

Hiring Committee:

Regarding Coaching Candidate Donny Pennington

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you, a parents perspective on Coach Donny Pennington. My son was 12 and in a baseball tournament in Tulsa Oklahoma. After the game I saw a man sitting and talking with him. When I asked, he said "That was Coach Pennington, he is the new High School coach and he wanted to come watch us play." I asked what Coach had said. My son replied, Dad... Coach P just said that he was really excited to watch us play and he couldn't wait to Coach us some day. From that day on, there were 12 boys on that field that would follow Coach P through fire if asked.

I share all of that, to say this. Coach Pennington cares about his players at a fundamental level. He cares what kind of student they are. He cares what kind of son they are. He cares what kind of friend they are. He cares about them. He prays for them and with them. All of that taken into account before we even talk about baseball...

I am not sure what Coach Penningtons win loss record is. I am certain that it is very impressive. He has built programs wherever he has gone. His knowledge of the game is second to none. If given an opportunity he WILL build a program. If there are young men that want to play baseball at the next level, Coach Pennington will help them make that happen. In my sons class there 7 young men that had an opportunity to play college baseball. That is impressive for a small town. Year in and year out young men have found their way to college baseball through Coach Pennington. He is in every sense of the word a MENTOR for young men. It is an honor for me to give Coach P the highest recommendation possible for any position that you might have.

Respectfully,

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