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

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected eight players on the second day of the 2015 First-Year Player Draft, the club announced today. Seven of the eight selections were college players and five were pitchers. The A's picks included right-handed pitcher Dakota Chalmers (3rd round, North Forsyth HS), center fielder Skye Bolt (4th, North Carolina), left-handed pitcher Kevin Duchene (5th, Univ. of Illinois), right-handed pitcher Bowdien Derby (6th, San Diego State), right-handed pitcher Kyle Friedrichs (7th, Long Beach State), catcher Nicholas Collins (8th, Georgetown), left-handed pitcher Jared Lyons (9th, Liberty University) and center fielder Steven Pallares (10th, San Diego State).

Chalmers went 4-4 with a 1.50 ERA in 12 games, including five starts, as a senior. He struck out 82 in 51.1 innings and did not surrender a home run while holding the opposition to a .166 batting average.

Bolt hit .259 with 10 home runs and 45 RBI in 56 games. He added 40 walks for a .383 on-base percentage and led the Tar Heels in runs (44) and RBI while tying for the team-lead in home runs. Bolt was a third-team All-ACC selection

Duchene was 11-2 with a 1.75 ERA in 15 starts for Illinois. He struck out 88 and walked just 18 while holding the opposition to a .235 batting average. Duchene was a Louisville Slugger second-team All-America selection and earned All-Big Ten honors. He compiled a 24-4 record in three seasons with the Fighting Illini

Derby logged an 8-4 record, one save and a 3.32 ERA in 17 games, including 16 starts for the Aztecs. He struck out 131 batters in 103.0 innings and led the Mountain West Conference in strikeouts.

Friedrichs went 6-4 with a 2.79 ERA in 15 starts for Long Beach State to earn All-Big West second team honors. He struck out 109 in 100.0 innings and walked just 12 batters, an average of 1.08 per nine innings. Friedrichs currently ranks sixth in the nation with a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 9.08.

Collins was named Big East Player of the Year after batting .370 with seven home runs and 36 RBI in 53 games for the Hoyas. He led the conference in slugging (.540) and home runs, tied for the lead in hits (78), ranked second in batting and was fourth in on-base percentage (.435)

Lyons was a Louisville Slugger third team All-America selection and Big South Pitcher of the Year after going 8-2 with a 1.99 ERA in 16 games, including 13 starts. He struck out 100 batters in 99.2 innings and walked just 22. Lyons led the Big South Conference in complete games (3), shutouts (2) and opponents batting average (.197).

Pallares batted .352 with nine home runs and 48 RBI in 64 games. He added 37 walks and was hit by a pitch nine times for a .447 on-base percentage. Pallares led the Aztecs in batting, runs (69), hits, walks, on-base percentage and stolen bases (15).

The A's have drafted college players with nine of their first 10 selections. The breakdown includes five pitchers, one catcher, two infielders and two outfielders. The draft concludes tomorrow beginning at 9:00 am with rounds 11 through 40.

Oakland Athletics Selections in 2015 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	Richie Martin, SS	Jr	Florida / Brandon, FL	6	Bowdien Derby, RHP	Jr.	San Diego State / Duarte, CA
2	Mikey White, SS	Jr.	Alabama / Birmingham, AL	7	Kyle Friedrichs, RHP	Sr.	Long Beach St. / San Clemente, CA
3	Dakota Chalmers, RHP	HS	North Forsyth HS / Gainesville, GA	8	Nicholas Collins, C	Jr.	Georgetown / Carthage, NC
4	Skye Bolt, CF	Jr.	North Carolina / Woodstock, GA	9	Jared Lyons, LHP	Sr.	Liberty. / Yorktown, VA
5	Kevin Duchene, LHP	Jr.	Illinois / Plainfield, IL	10	Steven Pallares, OF	Sr.	San Diego State / Corona, CA

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