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A's Agree to Terms with RHP Daulton Jefferies and 23 Other Draft Picks

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Daulton Jefferies from the University of California, their Competitive Balance Round A selection from the 2016 First-Year Player Draft. The A's also agreed to terms with 23 other picks from the draft, including right-handed pitcher Brandon Bailey (6th round, Gonzaga), left-handed pitcher William Gilbert (8th, North Carolina State), left-handed pitcher Dalton Sawyer (9th, Minnesota), right-handed pitcher Mitchell Jordan (10th, Stetson), shortstop Eli White (11th, Clemson), center fielder Luke Persico (12th, UCLA), second baseman Nathan Mondou (13th, Wake Forest), right-handed pitcher Seth Martinez (17th, Arizona State), catcher Skyler Weber (18th, Georgia), right-handed pitcher Samuel Gilbert (19th, Kansas), outfielder Kyle Nowlin (21st, Eastern Kentucky), catcher Roger Gonzalez (22nd, Winthrop), outfielder Robert Bennie (24th, East Stroudsburg), center fielder Jeramiah McCray (25th, Martin Luther King HS), first baseman Charles Gould (26th, William and Mary), center fielder Cole Gruber (27th, Nebraska-Omaha), second baseman Josh Vidales (28th, Houston), right-handed pitcher Matthew Milburn (29th, Wofford), right-handed pitcher Nick Highberger (30th, Creighton), right-handed pitcher Sam Sheehan (31st, Westmont), catcher Jarrett Costa (33rd, Westmont), shortstop Casey Thomas (34th, Texas A&M) and shortstop Brett Bittiger (40th, Pace).

Jefferies went 7-0 with a 1.08 ERA and .185 opponents batting average in eight starts for Cal in 2016. He struck out 53 and walked just eight in 50.0 innings. The right-handed junior missed two months of the season with calf and shoulder injuries but returned to make two starts at the end of May. Jefferies was an All-Pac-12 first team selection as a sophomore in 2015. He compiled a 13-13 record and a 2.86 ERA in 34 games, including 33 starts, in three seasons with the Bears.

Bailey was a First-Team All-West Coast Conference selection after going 10-3 with a 2.42 ERA in 16 games, 15 starts, for the Zags. He struck out 125 batters in 100.1 innings and walked 31 while yielding four home runs. Bailey earned All-WCC honors as a freshman in 2014.

Gilbert was 5-1 with six saves and a 2.22 ERA in 24 relief appearances with North Carolina State. He struck out 62 and walked 11 in 52.2 innings while surrendering just two home runs.

Sawyer was an All-Big Ten Second Team selection this year after going 7-7 with a 3.33 ERA and .227 opponents batting average in 16 starts. He struck out 112 batters in 94.2 innings and walked 42.

Jordan was 6-5 with a 3.94 ERA in 15 starts for Stetson. He struck out 75 and walked 32 in 80.0 innings. Jordan earned second team all-conference honors in 2015 after going 5-2 with a 3.28 ERA in 12 starts.

The A's have now signed or agreed to terms with 24 of their 41 selections from the draft.

Oakland Athletics Selections in 2016 First-Year Player Draft

RND	PLAYER, POS.	YR.	SCHOOL / HOMETOWN	RND	PLAYER, POS.	YR.	SCHOOL / HOMETOWN
1	A.J. Puk, LHP	Jr	Florida / Cedar Rapids, IA	21	Kyle Nowlin, OF	Sr.	Eastern Kentucky / Harrison, OH
L-A	Daulton Jefferies, RHP	Jr.	California / Atwater, CA	22	Roger Gonzalez, C	Sr.	Winthrop / Miami, FL
2	Logan Shore, RHP	Jr.	Florida / Coon Rapids, MN	23	Christian Lindsay-Young, RHP	Fr.	Niagara County CC / Angola, NY
3	Sean Murphy, C	Jr.	Wright State / Dayton, OH	24	Robert Bennie, OF	Jr.	East Stroudsburg / Charlottesville, VA
4	Skylar Szynski, RHP	HS	Penn HS / Granger, IN	25	Jeramiah McCray, CF	HS	Martin Luther King HS / Riverside, CA
5	JaVon Shelby, 3B	Jr.	Kentucky / Lexington, KY	26	Charles Gould, 1B	Sr.	William and Mary / Lake Forest, IL
6	Brandon Bailey, RHP	Jr.	Gonzaga / Broomfield, CO	27	Cole Gruber, CF	Sr.	Nebraska-Omaha / Papillion, NE
7	Tyler Ramirez, CF	Jr.	North Carolina / Suffolk, VA	28	Josh Vidales, 2B	Sr.	Houston / Deer Park, TX
8	William Gilbert, LHP	Sr.	North Carolina St. / Morrisville, NC	29	Matthew Milburn, RHP	Sr.	Wofford / Dallas, TX
9	Dalton Sawyer, LHP	Sr.	Minnesota / Waconia, MN	30	Nick Highberger, RHP	Sr.	Creighton / Rye, CO
10	Mitchell Jordan, RHP	Jr.	Stetson / Longwood, FL	31	Sam Sheehan, RHP	Sr.	Westmont / Bonita, CA
11	Eli White, SS	Jr.	Clemson / Easley, SC	32	Collin Theroux, C	Jr.	Oklahoma State / San Mateo, CA
12	Luke Persico, CF	Jr.	UCLA / Temecula, CA	33	Jarrett Costa, C	Sr.	Westmont / Fremont, CA
13	Nathan Mondou, 2B	Jr.	Wake Forest / Lake Tapps, WA	34	Casey Thomas, SS	Sr.	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi / Phoenix, AZ
14	Nolan Blackwood, RHP	Jr.	Memphis / Southhxaven, MS	35	Daniel Rafferty, LHP	Jr.	Bucknell / Chicago, IL
15	Ty Damron, LHP	Jr.	Texas Tech / Gainesville, TX	36	Brady Schanuel, RHP	Fr.	Parkland / Swansea, IL
16	Anthony Churlin, OF	HS	Island Coast HS / Cape Coral, FL	37	Michael Farley, CF	HS	Chico HS / Chico, CA
17	Seth Martinez, RHP	Jr.	Arizona State / Peoria, AZ	38	Matthew Frazier, OF	HS	Clovis North HS / Fresno, CA
18	Skyler Weber, C	Jr.	Georgia / Gainesville, GA	39	Shane Martinez, SS	HS	John W. North HS / Riverside, CA
19	Samuel Gilbert, RHP	Sr.	Kansas / Pittsburgh, KS	40	Brett Bittiger, SS	Sr.	Pace / Saylorsburg, PA
20	Brigham Hill, RHP	So.	Texas A&M / Nacogdoches, TX		-		-

Bold indicates player signed or agreed to terms

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