

## **SoCon Trio Named First-Team All-America By NCBWA**

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Georgia Southern Baseball's Victor Roache was named First Team All-America by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and Baseball America today, June 15th.

The honor is the third such All-America selection for Roache this season. Louisville Slugger tabbed him a first team selection earlier this month. Roache was also the Southern Conference's Player of the Year after hitting .326 with 30 home runs and 84 RBIs. The nation's leader in home runs set new Georgia Southern and Southern Conference single season home run records in the process and was twice named the SoCon's Player of the Month.

Roache helped Georgia Southern to a Southern Conference Tournament Championship and a berth in the NCAA Columbia Regional. He is currently playing summer baseball in the Cape Cod League for the Cotuit Kettleers and hitting .438 (7-for-16) with three doubles and two RBIs.

## **Pair of Cougars Named NCBWA All-Americans**

Redshirt-junior Matt Leeds (Boca Raton, Fla.) and redshirt-freshman Daniel Aldrich (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) have been named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's 16th Annual All-America teams as announced today by the organization. Leeds garnered a first team selection, while Aldrich earned second team honors.

Leeds completed the 2011 campaign with a .345 batting average, 18 doubles, 18 home runs and 80 RBIs, a mark that ranked 3rd in the country. The third-baseman was named to the All-SoCon First Team by the league's coaches and the Southern Conference Sports Media Association and was recently named a the Capital One Academic All-America First Team as selected by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). He previously was honored with a Louisville Slugger All-American Third Team selection.

Aldrich has been previously honored as the NCBWA National Freshman of the Year and as a Freshman All-American First Team selection. He was named the 2011 Southern Conference Freshman of the Year by the Southern Conference Sports Media Association and the league's coaches, as well as being named to the All-SoCon First Team. The right-fielder led all Division I freshmen in home runs (22), RBIs (73), slugging percentage (.739) and total bases (164). He

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had 25 multi-hit games on the season and had a team-best 17-game hitting streak in February and March.

Aldrich was previously named Collegiate Baseball's National Freshman of the Year and was also a semifinalist for the 2011 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award, awarded to the nation's top amateur baseball player. Aldrich also garnered Louisville Slugger Second Team All-American and First Team Freshman All-American honors.

### **Ross Heffley Garners All-America Honor from NCBWA Junior is just the second to earn honors from writer's association**

Western Carolina junior infielder Ross Heffley was today named first team All-America at second base by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA). It is the second such national honor for Heffley, who was also named Louisville Slugger All-American by Collegiate Baseball newspaper earlier this month.

According to available records, Heffley is just the second WCU player all-time (since 1993) to earn All-America honors from the NCBWA, joining Jason Beverlin (1992-94) who earned second-team honors in 1994. All told, Heffley is just the 11th different Catamount to garner All-America accolades and the first since outfielder Donovan Minero in 2001.

Heffley was one of three baseball players from the Southern Conference tabbed to the first team, joined by College of Charleston third baseman Matt Leeds and Georgia Southern outfielder Victor Roache. Charleston freshman outfielder Daniel Aldrich was named to the second team.

After two rounds of voting by the organization, a combined 56 baseball student-athletes were selected to comprise the NCBWA's 16th Annual All-America first, second and third teams. Nineteen different conferences are represented, one independent and 10 conference championship teams. The three All-America squads are also made up of 12 conference players of the year, seven conference pitchers of the year winners and 10 first-round draft picks in the recent Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

A first team All-SoCon and an All-State selection in 2011, Heffley finished with a team and SoCon-leading .419 batting average and an on-base percentage of .483. He became the first Catamount since 2007 - and just the 14th since 1961 - to win the school's Triple Crown for leading the team in batting average, home runs (11) and RBI (65).

He additionally reached base safely (H, BB, HBP) in 51 of the 53 games in which he played including a stretch of 38-straight games to conclude the season.

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A native of Snellville, Ga., Heffley was a two-time SoCon Player of the Week, bookending the opening and final weeks of the regular season with plaudits from the league office. He also garnered regional weekly honors on Feb. 23 earning the Southeast Player of the Week from CollegeBaseballInsider.com after hitting .750 (9-for-12) with a .812 on-base percentage and a 1.167 slugging percentage after hitting two doubles and a home run.