



**Hilliard Bradley High
School**

**Do I Want to Be a College
Athlete?**

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PROACTIVE APPROACH

1. Start Early

- * After Making Varsity Team
- * Build A Wish List Of Colleges

2. Get An Unbiased Opinion

- * Be Realistic of Skill Level
 - ** Five Tool Player

Running/Arm Strength/Hitting Average/Hitting Power/Fielding

- ** Intangibles

Size/Name/HS Program/Attitude/Coachability

3. Academics Is Paramount

- * Good Grades Are Valuable Assets
- * Register For NCAA Clearinghouse
- * Schedule Testing / Fill Out FASFA

4. Exposure Is The Path

- * Online Profile / Recruiting Services
- * Attend Camps / Showcases / Summer
- * Personalized Introduction Letter/Email
- * Make Video (3-4 Minutes)
- * Stay In Contact (No stalking!)
- * Understand Contact / Dead Periods
- * Schedule Campus Visits

5. Parent(s)' Role

- * Let Son Handle Bulk Of Work
- * Be Supportive
- * Do Not Contact Coaches
- * Promote Academics
- * Encourage Time Management Skills
- * Encourage Good Sleep Habits
- * Encourage Healthy Nutrition
- * Monitor Online / Social Media Activity
- * Assist With College Visits

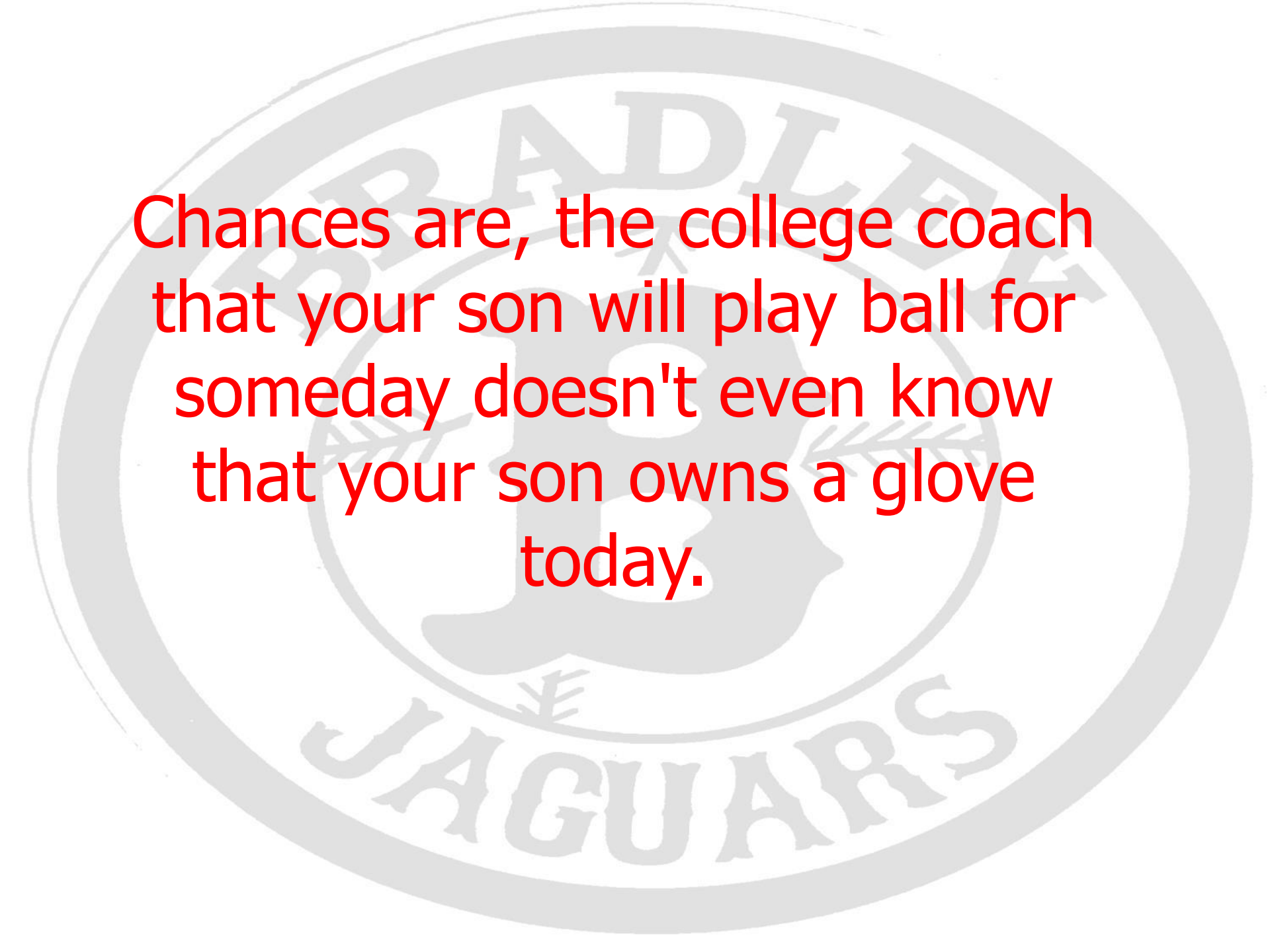
6. Do The Research

- * Coach & Assistant Coaches
- * Location
- * School Size
- * Roster & Transfers
- * Program's Reputation
- * Academic Major
- * Social Life
- * Affordability
- * Other Personal Factors

7. Decision Time

- * Ask Questions
- * Be Honest & Upfront With Coach
- * Playing Time - Tryouts
- * Negotiate Terms
- * Other Sources Of Monies Available
- * Future Scholarship Monies Availability
- * Factor In Costs With Multiple Offers

8. Comments / Concerns

The background of the image features a large, light gray watermark of the Bradley University Jaguars logo. The logo is circular and contains a central figure of a jaguar's head with a prominent mustache. The word "BRADLEY" is arched across the top, and "JAGUARS" is arched across the bottom. The text in the foreground is red and reads: "Chances are, the college coach that your son will play ball for someday doesn't even know that your son owns a glove today."

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THE PROBABILITY OF PLAYING

Food for thought when you have a student-athlete that is more interested in sports than the classroom.

	Baseball
High School Athletes	455,300
High School Senior Athletes	130,100
NCAA Athletes	25,700
NCAA Freshman Athletes	7,300
NCAA Senior Athletes	5,700
NCAA Athletes Drafted	600
High School to NCAA	5.6%
NCAA to Professional	10.5%
High School to Professional	.5%

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS?

NCAA Division I

- * 11.7 Full Scholarships
- * Scholarship monies usually divided up
- * Blending varies

NCAA Division II

- * 9 Full Scholarships (many do not fund 9)
- * Scholarship monies usually divided up
- * Blending varies

NCAA Division III & Ivy League Schools

- * 0 Athletic Scholarships available
- * Academic & Financial Aid available
- * Many programs have "JV" teams

NAIA

- * 12 Full Scholarships (varies)
- * Scholarship monies usually divided up
- * Many programs also have "JV" teams

NJCAA Division I

- * 24 Full Scholarships (varies)
- * Tuition, room, board, books and fees

NJCAA Division II

- * 24 Full Scholarships (Few fund all)
- * Tuition & books only

NJCAA Division III

- * 0 athletic scholarships

THE REALITY

Top 200 Prospect?

If your son is one of the Top 200 High School players in the nation:

1. You would know about by now!
2. He will have his choice of several top programs.

Mid Range Prospect?

Low Range Prospect?

270 NCAA Division I Programs, plus another 1,200 Division II, Division III, NAIA, and Junior College teams.

The problem exists in the larger than life perceptions of players, peers, families and coaches.

THE FACTORS

- * ACADEMICS

- * ABILITY (5 tools)

Running /Arm Strength /Hitting Average /Hitting Power /Fielding

- * PROGRAM'S REPUTATION

- * NEED OF PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE

- * DESTINATION FIT

Recruiting is really a job search.

NCAA Division I schools send an average of 1,500 prospect questionnaires each year.

BE READY

Prepare a list of questions when talking with a college baseball coach.

Stay on top of their academics

Get an unbiased evaluation of your player (son) without being "thin-skinned." Lose your ego!

Have realistic expectations / proper evaluation of talent. (**Not many 8.0 second - 60 yard dash guys playing centerfield at a DI program**)

Provide opportunities to challenge their level of play.

"Play Up"

Parents & coaches need to make sure that the goals are that of the player only.

Cheer Me Up Coach

You did not sign a Letter of Intent in the early signing period. (Nov. 15 – Nov 22)

The phone has not been ringing
The e-mails and letters have stopped.

What do you do now?

Thousands of high school baseball players are in the same situation that you are.

It begins with a Proactive Approach.

Good News: more college scholarships are awarded in the late signing period (April on)

D1's sign the bulk of their players early.

Majority of the DII, DIII, NAIA and NJCAA sign their players much later.

START NOW (JUNIORS)

Target appropriate colleges that are an Academic AND Athletic match.

Location

Cost

Setting

School Size

Academic Reputation

Areas of Study (major)

Social Life

Coach

Offers

Facility

Roster Size

Program Reputation

Transfers on Roster

Playing Time

If your son doesn't want to be more than three hours away from home, you have narrowed down your search considerably.

Build a List to Three Types of Colleges

- * High Opportunity to play immediately.
- * High Opportunity to make the team.
- * Low Opportunity to make the team.

Enroll in Showcases and Select Camps.

- * Opportunity to evaluate skills.
- * Opportunity to see work ethic, ambitions and competitiveness.
- * Opportunity to spend time on a campus.

Buyer Beware – Make certain the camp(s) worth \$ & time.

Maximize Exposure (Register: NCAA Clearinghouse)

E-mails, Snail mail, Phone calls

Introduction information – Profile, Academics

Make a Short Video (< 10 minutes)

WHAT IS A GOOD OFFER?

"Colleges are after the most bang for their \$\$\$\$\$"

Courtship Rules from Coaches

1. Like Your Son– e-mails, calls (Sept 1:JR yr)
2. Need Your Son– in-person visit (July 1:JR yr)
3. Want Your Son – serious scholarship offers

Money generally to "up the middle" positions, LHP.

50% is "great offer: > in future yrs.

The important question -- 50% of what?

50% or 30% or 10% of full tuition, books, room & board, student fees, etc.? ASK QUESTIONS

Many Coaches will simply offer a specific dollar.
\$5,000. Search College's Site for Other \$\$\$\$\$.

Be Honest and Up Front with Coaches.

Negotiate Terms

Tell them what you will need from them in
order for your son to play at their school.

(This will take much planning & economic thought on the
families part).

Do the Math with Multiple Offers.

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QUESTIONS

JAGUARS