



Rookie of the Month



Brett DeVall

Rutherford High School, Florida

“Brett is the kind of young man who raises his level of play when the situation warrants,” coach Jon Hudson is reported as saying.

With a record of 7-3 from the hill it is no wonder DeVall has pitched in every big game Rutherford had this year. At only 16, Brett has accomplished what some only dream about. Named the All-County Pitcher in 2006 by the local newspaper and receiving the Top Gun Pitcher from the school, DeVall has shown his dominance two years running.

“Brett has clear goals on what he wants to achieve,” says Hudson, “He’s pitched in every big game since his freshman year here at Rutherford. He is up to the challenge and raises his level each game.”

This can be seen by Brett’s impressive stats. This year he had 86 strikeouts, a 2.31 ERA and held his opponents batting average to a mere .173. He also helped out on the offense venue batting .328 with 18 RBI’s.

Brett had an opportunity in the summer of 2005 to compete with the USA Baseball Youth National team. During his tenure with the team Brett was 1-0 with a 1.29 ERA. In 7 innings, Brett struck out 10 allowing only 4 hits and 1 earned run. He also batted .750 going 3 for 4 with a double and 4 RBI’s.

This summer Brett is playing with the East Cobb Astros out of Atlanta. His ability to pitch in the big games will be a benefit. Plus, “He’s got a great work ethic,” Hudson adds when asked about DeVall’s mentality.

Due to be a division one prospect or even a draft pick right out of high school, coach Hudson believes it is his ability to go inside on the batters that has served him well over the past couple of years.

“Brett is a big competitor. We (as a coaching staff) have confidence in him every time he is on the mound!” Hudson describes with enthusiasm.

Keep working hard. Go get ‘em Brett.

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