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Seventh Overall Pick From 2011, Bradley, to Play with Hawks in 2012

(South Bend, IN) – In conjunction with the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Class A South Bend Silver Hawks of the Midwest League announced their opening day roster for the 2012 season. **Archie Bradley**, the seventh overall draft pick in 2011, will begin the season on the Silver Hawks roster.

The right-hander Bradley made two appearances with Missoula last September and will begin his first-full season of affiliated ball in South Bend. His fastball sits in the mid-90's and has at times eclipsed 100 MPH. Bradley chose to sign with Arizona instead of pursuing a scholarship to play football at Oklahoma.

The Silver Hawks will welcome back 10 players that have previously played in South Bend. The list includes: outfielder **Ender Inciarte**; infielders **Bobby Stone**, **Gerson Montilla**, **Matt Helm** and **Niko Gallego**; catcher **Tyson Van Winkle**; pitchers **Jeffrey Shields**, **Kable Hogben**, **Tyler Green** and **J.R. Bradley**.

Inciarte returns after hitting .262 in 116 games with the Silver Hawks last season en route to a spot on the Midseason All-Star team in the Eastern Division. Shields won a team-high nine games for the Hawks in 2011, while Helm hit the third-most home runs (8) and Green and J.R. Bradley were both six-game winners. Van Winkle played in South Bend during the 2009-10 seasons and spent 2011 in short-season Yakima. Montilla hit seven home runs for the Hawks last season.

Joining Inciarte in the outfield will be left-handed hitters **Tom Belza** and **Chris Ellison** who both played most recently in Missoula. Belza hit .316 with the Osprey and clubbed seven home runs.

The two newcomers on the Hawks infield will be **Ryan Court** and **Josh Parr**, both of which played in Missoula last summer and are natives of Illinois.

Roidany Aguila and **Fidel Pena** will join Van Winkle behind the dish. Pena hit .308 for Missoula in 61 games while Aguila clubbed 12 home runs in 195 at-bats.

Left-handers **Keith Hessler** and **John Pedrotty** will also make their Silver Hawks debuts. Pedrotty pitched in Yakima while Hessler was with Missoula. Right-handers **Seth Simmons**, **Taylor Siemens**, **D.J. Johnson**, **Jesse Darrah**, **Matt Sample** and **Willy Paredes** are new to South Bend as well.

Baseball America ranks Archie Bradley as the organization's No. 2 prospect while Green ranks No. 25, Darrah No. 26, J.R. Bradley No. 27 and Pedrotty No. 29.

The Silver Hawks finished last season 67-72 and begin play Thursday, April 5, on the road against Bowling Green. The Silver Hawks home opener is Monday, April 9, against Fort Wayne. For continuing coverage or to buy tickets visit www.silverhawks.com or call 574-235-9988.