Start Early, Work Hard and The Sky is the Limit!!

In early 2007, I could see the annoyance in the younger brother of the seven- year- old I was coaching during a lesson. All he wanted to do was hit. After a few minutes of conversation with his dad, I agreed to work with him only if he was willing to learn how to switch hit. I placed the ball on the tee and set up the five- year -old on the left side of the plate. He swung as hard as he could, missed the ball and hit me directly in the kneecap. I thought he broke it. I was dying and I tried not to show how much it hurt; I did not want to discourage this driven young boy after only one swing. Now, over 100,000 swings later, coaching him with many years of hard work as a switch hitter and a catcher, Drew Cavanaugh has turned into one of the best defensive catchers in the country with the added bonus of being a great switch hitter. Something missing in the game today are great defensive and offensive catchers.

After his Junior Year, Drew earned First Team All-State at Stoney Creek HS and held Perfect Game's second-best recorded POP Time at 1.78 Seconds. Here are Drew's current Perfect Game numbers.

PG EVENT RESULTS

86	6.95	1.57	89	90	79	1.78
FB VELO	60 YARD DASH	10 YARD SPLIT	OF VELO	IF VELO	C VELO	C POP

90
EXIT VELO

C	Drew Cavanaugh	2020	Eastern FL State
C	Sam Hunt	2021	Vanderbilt
INF	Jake Gelof	2020	Virginia
INF	Mac Horvath	2020	North Carolina
INF	Michael Kluska	2020	West Virginia
INF	Jordan Miller	2020	Georgia State
INF	James Wood	2021	Mississippi State
INF	Drake Vernado	2021	Arkansas
INF	Stone Russell	2023	Florida
OF	Billy Underwood	2020	Coastal Carolina
OF	Kevin Karstetter	2020	Florida Atlantic
OF	Takeru Ohashi	2020	Uncommitted
OF	Trey Rucker	2021	Uncommitted
LHP	Corbin Morrison	2020	Tennessee
RHP	Charez Butcher	2020	Tennessee
RHP	Heston Tole	2020	Arkansas
RHP	Aaron Combs	2020	Coastal Carolina
RHP	Brandon Llewellyn	2020	Notre Dame
RHP	Keegan Allen	2021	Georgia Tech

Drew had to make a very difficult decision this year. Did he want to leave all his friends for his senior year of high school to attend IMG Academy in Florida? I give him a lot of credit for making a very difficult decision to leave not only his friends, but his family too in order to pursue his dream of eventually playing professional baseball.

As of today, he has made the national travel team at the IMG Academy with a roster filled with fantastic players.

https://www.imgacademy.com/boarding-school/athletics/baseball

Top Pop

Name	Pop	Grad	School	Hometown
Drew Cavanaugh	1.83	2020	IMG Academy	Rochester Hills, MI
Geomar Santana	1.85	2020	Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy	Vega Baja, PR
Diego Santiago	1.85	2020	Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy	Moca, PR
Anibal Saez	1.87	2020	Puerto Rico Baseball Academy	Naranjito, PR
David Valoy Jr	1.90	2020	Mansfield Summit	Arlington, TX
Luis Hernandez	1.94	2020	Puerto Rico Baseball Academy	Gurabo, PR
Luis Gonzalez	1.95	2020	Puerto Rico Baseball Academy	Carolina, PR
Brock Wilken	1.95	2020	Bloomingdale	Valrico, FL
Cole Evans	1.96	2020	Wayne Academy	Waynesboro, MS
Wyatt Langford	1.97	2020	Trenton	Trenton, FL
Sammy Contacos	2.00	2021	IMG Academy	Irwin, PA
Jean Carlos Medina	2.00	2021	Central Pointe Christian	Orlando, FL
Cesar Vivas	2.00	2020	Colegio Nuestra Señora De Fatima	Maracaibo (VEN)

During the recent weekend of January 18 and 19, Drew competed in Perfect Game's World Showcase against many players from the Caribbean. This was the 4th consecutive Perfect Game showcase where he outperformed all other catchers.   Below is the scouting blog report from the World Showcase where Drew was selected as one of Perfect Games' few Top Prospects. Drew's performance at the showcase included throwing out Antonio Gleaton attempting to steal second. Antonio recorded the second best 60-yard time at 6.4 seconds.

TOP 60 YARD TIMES
1/18/2020

Name	60	Grad	School	Hometown
Zac Rice	6.27	2020	Russell Co	Fort Mitchell, AL
Antonio Gleaton	6.40	2020	Hapeville Charter Career Academy	Atlanta, GA

Within the next several weeks, you will be able to see a profile/interview video on Perfect Game's YouTube channel highlighting Drew's talent. Drew has continued to work hard, and we wish him the very best in his senior year.

Drew Cavanaugh C - 2020 - Rochester Hills, MI
Eastern Florida State

Cavanaugh made a loud impression with his defensive abilities from his overall flexibility to his catch-and-throw skills, emphasized by a plus transfer. He's also a switch-hitter who showed a handle from both sides of the plate with a short, quick path.