

Matt Gourlay with Sam Trend-Beacom

Sam has been kind enough to do an interview for our website to give us insight in to what it takes to play college baseball and what he has experienced so far.

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

Sam: The College I signed with is called Lower Columbia College.

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

Sam: Throughout the summer ball season, we played many showcase tournaments where we were exposed to colligate coaches. Primarily from the west coast but also from all over the US. It was from this tournament that the coach from LC approached me, expressed his interest and offered an invitation to visit the school as well as complete a workout at their fields. From there, the signing process started.

Matt: Where is it located in the US?

Sam: LC is located in Longview, Washington. Close to the city of Seattle.

Matt: Is it a 2 or 4 year school?

Sam: LC is a 2 year junior college program.

Matt: What position will you be playing?

Sam: While at LC, I have been told that I will be playing corner infield with a chance to play 2nd base.

Matt: How many games will the college season be?

Sam: In a typical season, we will play 55 games, then playoffs if successful.

Matt: Where do they have you living?

Sam: I will be living in an apartment complex suggested by the school.

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

Sam: I will be attending LC with Chase Hodgkinson from Waverley Baseball Club. It's very exciting to be able to share the experience with someone from home.

Matt: Do they love the Aussie accent?

Sam: Ha ha! The majority of people over here love the accent. But I have had a lot of people tell me that they have no clue what I am saying a lot of the time.

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

Sam: My advice to anyone wanting to play college baseball is to start collecting contacts of coaches both here and overseas. The networking that coaches are able to do over here is amazing. Start filming and exposing yourself to coaches over here. There is a place for everyone to play over here. But at what level is up to the player, depending on the player's dedication to the game.

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

Sam: I will be back home for a couple of weeks from the 10th of August onwards. I will be heading to Seattle late August for Fall Ball.

Matt: We all wish Sam the best for his 1st year at college at Lower Columbia!