

Randy,

After spending an amazing weekend in Seattle, Logan is now a Seattle Mariner and reporting to Everett, WA for the short-A season of minor ball. Our family is on a plane returning to Florida, and I'm reflecting on Logan's baseball journey throughout the years. Recall I wrote to you after dropping Logan off at Stetson University in the fall of 2015. I reflected on his journey from t-ball to beginning college, and how instrumental the Armory/Ranch was for him getting the opportunity to play college baseball. Well, I thought it would be appropriate to continue the story through this weekend and most of all, to once again thank you for your continued guidance throughout the years.

Logan had the phenomenal opportunity to play baseball at Stetson. He was recruited as a two-way player, was relatively new to pitching (55 innings prior to Stetson), and was excited to be at a small school with a rich baseball history and known for developing players. Pitching coach Dave Therneau came to Stetson the same year and brought his professional experience and instruction to the program. He realized Logan's raw skills and most of all, his potential. He told Logan to trust the process which was something we also heard from you and the Ranch. The good part is that it was a collaborative approach to development. Coach "T" worked with Logan on his mental game, taught him how to throw various pitches, and how to sequence pitches to batters. At the same time, he allowed Logan to continue his Ranch drills to keep his delivery connected and arm healthy. It was a perfect combination!

What I saw happen over the next three years was remarkable. Logan's innings workload increased, his velocity remained strong, his strikeout rate increased, and his walk rate decreased each year. He went from a bullpen mid-reliever as a freshman to being in the weekend rotation as a sophomore and junior. He had the opportunity to play summer ball in the Cal Ripken league as a rising sophomore and in the Cape Cod league as a rising junior. This spring he had the privilege to be part of a magical season at Stetson as they won the A-Sun regular season and tournament, and hosted and won the first-ever Deland NCAA regional! Logan received several individual recognitions along the way, but most importantly he got to continue his dream and share these memories with incredible coaches and teammates.

My intent isn't to celebrate any individual or even team accomplishments, but I wanted to document the experience and what I believe would not have been possible had we not made our first visit to the Armory/Ranch in 2014. Recall we came there with Logan touching 90mph but with some elbow strain after only 2 to 3 innings of work. We weren't sure he could sustain the rigors of pitching in college. Through your assessments and individualized drills to improve his mechanics, not only did the strain disappear within 6 weeks, but he enjoyed a

wonderful college experience without ever missing a start that regularly included going deep into games throwing 100+ pitches almost every weekend.

Although I am most familiar with Logan's journey, I realize he is only one of many Ranch success stories. However, as Logan begins the next chapter of his baseball journey, I just wanted to make sure you realize how thankful and grateful we are for all you and your team have done for Logan and our family. We are very fortunate to have been referred to you several years ago, and we really appreciate your continued support and guidance. Please let me know if I can provide assistance or provide a reference to anyone that is contemplating becoming a Ranch guy. It was the best baseball decision we ever made.

Thanks  
Keith Gilbert