

Presley Out With A Shoulder Injury

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Appalachian State University football coach Jerry Moore has announced that quarterback Deandre Presley is on the shelf with a shoulder injury.

While the veteran coach would not speculate on the severity of the injury, Presley, who is listed as day-to-day, will sit out the week and not practice with the team. Backup Jamal Jackson was taking snaps with the first team at practice on Monday. Presley injured in right shoulder during last Saturday's loss at Wofford College.

The Mountaineers have struggled this season. Presley, who finished third in the Walter Payton Award voting last season, put up 157 yards of total offense in last Saturday's loss against the Terriers. The Mountaineers only had the ball for a little more than 21 minutes, they were 2-4 in the red zone and they missed three field goal attempts. But Moore hasn't lost confidence in his team.

"We're going to use some wisdom behind what we do this week," Moore said. "We're not a bad football team, but we're not going to pull a rabbit out of the hat, either. We're going to coach them hard and try to correct the mistakes we've been making."

Presley has completed 61% of his passes (68-112) for 761 yards and four touchdowns. But he's also thrown four interceptions, and in his defense, he's been thrown for 46 yards in losses.

Jackson, in limited duty, has 90 rushing yards and a touchdowns, and he's completed 5-14 passes for 126 yards with a touchdown pass and an interception.

The Apps (3-2 overall; 1-1 in the Southern Conference and ranked eighth nationally) have the week off. They travel to Charleston, SC, to play The Citadel next Saturday, October 15. Moore has not announced who the starting quarterback will be in that game.