

Hobson selected by San Francisco

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Pre-season All-America Wes Hobson was finally chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft on Wednesday afternoon.

Hobson, who batted .404 during his senior year at Appalachian State University, was taken by the San Francisco Giants in the 40th round (1,218th pick). Hobson put up some big numbers for the Mountaineers during his career. He's a .362 lifetime hitter with 318 hits and 78 doubles. Hobson is the third Mountaineer chosen in the MLB draft. Austin Brice, from Northwood High School in Pittsboro, NC, was chosen by the Florida Marlins in the ninth round on Tuesday. Brice, a righthander that was named the top rated high school pitcher in the state of North Carolina by Baseball America, signed with ASU during the early signing period during his senior year at Northwood. He now has until August 15 to decide whether to attend ASU this fall, or go pro. If he decides to attend ASU, he will not be eligible to re-enter the MLB draft until 2013. Chris Patterson, who set a new school record with 13 saves this past season was taken late Tuesday by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 29th round. And through 42 rounds of the draft, the Southern Conference had 20 players selected. The top pick was pitcher Asher Wojciecowski of The Citadel, who was chosen by the Toronto Blue Jays with the 41st pick. Pitcher Jimmy Reyes of Elon was taken in the seventh round by the Giants. Third baseman Dustin Harrington (East Carolina University and Alexander Central High School) went to the Chicago Cubs in the 34th round; shortstop Joel McKeithon of T.C. Roberson was chosen by the Colorado Rockies in the 39th round.