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BASEBALL IN PENNSYLVANIA

1. Student's Name Michael Braun
2. Subject's Name Brian Malone
3. Subject's Background College Baseball player
 - a. date and place of birth 10/31/75 Franklin PA
 - b. Present address [REDACTED]
 - c. Present Occupation STUDENT
4. Date of Interview 11/17/94
5. General Comments:

The interview with Brian focused on him as a highschool star who now plays at the college level. His training and experience till this time and his possibilities at a future career in baseball.

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Oral Baseball Interview with Brian Malone

Q=Interviewer

A=Response

Q: Ok, my first question is, how long have you been playing baseball?

A: Oh, I've been playing for about five years.

Q: Where did you go to high school at?

A: I went to Lakeview High School.

Q: So, you started playing basically in high school?

A: Yes, 8th grade.

Q: 8th grade, did your team ever make it to the playoffs or go beyond?

A: My junior year we made it to the playoffs, got knocked out in the first round but my senior year we made it to the States, the State Tournament. District ten runner up, so we had a pretty good year.

Q: Were you one of the better people on the team?

A: Yeah, one of the better people. There was a few of us that stood out from the rest.

Q: Are you playing baseball anywhere now?

A: Yeah, I'm playing over at Thiel College.

Q: Did you get a scholarship?

A: No, they don't offer scholarships at division III schools.

Q: Did you get any scholarship offers at all?

A: Um, no not really. I talked to quite a few coaches, but no scholarship offers.

Q: When you were in high school did you play any baseball during the summer, summer leagues or anything like that?

A: Yeah, I played for the Mercer American Legion team.

Q: OK, so that gave you a little more practice.

A: Yeah, a little more practice.

Q: Now that you are in college, will you be able to play in any type of summer league there or any other, like you know independent leagues?

A: Yeah, I'm playing double A ball over at Jamestown.

Q: What kind of League is that?

A: It's in between American Legion and Minor Leagues.

Q: Ok, any chance of going on beyond college to the Pros or Minor League ball? Have you given any thought of that?

A: I'd like to, it's a long shot. A couple of years ago I made a Florida Marlins tryout camp. It's a longshot if anything.

Q: How old were you when you did that?

A: 17

Q: So, what were the results of that:

A: Ah, they took 25 out of 130 kids, and they put you on a list for the minor leagues, and you know if anybody or anything happened or anything they call you.

Q: So, did you get put on this list?

A: Yeah

Q: So, if you were to get called you might get called up to what; like one of their farm teams or something like that?

A: Yeah

Q: And you were only 17?

A: Yeah

Q: So, maybe once you got done with college you have a pretty good shot at least a minor league try?

A: Hopefully

Q: Ok, how much more competitive do you think college baseball will be compared to high school? Like even more competitive than the summer ball you played?

A: It should be pretty much alot more, cause you'll be seeing a good pitcher every day instead of maybe once a week or so. And the guys will be bigger and faster.

Q: How many people from your high school team went on to play college ball?

A: Ah, I'm the only one. There was another one who was supposed to, but he never went to school.

Q: Ok, what do they look for when they are recruiting? I mean what is your hitting percentage, or what position do you play and what do you have to be at that position?

A: I'm a catcher, basically they look for speed and mobility, basically.

Q: And what was your batting average? Do you think they look at that?

A: My senior year it was around 490 or 500.

Q: That's pretty impressive, maybe you'll be slugging them out at Thiel.

A: Hopefully!