



Gael men's rugby takes on Army in thrilling contest.

Photos by Tim Mickiewicz

## SMC Men's Rugby Ends Season Ranked #5

By Jennifer Wake

In one of the final games of the season at Penn State on April 20, the Saint Mary's men's rugby team defeated the highly touted cadets of West Point, 31-27, in one of the biggest upsets in the USA Rugby Round of Sixteen.

Head Coach Tim O'Brien described it as "an absolutely thrilling contest." Although Army was in charge for the bulk of the game, leading 24-21, and with Gael lock Ryan Martens out with a concussion, the Saint Mary's team hung tough. With fifteen minutes left in the match, flyhalf Volney Rouse tied things up with a penalty goal, bringing it to 24-24. Army answered with their own penalty goal before Rouse scored the game-winning try, with less than five minutes remaining in the match.

"The team displayed an extreme sense of poise and confidence in their come-from-behind victory," said head coach Tim O'Brien. "Senior Volney Rouse and sophomore Brandon Vedder were absolutely outstanding."

The next evening the Gael took on Mid Atlantic conference #1 Navy who had rested 10 starters the previous night in their win over Clemson. Although Saint Mary's led until the third quarter, once the Midshipmen took the lead, they held it until the end.

"This was a technically

poorly played match with many turnovers and a high penalty count," O'Brien said. "We held a 17-10 lead with 12 minutes remaining, but at that time [SMC player] Kevin Swiryn, an absolute standout, was assessed a yellow card penalty."

The Gael were forced to play one man short for 10 minutes – a severe blow.

"It didn't take Navy long to exploit [our] short hand as

they scored 14 quick points and found their way to the final four," said O'Brien. "It was a frustrating loss; we were certainly not at our best."

O'Brien says standouts on the day were Volney Rouse and senior Matt Leatherby, who played the entire game at scrum half with a separated shoulder.

SMC ended the season 18-3, ranked #5 in USA Collegiate Division I.



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## Moraga Baseball Association

### Pony Division

April 29

#### Moraga Cougars 11,

#### Clayton Valley Eagles 0

**Cougar highlights:** Matt Bruzzone W, 6 IP, 0 Runs, 8K's; Sean Wraith 2-for-4, 3B, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Vince Graziano 1-for-2, 2 RBI.

April 28

#### Martinez Pilots 5,

#### Moraga Mariners 1

**Mariners highlights:** Scott Lyness 2-for-3, 2B, RBI; Phillip Wright 1-for-3, 4 IP (4 hits, no walks, 3 K's, 3 runs); Allen Smoot 1-for-1, 2B; Kevin Malley 1-for-3; KK Lowe 1-for-3.

April 28 - Game #1

#### Moraga Cougars 16,

#### Clayton Valley Eagles 4

**Cougar highlights:** Peter Matthias W, 5 IP, 5K; Matt Bruzzone 1-for-3, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Daniel Brinckerhoff 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Vince Graziano 3-for-3, RBI, 2 runs.

April 28 - Game #2

#### Moraga Cougars 14,

#### Clayton Valley Eagles 0

**Cougar highlights:** Chris Roming W, 5 IP, 0 Runs, 8 K's, 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Peter Matthias 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Josh Cushing 1-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, 1 run.

### Bronco Division

April 29

#### Nationals 8, Piedmont Scots 2

**Nationals highlights:** Matt Yoklavich 2-for-4, 3 SB's; Mason Windatt 2-for-2, 2B, 2 RBI, Joe Giacchetti 3-for-3, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Conner Rosenbaum 3 IP, save.

April 28

#### Mariner's 8, A's 3

**Mariners highlights:** Mathew Gong 2-for-4, 2 runs; John Schmitz 2-for-3, 2 runs; Robbie Kalish 1-for-4, 3 RBI. **A's highlights:** Joseph Navone 1-for-2, 2 runs; Reid Shellenbach 2-for-3; Ryan Gannett 1-for-3, run.

#### Bears 6, Nationals 4

**Bears highlights:** Robby Tenerowicz 3-for-4, 2-2B; Andy Grubbs 2-for-3, 3 RBI; Jeff Erikson 2-for-4, 2 runs. **Nationals highlights:** Chris Fafoutis 1-for-3; Brandon Dolan 1-for-3.

April 22

#### Moraga Bears 7, Piedmont 2

**Bears highlights:** Brett Stephens 1 hit, 2 runs; Ryan Hoffman 2 hits, 1-2B, RBI, 2 runs; Robbie Tenerowicz 2 hits, RBI, run; Phillip Rei 2 hits, RBI.

#### Moraga Nationals 5,

#### Orinda Rivercats 1

**Nationals highlights:** JD Ratchford 7 IP (7 K's, 2 BB, 3 hits), 2B, RBI; Mason Windatt 2 hits, 2 RBI; Billy Evenhuis 1B, RBI; James Coleman strong defense.

April 19

#### Walnut Creek Bull Dawgs 6,

#### Moraga Bears 3

**Bears highlights:** David Reynolds 2 hits, RBI; Ryan Hooper 1 hit, RBI; Robbie Tenerowicz 1 hit, RBI.

April 15

#### Moraga Bears 14,

#### Walnut Creek Red 2 - 4

**Bears highlights:** Brett Stephens 2 hits, 3 runs; Cody Kiriaze 2 hits, 2 RBI, run; Walter Brennan 1 hit, 2 RBI, run.

April 12

#### Moraga Bears 15,

#### Pleasant Hill Cardinals 1

**Bears highlights:** Jeff Erikson 3-2B, 3 RBI, 4 runs; Ryan Hooper 3 hits, 3 RBI, run; Brett Stephens 3 hits, 2B, RBI, 3 runs.

### Mustang Division

April 28 - Midseason tournament championship game

#### Rangers 10, Red Sox 3

**Rangers highlights:** Ryan Geisreiter 2 IP, 4 K's; Tyler Bartis 2-for-3, HR; Chad Abbott 1-for-2, RBI, run; Neil Kelley 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 2B. **Red Sox highlights:** Nicki Fafoutis 2 IP, 4K's; Kevin Buckley 1-for-3, 2B; Simon Vesely 1-for-2.

April 25

#### Rangers 6, A's 5

**Rangers highlights:** Wyatt McNeil 2-for-3, RBI; Neil Kelley 2-for-2, 2B, 3 runs; Ryan Geisreiter 2 IP, 1 run, 5 K's. **A's highlights:** Drew Fass unassisted double play; Alex Gannett 1-for-3, 2B, RBI; Zack Cole 2 IP, 1 run, 5 K's.

April 24

#### Red Sox 7, Orioles 3

**Red Sox highlights:** Nicolas

Fafoutis 2 IP, 1 H, 0 runs, 4 K's; Scott Smoot 3-for-3, 2-2b, 2 RBI, 3 runs, 5 SB; Kevin Buckley 2-for-3, RBI, run, 4 SB. **Orioles highlights:** Chris Daniel 2-for-2, 2-1B; Ethan Yasuda 1-for-2, 1B; Ben Skinner faced 8 batters, 4 K's, double play fly out catch at short and a throw to second; Nick Elliott right field catch for a fly out.

April 22

#### Angels 10, Yankees 7

**Yankees highlights:** Sean Papa 3-for-3, 3 runs, 2 SB; Justin Pfaff 1-for-2, run; Jacob Molloy, 1-for-3, RBI, run. **Angels highlights:** Jordan Hoover 2-for-3, 2 SB, run; Jack O'Donnell 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Kevin Shaffer 2 IP, 1R, 1K, 0 BB.

### Pinto Division

April 28

#### Diamondbacks 17, Cardinals 11

**Diamondbacks highlights:** Calvin Gee 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Kyle Hinds 4-for-4, 1-3B, 2-2B, 5 RBI, 3 runs; Lev Garcia 4-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs. **Cardinals highlights:** Nick Morgan 2-for-4, RBI, run; Erik Wenning 3-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Jack Strong 2-for-3, run.

April 25

#### Cubs 18, Cardinals 12

**Cardinals highlights:** Trevin Kroichick 3-for-4, RBI, run; Nicholas Bishop 2-for-3, run; Quinn Cuddihy 2-for-3, RBI.

April 24

#### Padres 22, Giants 12

**Padres highlights:** Grant Bartis 4-for-4, 3B, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Tomie Vega 4-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Dylan Caro 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Bryce Dugan 4-for-5, 3 RBI, run. **Giants highlights:** Nathan Carlson 3-for-3, RBI, 2 runs; Matt Bruck 2-for-4, 3RBI, 2 runs; Casey Kiriaze 3-for-4, RBI, 2 runs.

April 22

#### Diamondbacks 11, Giants 10

**Diamondbacks highlights:** Kyle Hinds 4-for-4, 3 runs, 2 RBI; Jake Oxendine 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Grady Eglin: 2-for-3, RBI. **Giants highlights:** Harry Curtiss 3-for-4, RBI, run; Sam O'Donnell 3-for-4, 2 RBI, run; Nicky Erickson 3-for-4, 2-2B, 4 RBI, run.

## Outfielder Eric Cattoni Nominated for CLASS Award

By Jennifer Wake

Saint Mary's senior outfielder Eric Cattoni, who has set the pace with single season stolen bases and runs scored this season, was among a list of 30 candidates for the baseball division of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.

The CLASS award, which stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, was originally launched in 2001-02 with basketball as a way to honor excellent student-athletes who stayed in college amid the lure of professional offers. Lowe's recently announced the addition of baseball and three other NCAA sports to the CLASS award program.

Out of the list of baseball division nominees spanning the country, Cattoni was the only representative chosen from a California institution.

While Cattoni's on-the-field performance during his collegiate baseball career was a factor in determining his candidacy, his

personal character and off-the-field achievements in the classroom solidified the nomination. Since coming to Saint Mary's in 2005 from the College of Southern Idaho, the Lethbridge, Alberta native has maintained a 4.0 GPA while taking pre-med courses. He was also awarded the CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award for his outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry.

On the field, Cattoni has proven himself as a WCC leader, moving into a tie for ninth all-time in single season stolen bases with 26 while his 46 runs scored this season rank him in a tie for eighth in single season runs scored. He also sits in sixth all-time with 43 career stolen bases – five away from two others in fifth.

Ten finalists for the award will be selected by a national media committee in May, with the award winner and the college baseball All-Senior All-

America Team to be announced during the 2007 NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb., next month.

Last weekend, the Saint Mary's baseball team hosted the Portland Pilots in a three-game conference series at Louis Guisto Field. In addition to Cattoni, other Saint Mary's WCC leaders include freshman Anthony Aliotti, who is second in the conference with 29 walks and a .455 on base percentage, and sophomore Joel Staples, who is fourth in home runs with six, fifth in slugging percentage at .527, and fifth in RBI with 35.

The Gael held a record of 17-23-1 (0-12 WCC) going into last weekend's series, following the 7-6 victory over Sacramento State on April 25 where Cattoni hit a "three-run bomb" before freshman Taylor Stanton brought in the save to secure the one-run victory.



Outfielder Eric Cattoni waits for the pitch

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## Mike Magidson, From Sleepy Hollow to the Airbus

Mike had returned to his country 10 days before 9/11. As a result, a European network bought Mike's project "American Manifest," a film about how ordinary Americans, living in different parts of the country, reacted to the terrible event. Mike would have liked to stay more than a year here, but his career was in Europe. Upon his return, he directed "The Long Trail," one of his most acclaimed documentaries,

about the Inuit populations in Greenland. Then in 2004, he was hired by Discovery Channel to develop a project about the creation of the Airbus A380, the biggest commercial carrier ever built. After 3 years of filming, the undertaking is coming to an end. Five 46 minutes films have been created by Mike. The first 3 have already been broadcast in the US, and the last two are coming. Subsequently, Mike has been all over the world with the plane. John Travolta is "the face" of the Australian Airline and as a certified 747 pilot, he was very interested in the specifics of piloting

the A380. Mike had a blast filming him and was charmed by his genuine sweetness.

Now that the Airbus Project is at an end, Mike is starting a new chapter in his life. His first fiction film is in the making. The harder part is to secure the financing, but he expects to start filming in December 2008. The story is set in Greenland and the underlying theme is the collision between the modern and ancient Eskimo world. Mike loves collisions and the sparks that result from them.

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