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THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL STANDOUT SIGNS WITH ABAC BASEBALL STALLIONS

TIFTON—Colby Melton, a standout second baseman from Thomas County Central High School, is one 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.”

Melton had an on-base percentage of .405 for Thomas County Central during his senior season when he was an all-region pick. He struck out only four times all year and stole 11 bases for the Yellow Jackets.

“Colby is a hard-working kid who wants to contribute in any way he can,” Reeder said. “He’s a tough out no matter who’s on the mound, and I love the way he competes.”

Other freshman recruits include Austin Guest, a pitcher from Brunswick; Cain Peterson, a third baseman from Eastman; Hunter Bramlett, a catcher from Douglas; Bran Davis, an outfielder from
Douglas; Preston Sparks, a pitcher from Kathleen; Tristain Daugherty, a pitcher from LaGrange; 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 third baseman from Fox Creek, S.C.; Tyler Bunn, a pitcher from LaGrange; and Keaton Gordon, a pitcher from Gray.

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