

Roache, Aldrich, More All-America Honors

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The American Baseball Coaches Association selected Victor Roache as a First Team All-American and Matt Murray as a Second Team All-Atlantic Region member. Roache joined Murray as an All-Atlantic Region Team pick and was selected to the first team.

Roache was selected a Second Team All-American by Perfect Game after hitting .326 with 30 home runs and 84 RBIs. The sophomore outfielder set new Georgia Southern and Southern Conference single-season home run records and was twice named the SoCon's Player of the Month. He is currently playing summer baseball for the Cotuit Kettleers in the Cape Cod League.

Murray tied for the team lead with a 2.39 ERA and was selected as the Southern Conference Pitcher of the Year by the league's head coaches. The junior went 4-3 with nine saves in 26 appearances. He was drafted in the 10th round by the Kansas City Royals and is currently playing for their rookie league affiliate the Burlington Royals.

Aldrich Selected to ABCA/Rawlings All-American Third Team

Redshirt-freshman Daniel Aldrich (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) has been named to the 2011 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings All-American Third Team. The honor marks the fourth time Aldrich has landed All-American accolades this season. Aldrich also was named to the ABCA All-Atlantic Region First Team, while redshirt-junior Matt Leeds (Boca Raton, Fla.) was named to the ABCA All-Atlantic Region Second Team.

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

Aldrich has been previously honored with All-American selections by the NCBWA, Louisville Slugger and Baseball America. He was chosen the NCBWA National Freshman of the Year, as a Freshman All-American First Team selection and a Second Team All-American pick. Aldrich was named Collegiate Baseball's National Freshman of the Year and was a semifinalist for the

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2011 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award, awarded to the nation's top amateur baseball player. Aldrich has garnered Louisville Slugger Second Team All-American and First Team Freshman All-American honors, as well as All-America Third Team distinction from Baseball America. 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 as a NCBWA First Team All-American, a Louisville Slugger All-American Third Team selection and named to the Baseball America All-America Third Team.

Ross Heffley Named Second Team ABCA All-Atlantic Region

Western Carolina junior infielder Ross Heffley was selected to the second team All-Atlantic Region by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) released today. He's the 28th player in school history to receive All-Atlantic Region honors. The honor caps a busy off-season that has seen the second baseman earn first-team Louisville Slugger All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball newspaper as well as first team All-America plaudits from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA).

Heffley is the 28th Catamount selected to the ABCA All-Atlantic Region team, garnering one of the 35 honors for WCU since 1977. He is the first since Kenny Smith picked up second team honors in 2007 which capped a streak of five-consecutive years of a Catamount being honored. WCU's Heffley was one of five honorees from the Southern Conference including outfielders Victor Roache from Georgia Southern and Daniel Aldrich from the College of Charleston, both on the first team. Joining Heffley on the second team were third baseman Matt Leeds and Georgia Southern relief pitcher Matt Murray.

A native of Snellville, Ga., Heffley was a first team All-Southern Conference selection after pacing the league in both batting average (.419) and on-base percentage (.483). He additionally scored a career-best 52 runs and drove in a career-high 65 RBI while his career-high 96 base hits ranked ninth in the SoCon. All told, he led the team with 33 multiple-hit games and 18 multiple RBI outings.

A two-time SoCon Player of the Week, bookending the regular season with accolades, Heffley also garnered regional honors from CollegeBaseballInsider.com by earning their Southeast Player of the Week.

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