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A's Select Three in Minor League Phase of Rule 5 Draft

LAS VEGAS, Nevada. – The Oakland A's announced today from the MLB Winter Meetings the results of the Rule 5 Draft.

- **Corban Joseph**, INF, selected from Baltimore in the Triple-A Phase of the Rule 5 Draft.
- **Mark Payton**, OF, selected from New York-AL in the Triple-A Phase of the Rule 5 Draft.
- **Anthony Miller**, INF, selected from Cleveland in the Triple-A Phase of the Rule 5 Draft.
- **Richie Martin**, INF, selected by Baltimore in the Major League Phase of the Rule 5 Draft.

A player selected in the Major League phase of the Rule 5 Draft must be kept on the Major League 25-man roster of the drafting team for the entirety of next season, and the selected player must remain active (not on the disabled list) for a minimum of 90 days. If the player does not remain on the Major League roster, he will be placed on waivers before being offered back to the team from which he was selected.

Joseph, 30, appeared in 14 games with Baltimore last season, hitting .222 (4-for-18) with a double. He spent most of the season with Double-A Bowie, hitting .312 (143-for-459) with 73 runs, 30 doubles, 2 triples, 17 home runs, 68 RBI, a .381 on-base percentage and a .497 slugging mark in 122 games. His other Major League experience includes two games with New York-AL in 2013. In 11 minor league seasons, he has hit .285 (1104-for-3874) with 237 doubles, 34 triples, 80 home runs and 502 RBI in the New York-AL, Atlanta, Washington and Baltimore minor league systems. He was selected by New York-AL in the 4th round of the 2008 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

Payton, 27, spent last season with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, appearing in 62 games and hitting .259 (51-for-197) with 29 runs, 6 doubles, 2 triples, 6 home runs, 25 RBI and a .368 on-base percentage. In five minor league seasons in the New York-AL organization, he hit .274 (429-for-1568) with 228 runs, 71 doubles, 20 triples, 32 home runs, 183 RBI with a .354 on-base percentage in 448 games. He was selected by New York-AL in the 16th round of the 2013 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

Miller, 24, spent last season with High-A Lynchburg in the Cleveland organization, hitting .264 (66-for-250) with 38 runs, 16 doubles, 1 triple, 8 home runs and 30 RBI in 74 games. In four minor league seasons, he has hit .228 (219-for-960) with 107 runs, 56 doubles, 3 triples, 25 home runs and 112 RBI in 283 games. He was selected in the 18th round of the 2015 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of Johnson County Community College.

Martin, 23, hit .300 (136-for-453) with 68 runs, 29 doubles, 8 triples, 6 home runs and 42 RBI in 118 games with Double-A Midland. In four minor league seasons with Oakland, he has hit .257 (351-for-1368) with 205 runs, 63 doubles, 21 triples, 15 home runs and 129 RBI in 369 games. He was selected by Oakland in the 1st round of the 2015 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Florida.

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