

## BCA Rookie of the Month



**Chris Rivera**

*El Dorado High School, Placentia, California*

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If you head down to the El Dorado High School in Placentia, California on the weekends, you can sometimes find Chris Rivera, freshman SS, running laps outside of practice and on his own time.

Rivera's spirit is contagious, said Head Baseball Coach Dave Moore. He dives all over the field during practice, he is the first player to stay after practice and works on his game when he goes home.

“He gets after it like a professional,” said Moore. “He does a lot to make himself better.”

Rivera is the varsity team's starting shortstop, closer on the mound and leads the team in home runs and saves. He has a strong arm, high energy and is extremely knowledgeable about the game.

“When you watch him play you certainly don't see freshman,” said Moore. “You see a talented baseball player.”

But his strengths also contribute to some of his challenges. Rivera's aggressiveness is what Moore sometimes has to tone down, he said.

“Anytime he has made mistakes it is because he's been over aggressive,” said Moore.

Being a freshman makes Rivera stand out, but it doesn't affect his relationship with the rest of the team, said Moore. Except when it comes down to field duties.

“He's 100 percent as a teammate,” said Moore.

Rivera knows that he is a good player, but Coach Moore sees no arrogance in his freshman short stop.

“He's got a lot of humility. He doesn't flaunt anything,” said Moore. “He's just a very classy human being.”

El Dorado High's varsity baseball team is lucky to have a strong player with such a great attitude. Congratulations Chris!