



Former Marlins Pitcher Gives High School Baseball Players A Shot At The Next Level

Wellington, FL December 14, 2007 --- This year, thousands of talented and deserving high school baseball players won't have the opportunity to continue playing baseball at the college level simply because they went unnoticed during college recruitment. After retiring from pitching in the major leagues, John Riedling, wanted to find a way that he could give something back to the game of baseball. The company he founded, Next Level Prospects, is working with high school baseball players and college coaches to help deserving and talented baseball players get recruited at the college of their choice.

Most baseball players at the high school level assume, incorrectly, that if they are good athletes then they will automatically get noticed by college baseball coaches. Unfortunately, college coaches don't have the time they need to devote to the recruiting process. In recent years they have been subject to budget cuts and they are further hampered in their efforts by travel restrictions. The result is that many deserving high school players, who could excel at college baseball, go unnoticed by college coaches.

College baseball programs have become more focused on recruiting players who not only excel as athletes on the field but also achieve academically in the classroom. The result is that scouts for these student baseball players are now looking at the whole student, not just his athletic abilities.

The scouts who work with Next Level Prospects are all former professional baseball players or former college coaches. Unlike scouts for the major leagues, these scouts act more like mentors to the young players. They offer high school baseball players one-on-one coaching, consultation and a unique insight into the entire college recruitment process, which can be a bewildering experience for many young athletes.

The mentoring program created by Next Level Prospects delivers a fully edited workout video showcasing the baseball player's talents combined with an ongoing consulting that

helps the student decide which colleges make the best match for his abilities and future academic goals. Another important part of the service offered by Next Level Prospects is the personalized contact made between the scouts and individual college coaches. The years of baseball experience garnered by the scouts at Next Level Prospects have given them strong personal and professional relationships with college coaches. And when college coaches get a specific recommendation from a Next Level Prospects scout they pay attention.

John Riedling and his staff at Next Level Prospects are doing their part to make sure that talented high school baseball players don't go unnoticed and realize their dreams to play college baseball. They are working hard so that this year many more talented athletes can take the next step forward both academically and athletically.

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