

# QAR's Son Signed by N.Y. Mets

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The New York Mets recently signed Mr. Matthew Durkin, son of DCMA Northern California Quality Assurance Representative Mr. William Durkin, in the second round of the Major League Baseball draft (44<sup>th</sup> pick overall). Matthew, a right-handed pitcher out of San José State University (SJSU), became only the second Spartan to be drafted in the second round. Mr. Mark Langston was the first when he was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in 1981. He went on to win over 170 games in the big leagues and was named to the All-Star team on four occasions. Mr. Durkin also has the potential for greatness in Major League Baseball.

Mr. Durkin had an outstanding career during his three years at SJSU. He was a two-time All-WAC (Western Athletic Conference) selection, and he was chosen WAC Player of the Week seven times. He was named the Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week by the *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper* after he recorded a career-high 15 strikeouts against Santa Clara on March 7, 2003. Mr. Durkin also struck out more than 10 batters in each of nine games while pitching for SJSU. He was named the team's Most Valuable Pitcher and holds the record for being the most winning freshman pitcher in SJSU history, with an 11-3 record.

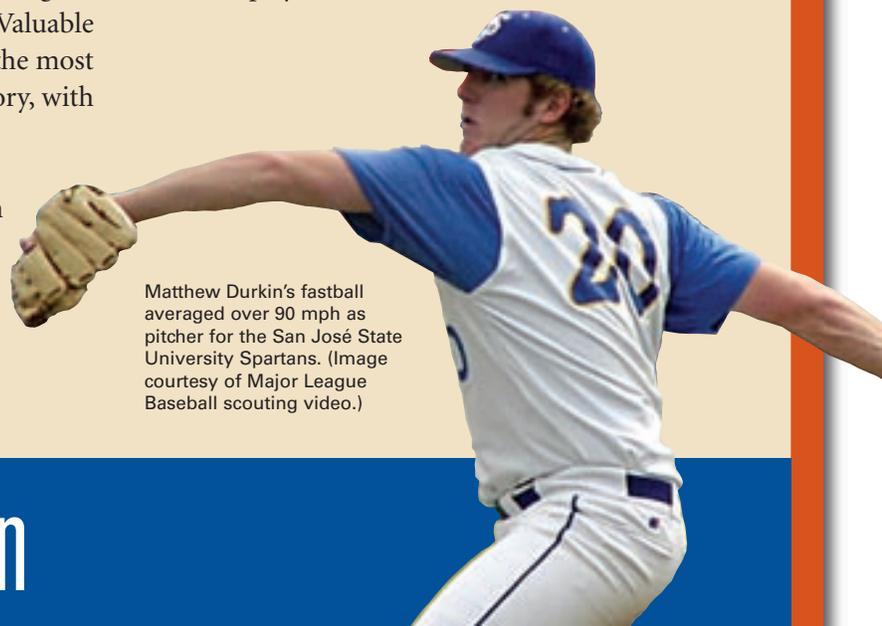
Matthew's parents, Mr. William Durkin and Mrs. Kathy Durkin, joined their son and Mets executives in signing ceremonies and activities at Shea Stadium in New York. Before joining



the Mets, Mr. Durkin was scheduled to play fall ball in an instructional league in Florida; however, due to the hurricanes, the instructional league's games were cancelled. As such, Mr. Durkin reported directly to the Mets' training camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

After a successful spring training, Mr. Durkin was assigned to the Mets' Class A affiliate in Hagerstown, Md. Mr. William Durkin said his son is highly motivated and worked hard in preparation for spring training. The Mets' first spring training home game took place on March 3 against the St. Louis Cardinals. Their first regular season home game was on April 11 against the Houston Astros.

In addition to his own athletic skills, Mr. Durkin has the right people taking care of him. His agent, Mr. Scott Boras, is also agent to superstars Mr. Alex Rodriguez and Mr. Carlos Beltran and worked out an \$800,000 signing bonus and two baseball card deals for the young star. You can bet the employees at DCMA Northern California will be rooting for Matthew, except maybe when the Mets play the Giants!



Matthew Durkin's fastball averaged over 90 mph as pitcher for the San José State University Spartans. (Image courtesy of Major League Baseball scouting video.)

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