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The 24th Minnesota State Mankato player to be selected in the MLB draft, McMurtry joins junior outfielder Mark Dolenc, who was picked in the 15th round (456th overall) by the Minnesota Twins.

McMurtry, a 5-11, 180-pound native of North Platte, Neb., completed his senior season with a 10-3 mark. A two-time First Team All-Region selection and a three-time All-North Central Conference First Team pick, he established a Maverick career record for wins (28-8) and tied the school season record for wins with 10 in 2006. He led the Mavericks in 2006 in wins (10), IP (80.1) and starts (14).

McMurtry was a First Team All-Region pick in 2006 and 2005 and a Second Team selection in 2004.

The 6-3, 215-pound Dolenc led Minnesota State Mankato with a .366 batting average and 16 steals (he was 16-for-16 in stolen base attempts) in 2006, and was a First Team All-North Central Conference selection. The Eagan, Minn., native had a team-high 18-game hitting streak during the course of the season and was named NCC Player of the Week following the postseason conference tournament. His grand slam in the league championship game powered the Mavericks to a 7-5 win over Nebraska-Omaha.

Dolenc is the highest Minnesota State Mankato Major League Baseball position player draftee since second baseman Joe Marchese was picked by the Boston Red Sox in 1986. He is also the third Maverick to be selected by the Twins in the draft (Jerry Terrell was picked in the 18th round, 407th overall in 1968, and Jeff Schugel was selected in the 18th round, 445th overall in 1991).