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Veterans High School Standout Signs with ABAC Baseball Stallions

TIFTON—Preston Sparks, a pitcher from Kathleen, 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.”

From his spot as team captain, Sparks led Veterans High School to the semifinals of the state tournament. Named to the all-region team and the Georgia Dugout Club all-state team, Sparks set school records for innings pitched, strikeouts, and earned run average. He plans to participate in the ABAC Honors Program, utilizing the 4.0 grade point average he attained in high school.

“Preston is a phenomenal young man who chews up innings and wants the ball in the biggest situations,” Reeder said. “He is going to pound the strike zone with mid-80s velocity and good command of his off-speed pitches.”
Other freshman recruits include Cain Peterson, a third baseman from Eastman; Austin Guest, a pitcher from Brunswick; Hunter Bramlett, a catcher from Douglas; Bran Davis, an outfielder from Douglas; 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 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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