

IT'S NOT JUST A GAME

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Overtime we learn who we are, and what we are going to do in life. Being only in 7th grade thinking about the future is something that has not crossed my mind quite yet, heck I am still thinking about when will the bell ring so I can get out of this boring class, or what time is the game on tonight. Yet these small worries on my mind, is what will make me who I am. One thing that has been a huge part of my life, and has made a great impact on me already is the game of baseball. To me baseball is not just a sport, I live and breath it. I have huge dreams and goals of becoming a professional baseball player, but it's not only about technique and batting and catching a ball, it's the small but huge lessons that the game teaches us that I will carry with me forever.

Lets start with rule number one. "If a ball is hit to you, catch it." In life we will be forced to face with everyday decisions. Right now they do not seem that important. Basically what kind of cereal will I eat for breakfast, and tonight will I watch the Indians or the Tigers. Sooner or later however these decisions are going to get harder, where will I go to college? Then there will be a point in your life where you will ask yourself is this really what I want to do? I like to look at the big picture. There are going to be rough times, sad times, as well as happy, but no matter how many curves, or line drives, or the easy pop ups, we have to take whats given to us. With whats given to us, we can make the decision on what we want to do with it.

Rule number two, "If you get a perfect pitch, hit a home run." Our coach always tells us, do not go down looking. Meaning do not watch the perfect pitches go on by. Someday we all will have the chance to do something great, and when that time comes, not matter how old or young we are, we can not go down looking. We need to take that pitch and drive it. With life we may not always say the right thing, or do the right thing, but when time comes to do the right thing, we can not go down looking.

Last but not least, rule number three. The most important rule in baseball history, as well as life. "If you strike out, you get another turn." All of us will strike out, even the best baseball players in history. However when we strikeout, no matter if it lost the game for the team, you need to keep your head held high. If you reach a rough patch in your life and feel like you have struck out, remember its not the end, because you can learn from that, and the next time around, you may strike out again, and also maybe the third or fourth times you may strike out. We all make mistakes, we are all human, but I feel that if you truly want something, you will eventually hit that home run.

Baseball is one of the greatest sports in history. You get the chance to play an awesome game, but also the chance to learn as you go. Its not the technique and the winning home run that's going to get your through life, its all the lessons, and memories that's going to take you on this fun, scary, enjoyable journey called life. Baseball is just one game, just one sport, that can teach you so much about yourself, and about life.