

LVBA is HOME!

We came to LVBA when Jack was 8 years old and was playing little league. We had no previous experience with club sports and were not even thinking of making that type of commitment. Little league only offered so much in terms of player development, so we started looking online for places that offered lessons to individuals. We found the Las Vegas Baseball Academy and scheduled a lesson. That was it. That was all it took. At his first lesson, one of the Lightning teams was practicing and Jack witnessed the knowledge, commitment, and heart that LVBA coaches had for their players and there was no way we were getting out of there. No matter how much I complained about the drive, the schedule, the expense, the drama.....did not matter. Jack was home. Jack joined the academy Team and soon was asked to join the 8u Lightning Team. In the first four months Jack was training at LVBA he grew as a player monumentally! I can remember sitting through clinics and sneaking over to the pavilion to listen to the coaches giving some presentation about some baseball thing. I probably heard Coach Chase's throwing presentation twenty-five times. I can tell you all about the camera positions. Or Mike Martin giving players the business about "looking like a baseball player." I still think about that and how it did not mean much to me then but having left LVBA, I have begun to see the significance in all of those talks. Jack really thought of his time at LVBA in those first years like baseball school. He soaked it in. Jack played for the Lightning until he could not anymore. When we left we were lost. We hoped for a team with the same standards as LVBA and quickly realized it was gonna be hard to do. No matter what baseball team Jack has been on or played with since he left LVBA, he is always one of the smartest players. That can be attributed to his love of watching and studying the game and to the hours spent with LVBA coaches and players. LVBA required of Jack to understand the game. They expected him to watch the game and to understand the nuances. He was expected to conduct himself like a baseball player and not just another kid hitting the ball with a bat and catching it with a glove. It was incumbent on him to have respect for the game, to take it seriously and to play with his heart. Jack now plays on older team and is getting ready for his high school JV season to start. He still comes back to LVBA every chance he gets to work with the coaches and players. There is so much comfort there that I think he will always consider the Lightning, his team. Thank you LVBA!

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