



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### Athletics to Choose 18th in 2011 Major League Baseball First-Year Draft *MLB Network Begins Live Coverage Monday, June 6 at 4 p.m. PDT*

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Oakland Athletics will select 18th in the first round of Major League Baseball's 2011 First-Year Draft, which will be held in Studio 42 at MLB Network in Secaucus, N.J. Monday, June 6, starting at 4 p.m. PDT with first-day coverage provided by both MLB Network and MLB.com.

The A's, who relinquished their second-round choice (75th overall) to Tampa Bay when they signed free agent reliever Grant Balfour in the offseason, have three of the top 136 selections in the 2011 Draft, also scheduled to exercise the 105th pick in the third round and 136th in the fourth round.

For the third straight year, the 2011 Draft will span three days. MLB Network and MLB.com will provide live pick-by-pick coverage during the first round and the first compensation round on day one. The intervals between selections will last five minutes during the first round and one minute during the compensation round. The Draft will resume at 9 a.m. PDT on both Tuesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 8 via conference call from MLB headquarters in New York City.

Former shortstop Campy Campaneris, a six-time American League All-Star stolen base champion who served as leadoff hitter for Oakland's three straight World Series championship teams (1972-74), will represent the Athletics at the draft.

Beginning the second day, MLB.com will offer comprehensive live programming of the draft's final days, including a live pick-by-pick stream, expert commentary and the exclusive Draft Tracker, a live interactive application that includes a searchable database of every draft-eligible player supplemented by statistics, scouting reports and video highlights.

Last year, the A's selected outfielder Michael Choice, the 2010 Southland Conference Player of the Year at the University of Texas-Arlington, in the first round of the draft, the 10th overall pick. Last season, Oakland had four of the top 125 selections in the draft, selecting third baseman Yordy Cabrera (Lakeland High School, Florida, 60th overall), outfielder Aaron Shipman (Brooks County High School, Georgia, 92nd) and third baseman Chad Lewis (Marina High School, California, 125th) in the second, third and fourth rounds, respectively.

Since 1997, Oakland has selected only one high school player in the first round (Jeremy Bonderman, 2001).

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(NOTE TO BAY AREA MEDIA: In conjunction with the first day of the 2011 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, the Oakland A's will make Director of Scouting Eric Kubota available on a media conference call at approximately 6 p.m. Monday and will also make every attempt to feature the team's first round draft choice on the same call. To join the call, call 1-888-808-6929. When prompted, punch in Access Code 9858720 and hit the # sign. Check with the A's public relations office for exact times for the conference call. Also, if you have not received a printed copy of the 2010 MLB Draft Guide, it can be accessed on line at [www.mlbpressex.com](http://www.mlbpressex.com).

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