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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
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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