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CUBS SIGN INFIELDER NICO HOERNER

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CHICAGO – The Chicago Cubs today announced they have signed infielder Nico Hoerner, the club’s first round selection (24th overall), in the 2018 First-Year Player Draft. Terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Overall, the Cubs have signed seven new selections from the 2018 Draft to date (including Hoerner) since the club’s last announcement, bringing the current total to 17 signed players: outfielder Jimmy Herron (third round), righthander Zach Mort (eighth round), righthander Derek Casey (ninth round), righthander Cam Sanders (12th round), infielder Tyler Durna (15th round) and infielder Jake Slaughter (18th round).

Hoerner, 21, batted .345 (80-for-232) with 17 doubles, six triples, two homers and 40 RBI in 57 games with Stanford this season, leading the school to its first Pac-12 Conference Championship since 2004. He drew 20 walks, contributing to a .391 OBP, and swiped 15 bases. The junior was named All-Conference for the second-consecutive season after leading the club in hits, multi-hit games, doubles, triples and steals.

A three-year starter with the Cardinal, the right-handed hitter batted a combined .303 (210-for-692) with 43 doubles, 10 triples and three homers in 168 games. He was named to the All-Pac-12 Defensive team in 2017 after starting all 58 games at shortstop. He spent last summer with the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in the Cape Cod League, batting .300 (48-for-160) with seven doubles and six homers in the regular season, and earning All-Star honors.

A native of Oakland, California, Hoerner graduated from Head-Royce School where he was a three-time team captain and started four years as a pitcher and shortstop. In 2014 and 2015, he was named both the league MVP and the Max Preps California Small School Player of the Year.

Here is a look at Chicago’s selections from the 2018 Draft, with the players currently having signed in bold:

Rd. (Pick)	Player	Pos.	School	Birthday	B	T	Ht.	Wt.
1 (24)	Nico Hoerner	SS	Stanford University	5/13/97	R	R	6-1	200
2 (62)	Brennen Davis	OF	Basha High School (Ariz.)	11/2/99	R	R	6-4	175
2C (77)	Cole Roederer	OF	Hart High School (Calif.)	9/24/99	L	L	6-0	175
2C (78)	Paul Richan	RHP	University of San Diego	3/26/97	R	R	6-2	200
3 (98)	Jimmy Herron	CF	Duke University (N.C.)	7/27/96	R	L	6-1	195
4 (128)	Ethan Roberts	RHP	Tennessee Tech University	7/4/97	R	R	5-11	170
5 (158)	Andy Weber	2B	University of Virginia	7/24/97	L	R	6-1	190
6 (188)	Kohl Franklin	RHP	Broken Arrow Senior High School (Okla.)	9/9/99	R	R	6-4	190
7 (218)	D.J. Artis	CF	Liberty University (Va.)	3/20/97	L	L	5-9	165
8 (248)	Zach Mort	RHP	George Mason University (Va.)	5/22/97	R	R	6-1	205
9 (278)	Derek Casey	RHP	University of Virginia	2/15/96	R	R	6-2	190
10 (308)	Luke Reynolds	3B	University of Southern Mississippi	3/20/95	L	R	6-1	215
11 (338)	Riley Thompson	RHP	University of Louisville (Ky.)	7/9/96	L	R	6-3	205
12 (368)	Cameron Sanders	RHP	Louisiana State University	12/9/96	R	R	6-2	175
13 (398)	Ezequiel Pagan	CF	Pro Baseball High School & Academy (P.R.)	7/8/00	L	R	6-1	163
14 (428)	Riley McCauley	RHP	Michigan State University	12/5/96	R	R	6-1	205
15 (458)	Tyler Durna	1B	UC San Diego	11/13/96	L	L	6-0	205
16 (488)	Josh Sawyer	LHP	University of Texas – Austin	10/24/94	R	L	6-3	180
17 (518)	Jake Reindl	RHP	University of Arkansas – Fayetteville	1/15/97	R	R	6-1	190
18 (548)	Jake Slaughter	SS	Louisiana State University	10/24/96	R	R	6-3	200
19 (578)	Layne Looney	RHP	University of Richmond (Va.)	7/26/96	R	R	5-10	200
20 (608)	Chris Allen	LHP	Marin Community College (Calif.)	6/13/98	L	L	6-4	180
21 (638)	Carlos Vega	RHP	Southeast Missouri State University	12/28/95	R	R	6-2	220
22 (668)	Jamie Galazin	CF	St. John’s University (N.Y.)	5/20/96	R	R	6-4	200
23 (698)	Hunter Taylor	C	University of South Carolina	6/8/96	R	R	5-11	226
24 (728)	Blake Whitney	RHP	University of South Carolina – Upstate	5/25/96	R	R	6-3	185
25 (758)	Dalton Hurd	CF	Seattle University (Wash.)	12/17/95	R	R	5-9	180
26 (788)	Julian Boyd	OF	St. John Bosco High School (Calif.)	9/21/99	L	L	5-10	143
27 (818)	Niels Stone	RHP	Indian River State College (Fla.)	2/10/99	L	R	6-1	190
28 (848)	Mitchell Parker	LHP	Manzano High School (N.M.)	9/27/99	L	L	6-3	195
29 (878)	Levi Jordan	SS	University of Washington	9/24/95	R	R	5-8	170
30 (908)	Drew Wharton	OF	Clemson University (S.C.)	11/28/95	R	R	6-3	190
31 (938)	Clayton Daniel	2B	Jacksonville State University (Ala.)	5/10/95	R	R	5-7	170
32 (968)	Jack Patterson	LHP	Bryant University (R.I.)	8/3/95	L	L	6-0	210
33 (998)	Tyler Ras	RHP	Middletown North HS (N.J.)	11/9/99	S	R	6-4	200
34 (1028)	Miguel Pabon	SS	Leadership Christian Academy (Pa.)	8/30/00	R	R	6-0	165
35 (1058)	Edmond American	OF	Chipola College (Fla.)	3/26/97	L	L	6-1	170
36 (1088)	Jacob Campbell	C	Craig High School (Wisc.)	5/21/00	R	R	6-0	200
37 (1118)	Henry Vilar	SS	Westminster Christian School (Fla.)	4/1/99	L	R	5-11	170
38 (1148)	Chase Hanson	OF	Edison High School (Calif.)	10/12/99	R	R	6-3	170
39 (1178)	Pierson Gibis	C	Wauconda High School (Ill.)	8/21/99	L	R	6-0	175
40 (1208)	Itamar Steiner	INF	Niles North High School (Ill.)	5/9/00	L	L	5-10	160

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