



To whom it may concern,

I am writing this recommendation on behalf of Aeneas Smith, a junior two-year varsity player in our football program. Aeneas has been a valuable member of our football program and school community for three years. Aeneas has played an integral role in the culture of our football and he will be an asset to any college program that he joins following his high school career.

I am endorsing Aeneas as a college football player due to his impact on our football program both on and off the field. I have had the privilege to coach and teach Aeneas in my US History class this year. I have spent numerous hours with him and believe he will be a valuable member of a college football program.

In the classroom Aeneas is a responsible student-athlete who can handle the strenuous workload that Spalding provides. He is on top of all assignments and is a positive contributor in the class. Aeneas also works to build a strong relationship with teachers who enjoy his personality in class.

On the field Aeneas became our starting fullback during our shortened 2020 football season. The fullback position appears to be making a return to offenses, we felt he was a perfect fit for our spread power running game featuring Inside zone, power/counter and outside zone. Aeneas showed great intelligence of our scheme and brought an edge that is needed to play the position. Aeneas has bought into our mantra of playing to the "echo of the whistle" and the edge that is needed. Aeneas embraced his role as a "6th" OL and will be one of the most valuable pieces to our offense next season.

Our program begins with accountability and Aeneas models this better than any player in our program. He is one of the first players at all meetings, practices and games. He is never on a disciplinary list and I only hear from his teachers about positive moments he has had in the classroom. On the field Aeneas owns his role in all three phases of the game and is very coachable. Our program could be described as "demanding but not demeaning." Aeneas excels when he is pushed on a day to day basis never falling prey to the many pitfalls that exist for today's high school athletes.

Aeneas also brings a top work ethic. He is one of the strongest players in our football program excelling specifically in the power lifts of squat and bench press. He has quickly evolved into one of the top weight room athletes in the program. Aeneas brings the power to be a top fullback in college football. He often spends his time in the weight room with our Offensive and Defensive lines.

Finally, and most importantly, Aeneas is an extremely high character student-athlete who is loved by his coaches and teammates. Our staff has put enormous trust in Aeneas, and he has never failed us. He has built great relationships with a wide range of teammates during his



career. Aeneas is a model of both our program and school who will bring similar traits to the college program he joins. Thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact me at 724-972-1334 or schmittk@spaldinghs.org if you need anything.

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