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To Whom It May Concern,

Craig Winter has been involved with me whilst I was coaching for three years 2004-2006 and I have known him the best part of fifteen years through football circles. The first thing I would say about Craig is that all the work he ever conducted for me was of the highest quality, very thorough and was always promptly done.

It is best to list the things Craig performed for me over the years as he helped me achieve a few of my goals:

- Forward scouting reports on ALL opposition clubs in my division
- Analysis of opposition teams / players ( set plays, forward set ups, on ball setups, kick out options, centre clearances), this was not only done for opposition but also for my team
- Measurements of all of the above, and breakdown by quarters
- Mentoring some of my players
- Work rate training, which included HIGH performance training in shepherds, tackling, and smothering
- Giving advice to my style and techniques and approaches towards senior coaching
- Consulting pro's and con's at my football club, and where we can improve on and off the field (this changed the way I looked at my club from the outside in) and was very beneficial.
- He also gave me possible match ups for my players the following week
- He gave me the strengths & weaknesses of my players through the years

Not only did Craig do all of the above in a very professional manner, he also critically analyzed things I was doing and had solutions to them, whilst giving me the constructive criticism. I think this is a very good trait of a person who not only looks at areas of improvement; they also study, break it down, and give solutions whilst analyzing. This is a very tough thing to be able to achieve and Craig has NEVER been bias in his opinions and analysis, whilst doing this for me.

I know Craig can walk into any situation relating not only to football but also in life and give honest feedback. He is thorough, allows himself enough time to achieve results, and strives to be the best he can be. One thing I can say about Craig is that he is the most organized person I have come across.

Craig was unfortunately broken down by injury at an early age, which was disappointing as he was an honest and skillful footballer, who got the very best out of himself, and this probably flows through to his study of football.

Where I coached in my three years (it was my first senior coaching position), I can honestly say if I did not have Craig complete the work he did for me we would not have won as many games as we did. We were not the strongest club in the three years of my appointment due to lack of depth, but I know, through feedback, that every club feared us as we always had the right planning and match ups done, and this was done only through the work of Craig Winter.

I can honestly say I will call on Craig for further advice when the time comes again for me to coach. What I have learnt from him over the years will assist me to make the correct decisions for my football career.

I have no problem recommending Craig to any football or life path he chooses to take, as I know you can not go wrong with a person who gives 110% every time they are asked to perform a particular task.

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