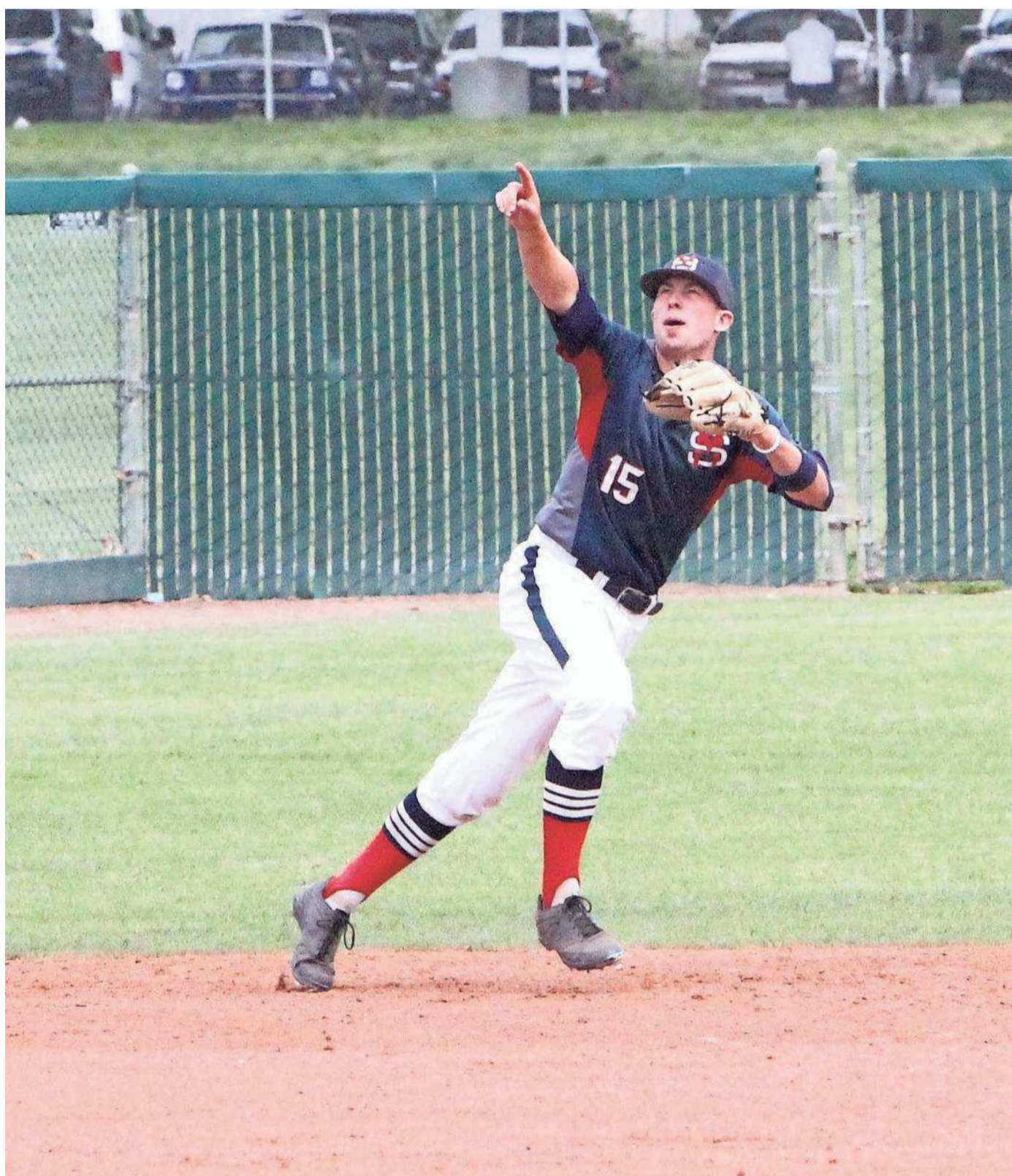


Anders Green reaches new heights in college baseball



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College of San Mateo sophomore shortstop Anders Green, a Silverton graduate, tracks a fly ball against Chabot on April 22.



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COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO SHORTSTOP AND SILVERTON GRADUATE

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Playing too many baseball games in a season is a problem most players from Oregon don't have.

It's something that Anders Green suddenly had to worry about.

When the all-star shortstop signed to play baseball at College of San Mateo, he had to pace himself with a school ball season of 41 games.

That's something he never had to do growing up in Silverton, where he graduated high school in 2015.

Through the April 27 game against San Francisco, San Mateo has played 39 games in a season that started back in January.

The ability to play games — rather than wait through rainout after rainout — was one of the main reasons why Green wanted to go to a college in the

Golden State.

"It's always like on the rainy days the rain comes in the morning and it's dried out by game time," he said.

Green has started all 39 games, is batting .354 with .489 on-base and .639 slugging percentages, eight doubles, six triples, seven home runs, 42 RBI, scored 41 runs and stole nine bases for No. 5 ranked San Mateo (33-6 overall, 18-2 Coast Golden Gate division).

In the fall, Green committed to play baseball at Dallas Baptist, which plays baseball at the NCAA Division I level.

Green wanted to play baseball at Dallas Baptist out of high school at Silverton, even though he had options to play collegiate baseball at every level.

He went as far as to email Dallas Baptist's coaches multiple times, but he never heard back from them.

"It wasn't an option," Green said.

This fall San Mateo coach Doug Williams got in contact with the Dallas Baptist coaching staff and sent them film of Green.

He talked to the coaching staff, made a visit to Dallas and committed to the college quickly.

Green is planning on studying kinesiology at Dallas Baptist with a goal of becoming a personal trainer or working in player development.

He spent last summer playing in the wooden bat Jayhawk League in Kansas, but figures he'll spend this summer getting physically prepared to play at the Division I level.

Green got a boost in attention this season when he was named a Junior College Pre-Season All-American.

Then he got off to a ridiculously hot start to this season, batting .490 with .591 on-base and .959 slugging percent-

ages with six doubles, four triples and three home runs, scored 19 runs and had 19 RBI in the first 14 games for San Mateo.

On March 2, he was named the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association NorCal Offensive Player of the Week.

The 6-foot-1 Green put on 10 pounds onto his frame and now at 190 pounds he has a sudden pop in his bat.

Compared with last season when he had a slugging percentage of .441, it was a significant improvement.

"Our lineup's really deep," Green said. "I got guys behind me and in front of me so you see a lot more pitches. Yeah, you know even if you do get walked, I know the guy behind me can hit."

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The Chabot College bench watches during Green's at-bat during a game on April 22. The shortstop is hitting .354 with seven home runs and 42 RBI in 39 games this season for College of San Mateo.