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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of reference for a special young woman, Jane Doe. She was a valued and trusted member of one of the most enjoyable teams I have had the pleasure of coaching in my career of well over twenty years, a 2004 girls team here at Valor Soccer Club here in Maple Valley.

Before I share what I believe to be her significant soccer ability, I think it's more important to tell you about her qualities as a person. Jane is, as I like to say, 'solid gold.' I know that might be an effusive compliment that could go to another person's head, but knowing Jane that is not the case here. I know her response would be just a slightly surprised and humble word of thanks.

Jane is one of the most committed players I have come across and is incredibly receptive to coaching. She does exactly what the team needs from her in every moment, both in training and in matches and on and off the field. She asks questions, which is actually quite rare at the youth level, and she applies what she learns from the answers. Jane also is extremely well liked by all her teammates and has a wonderful ability to connect with all the varying personalities that make up a soccer squad. Polite, humble, attentive.... I could go on. I would hire her in a minute for any job and would like to have an entire team made up of players like herself.

What I admire most about her playing ability is how smooth she is. This is a player who never seems rushed or uncertain on the ball, even when playing a high risk position like outside back. She has a gift for making clean and quick passes, many of which break lines or put the ball in a different channel so her team can break pressure and advance.

She is a committed and dogged defender and serves her team in that function with the right technique and very good decision making. She is also fortunate to have some excellent physical qualities. She is a tall player who can cover ground very quickly but does so with good balance and control.

There is no player I have worked with over the last few years that I am more comfortable putting my name behind. I am proud to be a reference for any soccer program or pursuit to which Jane Doe would be applying. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally about her.



Sincerely,

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