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"RAISING THE BAR IN SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL"

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17 Gulls Drafted In 2009 MLB Amateur Draft

The 2009 MLB Amateur Draft concluded on Wednesday June 11. Throughout the process, 17 Newport Gulls were drafted, including three current Gulls players. Below is a look at these players.

Chris Dominguez, a red shirt junior from Louisville, was drafted in the third round by the San Francisco Giants at pick number 86. While starting in all 64 games at Louisville, Dominguez led the team in home runs (25), runs batted in (82), slugging percentage (.698), and total bases (180). Dominguez also holds the Newport Gulls all time record with 11 home runs in a single season.

Ten picks later, **Brett Wallach**, was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers. Wallach played the 2009 season at Orange Coast College and was going to play for the Gulls in 2009 but wanted to wait to see what the MLB Draft held for him. He posted a 9-1 record with a 2.23 ERA in 96.2 innings pitched during the 2009 season. Wallach was dominant as he struck out 102 batters while only walking 36.

The Florida Marlins selected **Dan Mahoney** at pick 128 in the fourth round. Mahoney played for the Gulls in 2008 while posting a 1.66 ERA out of the bullpen. He struck out 36 batters in 21.2 innings. Mahoney played held batters to a .208 average in 28 innings for the Connecticut Huskies this past season.

Kyle Conley started all 55 games this past season for Washington while leading the team with 19 home runs and 55 RBI's. He was drafted in the seventh round with the St. Louis Cardinals' 219 pick. Conley played on the 2008 Gulls while hitting eight home runs and knocking in 37 RBI's in 32 games played.

Another member of the 2008 Newport Gulls, **Nick Santomauro**, was drafted by the New York Mets at pick 314 in the tenth round. While with the Gulls, he hit .286 with a .437 slugging percentage. The junior outfielder hit .372 this past year at Dartmouth while hitting eight home runs and collecting 40 RBI's.

Adam Wilk was drafted with the 330 pick by the Detroit Tigers in the 11th round from Long Beach State. The 6-2 lefty went 7-4 with a 2.78 ERA in 94 innings pitched. With the Gulls in 2007, Wilk went 3-2 in eight starts with a 1.12 ERA. Wilk is in the Newport Gulls record book as he holds the record for least hits allowed by a pitcher (25) and least runs allowed by a pitcher (9) in a season.

Another 2007 alum, **Andrew Carraway**, was drafted in the 12th round with the 353 pick by the Seattle Mariners. Carraway posted a 2.19 ERA while going 3-1 in 37 innings pitched. He started five games while coming in as relief in three games. He also held batters to a .209 average. This past season with Virginia, Carraway went 8-1 with a 4.13 ERA. He also struck out 71 batters in 85 innings pitched.

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Jeremy Johnson was drafted by the Cleveland Indians with their 395 pick in the 13th round. Johnson went 1-2 out of the pen in 2007 with a 1.50 ERA and one save with the Gulls. Johnson also struck out 24 batters in 18 innings. Johnson came out of the pen 28 times this season compiling a 6-2 record and a 2.90 ERA. He also struck out 61 hitters in 59 innings.

The New York Mets drafted **Alex Gregory** with the 524 pick in the 17th round. Gregory played with Santomauro in 2008 who was also drafted by the Mets. In the 2008 season, Gregory hit .308 with eight home runs and leading the team with 40 RBI's. This past season, he batted .407 with ten home runs with Radford University. He led the team in runs batted in (42), total bases (116), and slugging percentage (.655).

Joey Bergman was drafted in the 22nd round with the St. Louis Cardinals 669 pick. Bergman played for the 2008 Newport Gulls. He was also scheduled to play for the 2009 Gulls but like Wallach, he wanted to see what opportunities might arise from the MLB Draft. For the College of Charleston in 2009, Bergman hit .452 with 15 home runs and 57 RBI's. Bergman also led regular starters with a slugging percentage of .778.

The Tampa Bay Rays drafted the 2008 Gull **Ryan Wiegand** with their 769 pick in the 25th round. Wiegand started in all 54 games while hitting .318 with seven home runs and 65 RBI's. With the Gulls, Wiegand hit two home runs with 14 RBI's in 36 games.

Catcher **Jack Murphy** was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays with their 940 pick in the 31st round. Murphy played with the Gulls in 2008 putting up a .329 batting average with three home runs and 20 RBI's. For the Princeton Tigers this past year, Murphy hit .291 while starting all of the Tigers 37 games. Murphy also hit four homers and 27 RBI's while ranking second on the team in total bases (61).

The Texas Rangers took **Kyle Rhoad** and **Jared Prince** in the 33rd and 34th rounds respectively. Both players played for the 2008 Newport Gulls. Rhoad led Eastern Michigan this past season in batting average (.349), runs scored (69), hits (81), and stolen bases (32). Prince hit .343 in 54 games. He hit seven home runs while knocking in 38 runs. He also pitched in eight games this season going 1-4 with 18 strike outs in 38.2 innings pitched. Both players contributed to the success of the 2008 Newport Gulls.

Alabama outfielder, **Brandon May**, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs with their pick 1100 in the 36th round. May is a 2007 Newport Gulls alum where he hit .261 with one home run and 22 RBI's. This past season, May hit .347 with 12 home runs in 56 games for the Crimson Tide.

Another 2007 Gull alum, **Jonathan White**, was drafted by the San Francisco Giants with their 1197 pick in the 40th round. White hit .266 this past year in 47 games at Vanderbilt. He also had two home runs and 19 RBI's. With the Gulls, he hit .246 with 13 RBI's in 37 games.

Matt Branham, current Gulls starting pitcher, was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 47th round with their 1421 pick. Branham won his first game of the season for the Gulls during their home opener as he pitched six strong innings while only giving up one hit. The junior posted a 4.39 ERA this past year at South Carolina Upstate while going 2-5. He also struck out 82 batters in 82 innings.

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