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Baseball America Honors Lockwood

DURHAM, N.C. –University of South Florida outfielder **Ryan Lockwood** was selected to the 2008 First Team Baseball America Freshman All-America Team, the organization announced on June 30, following the completion of the College World Series.

Lockwood led all 33 players selected to the first and second teams with his .415 batting average and his .493 on base percentage trailed only one player. He is the only player from the BIG EAST Conference to earn a first team distinction, and one of only three league players listed on the two-team squad.

Along with the Baseball America award, Lockwood has also been selected as the Collegiate Baseball News Freshman of the Year, and earned Freshman All-American honors from Louisville Slugger, the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association and Ping! Baseball.

While the season's final NCAA stats have yet to be posted, Lockwood's batting average is the 18th-best in the NCAA and he is 47th in the country in on base percentage, as of June 9. His .415 average is tops among freshman in the nation, and he leads all freshmen in the state of Florida, the only rookie batting above the .400 mark.

A first team All-BIG EAST player, Lockwood was the first freshman in BIG EAST history to lead the conference in batting average during conference play, posting a .454 mark. In conference games, he also led all BIG EAST players with a .523 OBP, was tied for the lead with a 1.000 fielding percentage and was fourth in hits with 44. In 23 league games, he had 14 multiple-hit games, including seven three-hit outings. He had at least one hit in each of his conference outings, and has no errors in center field. In his last five BIG EAST games, he was 12-for-23 with a double, triple, three walks, three RBI, six runs scored and an outfield assist. Throughout the season, the native of Tampa earned three BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll awards, including April 7, April 21 and May 11.

Lockwood, who missed the final nine games of the season with a broken finger, ended the season on a 30-game hitting streak, which began March 19 against Oklahoma. In those 30 games, he batted .464 with 58 hits, including 11 doubles and two triples. Lockwood scored 27 runs and collected 24 RBI while drawing 16 walks and being hit by three pitches. He had eight three-hit outings, as well one four-hit game against UCF and seven two-hit games during that stretch. The Tampa native made 89 putouts in the field, including three diving catches, with no errors during his streak.

A **Jesuit High School** grad, Lockwood was second on the USF team with 26 multiple-hit games – once he had four, 10 times he had three hits and he collected a pair of hits in 15 games. He was also tops in on base percentage with a .493 clip and third on the team with nine multiple-RBI games. He posted a .513

slugging percentage and made only one fielding error while compiling 122 put outs and three outfield assists in his 47 starts in center field.