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Athletics to Choose 10th in 2010 Major League Baseball First-Year Draft *MLB Network Begins Live Coverage Monday, June 7 at 4 p.m. PDT*

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Oakland Athletics will select 10th in the first round of Major League Baseball's 2010 First-Year Draft, which will be held in Studio 42 at MLB Network in Secaucus, N.J. Monday, June 7, starting at 4 p.m. PDT with first-day coverage provided by both MLB Network and MLB.com. The 10th pick is the highest the A's have selected in the first round since 1999, when they chose Barry Zito with the ninth pick of the Draft.

The A's have four of the top 125 selections in the 2010 Draft, also scheduled to exercise the 60th, 92nd and 125th picks in the second, third and fourth rounds, respectively.

For the second straight year, the 2010 Draft will span three days. MLB Network and MLB.com will provide live pick-by-pick coverage during the first round and the first compensation round on day one. The intervals between selections will last five minutes during the first round and one minute during the compensation round. The Draft will resume at 9 a.m. PDT on both Tuesday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 9 via conference call from MLB headquarters in New York City.

Former A's pitcher Greg Caderet, a member of Oakland's 1989 World Series championship team, will represent the Athletics at the draft.

Beginning the second day, MLB.com will offer comprehensive live programming of the draft's final days, including a live pick-by-pick stream, expert commentary and the exclusive Draft Tracker, a live interactive application that includes a searchable database of every draft-eligible player supplemented by statistics, scouting reports and video highlights.

Last year, the A's selected shortstop Grant Green, a two-time All-Pac-10 choice at USC, in the first round of the draft, the 13th overall pick. Last season, Oakland had only one pick in the first two rounds, as the team forfeited its second choice (61st overall) to the Chicago White Sox as compensation for signing shortstop Orlando Cabrera as a free agent during the offseason. In the 2009 Draft, the A's selected college players with 11 of their first 14 picks, including left-handed pitcher Justin Marks of Louisville in the third round and third baseman Stephen Parker of BYU in the fifth round.

Since 1997, Oakland has selected only one high school player in the first round (Jeremy Bonderman, 2001, now with Detroit).

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(NOTE TO BAY AREA MEDIA: In conjunction with the first day of the 2010 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, the Oakland A's will make Director of Scouting Eric Kubota available in the A's dugout Monday at approximately 5:30 p.m., prior to the A's-Angels game at the Coliseum. The A's will also make every attempt to conduct a media conference call featuring the team's first round draft choice. Check with the A's public relations office for exact times for Kubota and the conference call. Also, if you have not received a printed copy of the 2010 MLB Draft Guide, it can be accessed on line at www.mlbpressex.com.

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