

2021 SUN BELT FOOTBALL

WEEK 7 · OCTOBER 13, 2021

APP STATE · ARKANSAS STATE · COASTAL CAROLINA · GEORGIA SOUTHERN · GEORGIA STATE LOUISIANA · ULM · SOUTH ALABAMA · TEXAS STATE · TROY

2021 SUN BELT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

CONFERENCE

OVERALL

| EAST DIVISION | W-L | Pct. | PF | PA | Streak | W-L | Pct. | PF | PA | н | A | N | Streak |
|---------------------|-----|-------|-----|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| \$ Coastal Carolina | 2-0 | 1.000 | 111 | 26 | Won 11 | 6-0 | 1.000 | 293 | 90 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | Won 6 |
| App State | 1-0 | 1.000 | 45 | 16 | Won 2 | 4-1 | .800 | 176 | 100 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | Won 3 |
| Troy | 1-1 | .500 | 43 | 53 | Won 1 | 3-3 | .500 | 146 | 109 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | Won 1 |
| Georgia State | 1-1 | .500 | 71 | 66 | Won 1 | 2-4 | .333 | 142 | 211 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-0 | Won 1 |
| Georgia Southern | 1-2 | .333 | 103 | 88 | Lost 1 | 2-4 | .333 | 149 | 196 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 0-0 | Lost 1 |
| WEST DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | 2-0 | 1.000 | 48 | 38 | Won 7 | 4-1 | .800 | 142 | 114 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 0-0 | Won 4 |
| Texas State | 1-0 | 1.000 | 33 | 31 | Won 1 | 2-3 | .400 | 131 | 178 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | Won 1 |
| ULM | 1-2 | .333 | 56 | 130 | Lost 2 | 2-3 | .400 | 78 | 182 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | Lost 2 |
| South Alabama | 0-2 | .000 | 49 | 53 | Lost 3 | 3-2 | .600 | 130 | 100 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | Lost 2 |
| Arkansas State | 0-2 | .000 | 53 | 111 | Lost 2 | 1-5 | .167 | 180 | 280 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-0 | Lost 5 |

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

WEEK 7 SCHEDULE

| Tuesday, Oct. 12 App State at Louisiana | 6:30 p.m. | ESPN2 |
|--|------------------------|----------------|
| Thursday, Oct. 14 Georgia Southern at South Alabama | 6:30 p.m. | ESPNU |
| Saturday, Oct. 16 Troy at Texas State Liberity at ULM | 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | ESPN+ ESPN+ |

IN THE POLLS

Associated Press Top 25 Poll No. 15 Coastal Carolina RV App State

USA TODAY Sports AFCA Coaches Poll No. 15 Coastal Carolina RV App State RV Louisiana

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SEG 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

All Times CT

T1. Coastal Carolina (6) – 44 T1. 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

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR

CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE

App State and Louisiana-which met in the first two Sun Belt Football Championship Games in 2018 and 2019-will once again draw national attention when they square off at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on ESPN2. The Mountaineers and Ragin' Cajuns are both 4-1 on the season and receiving votes in the latest USA Today Sports AFCA Coaches Poll. App State won the first eight meetings in the series-including both Sun Belt Football Championship Games in Boone-before Louisiana broke through with a 24-21 win in last season's regular-season finale.



TALE OF THE TAPE

South Alabama will look to do something it has never done before when it hosts Georgia Southern at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in front of a national television audience on ESPNU-defeat the Eagles. Georgia Southern has proven victorious in each of its seven prior meetings with South Alabama, including a come-from-behind 24-17 victory in Statesboro in 2020. The Eagles scored 14 fourth-quarter points to maintain their perfect record in the all-time series. Georgia Southern has outscored South Alabama, 251-79, all-time, while averaging 334.1 rushing yards per game.

CUTTING IT CLOSE

Either Troy or Texas State will record its second-straight conference victory when the teams face off at 2 p.m. Saturday on ESPN+. Troy and Texas State are each coming off one-possession wins to secure their first conference victories of the 2021 campaign. The Trojans used a Brooks Buce field goal with 1:46 to play to earn a 27-24 win over Georgia Southern, while the Bobcats needed four overtimes to secure a 33-31 win over South Alabama. Troy leads the all-time series 10-1, including nine-straight victories.

GIVE ME LIBERTY

ULM will host Liberty at 6 p.m. Saturday on ESPN+, as the backend of a home-and-home series. The Flames topped ULM 40-7 in the first-ever meeting of the programs in 2020. ULM is 1-of-3 Sun Belt opponents that Liberty is facing this season, alongside Troy and Louisiana. The Flames (21-13 on Sept. 11) and Warhawks (29-16 on Sept. 25) each own victories over Troy and will face Louisiana in back-to-back weeks to conclude the regular season on Nov. 20 and Nov. 27.

YOU MAKE THE MCCALL

Coastal Carolina redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall has lived up to his Sun Belt Preseason Offensive Player of the Year billing through the midway point of the 2021 season. The Indian Trail, N.C., product helped the Chanticleers become the first bowl eligible team in the country with a 52-20 win at Arkansas State on Oct. 7. Coastal Carolina, which has a bye week in Week 7 ahead of a Wednesday night primetime matchup at App State on Oct. 20, is 6-0 on the season and has been ranked for 18-straight weeks in both national polls, including a No. 15 mark this week. McCall leads the nation in passing efficiency (234.27), completion percentage (.798) and yards per pass attempt (13.56). He also ranks among the top 20 in the FBS in passing yards per completion (3rd, 16.99), passing touchdowns (11th, 14), points responsible for (16th, 102) and points responsible for per game (19th, 17.0).





AP 15 COASTAL CAROLINA 16 WAKE FOREST 17 ARKANSAS 18 ARIZONA STATE 19 BYU 20 FLORIDA

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AP TOP 25 POLL

| OCT. 10 | |
|---------|--|
|---------|--|

| 1 | Georgia (62) | 1,550 | 6-0 |
|----|------------------|-------|-----|
| 2 | Iowa | 1,476 | 6-0 |
| 3 | Cincinnati | 1,407 | 5-0 |
| 4 | Oklahoma | 1,336 | 6-0 |
| 5 | Alabama | 1,286 | 5-1 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 1,157 | 5-1 |
| 7 | Penn State | 1,147 | 5-1 |
| 8 | Michigan | 1,139 | 6-0 |
| 9 | Oregon | 1,057 | 4-1 |
| 10 | Michigan State | 992 | 6-0 |
| 11 | Kentucky | 918 | 6-0 |
| 12 | Oklahoma State | 830 | 5-0 |
| 13 | Ole Miss | 779 | 4-1 |
| 14 | Notre Dame | 732 | 5-1 |
| 15 | Coastal Carolina | 712 | 6-0 |
| 16 | Wake Forest | 526 | 6-0 |
| 17 | Arkansas | 470 | 4-2 |
| 18 | Arizona State | 428 | 5-1 |
| 19 | BYU | 421 | 5-1 |
| 20 | Florida | 397 | 4-2 |
| 21 | Texas A&M | 348 | 4-2 |
| 22 | NC State | 265 | 4-1 |
| 23 | SMU | 225 | 6-0 |
| 24 | San Diego State | 176 | 5-0 |
| 25 | Texas | 108 | 4-2 |

Receiving Votes: Auburn 106, Clemson 63, Baylor 62, UTSA 22. Mississippi State 7. Kansas State 3. Air Force 2. App State 2, Pittsburgh 1

COACHES POLL

| OCT. 10 | | | |
|---------|------------------|-------|-----|
| 1 | Georgia (64) | 1,624 | 6-0 |
| 2 | Iowa (1) | 1,537 | 6-0 |
| 3 | Oklahoma | 1,452 | 6-0 |
| 4 | Cincinnati | 1,418 | 5-0 |
| 5 | Alabama | 1,363 | 5-1 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 1,254 | 5-1 |
| 7 | Michigan | 1,237 | 6-0 |
| 8 | Penn State | 1,124 | 5-1 |
| 9 | Michigan State | 1,064 | 6-0 |
| 10 | Oregon | 1,004 | 4-1 |
| 11 | Kentucky | 994 | 6-0 |
| 12 | Oklahoma State | 910 | 5-0 |
| 13 | Notre Dame | 817 | 5-1 |
| 14 | Ole Miss | 741 | 4-1 |
| 15 | Coastal Carolina | 708 | 6-0 |
| 16 | Wake Forest | 580 | 6-0 |
| 17 | Florida | 543 | 4-2 |
| 18 | Texas A&M | 396 | 4-2 |
| 19 | Arkansas | 386 | 4-2 |
| 20 | BYU | 342 | 5-1 |
| 21 | NC State | 321 | 4-1 |
| 22 | Arizona State | 294 | 5-1 |
| 23 | SMU | 269 | 6-0 |
| 24 | San Diego State | 156 | 5-0 |
| 25 | Clemson | 155 | 3-2 |

Receiving Votes: Auburn 98; Baylor 91; Texas 74; Pittsburgh 36; UTSA 30; Mississippi State 18; Iowa State 18; App State 18; Boston College 11; Air Force 9; Tennessee 8; Liberty 8; Nevada 7; Louisiana 3; Houston 3; Fresno State 3; UCLA 1.

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Chanticleers senior Isaiah Likely became the first player in Coastal Carolina history and the first tight end in Sun Belt history to catch four touchdown passes in a single game. The Cambridge, Mass., native also set new career highs with eight catches, 232 receiving yards and four touchdowns in the 52-20 win at Arkansas State. Likely's 232 receiving yards are the secondmost in Coastal Carolina's 19-year history and the third-most in the Sun Belt's 21-year history.

Sept. 6 Corey Rucker, Arkansas State (Fr., WR) Sept. 13 Reese White, Coastal Carolina (Jr., RB) Sept. 20 Montrell Johnson, Louisiana (Fr., RB)

- Sept. 27 Nate Noel, App State (So., RB) Oct. 4 Logan Wright, Georgia Southern (RS Sr., RB) Oct. 11 Isaiah Likely, Coastal Carolina (Sr., TE) Oct. 18 Oct. 25 Nov. 1 Nov. 8
- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Bobcats junior linebacker Sione Tupou tallied a career and game-high 14 tackles as Texas State outlasted South Alabama, 33-31, in four overtimes. The Allen, Texas, product came up big for the Bobcats in the extra periods. Tupou had a fumble recovery in the second overtime and also knocked down a pass in the third overtime period to set up the game-winning two-point conversion.

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 Oct. 25 Nov. 1 Nov. 8 Nov. 15 Nov. 22

Nov. 29

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Troy junior kicker Brooks Buce kicked the gamewinning 24-yard field goal with 1:46 to play in the Trojans 27-24 victory over Georgia Southern. The Johns Creek, Ga., native was 2-for-2 on field goal attempts on the day, also converting from 29 yards out in the first quarter. Buce, who had not attempted a field goal in a game in 1,751 days prior to a 32-yarder at ULM on Sept. 25, is now 3-for-3 on field goals on the season.

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
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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 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.)

- - OL Trey Carter, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr. Monroeville, Ala.)
 - OL Max Mitchell, Louisiana (Jr. Monroe, La.)

SUN BELT IN THE NFL

A season-high 27 Sun Belt alumni appeared in Week 5 of the National Football League (NFL) season, with 11 earning starts for their respective teams.

Louisiana product and Detroit Lions safety Tracy Walker III tallied a season-high nine tackles, with a tackle for loss and a pass defended, to pace a group of 13 Sun Belt alumni that combined for 42 tackles, four quarterback hits, two tackles for loss, two passes defended and a sack. Arkansas State alum Demario Davis—a linebacker for the New Orleans Saints—contributed eight tackles, three quarterback hits, a tackle for loss and a sack, while Coastal Carolina alumnus and San Francisco 49ers defensive back Josh Norman recorded a season-high six tackles and a pass defended.

Akeem Davis-Gaither (App State, Cincinnati Bengals), Shemar Jean-Charles (App State, Green Bay Packers), Forrest Merrill (Arkansas State, San Diego Chargers), Anthony Chesley (Coastal Carolina, Indianapolis Colts), Tarron Jackson (Coastal Carolina, Philadelphia Eagles), Kindle Vildor (Georgia Southern, Chicago Bears), Chandon Sullivan (Georgia State, Green Bay Packers), David Mayo (Texas State, Washington Football Team), Mario Addison (Troy, Buffalo Bills) and Steve McLendon (Troy, Tampa Bay Buccaneers) contributed to the Sun Belt defensive stat sheet.

Louisiana alumnus and San Francisco 49ers running back Elijah Mitchell led the way offensively with 43 rushing yards on nine attempts and 19 receiving yards on two receptions. Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Penny Hart out of Georgia State also hauled in a pair of receptions for 19 yards. Running backs J.D. McKissic out of Arkansas State (2 Rushes, -1 Yards, 1 Reception, 8 Yards) and Jerick McKinnon out of Georgia Southern (1 Rush, 2 Yards, 2 Receptions, 13 Yards) got touches on the ground and through the air for the Washington Football Team and Kansas City Chiefs, respectively.

Georgia Southern's kicking tandem combined for another perfect outing with Buffalo Bills kicker Tyler Bass and Atlanta Falcons kicker Younghoe Koo combining for a 3-for-3 week on field goals and an 8-for-8 week on extra points. Bass connected on his lone field goal attempt from 30 yard out, while Koo converted a 31-yarder and a 52-yarder. Koo also added a tackle on kickoff duty. Sam Martin, an App State alumnus and the punter for the Denver Broncos, accumulated 176 yards on four punts.

Colby Gossett (App State, Atlanta Falcons), Kendall Lamm (App State, Tennessee Titans), Raymond Johnson III (Georgia Southern, New York Giants), Albert Wilson (Georgia State, Miami Dolphins), Kevin Dotson (Louisiana, Pittsburgh Steelers), Robert Hunt (Louisiana, Miami Dolphins) and Nick Ralston (Louisiana, Dallas Cowboys) also saw the field during Week 6. Through five games, Louisiana alumnus offensive lineman Robert Hunt has appeared on every offensive snap for the Miami Dolphins.

Forty-nine Sun Belt alumni—representing all 10 football programs—earned NFL roster spots entering the 2021 season, with 30 on active rosters, 12 on 16-man practice squads and five on injured reserve lists during Week 5. 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, 3 Tackles) * Darrynton Evans – RB, Tennessee Titans Colby Gossett – OL, Atlanta Falcons (1 G) Shemar Jean-Charles – DB, Green Bay Packers (1 G, 1 Tackle) Kendall Lamm – OL, Tennessee Titans (1 G) Sam Martin – P, Denver Broncos (1 G, 1 GS, 4 Punts, 176 Yards) * Ryan Neuzil – OL, Atlanta Falcons

* Josh Thomas – S, Buffalo Bills

Arkansas State

Demario Davis – LB, New Orleans Saints (1 G, 1 GS, 8 Tackles, 1 TFL, 1.0 Sacks, 3 Quarterback Hits) * Aaron Donkor – LB, Seattle Seahawks

J.D. McKissic – RB, Washington Football Team (1 G, 2 Rushes, -1 Yards, 1 Reception, 8 Yards)

Forrest Merrill – DL, Los Angeles Chargers (1 G, 2 Tackle) * Kirk Merritt – WR, Miami Dolphins

Coastal Carolina

Anthony Chesley – DB, Indianapolis Colts (1 G, 2 Tackles) Tarron Jackson – DL, Philadelphia Eagles (1 G, 1 Tackle) Josh Norman – DB, San Francisco 49ers (1 G, 1 GS, 6 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended)

Georgia Southern

Tyler Bass – K, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 1 GS, 1-for-1 FG, 5-for-5 XP) Matt Breida – RB, Buffalo Bills (N/A) Raymond Johnson III – DL, New York Giants (1 G)

Younghoe Koo – K, Atlanta Falcons (1 G, 1 GS, 2-for-2 FG, 3-for-3 XP, 1 Tackle)

Jerick McKinnon – RB, Kansas City Chiefs (1 G, 1 Rush, 2 Yards, 2 Receptions, 13 Yards)

Kindle Vildor – DB, Chicago Bears (1 G, 1 GS, 4 Tackles)

Georgia State

Penny Hart - WR, Seattle Seahawks (1 G, 2 Rec., 19 Yards) ^ Wil Lutz - K, New Orleans Saints Chandon Sullivan - DB, Green Bay Packers (1 G, 1 GS, 3 Tackles) Albert Wilson - WR, Miami Dolphins (1 G)

Louisiana

* Ja'Marcus Bradley - WR, Cleveland Browns Kevin Dotson - OL, Pittsburgh Steelers (I G, I GS) Justin Hamilton - DL, Dallas Cowboys (N/A) Robert Hunt - OL, Miami Dolphins (I G, I GS) * Michael Jacquet - DB, Philadelphia Eagles ^ Elijah McGuire - RB, Kansas City Chiefs Elijah Mitchell - RB, San Francisco 49ers (I G, I GS, 9 Rushes, 43 Yards, 2 Receptions, 19 Yards) * Trey Ragas - RB, Las Vegas Raiders Nick Ralston - FB, Dallas Cowboys (I G) Tracy Walker III - S, Detroit Lions (I G, I GS, 9 Tackles, 1 TFL, 1 Pass Defended)

ULM * Josh Johnson - RB. Seattle Seahawks

South Alabama

* Kawaan Baker – WR, New Orleans Saints

^ Gerald Everett – TE, Seattle Seahawks * Jeremy Reaves – DB, Washington Football Team

Texas State

^ Aaron Brewer - OL, Tennessee Titans David Mayo - LB, Washington Football Team (1 G, 1 Tackle) Ty Nsekhe - OL, Dallas Cowboys (N/A)

Troy

Mario Addison - DL, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 2 Tackles) Steve McLendon - DL, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1 G, 1 Quarterback Hit) * Damion Willis - WR, Washington Football Team

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2021 Sun Belt Football Conference Notes

CONFERENCE RESULTS

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

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 | 1-2 |
| MAC | 3-1 |
| Mountain West | 0-0 |
| Pac-12 | 0-1 |
| SEC | 0-4 |
| FCS | 8-1 |
| | |

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 - 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.

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.

