



PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS, SCOUTS, AND COACHES BELIEVE IN THE PLAYER'S EDGE...

It was my pleasure to sign Jake in to a professional contract with the Angels out of the University of North Florida in 2006. Anytime we get a player out of UNF we know that we are getting a player who knows the game of baseball and respects it. At 6'5 Jake was an imposing figure on the mound, especially with Jake having to overcome an arm injury, I would highly recommend young athletes to him because he understands pitching and the Do's and Don'ts of what it takes to become successful and maintain it. I am sure he will be a success in his new venture because he understands and cares.

– Tom Kotchman, Florida Scouting Supervisor and Minor League Manager of the Orem Owlz Baseball Club, father to Casey Kotchman-Major League First baseman for Boston Redsox.

As a professional scout and former teammate of Jake's, I am confident in his abilities to teach players how to play the game the right way and learn proper mechanics. Jake has always been a great baseball mind and communicates very effectively with people. I would recommend anyone to take their son or daughter to Jake for lessons.

– Carlos Rodriguez, Area Scouting Supervisor of South Florida Region, Toronto Blue Jays.

Jake is a great guy on and off the field. He's a true student of the game and loved to compete.

– Jeremy Haynes, Current LA Angels Minor League Pitcher

I played with Jake on the Orem Owlz team for the LA Angels. Jake was a very outgoing teammate and a true competitor. I know he will work great with kids and teach them how to play the game the right way!

– Chris Pettit, Major League Outfielder, LA Angels





Coach Jake, thank you very much for being a part of our coaching staff this past season and for sharing your knowledge with us. You worked extremely well with the kids and they learned so much from you. It wasn't a small task to turn around a team who only won 6 games last year, and suffered 34 losses—but a big part of the credit for our successful turnaround definitely goes to you. We enjoyed a fine 29 win season and we had fun doing it! And best of all, all the things we learned from you and the experiences we shared are going to make us better coaches and better players for years to come.

– **Luis Toyens, Head Coach 12U CBC Rays**

I had a chance to play with Jake in the Angels minor league system. He was a class-act and a true student of the game. He works extremely well with kids and has the ability to share his knowledge very effectively with others.

– **Darren O'Day, Major League pitcher for the Texas Rangers**

I played with Jake at UNF and he was one of the most personable guys I've known. He was fun to be around and works great with others. Jake was always a competitor and loved to play the game. I would highly recommend anyone to have their kids work with Jake, he has a lot of knowledge to share.

– **Myke Jones, Current 4th round minor league shortstop, Atlanta Braves.**

I played with Jake for 4 years at UNF and he was one of our Ace pitchers on the staff and a true competitor. But aside from baseball, Jake works extremely well with others and is extremely outgoing and fun to be around. I am confident kids will have a blast working with Jake and learning the game of baseball/softball from him.

– **Matt Oxendine, 15th round Minor League shortstop with Arizona Diamondbacks**



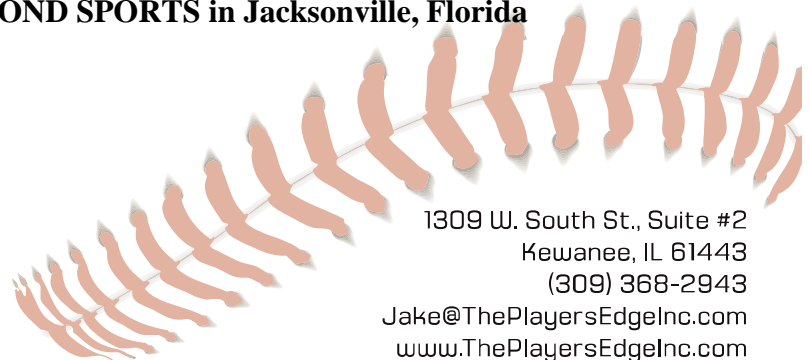


Dear Jake, I want to congratulate you on your fine season with the 12U CBC Rays Travel baseball team. You and the rest of your staff took a 2nd year travel team, in one of the toughest divisions in the state of Florida and finished the season with 29 wins while only one year ago the same team finished their season with only 6 wins. While at the Cooperstown, NY tournament and drawing one of the toughest draws in the event, the Rays finished 31 out of 102 teams from across the nation. As the pitching coach for the Rays, you were able to improve the teams ERA from 6.81 in 2008 to 4.58 this year. The most amazing stat for your team was the pick off's per game ratio of a little over 1 per game, by far the best in the division. Jake, the Creeks Baseball Club as well as the Creeks Athletic Association recognizes you as one of the leagues finest examples of what all coaches strive to be. Through your coaching style of teaching the game of baseball the way it's supposed to be played, you taught our league's boys life lessons along the way. On behalf of The Creeks Athletic Association, I would like to thank you for all the volunteer time you gave our league and wish you the best of luck through your life's journey. You always have a home here with CAA and CBC. Your next team and league will be lucky to have a Coach like you as part of their organization.

– **Keith Martin, CAA President**

I've known Jake since 2002 where we met at the University of North Florida. As a player, I enjoyed taking the field when he was on the mound because he brought a demeanor that you could feel and that you knew he was about to shut his opponent down - all you had to do was support him with a couple runs... that's all Jake needed to get the win. As a former teammate, he was always willing to help others. Whether it was working with pitchers doing extra flat ground work, throwing extra BP to hitters, or just picking up a teammates spirits if they had a bad game... Jake was there to lend a helping hand. As a person of character, Jake is a true class act. He is one who has passion and takes pride in whatever he seeks after. Knowing these qualities, I would refer my clients to Jake for their pitching needs and to no surprise, I would get so much positive feedback from both the athletes and the parents. He became my "go-to-guy" for any of my clients who were looking to learn and excel at pitching or hitting. The Player's Edge is my recommendation for any athlete looking to maximize their athletic ability and to pursue their dreams of playing at the next level.

- **Billy Kovatch Owner of IRON DIAMOND SPORTS in Jacksonville, Florida**
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