

Hello Flyin Ryan folks!

“WOW, OMG” are just some of the expressions I hear from the top of a venue from other coaches about Arthur Schwartz. Other things get said too, but I’d rather not share those adjectives here; with you all. Hi! My name is Teddy Goggin, Head Coach of Park City Ski and snowboard and the 2020 US Ski Team’s development coach of the year.

Today I get the privilege of sharing a few words about Artie, a slopestyle skier from the east coast. I moved to Utah from Colorado and met my teammates this fall via zoom. Within seconds of meeting Artie I could feel his enthusiasm, eagerness, respect and work ethic. Each day at training those attributes shine bright. Arthur is a brilliant skier; strong, powerful. He matches the intensity of slope courses or insane tricks with his fire. These are the skills others witness with jaws wide open as they curse in disbelief.

Athletic talent is special, and not an accident. Athletic talent does is not a guarantee of a great human being. Arthur is the guy who helps his teammates. I have seen him go out of his way to learn a much younger teammate’s name, shout him out or lift him up. Little Porter gushed with the opportunity to sit next to or ski with Artie. Everyday, I see this type of commitment to his teammates.

Maybe he is giving a car ride here, or helping some of our women on the slope course learn the intense environment, safely. As his coach, I can count on an honest and truthful perspective. Artie shoots strait, and that is less common in a modern teenage world. Arthur is grounded, and navigating a wild world of teenage years. He is uncommon.

Arthur is deserving of athletic support solely because of his actions on the slope towards others. Yet his hard work, and dedication to his own skiing remain awe inspiring. Last week, I saw him take a serious blow (NFL type of hit) with a big fall. He picked himself up, rested, got the job done- landing a run and then decided to rest and recover instead of risking further injury for a result that is dust in the wind now. He won that day in battle by landing a run. I love coaching Arthur. And when the day is done, he is next to me in the kitchen, cooking and cleaning and loving his craft and teammates even through food.

Arthur told me a few months ago about a vision board he had created in his room. This vision board goes the length of a professional skier over many years. I was gobsmacked to hear a teenager with such vision and humility. Arthur works at a ski shop to help subsidize his expenses and maintenance of his equipment. I am committed to helping him at every chance I can. Today I am asking for the Flyin’ Ryan Foundation to help us and join Team Artie with me. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Teddy Goggin