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### **A's Select 29 Players in Second Day of 2010 First-Year Player Draft**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's selected 29 players in the second day of the 2010 First-Year Player Draft, which completed rounds two through 30 today. Including their first round pick from yesterday, the A's have drafted 25 college players and five high school athletes. The total includes 16 pitchers, one catcher, eight infielders and five outfielders. The draft concludes tomorrow beginning at 9:00 a.m. PDT.

The A's first four picks of day two were high school players beginning with their second round selection, Yordy Cabrera, a third baseman from Lakeland Senior High School in Florida. Outfielder Aaron Shipman, who hit .525 with five home runs and 38 stolen bases for Brooks County HS in Georgia was the A's third round pick, followed by third baseman Chad Lewis from Marina HS (Huntington Beach, CA) and right-handed pitcher Tyler Vail of Notre Dame HS in Pennsylvania. This marks the first time the A's selected high school players with four of their first five picks in the draft since 1978.

Oakland returned to the college ranks with its sixth round pick, third baseman Tony Thompson from Kansas. Thompson hit .338 with six home runs and 38 RBI in 40 games with the Jayhawks this year after winning the first Triple Crown in Big 12 history as a sophomore in 2009, when he batted .389 with 21 home runs and 82 RBI in 61 games.

The A's rounded out the top 10 with outfielder Jordan Tripp (7<sup>th</sup> round, Golden West College), right-handed pitcher Blake Hassebrock (8<sup>th</sup> round, UNC-Greensboro), first baseman A.J. Kirby-Jones (9<sup>th</sup> round, Tennessee Tech) and right-handed pitcher Josh Bowman (10<sup>th</sup> round, University of Tampa). Tripp hit .352 with eight home runs, 31 RBI and 19 stolen bases in 38 games and added 31 walks for a .492 on-base percentage. Jones was a second team Louisville Slugger All-America selection after hitting .388 with 26 home runs and 71 RBI in 56 games. He also had 58 walks for a .531 on-base percentage and his .859 slugging percentage ranks second in the NCAA.

Local selections include right-handed pitcher Matt Thomson, the A's 12<sup>th</sup> round pick from the University of San Diego. Thomson is from Santa Rosa and attended El Molino HS and Santa Rosa CC. The A's 16<sup>th</sup> round selection, left-handed pitcher Ryan Hughes from Nebraska, attended Foothill High School and Chabot JC and is from Pleasanton. Catcher Ryan Lipkin, the A's 24<sup>th</sup> round pick played for USF and hit a team leading .313 for the Dons this year.

#### **Oakland Athletics Selections in 2010 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	Michael Choice, OF	Jr.	Texas-Arlington / Arlington, TX	16	Ryan Hughes, LHP	Jr.	Nebraska / Pleasanton, CA
2	Yordy Cabrera, 3B	HS	Lakeland Senior HS / Lakeland, FL	17	Drew Tyson, RHP	Jr.	Reinhardt / Woodstock, GA
3	Aaron Shipman, OF	HS	Brooks County HS / Quitman, GA	18	Jose Macias, RHP	Jr.	Franklin Pierce / Bronx, NY
4	Chad Lewis, 3B	HS	Marina HS / Huntington Beach, CA	19	Logan Chitwood, RHP	Jr.	Texas-Tyler / Kilgore, TX
5	Tyler Vail, RHP	HS	Notre Dame HS / Easton, PA	20	Eric Ramsey, OF	HS	Chattooga HS / Summerville, GA
6	Tony Thompson, 3B	Jr.	Kansas / Reno, NV	21	Michael Anarumo, LHP	Jr.	Le Moyne / Levittown, NY
7	Jordan Tripp, OF	JC	Golden West College / La Palma, CA	22	Mike Strong, LHP	Jr.	Oklahoma State / Afton, MN
8	Blake Hassebrock, RHP	Jr.	UNC-Greensboro / High Point, NC	23	Zachary Thornton, RHP	Sr.	Oregon / Oak Park, CA
9	A.J. Kirby-Jones, 1B	Jr.	Tennessee Tech / Knoxville, TN	24	Ryan Lipkin, C	Sr.	USF / Vacaville, CA
10	Josh Bowman, RHP	Jr.	Tampa / St. Petersburg, FL	25	John Whitaker, 3B	Jr.	Kennesaw St. / Grovetown, GA
11	Wade Kirkland, SS	Jr.	Florida Southern / Lakeland, FL	26	Jacob Brown, LHP	Sr.	Georgia Southern / Forest Hill, MD
12	Matt Thomson, RHP	Sr.	San Diego / Santa Rosa, CA	27	James Frankoff, RHP	Sr.	UNC-Wilmington / Raleigh, NC
13	A.J. Griffin, RHP	Sr.	San Diego / El Cajon, CA	28	Ryan Pineda, 2B	Jr.	Cal St. Northridge / Las Vegas, NV
14	J.C. Menna, RHP	JC	Brookdale CC / Tinton Falls, NJ	29	Zachary Hurley, OF	Sr.	Ohio State / Springboro, OH
15	Scott Woodward, 3B	Jr.	Coastal Carolina / Markle, IN	30	Jeff Urlaub, LHP	Sr.	Grand Canyon / Scottsdale, AZ

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