

BCA Rookie of the Month



Nick Ciuffo

Wando High School, Mount Pleasant, SC

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With two other underclassmen on the Wando High School Warrior's varsity team, it is not strange for Nick Ciuffo, C, to be a freshman on the field.

What is unusual is that despite being a freshman Ciuffo has already committed to University of South Carolina. "That's pretty unheard of around here," said Coach Jeff Blankenship.

After seeing Ciuffo play at a couple of camps and over the summer, South Carolina has offered him a scholarship. It's his dream school, said Blankenship.

Ciuffo is currently hitting .417. Blankenship said that his strengths are both in offensive and defensive. "He has a big arm, he sees the ball well, blocks the ball well," said Blankenship.

Ciuffo has also proven himself in pressure situations. He recently hit the game winning hit in one of the Warriors' recent games.

With Wando High School being the largest high school in South Carolina, Coach Blankenship said that adjusting to high school may be one of Ciuffo's challenges this season.

However, when it comes to baseball Coach Blankenship said that despite Ciuffo's age once his players are on the field everyone is an equal.

"He's accustomed to playing with older guys," said Blankenship.

Great job Nick, we don't doubt we'll be hearing more about you as a Wando Warrior and a South Carolina Gamecock.