

"OPEN MATT"

Matty Gourlay chats with Mitch Holding.....



Mitch has been kind enough to answer some questions about his upcoming 1st year at Odessa Community College.



Matt: What is the name of the college you signed with?

Mitch: The College I will be attending is called Odessa Community College.

Matt: How did you end up committing to that school?

Mitch: I was contacted by the head coach after my performance at the World Cup in Japan. From there, I was offered a scholarship to play baseball whilst earning a degree.

Matt: Where is it located in the US?

Mitch: Odessa is in Texas.

I chose to play there because of their past success and the quality of the school and baseball program.

College baseball in Texas is known for its competitiveness and quality of play which also lead to my decision.

Matt: What will the standard be like?

Mitch: It will be a high standard of baseball. Odessa is a division 1 college.

Matt: What position will you be playing?

Mitch: I was scouted as a catcher. I will also be playing 1st base.

Matt: How many games will the college season be?

Mitch: In a typical season, we will play 50 to 60 games depending on the schedule and post season.

Matt: Where do they have you living?

Mitch: I will be staying in a dorm on campus. They have a meal plan set up for me.

Matt: Are there any other Aussies that will be playing with you?

Mitch: Max Barrett (Cheltenham) and Jack Giles (Essendon) are attending Odessa also. I will be living with them which makes the whole process a lot easier.

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Matt: What advice would you give to the junior Rustlers that have ambitions to play baseball at a US college?

Mitch: My advice to the junior Rustlers that have ambition to play baseball in college is that there are thousands of different colleges all throughout the US.

All of them are different and it's about finding the right one that fits your expectations and needs. Study which part of the US that you would like to live in

What level of competition suits you and do they offer the degree that you want.

Matt: When will you be popping back down for a visit?

Mitch: I will be coming home during the Christmas period for a couple of weeks. I'm sure you will see me around!

We are all looking forward to following Mitch's college baseball career and wish him success!