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Rays trade former SJR State standout Lowe to Rangers

Was part of Vikings' 47-10 '15 team

Staff and wire reports

ARLINGTON, Texas – Infielder Nate Lowe was traded from the AL champion Tampa Bay Rays to the Texas Rangers on Thursday for minor league catcher and outfielder Heriberto Hernandez.

As part of the swap, Tampa Bay also acquired minor league infielder Osleivis Basabe and minor league outfielder Alexander Ovalles, and Texas obtained minor league first baseman

Jake Guenther and a player to be named.



Lowe

off against Toronto, his only postsea-

The 25-year-old Lowe, a Marietta, Ga. native who starred with the St. Johns River State College baseball team in 2015 for coach Ross Jones, hit .224 with four homers and 11 RBI in 21 games last season was 0 for 3 in the wild card play-

son appearances. A first baseman and third baseman, he has a .251 average with 11 homers and 30 RBI in two seasons.

Guenther, 23, hit .320 with two homers and 30 RBI in 2019 for Princeton of the rookie level Appalachian League.

Hernandez batted .344 with 11 homers and 48 RBI in 2019 for the Arizona Rookie League Rangers and was 3 for 8 for Class A Spokane.

Bababe hit .325 with no homers and 31 RBI in 2019 for the Arizona Rookie League Rangers and was 3 for 10 for

Spokane. He made two spring training appearances for Texas this year.

Ovalles batted .377 with two homers and 18 RBI in 2019 for the Arizona Rookie League Rangers and .187 with two homers and 15 RBI in 91 at-bats for Spokane. Ovalles was acquired from the Cubs on Aug. 14, 2018, to complete the July 27 trade that sent left-hander Cole Hamels to Chicago.

Lowe was part of the Vikings' team in 2015 that had its best season under Jones, going 47-10 and reaching the state tournament Final Four.