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A's Agree to Terms with Four from First-Year Player Draft

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with four players from the 2016 First-Year Player Draft today, including their third round selection, catcher Sean Murphy from Wright State. The A's also agreed to terms with third baseman JaVon Shelby (5th, Kentucky), center fielder Tyler Ramirez (7th, North Carolina) and right-handed pitcher Nolan Blackwood (14th, Memphis).

Murphy hit .287 with six home runs, 34 RBI and 38 runs scored in 39 games with Wright State this year to earn Second Team All-Horizon League honors. He also walked 25 times for a .408 on-base percentage. Wright earned first team All-League honors in 2015 and was named to the All-Freshman Team in 2014.

Shelby hit .212 with 12 home runs and 35 RBI in 54 games for Kentucky and finished third in the SEC in home runs. He was a First-Team All-SEC selection in 2015 and was named to 2014 All-SEC Freshman team in 2014. Shelby is the son of John Shelby, who played 1036 games in 11 seasons in the majors with Baltimore (1981-87), the Dodgers (1987-90) and Detroit (1990-91).

Ramirez hit .333 with eight home runs and 47 RBI in 54 games with North Carolina. He led the Tar Heels in home runs, walks (50), slugging percentage (.540) and on-base percentage (.482) and was a second team All-ACC selection.

Blackwood was 3-4 with seven saves and a 3.76 ERA in 27 relief appearances for Memphis. He set Memphis career records for saves (24) and games pitched (83), while compiling a 2.32 ERA.

The A's have now signed or agreed to terms with 28 of their 41 selections from the draft, including 12 of the first 15.

Oakland Athletics Selections in 2016 First-Year Player Draft

| RND | PLAYER, POS. | YR. | SCHOOL / HOMETOWN | RND | PLAYER, POS. | YR. | SCHOOL / HOMETOWN |
|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|--|
| 1 | A.J. Puk, LHP | Jr | Florida / Cedar Rapids, IA | 21 | Kyle Nowlin, OF | Sr. | Eastern Kentucky / Harrison, OH |
| L-A | Daulton Jefferies, RHP | Jr. | California / Atwater, CA | 22 | Roger Gonzalez, C | Sr. | Winthrop / Miami, FL |
| 2 | Logan Shore, RHP | Jr. | Florida / Coon Rapids, MN | 23 | Christian Lindsay-Young, RHP | Fr. | Niagara County CC / Angola, NY |
| 3 | Sean Murphy, C | Jr. | Wright State / Dayton, OH | 24 | Robert Bennie, OF | Jr. | East Stroudsburg / Charlottesville, VA |
| 4 | Skylar Szynski, RHP | HS | Penn HS / Granger, IN | 25 | Jeramiah McCray, CF | HS | Martin Luther King HS / Riverside, CA |
| 5 | JaVon Shelby, 3B | Jr. | Kentucky / Lexington, KY | 26 | Charles Gould, 1B | Sr. | William and Mary / Lake Forest, IL |
| 6 | Brandon Bailey, RHP | Jr. | Gonzaga / Broomfield, CO | 27 | Cole Gruber, CF | Sr. | Nebraska-Omaha / Papillion, NE |
| 7 | Tyler Ramirez, CF | Jr. | North Carolina / Suffolk, VA | 28 | Josh Vidales, 2B | Sr. | Houston / Deer Park, TX |
| 8 | William Gilbert, LHP | Sr. | North Carolina St. / Morrisville, NC | 29 | Matthew Milburn, RHP | Sr. | Wofford / Dallas, TX |
| 9 | Dalton Sawyer, LHP | Sr. | Minnesota / Waconia, MN | 30 | Nick Highberger, RHP | Sr. | Creighton / Rye, CO |
| 10 | Mitchell Jordan, RHP | Jr. | Stetson / Longwood, FL | 31 | Sam Sheehan, RHP | Sr. | Westmont / Bonita, CA |
| 11 | Eli White, SS | Jr. | Clemson / Easley, SC | 32 | Collin Theroux, C | Jr. | Oklahoma State / San Mateo, CA |
| 12 | Luke Persico, CF | Jr. | UCLA / Temecula, CA | 33 | Jarrett Costa, C | Sr. | Westmont / Fremont, CA |
| 13 | Nathan Mondou, 2B | Jr. | Wake Forest / Lake Tapps, WA | 34 | Casey Thomas, SS | Sr. | Texas A&M-Corpus Christi / Phoenix, AZ |
| 14 | Nolan Blackwood, RHP | Jr. | Memphis / Southxaven, MS | 35 | Daniel Rafferty, LHP | Jr. | Bucknell / Chicago, IL |
| 15 | Ty Damron, LHP | Jr. | Texas Tech / Gainesville, TX | 36 | Brady Schanuel, RHP | Fr. | Parkland / Swansea, IL |
| 16 | Anthony Churlin, OF | HS | Island Coast HS / Cape Coral, FL | 37 | Michael Farley, CF | HS | Chico HS / Chico, CA |
| 17 | Seth Martinez, RHP | Jr. | Arizona State / Peoria, AZ | 38 | Matthew Frazier, OF | HS | Clovis North HS / Fresno, CA |
| 18 | Skyler Weber, C | Jr. | Georgia / Gainesville, GA | 39 | Shane Martinez, SS | HS | John W. North HS / Riverside, CA |
| 19 | Samuel Gilbert, RHP | Sr. | Kansas / Pittsburgh, KS | 40 | Brett Bittiger, SS | Sr. | Pace / Saylorsburg, PA |
| 20 | Brigham Hill, RHP | So. | Texas A&M / Nacogdoches, TX | | | | |

Bold indicates player signed or agreed to terms

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