. And no, she didn't recruit any of our players.

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Nickname: ssarge
Posts: 4838
Member Since: 8/09/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 10:33am
Views: 1167
Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

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In a perfect world, the kid goes 3 for 4 with a bomb in the game she is being viewed.

In the real world, coaches seldom watch the whole game - maybe only an AB or two. Results are cool, but mainly, they look at intangibles. And mechanics.

Put it this way (and my predicate assumption is that the coach has seen a skills tape and has a genuine - albeit perhaps casual SO FAR - interest in the kid) - I honestly believe a kid who pounds a bomb will be well received. But (assuming that is ALL she does) perhaps not quite as well as a kid who hits the ball hard a couple of times while demonstrating solid mechanics (irrespective of whether she reaches); hustles; is an obvious leader; gets dirty on defense, INCLUDING in pre-game warmup when she is taking grounders or flies; and is generally seen as a sparkplug.

Do it ALL, and you are golden. But no one bats 1.000, and some things are beyond your control. Most of the above is not. And obviously, coaches know that.

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Nickname: proud_poppp
Posts: 8
Member Since: 6/01/07

Posted: 7/3/2007 11:05am
Views: 1106
Replies: 2

Re: Colorado fraud!

-She will be a Junior.-

Then she's a low priority at the showcases.

Order of importance:
1)Unsigned 2007 Sr's
2)GOOD 2008 Juniors
3)SOSO 2008 Juniors
4)All 2009's

It is ALL about getting the kids playing time when a school that's interested in them is watching.

My 2008 DD had a great week on a high profile team and has 3 official visits in the works with a fourth to be determined.

To get the schools interested in your DD it takes:
High GPA 4+, with AP classes.
SAT 1900 or better. More like 2000 or better.
Good skills on a high profile team.

Get all those ingredients in one kid and I guarantee the coaches will be fighting over your DD.
Fall short on one and you're just in the mix with all the other kids.

There's no fraud that I can see. I think you're just a bit wound up, as we can all tend to get.

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Nickname: CalExpo
Posts: 33
Member Since: 2/08/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 2:00pm
Views: 882
Replies: 1

Wow, you guys are really great. Thanks for all the information. Ssarge good points.
I am alot cooler now. This is my DD's first year in Gold (Fall & Summer) and I just see who the teams are that do it right. I would just like to know what these coaches thought of my DD and maybe they think that she is not that good since she is not playing. If i call them then I am a typical dad who is trying to promote his daughter. I was just in awe..maybe jealous of Firecrackers and Sting coaches in the stands and having college coaches going up to these guys, hugging them and laughing with them like old pals. These werent any no-name schools. Im talking UCLA, Oregon state, Cal, Stanford Michigan, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Princeton, Tennessee... Im just trying to get my DD looked at by Boston Univ, UCONN and Ivy league schools.
you are right that these elite programs do draw a strong college following and I can see why they get all their players into major colleges. Why isnt there more teams like that? i will try Sting and if not then try Lady Magic in the fall. They are the best in Sacramento.
Thanks for the website

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Nickname: shortiesdad
Posts: 51
Member Since: 9/26/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 2:47pm
Views: 832
Replies: 0

CALEXPO

Just remember 30 letters to her favorite school is good, but in reality, they may not have a spot open for her talent or the money to offer her a scholarship, she needs to send out 200-300 letters to all schools and not throw away letters that have names that you do not recognize, they may have a respectable major that your DD may be interested in and a ton of money to offer her. also remember some of the no-name colleges cannot go to these show cases due to they do have the school funding and can only rely on letters or a paid trip to their campus, can also offer her a great education.

My DD is will be entering HS this year, so what I am telling you is my perception and what I've seen when we went to a recruiting seminar.

Also get her a well known hitting coach, pitching coach or fielding coach, they also have their connections to the colleges. You never know where you can get an advantage. Being on a top notch program is great, but also remember 100 kids show up to their try-outs with possibly 14 spots to fill and 20 kids were invited, 30 are pitchers, 25 are catchers, a ton of middle infielders, you get what I talking about. Learn the game and get ahead of the game, don't wait for her coach to land her a scholarship, it's a numbers game.

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Nickname: BlindSquirrel__1
 Posts: 13
 Member Since: 5/07/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 2:55pm
 Views: 825
 Replies: 3

Re: Colorado fraud!

"To get the schools interested in your DD it takes:
 High GPA 4+, with AP classes.
 SAT 1900 or better. More like 2000 or better.
 Good skills on a high profile team."

Okay, the amount of misinformation about recruiting has finally gotten to me. The above may be accurate for Ivy league schools and a few others, but not for the majority of D1 schools. The Stanford coach said she could get a kid in with less than a 3.5 GPA. A coach from a prominent D1 school in the midwest said she could take a kid with less than a 3.0. That is a fact. They would definitely prefer that their recruits have higher GPAs, no question.

My DD is on an 18 gold team that will not qualify for nationals. There is a kid on the team who has been watched by at least 10 well know D1 schools including Pac-10 and Big Ten schools. On a number of occasions, the coaches have approached DD's coach either before or after the game, sometimes when DD's coach was in the dugout. They have requested that a certain kid pitch or be put into the game. They have chatted about various players.

Look, if your kid's talent merits attention and you email schedules to the schools she is interested in, she will likely be looked at by people. Not every school, but some. Assuming of course you attend the major showcases. And if your kid is riding the bench because the coach wants to win, it isn't his fault. I would suggest you find a weaker team where your kid will get time and remove

the rose colored glasses. Otherwise, you're just setting yourself up for the major disappointment I've seen countless times when the offers either don't come in or the ones that do don't come close to meeting your expectations.

To get the schools interested in your DD it takes:

1) Performance on the softball field.

Go figure.

John

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Nickname: proud_poppp
Posts: 8
Member Since: 6/01/07

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 3:55pm
Views: 769
Replies: 1

To get the schools interested in your DD it takes:

1) Performance on the softball field.

Go figure.

Yeah, If you're shooting for a J.C. in Nebraska. They may be interested at first, but once they see a 2.9 and a 1250 on the SAT good luck.

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Nickname: BlindSquirrel__1
Posts: 13
Member Since: 5/07/03

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/3/2007 4:26pm
Views: 735
Replies: 1

"Yeah, If you're shooting for a J.C. in Nebraska. They may be interested at first, but once they see a 2.9 and a 1250 on the SAT good luck."

Earlier this year, the coach at a D1 college that has had many players that went on to the NBA, told me that she could take kids with sub 3.0 GPAs (not much below). I doubt that she is the only one. Will a kid with a 2.9/1250 have trouble getting into many/most schools? Probably. Will a kid that performs at a high level on the softball field and has a 3.2 have a problem getting a D1 scholarship? Nope.

John

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Nickname: proud_poppp
Posts: 8

Re: Colorado fraud!

Member Since: 6/01/07

Posted: 7/3/2007 4:34pm
Views: 727
Replies: 1

NBA ?

I thought this was a fastpitch board. THANK GOD FP is not a money maker and that there are not many real professional ways to make money from FP after college.

If FP was a money maker for the schools they'd be short changing their so called "student" athletes like mens football and basketball do. How many male collegiate athletes walk out of college with nothing but a banged up body to show for it?

The smart kid uses FP to get into a good school and then focuses on their academics while doing their job for the coach.

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Nickname: BlindSquirrel__1
Posts: 13
Member Since: 5/07/03

Posted: 7/3/2007 4:46pm
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Replies: 0

Re: Colorado fraud!

I used the NBA to suggest the school was something more than a JC in Nebraska and is in fact a prominent D1 college. I couldn't agree more that kids should be focussed on academics while in college and be mindful of their non-softball future. My point in all this is that kids don't need a 4.0, AP classes, yada, yada, yada to get a softball scholarship. That is simply far from the truth. And my original comment was that if you want softball coaches to be INTERESTED, it starts on the field.

John

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Nickname: NuggDawg



Posts: 996
Member Since: 3/08/04

Posted: 7/3/2007 4:02pm
Views: 755
Replies: 1

Re: Colorado fraud!

The Stanford coach said she could get a kid in with less than a 3.5 GPA.

Is that the same coach who told me that all recruits had to pass Standford's admissions standards, just like every other admit?

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Nickname: Intel
Posts: 46
Member Since: 12/19/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Posted: 7/4/2007 1:59pm
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"Typically our admitted students have unweighted GPAs in the range of 3.6-4.0 and are within the top 15% of their high school classes, for those schools that rank." From the Stanford Admission website.

Stanford like most top schools look at the total student, not just the academic and the athletic. By reviewing a schools Freshman class profile, you will see what a school really accepts.

Parents need to get a realistic view of their child. Pushing a child to take all the AP courses, maintain a 4.0 GPA, bat 400 with a slugging percentage of 750 while pitching a perfect game, could you do it? What ever happen to letting a kid have fun?

Is my DD going to play college softball, probably not. Is she the best on her team, no. Do we pay to much to play softball and volleyball, probably yes. Do I regret the relationship I have with my DD and the time we spend traveling together, never for a moment. It is this special time, that I have seen friends miss that they most regretted.

So people, relax and enjoy because it will end all to soon for the most of us.

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Member Since: 8/04/06

Re: Colorado fraud!

Sting Shill thread.....

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Nickname: IRISHMAFIA
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Member Since: 1/09/01

 **Re: Colorado fraud!**

I'm still trying to figure out what this misguided, alleged fraud has to do with Colorado.

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