

Four Mountaineers go in MLB draft

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The Appalachian State baseball team had four players selected in the Major League Amateur Baseball Draft.

Relief pitcher Zack Quate was the highest choice, going to the Tampa Bay Rays in the 14th round. He was 3-1 during his senior year with 11 saves, 55 strike outs in 41 1/3 innings of work, with a 1.09 earned-run-average; outfielder Rand Smith goes to the Florida Marlin the 20th round. Smith batted .365 with four home runs and 35 runs-batted-in and 17 stolen bases; and second baseman Isaac Harrow goes to the New York Yankees in the 24th round. Harrow, a Hickory native, had one heck of a year with 92 hits, 23 doubles, six triples, 12 home runs and 75 RBI; He batted .422 with a .748 slugging percentage; He was also ranked in the nation's top 35 in nine different categories: batting average, hits, doubles, triples, RBI, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, total bases and sacrifice flies And right-handed pitcher Josh Dowdy goes to the Baltimore Orioles in the 38th round. Dowdy was 6-3 with a 5.07 ERA and two shutouts this past year. He also had 123 strikeouts in his career.

The Mountaineers were 33-21 this past season.