



Name: Mike Zunino
Sport: Baseball

Biography:

Chosen third overall in the 2012 Major League Baseball Draft by the Seattle Mariners, the highest selection in school history...Was the first Gator to take home the USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award, Dick Howser Trophy, Johnny Bench Award and Baseball America's College Player of the Year accolade...A consensus first-team All-American (ABCA, Baseball America, Louisville Slugger, NCBWA, Perfect Game), he was the NCBWA District III Player of the Year...Had been one of the three finalists for the USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award, along with Stanford's Mark Appel and NC State's Carlos Rodon...Finished as the Gators' "Triple Crown" winner, leading the team in batting average (.322), RBI (67) and homers (19)...Paced the Orange and Blue in total bases (164), doubles (28), sacrifice flies (11) and slugging percentage (.669)... Was 9-for-10 on the basepaths...According to the final NCAA statistics, Zunino was first nationally in sacrifice flies, third in doubles, fourth in round-trippers, fifth in total bases, ninth in doubles per game, 10th in RBI and 11th in slugging percentage...Led the team with 19 multiple-RBI outings and was tied for second with 23 multiple-hit efforts...A two-time, first-team All-SEC recipient and two-time member of the league's All-Defensive Team, the three-year starter registered a .994 fielding percentage in his final campaign, with three errors in 510 chances, and threw out 20 runners who attempted to steal on him...Was 8-for-25 (.320) during the NCAA Tourney with team highs in slugging percentage (.720), RBI (12) and homers (3)...Batted 2-for-6 (.333) during the two games in Omaha, driving in three runs...Voted to the NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team for the third-consecutive season after belting homers in consecutive games against No. 24 Georgia Tech and he led the Gators with a .500 (4-for-8) clip in the pair of victories over NC State that punched Florida's return ticket to Omaha for its third-straight appearance at the NCAA College World Series...Caught Jonathon Crawford's no-hitter in the opening round of the NCAA Gainesville Regional, just the seventh no-hitter in NCAA Tournament history...Crawford's gem was the first complete-game no-hitter by a Florida pitcher since John Burke accomplished the feat against Furman on May 23,

1991...Had a pair of doubles and went 2-for-5 with a couple of runs in the SEC Tournament semifinal versus Vanderbilt...Drove in three runs, highlighted by a two-run round-tripper in the third inning, as the Gators eliminated No. 4 South Carolina from the SEC Tourney...Hit .400 (4-for-10) in the regular-season series finale as UF took two of three at Auburn...Delivered a game-winning double in the 11th inning that scored redshirt freshman Connor Mitchell all the way from first base as Florida edged North Florida, 4-3...Turned in a 3-for-4, two-double effort in game two of the series with No. 17 Arkansas...Was 3-for-5 with three RBI and a pair of doubles to lead the Gators to a 7-0 shutout of No. 7 LSU...Belted a solo homer and chipped in with a sacrifice fly to lift the Orange and Blue to a 5-4 triumph over No. 6 South Carolina in the teams' rubber game in Columbia...Cranked a three-run blast during the first inning of the second meeting with the Gamecocks, paving the way to an 8-2 victory...Chosen as one of the Louisville Slugger National Players of the Week by Collegiate Baseball on March 13 for the first time in his career after helping the Gators to a perfect 5-0 week...It marked just the 10th time in school history that a University of Florida player had received the honor, first since Brian Johnson was tabbed on Feb. 28, 2011...Zunino went 7-for-18 (.389) with 11 RBI, five runs, four round-trippers and a slugging percentage of 1.111 as the Gators increased their winning streak to 13 games and notched the best start in school history...In a 16-1 victory over Florida Atlantic on March 6, he tallied five RBI with homers in both the first and second innings and was 3-for-3 while playing only four innings...During the Gators' series opener against Florida Gulf Coast, Zunino belted a game-tying two-run homer in the sixth and delivered a two-run shot with two down in the eighth to lift the Orange and Blue to a 4-2 triumph...Jump-started UF's four-run first inning on Saturday with a two-run single and was 2-for-5 in the 8-3 win over the Eagles that clinched the series...Chosen as the Primetime Player of the Week presented by CollegeBaseball360.com on March 6...Marked the fourth time in school history that a Gator has received the award (Matt den Dekker, week of Feb. 19-21, 2010; Brian Johnson, week of April 19-25, 2010; Nolan Fontana, week of March 14-20, 2011)...Batted .400 (6-for-15) with five runs, four RBI, three doubles and a homer as Florida swept a three-game series at previously unbeaten No. 8 Miami (Fla.)...Oversaw a UF pitching staff that registered 34 strikeouts and permitted six walks in 27 innings, highlighted by a then-season-high 14 strikeouts in the finale...The Gators have now defeated the Hurricanes 11-consecutive times and notched just their second sweep in Coral Gables in school history...With Florida trailing 5-3 with one out in the ninth on Sunday, Zunino delivered a game-tying two-run double to drive in Nolan Fontana and Daniel Pigott and scored the eventual winning run on a wild pitch...During the series opener with the Hurricanes, Zunino matched his career high with four hits, including two doubles and a solo homer, and was 4-for-5 in the Gators' 7-5 win...Doubled and scored in the second inning, moved Florida ahead with a homer to begin the fourth, had an RBI double in the fifth and a single in the ninth...Ripped a pair of solo homers against Bethune-Cookman in an 8-6 Gator win...Kicked off the season by hitting .417 (5-for-12) in the series triumph over No. 16 Cal State Fullerton.

