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A's Select Nine Players on Day 2 of 2021 First-Year Player Draft

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected nine players on Day 2 of the 2021 First-Year Player Draft, the club announced today. After selecting a high school shortstop with their first pick yesterday, the A's drafted all college players on Day 2, including two pitchers. The selections include third baseman Zack Gelof (2nd round, Virginia), right-handed pitcher Mason Miller (3rd round, Gardner-Webb Univ.), outfielder Denzel Clarke (4th round, Cal. State Northridge), catcher CJ Rodriguez (5th round, Vanderbilt), right-handed pitcher Grant Holman (6th round, California), third baseman Brett Harris (7th round, Gonzaga), shortstop Drew Swift (8th round, Arizona State), catcher Shane McGuire (9th round, San Diego) and shortstop Jack Winkler (10th round, Univ. of San Francisco).

Gelof batted .312 with nine home runs and 41 RBI in 63 games with Virginia. He added 32 walks for a .393 on-base percentage and was successful in 12-of-13 stolen base attempts. The 21-year-old right-handed hitter finished with a .316 career average in 137 games in three seasons at Virginia. Gelof was teammates with his brother Jake this year, who hit .252 in 38 games as a freshman.

Miller went 8-1 with a 3.30 ERA in 15 games, including 14 starts, for Gardner-Webb University to earn Big South All-Conference honors. He led the Big South and ranked 21st in the nation with 121 strikeouts. The 22-year-old right-hander held the opposition to a .210 batting average, which was the best mark in school history. Miller also spent four seasons at Waynesburg and went 18-12 with a 3.92 ERA and 306 strikeouts in 239.0 innings at the collegiate level.

Clarke was named Big West Tri-Defensive Player of the Year and All-Big West Second Team after batting .324 with eight home runs and 25 RBI in 38 games. His 26 walks fueled a .445 on-base percentage and he slugged .570. The 21-year-old right-handed hitter did not commit an error in the outfield and was successful in 15-of-17 stolen base attempts. Clarke hit .400 in the shortened 2020 season and had a .298 average in 108 games in three seasons with Northridge.

Rodriguez batted .249 with five home runs and 36 RBI in 58 games with Vanderbilt. He also walked 36 times and was hit by a pitch eight times for a .393 on-base percentage. The 21-year-old right-handed hitting catcher was battery mates with two first round draft picks: Jack Leiter (2nd pick, Rangers) and Kumar Rocker (10th pick, Mets). Rodriguez struck out just 19 times in 229 plate appearances.

Holman was a pitcher and a first baseman in his first two years at Cal before being used exclusively as a pitcher this year. He missed the first five weeks of the season due to an injury but returned to go 1-3 with a 3.83 ERA in 10 starts with the Golden Bears. The 21-year-old right-hander was 5-9 with a 4.05 ERA in 25 games, including 23 starts, in three seasons at Cal.

Harris was named West Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was a First-Team All-WCC selection after batting .350 with six home runs and 43 RBI in 53 games with Gonzaga. He added a .482 on-base percentage with 29 walks and 25 hit by pitches, the latter of which led the West Coast Conference and ranked fourth in the nation. The

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23-year-old right-handed hitter compiled a .324 average and .428 on-base percentage in 113 games over three seasons with Gonzaga.

Swift was named Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and earned First Team All Pac-12 honors after hitting .314 in 54 games. He added six home runs and 38 RBI after tallying just one home in his first three seasons as a Sun Devil. The 22-year-old right-handed hitter added 23 walks for a .380 on-base percentage and had a .277 average in 172 games in four years at Arizona State.

McGuire was a three-time All-WCC selection, earning honorable mention honors this year after batting .278 with six home runs and 33 RBI in 45 games. He also drew 28 walks to fuel a .389 on-base percentage and tossed out 12-of-23 (52.2%) attempted base stealers for the University of San Diego. The 22-year-old left-handed hitter ranked second in the WCC and sixth in the nation with a .469 average in 2020. McGuire's brother Reese is a catcher for the Toronto Blue Jays and is batting .278 in 41 games this year, his fourth season in the majors.

Winkler earned First Team All-WCC honors after batting .307 with seven home runs and 39 RBI in 53 games for the Dons. He walked 22 times for a .382 on-base percentage and stole 23 bases in 27 attempts. The 22-year-old right-handed hitter batted .276 with 14 home runs and 104 RBI in 184 games in four seasons at USF.

The draft concludes tomorrow starting at 9:00 a.m. with rounds 11 through 20.

A's 2021 Draft Picks

Rd	Name	Pos	Year	School	Hometown	B/T	Ht.	Wt.
1	Max Muncy	SS	HS	Thousand Oaks HS	Thousand Oaks, CA	R/R	6-1	180
2	Zack Gelof	3B	Jr.	Virginia	Rehoboth Beach, DE	R/R	6-3	205
3	Mason Miller	RHP	Sr.	Gardner-Webb	Bethel Park, PA	R/R	6-5	200
4	Denzel Clarke	OF	Jr.	Cal. St. Northridge	Pickering, Ontario	R/R	6-5	220
5	CJ Rodriguez	C	So.	Vanderbilt	Newport Beach, CA	R/R	5-10	200
6	Grant Holman	RHP	Jr.	California	Chula Vista, CA	R/R	6-6	250
7	Brett Harris	3B	Sr.	Gonzaga	Arlington Heights, IL	R/R	6-3	208
8	Drew Swift	SS	Sr.	Arizona State	Chandler, AZ	R/R	6-0	165
9	Shane McGuire	C	Sr.	San Diego	Kent, WA	L/R	6-0	195
10	Jack Winkler	SS	Sr.	San Francisco	Littleton, CO	R/R	6-2	185

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