

Danny Payne

Georgia Tech/San Diego Padres Minor League

2009: Played for two innings in left field during Padres' Spring Training game against Dodgers 3/2.

2008: Assigned to Class A Fort Wayne and placed on disabled list to begin season (hamstring)....activated from DL and made season-debut 4/18....hit safely in seven straight games before going back on DL 4/28....played four games during June rehab assignment with AZL Padres....returned to Fort Wayne lineup 6/28.

2007: First-team All-ACC selection....also third-team All-America selection by Baseball America....batted lead-off while starting in center field in 56 of 57 games....Pre-season candidate for the Brooks Wallace College Baseball Player of the Year award and semi-finalist for the 2007 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award....hit safely in 10 of 11 games during February while batting .439 for the month....scored a run in 15 consecutive games 2/16 to 3/16....also assumed duties as team's closer in mid-March....did not allow a run during his first seven relief appearances while collecting three saves....named ACC Player of the Week for April 16-to-22....posted a 17-game hitting streak 4/8 to 5/12....reached base at least once in all 56 games he played to extend streak to 77 games, two games shy of Scott Jordan's Tech record....national leader in walks with 62 in 56 games (1.11 per game average)....selected by San Diego Padres with the 44th overall pick (Comp A round) of June Draft....signed professional contract and reported to Class A Eugene Emeralds for the start of the Northwest League season....reached base safely in first 17 minor league games.... totaling 94 consecutive games Payne reached base at least once....promoted to Class A Fort Wayne 8/31 and played in Midwest League playoffs.

2006: First-team All-ACC selection....Homered while driving in career-high seven runs, and made collegiate pitching debut with scoreless inning of relief 3/3 vs. Rutgers....overall, went 10-for-14 with two homers and 10 RBI during weekend series with Scarlet Knights to earn ACC Player of the Week honors for Feb. 27-March 5....sidelined by for remainder of season by injuries, particularly to right shoulder, following outfield collision with Steven Blackwood 4/28 at Boston College....did not commit an error in his 43 starts....was leading the team in hits, runs, triples, home runs, total bases and stolen bases and ranked among the Top Ten in the ACC in nine different statistical categories at the time of his injury.

2005: Second-team Freshman All-America selection by Baseball America....A fixture in center field and out of the lead-off spot in the order....hit safely in first eight games of collegiate career while batting .378 (14-for-37) during the month of February....also scored at least one run in each of the first 16 games of the campaign....turned in a 13-game hitting streak to begin March and went on to hit .342 (26-for-76) for the month....delivered game-ending RBI single to punctuate comeback victory over Florida State 4/16....also posted 10-game hitting streak from 4/3 to 4/22 ... named to All-Tournament team for NCAA Atlanta Regional....played for Wareham Gatemen of Cape Cod Baseball League during June.

High School: A four-year letter-winner for coach Dave Audia at Sequoyah High School as a center fielder and pitcher....Ranked as the No. 11 prospect in Georgia and No. 70 in the

nation....Named the Cherokee County Player of the Year by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in 2002 and Pitcher of the Year in 2004....An all-state and all-district selection as a junior and senior....Owns Sequoyah career records in hits (107), batting average (.464), doubles (26), home runs (17) total bases (192), RBI (90), slugging percentage (.759), innings pitched (168), strikeouts (280), wins (16) and ERA (1.17)....Played with the East Cobb Yankees during the summer months....Named MVP of the Connie Mack World Series while leading his team to the championship....Hit. 470 with 10 home runs and 48 RBI in 158 at bats with the East Cobb Yankees.