

## Letter for Alek

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Walden and I am a coach for the baseball academy, BNL (Baseballs Next Level). I had the pleasure to coach Alek Krupa for the past 3 years.

Alek is a 1st and 3rd baseman on my team. He is an incredibly hard worker with great work ethics, and the drive to get better every day as a player as well as a person. He comes from a hard-working family which in my opinion has helped him grow into the player he has become.

Alek has played mostly 1st base for me, but would also play some 3rd when needed. He has worked his way up to earning a starting position this past year. As a young 14- and 15-year-old, he would hit towards the bottom of the lineup and sit every other game or so. That all changed this past year as he has grown physically and mentally and his confidence is showing a lot more as a Junior.

Offensively, he has progressed tremendously. Moving up in the lineup this year and having a lot more "Pop" in his bat. The strikeouts have dropped as well and his swing has improved and will continue to improve with the work ethic that has been passed along to Alek.

In a day and age where many players have lost the love and passion for this great game, Alek has the heart for baseball to keep working hard and respect the game in a way I try to teach all my players to respect it.

In closing, if you need to get ahold of me to talk further about Alek as a player or person, feel free to call me anytime at 928-322-4378.

Thank you,

Michael Walden  
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