

Gaels' Cattoni named All-Senior All-American

By Zack Farmer

Eric Cattoni, senior outfielder for Saint Mary's College, was selected to Lowe's All-Senior All-American first team. The announcement came at the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska two weeks ago.

Lowe's has sponsored the award since 2001 and has given the award to the complete student athlete. This includes his on-the-field performance, classroom performance, and his character in the community. In his senior season, Cattoni batted .303 with three home run and 15 RBIs, led the West Coast Conference (WCC) in runs scored with 54, and placed second in stolen bases with 28.

Lowe's Senior Vice President of Marketing and Advertising Bob Gfeller explained what this award meant. "These ten players are not only among the nation's best college baseball players, they are remarkable students and community members who have worked hard to accomplish great things both on and off the field," said Gfeller. "Lowe's is proud of its affiliation with the NCAA and college athletics, and we are pleased to help honor these individuals who have displayed a commitment to excellence as true student-athletes."

On top of his on-the-field success, Cattoni was elected to the All-WCC Academic Team and ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team. This is brought upon by his 4.0 grade point average while taking p[re-med courses at Saint Mary's. Cattoni also received the CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award, an award presented for more than 50 years.

He is also a resident advisor for freshmen on campus and provides his residents with activities and guidance for college life.

Lowe's selected 10 student athletes for the award, five for the first team and five for the second team. Cattoni was the only player on the first team selected from a west coast university.

Joining Cattoni on the first team are Bryan Henry of Florida State University, Austin Adams of Texas Christian University, and Andy DeLaGarza of Coastal Carolina University. The second team



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consists of Eric Rose of the University of Michigan, Ryan Gryskevich of Bucknell University, Brad Mills of the University of Arizona, Keanon Simon of Oklahoma State University and Aaron Ivey of Oklahoma University.

Cattoni has one year remaining at Saint Mary's but is out of eligibility in the NCAA.

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