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A's Agree to Terms with 31 Players From 2017 First-Year Player Draft

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with 31 of their 40 selections from the 2017 First-Year Player Draft, including their first round selection Austin Beck, an outfielder from North Davidson (NC) High School.

Beck hit .590 with 12 home runs and 38 RBI in 28 games as a senior. He also notched 11 doubles and scored 41 runs. He finished his four-year high school career with a .457 batting average and 23 home runs in 103 games.

The A's also agreed to terms with infielder Kevin Merrell from South Florida, a Lottery Round A pick (33rd selection overall). As a junior in 2017, Merrell led the American Athletic Conference with a .384 batting average on his way to a Second Team All-American nod from *Baseball America*. The 6-1, 189-pound Odessa, Fla. native was a two-time First Team American Athletic Conference performer (2016-17) and currently ranks eighth in program history with 56 stolen bases. He led the team in hitting in each of his three seasons with the Bulls, becoming the first player in program history to lead the club in hitting in three consecutive seasons.

Other top picks that agreed to terms were infielder Will Toffey (4th round, Vanderbilt), catcher Santis Sanchez (5th round, IBA, Puerto Rico), left-handed pitcher Logan Salow (6th round, Kentucky) and right-handed pitcher Parker Dunshee (7th round, Wake Forest). Toffey led Vanderbilt with a .354 batting average and a .602 slugging percentage. Sanchez started 2017 on the Rawlings-Perfect Game Preseason Third Team All-American list and was named to the First Team for the Canada/Puerto Rico Region. Salow made 31 relief appearances for Kentucky and ended the season with a 2-6 record and 12 saves. Dunshee went 9-1 as a member of Wake Forest's rotation during his senior season, ending with a 3.91 ERA over 103.2 innings pitched.

A complete list of drafted and signed players is below.

Oakland Athletics Selections in 2017 First-Year Player Draft

RND	PLAYER, POS.	YR.	SCHOOL / HOMETOWN	RND	PLAYER, POS.	YR.	SCHOOL / HOMETOWN
1	Austin Beck, OF	HS	North Davidson HS / Clemmons, NC	21	Heath Donica, RHP	Sr.	Sam Houston State / Corsicana, TX
L-A	Kevin Merrell, INF	Jr.	U. of South Florida / Odessa, FL	22	Bryce Conley, RHP	Sr.	Georgia State / Alpharetta, GA
2	Greg Deichmann, OF	Jr.	LSU / Metairie, LA	23	Malik Jones, RHP	Jr.	Missouri Baptist Col. / Atlanta, GA
3	Nick Allen, INF	HS	Francis Parker HS / San Diego, CA	24	Slater Lee, RHP	Sr.	Cal Poly SLO / Carlsbad, CA
4	Will Toffey, INF	Jr.	Vanderbilt / Barnstable, MA	25	Hunter Hargrove, INF	Sr.	Texas Tech / Mansfield, TX
5	Santis Sanchez, C	HS	IBA / Las Piedras, PR	26	Nate Webb, C	HS	Martin Luther King HS / Riverside, CA
6	Logan Salow, LHP	Sr.	Kentucky / Ashland, KY	27	Ben Spitznagel, OF	Sr.	UNC Greensboro / Cincinnati, OH
7	Parker Dunshee, RHP	Sr.	Wake Forest / Zionsville, IN	28	Pat Krall, LHP	Sr.	Clemson / Marietta, GA
8	Brian Howard, RHP	Sr.	TCU / St. Louis, MO	29	Adam Reuss, RHP	Sr.	Wisconsin-Milwaukee / Gurnee, IL
9	Jared Poche, LHP	Sr.	LSU / Lutcher, LA	30	Cody Puckett, LHP	Sr.	Middle Tennessee / Smithville, TN
10	Jack Meggs, OF	Sr.	Washington / Sammamish, WA	31	Brandon Withers, RHP	RSr.	James Madison / Manassas, VA
11	Ryan Gridley, INF	Jr.	Mississippi State / Milton, GA	32	Caleb Evans, RHP	Sr.	Liberty / Ewell, MD
12	Aaron Arruda, INF	Jr.	Fresno State / Clovis, CA	33	Jake Lumley, INF	Sr.	Canisius College / Windsor, Ontario
13	Wyatt Marks, RHP	Jr.	Louisiana Lafayette / Lafayette, LA	34	Justin Jones, INF	RSr.	UNLV / Henderson, NV
14	Garrett Mitchell, OF	HS	Orange Lutheran HS / Orange, CA	35	Cooper Goldby, C	Sr.	Lewis-Clark State / Yuba City, CA
15	Josh Reagan, LHP	Sr.	South Carolina / Lexington, SC	36	Logan Farrar, OF	Sr.	VCU / Woodbridge, VA
16	Payton Squier, OF	Jr.	UNLV / El Mirage, AZ	37	Raymond Gil, INF	HS	Gulliver Prep School / Miami, FL
17	Josh Falk, RHP	Sr.	Pittsburgh / Tampa, FL	38	Wil Hoyle, INF	HS	Charles E. Jordan HS / Durham, NC
18	Raymond McDonald, OFR Jr.	Jr.	Illinois-Chicago / San Mateo, CA	39	Haydn King, LHP	HS	Archbishop Mitty HS / Aptos, CA
19	Michael Danielak, RHP	Sr.	Dartmouth / Mt. Prospect, IL	40	Jacob Hoffman, INF	Sr.	Stanford / Palo Alto, CA
20	Osvaldo Berrios, RHP	HS	PR Baseball Academy / Juncos, PR				

Bold indicates player signed or agreed to terms

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