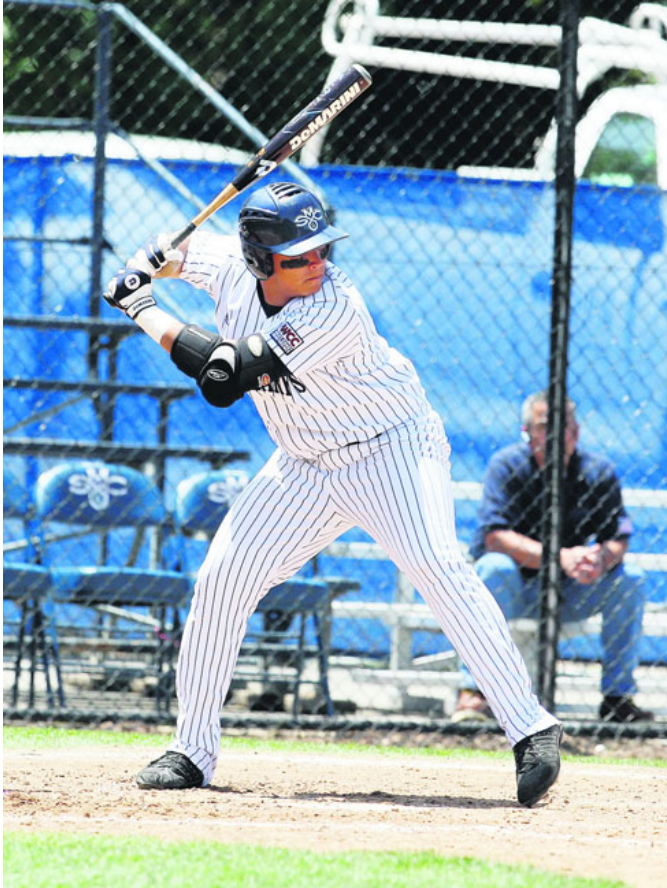


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Saint Mary's Baseball Player Recognized Troy Channing receives fourth straight All-American selection

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Troy Channing Photo Tod Fierner

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.

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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 Slugger 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