

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to write this letter on behalf of Gillis Champagne. I have known Gil since he was in first grade and I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach him for five years. Gillis is one of the most competitive and driven athletes I've known. Even at an early age you could see his desire to compete at a high level. He always wanted to go up against the best and show what he could do. With so many distractions that can consume young athletes these days, Gil has stayed focused on his dream of playing college baseball. From extra time in the cage, to speed and agility training, to increasing arm strength, to more reps in the field, Gil has continued to prepare himself for the next level.

In terms of his playing ability, Gil is a weapon. He has tremendous quickness and speed. He is an excellent baserunner, always looking for the opportunity to take an extra base. He has a strong arm, is an excellent defender and can hit for average and extra bases. The thing that doesn't show up on all the stats and numbers is his knowledge of the game. He knows the game and his instincts are always spot on. He is aware of the situation on every pitch, whether it be in the field or at the plate. These tools make him a very valuable asset to have on the field.

Gil is more than an excellent athlete, he is an extraordinary young man. He always puts family first, is extremely courteous and respectful, and is always willing to help a teammate. He is a leader on and off the field. When teammates were struggling, he would pick them up.

In summary, Gillis Champagne is an excellent student-athlete and any school would be lucky to have him. I would be happy to discuss Gil in more detail or answer any questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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