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## DeFatta named to Ray Guy Watch List

### Junior joins 45 others for prestigious award

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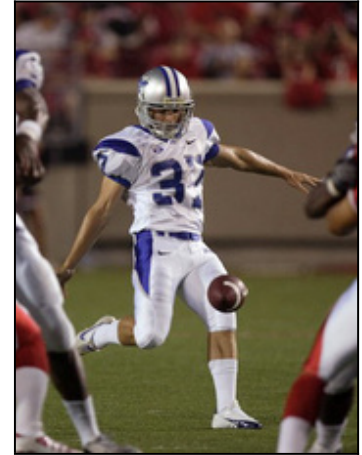
**Augusta, GA** - The Greater Augusta Sports Council announced today the watch list for the 2008 Ray Guy Award, which identifies the nation's top collegiate punter, and Middle Tennessee's [David DeFatta](#) is on the list. DeFatta joins ULM's Scott Love, FAU's Keegan Peterson, and ASU's Brett Shrable as the only Sun Belt players to make the list.

DeFatta, a junior from nearby Franklin, Tenn., led the SBC last year with a Blue Raider record 28 punts downed inside the 20-yard line and is currently averaging 41.9 yards a punt. He has four punts of 50 or more yards and has placed at least one punt inside the opponent's 20-yard line in 15 straight games.

The watch list will be narrowed to ten semi-finalists in early-November. The national voting body will then vote for the top three finalists, and ultimately the winner. The top three finalists will be announced in late-November, and the winner of the Ray Guy Award, which is affiliated with the National College Football Awards Association, will be presented live on ESPN during the ESPNU-Home Depot College Football Awards Show on December 11, 2008.

#### 2008 Ray Guy Award Watch List

Bryan Anger - California  
Britt Barefoot - Southern Miss  
Brent Bowden - Virginia Tech  
Justin Brantly - Texas A & M  
Terence Brown - North Carolina  
Peter Caldwell - Utah State  
T.J Conley - Idaho  
Keenyn Crier - Arizona  
Desi Cullen - Connecticut  
Jeremy Davis - Arkansas  
David Defatta - Middle Tennessee  
Matthew DiLallo - Colorado  
Andy Dittbenner - Northern Illinois  
Ryan Donahue - Iowa  
Derek Epperson - Baylor  
Matt Fodge - Oklahoma State  
Graham Gano - FSU  
John Gold - Texas  
Chas Henry - Florida  
Kevin Huber - Cincinnati  
Kevin Jones - Duke  
Chris Keagle - LA Tech  
Justin Kucek - Minnesota  
Jonathan LaCour - Texas Tech  
Rob Long - Syracuse  
Scott Love - Louisiana-Monroe  
Jimmy Maners - Clemson  
Tim Masthay - Kentucky  
Blake McAdams - Mississippi State  
Pat McAfee - West Virginia  
Zoltan Mesko - Michigan  
Chris Miller - Ball State  
Brian Mimbs - Georgia  
Thomas Morstead - SMU  
Aaron Perez - UCLA  
Keegan Peterson - Florida Atlantic  
Jake Richardson - Miami (Ohio)  
Louie Sakoda - Utah  
Brett Shrable - Arkansas State



David DeFatta is averaging 41.9 yards a punt this year and has four punts of more than 50 yards. ()

Sam Swank - Wake Forest  
Dan Titchener - Nebraska  
A.J. Trapasso - Ohio State  
Chase Turner - Houston  
Swayze Waters - UAB  
Jeff Wathne - Temple  
Thomas Weber - Arizona State

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