

# **BASEBALL STORY....**

There was once a ballplayer that loved the game. He would eat, sleep and drink the game of baseball. Every waking moment he thought about the game he loved and he could be better.

He worked and worked and worked. Finally, in High School, his hard work paid off when he helped his team to the state championship. So you would think he had college and pro recruiters knocking down his door? Nope. Nobody wanted him. But he wasn't giving up that easy...

He simply went to a close-by D1 University and proved he belonged. Among many HS All-Americans & future pros he was low man on the totem pole. So he sat the bench and got some mop-up time in his 4 years there right? Nope, he became All-American!

## **Again, he proved he belonged**

Even so he was passed up by every MLB team. Multiple times. Until one scout knew just how talented this kid was and lobbied for him.

Not much was expected of him however. he was sent to the lowest level of pro ball, expected never to be heard from again.

All those teams who passed him up were right. If you call two World Series titles, an MVP and the tremendous respect of every baseball player, coach and fan on the entire face of this earth "not much."

Yep you guessed it. I'm talking about David Eckstein. He's not just scrappy. This guy has serious talent.

You know how he got this talent? He spent a great deal of time developing it through repetition. Not just in pre-season, not just in team practice, but now, In December. When no one was watching. When his buddies were playing video games he was in his backyard raking away. And perfecting his craft.

So, let me ask you...After reading this email what are you going to do? It's totally up to you. Do you want to belong?