

## Cashion Named Preseason Player of the Year

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The Georgia Southern Eagles have been voted the preseason favorite to win the 2013 Southern Conference softball championships in voting conducted by the

league's head coaches. Appalachian State senior Allie Cashion was named the preseason Player of the Year while Georgia Southern junior Sarah Purvis was named the preseason Pitcher of the Year. Georgia Southern, last season's regular season and tournament champion, tallied seven first place votes for a total of 63 points. Purvis, last season's SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player, was named first-team preseason all-conference. Chattanooga was picked to finish second and received two first-place votes for a total of 58 points. The Lady Mocs placed six on the preseason all-conference teams, the most of any team in the conference. Last season's tournament runner-up, College of Charleston, was picked to finish third after tallying 50 points. The Cougars had five all-conference selections. Appalachian State was picked to finish fourth and earned three all-conference nods. Elon rounded out the top five with 32 points. The season begins Friday, February 8 with league teams participating in opening weekend tournaments. The 2013 Southern Conference Softball Championship is scheduled for May 8-11 in Greensboro, N.C.

### Preseason Poll Team (First Place Votes) Points

1. Georgia Southern	(7)	63
2. Chattanooga	(2)	58
3. College of Charleston		50
<b>4. Appalachian State</b>		<b>38</b>
5. Elon		32
6. UNCG		31
7. Western Carolina		22
8. Samford		20
9. Furman		10

**Preseason Player of the Year: Allie Cashion, Outfield, Appalachian State**

**Preseason Pitcher of the Year: Sarah Purvis, Georgia Southern**

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### Preseason First-Team All-Conference

P Sarah Purvis, Georgia Southern  
P Stephanie Saylor, College of Charleston  
C Madison Dickey, Samford  
1B Kasey Tydingco, Chattanooga  
2B Sara Poteat, Chattanooga  
SS Lizzy Vaughn, College of Charleston  
3B Kelsey Hodgson, College of Charleston  
**OF Allie Cashion, Appalachian State**  
OF Cheyenne Willis, Chattanooga  
OF Tomeka Watson, Elon  
DP Shemekia Scotton, Western Carolina  
UT Aisha Figueroa, UNCG

### Preseason Second-Team All-Conference

P Taylor Deason, Chattanooga  
P Hope Klicker, College of Charleston  
**C Sarah Warnock, Appalachian State**  
1B Eileen Horsmon, UNCG  
**2B Meghan Smith, Appalachian State**

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SS Abby Adams, Samford

3B Sarah Beth Roberts, Chattanooga

OF Stephanie Rieck, Chattanooga

OF Carleigh Nester, Elon

OF Nikki Legg, Furman

DP Lauren Collier, Furman

UT Hope Klicker, College of Charleston

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