Freeman junior Kody Hoese selected 25th overall in MLB draft

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Tulane third baseman Kody Hoese (BSM '20), a Freeman School junior majoring in finance, was selected with the 25th pick in the first round of the 2019 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Griffith, Indiana, native finished the 2019 season leading the Green Wave with a .391 batting average, producing 92 hits with 61 RBI and 72 runs scored. Hoese slugged .779 to go with a .486 on-base percentage as he started all 58 games for

the team this season as he was named the 2019 American Athletic Conference Player of the Year and to the All-American Athletic Conference first team.

Among Tulane hitters, Hoese ranks fourth in slugging percentage and fourth in total bases and tied for second all-time with 23 home runs this season. Within the conference, his home runs, total bases, slugging percentage and 72 runs scored are all American Athletic Conference records.

In 28 games this year, Hoese finished with multiple hits, including 18 with two hits, eight with three hits and a game each with four and five hits. Hoese drove in multiple runs 17 times, including 10 games driving in two, five games driving in three and a pair of games with four. Hoese also had the longest hitting streak on the team this year at 19 games, while reaching base safely in 35 consecutive games at one point.

He tied a Tulane single-game record with three home runs against Lamar, and later became the first Wave player since 2013 to have five hits in a game. From the beginning of April until mid-May, Hoese hit above .400, with his highest mark reaching .417.

Hoese will join another notable Freeman School alumnus in the Dodgers organization. The Dodgers' president of baseball operations is Andrew Friedman (BSM '99), who also played baseball at Tulane.