

2021 SUN BELT FOOTBALL

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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
Troy	2-1	.667	74	81	Won 2	4-3	.571	177	137	2-1	2-2	0-0	Won 2
App State	1-1	.500	58	57	Lost 1	4-2	.667	189	141	3-0	1-2	0-0	Lost 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	1-3	.250	117	129	Lost 1	2-5	.286	163	237	2-1	0-4	0-0	Lost 1
WEST DIVISION													
Louisiana	3-0	1.000	89	51	Won 8	5-1	.833	183	127	3-0	2-1	0-0	Won 5
Texas State	1-1	.500	61	62	Lost 1	2-4	.333	159	209	1-3	1-1	0-0	Lost 1
South Alabama	1-2	.333	90	67	Won 1	4-2	.667	171	114	3-1	1-1	0-0	Won 1
ULM	1-2	.333	56	130	Lost 2	3-3	.500	109	210	3-1	0-2	0-0	Won 1
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 8 SCHEDULE

No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina at App State 6:30 p.m. ESPN2

Thursday, Oct. 21

Louisiana at Arkansas State 6:30 p.m. **ESPNU**

Saturday, Oct. 23

Texas State at Georgia State 1:00 p.m. ESPN+ South Alabama at ULM 6:00 p.m. ESPN3

All Times CT

IN THE POLLS

Associated Press Top 25 Poll

No. 14 Coastal Carolina RV Louisiana

USA TODAY Sports AFCA Coaches Poll

No. 16 Coastal Carolina RV Louisiana

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 Carolina and Louisiana were Sun Belt co-champions in 2020, while App State won four-straight titles

East Division

T1. Coastal Carolina (6) - 44

T1. App State (4) - 44

3. Georgia State - 24

4. Georgia Southern - 20

5. Troy - 18

Belt East Division ledger, though the Chanticleers claimed an edge with 6-of-10 first-place nods. Coastal from 2016-19.

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

CHAMPIONS CLASH

No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina visits App State at 6:30 p.m. CT Wednesday in front of a national television audience on ESPN2, in a matchup of teams that have combined to account for the last five Sun Belt football titles. App State is seeking its first victory over a ranked opponent since making the jump to the FBS level in 2014, while Coastal Carolina is looking to make it back-to-back wins over the Mountaineers following a 34-23 victory last season in Conway. The Chanticleers are 1-of-11 remaining unbeaten FBS teams.





THE BOOK OF LEVI

Louisiana senior quarterback Levi Lewis needs just three passing touchdowns to establish a new Ragin' Cajuns program record when the squad visits Arkansas State at 6:30 p.m. CT Thursday on ESPNU. Louisiana leads the all-time series over the Red Wolves, 27-21-1, and boasts and active three-game winning streak against the team from Jonesboro. Coming off a bye week, Arkansas State is looking to snap a five-game losing skid and to secure the first conference win of the Butch Jones era.

NAIL BITER

Georgia State will host Texas State for its homecoming game at 1 p.m. CT Saturday on ESPN+. The last time Georgia State and Texas State met required three overtimes to determine a victor. The Bobcats outlasted the Panthers, 37-34, in the longest game in Georgia State program history in 2019. Texas State also owns a 4-3 margin in the all-time series, though the last Panther victory—a 33-30 road win in 2017—held added significance as it made Georgia State bowl eligible in head coach Shawn Elliott's first season at the helm.

ROAD TEST

South Alabama will attempt to secure its first road win in conference play since an Oct. 11, 2017, 19-8 victory at Troy when it visits ULM at 6 p.m. CT Saturday on ESPN3. The Jaguars need to one more win to cement their first five-win season since 2016. Both South Alabama, which defeated Georgia Southern, 41-14, and ULM, which bested Liberty, 31-28, are coming off Week 7 victories and boast 1-2 marks in conference play.

RANK AND FILE

No. 14/16 Coastal Carolina, which has been ranked for 19-straight weeks and has won 18-straight regularseason games, continues to climb in the national rankings. Its No. 14 slot in this week's AP Top 25 Poll is its highest ranking of the season. Last season, the Chanticleers broke into the national polls for the first time in the program's FBS history on Oct. 18, 2020 and ascended as high as No. 9 in the AP Top 25 Poll.





AP TOP 25 POLL

OCT. 17			
1	Georgia (63)	1,575	7-0
2	Cincinnati	1,483	6-0
3	Oklahoma	1,434	7-0
4	Alabama	1,393	6-1
5	Ohio State	1,252	5-1
6	Michigan	1,214	6-0
7	Penn State	1,116	5-1
8	Oklahoma State	1,082	6-0
9	Michigan State	1,076	7-0
10	Oregon	1,054	5-1
11	Iowa	1,048	6-1
12	Ole Miss	879	5-1
13	Notre Dame	763	5-1
14	Coastal Carolina	736	6-0
15	Kentucky	723	6-1
16	Wake Forest	629	6-0
17	Texas A&M	536	5-2
18	NC State	485	5-1
19	Auburn	397	5-2
20	Baylor	378	6-1
21	SMU	358	6-0
22	San Diego State	284	6-0
23	Pittsburgh	177	5-1
24	UTSA	104	7-0
25	Purdue	68	4-2

Receiving Votes: Clemson 64, Utah 43, Arkansas 29, BYU 21, Air Force 19, Iowa State 14, Louisiana 13, Arizona State 7, Florida 7, Texas 5, UCLA 4, Houston 2, LSU 2, Virginia 1,

COACHES POLL

OCT. 17			
1	Georgia (65)	1,625	7-0
2	Oklahoma	1,508	7-0
3	Cincinnati	1,497	6-0
4	Alabama	1,446	6-1
5	Ohio State	1,305	5-1
6	Michigan	1,299	6-0
7	Michigan State	1,158	7-0
8	Penn State	1,134	5-1
9	Oklahoma State	1,093	6-0
10	Oregon	1,048	5-1
11	Iowa	1,031	6-1
12	Ole Miss	826	5-1
13	Notre Dame	816	5-1
14	Kentucky	763	6-1
15	Wake Forest	696	6-0
16	Coastal Carolina	675	6-0
17	Texas A&M	580	5-2
18	NC State	528	5-1
19	SMU	399	6-0
20	Baylor	369	6-1
21	San Diego State	334	6-0
22	Auburn	315	5-2
23	Pittsburgh	192	5-1
24	Clemson	146	4-2
25	UTSA	96	7-0

Receiving Votes: Iowa State 38; Utah 35; Arkansas 31; Florida 23; BYU 23; Air Force 20; Louisiana 18; Arizona State 18; Purdue 16; Houston 11; Virginia 6; Texas 4; LSU 2; Fresno State 1.

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jaguars senior quarterback Jake Bentley set single-game program records with 389 passing yards and 397 yards of total offense, while becoming the first player in program history to account for five touchdowns in a contest. The Opelika, Ala., native helped South Alabama post a season-best 405 yards through the air and 545 yards of total offense-which rank second and fourth, respectively-in the Jaguar record book. While completing 24-of-31 passes, Bentley led South Alabama to its first-ever victory over Georgia Southern, 41-14.

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	Jake Bentley, South Alabama (Sr., QB)
Oct. 25	
Nov. 1	
Nov. 8	
Nov. 15	
Nov. 22	
Nov. 29	

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Trojans junior linebacker Carlton Martial recorded his 15th career game with double-digit tackles and multiple tackles for a loss as the Trojans downed Texas State, 31-28. The Mobile, Ala., product registered 18 tackles, including a pair for a loss, in the victory. Martial's 18 tackles are the secondmost in the NCAA this season and the secondmost by Martial in his career.

Sept. 6	Zion Williams, Troy (Jr., CB)
Sept. 13	Josaiah Stewart, Coastal Carolina (Fr., 1
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	
Nov. 1	
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Nov. 29	

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ULM senior kicker Calum Sutherland delivered a career-long 53-yard field goal with 1:44 to play to seal the Warhawks 31-28 upset over Liberty. The Keller, Texas, native accounted for seven points, hitting all four of his extra points to go along with his game-winning field goal.

-	Britton Williams, Georgia Southern (Fr., K) 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	
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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 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-three Sun Belt alumni competed in Week 6 of the National Football League (NFL) season, with seven starting for their respective squads.

Seattle Seahawks tight end Gerald Everett out of South Alabama returned from the COVID-19 list and hauled in a pair of receptions for 40 yards. A pair of Georgia State alumni also registered catches this week-Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Penny Hart (1 Reception, 12 Yards) and Miami Dolphins wide receiver Albert Wilson (2 Receptions, 14 Yards).

Running backs J.D. McKissic of the Washington Football Team and Jerick McKinnon of the Kansas City Chiefs contributed on the ground and through the air. Arkansas State product McKissic had 45 rushing yards on eight carries and 65 receiving yards on eight receptions. Georgia Southern alumnus McKinnon tallied 10 rushing yards on three attempts and added a five-yard catch.

Six Sun Belt alumni combined for 15 tackles and two passes defended led by multi-tackles efforts from App State alum and Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Akeem Davis-Gaither, Georgia Southern product and Chicago Bears defensive back Kindle Vildor and Louisiana alumnus and Detroit Lions safety Tracy Walker III. Green Bay Packers defensive back Shemar Jean-Charles out of App State, Philadelphia Eagles defensive lineman Tarron Jackson out of Coastal Carolina and Buffalo Bills defensive lineman Mario Addison out of Troy also added tackles in Week 6.

On special teams, former Georgia Southern kicker Tyler Bass went 3-for-3 on field goals and 2-for-2 on extra points for the Buffalo Bills, connecting from 24, 28 and 52 yards out. Denver Broncos punter Sam Martin out of App State accumulated 164 yards on four punts.

Kendall Lamm (App State, Tennessee Titans), Anthony Chesley (Coastal Carolina, Indianapolis Colts), Raymond Johnson III (Georgia Southern, New York Giants), Chandon Sullivan (Georgia State, Green Bay Packers), Kevin Dotson (Louisiana, Pittsburgh Steelers), Robert Hunt (Louisiana, Miami Dolphins), Nick Ralston (Louisiana, Dallas Cowboys), David Mayo (Texas State, Washington Football Team), Ty Nsekhe (Texas State, Dallas Cowboys) and Steve McLendon (Troy, Tampa Bay Buccaneers) also saw game action in Week 6.

Through six 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 31 on active rosters, 13 on 16-man practice squads and three on injured reserve lists during Week 6. Five 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, 5 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended)

^ Darrynton Evans - RB, Tennessee Titans Colby Gossett - OL, Atlanta Falcons (Bye Week) 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, 164 Yards)

* Ryan Neuzil - OL, Atlanta Falcons

* Iosh Thomas - S. Buffalo Bills

Arkansas State

Demario Davis - LB, New Orleans Saints (Bye Week)

* Aaron Donkor - LB. Seattle Seahawks

J.D. McKissic - RB, Washington Football Team (1 G, 8 Rushes, 45 Yards, 8 Receptions, 65 Yards)

Forrest Merrill - DL, Los Angeles Chargers (N/A)

* Kirk Merritt - WR, Miami Dolphins

Coastal Carolina

Anthony Chesley - DB, Indianapolis Colts (1 G) Tarron Jackson - DL, Philadelphia Eagles (1 G, 1 Tackle) Josh Norman - DB, San Francisco 49ers (Bye Week)

Georgia Southern

Tyler Bass - K, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 1 GS, 3-for-3 FG, 2-for-2 XP) Matt Breida - RB, Buffalo Bills (N/A) Raymond Johnson III - DL, New York Giants (1 G) Younghoe Koo - K, Atlanta Falcons (Bye Week) Jerick McKinnon - RB, Kansas City Chiefs (1 G, 3 Rushes, 10

Yards, 1 Reception, 5 Yards)

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

Georgia State

Penny Hart - WR, Seattle Seahawks (1 G, 1 Reception, 12

^ Wil Lutz - K, New Orleans Saints Chandon Sullivan - DB, Green Bay Packers (1 G) Albert Wilson - WR, Miami Dolphins (1 G, 2 Receptions, 14

Louisiana

* Ja'Marcus Bradley - WR, Cleveland Browns Kevin Dotson - OL, Pittsburgh Steelers (1 G, 1 GS) Justin Hamilton - DL, Dallas Cowboys (N/A) 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 (Bye Week)

* Trev Ragas - RB. Las Vegas Raiders

Nick Ralston - FB, Dallas Cowboys (1 G)

Tracy Walker III - S, Detroit Lions (1 G, 1 GS, 4 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended)

M.III

* Iosh Iohnson - RB. Seattle Seahawks

South Alahama

* Kawaan Baker - WR, New Orleans Saints Gerald Everett - TE, Seattle Seahawks (1 G, 1 GS, 2 Receptions, 40 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 (1 G)

Mario Addison – DL, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 1 Tackle) Steve McLendon - DL, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1 G) * Damion Willis - WR, Washington Football Team

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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

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 multi-year 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.

SUN BELT AGAINST

CONFERENCES

COMI LIMENCED	
All Non-Conference	20-16
American	1-2
ACC	0-2
Big 12	1-2
Big Ten	0-0
Conference USA	
Independent	2-2
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 - Terry Bowden, ULM 11:19 a.m. CT - Billy Napier, Louisiana 11:26 a.m. CT - Chip Lindsey, Troy 11:33 a.m. CT - Shawn Elliott, Georgia State

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