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To whom it may concern

Re Zoe Thomson - Softball Reference

It is with great pleasure that I write an athlete reference for Zoe Thomson. I have had the extreme pleasure of coaching Zoe over the last 12-18 months as part of the 2022 SA U16 State Team, competing in the U16 Australian Nationals Championships, as well as the Softball Australia Talent Development Camp and the South Australian Performance Training Centre in 2023.

Zoe exemplifies all the qualities essential to be a student athlete. She is incredibly dedicated, has a resilient work ethic and is incredibly passionate in approach to her softball training. Zoe is an athletic, hardworking player and an asset to any team.

Zoe has incredible base running speed and has an exceptional ability to cover ground in the outfield. She was an above average arm velocity which makes her a very competitive outfielder. Her base running pace and ability to read the game makes her a threat on the basepaths.

Zoe has the fantastic ability to switch hit. She currently is training to hit both ways with the outstanding ability to bunt, slap and hit left plus hit for power both right and left. She has exceptional on plane and rotational acceleration for her playing group. Zoe is dedicated to her training and is no stranger to doubling the number of swings as her counterparts.

Zoe's ability and willingness to adapt to left-handed hitting has shown her dedication and focus on being at her best. She was constantly worked on being a triple threat in the box and has shown huge improvements over the past 18 months. Her hard work has resulted in her being selected in the Australian Talent Development Squad for 2023.

When I think of an athlete like Zoe, I think of determination and commitment. She is the player who comes to every extra session that is offered, asks for more and diligently trains away from face-to-face coaching. She is committed to constantly working on both her skills and conditioning, both at set training sessions, and at home on her own.

I am very confident that Zoe has mental and physical characteristics 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 Zoe has a remarkable 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 Zoe flourish.

I have no hesitation in endorsing Zoe for any University or College. She would be an asset to any collegiate program. I wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Your sincerely,

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