

BCA Rookie of the Month



Alex Martinez

James Logan High School, Union City, California

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James Logan High School's varsity baseball coach, John Goulding, has worked with all-star players like Barry Bonds and Gregg Jefferies over the years. He thinks his freshman player Alex Martinez has what it takes.

"He's certainly up there with all the best ones I've ever coached," said Goulding.

Martinez pitches for James Logan High as well as playing shortstop, and second and third bases. He's was also part of USA Baseball's 2009 14U National Team where he pitched and won two games in Ecuador.

He throws 85 mph and hits around .588, said Goulding. Martinez, 5' 10" and 170 pounds, hits fifth in the team's lineup and has only struck out once the whole season. He also plays on the school's junior varsity basketball team.

Even though he expected a lot from Martinez, Goulding made sure he earned his place on the varsity team.

"For a freshman to make the starting lineup they don't just jump right in," he said. "He had to earn his opportunity, and boy did he ever."

At the beginning of the season, Martinez was faced with the challenge of competing against seniors for starting positions, said Goulding.

Martinez fits well with the other players despite being a freshman because he works hard and the rest of the team respects that.

"He's done a beautiful job of blending in and mixing and making friends," said Goulding.

James Logan High School is 21 and 5 this season. The team is one of the top teams in the San Francisco Bay area and Martinez has definitely contributed to their success, said Goulding.

Congratulations for being a great rookie, Alex!