

Ten Mountaineers Named Preseason All-SoCon

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Appalachian State University football led all teams with 10 players that earned recognition on the preseason all-Southern Conference teams that were announced during the league's Media Day on Thursday. The

Mountaineers' league-high 10 preseason all-SoCon selections include three first-team honorees: junior quarterback Jamal Jackson (Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta), senior linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough (Decatur, Ga./Cedar Grove) and defensive back Demetrius McCray (Covington, Ga./Newton).

Appalachian's second-team honorees include sophomore offensive lineman Kendall Lamm (Charlotte, N.C./Butler), junior wide receivers Andrew Peacock (Durham, N.C./Northern Durham) and Tony Washington (High Point, N.C./T.W. Andrews), sophomore defensive lineman Ronald Blair (Greensboro, Ga./Greene County), senior linebacker Brandon Grier (Charlotte, N.C./West Charlotte), senior defensive back Troy Sanders (Chester, S.C./Chester) and senior punter Sam Martin (Fayetteville, Ga./Starr's Mill).

The preseason all-SoCon teams are selected by the league's coaches, with coaches prohibited from voting for their own team's players. In the SoCon's preseason polls, the conference's coaches picked the Mountaineers to finish second behind Georgia Southern while the league's media voted Appalachian third behind GSU and Wofford. The Apps received two of the nine first-place votes in the coaches' poll to finish just six points behind Georgia Southern, who snapped Appalachian's record-tying string of six-straight SoCon championships last season, and a comfortable nine points ahead of Wofford. The Mountaineers received one first-place nod in the media poll to place just two points behind Wofford.

2012 SoCon Football Preseason Media Poll School (First-place votes) Points

1. Georgia Southern	(25)	266
2. Wofford	(4)	225
3. Appalachian State		223
4. Chattanooga		163
5. Furman		152
6. Samford		105
7. Elon		104
8. The Citadel		79
9. Western Carolina		36

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2012 SoCon Football Preseason Coaches Poll School (First-place votes) Points

1. Georgia Southern	(7)	63
2. Appalachian State		57
3. Wofford		48
4. Chattanooga		44
5. Furman		36
6. Samford		27
7. Elon		24
8. The Citadel		17
9. Western Carolina		8

NOTE: Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own team

2012 Southern Conference Football Preseason All-Conference Teams

Offensive Player of the Year: Eric Breitenstein, Sr., RB, Wofford
Defensive Player of the Year: Brent Russell, Sr., DL, Georgia Southern

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First Team Offense

QB ██████████ **Jamal Jackson, Jr., Appalachian State**

RB Jerodis Williams, Sr., Furman
RB Eric Breitenstein, Sr., Wofford
OL Mike Sellers, Jr., The Citadel
OL Dakota Dozier, Jr., Furman
OL Dorian Byrd, Jr., Georgia Southern
OL Ryan Dudchock, Sr., Samford
OL Jake Miles, Sr. Wofford
TE Colin Anderson, Sr., Furman
WR Aaron Mellette, Sr., Elon
WR Kelsey Pope, Jr., Samford

First Team Defense

DL Chris Billingslea, Sr., The Citadel
DL Josh Lynn, Sr., Furman
DL Brent Russell, Sr., Georgia Southern
DL Josh Williams, Sr., Chattanooga
LB ██████████ **Jeremy Kimbrough, Sr., Appalachian State**
LB Wes Dothard, Jr., Chattanooga
LB Alvin Scioneaux, Jr., Wofford
DB ██████████ **Demetrius McCray, Sr., Appalachian State**
DB Greg Worthy, Jr., Furman
DB Deion Stanley, So., Georgia Southern
DB D.J. Key, Jr., Chattanooga

First Team Specialists

PK Cameron Yaw, Sr., Samford
P Cass Couey, Sr., The Citadel
RS Fabian Truss, Jr., Samford

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Second Team Offense

QB Thomas Wilson, Sr., Elon
RB Darien Robinson, Jr., The Citadel
RB Fabien Truss, Jr., Samford
OL Kendall Lamm, So., Appalachian State
OL Blake DeBartola, Sr., Georgia Southern
OL Charlie Sanford, Sr., Samford
OL Adam Miller, Sr., Chattanooga
OL Jared Singleton, Jr., Wofford
OL (tie) Calvin Cantrell, Sr., Wofford
TE Faysal Shafaat, So., Chattanooga
WR Andrew Peacock, Jr., Appalachian State
WR Tony Washington, Jr., Appalachian State

Second Team Defense

DL Ronald Blair, So., Appalachian State
DL Derek Douglas, Jr., The Citadel
DL Tony Thompson, Jr., Elon
DL Nick Williams, Sr., Samford
DL (tie) Davis Tull, So., Chattanooga
LB Brandon Grier, Sr., Appalachian State
LB Mitch McGrath, Sr., Furman
LB Darius Eubanks, Sr., Georgia Southern
LB (tie) Rock Williams, Sr., Western Carolina
DB Troy Sanders, Sr., Appalachian State
DB Alvin Hines II, Sr., Samford
DB Kadeem Wise, Jr., Chattanooga
DB Nathan Wade, Sr., Furman

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Second Team Specialists

PK Nick Pollard, So., Chattanooga

P□□□□□□□□□□ **Sam Martin, Sr., Appalachian State**

RS Darreion Robinson, Sr., Georgia Southern

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