

MLB Draft Update....

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The Atlantic Coast Conference had ten players chosen through the first three rounds of the Major League Baseball draft.

Six more were selected in the second and third rounds on Tuesday. Shortstop Bradley Miller of Clemson was chosen by Seattle with the 62nd choice in the second round. Miller batted .395 with five home runs, three triples and 11 doubles and 50 runs-batted-in. He had a .559 slugging percentage and a .489 on-base percentage with 21 stolen bases in 26 attempts. Will Lamb of the Tigers went to the Texas with the 83rd pick. Lamb, a lefthander, was 1-1 for the Tigers with a 5.11 ERA. He also had 29 strikeouts in 24 innings of work.

Righthanded pitcher Cory Mazzoni of North Carolina State was taken by the New York Mets with the 71st pick. Mazzoni was 6-6 3.30 ERA with 137 strikeouts in 114 2/3 innings. Pratt Maynard of the Wolfpack was selected in the third round by the Los Angeles Dodgers with the 103rd pick.

Maynard batted .323 with five home runs and 41 RBI. Maynard had a .474 slugging percentage with a .414 on-base percentage. He also threw out 13 would-be base stealers at a 74% clip.

Third baseman Harold Martinez of Miami was taken in the second round with the 90th pick by Philadelphia. Ezekiel DeVoss of the Hurricanes was taken by the Cubs in the third round by the 98th pick. DeVoss batted .340 with 18 extra base hits, 27 RBI, a team-leading 57 walks, and 32 stolen bases. He also had a .491 on-base percentage.

Martinez batted .301 with three home runs and 38 RBI, but he struck out 44 times in 209 at bats.

Righthanded pitcher Mike Wright of East Carolina went to the Baltimore Orioles with the 94th pick in the third round, and the Atlanta Braves picked up shortstop Nick Ahmed from Connecticut in the second round with the 85th pick (.333 batting average, 23 stolen bases, 11 doubles, 35 RBI, a .448 slugging percentage, and a .965 fielding percentage) and third baseman Kyle Kubitzka of Texas State (.310, 10 home runs, 66 RBI, .558 slugging percentage, 29 extra base hits and 16 stolen bases) in the third round with the 115th choice.

Catcher John Hicks of Virginia was taken by Seattle in the fourth round with the 123rd pick; third baseman Matt Skole of Georgia Tech goes to Washington in the fifth round (157th pick); and pitcher William Roberts of Virginia goes to Cleveland with the 158th pick in the fifth round. Righthander Mark Pope of Georgia Tech goes to San Diego with the 173rd pick in the fifth round; and the Braves closed out the first five rounds of the draft by selecting righthanded pitcher J.R. Graham of Santa Clara in the fourth round and catcher Nick DeSantiago from Blinn College (Texas) in the fifth round.

There were no players from the Southern Conference selected in the first five rounds of the draft.

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