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Mr. Daniel Bornstein
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Dear Mr. Bornstein:

Now that we have concluded the Spiders season, I wanted to circle back with you in order to report on our successes and, once again, express appreciation for your support.

From a pure objective perspective, we had an extraordinarily successful on-field year. Among the highlights of our team accomplishments are the following:

- A record of 41 wins and 9 losses
- Champions, Nations Baseball State Championship, Elite Division. Bowling Green, OH
- Champions, Chad Crawford Memorial Tournament. Medina, OH
- Champions, Team Sports Nations Baseball State Qualifier. Barberton, OH
- Champions, Glacier Spring Meltdown. Youngstown, OH
- Silver Bracket (Consolation bracket) Champions, Battle of the Border. Youngstown, OH
- Champions, Littlest Heroes Tournament. Eastlake, OH

We also had an incredible trip to the Ripken Experience in Aberdeen, MD where the boys shared a great experience around baseball and friendship and played some very competitive games against teams from all over the East Coast in an ideal baseball setting. That will truly be a lasting memory for them.

More important than this material success is the reality that we competed successfully against the best teams across this state and the broader region and we did so without compromising our values. We won championships with a group of boys who demonstrated character, resilience and grit – and we had a lot of fun along the way. I believe that competing at these levels without compromising values served as a model for other programs, parents and coaches that the potential exists to aspire to do more than just win.

Our goal has always been to:

- develop the character of young men;
- develop their baseball skills and help the boys move towards their potential;

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- compete and develop the boys' understanding of what it means to focus on the process of competing instead of the outcomes of wins and losses.


On this most important standard of measuring success, I feel our accomplishments matched our championship trophies.

None of this would have been possible without the support you provided. Our coaching resources, facilities and travel demanded a budget that would be prohibitive to many families. Your generosity made this opportunity available to all without qualification.

My hope is that as we move into year three of our team, the experience these boys have had will impact their lives in a formative way and develop a lifelong love of the game of baseball. Even more, I hope that our efforts and success will inspire other programs to pursue a similar path and approach.

Thank you again for your support. If you have any questions, feel free to email me or call with your thoughts or support. You can also look at our website at any time for more information (www.spiderbaseball.com).

With great appreciation,



Mark A. Shapiro

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