

Home Town Hero Gives Back to El Segundo.

Nigel Nootbaar helps special needs kids at Beach City Baseball Academy.

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, USA, October 15, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ----- When right-handed pitcher [Nigel Nootbaar](#) was drafted by Baltimore Orioles in the 12th round (361st pick overall) on day three of the Major League Baseball First Year Player's Draft, he was grateful for his success and decided to give back to the community that made him. So, until Spring Training begins in March of 2015, Nootbaar has agreed to coach kids with special needs at the [Beach City Baseball Academy \(BCBA\)](#) in El Segundo.

“As an El Segundo native who played for El Segundo High School, I've known about BCBA ever since I started playing baseball when I was 5. Back then, it was called Total Baseball but I've been using the facility my entire life. I remember being in the camps at a young age” he stated.

As Nootbaar got older he started working as one of the instructors for the same camps that he grew up being a part of.

“Now that I am finished with my first professional season in the Orioles minor league system, Richard Murad the General Manager and his staff of instructors brought to my attention the Special Needs clinic and asked if I'd be willing to help these kids as well. After all that this community has done for me to help get me where I am now, I feel its only right to give back in any way possible.”

A USC student, Nootbaar was a standout player for the Trojans. He made 43 appearances, striking out 69 batters through 99 complete innings with three saves. He also made 11 career starts. As a sophomore in 2013, he struck out career-high 12 batters vs. Fresno State.

In 2014, Nootbaar was mostly used out of the bullpen, and finished with a 0-1 record and a 2.81 ERA. He made nine appearances overall, with two starts. He struck out 14 batters through 16 complete innings of work.

Nootbaar is the first Trojan to be drafted by the Orioles since the club took second baseman/outfielder Damon Buford in the 10th round of the 1990 draft.

About Beach City Baseball Academy

Located at 430 East Grand Avenue El Segundo, CA 90245, Beach City Baseball Academy's mission is to provide fun and dramatically improve the baseball skills of all that pass through its doors in a safe, clean and secure environment. BCBA provides targeted, well-maintained training equipment and skilled and passionate instructors who teach beyond the fundamentals with individualized custom programs while building confidence and inspiring their students to strive for excellence. The BCBA makes great efforts to enhance the total baseball experience of every member and also assist the student athlete to achieve at the scholastic, college and professional level. There is an onsite pro shop that sells top-quality professional merchandise at competitive prices.

In addition to managing and operating well-organized baseball camps that are open to everyone, the Academy sponsors The Beach City Prospects, a program of competitive and developmental traveling

club teams with robust tournament schedules. This program is open for tryout by invitation to those members that show excellence in skills and sportsmanship, unwavering respect for themselves and for those around them, and a 100 percent commitment to adhere to the club's culture and its schedule of games, practices and events.

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