

Jesuit SS Lockwood 'beyond excited' to be drafted

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**Jesuit's Nick
Lockwood** says
college is his "main
goal," but hasn't
decided whether he
will join his brother
at USF or consider
turning pro after
being drafted by the
Minnesota Twins.



Jesuit shortstop **Nick Lockwood** committed to USF back in his junior season. Now, he has an interesting decision to make after the Minnesota Twins selected him in the ninth round of Wednesday's MLB draft.

"It was incredibly special," **Lockwood** said. "I'm beyond excited."

Lockwood, who was taken with the 282nd overall pick on the draft's second day, was the second local high school player selected. Plant's Mychal Givens was selected by the Orioles with the 54th overall pick in the second round.

"It's cool getting drafted," **Lockwood** said. "But college has always been something that's been my main goal. Right now, I'm not leaning either way."

Lockwood hit .380 with five homers and 26 RBIs for the **Tigers**, who spent several weeks ranked as the No. 1 team in the country. He injured his ankle in the regular-season finale, missing three district tournament games.

He had participated in a workout with the Twins leading up to the draft. One factor that might come into play: **Lockwood's** brother, former Jesuit standout **Ryan Lockwood**, is a draft-eligible underclassman at USF.