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To whom it may concern

Re Molly Gill - Softball Reference

It is with pleasure that I write a reference for Molly Gill. I have coached Molly over the last 12-18 months as part of the 2022 and 2023 NSW U16 State Team, competing in the U16 Australian Nationals Championships.

Molly exemplifies all the qualities required to be a student athlete. She is incredibly dedicated, has a strong work ethic and is incredible enthusiastic in both her studies, and her softball training. Molly is a positive, outgoing athlete, a pleasure to coach and an asset to any team.

Molly is a talented outfielder, she reads the ball well, covers a lot of ground and is aggressive in the field. From the left-handed box she is a triple threat – can hit, bunt and slap. She is a dynamic baserunner with good speed, who reads the game well. Molly is a leader her teams, very professional in all aspects of the game – mentally and physically. Molly stood out in our program this year, due to her strong technical skills, eagerness to learn and ability to execute in games.

Molly's ability to learn new skills and adjust quickly is impressive. In February 22, we suggested Molly try left handed hitting (natural RH), less than a year later, in January 23 she competed at Nationals from the LH Box., hitting .467, OBA of .454 over 12 games. Molly's hard work has resulted in her being selected in the Australian Talent Development Squad for 2023.

One of the standout qualities of Molly, is her determination and commitment. She is the player, that runs after every foul ball at training, comes to every extra session that is offered and does everything in her home program. She is committed to constantly working on both her skills and conditioning, both at set training sessions, and at home on her own. She had an injury this year – but continued her training. She trained on one leg, sat on a chair to practice hitting and bunting and did everything in her power to be able to successfully compete at the National tournament. When Molly was unable to participate at the national tournament in April, her professionalism, under difficult and disappointing circumstances was inspiring. She took on a scouting role in the dugout, she was diligent, learnt quickly, communicated her knowledge to the on field players ... she was integral to the team's success.

I am very confident that Molly has mental and physical attributes to reach high honours. I believe she would make a strong student athlete and be able to cope with the commitment, intensity and logistics of both study, and softball, as well as being away from home. I also believe that Molly has a tremendous amount of further potential. She is a student of the game, and playing in an environment where she can train, and play, more consistently and at a higher level, will see Molly thrive.

I have no hesitation in recommending Molly for any University or College which Molly wishes to attend in the future. I wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neridah Wearne".

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