

## ASU Notebook: Stewart Named Special Teams Player of Week

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After setting school records with six field goals and 21 kicking points in Appalachian State University's 46-14 win over Western Carolina on Saturday, sophomore place kicker Drew Stewart has been named the Southern Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, the league office announced on Monday.

Stewart, who is in his first season at Appalachian after transferring from Marshall, was a perfect 6-of-6 on field goals from 44, 32, 29, 21, 27 and 24 yards and 3-of-3 on extra-point attempts in the romp over visiting WCU. He obliterated the previous single-game school records of four field goals, accomplished four times and last achieved by Jay Millson in a three-overtime game versus Furman in 1991, and 15 kicking points, achieved twice by Bjorn Nittmo (1986 vs. The Citadel and 1988 vs. Gardner-Webb).

Stewart's six field goals also tied the SoCon record set by Western Carolina's Josh Jones versus Samford in 1999 and broke Jones' conference record of 20 kicking points, set in the same game. He fell just three points shy of the NCAA Division I FCS record of 24, set by Northern Arizona's Goran Lingmerth versus Idaho in 1986.

Stewart is ASU's fourth SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week in 10 games this season. Punter/place kicker Sam Martin earned the recognition twice in September versus Virginia Tech and Savannah State while Travaris Cadet was honored for his performance as a kickoff and punt returner in the Mountaineers' 24-17 win over Georgia Southern on Oct. 29.

**MOUNTAINEERS MOVE UP ONE SPOT IN SPORTS NETWORK POLL:** Appalachian moved up one spot to No. 8 in The Sports Network NCAA Division I FCS media top 25 poll this week. The Mountaineers remain at No. 8 in the American Football Coaches Association poll.

**SATURDAY'S GAME TELEVISED ON SoCon SPORTS NETWORK:** Saturday's all-important regular-season finale at Elon will be televised live on the Southern Conference Sports Network, which is made up primarily of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations across the Southeast, as well as online on ESPN3.

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**PLAYOFF TICKET INFORMATION AVAILABLE:** Ticket information should ASU earn one of 12 at-large bids to the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship is now available at GoASU.com.

Tickets for any playoff games played at Kidd Brewer Stadium will cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (ages 3-12). As a special thank you to the students that give the Mountaineers the best home-field advantage in the nation, Appalachian athletics is covering the costs to allow all ASU students to be admitted to playoff games at The Rock for FREE.

Season-ticket holders were sent information on how to purchase their playoff tickets late last week via U.S. Mail and on Saturday via email. Single-game tickets will go on sale as soon as any home playoff dates are secured.

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