

Eight more lowans chosen in MLB draft

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Eight more lowans were selected during the Major League Baseball first-year player draft Wednesday. It was the third and final day of the draft and the final 20 rounds were held.

Cedar Rapids Washington right-hander [Dakota Freese](#) was chosen by the Chicago White Sox in the 34th round. He was the only current Metro athlete selected. Former Marion prep [Matt Holland](#), an outfielder from Texas A&M Corpus Christi, was selected by the Phillies in the 22nd round Tuesday.

David Kerian, an infielder from Sioux City Heelan, was the only other current Iowa prep selected. He went to the Washington Nationals in the 42nd round. He has accepted a scholarship offer from Iowa Western Community College.

Two other Sioux City area athletes were chosen Wednesday. Damek Tomscha, a freshman third baseman from Iowa Western who was the Gatorade prep baseball player of the year in 2010 at Sioux City North, went to the Florida Marlins in the 36th round. Former Heelan prep Mike Bisenius, an outfielder from Wayne State, Neb., was taken in the 48th round by the Nationals.

Wartburg senior right-hander Brad Watson, a former Urbandale prep, went to the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round. Former Burlington prep Travis Whitmore, a senior infielder at the University of Pittsburgh, was taken by the San Diego Padres in the 35th round. University of Illinois centerfielder Willie Argo, a Davenport Assumption product, was picked by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 43rd round. Cody Gabella, a freshman shortstop at Southeastern Community College who prepped at West Burlington Notre Dame, was chosen by the Padres in the 43rd round.

A total of 15 lowans were taken in the draft. A total of 1,530 players were chosen over the draft's three days.

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Colin Rea, rhp, Cascade, Indiana State, San Diego Padres (12th round)

Brandon Platts, rhp, Mason City HS, Pittsburgh Pirates (13th round)

Matt Holland, of, Marion, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Philadelphia Phillies (22nd round)

Mitchell Mormann, rhp, Manchester, Wichita State, Detroit Tigers (25th round)

Derrick Loveless, of, Solon HS, Toronto Blue Jays (27th round)

Braden Shull, lhp, Mount Pleasant HS, Philadelphia Phillies (27th round)

Matt Dermody, lhp, Norwalk, University of Iowa, Colorado Rockies (29th round)

Dakota Freese, rhp, Cedar Rapids Washington HS, Chicago White Sox (34th round)

Travis Whitmore, 2b, Burlington, University of Pittsburgh, San Diego Padres (35th round)

Damek Tomscha, 3b, Sioux City, Iowa Western CC, Florida Marlins (36th round)

Brad Watson, rhp, Urbandale, Wartburg, St. Louis Cardinals (37th round)

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David Kerian, ss, Sioux City Heelan HS, Washington Nationals (42nd round)

Willie Argo, of, Davenport, University of Illinois, Pittsburgh Pirates (43rd round)

Cody Gabella, ss, West Burlington, Southeastern CC, San Diego Padres (43rd round)

Mike Bisenius, of, Sioux City, Wayne State, Neb., Washington Nationals (48th round)