

Davis Named Freshman All-American

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Center fielder Jaylin Davis (McLeansville, N.C./Northeast Guilford) became the third freshman all-American in Appalachian State University baseball history on Wednesday when he was named to the 2013 Louisville Slugger freshman all-America team, which is selected by Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

Davis, the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, hit .257 with 12 doubles, four triples, four home runs, 36 RBI, 32 runs scored and 12 stolen bases in 54 games as a rookie. On the first pitch he faced in his collegiate career, he hit a three-run home run off NC State all-American Carlos Rodon to spark Appalachian State's 6-3 season-opening win over the eighth-ranked Wolfpack. Davis would go on to hit .331 over his first 31 games and boasted a .294 average as late as the next-to-last weekend of the regular season.

He joins Hector Crespo (2010) and Jamie Nunn (2012) as the only freshman all-Americans in Appalachian State history. He is also Appalachian's first SoCon Freshman of the Year in two decades (since Kenny Osborne in 1993).

Davis helped Appalachian State go 30-24 in 2013. The Mountaineers reached the 30-win plateau for a school-record seventh-straight season and advanced to the SoCon Tournament semifinals for the third time in four years.

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