

## ASU Favored to Win SoCon Again

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Appalachian State University is a near unanimous choice of the Southern Conference's coaches to win the 2010 SoCon football championship, the conference announced on Monday.

Appalachian received first-place votes from 7-of-9 SoCon coaches in the conference's preseason poll. Coaches are not permitted to vote for their own teams, meaning that only one of eight possible votes was cast for a team other than ASU.

The Mountaineers are in search of their sixth-straight SoCon title, which would match the conference record for consecutive championships set by Georgia Southern from 1997-2002. The Apps return 20 starters (nine on offense, seven on defense and four specialists) from last year's squad that went 11-3 overall, including a second-straight perfect 8-0 SoCon record, and finished ranked No. 3 in the major national polls.

Appalachian also had a league-high 13 representatives on the SoCon's preseason all-conference squads, nearly twice as many as Samford, which landed the second-most players on the squad with seven.

Ten of ASU's 13 preseason all-conference honorees are first-team selections, led by Walter Payton Award candidate Devon Moore at running back and its trio of Buck Buchanan Award candidates on defense: end Jabari Fletcher, linebacker D.J. Smith and defensive back Mark LeGree.

Joining Moore, Fletcher, LeGree and Smith on the first team are offensive linemen Brett Irvin and Pat Mills, tight end Ben Jordan, wide receiver Brian Quick, defensive end Lanston Tanyi and place kicker Jason Vitaris. ASU's second-team selections include offensive linemen Daniel Kilgore and Matt Ruff and defensive back Ed Gainey.

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Appalachian officially begins preparations for the 2010 campaign on Friday, Aug. 6 when it opens fall practices. The season opener is Sept. 4 at SoCon-rival Chattanooga. The opener will be televised regionally on SportSouth and kicks off at 3 p.m.

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## 2010 SoCon Football Preseason Coaches Poll

Place	School (First-place votes)	Points
1.	Appalachian State (7)	63
2.	Elon (2)	58
3.	Furman	41
4.	Samford	39
5.	Chattanooga	37
6.	Wofford	36
7.	Georgia Southern	25
8.	The Citadel	14
9.	Western Carolina	11

NOTE: Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own team

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## 2010 Southern Conference Football

Preseason All-Conference Teams

Offensive Player of the Year: Scott Riddle, Sr., QB, Elon

Defensive Player of the Year: Bryce Smith, Sr., LB, Samford

### First Team Offense

QB Scott Riddle, Sr., Elon

**RB** Devon Moore, Sr., Appalachian State

RB Chris Evans, Sr., Samford

**OL** Brett Irvin, Sr., Appalachian State

**OL** Pat Mills, Sr., Appalachian State

OL Thomas Gray, Sr., Samford

OL Chris Harr, Sr., Chattanooga

OL Pat Illig, Sr., Wofford

**TE** Ben Jordan, Jr., Appalachian State

WR Adam Mims, Sr., Furman

**WR** Brian Quick, Jr., Appalachian State

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### First Team Defense

**DL**     **Jabari Fletcher, Sr., Appalachian State**

**DL**     **Lanston Tanyi, Jr., Appalachian State**

DL     Brandon Ward, Sr., Elon

DL     Brent Russell, So., Georgia Southern

**LB**     **D.J. Smith, Sr., Appalachian State**

LB     Bryce Smith, Sr., Samford

LB     Kadarron Anderson, Jr., Furman

**DB**     **Mark LeGree, Sr., Appalachian State**

DB     Cortez Allen, Sr., The Citadel

DB     Buster Skrine, Sr., Chattanooga

DB     Mitchell Bell, Sr., Western Carolina

### First Team Specialists

**PK**     **Jason Vitaris, Sr., Appalachian State**

P     Bob Hooper, Sr., Samford

RS     Adam Mims, Sr., Furman

### Second Team Offense

QB     B.J. Coleman, Jr., Chattanooga

RB     Tersoo Uhaa, Jr., Furman

RB     Mike Rucker, Sr., Wofford

**OL**     **Daniel Kilgore, Sr., Appalachian State**

OL     Clark Bishop, Sr., Wofford

**OL**     **Matt Ruff, Jr., Appalachian State**

OL     Rodney Austin, Jr., Elon

OL     Ryan Lee, Jr., Furman

TE     Alex Sellars, Sr., The Citadel

WR     Riley Hawkins, Jr. Samford

WR     Marquell Pittman, Sr., Western Carolina

### Second Team Defense

DL     Jordan Gibson, Sr., Elon

DL     John Michael Clay, Jr., Samford

DL     Josh Williams, So., Chattanooga

DL     (tie) Ameet Pall, Jr., Wofford

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DL (tie) Eric Eberhardt, Jr., Wofford  
LB Joshua Jones, Jr., Elon  
LB Ryan Consiglio, Jr., Chattanooga  
LB Mike Niam, Jr., Wofford  
DB Terell Wilson , Sr., Elon  
DB Max Lerner, Sr., Furman  
**DB Ed Gainey, Jr., Appalachian State**  
DB Laron Scott, Jr., Georgia Southern

### Second Team Specialists

PK Blake Bostic, Sr., Western Carolina  
P Mike Hammons, Jr., Chattanooga  
RS Richie Fordham, Jr., Samford

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