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Seth is the highest drafted Eagle since Sam Howard in 2014

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STATESBORO, GA. – Junior pitcher [Seth Shuman](#) has been selected in the sixth round of the 2019 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Oakland Athletics. The native of Valdosta, Georgia closed the 2019 season with First Team All-Sun Belt Conference honors.

Shuman won 22 games in three years with the Eagles, posting a 3.95 career ERA. The righty fanned 258 career batters to rank 10th in school history. He finished his 2019 season with 114 Ks in 91 and two-thirds innings.

On March 22nd, Seth dealt a career-high 13 strikeouts over seven innings in a 7-6 win over Little Rock. Shuman left the game with a 3-2 lead, but the Eagles would win the game in 12 innings on [Mason Miller's](#) walk-off sacrifice bunt.

The scouting report on MLB.com lists Shuman as a depth starter, a ground-ball pitcher with good command. He has an 88-90 mph fastball that can reach 92 -- and even got to 94 mph later in the season, according to some scouts -- along with an above-average slider and a changeup.

Oakland has taken an Eagle in back-to-back drafts, taking Shuman in 2019, only a year after taking [Chase Cohen](#) in the ninth round of the 2018 draft. This marks the fifth time that Oakland has taken an Eagle and the seventh time the franchise has selected a Georgia Southern product.

This is the second time that Shuman has been drafted. In 2016 he was picked 1,171st by the Baltimore Orioles in the 39th round. Seth started his career in Statesboro on the gridiron, playing four games for the Eagles at quarterback before switching his focus to baseball.

The 2019 MLB Draft continues on Wednesday with rounds 11-40. Coverage starts on MLB.com at Noon. 2019 marks the sixth-straight year that an Eagle has been selected in the MLB draft. Five Eagles have been taken in the first 10 rounds over the last three seasons.

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