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Tuesday was not a good day for Dakota Freese.

Tuesday was Day 2 of the Major League draft and Freese was not selected in the top 30 rounds.

"Very stressful," he said.

Wednesday was better.

The Chicago White Sox picked Freese in the 34th round, making him the 1,041st player selected overall. That helped put Tuesday in the rearview mirror.

"I don't really care now. I'm just so happy," he said.

Freese is a 6-foot-4 pitcher for Cedar Rapids Washington. He has signed to play at LSU-Eunice, a junior college in Louisiana, but his goal is to play pro baseball.

"It all depends on the money right now," he said.

Freese had been contacted by numerous Major League teams prior to the draft, including the White Sox. "I was hoping they might take me," he said.

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Players have until Aug. 15 to make a decision, either to accept a pro contract or go to school. Freese is scheduled to pitch for Washington Thursday night against Linn-Mar.