

Presley Named SoCon Player of the Week, Month

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For the third time in five games this season, Appalachian State University quarterback DeAndre Presley is the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week, the league office announced on Monday.

The latest honor recognizes Presley for his performance in Saturday's 34-31 win over Elon, in which the junior accounted for 374 yards of total offense and three touchdowns. Presley completed 14-of-19 passes without an interception for 204 yards and a touchdown and ran 23 times for 170 yards and two scores in Saturday's win over the 19th-ranked Phoenix. His interception-free performance gives him 118 pass attempts this season and 122 overall (dating back to the 2009 season opener) without being picked off while his touchdown gallops of 53 and 44 yards were the longest runs of his career. In his seventh career start, Presley surpassed the 300-yard mark in total offense for the fourth time, moving into a tie for fifth in school history with Bake Baker (1994-97). The SoCon has also announced that Presley was named the league's Offensive Player of the Month for September. In four starts last month, he totaled 1,176 yards of offense and accounted for 13 touchdowns. His sterling September was highlighted by ASU's season-opening 42-41 win at Chattanooga when he totaled 365 yards of offense and four touchdowns and engineered the Mountaineers' comeback from a 21-point fourth-quarter deficit. For the season, the junior leads the SoCon and ranks second nationally in points responsible for (20.4 per game), leads the SoCon and ranks third nationally in passing efficiency (170.42 rating) and ranks fifth nationally with 310.0 yards of total offense per game. He was also recognized as the SoCon Player of the Week for his efforts in ASU's season-opening win at Chattanooga and the Mountaineers' triumph at Samford on Sept. 25. Presley and top-ranked Appalachian (5-0, 3-0 SoCon) return to action on Saturday when they host The Citadel (2-4, 0-3 SoCon). Kickoff for the rare night game at Kidd Brewer Stadium is set for 6 p.m.