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A's Select 28 Players in Second Day of 2011 First-Year Player Draft

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected 28 players in the second day of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft, which completed rounds two through 30 today. Including their first round pick from yesterday, the A's have drafted 27 college players and two high school athletes. The total includes 15 pitchers, two catchers, five infielders and seven outfielders. The draft concludes tomorrow beginning at 9:00 a.m. PDT.

The A's, who relinquished their 2nd round pick to Tampa Bay as compensation for the signing of free agent Grant Balfour, selected third baseman Bryan Vollmuth from Southern Mississippi in the 3rd round. The 6-3, 215-pound junior batted .301 with 12 home runs and 49 RBI in 55 games for the Golden Eagles, earning First Team All-Conference USA honors for the second consecutive season. Vollmuth batted .386 with 20 home runs and 76 RBI in 60 games as a sophomore in 2010.

Oakland selected center fielder Bobby Crocker from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in the 4th round. Crocker was a First Team All-Big West Conference selection and was named Team MVP after batting .339 with 13 doubles, a triple and five home runs this year. The 6-3, 230-pound right-handed hitter earned honorable mention All-Big West honors as a sophomore after batting .351.

Beau Taylor, a catcher from the University of Central Florida, was the A's 5th round pick. Taylor batted .325 with five home runs and 47 RBI as a junior after hitting .354 as a sophomore. The 5-10, 180-pound left-handed hitter earned Freshman All-America honors in 2009 after hitting .335.

The A's rounded out the top 10 with center fielder Dayton Alexander (6th round, Feather River College), right-handed pitcher Blake Treinen (7th, South Dakota State), right-handed pitcher Colin O'Connell (8th, Cal State Fullerton), left-handed pitcher Jace Fry (9th, Southridge High School) and outfielder Dusty Robinson (10th, Fresno State). Treinen was a two-time First Team All-Summit League selection, posting a career record of 14-4 with 166 strikeouts in 159.1 innings. O'Connell was 7-3 with a 2.42 ERA in 16 games, 12 starts, for the Titans. He walked just six batters in 70.2 innings and yielded one home run. Robinson was named WAC Player of the Year after hitting .326 with six home runs and 24 RBI in 24 games.

In addition to Crocker, who is from Aromas, Calif. and attended Aptos HS, the A's had one other local selection, drafting left-handed pitcher Christopher Lamb in the 11th round. Lamb struck out 85 and walked just 19 in 81.2 innings in his junior season at Davidson this year, but attended Berkeley HS in Berkeley, Calif.

Oakland Athletics Selections in 2011 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	Sonny Gray, RHP	Jr.	Vanderbilt / Smyrna, TN	17	Sean Jamieson, SS	Sr.	Canisius College / Prince George, VA
3	Bryan Vollmuth, 3B	Jr.	Southern Mississippi / Biloxi, MS	18	Brent Powers, LHP	Sr.	Sam Houston State / Richardson, TX
4	Bobby Crocker, CF	Jr.	Cal Poly-SLO/ Aromas, CA	19	Eric Potter, LHP	Sr.	Maryland / Odenton, MD
5	Beau Taylor, C	Jr.	Central Florida / Rockledge, FL	20	Kurt Wunderlich, RHP	Sr.	Michigan State / Des Peres, MO
6	Dayton Alexander, CF	Jr.	Feather River Col / Wailuku, HI	21	Brandon Magee, OF	Jr.	Arizona State / Corona, CA
7	Blake Treinen, RHP	Sr.	South Dakota St. / Osage City, KS	22	Rhett Stafford, OF	Jr.	Marshall / Cherau, SC
8	Colin O'Connell, RHP	Jr.	Cal State Fullerton / Riverside, CA	23	Cecil Tanner, RHP	Jr.	Georgia / Waycross, GA
9	Jace Fry, LHP	HS	Southridge HS / Beaverton, OR	24	Robert Kuhn, SS	HS	Zionsville Community HS / Zionsville, IN
10	Dusty Robinson, OF	Jr.	Fresno State / Bakersfield, CA	25	Chad Oberacker, CF	Sr.	Tennessee Tech / Erie, PA
11	Christopher Lamb, LHP	Jr.	Davidson / Berkeley, CA	26	Sam Roberts, SS	Sr.	Virginia Military Inst. / Prince Georgia, VA
12	Xavier Macklin, OF	Jr.	North Carolina A&T St. / Greensboro, NC	27	Derrek Self, RHP	Jr.	Louisville / Cove City, KY
13	Jacob Tanis, 3B	Jr.	Mercer / Peachtree City, GA	28	Thomas Girdwood, RHP	Sr.	Elon University / Charlotte, NC
14	Nicholas Rickles, C	Jr.	Stetson / Loxahatchee, FL	29	Nate Eppley, RHP	Sr.	Rider University / Dillsburg, PA
15	T.J. Walz, RHP	Sr.	Kansas / Omaha, NE	30	Nathan Kilcrease, RHP	Sr.	Alabama / Phenix City, AL
16	Tanner Peters, RHP	Jr.	UNLV / Simi Valley, CA				

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