

## Seven LRU Players Earn All-SAC Preseason Honors

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Seven members of the Lenoir-Rhyne University Football Team garnered 2011 All-South Atlantic Conference Preseason accolades, league officials announced today. Four Bears were selected to the all-conference first team while three players earned second-team all-league honors.

L-R's senior offensive lineman Chandler Rearden (Greenwood, S.C.), junior offensive lineman Kaleb Myrick (Loganville, Ga.), junior defensive lineman Brandon Martin (Roebuck, S.C.) and junior linebacker Demetrius Green (Cedartown, Ga.) were all voted to the All-SAC First Team.

Rearden, a 2011 preseason NCAA Division II All-American by Lindy's Magazine as well, is a two-time all-conference first-team honoree (2008 and 2010) and won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy last year.

The trophy is given annually to the top offensive lineman in the league. Rearden is the first player in school history to win the award.

Rearden was also named to five All-American teams last year (AFCA, Associated Press, Don Hansen's, d2football.com and Daktronics) and is joined on the first-team offensive line by Myrick.

Myrick earned second-team All-SAC laurels last year and the duo helped the Bears lead NCAA Division II in rushing (319.5 ypg) in 2010.

Martin, a 2010 First-Team All-South Atlantic Conference pick, led the squad in quarterback sacks (7.5) to go along with 22 tackles and was chosen to the Consensus Draft Services Preseason NCAA Division II All-American First Team this summer.

Green finished second on the team in tackles (75) last fall to go along with three sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery.

Senior defensive lineman Nelson Bullard (Shelby, N.C.), senior defensive back Jamont Jones (Washington, N.C.) and senior wide receiver Nick Stutts (Statesville, N.C.) earned second-team all-conference preseason accolades for Lenoir-Rhyne.

Bullard was a Second-Team All-SAC pick in 2010 after finishing with 31 takedowns and six sacks while Jones was fourth on the team in tackles (50) to go along with a pair of interceptions. Jones is also L-R's top kick returning specialist (23.5 ypr last year on kickoffs).

Stutts was by far Lenoir-Rhyne's top wide receiver last season after logging 35 catches for 544 yards and a pair of touchdown receptions.

L-R, under first-year mentor Mike Houston, looks to build on last season's 7-4 campaign and its first winning season in 16 years.

Lenoir-Rhyne was voted third in the 2011 SAC Coaches Preseason Poll and opens the season against Concord on the road Saturday, September 3 beginning at 7 p.m. L-R's first home game is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, against Carson-Newman at 7 p.m.

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### 2011 All-South Atlantic Conference

#### Preseason Football Teams

##### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB - Bo Cordell, Tusculum  
WR - Deonte' Gist, Tusculum  
WR - Rashaad Carter, Tusculum  
WR - Chris Bowden, Wingate  
RB - Kelvin Jeter, Brevard  
RB - Jonas Randolph, Mars Hill  
RB - Nate Inman, Carson-Newman  
OL - Kevin Day, Carson-Newman  
**OL - Chandler Rearden, Lenoir-Rhyne**  
**OL - Kaleb Myrick, Lenoir-Rhyne**  
OL - Mike Arndt, Wingate  
OL - Lucas Mathis, Carson-Newman  
TE - Michael Rodriguez, Tusculum  
LS - Skylar West, Tusculum  
PK - Carlos Lopez, Carson-Newman

##### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Zeke Andrews, Carson-Newman  
**DL - Brandon Martin, Lenoir-Rhyne**  
DL - Damein Lee, Catawba  
DL - Arterio Arnold, Newberry  
LB - Prince Simunyu, Brevard  
**LB - Demetrius Green, Lenoir-Rhyne**

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LB - Rudy Cabral, Mars Hill  
LB - Lakeem Perry, Catawba  
DB - Jumal Rolle, Catawba  
DB - Salonik Amos, Brevard  
DB - Tarvin Jones, Carson-Newman  
DB - Robert Fletcher, Wingate  
P - Eric Watts, Brevard  
RS - LJ McCray, Catawba

### **SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**

QB - Cody Haffly, Wingate  
WR - Brandon Bostick, Newberry  
WR - Eric Watts, Brevard  
**WR - Nick Stutts, Lenoir-Rhyne**  
RB - Vince Jordan, Wingate  
RB - Brandon Baker, Carson-Newman  
RB - Josh Wright, Catawba  
OL - Caleb Campbell, Brevard  
OL - Tyler Hodgson, Mars Hill  
OL - Chase Gamble, Newberry  
OL - Dustin Moorehead, Tusculum  
OL - Austin Lowe, Wingate  
TE - Matt Cox, Carson-Newman  
LS - DJ Davis, Catawba  
PK - Thomas Trexler, Catawba

### **SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**

DL - Byron Bell, Carson-Newman  
**DL - Nelson Bullard, Lenoir-Rhyne**  
DL - Jack Taylor, Wingate  
DL - Terrence Smith, Tusculum  
LB - Ryan Helton, Carson-Newman  
LB - Apollo Stretch, Newberry  
LB - Cory Johnson, Catawba

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LB - Jared Seate, Wingate

DB - Michael Gist, Brevard

DB - Oliver Davis, Carson-Newman

**DB - Jamont Jones, Lenoir-Rhyne**

DB - Justin Squirewell, Wingate

P - BJ Richmond, Mars Hill

RS - Max Elliott, Newberry