

Huskers Taken in MLB Draft

Lincoln - Six players with ties to the Nebraska baseball program heard their names called on the final day of the MLB First-Year Player Draft. Including signee Justin Black, who was picked in the fourth round by the Atlanta Braves Tuesday, seven players with Husker ties were picked over the three-day MLB Draft. That includes five players from the 2012 team.

Husker signee Matt Strahm was first to come off the board on Wednesday, in the 21st round when the lefty pitcher was picked by the Kansas City Royals. Three more Huskers were selected in the 23rd round. The Minnesota Twins selected right-handed closer Travis Huber. Switching-hitting outfielder Kale Kiser was picked next by the Chicago White Sox and the Cleveland Indians selected catcher Richard Stock two picks later.

After not being able to play baseball for the Huskers in 2012 due to a foot injury he suffered during the 2011 football season, outfielder Khiry Cooper was drafted in the 25th round by the Boston Red Sox. Junior Chad Christensen was the final Husker picked. The Miami Marlins drafted him in the 35th round.

The deadline for players selected in the First-Year Player Draft to sign a MLB contract is 5 p.m. ET on July 13.