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### **A's Agree to Terms with 22 players from 2011 First-Year Player Draft**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with 22 players from the 2011 First-Year Player Draft held last week, including center fielder Bobby Crocker (4<sup>th</sup> round, Cal Poly-SLO), catcher Beau Taylor (5<sup>th</sup>, Central Florida), center fielder Dayton Alexander (6<sup>th</sup>, Feather River College) and right-handed pitcher Blake Treinen (7<sup>th</sup>, South Dakota State).

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. Taylor batted .325 with five home runs and 47 RBI as a junior after hitting .354 as a sophomore. Alexander hit .382 and stole 18 bases in 38 games for Feather River College. Treinen was 7-3 with a 3.00 ERA in 13 games, all starts, and struck out 84 in 84.0 innings.

The other 18 players include outfielder Xavier Macklin (12<sup>th</sup> round, North Carolina A&T State), third baseman Jacob Tanis (13<sup>th</sup>, Mercer), catcher Nicholas Rickles (14<sup>th</sup>, Stetson), right-handed pitcher T.J. Walz (15<sup>th</sup>, Kansas), right-handed pitcher Tanner Peters (16<sup>th</sup>, UNLV), shortstop Sean Jamieson (17<sup>th</sup>, Canisius College), left-handed pitcher Brent Powers (18<sup>th</sup>, Sam Houston State), left-handed pitcher Eric Potter (19<sup>th</sup>, Maryland), right-handed pitcher Kurt Wunderlich (20<sup>th</sup>, Michigan State), outfielder Rhett Stafford (22<sup>nd</sup>, Marshall), right-handed pitcher Cecil Tanner (23<sup>rd</sup>, Georgia), center fielder Chad Oberacker (25<sup>th</sup>, Tennessee Tech), shortstop Sam Roberts (26<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Military Institute), right-handed pitcher Thomas Girdwood (28<sup>th</sup>, Elon University), right-handed pitcher Nate Eppley (29<sup>th</sup>, Rider University), right-handed pitcher Nathan Kilcrease (30<sup>th</sup>, Alabama), right-handed pitcher Drew Granier (32<sup>nd</sup>, Louisiana-Monroe) and right-handed pitcher Maxwell Perlman (35<sup>th</sup>, Harvard).

#### **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	27	Derrek Self, RHP	Jr.	Louisville / Cove City, KY
3	Bryan Vollmuth, 3B	Jr.	Southern Mississippi / Biloxi, MS	28	<b>Thomas Girdwood, RHP</b>	Sr.	Elon University / Charlotte, NC
4	<b>Bobby Crocker, CF</b>	Jr.	Cal Poly-SLO/ Aromas, CA	29	<b>Nate Eppley, RHP</b>	Sr.	Rider University / Dillsburg, PA
5	Beau Taylor, C	Jr.	Central Florida / Rockledge, FL	30	<b>Nathan Kilcrease, RHP</b>	Sr.	Alabama / Phenix City, AL
6	<b>Dayton Alexander, CF</b>	JC	Feather River Col / Wailuku, HI	31	Nicholas Kuebel, LHP	HS	St. Louis Univ. HS / St. Louis, MO
7	<b>Blake Treinen, RHP</b>	Sr.	South Dakota St. / Osage City, KS	32	<b>Drew Granier, RHP</b>	Sr.	Louisiana-Monroe / Thibodaux, LA
8	Colin O'Connell, RHP	Jr.	Cal State Fullerton / Riverside, CA	33	Austin Booker, 2B	Sr.	California / Fairfax, VA
9	Jace Fry, LHP	HS	Southridge HS / Beaverton, OR	34	Alfredo Unzue, LHP	--	No school / Ciego De Avila, Cuba
10	Dusty Robinson, OF	Jr.	Fresno State / Bakersfield, CA	35	<b>Maxwell Perlman, RHP</b>	Sr.	Harvard / Longwood, FL
11	Christopher Lamb, LHP	Jr.	Davidson / Berkeley, CA	36	Brenden Farney, SS	HS	Vacaville HS / Vacaville, CA
12	Xavier Macklin, OF	Jr.	North Carolina A&T St. / Greensboro, NC	37	Eric Wood, 3B	--	No school / Oshawa, Ontario, CAN
13	Jacob Tanis, 3B	Jr.	Mercer / Peachtree City, GA	38	Alex Blandino, SS	HS	St. Francis HS / San Jose, CA
14	Nicholas Rickles, C	Jr.	Stetson / Loxahatchee, FL	39	Shane Boras, 2B	So.	USC / Newport Coast, CA
15	T.J. Walz, RHP	Sr.	Kansas / Omaha, NE	40	Nic Coffman, 3B	HS	Wilson HS / Portland, OR
16	Tanner Peters, RHP	Jr.	UNLV / Simi Valley, CA	41	Brett Bittiger, SS	HS	Pius X HS / Saylorsburg, PA
17	Sean Jamieson, SS	Sr.	Canisius College / Prince George, VA	42	Brett Geren, C	HS	San Ramon Valley HS / Danville, CA
18	Brent Powers, LHP	Sr.	Sam Houston State / Richardson, TX	43	Adam Frank, LHP	HS	Williams Field HS / Gilbert, AZ
19	Eric Potter, LHP	Sr.	Maryland / Odenton, MD	44	Christopher Bostick, SS	HS	Aquinas Institute / Rochester, NY
20	Kurt Wunderlich, RHP	Sr.	Michigan State / Des Peres, MO	45	C.J. Jacobs, OF	HS	Vacaville HS / Vacaville, HS
21	Brandon Magee, OF	Jr.	Arizona State / Corona, CA	46	Nathan Esposito, C	HS	Granite Bay HS / Granite Bay, CA
22	<b>Rhett Stafford, OF</b>	Jr.	Marshall / Cherau, SC	47	Jeriel Waller, OF	JC	Grossmont College / San Diego, CA
23	<b>Cecil Tanner, RHP</b>	Jr.	Georgia / Waycross, GA	48	Travis Feeney, OF	HS	Pinole Valley HS / Richmond, CA
24	Robert Kuhn, SS	HS	Zionsville Community HS / Zionsville, IN	49	Charles Sheffield, OF	HS	The Pendleton School / Columbus, GA
25	<b>Chad Oberacker, CF</b>	Sr.	Tennessee Tech / Erie, PA	50	Travis Pitcher, RHP	JC	Cypress College / Yorba Linda, CA
26	<b>Sam Roberts, SS</b>	Sr.	Virginia Military Inst. / Prince Georgia, VA				

bold indicates player signed or agreed to terms

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