

Developing
Championship
Infielders





Marcus History



2013- 5A Regional semi-Finalist

Max Prep- 23 in country

2014- 5A Regional Finalist

Max Prep-19 in country

2015- Area Finalist

Pre-Season #1 in Texas THSBCA

Pre-Season #4 Max Prep;

#6 Baseball America



Marcus Infielders



2013-2015

8 Division One Infielders

2015

Set School Record For Fewest Errors

2015

Turned Most Double Plays In School History



Defensive Philosophy



- What is your program's culture?
- What is your teams defensive identity?
- How do you implement your defensive identity within your culture?

FOUR NON- NEGOTIABLES

- ✓ 12 seconds off/14 seconds on
 - ✓ Laying out – Grit
- ✓ Communication is high and loud
 - ✓ Have Fun

We want are fans to say “That’s a really fun team to watch, they got some grit, they’re tough.” I want people to know we’re prepared.

Defensive Points of Emphasis

1. Catch and Throw – Be Perfect!

- Warm up, Long Toss, in and out
- Skills practice

2. Make the Routine Play

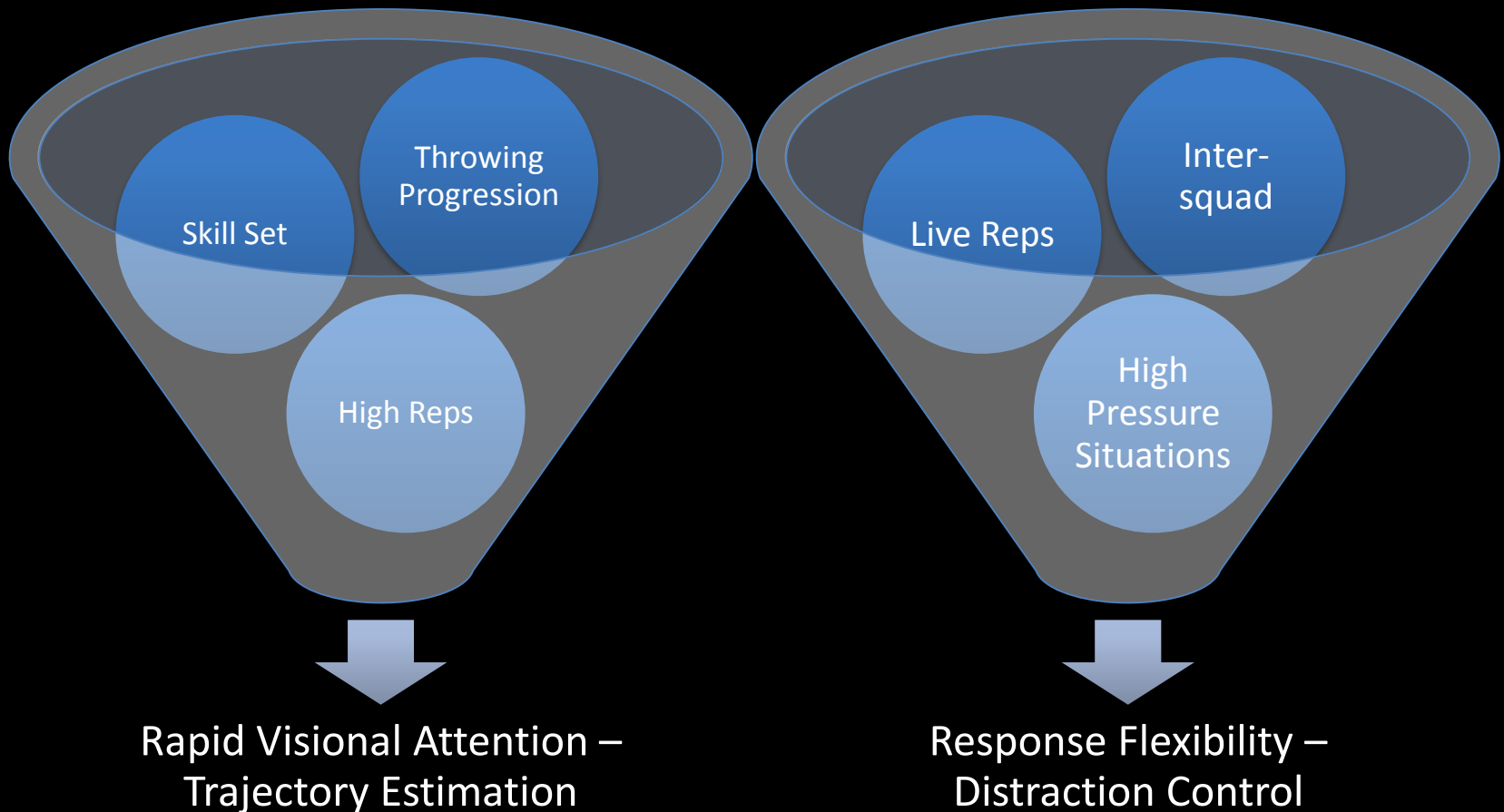
- Development, Skill Set and Mass Reps

3. Be On Time

- Can we not be late to timing of pitch
- Most important for them to have a chance to be successful

Implementing Defensive Philosophy

Learning Moments vs. Competitive Moments



Fundamental Training Development



Infield Arrow Throwing



Attack The Short Hop



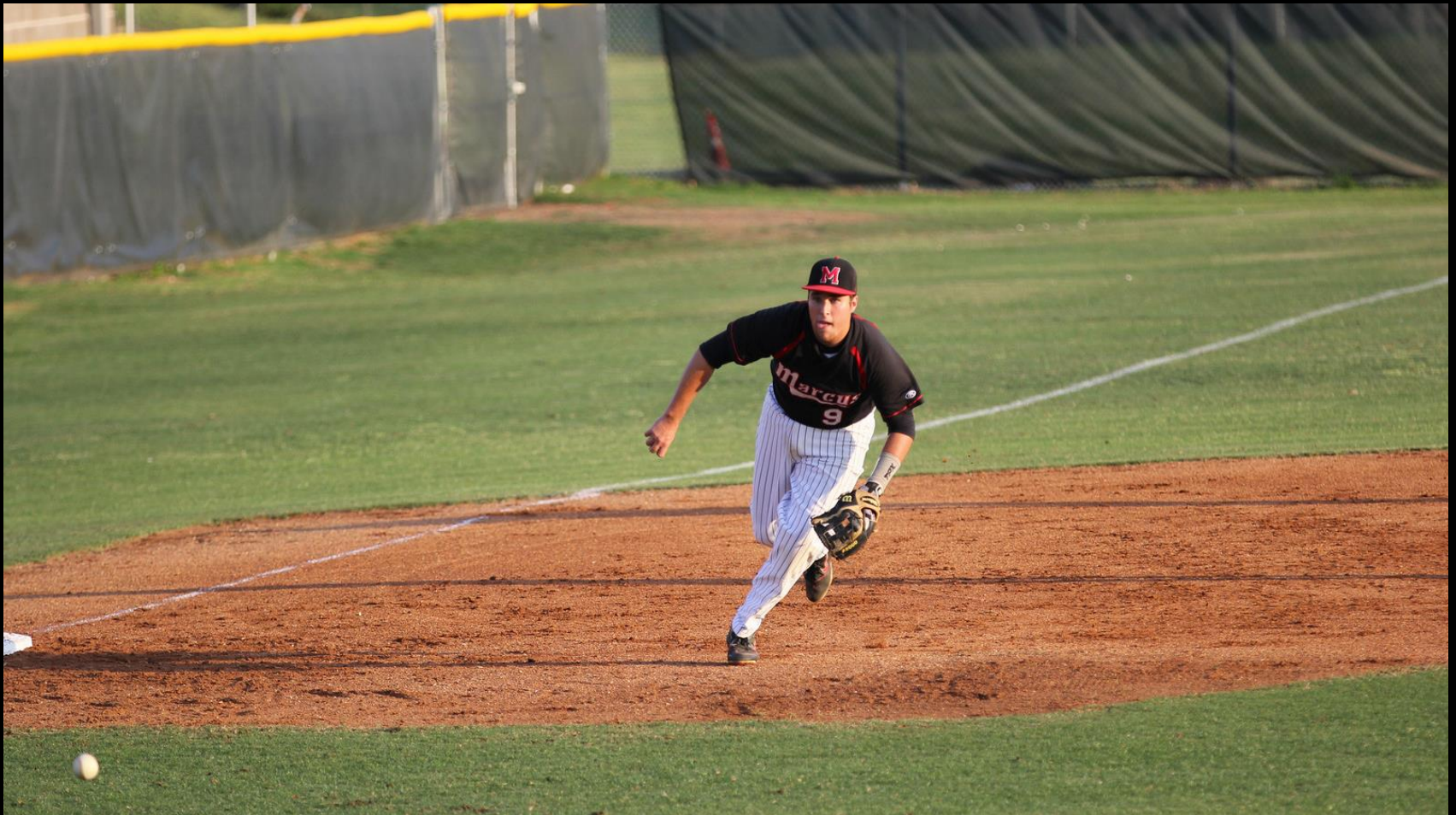
Foot Work Drill



Reaction Drill



Attack The Slow Roller/High Hop



Protect Your Area



Middle Infielders – Double Play Feeds

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PFP WORK



Pre-game Preparation

- Wind Direction
- Sun/Lights
- Foul Ground areas
- Field conditions-thickness grass, potential bad hops, dew on grass, foul lines
- Depth perception to back drop

Positive Thinking

- Routine-Breath, Heart Rate, Focus-in Dugout
- Big League Approach-Sharp shooter mentality
- Positive Chart-in dugout or Practice time
- Hug them, Love them, Care for them



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