Hawkinsville Standout Signs with ABAC Baseball Stallions

TIFTON—Dakota Sloan, an outfielder from Hawkinsville, 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.”

Hitting from the left side, Sloan pounded a school record 19 home runs during his tenure at Hawkinsville High School. He guided the Red Devils to the quarterfinal round of the state tournament on the baseball diamond and to the state championship from the quarterback position on the football field. Named to the all-region team, Sloan compiled a sparkling 3.42 grade point average in the classroom.
“Dakota will add gap-to-gap pop to our lineup,” Reeder said. “He really impressed me in his workout by exhibiting his hitting power, his agility, and his arm from the outfield. He’s a really good athlete.”

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; 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.; Tyler Bunn, a pitcher from LaGrange; Keaton Gordon, a pitcher from Gray; and Colby Melton, a second baseman from Thomasville.

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