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LAMORINDA SPORTS

Shooting for the Pros

Shultz's U.S. Open Experience

By Caitlin Graveson



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After competing in the U.S. Women's Open at Sebonack Golf Club last weekend, 16-year-old Elizabeth Schultz has confirmed what she wants to do in the future—become a professional golfer.

As reported in *Lamorinda Weekly*, Shultz is new to the game; she began playing as an eighth grader. Now a junior at

Acalanes, Shultz finished the U.S. Women's Open +6 for the first round and +19 for the second. Despite not qualifying to play in the final rounds (+6), Shultz is excited about her potential.

"This is something I definitely want to do," Shultz explained. "I can really see myself doing this—hopefully, for a living."

Shultz spent last week preparing for the opening round on Thursday. She had the opportunity to practice with top professional golfers, including Birdie Kim, who won the Open in 2005.

It took a few days for Shultz to adjust to the experience of playing with professionals. "On the first day at the practice range, I was so nervous I was like shaking," Shultz admitted. "Towards Wednesday and Thursday I started feeling more comfortable."

Her nerves returned briefly before her start time, when her name was announced on the loud speakers. "I had to go tee off right after that, but I hit a perfect shot straight down the middle so that was cool," Shultz recalled.

Shultz had a great first round, including holing out from 200-yards to eagle.

Starting on the back nine Friday, Shultz faced the toughest hole, the 11th, early in her round. "The biggest challenge is my bunker game and handling the pressure, trying to stay calm," Shultz explained about finding herself struggling to recover from 11th hole.

Over the weekend, Shultz learned that she also needs to work on her short putts, but she is excited about her future in golf. "I definitely have some more work to do, but I am not too far off," Shultz said.

Gaels Turned Pro

By Caitlin Graveson



Pitcher Jordan Mills signed with the Houston Astros. Photo: Tod Fierner

The end of the college baseball season was just the beginning of a new chapter in the baseball careers of four Saint Mary's baseball players. The Gaels saw four players

selected in the 2013 Major League Baseball draft.

Junior pitcher Ben Griset was selected in the 13th round by the Tampa Bay Rays. Griset was the Gaels' Fri-

day starter, and he went 4-4 with a 3.62 ERA. Griset signed with the Rays shortly after selection.

Senior outfielder Brenden Kalfus was chosen in the 23rd round by the Toronto Blue Jays. Kalfus won the WCC batting title with a .381 average and had a WCC record 36-game hitting streak, which was also the longest in NCAA DI baseball this year. Kalfus signed with the Blue Jays.

Junior Jordan Mills signed with the Houston Astros after being selected by the team in the 28th round. The pitcher earned WCC First-Team honors and led the Gaels with a 2.47 ERA.

Cole Norton was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 39th round. A native of Colorado, Norton signed with his hometown team after a great career at SMC. He appeared in over 150 games and had 109 starts.

Where are they now?

Player	Position	Current Team	League	Year Left SMC
Anthony Aliotti	First Base	Midland RockHounds	Double-A	2009
Kyle Jensen	Outfielder	Miami Marlins	Majors	2009
Brandon Berl	Pitcher	Lansing Lugnuts	Class A	2010
Taylor Reid	Pitcher	Tri-City Dust Devils	Class A-Short Season	2010
Kyle Barraclough	Pitcher	Palm Beach Cardinals	Class A-Advanced	2012
Patrick Wisdom	First Base	Peoria Chiefs	Class A	2012
Toby DeMello	Catcher	Pulaski Mariners	Rookie Appalachian	2012
Martin Agosta	Pitcher	Augusta Green Jackets	Class A	2012

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