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Dear Chris

Reference – Dougie McIndoe

I am pleased to provide you with a reference for Dougie and hope he is successful in his plan to progress his football (soccer) in the USA.

I have known Dougie for 5 years – through my role as Director of Coaching (DOC) at St Peter's Lutheran College where Dougie has played 1st XI in 2014 & 2015 and has been selected for 2016, and also through my DOC and coaching roles at University of Queensland Football Club where Dougie has played Brisbane Premier League at U14, U15 & U16 and has been selected for U18 in 2016. I was also Dougie's team coach for U14 BPL in 2013.

Dougie's preferred position is defensive mid (6) where he can make best use of his key strengths –

- Good positional sense;
- High work-rate;
- Good first touch (left & right foot) and strong shot;
- Accurate passing;
- Good vision; and
- Strong tackling and shielding skills.

In 2014 when he first made the 1st eleven, he was noticeably the shortest player on the team, and spectators often commented on this – but they didn't have to watch for too long before they saw that he used his body positioning and balance so well that his stature was no disadvantage. He is no longer short in comparison to his peers but the skills learned from being used to dealing with larger opponents have stayed with him.

He can also fit-in as required if he needs to play another position and I have utilised him as attacking-mid (8 or 10), false striker or in defence – his all-round game sense, touch and passing let him do this, but his best value to the team is always to exploit his high work-rate and good positional sense in the mid-field.

Dougie is always one of the leaders on the field –he was team vice-captain for both club and school in 2015 and will be a strong contender for captain in both of the teams in 2016. In addition, he has a cool head so can always be relied-on to intervene quickly if a team-mate looks likely to step over the line with an opponent or an official.

I will be happy to provide further details if required – my contact details are +61 438 531 613 or timeandmethod@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

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