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LaGrange, Troup County Standouts Sign with ABAC Baseball Stallions

TIFTON—Tristain Daugherty, a pitcher from LaGrange High School, and Tyler Bunn, a pitcher from Troup County High School, are in the group of 14 new freshman recruits who will shoulder a heavy burden for the Golden Stallions of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the 2016 baseball season.

Brandon Reeder, recently named the ABAC head coach after wearing the interim title during the 2015 campaign, said the freshmen will add much needed depth to a squad which streaked out to a 12-2 start in conference play but wound up fourth in the league tournament.

“We lost our entire infield from last year’s team so we have some holes to fill,” Reeder said. “There are a lot of little areas we can improve on from last year.”

Named the Region 1-AAAAA pitcher of the year, Daugherty posted an 8-3 record with a 2.23 earned run average for LaGrange High. For his mound expertise, he was named to the all-region and all-state teams.

“Tristain takes the mound and competes,” Reeder said. “He has great stuff from a sidearm slot, and he’ll throw in the late innings for us. I don’t think there’s much that scares this kid.”
Bunn roamed the outfield and pitched for Troup County but it’s his experience on the mound for the Tigers that caught Reeder’s attention. The lefthander was 2-0 on the hill. In the classroom, he excelled with a 4.13 grade point average.

“Tyler has spot-on command and has the type of stuff to get outs for us,” Reeder said. “He just needs to throw strikes, and he will be successful.”

Other freshman recruits include Cain Peterson, a third baseman from Eastman; Austin Guest, a pitcher from Brunswick; Preston Sparks, a pitcher from Kathleen; Hunter Bramlett, a catcher from Douglas; Bran Davis, an outfielder from Douglas; Dakota Sloan, an outfielder from Hawkinsville; Bryce Shupe, an outfielder from Walnut Grove; Chandler Hyman, a pitcher from Walnut Grove; Ethan Edwards, an outfielder from Macon; Brett Sitton, a shortstop from Fox Creek, S.C.; Keaton Gordon, a pitcher from Gray; and Colby Melton, a second baseman from Thomasville.

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