

Four SoCon Players Named All-America

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The Southern Conference had four players named to the Louisville Slugger All-America team on Monday.

Outfielder Victor Roache of Georgia Southern and second baseman Ross Heffley of Western Carolina were both first-team selections; red-shirt freshman Daniel Aldrich from the College of Charleston was named the second team, and Matt Leeds of the Cougars (a red-shirts junior) was a third-team selection.

Roache, only a sophomore and the SoCon Player of the Year, batted .327 with a SoCon record 30 home runs, 83 runs-batted-in, nine doubles, two triples and a .789 slugging percentage. He's the first Eagles' player to receive first-team All-America honors since Matt Easterday in 2000. His 29 home runs during the regular season broke the mark of 27 hit by former Eagle Ben Abner in 1984, and duplicated by Brandon Waring of Wofford in 2007. Roache hit No.30 in the SoCon tournament.

Heffley, a junior and a native of Snellville, Ga., led the Southern Conference with a .419 batting average and a .483 on-base percentage. Aldrich led all Division I freshmen with 22 home runs, 73 RBI and a .739 slugging percentage; Leeds batted .345 with 18 doubles, 18 home runs and 80 RBI.