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

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with four players from the 2017 First-Year Player Draft, including outfielder Greg Deichmann (2nd round, Louisiana State), infielder Nick Allen (3rd, Francis Parker HS), right-handed pitcher Brian Howard (8th, Texas Christian) and left-handed pitcher Jared Poche (9th, Louisiana State).

Deichmann started all 72 games for LSU this year, helping lead the Tigers to a College World Series berth. The 6-2, 209-pound junior hit .308 with 19 home runs and 73 RBI en route to All-America honors. The Metairie, La. product led the state of Louisiana in home runs for three straight years at Brother Martin High School.

Allen garnered 2017 Rawlings-Perfect Game Preseason First Team All-American honors as a high school senior and went on to bat .303 with 10 doubles and one home run in 23 games. A four-year varsity player, Allen posted a .469 batting average during his junior season while only committing three errors.

Howard had a 3.77 ERA in 19 starts this season and led the Horned Frogs in innings pitched (105.0) and strikeouts (113). As a junior in 2016, he ended the season on the Big 12 Championship All-Tournament team and on the NCAA Fort Worth All-Regional team. He was drafted in 2016 by the Houston Astros in the 17th round but did not sign.

Poche went 12-4 with a 3.17 ERA in 20 games (19 starts) with Louisiana State and set the school record for wins on June 21 in a College World Series win over Florida State. He finished his LSU career with a record of 39-12 in four seasons. In 2014, he was a Freshman All-American (Collegiate Baseball), Second Team Freshman All-American (Baseball America, Perfect Game, NCBWA) and a member of the SEC All-Tournament team.

The A's have now signed or agreed to terms with 35 of their 41 selections, including each of the first 14 and 25 of the first 26. A complete list of drafted and signed players is below.

Oakland Athletics Selections in 2017 First-Year Player Draft

<u>RND</u>	<u>PLAYER, POS.</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>SCHOOL / HOMETOWN</u>	<u>RND</u>	<u>PLAYER, POS.</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>SCHOOL / HOMETOWN</u>
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	Oswaldo Berrios, RHP	HS	PR Baseball Academy / Juncos, PR				

Bold indicates player signed or agreed to terms

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