

## **Downs Named SoCon Student-Athlete Of Week**

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Appalachian State University wrestler Carter Downs (Jupiter, Fla./Jupiter Christian) has been named the Southern Conference's Student-Athlete of the Week, as announced by the league office on Wednesday. Downs posted

a 2-0 week as the Mountaineers won both of their duals last week to capture the Southern Conference Championship after an undefeated 6-0 conference slate. It was the first time Appalachian State went undefeated in conference action since the 2002-03 season. The senior from Jupiter, Fla., fell a single point shy of bonus points, when he recorded an 12-5 decision over Duke's Randy Roden. He also picked up a 11-3 decision over Davidson's Ian Solcz. Down's performance helped seal a 39-10 win over the Wildcats and remain perfect in the league.

Downs maintains a 3.79 GPA with a major in political science and minor in criminal justice. He was also named to the winter 2010-11 Academic All-Southern Conference team.

Appalachian wrestling now looks ahead to the Southern Conference Championship Tournament on March 3, hosted by Chattanooga.

Other nominees included College of Charleston's Samantha Maddox, The Citadel's Justin Mackert, Davidson's Brites Moniz-Soares, Elon's Dylan Clark, UNCG's Lucy Dougherty and Chattanooga's Michelle Fuzzard.

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