

ASU Picked to Finish Third

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The Southern Conference's baseball coaches think that Appalachian State University will be a contender for its second SoCon championship in three years, as Appalachian State was picked third in the league's

2014 preseason poll, the conference announced on Thursday. The Mountaineers were picked to finish fifth by the media.

The SoCon coaches also tabbed three Mountaineers as preseason all-conference honorees — first-team outfielder Tyler Zupcic (Charlotte, N.C./Providence) and second-team pitcher Jamie Nunn (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor) and outfielder Jaylin Davis (McLeansville, N.C./Northeast Guilford).

Appalachian placed third in the coaches' preseason voting behind defending regular-season champion Western Carolina, which received seven of the 10 first-place votes, and The Citadel, which hosts the 2014 SoCon Tournament and grabbed the remaining three first-place nods.

Zupcic earned first-team preseason all-conference recognition despite having not seen game action in over 20 months. The fifth-year senior sustained a severe knee injury during Appalachian State's 5-4 win over Oklahoma in the opening game of the 2012 NCAA Regional in Charlottesville, Va. and missed the entire 2013 campaign. He hit .338 with 17 doubles and 12

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stolen bases as a junior in 2012 to help lead the Mountaineers to their first SoCon championship in 25 years and within three victories of the program's first-ever berth in the College World Series.

Nunn was tabbed as a second-team preseason honoree despite being a first-team selection as a sophomore last season, when he tied for the most wins in the SoCon with nine and ranked 10th in the league in opponents' batting average (.255) and 11th in strikeouts (77).

Davis was a freshman all-American in 2012 after hitting .257 with 12 doubles, four triples, four home runs, 36 RBI and 12 stolen bases in his first collegiate campaign.

In addition to the third-place nod from the league's coaches, Appalachian was picked to finish fifth in the SoCon media poll, behind WCU, The Citadel, Georgia Southern and Elon.

The Mountaineers open the 2014 campaign next weekend with a three-game series at No. 25 Arkansas. The season opener is set for Friday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. ET.

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2014 Preseason Southern Conference Coaches Poll

Place	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
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1.	Western Carolina (7)	78
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2.	The Citadel (3)	75
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3.	Appalachian State	60
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4.	Elon	59
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5. Georgia Southern 48

6. Furman 38

7. Samford 35

8. UNCG 30

9. Wofford 15

10. Davidson 12

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2014 Preseason Southern Conference Media Poll

Place	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
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1.	Western Carolina (13)	167
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2.	The Citadel (2)	149
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3.	Georgia Southern (2)	131
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4. Elon (1) 130

5. **Appalachian State** **119**

6. Samford 97

7. Furman 77

8. UNCG 60

9. Davidson 31

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10. Wofford 29

2014 Preseason All-Southern Conference

Preseason Player of the Year

Aaron Attaway, Sr., SS, Western Carolina

Preseason Pitcher of the Year

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Jeremy Null, Jr., RHP, Western Carolina

First Team

SP Jeremy Null, Western Carolina

SP Jordan Smith, Western Carolina

RP Skylar Hunter, The Citadel

C Adam Martin, Western Carolina

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1B Jacob Hoyle, Western Carolina

2B Sebastian Gomez, Elon

SS Aaron Attaway, Western Carolina

3B Chris Ohmstede, Furman

OF Tyler Zupcic, Appalachian State

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OF Hughston Armstrong, The Citadel

OF Eric Kalbfleisch, UNCG

DH Bo Thompson, The Citadel

Second Team

SP Jamie Nunn, Appalachian State

SP Alex Abrams, Furman

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RP Eric Eck, Wofford

C Chase Griffin, Georgia Southern

1B Calvin Orth, The Citadel

2B Mason Davis, The Citadel

SS Johnathan Stokes, The Citadel

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3B Ben Morgan, Georgia Southern

OF Jaylin Davis, Appalachian State

OF Tyler Griffin, The Citadel

OF Josh Hyman, Wofford

DH Greg Harrison, Furman

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