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MLB COMPLETES THE 2007 FIRST-YEAR PLAYER DRAFT

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL – Major League Baseball today completed the 2007 First-Year Player Draft at The Milk House at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, with 1,453 players being chosen in the 50 rounds. The First-Year Player Draft resumed in the sixth round via conference call this morning after Thursday's completion of five rounds and the compensation round.

Among those who were selected in the 2007 First-Year Player Draft were Beau Mills (1st round, CLE), son of Red Sox bench coach Brad Mills; brothers Austin (2nd round, NYY) and Andrew Romine (5th round, LAA), son of former Major Leaguer Kevin Romine; Bo Greenwell (6th round, CLE), son of former Major Leaguer Mike Greenwell; Cale Iorg (6th round, DET), son of former Major Leaguer Garth Iorg and nephew of former Major Leaguer Dane Iorg; Parker Frazier (8th round, COL), son of former Major Leaguer George Frazier; Ryan Acosta (12th round, CHI), son of the late pitching coach and executive Oscar Acosta; James Russell (14th round, CHI), son of former Major Leaguer Jeff Russell; Matthew Wallach (22nd round, LA), son of former Major Leaguer Tim Wallach; Colin Kaline (25th round, DET), son of Hall of Famer Al Kaline; Jordan Herr (41st round, CHI), son of former Major Leaguer Tommy Herr; Matthew Scioscia (41st round, LAA), son of Angels manager Mike Scioscia; Andrew Benes (47th round, CIN), son of former Major Leaguer Andy Benes; Benjamin Petralli (47th round, TEX), son of former Major Leaguer Geno Petralli; and Brandon Hayes (49th round, TEX), nephew of former Major Leaguer Von Hayes.

Also chosen was Joris Bert, a 19th round selection by the Los Angeles Dodgers out of Frank Phillips CC in Borger, TX. Bert, a native of France, is a product of Major League Baseball International's European Academy (2005 and 2006). While 10 players from the Academy have signed contracts in the past two years and others have gone to college in the U.S., Bert becomes the first player from MLBI's European Academy to be selected in the Draft.

The accompanying file is a complete listing of each choice made in the 2007 First-Year Player Draft.

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