



# 2001 BIG WEST BASEBALL



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## BIG WEST POPULAR WITH MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS

### *Thirty-Eight Conference Baseball Players Selected In MLB Draft*

Irvine, CA -- The Big West had 38 players selected over two days of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, including 12 who were taken in the first 10 rounds.

Long Beach State shortstop Bobby Crosby, the Big West Player of the Year, led a 10-player contingent of Dirtbag players, the most of any school in the Big West. Crosby was the first Big West player off the board, as the Oakland Athletics chose him with the 25th pick of the first round. Big West Pitcher of the Year Kirk Saarloos, who is leading Cal State Fullerton into this year's College World Series, was the next Big West player selected, going to the Houston Astros in the third round (86th overall). J.T. Stotts of Cal State Northridge also was picked in the third round.

Cal State Fullerton and UC Santa Barbara each had nine players drafted while Pacific followed with five. Titan infielders Aaron Rifkin and Mike Rouse were grabbed in the fourth and fifth rounds by the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays, respectively. The Gauchos' Jared Schumaker, who led the Big West with 100 hits this season, was taken in the fifth round (164th overall) by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cal State Fullerton had a total of five players drafted in the first nine rounds, the most of any conference school.

## **BIG WEST PLAYERS SELECTED IN 2001 MLB DRAFT**

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Pick</u>	<u>Club</u>
Bobby Crosby	Long Beach State	1	25	Oakland Athletics
Kirk Saarloos	Cal State Fullerton	3	86	Houston Astros
J.T. Stotts	Cal State Northridge	3	101	Oakland Athletics
Aaron Rifkin	Cal State Fullerton	4	125	New York Yankees
Mike Rouse	Cal State Fullerton	5	151	Toronto Blue Jays
Jared Schumaker	UC Santa Barbara	5	164	St. Louis Cardinals
Russel Rohlicek	Long Beach State	6	176	Houston Astros
Chad Bentz	Long Beach State	7	202	Montreal Expos
Mike Frick	Cal State Northridge	8	251	Oakland A's
Brett Kay	Cal State Fullerton	8	252	New York Mets
Shawn Norris	Cal State Fullerton	9	262	Montreal Expos
Jim Bullard	UC Santa Barbara	9	283	Chicago White Sox
D.J. Houlton	Pacific	11	326	Houston Astros
Kaulana Kuhaulua	Long Beach State	12	347	Minnesota Twins
Jamie Gonzales	UC Santa Barbara	12	357	Detroit Tigers
Shane Waroff	Cal State Fullerton	13	398	Arizona Diamondbacks
Jason Walker	Pacific	14	412	Montreal Expos
Dave Molitor	UC Santa Barbara	14	426	Cincinnati Reds
Tyler Von Schell	UC Santa Barbara	15	466	San Francisco Giants
Jon Smith	Cal State Fullerton	16	474	Pittsburgh Pirates
Robert Guzman	Cal State Fullerton	18	527	Minnesota Twins
Jeff Bannon	UC Santa Barbara	18	546	Cincinnati Reds
Josh Alliston	Long Beach State	19	582	New York Mets
David Bacani	Cal State Fullerton	22	672	New York Mets
Kevin Correia	Cal Poly	23	704	St. Louis Cardinals
Bryan Kennedy	Long Beach State	24	707	Minnesota Twins
Richard Hackett	Pacific	25	743	Baltimore Orioles
Rick Morton	Pacific	25	757	Cleveland Indians
Jeff Cruz	Long Beach State	27	814	Colorado Rockies
Keith Anderson	Cal Poly	27	826	San Francisco Giants
Rylie Ogle	UC Santa Barbara	28	852	New York Mets
Jeff Jones	Long Beach State	30	914	St. Louis Cardinals
Chad Peshke	UC Santa Barbara	33	997	Cleveland Indians
Jed Stringham	UC Santa Barbara	36	1077	Detroit Tigers
Todd Culp	Pacific	37	1117	Cleveland Indians
Bob Cramer	Long Beach State	38	1149	Seattle Mariners
Jared Blasdell	Cal Poly	38	1154	St. Louis Cardinals
Corry Parrott	Long Beach State	44	1312	Milwaukee Brewers