

2021 SUN BELT FOOTBALL

WEEK 9 · OCTOBER 27, 2021

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2021 SUN BELT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

CONFERENCE

OVERALL

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EAST DIVISION	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	Streak	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	н	A	N	Streak
\$ Coastal Carolina	2-1	.667	139	56	Lost 1	6-1	.857	320	120	4-0	2-1	0-0	Lost 1
App State	2-1	.667	88	85	Won 1	5-2	.714	219	168	4-0	1-2	0-0	Won 1
Troy	2-1	.667	74	81	Won 2	4-3	.571	177	137	2-1	2-2	0-0	Won 2
Georgia State	2-1	.667	99	82	Won 2	3-4	.429	170	227	2-2	1-2	0-0	Won 2
Georgia Southern	1-3	.250	117	129	Lost 2	2-5	.286	163	237	2-1	0-4	0-0	Lost 2
WEST DIVISION													
\$ Louisiana	4-0	1.000	117	78	Won 9	6-1	.857	210	154	3-0	3-1	0-0	Won 6
ULM	2-2	.500	97	161	Won 1	4-3	.571	150	241	4-1	0-2	0-0	Won 2
Texas State	1-2	.333	105	62	Lost 2	2-5	.286	175	237	1-3	1-2	0-0	Lost 2
South Alabama	1-3	.250	121	108	Lost 1	4-3	.571	202	155	3-1	1-2	0-0	Lost 1
Arkansas State	0-3	.000.	80	139	Lost 3	1-6	.143	207	308	1-3	0-3	0-0	Lost 6

* - Sun Belt Conference Champion; \$ - Bowl Eligible

WEEK 9 SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 28 Troy at No. 24/24 Coastal Carolina	6:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Saturday, Oct. 23		
Texas State at Louisiana	11:00 a.m.	ESPNU
ULM at App State	2:30 p.m.	ESPN+
Arkansas State at South Alabama	4:00 p.m.	ESPN+
Georgia State at Georgia Southern	5:00 p.m.	ESPN+

All Times CT

IN THE POLLS

Associated Press Top 25 Poll No. 24 Coastal Carolina RV Louisiana RV App State

USA TODAY Sports AFCA Coaches Poll No. 24 Coastal Carolina RV Louisiana RV App State

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SEC PRESEASON POLL

Louisiana was picked to win its fourth-straight Sun Belt West Division title in the Preseason Coaches Poll, while capturing 9-of-10 first-place votes. Coastal Carolina and App State were tied atop the Sun Belt East Division ledger, though the Chanticleers claimed an edge with 6-of-10 first-place nods. Coastal Carolina and Louisiana were Sun Belt co-champions in 2020, while App State won four-straight titles from 2016-19.

East Division

Tl. Coastal Carolina (6) – 44 Tl. App State (4) – 44 3. Georgia State – 24 4. Georgia Southern – 20 5. Troy – 18

West Division

1. Louisiana (9) - 49 2. Arkansas State (1) - 38 3. South Alabama - 27 4. Texas State - 25 5. ULM - 11

2021 Sun Belt Football Conference Notes

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

STAR LIGHT. STAR BRIGHT

No. 24/24 Coastal Carolina, which is ranked for the 20th-straight week, hosts Troy at 6:30 p.m. CT Thursday in front of a national television audience on ESPN2. This is the second-straight mid-week national television game for the Chanticleers, who fell 30-27 to App State on a last-second field goal last Wednesday. Coastal Carolina's last two meetings with Troy have also been one-possession games, with the Chanticleers proving victorious by in 2019 (36-35) and 2020 (42-38). This year's matchup will pit a pair of conference stars, the Sun Belt's Preseason Offensive-Coastal Carolina redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall-and Defensive-Troy junior linebacker Carlton Martial-Players of the Year, against one another. Coastal Carolina and Troy are tied at 2-2 in the all-time series.



STAYING PERFECT

Louisiana will aim to defend its unblemished mark in conference play this season-and its 15-0 record against Sun Belt West Division opponents under head coach Billy Napier-when it hosts Texas State for its homecoming game at 11 a.m. CT Saturday on ESPNU. The Ragin' Cajuns are 7-0 in the all-time series, including a 44-34 victory in San Marcos last season.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

App State, which is riding high following a 30-27 victory over then No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina in front of a sold-out crowd of 31,061, will look to pack Kidd Brewer Stadium once again Saturday for homecoming. The Mountaineers are hosting a red-hot ULM squad coming off back-to-back victories over Liberty and South Alabama at 2:30 p.m. CT on ESPN+. App State leads the FBS at a 105.4 percent attendance relative to capacity, averaging 31,604 fans per home game. The Mountaineers lead the all-time series, 5-1, including a 31-13 victory in Monroe last season.



VETERAN PRESENCE

The veteran duo of senior quarterback Jake Bentley and junior wide receiver Jalen Tolbert will lead South Alabama into a homecoming matchup with Arkansas State at 4 p.m. CT Saturday on ESPN+. Bentley has thrown for 300-or-more yards in back-to-back games, while Tolbert surpassed 2,500 career receiving yards in last week's 41-31 loss at ULM. As a team, the Jaguars will look to build upon a 10-2 homecoming record. Arkansas State, which leads the all-time series 6-3, will be playing for its first conference win of the Butch Jones era and its first victory since its season-opener on Sept. 4.

SOUTHERN OR STATE

Georgia Southern will host Georgia State in its homecoming game at 5 p.m. CT Saturday on ESPN+. The Panthers-who carry a two-game winning streak into the matchup-hold the all-time edge in the battle for state bragging rights, 4-3, though the Eagles have won two of the last three meetings.



AP TOP 25 POLL

OCT. 24

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Georgia (63)	1,575	7-0
Cincinnati	1,477	7-0
Alabama	1,417	7-1
Oklahoma	1,383	8-0
Ohio State	1,311	6-1
Michigan	1,270	7-0
Oregon	1,165	6-1
Michigan State	1,160	7-0
Iowa	1,035	6-1
Ole Miss	1,034	6-1
Notre Dame	922	6-1
Kentucky	849	6-1
Wake Forest	801	7-0
Texas A&M	700	6-2
Oklahoma State	e 682	6-1
Baylor	513	6-1
Pittsburgh	510	6-1
Auburn	481	5-2
SMU	473	7-0
Penn State	471	5-2
San Diego State	e 390	7-0
Iowa State	298	5-2
UTSA	235	8-0
Coastal Carolin	a 132	6-1
BYU	44	6-2

Receiving Votes: Arkansas 36, Louisiana 32, NC State 28, Houston 12, Virginia 9, Oregon State 7, Arizona State 7, Texas 6 App State 5 Florida 3 Minnesota 1 UCLA 1.

COACHES POLL

OCT. 24			
1	Georgia (64)	1,600	7-0
2	Cincinnati	1,469	7-0
3	Alabama	1,439	7-1
4	Oklahoma	1,430	8-0
5	Ohio State	1,338	6-1
6	Michigan	1,313	7-0
7	Michigan State	1,208	7-0
8	Oregon	1,139	6-1
9	Ole Miss	1,019	6-1
10	Iowa	1,008	6-1
11	Notre Dame	950	6-1
12	Kentucky	857	6-1
13	Wake Forest	838	7-0
14	Texas A&M	736	6-2
15	Oklahoma State	684	6-1
16	SMU	535	7-0
17	Penn State	517	5-2
18	Baylor	509	6-1
19	Pittsburgh	487	6-1
20	San Diego State	431	7-0
21	Auburn	418	5-2
22	UTSA	219	8-0
23	Iowa State	190	5-2
24	Coastal Carolina	134	6-1
25	NC State	73	5-2

Receiving Votes: Louisiana 42; BYU 42; Arkansas 41; Houston 27; Arizona State 27; Virginia 23; Oregon State 13; Florida 13: Fresno State 10: Air Force 9: App State 5: Texas 3: Liberty 3; Utah 1.

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Warhawks freshman quarterback Chandler Rogers set career-highs in passing attempts (35), completions (25), passing yards (369), passing touchdowns (4) and total offense (409 yards), while leading ULM to a 41-31 victory over South Alabama. The Mansfield, Texas, native's four touchdown passes match the highest singlegame total for a ULM quarterback since 2017.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

App State super senior defensive lineman Demetrius Taylor accumulated a season-high four tackles—including 3.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks—as the Mountaineers handed No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina its first loss of the season, 30-27. The Miami, Fla., native's eight-yard sack early in the fourth quarter helped keep the Chanticleers off the scoreboard with the game tied at 27-27.

Sept. 6 Zion Williams, Troy (Jr., CB)

- Sept. 13 Josaiah Stewart, Coastal Carolina (Fr., DL)
- Sept. 20 Javon Solomon, Troy (RS Fr., BAN)
- Sept. 27 Ja'Cquez Williams, ULM (Gr., LB)
- Oct. 4 D'Marco Jackson, App State (Sr., LB)
- Oct. 11 Sione Tupou, Texas State (Jr., LB)
- Oct. 18 Carlton Martial, Troy (Jr., LB)
- Oct. 25 Demetrius Taylor, App State (Sr., DL)
- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

App State super senior kicker Chandler Staton kicked a game-winning 24-yard field goal as time expired to lift App State to a 30-27 win over No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina. The kick was the Gainesville, Ga., product's 11th made field goal in as many tries this season and his second gamewinner. With the kick, Staton moved into a tie with Bjorn Nittmo (1985-88) for the Mountaineer program record with 55 career field goals.

Sept. 6 Britton Williams, Georgia Southern (Fr., K) Sept. 13 Diego Guajardo, South Alabama (So., K)

- Sept. 20 Calum Sutherland, ULM (Sr., K)
- Sept. 27 Alan Lamar, Arkansas State (Sr., RS)
- Oct. 4 Chris Smith, Louisiana (RS So., RS)
- Oct. 11 Brooks Buce, Troy (Jr., K)
- Oct. 18 Calum Sutherland, ULM (Sr., K) Oct. 25 Chandler Staton, App State (Sr., K)
- Nov. 1
- Nov. 8
- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22

Nov. 29

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE

Coastal Carolina redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall was dubbed the Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, while Troy junior linebacker Carlton Martial was named the Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Coastal Carolina paced all conference programs with 11 Preseason All-Sun Belt selections, including a conference-best seven First Team picks. The Chanticleers were followed closely by Georgia State (10), App State (9) and Louisiana (9).

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Grayson McCall, Coastal Carolina (RS So., QB - Indian Trail, N.C.)

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Carlton Martial, Troy (Jr., LB - Mobile, Ala.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team Offense

- QB Grayson McCall, Coastal Carolina (RS So. Indian Trail, N.C.)
- RB Camerun Peoples, App State (Jr. Lineville, Ala.)
- RB Destin Coates, Georgia State (Sr. Tallahassee, Fla.)
- OL Baer Hunter, App State (Super Sr. Clemmons, N.C.)
- OL Shamarious Gilmore, Georgia State (RS Sr. Riverdale, Ga.)
- OL Cooper Hodges, App State (Jr. Glen St. Mary, Fla.)
- OL Austin Stidham, Troy (Jr. Russellville, Ala.)
- OL O'Cyrus Torrence, Louisiana (So. Greensburg, La.)
- TE Isaiah Likely, Coastal Carolina (Sr. Cambridge, Mass.)
- WR Jalen Tolbert, South Alabama (Jr. Mobile, Ala.)
- WR Jaivon Heiligh, Coastal Carolina (Sr. Venice, Fla.)
- WR Sam Pinckney, Georgia State (RS Jr. Greenwood, S.C.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team Defense

- DL Jeffery Gunter, Coastal Carolina (RS Sr. Durham, N.C.)
- DL CJ Brewer, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr. Bowdon, Ga.)
- DL Demetrius Taylor, App State (Super Sr. Miami, Fla.)
- DL Will Choloh, Troy (Jr. Lawrenceville, Ga.)
- LB Carlton Martial, Troy (Jr. Mobile, Ala.)
- LB D'Marco Jackson, App State (Sr. Spartanburg, S.C.)
- LB Silas Kelly, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr. Mount Airy, Md.)
- DB Derrick Canteen, Georgia Southern (RS So. Evans, Ga.)
- DB Shaun Jolly, App State (Sr. Stone Mountain, Ga.)
- DB D'Jordan Strong, Coastal Carolina (Sr. Batesville, Miss.)
- DB Bralen Trahan, Louisiana (RS Jr. Lafayette, La.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team Special Teams

- K Noel Ruiz, Georgia State (Sr. Wilson, N.C.)
- P Rhys Byrns, Louisiana (Jr. Melbourne, Australia)
- RS Chris Smith, Louisiana (RS So. Louisville, Miss.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team Offense

- QB Levi Lewis, Louisiana (Sr. Baton Rouge, La.)
- RB JD King, Georgia Southern (Fifth-Year Sr. Fitzgerald, Ga.)
- RB Daetrich Harrington, App State (Sr. Douglasville, Ga.)
- OL Trey Carter, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr. Monroeville, Ala.)
- OL Max Mitchell, Louisiana (Jr. Monroe, La.)
- OL Dylan Bradshaw, Troy (Sr. Enterprise, Ala.)
- OL Willie Lampkin, Coastal Carolina (So. Lakeland, Fla.)
- OL Aaron Dowdell, Georgia Southern (Sixth-Year Sr. Fairburn, Ga.)
 - TE Roger Carter, Georgia State (Sr. Columbia, S.C.)
- WR Thomas Hennigan, App State (Super Sr. Greensboro, N.C.)
- WR Marcell Barbee, Texas State (Jr. Pueblo, Colo.)
- WR Cornelius McCoy, Georgia State (Sr. Deerfield Beach, Fla.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team Defense

- DL Zi'Yon Hill, Louisiana (RS Jr. New Iberia, La.)
- DL Hardrick Willis, Georgia State (RS Sr. Jonesboro, Ga.)
- DL Dontae Wilson, Georgia State (Sr. Jefferson, Ga.)
- DL Nico Ezidore, Texas State (Jr. Garland, Texas)
- LB Lorenzo McCaskill, Louisiana (RS Jr. Detroit, Mich.)
- LB Teddy Gallagher, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr. Los Angeles, Calif.)
- LB Brendan Harrington, App State (Jr. Pittsboro, N.C.)
- DB Antavious Lane, Georgia State (RS So. West Palm Beach, Fla.)
- DB Quavian White, Georgia State (Sr. Greer, S.C.)
- DB Keith Gallmon, South Alabama (Jr. Mobile, Ala.)
- DB Eric Garror, Louisiana (Jr. Mobile, Ala.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team Special Teams

- K Massimo Biscardi, Coastal Carolina (Sr. Downingtown, Pa.)
- P Anthony Beck II, Georgia Southern (RS Jr. Guyton, Ga.)
- RS Khaleb Hood, Georgia Southern (Jr. McDonough, Ga.)

SUN BELT IN THE NFL

Twenty-four Sun Belt alumni appeared in Week 7 of the National Football League (NFL) season, with 11 earning starts for their respective clubs.

Coastal Carolina alumnus and San Francisco 49ers defensive back Josh Norman posted a season-high six tackles—including three tackles for loss—to go along with a pair of forced fumbles and a pass defensive. Arkansas State product Demario Davis also put on a show on Monday Night Football, accumulating 10 tackles—including four tackles for loss and two sacks. Norman and Davis headlined a defensive performance that saw eight Sun Belt alumni combine for 42 tackles, seven tackles for loss, seven passes defended, three quarterback hits, three forced fumbles, two sacks, a fumble recovery and an interception. Akeem Davis-Gaither, a Cincinnati Bengals linebacker out of App State, had the other forced fumble to go along with six tackles and a pass defended. Green Bay Packers defensive back Chandon Sullivan out of Georgia State added the interception, alongside four tackles and a pass defended. Coastal Carolina alumnus and Indianapolis Colts defensive back Anthony Chesley, Coastal Carolina product and Philadelphia Eagles defensive lineman Tarron Jackson, Georgia Southern alum and Chicago Bears defensive back Kindle Vildor and Louisiana alumnus and Detroit Lions safety Tracy Walker III also contributed to the defensive stat sheet.

San Francisco 49ers running back Elijah Mitchell recorded the second 100-yard rushing game of his young career. The Louisiana alumnus tallied 107 rushing yards and a touchdown. Running backs Darrynton Evans of the Tennessee Titans and J.D. McKissic of the Washington Football Team and tight end Gerald Everett of the Seattle Seahawks made an impact on the ground and through the air. App State alum Evans picked up seven yards on two carries and 11 yards on a pair of catches, while also contributing a 17-yard kickoff return in his first game back from the injured reserve. Arkansas State product McKissic had 22 rushing yards on four attempts and 34 receiving yards on four catches. South Alabama alumnus Everett registered 12 yards on one carry and added 11 yards on three receptions. Kansas City Chiefs running back Jerick McKinnon out of Georgia Southern made two catches for 17 yards. On special teams, former Georgia Southern kicker Younghoe Koo went 3-for-3 on field goals and 3-for-3 on extra points for the Atlanta Falcons, converting from 33, 36 and 36 yards out. Denver Broncos puncter Sam Martin out of App State amassed 202 yards on four punts for a season-best average of 50.50 yards per punt.

Colby Gossett (App State, Atlanta Falcons), Shemar Jean-Charles (App State, Green Bay Packers), Kendall Lamm (App State, Tennessee Titans), Kirk Merritt (Arkansas State, Miami Dolphins), Raymond Johnson III (Georgia Southern, New York Giants), Penny Hart (Georgia State, Seattle Seahawks), Albert Wilson (Georgia State, Miami Dolphins), Robert Hunt (Louisiana, Miami Dolphins) and David Mayo (Texas State, Washington Football Team) also saw the field in Week 7. Forty-nine Sun Belt alumni–representing all 10 football programs–earned NFL roster spots entering the 2021 season, with 31 on active rosters, 13 on 16-man practice squads and two on injured reserve lists during Week 7. Six Sun Belt alumni had bye weeks during Week 6. Sun Belt football alumni dot 24-of-32 NFL rosters.

App State

* Ronald Blair - DL, New York Jets Akeem Davis-Gaither - LB, Cincinnati Bengals (1 G, 6 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended, 1 Forced Fumble) Darrynton Evans - RB, Tennessee Titans (1 G, 2 Rushes, 7 Yards, 2 Receptions, 11 Yards, 1 Kickoff Return, 17 Yards) Colby Gossett - OL, Atlanta Falcons (1 G) Shemar Jean-Charles - DB, Green Bay Packers (1 G) Kendall Lamm - OL, Tennessee Titans (1 G, 1 GS) Sam Martin - P, Denver Broncos (1 G, 1 GS, 4 Punts, 202 Yds) * Ryan Neuzil - OL, Atlanta Falcons * Iosh Thomas - S Buffalo Bills

Arkansas State Demario Davis - LB. New Orleans Saints (1 G. 1 GS. 10

Tackles, 4.0 TFLs, 2.0 Sacks, 3 QB Hits, 1 Pass Defended) * Aaron Donkor – LB, Seattle Seahawks J.D. McKissic – RB, Washington Football Team (1 G, 4 Rushes, 22 Yards, 4 Receptions, 34 Yards) Forrest Merrill – DL, Los Angeles Chargers (Bye Week) Kirk Merritt – WR, Miami Dolphins (1 G)

Coastal Carolina

Anthony Chesley – DB, Indianapolis Colts (1 G, 1 Fumble Recovery)

Tarron Jackson – DL, Philadelphia Eagles (1 G, 1 Tackle) Josh Norman – DB, San Francisco 49ers (1 G, 1 GS, 10 Tackles, 3 TFLs, 1 Pass Defended, 2 Forced Fumbles)

Georgia Southern

Tyler Bass – K, Buffalo Bills (Bye Week) Matt Breida – RB, Buffalo Bills (Bye Week) Raymond Johnson III – DL, New York Giants (1 G) Younghoe Koo – K, Atlanta Falcons (1 G, 1 GS, 3-for-3 FG, 3-for-3 XP)

Jerick McKinnon – RB, Kansas City Chiefs (1 G, 2 Receptions, 17 Yards, 1 Tackle)

Kindle Vildor – DB, Chicago Bears (1 G, 1 GS, 3 Tackles, 2 Passes Defended)

Georgia State

Penny Hart - WR, Seattle Seahawks (1 G) ^ Wil Lutz - K, New Orleans Saints Chandon Sullivan - DB, Green Bay Packers (1 G, 1 GS, 4 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended, 1 Interception) Albert Wilson - WR, Miami Dolphins (1 G)

Louisiana

* Ja'Marcus Bradley - WR, Cleveland Browns Kevin Dotson - OL, Pittsburgh Steelers (Bye Week) * Justin Hamilton - DL, Dallas Cowboys Robert Hunt - OL, Miami Dolphins (1 G, 1 GS) * Michael Jacquet - DB, Philadelphia Eagles * Elijah McGuire - RB, Kansas City Chiefs Elijah Mitchell - RB, San Francisco 49ers (1 G, 1 GS, 18 Rushes, 107 Yards, 1 Touchdown) * Trey Ragas - RB, Las Vegas Raiders Tracy Walker III - S, Detroit Lions (1 G, 1 GS, 8 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended)

ULM

* Josh Johnson – RB, Seattle Seahawks

South Alabama

* Kawaan Baker – WR, New Orleans Saints Gerald Everett – TE, Seattle Seahawks (1 G, 1 GS, 3 Receptions, 11 Yards, 1 Rush, 12 Yards) * Jeremy Reaves – DB, Washington Football Team

Texas State

^ Aaron Brewer - OL, Tennessee Titans David Mayo - LB, Washington Football Team (1 G) Ty Nsekhe - OL, Dallas Cowboys (Bye Week)

Troy

Mario Addison - DL, Buffalo Bills (Bye Week) Steve McLendon - DL, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (N/A) * Damion Willis - WR, Washington Football Team

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CONFERENCE RESULTS

WEEK 8

App State def. No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina, 30-27

Louisiana def. Arkansas State, 28-27 Georgia State def. Texas State, 28-16

ULM def. South Alabama, 41-31

WEEK 1

No. 22/24 Coastal Carolina def. The Citadel, 52-14 App State def. East Carolina, 33-19 Kentucky def. ULM, 45-10 Army def. Georgia State, 43-10 No. 21/19 Texas def. No. 23/23 Louisiana, 38-18 Georgia Southern def. Gardner-Webb, 30-25 Troy def. Southern, 55-3 Arkansas State def. Central Arkansas, 40-21 Baylor def. Texas State, 27-20 South Alabama def. Southern Miss, 31-7

WEEK 2

No. 17/19 Coastal Carolina def. Kansas, 49-22 Florida Atlantic def. Georgia Southern, 38-6 South Alabama def. Bowling Green, 22-19 No. 22/24 Miami def. App State, 25-23 Memphis def. Arkansas State, 55-50 Louisiana def. Nicholls, 27-24 Texas State def. FIU, 23-17 Liberty def. Troy, 21-13 No. 24/22 UNC def. Georgia State, 59-17

WEEK 3

Louisiana def. Ohio, 49-14 No. 16/18 Coastal Carolina def. Buffalo, 28-25 App State def. Elon, 44-10 No. 20/24 Arkansas def. Georgia Southern, 45-10 Washington def. Arkansas State, 52-3 Georgia State def. Charlotte, 20-9 Incarnate Word def. Texas State, 42-34 Troy def. Southern Miss, 21-9 ULM def. Jackson State, 12-7 South Alabama def. Alcorn State, 28-21

WEEK 4

App State def. Marshall, 31-30 No. 17/17 Coastal Carolina def. UMass, 53-3 Eastern Michigan def. Texas State, 59-21 No. 23/23 Auburn def. Georgia State, 34-24 Tulsa def. Arkansas State, 41-34 Louisiana def. Georgia Southern, 28-20 ULM def. Troy, 29-16

WEEK 5

App State def. Georgia State, 45-16 No. 16/16 Coastal Carolina def. ULM, 59-6 South Carolina def. Troy, 23-14 Georgia Southern def. Arkansas State, 59-33 Louisiana def. South Alabama, 20-18

WEEK 6

No. 15/15 Coastal Carolina def. Arkansas State, 52-20 Troy def. Georgia Southern, 27-24 Texas State def. South Alabama, 33-31 Georgia State def. ULM, 55-21

WEEK 7

Louisiana def. App State, 41-13 South Alabama def. Georgia Southern, 41-14 Troy def. Texas State, 31-28 ULM def. Liberty, 31-28

TITLE SPONSOR



Hercules Tires will be the title sponsor of the Sun Belt Football Championship via a multiyear agreement that marks one of the largest sponsorship agreements in conference history. The 2021 Hercules Tires Sun Belt Football Championship on Saturday, Dec. 4, will air on ESPN at 3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT. The game will feature the champions of the conference's East and West Divisions and will be played at the site of the divisional winner with the best overall conference record.

2021 Sun Belt Football Conference Notes

SUN BELT AGAINST

CONFERENCES

All Non-Conference	
American	1-2
ACC	0-2
Big 12	1-2
Big Ten	0-0
Conference USA	5-1
Independent	2-2
MAC	3-1
Mountain West	0-0
Pac-12	0-1
SEC	0-4
FCS	

RANKED TEAMS

AP Top 25 Poll	0-5
Coaches Poll	0-5

TELECONFERENCE

The Sun Belt will again host a weekly teleconference with each of the league's 10 head coaches from 10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. CT on Monday mornings. Members of the media can access the weekly teleconference by calling **866-652-8386**.

10:30 a.m. CT - Shawn Clark, Appalachian State
10:37 a.m. CT - Jamey Chadwell, Coastal Carolina
10:44 a.m. CT - Kane Wommack, South Alabama
10:51 a.m. CT - Jake Spavital, Texas State
10:58 a.m. CT - Kevin Whitley, Georgia Southern
11:05 a.m. CT - Butch Jones, Arkansas State
11:12 a.m. CT - Billy Napier, Louisiana
11:26 a.m. CT - Chip Lindsey, Troy
11:33 a.m. CT - Shawn Elliott, Georgia State

SEC FOOTBALL 365

SBC Football 365—the Sun Belt's around-theclock source for all things football—will promote the conference's 10 football programs yearround through video and written content. The SBC Football 365 page on SunBeltSports.org includes a 24/7 video player, alongside stadium tours, condensed games, and game day central resources, such as game notes and where to watch links.

