

Four Mountaineers Selected In MLB Draft

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Rob Marcello, Sam Agnew-Weiland, Will Callaway, and Hector Crespo of Appalachian State University were selected on the final day of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft Saturday.

Marcello, a senior, was the highest choice of the day. He was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 17th round on Saturday with the 511th pick. Marcello, a senior, was 1-3 this past spring in 20 appearances, all in relief. Marcello, who had a team-high five saves, gave up 13 earned runs in 22.1 innings of work with 28 strikeouts and 20 walks allowed.

Marcello was 6-5 with a 5.31 ERA his junior year. Marcello defeated LSU 11-1 his junior year. He went 8.1 innings and he gave up an earned run on three hits.

Sam Agnew-Weiland, who had a strong season on the mound for ASU, was taken in the 24th round by the New York Yankees with the 734th pick. Agnew-Weiland, who was named Southern Conference Pitcher of the Week on two occasions (April 1 and April 8), was 7-6 his junior year with a 5.15 ERA. He had two complete games among his 14 starts, and he gave up 49 earned runs in 85.2 innings with 71 strikeouts and 43 walks.

Agnew-Weiland tossed a complete game, five-hit, 4-0 shutout win against Wofford on March 30. Agnew-Weiland had ten strikeouts and walked two; he tossed a two-hit shutout against Georgia Southern on April 6. He struck out nine and walked two in a 2-0 win.

Second baseman Hector Crespo was selected by the Yankees in the 34th round with the 1,034th pick. The ASU senior batted .336 this season with four home runs and 40 runs-batted-in. Crespo had 14 doubles and three triples among his 79 hits. Defensively, Crespo only made six errors in 292 chances with 192 assists. In his junior and senior years combined, Crespo only made 13 errors in 541 chances with 341 assists. He also had 52 stolen base the last two years, including 22 swipes this season.

Callaway was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 37th round with the 1,122nd pick. Callaway, a senior shortstop, who is on the Brooks Wallace Award watch list, which is presented to college baseball's top shortstop, was second on the team with a .344 batting average. Callaway played and started in 51 games for the Mountaineers this season. He had four home runs, eight doubles and 40 RBI with 14 stolen bases (third on the team) in 15 attempts. Callaway also had a .946 field percentage with 90 put outs and 136 assists.

Right handed pitcher Tyler Barnette, who played at Hickory High, was selected by the Chicago White Sox in the 14th round with the 423rd pick. Barnette was selected in the ninth round by the Boston Red Sox following his senior year at Hickory in 2010. Barnette, a junior, was 6-3 with a 3.97 ERA. He made 15 appearances, all starts and gave up 42 earned runs on 95.1 innings with 29 walks and 59 strikeouts.

Catcher Joe Jackson of The Citadel, who was named the Most Outstanding Player in the SoCon Tournament, even though his team lost to Elon in the finals (only the third player in conference history to accomplish this feat), was taken in the fifth round on Friday by the Texas Rangers with the 160th pick.

Catcher David Scheaffer, a senior at North Surry High School in Mount Airy, N.C., was taken by the Tampa Bay Rays with the 1,138th selection the 38th round.

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