

Coakley Elected To SoCon HOF

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Dexter Coakley, who had a brilliant football career at Appalachian State University, has been selected for induction into the Southern Conference Hall of Fame.

Coakley leads the class of 2011, which also includes legendary basketball coach Lefty Driesell, who won 176 games during his ten-year stay at Davidson; women's basketball player Regina Kirk of Chattanooga, a four-time all-conference performer and the SoCon Player of the Year in 1988; General Robert Neyland, who won 173 games in 26 years of coaching at the University of Tennessee; Vic Seixas an All-America tennis player in 1948 at the University of North Carolina; and Shannon Wommack of Chattanooga, the 2006 Female Athlete of the Year in the Southern Conference. She was also cross country runner of the year for three consecutive seasons (2002, 2004 and 2005).

Coakley played for the Mountaineers from 1993-96. He was named Freshman of the Year in 1993, and he was the SoCon Defensive Player of the Year for three consecutive years (1994-1996). Coakley also led ASU to its only undefeated and untied regular season in 1995. The Mountaineers finished that season with a 12-1 record and lost to Stephen F. Austin in the second-round of the Division I-AA (now the Football Championship Series) playoffs.

Coakley was selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the third round of the National Football League draft in 1997. He played ten years in the NFL (he finished his career with the St. Louis Rams) and he made three Pro Bowls. The induction ceremonies will take place May 24 at the Marriott in Charleston, S.C.