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CCCAA Student Athletes in the MLB Draft

Sacramento, CA . . . California Community College baseball has a rich history of student athletes entering the MLB draft with this year being no different. In the 2011 MLB draft a total of 79 current or former California Community College Athletic Association student athletes were drafted. Whether these student athletes came straight out of the CCC system or transferred to a four-year institution and were then drafted, the talent level of the CCCAA athletes continues to be there. Leading the pack this year was freshman pitcher Jake Sisco out of Merced College who was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the third round as the 97th overall pick.

Sisco was the ace for the Blue Devils leading them to a Conference Championship and into the super regionals. He had a regular season record of 10-0 with a 1.72 ERA and a state leading 105 strikeouts. Deservedly so, Sisco was an All-American and named the Northern California Pitcher of the Year.

Not far behind Sisco in the draft was sophomore pitcher Kylin Turnbull of Santa Barbara City College. Turnbull was selected by the Washington Nationals in the fourth round and was number 127 overall. In the 2011 season he went 5-2 with a 2.47 ERA, 92 strikeouts and four complete games. Turnbull earned All-Conference recognition and led SBCC to their first super regional birth in school history.

Other Notables

Dayton Alexander – Drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the sixth round as the 196th overall pick. The speedy centerfielder helped to bolster Feather River College's lineup, leading them to a state best 23-5 conference record. Alexander had a .382 batting average, four home runs and 18 stolen bases earning himself All-Northern California honors.

Kellen Moen – Drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the seventh round as the 216th overall pick. Moen transferred from El Camino College to the University of Oregon in 2009. His last season with ECC Moen had a 6-3 record with four complete games and a 2.51 ERA.

Ryan Rieger – Drafted out of the College of the Sequoias by the Florida Marlins. He was chosen in the seventh round as the 223rd overall pick. In 2011 the first baseman had a .365 batting average, seven home runs and a .701 slugging percentage.

Roberto Padilla – Drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the eighth round as the 258th overall pick. Padilla was the Ohlone College Renegades' star pitcher in 2010, leading them to a state championship with a regular season record of 11-2 and a 3.27 ERA. His postseason run was even more impressive making six appearances with four starts, a 4-0 record with three complete games, a 1.01 ERA and one save. He then transferred to San Jose State University for the 2011 season.

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About the CCCAA

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) is the governing body providing oversight of intercollegiate athletics within the California Community College System. The single largest educational system in the world, with attendance in excess of over 2.6 million students annually, the California Community College system serves one-third of all community college students in the United States. The CCCAA establishes the rules and regulations to administer the intercollegiate athletic activities of the nearly 27,000 student athletes attending California's community colleges. To view the latest news, information, and updates of all 23 CCCAA-sanctioned sports visit www.cccaasports.org.

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