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El Camino College Alumni Drafted to Major League Baseball Programs Pitchers Dalton Erb and Sean Isaac selected in the 2016 MLB First-Year Player Draft

Two El Camino College baseball alumni were recently drafted in the 2016 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Dalton Erb, who was a standout player for North Torrance High School before attending ECC, was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 30th round. Sean Isaac, an All-Bay League selection while playing at Mira Costa High School, was chosen by the Los Angeles Angels in the 35th round.

Isaac is a 2016 graduate of Vanguard University. The 6-foot-4-inch, 230-pound pitcher went 14-3 with a 2.33 ERA and had 147 strikeouts in 127 innings pitched as a senior this past season. At ECC he was a South Coast Conference honorable mention pitcher with the conference champion team.

"El Camino College has a longstanding practice of focusing on both the educational and athletic opportunities for all student-athletes so they may reach their goals on and off the field," said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney. "Congratulations to these athletes for turning their passion, hard work and skills into a promising career in baseball."

Erb said he learned he was chosen for the pros while watching the draft online with teammates from his summer baseball team in Canada. After playing with the ECC Warriors, Erb headed to California State University, Chico for one season where the 6-foot-8-inch, 250-pound right-handed pitcher went 6-3 with a 3.62 ERA and had 70 strikeouts in 82 innings.

"It was a huge relief," Erb said about being selected during the draft. He said he's been playing baseball with the support of his father, "basically since I could walk." The right-handed pitcher said he loves the pace of the sport, and the complicated mental game it requires.

"Playing professionally has always been my dream since I was a little kid, and it finally happened," said Erb, who was named the Daily Breeze Player of the Year in 2012. "I was super excited."

Erb said El Camino College's team was a supportive training ground as he moved forward with his baseball career.

"You always have a good time out there, it's very welcoming," Erb said. "There were always laughs, but everyone would also be serious and try their hardest to become part of a winning team."