

# SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS



## Saint Mary's Baseball Player Recognized

Troy Channing receives fourth straight All-American selection

Written with information provided by Rich Davi



Troy Channing Photo Tod Fierner

Saint Mary's baseball player Troy Channing has only just completed his freshman season but his stellar performance in the West Coast Conference (WCC) has garnered much recognition.

Channing completed the WCC as the triple-crown leader, topping the conference charts with 20 homeruns, 75 RBI and a .379 average. Not only is Channing the first player

in Saint Mary's history to win the WCC triple-crown, he is only the third player to do so in the conference since 1985. The 20 homeruns and 75 RBI are also Saint Mary's single season records.

These top numbers have earned Channing a multiple of awards. He was recently named to the 2009 Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA Freshman All-American Team, the Louisville

Sluggish Freshman All-American Team and the All-Ping Freshman Team. He was also one of 16 players named a semi-finalist to the Dick Howser Trophy.

On June 12 Channing was again honored as he was named Second Team All-American by Baseball America.

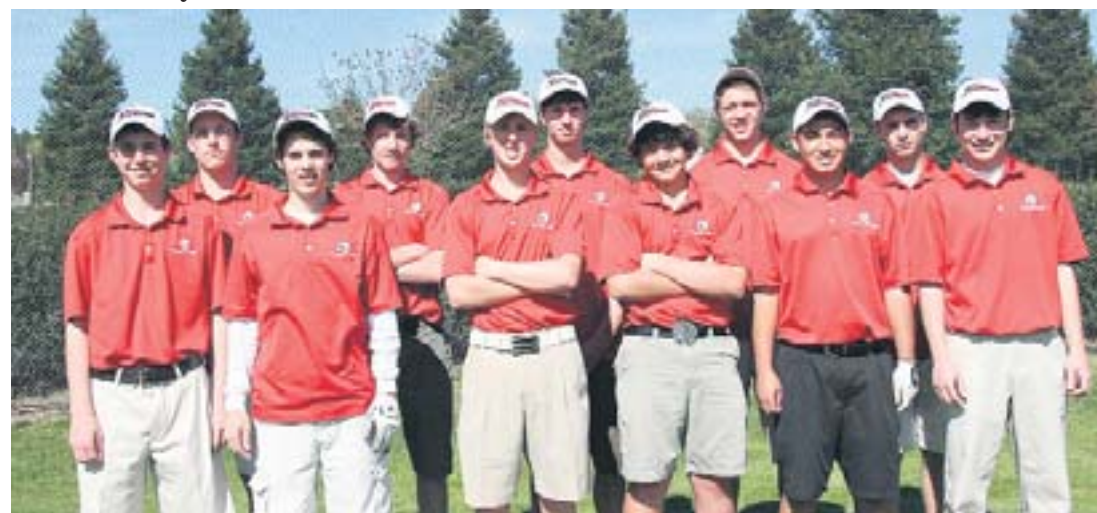
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### Four Gaels Drafted by the Big League

The Major League Baseball (MLB) draft proved to be exciting for the Saint Mary's baseball team as four of their players were chosen. Three juniors and one senior were selected on the second day of the First-Year Player Draft. Junior outfielder Kyle Jensen was taken in the 12th round, number 368 overall, by the Florida Marlins. Junior first baseman Anthony Aliotti will be staying close. He was selected in the 15th round, number 453 overall, the Oakland Athletics. Junior pitcher Scott Schneider was taken in the 20th round by the St. Louis Cardinals with the 609th overall pick. Senior pitcher Brian Justice was chosen in the 27th round as the 820th overall pick by the Toronto Blue Jays. Head coach Jedd Soto had nothing but positive things to say about his players. Under Soto Saint Mary's has had 13 players drafted in six years.

## Campolindo Golf Team Helps Community

Submitted by Jeff Wicker



Campolindo Golf Varsity Team

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The Campolindo High School boys' golf team is holding a used golf equipment drive this Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Moraga Country Club in the parking lot next to the public putting green. Any clubs or bags are welcome and the donations are tax deductible. The collected gear will be

donated to First Tee of Contra Costa. First Tee is a national organization that distributes donated golf equipment to underprivileged kids.

For more information or questions please contact Camden Wicker (925) 376-4632.

## LMYA Team Records Undefeated Season Oregon Ducks average 24 runs per game

Submitted by Fia Parker



Photo Caption: Back row, left to right: Coach Fia Parker, Savannah Mone, Molly Longchamps, Annie Roullier, Lexi Fraser, Kailey Meyer, Haley Pinella, Coach Flora Pinella Front row, left to right: Nicole Edwards, Cate Hamalian, Isabel Elings, Nell Kessenich, Nicole Kessenich, Ashley Thoms

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As the Lafayette-Moraga Youth Association softball season came to an end, one team in particular had a lot to be proud of. The Oregon Ducks recorded an undefeated season. The combination of second and third grade girls from Burton Valley Elementary School was coached by Fia Parker and Flora Pinella.

The Ducks closed out the regular season on June 6 with a de-

cisive 25-19 win over the Washington Huskies. The victory reflected their dominant season as the Ducks averaged 24 runs per game. In one game the team recorded a triple play and two double plays. The strong offensive team was not lacking on the defensive end as they managed to hold opponents to an average of nine runs per game.

"This was a very special group of girls, and they were able

to experience a magical season together. They worked hard during every practice and played hard during every game. The parental support was incredible, and all of the girls had a lot fun playing together. They were truly a pleasure to coach and it was wonderful to watch how much they challenged and supported each other throughout the season," said head coach Fia Parker.

## Saint Mary's Player Enters NBA Draft

Patrick Mills forgoes final two years



Patrick Mills last January

Photo Tod Fierner

Saint Mary's sophomore guard Patrick Mills has officially declared for the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft. Although he entered months ago he has formally announced he will forgo his final two seasons to play professionally. Mills has led the Gaels squad to both a NCAA tournament first round appearance and their first ever National Invitational Tournament (NIT) appearance. He has broken numerous Saint Mary's records. The NBA draft will be held at Madison Square Garden on June 25. ESPN will cover the event beginning at 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

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