

California Collegiate League

2008 Top Professional prospects

Player, Position, Team (B/T Ht. Wt. 08 Class School)

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| 1 | <p>Kevin Keyes, OF, Santa Barbara Foresters (R/R 6-4 225 Fr. Texas)
 The most promising potential in the league. Plus power, plus speed. Hit 7 HR (4th), .593 SLG. (2nd) and 13-13 SB (3rd). Needs to learn patience at the plate and better pitch recognition.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Kevin Castner, RP, Santa Barbara Foresters (R/R 6-4 230 RS So. Cal Poly)
 Top power arm in the league. Pitched at 93-95 and touched 97. Body type profiles for the professional level. Solved spring command problems early in the summer. Drafted in 10th Rd. in 2008 by Texas Rangers.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Cameron Rupp, C, Santa Barbara Foresters (R/R 6-2 220 Fr. Texas)
 Top-throwing catcher in the league by a long-shot. Great pro body with plus power at the plate. Struggled this summer with small, nagging injuries but shows great professional potential. Strong work ethic, make-up.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Kevin Gelinias, RP, Conejo Oaks (L/L 6-5 235 Fr. Pepperdine)
 Hard throwing LHP with pro body. Made 15 APP (4th) and 1.17 ERA with 4 wins and had 44 strikeouts in 24 innings.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Chris Joyce, SP, Santa Barbara Foresters (L/L 6-1 200 Sr. Dos Pueblos HS (Goleta, CA))
 A 10th round draftee of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2008. Saw limited action this summer due to minor knee surgery but continues to impress scouts with a 88-92 fb and solid command and mound presence.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Josh Poytress, SP, San Luis Obispo Rattlers (L/L, Sr. Fowler High School)
 A 10th round draftee of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2008. Saw limited action this summer but continues to impress scouts with a 88-92 fb and solid command and mound presence.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Nick Akins, 2B, MLB Urban Academy (R/R 6-1 185)
 Tremendous athlete with unlimited upside. Led league in HR (9) but hit only .237 AVG with 22 H in 93 AB and only 3 SB. Will improve with more ab and better pitch recognition.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Mason Radeke, SP, San Luis Obispo Rattlers (R/R 6-1 175 Sr. Santa Barbara High School)
 Held his own as a high-school player against college hitters, at times dominating. Plus fb (88-91) and polished mechanics bode for promising future. Led the league in K (67) and finished second in wins (5). Pitched 54 innings and averaged 1.26 K/IP. Set to attend Cal Poly in the fall.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Neil Medchill, OF, Santa Barbara Foresters (L/R 6-4 200 RS So. Oklahoma St.)
 Drafted 33rd round by the NY Mets in '08; All-five tools average or above. Hit .321 with 29 RBI (3rd), 4 HR (9th), 43 H (4th), 7 SB, 10 2B (5th), 3 3B (2nd) and .530 SLG. (8th). Was a HS catcher and a JC All-American at 1B.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Ryan Cook, SP, Santa Barbara Foresters (R/R 6-2 190 So. USC)
 Hard throwing RHP (91-93) with command of a legitimate slider. Solid mound presence with great tempo. Went 5-2 in the summer (one loss vs. Cuban National Team) with a 1.97 ERA (3rd), 55 K (4th) 1.22 K/IP (3rd) and 0.33 BB/IP (9th). Drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks (27th Rd) in 2008.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Chad Mozingo, OF, Santa Barbara Foresters (L/L 5-11 185 Fr. Rice)
 The best pure hitter and competitor in the league. Set an all-time single-season record with a .470 AVG. Short swing with very quick bat. Plus runner, plus glove, average arm. Had 10 2B (5th), .520 OB% (1st), .590 SLG. (3rd) and 8 SB (7th). Plays with intensity and desire. Future Lenny Dykstra.</p> |
| 12 | <p>Ryan Thornton, OF, MLB Urban Academy (R/R 6-1 200 JR UNLV)
 Potential four-tool player (arm below average) with good upside. Led league with 4 3B, 18 SB and 40 R. Finished hitting .292 with 6 HR (7th), 10 2B (5th) and 42 H (5th)</p> |
| 13 | <p>Adam Clerici, RP, San Luis Obispo Rattlers (R/R 6-5 200 Jr. Newman Univ.)
 The dominant relief pitcher in the league. 21 APP (1st), 63 K (3rd), 1.61 K/IP (1st), 0.26 BB/IP (3rd) in 39.1 IP (10th) with 5 Saves (3rd)</p> |
| 14 | <p>Joey Cutler, RP, Santa Barbara Foresters (R/R 6-2 195 Jr. NC State)
 Despite arriving late, led league in saves (9). Deceptive delivery with plus fb (90-92) and power curve.</p> |
| 15 | <p>Jimmy Dodos, OF, Santa Maria Indians (L/L 5-11 185 Jr. Chico State)
 League MVP; Potential fourth outfielder at the ML level; Runs well enough to play cf. Finished in the top ten in all offensive categories this summer; 8 HR (2nd), 31 RBI (2nd), .361 AVG. (4th), .586 SLG. (4th), 8 SB (7th)</p> |
| 16 | <p>Kyle Whitten, SP, MLB Urban Academy (R/R 6-3 So. Bakersfield JC)
 Committed to Cal. St. Fullerton for the fall. Good competitor, strike-thrower with 88-92 fb, slider and change.</p> |