

Jackson Named Top QB In SoCon

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The Bleacher Report has named Jamal Jackson of Appalachian State University as the top signal caller in the Southern Conference this season. Jackson, who replaced an injured DeAndre Presley before the fifth game of the season last fall, returns for his second season with the Mountaineers. And he's a player that will most certainly benefit from having Scott Satterfield, a former ASU quarterback himself, back leading the Mountaineer offense this fall. Jackson, who completed

his first 15 pass attempts in his first start of the season against The Citadel in a 49-42 win, threw for 200 yards or more in all seven games he started last season. And with 284 passing yards in the regular-season finale at Elon, Jackson set a school record with six-consecutive 200-yard passing games. Armanti Edwards (2009) and Richie Williams (2004) shared the previous ASU record with five-straight 200-yard passing games.

In starting the final seven games for ASU in 2011, Jackson finished the campaign completing 161-of-262 passes for 2,001 yards with 15 TDs and eight INTs. Jackson also rushed for 296 yards and seven TDs, accounting for a total of 2,297 yards of total offense and 22 TDs.

Terrell Robinson of Chattanooga is second in that poll; and like Jackson, he was forced into action midway through the season because starter B.J. Coleman suffered a shoulder injury early in the second quarter against No. 1 Georgia Southern. In coming off the bench in the narrow loss to the Eagles, he came into a contest in which the Mocs trailed 14-0. He nearly became an instant

hero in finishing the contest by rushing for 114 yards and three TDs, while completing 5-of-9 passes for 69 yards with an interception. That performance catapulted Robinson to be the SoCon Freshman of the Year, as well as becoming the first freshman player to garner three SoCon Freshman Player of the Week citations since Armanti Edwards in 2006. In total, Robinson finished the 2011 completing 27-of-43 passes for 336 yards and six TDs and three INTs, while rushing for 417 yards and five TDs. He totaled 753 yards of total offense and 11 TD responsibilities in eight games, with three starts last fall.

Ben Dupree of The Citadel, Jerick McKinnon of Georgia Southern, Thomas Wilson of Elon, Brian Kass of Wofford, Dakota Derrick of Furman, Ben Neill of Samford, and Eddie Sullivan of Western Carolina round-out the poll.

The Mountaineers open the season at East Carolina on Saturday, September 1.

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