

2010
BCA Rookie of the Year



John Paul "J.P." Crawford
Lakewood High School, Lakewood, CA

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Lakewood High School in Lakewood, C.A., has a great tradition of successful baseball players, but never before like John Paul "J.P." Crawford.

"We've never had a freshman that has started for us, let alone shortstop!" said Head Coach Spud O'Neil.

The Lakewood Lancers have been moving up in the BCA/Baseball America rankings, and as of the March 30th top 25 teams the previously unranked Lakewood High School is ranked 23rd thanks, in part, to Crawford, said O'Neil.

Crawford is the leadoff hitter for the Lancers and is currently hitting around .348 but has been as high as the .400s in the past, said O'Neil.

On top of that, O'Neil said that Crawford has made 17 runs in 14 games and stolen 6 out of 7 bases.

Coach O'Neil said he has been very impressed with Crawford this season. "He has been a very good defensive shortstop," said O'Neil.

Crawford also played for the 15 and 16 year old U.S.A. team in Ecuador earlier in the school year, said O'Neil.

Coach O'Neil said J.P. fits right in with the rest of the team. But even though he is a star player, he is still a freshman at Lakewood High School.

Freshmen and sophomores usually clean up after games at Lakewood High School, and Crawford is no exception, said Coach O'Neil.

"They make sure he knows his place," he said.

J.P. Crawford has a strong start to what looks like a great season. Good luck to J.P. and the Lakewood Lancers, we hope to see more of you this season!

2010 Season High School Stats:

GP	AB	R	H	RBI	2b	3b	HR	Sb/Sba	Bat Ave
34	122	20	27	21	6	1	6	20/20	.410