

Presley Still A Question Mark

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A decision concerning quarterback DeAndre Presley's playing status is still up in the air. Presley, who suffered a bruised shoulder against Wofford College on October 1, did not practice with the Appalachian State University football team last week. He had his throwing shoulder in a sling, and according to head coach Jerry Moore, Presley's status was listed as day-to-day. But Presley did not practice on Monday. He was at practice in shorts and a t-shirt, but he did not participate in any drills. Moore wasn't real sure Presley would practice on Tuesday, but he did say that if Presley, who has 2 1/2 years of playing experience, says he's all right and ready to go by Thursday or Friday, that he could possibly still play on Saturday. But Presley must be cleared to practice, and even if he is, Jamal Jackson may still get the starting nod Saturday against The Citadel.

Jackson, who has played in three games this season, primarily in a mop-up role, is still taking snaps with the first-team offense. And it's still possible that Jackson, a 6-foot-3 sophomore from Atlanta, Ga., who played in nine games last season, could make his first career start Saturday against the Bulldogs. Jackson has completed 5 of 14 passes for 126 yards and one touchdown with an interception. He also leads the team with four rushing touchdowns.

The Mountaineers (3-2 overall; 1-1 Southern Conference) are currently ranked seventh in the nation in The Sports Network and FCS Coaches Top 25 Polls. Our coverage of Saturday's game at The Citadel begins at 12 noon on AM 1450, WATA.