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Jack Enciondo has been kind enough to do an interview after his 1st year at Hill College.

What is the name of the school you attended this year?

The name of the school is Hill College.

How did you end up playing there?

Well my head coach at the Hill has some connections with Australia and some of the Australian based scouts, which enabled me to be exposed to them during and after the 18u world cup in Japan. I ended up choosing Hill because they offered me a full scholarship and furthermore because of some of the Australians that have played they're recently, assured me it is a good program and will help me go to the next level.

Is it a 2 or 4 year school?

It is a 2 year junior college.

Where in the US is it located?

It is located in Hillsboro Texas, which is about an hour's drive south of Dallas, Texas.

Where do they have you living?

I live in the on campus dorms they have at the college. They are two to a room dorms and luckily enough I was able to room with a fellow Australian Lachlan McDonald from Queensland which made it a lot easier in my first semester.

How many game are in the season?

There are about 40-60 games depending on how many non-conference games we play during the season and if we make it to the post season.

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Were you a starter or reliever? Did you get to swing the bat?

I was a reliever during the season due to some elbow issues I was faced with before the season started and couldn't pitch the amount of innings I would have liked to. Unfortunately I didn't get to swing the bat this year, mainly due to the fact we had a very good hitting team and there was no real requirement for a two way player at that stage.

How did you go this past year?

For the time that I was somewhat healthy I played pretty well and even after the seasons end I still have the second best era on the team. Although I was injured pretty early in the season and did not get to play a full season like I wanted too. On the contrary I had a great time this year and had a lot of fun on and off the field.

Did you enjoy popping back home after the season?

It's been great to be back in Australia with family and friends, a lot of which I missed while I was over there.

When do you report back to school?

I report back to school on the 18th of August for the fall semester which goes up until early December.

What advice would you give to the young Rustlers with ambitions to play college baseball in the US?

The advice I would give, would be to understand that there are hundreds of thousands of people that play baseball in the US a lot of which are very average players. Your goal should be to be better than the average player and above all work harder than the average player. Then when the time comes for you to choose a college to choose one that suits you, in terms of where you want to live the standard of baseball you want to play and the game time you will get. Lastly it is good to remember that going to college isn't all about baseball it is also about the academics, because if you don't do well in school won't be able to play and for kids that's their main goal, to play.

We wish Jack all the best for his second year at Hill College and look forward to following his progress!