

The 2010 San Jose City College Jaguars come off a historic 2009 campaign that was the most successful season in school history. Plenty of returners come back to take care of some unfinished business and take the Jaguars to the Final Four State Championship in Fresno. A high powered and star-studded Freshman class come in to mix with the returners and provide SJCC with its most talented team the college has ever seen. The group has quickly come together as one unit and is determined to prove that San Jose City College Baseball is the premier junior college program in Northern California. The goal is simple for the 2010 Jaguar Baseball team – Outwork every other team while collecting a Golden Gate Conference Championship before winning the school's first ever State Championship.



Catchers – The Jaguars boast an impressive mix of veteran and young catchers to hold down duties behind the plate in 2010. Brett Itatani returns as the 2009 Golden Gate Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Itatani is a rock behind the plate and is the team's most consistent hitter at the top of the lineup. Newcomer

Travis Velo will also start for the Jags and will shutdown opponent's running game with his rocket arm and sound game savvy. Returner Gino Valletta and rookie Kyle Zozaya will also see time at Catcher for the Jags.



Infielders – SJCC returns 2 infielders to the fold and welcomes several standout newcomers to a Jaguar infield that led Northern California in Double Plays turned and was 2nd in the GGC in Fielding Percentage in 2009. 1st Team All Conference third baseman Justin Lagman will man the hot corner with his spectacular defensive game. Gino Valletta returns as a middle of the order force for City and will start at first base. West Valley College transfer Matthew Cummins will start at second base and will also be a Starting Pitcher for the 2010 Staff. Freshman superstar David Garcia will be the Jags shortstop and is already garnering attention around the State with his stellar glove work and powerful bat. Newcomers Justin Chapman and Billy Birrell will also provide valuable innings for SJCC with their soft hands and flashy play. Kyle Zozaya will play important innings at first base and will be counted on as a power bat in the middle of the Jaguar lineup. Nick Backlund's deep threat bat will hold down the DH spot for the Jags, as he will show that there aren't many parks in the JC ball that can hold him in





Outfielders – Power, speed, and intelligence will only be some of the attributes of the 2010 City outfield. The well-rounded group returns 2 starters from the 2009 squad that is mixed with a highly talented group of freshman. Danny Nelson will man duties in centerfield. When he isn't driving in runs in the middle of the Jaguar lineup, Nelson will be running down fly balls in the gap with his limitless range. Zach Canez will be the team's starting left fielder, the instinctual leader is a plus defender and an advanced situational hitter that will be leaned on heavily. Newcomer Scott Masik will bat leadoff with his blazing speed and will hold down right field.

Freshmen studs Cannon Bernarding, Ruben Zendejas, and Kyle Johnston will play valuable innings for SJCC and all three have high potential as members of the Jaguar offense. Utility man Daniel Garo will also see time at the corner outfield spots and will be counted on as one of the main run producers for SJCC.



Pitchers – The bulk of San Jose City's record breaking 2009 Pitching Staff returns to help lead the Jaguars to the State Championship. A supremely talented group of newcomers look to mix in and improve upon the 2009 season where the SJCC Staff broke the school record for ERA and was 2nd in Northern California in allowing earned runs. Cal Poly SLO bound Don Medlinger will lead the Jags on the mound. The 2009 GGC 1st team selection led the conference in wins and sported the lowest freshman ERA in Northern California. 2010 Preseason All-American Harold Zosel will return to

his role as the most dominant relief pitcher in Nor Cal for the 2010 Staff. Sonoma State signee southpaw Matt Burns returns as a starting pitcher that will look to keep the opponents guessing with his dazzling arsenal of pitches. Dylan Auker will hold down the closer role for the Jags. The Virginia Commonwealth bound Auker will look to build upon his dominating performance in GGC and State Playoff play last year. Transfer Matt Cummins and newcomer Cedar Morgan will round out the starting rotation for SJCC. Both are legitimate 4 pitch hurlers that can beat opponents in a variety of ways. Future Sacramento State fireballer Steven Amaral will be a main setup man with his low 90s fastball and devastating breaking pitch. Returners Tyler Tulowitzki and Jakob Zamora will team with newcomers sidewinders Jake Paolinetti and Ryan Navaroli to provide SJCC with quality depth and flexibility in the middle innings. Saint Mary's transfer Kyle Tachibana and newcomer Jacob Dexter look to come off injuries and log impact innings for the 2010 pitching staff.

