

Interview with Ryan Bean



In this Rustlers Interview with the club website, we get to know our US player *Ryan Bean* a bit better.

Chelt website: So, Ryan, tell us a bit about yourself.

Ryan: Well, I was born and raised in Olympia, Washington, my parents been divorced and I'm living in the beautiful northwest. I have plenty of siblings to go 'round, I've got 4 brothers and sisters and you know, I'm a big family guy and we live two and a half hours apart. I currently reside in Scottsdale, Arizona, though, out in the desert, and am just really thankful for the opportunity of coming out here, I love the club.

Chelt website: OK, so what are your impressions of Australia so far?

Ryan: Oh it's beautiful, you guys are really lucky with what you've got here. And baseball is really good over here, I like the team aspect of everything that you guys incorporate. It's a beautiful country and beautiful people. Everyone's just so nice to me, all the people you meet are just so genuine.



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Chelt website: And how did the connection happen between us and you?

Ryan: Actually I was in Spring Training with the Giants and I met Travis, um Travis Blackley, out for dinner with a mutual friend and got talking to him. And we went out one other time, and got some dinner again and he was just talking about his club back home, you know, he's like if you ever want to come out to Australia, just to talk to him about it. We talked for a while and I was lucky enough to have an opportunity to come out, so it worked out perfect.

Chelt website: OK, so tell us a bit about your time in the pros.

Ryan: Yeh, in 2010, I was a 17th round pick for the Giants and it was probably the best experience of my life so far just being around that. The whole lifestyle's completely different, living out of your suitcase you know, but they were some of the best memories I've ever had. I was released two spring trainings ago now, and I've been playing Independent ball ever since, just loving the game of baseball and trying to get as far as I can up the ranks.

Chelt website: And have you had much time to see any of Australia yet?

Ryan: Yeah, actually I was lucky enough, really fortunate to have Russell Ferguson hosting me in his apartment and he was happy enough to take me around and do a bit of sightseeing so we went down the great Ocean Road and the Grampians and so yeh, I got to explore, so it's been great, everything's just gorgeous.



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Chelt website: OK, so what's your impression of the level of baseball here, say Division 1 level, for example?

Ryan: Um... your style is different, coming from the States, just how you go about everything, but once you step over those lines, between the chalk, it all feels relevant. You know you've got real competitive athletes, good athletes, but you guys just don't have as many people, as America does, so it can't be the same, but you know, it's starting to build in popularity, I can see and you've got really good talent and the coaches are phenomenal and know what they're talking about, and they play hard, so it's great.

Chelt website: Great. And finally, what advice would you give to young Aussie boys and girls playing the game?

Ryan: Young Aussie boys and girls ... I would say, most importantly, to have fun. I think a lot of kids put a lot of pressure on themselves in sports, to please their parents, to do it for somebody else, you know for somebody else besides themselves. I really think you need to have fun with the sports that you take and I think baseball brings that out for a lot of kids. Have a good time, that's basically what it's all about, being around your friends, competing together being athletes, and it's all about having fun at the end of the day.

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Chelt website: Great. OK, thanks Ryan, really appreciate talking to you, all the best.

Ryan: Thanks, no problem.

There you have it folks, Ryan Bean, a real gentleman and a nice bloke. Make him welcome when you see him around the club.

