

2006 Southern Conference Football Media Guide



Appalachian State head coach Jerry Moore celebrating the school's first-ever national championship last season, following a 21-16 win over UNI. Moore was also named the AFCA I-AA National Coach of the Year (Photo credit: Jonathan Williams of The Appalachian).

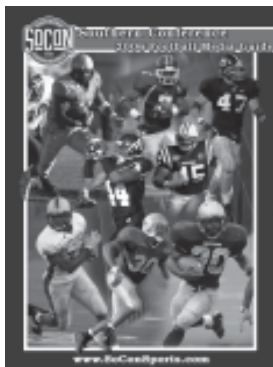
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About The Cover

Some of the league's top players are featured on this year's cover. From the top row, going left to right: Nuru Goodrum (CIT), Darius Fudge (WCU) and John Mohring (GSU). Middle row: Marques Murrell (ASU) and Jerome Felton (FUR). Front Row: Eldra Buckley (UTC), Chad Nkang (Elon) and Kevious Johnson (WOF).



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Mountaineers Win National Title

Appalachian State won its first-ever national championship, defeating Northern Iowa 21-16. The Mountaineers, who weren't ranked when the season began, put together a second half comeback to defeat a UNI squad that had won three playoff games by three points each. ASU equaled a school record with its 12 victories and won its first outright league crown since 1995.

It was the conference's sixth national title in 14 trips to the championship game, with Georgia Southern earning the last title in 2000. The ASU appearance in the finals was the league's first since Furman lost to Montana in 2001.

For the fourth time in six seasons, the SoCon ended the year with three teams ranked in the top-10. ASU, Furman and Georgia Southern each advanced to the I-AA Playoffs, marking the ninth time in league annals that the league placed three teams in the postseason.

A total of 14 SoCon players were named to The Sports Network I-AA All-American Team, the most of any conference in the country. Five offensive and nine defensive players were named, including four first-team selections.

GSU's Jermaine Austin, Furman's Ingle Martin and ASU's Richie Williams were all finalists for the Walter Payton Award, while Furman's William Freeman, ASU's Marques Murrell and Elon's Chad Nkang were all among the finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award.

Mountaineer head coach Jerry Moore was recognized as the American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

Wofford's Katon Bethay, the SoCon Coaches Co-Defensive Player of the Year, was tabbed a first-team ESPN The Magazine CoSIDA Academic All-American.

2005 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE REVIEW

	Conference		Overall	
Appalachian State	6-1	.857	12-3	.800
Furman	5-2	.714	11-3	.786
Georgia Southern	5-2	.714	8-4	.667
Western Carolina	4-3	.571	5-4	.556
Chattanooga	3-4	.429	6-5	.545
Wofford	3-4	.429	6-5	.545
The Citadel	2-5	.286	4-7	.364
Elon	0-7	.000	3-8	.273

Offensive Player of the Year:

QB Richie Williams, Appalachian State

Co-Defensive Players of the Year:

DL Katon Bethay, Wofford
 LB Chad Nkang, Elon

Freshman of the Year:

DB Detric Bynam, Georgia Southern

Coach of the Year:

Jerry Moore, Appalachian State

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SoCon Players of the Week

Each week, the Southern Conference office will select players of the week for offense, defense and freshman. Winners will be made available on Mondays on the SoCon web site or by contacting the league office.

Football Coaches Teleconference

The Southern Conference will sponsor a weekly teleconference each Tuesday during the football season from 10:00 a.m. until 11:04 a.m. beginning August 29. The final regular season call will be on November 14, with one for postseason teams only on November 21. Each call is recorded and will be available on the conference web site later that afternoon. Any additional conference calls after the first postseason one will be announced by the league office. For more information, contact Bryan McGowan in the Southern Conference office at 864-591-5100.

Time (Eastern) Coach, School

10:00-10:08 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:08-10:16 Kevin Higgins, The Citadel
10:16-10:24 Pete Lembo, Elon
10:24-10:32 Bobby Lamb, Furman
10:32-10:40 Brian VanGorder, Georgia Southern
10:40-10:48 Rodney Allison, Chattanooga
10:48-10:56 Kent Briggs, Western Carolina
10:56-11:04 Mike Ayers, Wofford

The toll-free call-in number is 866-375-5101

Southern Conference E-Mail Service

Information on SoCon football will be e-mailed periodically through the season to accredited media. To be added to the football e-mail list, please e-mail the SoCon Public Affairs Office at bmcgowan@socon.org

Southern Conference On The Web

Visit the Southern Conference's official web site on the World Wide Web at www.soconsports.com. Information related to football and the conference's other 18 sports can be found on the site include: up-to-date statistics, standings, weekly releases and game recaps. Also available is video streaming of select championships and regular season contests SoCon.TV, as well as merchandise from the SoCon.

2006-07 Southern Conference Championships Schedule

Date	Sport	Site	Host
Oct. 30	M/W Cross Country	Chattanooga, TN	Chattanooga
Oct. 28	Men's Soccer First Round	Campus Sites	
Oct. 31	Women's Soccer First Round	Campus Sites	
Nov. 3, 5	Men's Soccer Semifinal & Final	Greenville, SC	Furman
Nov. 3, 5	Women's Soccer Semifinal & Final	Cullowhee, NC	Western Carolina
Nov. 16-19	Volleyball	Boone, NC	Appalachian State
Feb. 16-17/23-24	M/W Indoor Track & Field	Clemson, SC	Southern Conference
Feb. 28-Mar. 3	M/W Basketball	Charleston, SC	Charleston Metro Sports Council
Mar. 3	Wrestling (Mat Jam)	Durham, NC	Duke
Apr. 19-22	M/W Tennis	TBD	
Apr. 13-15	Men's Golf	Boone, NC	Appalachian State
Apr. 15-17	Women's Golf	Charleston, SC	College of Charleston
Apr. 28-29	M/W Outdoor Track & Field	TBD	
May 10-13	Softball	TBD	
May 22-26	Baseball	Charleston, SC	The Citadel

Southern Conference On The Internet

Appalachian State www.goasu.com
The Citadel www.citadelsports.com
Elon www.elon.edu/athletics
Furman www.furmanpaladins.com
Georgia Southern www.georgiasouthern eagles.com
Chattanooga www.gomocs.com
Western Carolina www.catamountsports.com
Wofford www.wofford.edu/athletics

Southern Conference On the Radio

Below is a list of each school's flagship stations:

Appalachian State WKBC-FM 97.3
The Citadel WTMZ-AM 910
Elon WPCM-AM 920
Furman WGOG-FM 96.3
Georgia Southern WPMX-FM 102.9
Chattanooga WGOW-FM 102.3
Western Carolina WWCU-FM 90.5
Wofford WSPG-AM 1400

Southern Conference Press Box Numbers

Appalachian State 828-262-3172
The Citadel 843-953-5004
Elon 336-278-6777
Furman 864-294-3066
Georgia Southern 912-681-3896
Chattanooga 423-757-9332
Western Carolina 828-227-2116
Wofford 864-597-4487

Postseason Awards

Following the conclusion of the regular season, voting is conducted on the all-conference teams by the league's coaches and members of the Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA). Each group votes on a first- and second-team all-conference squad, as well as an Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and a Coach of the Year. The league's coaches also vote on the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, handed out to the top lineman in the conference.

Southern Conference Tiebreaker

In the event that co-champions are declared, the NCAA automatic bid will be awarded as follows:

A. In the case of a two-way tie, the automatic bid will be awarded to the winner of the game between the tied teams during the regular season;

B. In the event of a three-way tie, the won-loss records of the tied teams against each other is first considered (i.e., head to head concept). If the teams are still tied, then each team's record against the highest seeded team not involved in the tie is considered. If the tie is still not broken, the teams' won-loss record against the next highest seeded team not involved in the tie is considered and so on down the line until the tie is broken. If this does not resolve the tie, then the automatic bid will be determined by a random draw conducted by the Commissioner;

C. In the event of multiple ties after a three-way tie, the same procedure as used to break a three-way tie will be applied until the tie is broken.



In July 2005, the Southern Conference launched SoCon.TV, a live video streaming network designed to bring SoCon sports to people around the world through the internet. The network will include not only Southern Conference Championship events but also regular season events from around the league.

The Conference will video stream seven championship events during the 2006-07 season, including the 2007 Men's & Women's Basketball Championships from Charleston, SC.

For more information on SoCon.TV, go to www.soconsports.com.

History of the Southern Conference

The Southern Conference, which enters its 86th season of intercollegiate competition in 2006, has become known as one of the nation's leaders in emphasizing the development of the student-athlete and defining the league's role in helping to build lifelong leaders and role models.

The Southern Conference has excelled as the premier Division I-AA football conference since earning that classification in 1981. The Conference currently consists of 11 members in four states throughout the Southeast and sponsors 19 varsity sports and championships that produce participants for NCAA Division I Championships.

The Southern Conference is the nation's fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association. Only the Big Ten (1896), the Missouri Valley (1907), the Pacific 10 (1915) and the Southwestern Athletic (1920) conferences are older in terms of origination.

Throughout its history, the Southern Conference has been an innovator in college athletics. The Southern Conference was the first "super conference" with its charter membership including the likes of Alabama, Auburn, and North Carolina. The SoCon, as it has come to be known by headline writers throughout the country, is the league that gave birth to the three-point shot in college basketball and was the college home of such sporting greats as Arnold Palmer, Jerry West and Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

Academic excellence has been a major part of the Southern Conference's tradition. League athletes have been recognized countless times on CoSIDA Academic All-America and district teams, highlighted this year by College of Charleston's Phillip Coker, who was named Academic All-American of the Year in baseball. A total of 19 Rhodes-Scholarship winners have been selected from the conference.

The Southern Conference office is located in the Beaumont Mill in Spartanburg, SC. A textile mill that was in operation from 1880 until 1999, the Beaumont Mill was renovated in 2004 and today offers the SoCon a first class meeting area as well as a spacious library for storage of the conference's historical documents.

MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

The Southern Conference was formed on February 25, 1921 at a meeting in Atlanta, GA. Fourteen institutions from the 30-member Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) reorganized as the Southern Conference. Those charter members included Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee. Athletic competition began in the fall of 1921.

In 1922, six more schools - Florida, Louisiana State, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tulane and Vanderbilt - joined the fold. A year later, the University of the South joined the ranks. Virginia Military Institute became a member in 1925 and Duke University came into the fold in 1929. Since then, conference membership has experienced a series of membership changes with 42 institutions having been affiliated with the league. The league has undergone two major transitions during its history.

The first occurred in December 1932 when the Southeastern Conference was formed out of the 23-school Southern Conference. The league's 13 members west and south of the



Appalachian Mountains reorganized to help reduce the extensive travel demands that were present in the league at the time. In 1936, the Southern Conference invited The Citadel, William & Mary, Davidson, Furman, Richmond and Wake Forest to join the membership.

The second major shift happened in 1953 when Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest officially withdrew from the league to form the Atlantic Coast Conference. This change was brought about due to the desire of many of those schools to schedule a greater number of regular season basketball games against their local rivals.

Today, the league continues to thrive with a membership that spans four Southeastern states. Current league members are Appalachian State, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Davidson, Elon, Furman, Georgia Southern, UNC Greensboro, Chattanooga, Western Carolina and Wofford. The most recent addition, Elon University, joined the Southern Conference on July 1, 2003. The Phoenix replaced Virginia Military Institute which left the conference on June 30, 2003. East Tennessee State, which joined the SoCon in 1978, left the conference following the conclusion of the 2004-05 academic year.

LEADERSHIP

The start of the 2006 football campaign sees John Iamarino enter his first football season as the Southern Conference's commissioner. Iamarino, who officially became the SoCon commissioner on January 2, 2006, previously served as the commissioner of the Northeast Conference for nine seasons.

In his nine years with the Somerset, NJ-based NEC, Iamarino promoted the conference through an ambitious agenda designed to improve the quality of competition, upgrade compliance-related matters and generally increase the marketing and brand awareness of the conference and its member institutions.

To improve the 21 championship NEC sports for the more than 2,200 student-athletes who compete, Iamarino helped secure professional facilities to accommodate baseball, indoor track & field, tennis and women's swimming championships.

Tournament gifts, awards, trophies and event programs were all systematically upgraded.

Iamarino replaced Danny Morrison who served as commissioner from November 13, 2001 until June 15, 2005. Morrison left the league to become the director of athletics at Texas Christian University.

The Southern Conference named its first commissioner in December 1950. Duke head football coach Wallace Wade made the transition from Blue Devil football coach to athletics administration as the first person at the helm of the conference.

Lloyd Jordan replaced Wade as the commissioner in 1960 and served a 14-year term until Ken Germann became the league head in 1974. Germann was the commissioner for 13 years and orchestrated the league's expansion to include women's athletics. He was succeeded by Dave Hart in 1987 who spearheaded the transfer of the league office from Charlotte, NC to Asheville, NC.

Wright Waters succeeded Hart upon his retirement in 1991. Under Waters' leadership, the Southern Conference expanded to 12 members, added three women's sports and posted record revenue from the basketball Tournament. Waters, who is currently the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, was followed by Alfred B. White in 1998. White, a veteran member of the NCAA office, introduced the current SoCon logo and elevated the conference's commitment to marketing and development of corporate partners. He became the president of the Asheville franchise of the National Basketball Development League in 2001.

CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY

The first Southern Conference Championship was the league basketball tournament held in Atlanta in 1922. The North Carolina Tar Heels won the tournament to become the first recognized league champion in any sport. The Southern Conference Tournament remains the oldest of its kind in college basketball.

In May of 1923, the league held its first outdoor track and field championship in Montgomery, AL. Mississippi A&M

Southern Conference Members

Alabama (1921-1932)
Appalachian State (1971)
 Auburn (1921-1932)
College of Charleston (1998)
The Citadel (1936)
 Clemson (1921-1953)
Davidson (1936-1988, 1991)
 Duke (1928-1953)
 East Carolina (1964-1976)
 East Tennessee State (1978-2005)
Elon (2003)
 Florida (1922-1932)
Furman (1936)
 George Washington (1936-1970)
 Georgia (1921-1932)
Georgia Southern (1991)
 Georgia Tech (1921-1932)
 Kentucky (1921-1932)
 Louisiana State (1922-1932)
 Marshall (1976-1997)
 Maryland (1921-1953)
 Mississippi (1922-1932)
 Mississippi State (1921-1932)

North Carolina (1921-1953)
Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro (1997)
 North Carolina State (1921-1953)
 Richmond (1936-1976)
 South Carolina (1922-1953)
 Tennessee (1921-1932)
Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga (1976)
 Tulane (1922-1932)
 University of the South (1922-1932)
 Vanderbilt (1922-1932)
 Virginia (1921-1937)
 Virginia Military Institute (1924-2003)
 Virginia Tech (1921-1965)
 Wake Forest (1936-1953)
 Washington & Lee (1921-1958)
 West Virginia (1950-1968)
Western Carolina (1976)
 William & Mary (1936-1977)
Wofford College (1997)

bold indicates current conference member

(now Mississippi State) captured six individual titles on its way to winning the team championship. Two other sports - cross country and tennis - held their first championships during the 1920s. North Carolina won the initial cross country team championship in 1926 in Athens, Ga. Tennis crowned its first singles and doubles champions in New Orleans, La. in 1928. Donald Cram of Vanderbilt was the league's first singles champion, while Leonard Chamberlin and Maurie Bayon of Tulane won the doubles title.

The 1930s saw four more sports - wrestling, indoor track and field, swimming and golf - celebrate their first conference championships. VMI played host to and won the first league wrestling team championship in 1930. Washington & Lee won the first indoor track team championship, which also took place in 1930 and was held at Chapel Hill, NC. The University of Virginia hosted and won the first league swimming championship in 1933, while Duke captured the first conference golf team title at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, NC later that same year.

Baseball was introduced as a Southern Conference sport in 1947 as Clemson captured the league championship that year. Rifle held its first conference championship in 1956, while soccer was the most recently added men's sport in 1967.

The Southern Conference began sponsoring women's sports during the 1983-84 season. That year, volleyball, basketball and tennis championships were held in the league. Cross country joined the mix in 1985 and the league began holding indoor and outdoor track championships in 1988. Most recently, the conference instituted golf and softball championships in the spring of 1994 and added soccer in the fall of 1994.

The Southern Conference currently declares champions in 10 men's sports - football, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling,

baseball, tennis and golf - and nine women's sports - soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, tennis, golf and softball.

FOOTBALL

The Southern Conference has the most prolific history among Division I-AA football conferences. The league boasts the best winning percentage in the history of the I-AA Playoffs (.626). League players have garnered over 200 All-America selections and numerous national player- or coach-of-the-year awards. The conference has had at least one team in the Top 10 of the final I-AA poll for 22 consecutive years with at least two teams finishing in the Top 20 in every season since 1982.

The conference has placed multiple representatives in the I-AA Playoffs in 20 of 24 seasons, with 14 Championship Game appearances and six national titles.

Georgia Southern won back-to-back national championships including a 27-25 win over Montana in the 2000 title game and a 59-24 win over Youngstown State in 1999.

Furman advanced to the championship title game in 2001 before falling to Montana. Appalachian State claimed its first-ever National Championship crown in 2005 with a 21-16 win over Northern Iowa

The SoCon has had at least one team reach the semifinals in seven of the last eight years and in 12 of the last 14 seasons. In 2005, the league had three teams advance to the playoffs for the fifth time in the past seven years.

Before it was a league member, Georgia Southern made five championship appearances with four titles, giving SoCon members 17 title games and nine championships. The Eagles' six national titles mark the most in I-AA football. Georgia Southern won back-to-back national championships in 1985-86 and 1989-90.

In 1988, Furman won the I-AA national championship in its second trip to the title game. The Paladins defeated Georgia Southern 17-12, avenging a loss to the Eagles in the 1985 championship game.

Marshall ended its I-AA tenure with its second national title. The Thundering Herd advanced to the national championship game five times during the 1990s, winning the title over Youngstown State in 1992 and Montana in 1996.

Prior to the conference's reclassification, Southern Conference football teams appeared in a total of 34 bowl games, posting a record of 16-17-2. There are nearly 40 former Southern Conference players in the College Football Hall of Fame. One of the most recognizable of these names is former North Carolina running back Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice. During his four years as a Tar Heel, Justice helped guide North Carolina to three major bowl appearances. He was a first team All-America selection in 1948 and 1949. In 1949, Justice earned first team all-conference honors for the fourth consecutive season, becoming the first player in league history to achieve that feat. Only three other football players have earned all-conference honors four times since Justice.

Another of the league's football products that made it to the College Football Hall of Fame is Sam Huff of West Virginia. Huff was a three-year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Mountaineers. In 1955, Huff earned first team All-America honors on the field and was a first team Academic All-America for his work in the classroom. He played 12 seasons in the National Football League for the New York Giants and the Washington Redskins. He was a five-time All-Pro defensive lineman and is also a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In recent years, the SoCon has continued to produce outstanding student-athletes. Two of the last seven winners of the Walter Payton Award have come from the Southern Conference. Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson captured the trophy given annually to Division I-AA's most outstanding offensive player in 1999. Furman's Louis Ivory was awarded the honor in 2000. Appalachian State's Dexter Coakley was a three-time all-conference selection and consensus All-America in 1994, '95 and '96 before going on to stardom with the Dallas Cowboys. Coakley won a pair of Buck Buchanan Awards, given to I-AA's top defensive player each year. Terrell Owens went from catching passes at Chattanooga to a stellar NFL career with the San Francisco 49ers. Western Carolina's David Patten and Appalachian State's Matt Stevens were both members of the New England Patriots Super Bowl Champion team in 2002 and Patten also earned Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2004 and '05.

BASKETBALL

Men's basketball was the first sport in which the conference produced a championship. The league tournament is the nation's oldest, with the inaugural championship held in Atlanta in 1922.

Not only was the Southern Conference Tournament the first of its kind, the league also helped change the face of college basketball in 1980 when, at the request of the NCAA Rules Committee, the league began a season-long experiment with a 22-foot three-point field goal. Ronnie Carr of Western Carolina made the first three-point field goal in college basketball history in a game against Middle Tennessee State.

History of the Southern Conference

Another college basketball tradition that originated in the SoCon is the traditional cutting of the nets by the winning team. According to *USA Today*, the practice of net cutting originated in 1947 with North Carolina State head coach Everett Case. As a first-year head coach with the Wolfpack, Case led State to the SoCon Tournament title with a 50-48 win over arch-rival North Carolina. To commemorate the event, Case celebrated by claiming the nets as a souvenir of the win.

Basketball coaching legend Red Auerbach gives credit to former George Washington University coach Bill Reinhart, who coached in the SoCon for nearly 30 years, as the inventor of the modern fastbreak.

The SoCon was the first conference to use the tournament to determine its NCAA representative when North Carolina State claimed the tournament title in 1952.

West Virginia's 10 tournament championships are still the most in league history. The Mountaineers were led by the incomparable Jerry West from 1958 through '60. West, a two-time All-America selection, spurred West Virginia to the Final Four in 1959. The Mountaineers lost in the championship game that season to California, 71-70, but West earned Final Four Most Valuable Player honors. West was a three-time Southern Conference tournament MVP, a two-time league regular season MVP, and was twice named the conference's Athlete-of-the-Year. He went on to a spectacular career with the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979. He was a 14-time NBA All-Star while with the Lakers. It is West's silhouette that comprises the NBA's globally recognized logo.

Frank Selvy set the NCAA record for points in a game while at Furman. As a Paladin senior in 1954, Selvy lit up Newberry College for 100 points, a record that still stands. Selvy was the Southern Conference Most Valuable Player in 1953 and 1954 and the league's Athlete-of-the-Year in 1954. He went on to a 10-year career in the NBA with seven different teams.

Rod Hundley was another West Virginia star during the 1950s. "Hot Rod" made a name for himself as one of the most spectacular players to tour the league during his era. Hundley averaged 24.5 points per game in his three seasons as a Mountaineer and was an all-conference and all-tournament performer in each of those three years. He was the Southern Conference Most Valuable Player and Athlete-of-the-Year as a senior in 1957. He was the first player selected in the 1957 NBA draft and enjoyed a six-year career in that league. The flamboyant Hundley is recognized today as the voice of the NBA's Utah Jazz.

East Tennessee State's Keith "Mister" Jennings made his mark on the college basketball world in the early 1990s. Despite standing under six feet tall, Jennings was a two-time all-conference choice and the league's Player-of-the-Year and Athlete-of-the-Year in 1991. Jennings played with the Golden State Warriors of the NBA.

Most recently, Western Carolina's Kevin Martin was a first round pick of the Sacramento Kings in 2004. Martin was second in the nation in scoring as a junior at 24.9 points per game before leaving a year early for the NBA.

Besides West Virginia's team in 1959, the Southern Conference has been represented in the Final Four on two other occasions. North Carolina advanced to the NCAA

Significant Dates In League History

- Feb. 25-26, 1921: Representatives of Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee meet in Atlanta, GA. to form the Southern Intercollegiate Conference.
- Dec. 7-8, 1922: At the league's annual meeting in Washington, DC, the name of the organization is officially changed to the Southern Conference. S.V. Sanford of Georgia is selected as the conference's first president.
- Dec. 8-10, 1932: At the annual meeting in Knoxville, TN, Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, University of the South, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt withdraw to form the Southeastern Conference.
- Dec. 8, 1950: Wallace Wade, who just completed a 16-year term as Duke's head football coach, is named the first commissioner of the Southern Conference. The commissioner's office is opened in Durham, NC on Jan. 1, 1951.
- May 8, 1953: Seven members—Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest – withdraw to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- Nov. 29, 1980: At the request of the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee, the Southern Conference begins a season-long experiment with a 22-foot, three-point field goal, thus becoming the first conference to employ that rule. Ronnie Carr of Western Carolina makes the first three-point field goal in college basketball history in a game against Middle Tennessee State.
- Dec. 3-4, 1981: The NCAA, at its fourth special convention in St. Louis, MO, restructures I-A football. As a result, the Southern Conference's eight Division I-A football playing members are reclassified to Division I-AA.
- June 6, 1983: At a special meeting of the Southern Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, the league formalizes women's varsity competition in basketball and volleyball beginning with the 1983-84 season. The executive committee also approves pilot women's championships in tennis and golf for 1983-84.
- Dec. 18-19, 1995: The conference announces that the College of Charleston, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Wofford College have accepted invitations to join the league.
- July 1, 2003: Elon University officially joins the league. VMI departs to join the Big South.

championship game in 1943 before falling 43-40 to Oklahoma State. North Carolina State finished third in the tournament in 1950.

Women's basketball competition began in the Southern Conference in 1983-84 with seven teams, five of whom are still members of the league: Appalachian State, Chattanooga, Davidson, Furman and Western Carolina. In the sport's history, seven schools have won the league's tournament at least once with Chattanooga winning 10 and Appalachian State owning six titles. UNC Greensboro won the 1998 tournament as head coach Lynne Agee became the first coach to take a team to the NCAA Tournament in all three Divisions - I, II & III. In 2001, Chattanooga head coach Wes Moore became the first coach in NCAA history to take three different teams to the NCAA Tournament in all three Divisions.

Since 1984, seven different teams have claimed at least a share of the regular season crown. Chattanooga has the most overall titles with 12, five of them shared. Chattanooga owns the most outright championships with seven. Only four players have won the conference Player of the Year award twice: ETSU's DeShawne Blocker in 1992-93 and 1994-95; Furman's Jackie Smith, 1997-98 and 1998-99; Chattanooga's Damita Bullock, who won the award in 2000 and 2001 and the Lady Mocs' Katasha Brown (2003-04 and 2005-06).

OTHER SPORTS

In baseball, Wake Forest advanced to the championship game of the NCAA College World Series in 1949 before falling to Texas. Demon Deacon second baseman Charles Teague was named the CWS Most Valuable Player.

The Citadel made history in 1990 by becoming the first military school to make an appearance at the College World

Series. The Bulldogs were joined that season at the CWS by current conference member Georgia Southern.

This past spring College of Charleston was one step away from Omaha, becoming the first league school to advance to the Super Regionals, while Elon earned an at-large berth for its first appearance as a SoCon member.

One of the Southern Conference's more famous baseball alums is Duke's Dick Groat. The Blue Devil shortstop, who was also a basketball standout, was the conference's Athlete-of-the-Year in 1951 and 1952. He went on to a 14-year career in the major leagues. In 1960, he was named the National League MVP after he led the league in batting with a .325 average for the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates.

Among Southern Conference alums to grace Major League Baseball fields have been Atlee Hammaker (East Tennessee State), Jeff Montgomery (Marshall) and Mike Ramsey (Appalachian State). SoCon active MLB players include Angels third baseman Dallas McPherson (The Citadel), and pitchers Britt Reames (The Citadel) and Ryan Glynn (VMI) who both pitched with Oakland in 2005. Arnold Palmer, perhaps the most famous golfer to have ever lived, competed under the Southern Conference banner as a collegian at Wake Forest. He took medalist honors at the Southern Conference Tournament in 1948 and 1949 and was the tournament's runner-up in 1950. Palmer was the medalist at the NCAA Golf Championships in 1949 and 1950. He went on to become one of the most accomplished golfers to play on the professional tour. Palmer won 60 tournaments while competing on the PGA Tour and has added 10 more victories as a member of the Senior PGA Tour. He has also won eight major championships - four Masters, two British Opens, one US Open and one US Amateur.

History of the Southern Conference

SoCon National Champions

Individual Champions

Year	Athlete	School	Sport/Event
2001	Mary Jayne Harrelson	Appalachian State	1500-meter Outdoor Track
1999	Mary Jayne Harrelson	Appalachian State	1500-meter Outdoor Track
1974	Reggie Clark	William & Mary	800-meter Indoor Track
1970	Howell Mitchell	William & Mary	Mile Indoor Track
*1950	Arnold Palmer	Wake Forest	Men's Golf
*1949	Arnold Palmer	Wake Forest	Men's Golf
1948	Norman Rucks	North Carolina	440-yard Outdoor Track
1948	Fred Kovaleski-Bernard Bartzten	William & Mary	Men's Tennis-Doubles
1947	Cardner Larned	William & Mary	Men's Tennis-Singles
1947	Jack Milne	North Carolina	Cross Country
1940	Dixon Brooke	Virginia	Men's Golf
1930	Clifford Sutter	Tulane	Men's Tennis-Singles
1932	Clifford Sutter	Tulane	Men's Tennis-Singles
1928	Edward Hamm	Georgia Tech	Long Jump
1927	Weems Baskin	Auburn	120-yard high hurdles Outdoor Track
1927	Edward Hamm	Georgia Tech	Long Jump
1927	Watts Gunn	Georgia Tech	Men's Golf
1926	Fred Lamprecht	Tulane	Men's Golf
1925	Fred Lamprecht	Tulane	Men's Golf
1921	Longino Welch	Georgia Tech	Pole Vault

* Palmer was the medalist in team competition in 1949 and 1950.

Team Champions

Year	School	Sport	Year	School	Sport
2005	Appalachian State	I-AA Football	1992	Marshall	I-AA Football
2000	Georgia Southern	I-AA Football	1988	Furman	I-AA Football
1999	Georgia Southern	I-AA Football	1948	William & Mary	Men's Tennis
1996	Marshall	I-AA Football	1947	William & Mary	Men's Tennis

Women's sports are relatively young in the league's history. In 1992-93, the Southern Conference celebrated its 10th Anniversary of women's athletics. Furman golfer Dottie Pepper was named the Southern Conference Women's Athlete-of-the-Decade in conjunction with that event. Appalachian State's Mary Jayne Harrelson won the NCAA Outdoor title at 1500 meters in 1999 and 2001. Most recently, Furman's Brandi Jackson won the NCAA Women's Golf East Regional in the spring of 2003.

COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

The Southern Conference has also been a breeding ground for some of college athletics' most recognized coaches and administrators.

Legendary basketball coaches Adolph Rupp of Kentucky and Everett Case of North Carolina State both worked the sidelines in the Southern Conference. Rupp guided the Wildcats to a 30-5 mark during the 1931 and 1932 seasons. Yet, for all his coaching accomplishments, Rupp never led Kentucky to a Southern Conference tournament championship.

Case mentored the Wolfpack to six consecutive Southern Conference Tournament championships from 1947 through 1952. In North Carolina State's final season in the league, the Wolfpack won the regular season title but fell in the tournament championship game to Wake Forest, 71-70. Despite coaching in the conference for just seven seasons, Case is the ninth winningest coach in league history and averaged 26.7 wins per year during his tenure, the best mark in conference history. Case was named Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year three times.

Lefty Driesell, most recently the head coach at Georgia State, coached Davidson to three Southern Conference Tournament championships in 1966, 1968 and 1969. Driesell also won the league's Coach-of-the-Year award four straight times from 1963 through 1966.

Former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins earned league Coach-of-the-Year honors three times in the late '70s and early '80s while at Appalachian State. Cremins returned to

the league in July 2006 when he was named head coach at College of Charleston.

Terry Holland saw his basketball coaching career take off at Davidson when he returned to his alma mater in 1970. Holland was honored as the Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year for three consecutive seasons from 1970-72 and led the Wildcats to the conference tournament title and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1970. Holland later led Virginia to the Final Four in 1984. After his coaching career concluded, Holland returned to the Southern Conference as the athletic director at Davidson from 1990-1995 before accepting the same position at Virginia.

J. Dallas Shirley, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, spent 21 years as the assistant to the commissioner and supervisor of officials in the Southern Conference. Shirley worked with the conference from 1967 until 1988 under three commissioners: Lloyd P. Jordan, Kenneth G. Germann, and David R. Hart. Shirley was a basketball official in the Southern Conference for 30 years and officiated over 2,000 career games in various leagues. He also served as president of the International Association Basketball Officials and the United States Olympic Basketball Committee.

Even the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant got his coaching start in the Southern Conference as he guided the Maryland Terrapins in 1945. A former Southern Conference football coach who reached "folk legend" status is the late Frank Howard of Clemson, who guided the Tigers as a league member from 1940-52. Howard won 69 Southern Conference games which still ranks tied for fourth on the league's all-time coaching victories list.

The Southern Conference has been represented on the sidelines at five Super Bowls in recent years. Bobby Ross, who piloted the San Diego Chargers to the 1996 Super Bowl, was the head coach at The Citadel from 1973-77. Former Buffalo Bills head coach Marv Levy directed William & Mary from 1964-68. He was succeeded at William & Mary by Lou Holtz. William & Mary competed in the Southern Conference from 1936-77.



The Southern Conference office moved into the historic Beaumont Mill in Spartanburg, SC in January 2005.

Evolution of the Southern Conference

**Original Members
1921**

Alabama Auburn Clemson Georgia	Georgia Tech Kentucky Maryland Mississippi State	North Carolina North Carolina State Tennessee	Virginia Virginia Tech Washington & Lee
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- 1922** - New Members - Florida, Louisiana State, Mississippi, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, & Tulane
- 1923** - New Member - University of the South
- 1924** - New Member - Virginia Military Institute
- 1929** - New Member - Duke University
- 1932** - Conference Splits: **Formation of the Southeastern Conference**

1932 - Southern Conference

Clemson Duke Maryland North Carolina North Carolina State	South Carolina Virginia Virginia Military Institute Virginia Polytechnical Institute Washington & Lee
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**Southeastern
Conference
1932**

- 1936** - New Members - The Citadel, Davidson, Furman, Richmond, Wake Forest, & William and Mary
- 1937** - Virginia withdraws
- 1941** - New Member - George Washington University
- 1950** - New Member - West Virginia
- 1953** - Conference Splits: **Formation of the Atlantic Coast Conference**

Also: Georgia Tech, University of the South, and Tulane

1953 - Southern Conference

**Atlantic Coast
Conference
1953**



The Citadel Davidson Furman George Washington Richmond	Virginia Military Institute Virginia Polytechnical Institute Washington & Lee West Virginia William & Mary
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Also: South Carolina
Note: Georgia Tech and Virginia were not original members

- 1958** - Washington & Lee withdraws
- 1964** - New Member - East Carolina
- 1965** - Virginia Polytechnical Institute withdraws
- 1968** - West Virginia withdraws
- 1970** - George Washington withdraws
- 1971** - New Member - Appalachian State
- 1976** - New Members - Marshall, Tennessee-Chattanooga, & Western Carolina
- Also: Richmond withdraws
- 1977** - East Carolina and William & Mary withdraw
- 1978** - New Member: East Tennessee State

1978 - Southern Conference

	Appalachian State Chattanooga The Citadel Davidson East Tennessee State Furman Marshall Western Carolina Virginia Military Institute
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- 1988** - Davidson withdraws
- 1991** - New Member - Georgia Southern and Davidson
- 1996** - Marshall withdraws
- 1997** - New Members - UNC Greensboro and Wofford
- 1998** - New Member - College of Charleston
- 2003** - New Member - Elon
- Also: VMI Withdraws
- 2005** - East Tennessee State withdraws

**The Southern Conference
2006-07**

Appalachian State College of Charleston Chattanooga The Citadel Davidson Elon	Furman Georgia Southern UNC Greensboro Western Carolina Wofford
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Commissioner John Iamarino



John Iamarino Commissioner

John Iamarino begins his first full year as Commissioner of the Southern Conference, having been named by the Council of Presidents on January 2, 2006. He is the eighth commissioner in the 86-year history of the conference.

Upon beginning his appointment, Iamarino emphasized a strategic plan that called for greater emphasis on the student-athlete in Southern Conference championships, increased television and video-streaming coverage, an aggressive policy toward conference and non-conference scheduling, and a commitment to rules compliance.

Iamarino, 51, has spent the past 22 years at the conference level, working at both the Sun Belt Conference and the Northeast Conference. Prior to joining the SoCon, he served as Commissioner of the NEC for nine years. During that time, the conference launched its first website, increased television coverage from 12 to 30 basketball games, worked to implement 30 grants-in-aid for the previously non-scholarship football programs, and initiated the league's first true marketing and merchandising efforts.

Under his leadership, the NEC added new championships in the women's sports of lacrosse, swimming & diving and field hockey. More recently, he was instrumental in the formation of the Gridiron Classic, a new post-season game between the champions of the NEC and Pioneer Football League.

At the Sun Belt, he spent 13 years (1984-97) in a variety of publicity, compliance and administrative positions, ultimately rising to the level of Associate Commissioner. When the original Sun Belt merged with the then-American South Conference in 1991, Iamarino was the lone staffer from the original organization to move to the new Sun Belt, heading the transition team for the unprecedented merger of two Division I leagues.

He entered the field of intercollegiate athletics as Assistant Sports Information Director at Georgetown University in 1979, working two years there before moving on to become Director of Sports Information at Jacksonville University.

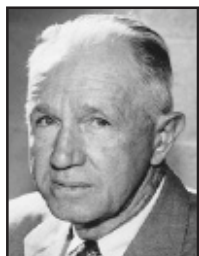
He is active nationally within the NCAA, with experience on the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, the Division I-AA Football Governance Committee and a special sub-committee of the Collegiate Commissioners' Association studying the I-AA football playoffs. He recently was Vice President of the CCA representing Division I-AA and formerly served on the NCAA's Special Events Committee.

Iamarino is a 1977 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, where he earned magna cum laude honors majoring in the field of journalism. A native of Monsey, NY, he resides in Spartanburg, SC with his wife, Mary Ann, and son P.J. (10).



John Iamarino was introduced as the Southern Conference's eighth commissioner on January 2, 2006.

Former Southern Conference Commissioners



*Wallace Wade
1951-60*



*Lloyd Jordan
1960-73*



*Ken Germann
1974-86*



*Dave Hart, Sr.
1986-91*



*Wright Waters
1991-98*



*Alfred White
1998-2001*



*Danny Morrison
2001-05*

Southern Conference Staff



Geoff Cabe **Senior Associate Commissioner**

Geoff Cabe is in his 18th year with the Southern Conference.

The senior member of the Southern Conference staff, Cabe joined the conference in July, 1988 as an intern in the media relations department. He was elevated to run the media relations area in 1991 and rose to the rank of assistant commissioner. In 1995 he took over the responsibilities for all championship events. Cabe was named an

associate commissioner in 1999 and senior associate commissioner in 2002. In his most recent role he has been responsible for managing the conference's championships, public affairs, awards, marketing, promotions, merchandising, licensing, and electronic media efforts.

Cabe has served as the interim commissioner on two occasions in his tenure. He was appointed to the position on June 15, 2005 following the resignation of former commissioner Danny Morrison, who became the director of athletics at Texas Christian University. Cabe had previously served as interim commissioner for four months in 2001 prior to Morrison's hiring.

Cabe has served as the tournament director for the highly-successful NCAA Men's Basketball Championship First- and Second Round site that the SoCon hosted in Greenville, SC in 2001. For the last 10 years, Cabe has been the director of the Southern Conference Men's Basketball Championship.

Born July 15, 1966 at Highlands, NC, Cabe graduated from Highlands High School in 1984. At Highlands High School, he lettered in four sports and was an All-Western North Carolina honorable mention selection in basketball. He graduated from UNC Asheville in 1988 with a degree in mass communication. Cabe has worked as a sports correspondent for the Asheville Citizen-Times newspaper and a contributing writer to the Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook.

Cabe was married to the former Amy Hinson on June 12, 2004.



Doug King **Associate Commissioner**

Douglas King joined the Southern Conference staff in February, 2003 as Assistant Commissioner for Compliance and was promoted to Associate Commissioner in 2005.

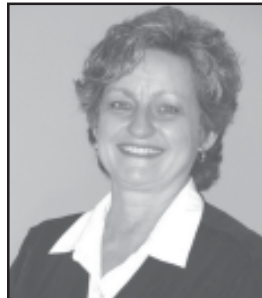
In his role with the Conference office, King assists each Southern Conference institution with its campus compliance program administering the Conference's NCAA Special Assistance Fund, NCAA

Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds, Coaches Certification Exam and the National Letter of Intent Program. King serves as a liaison between the member institutions and NCAA Membership Services and Enforcement staffs while providing interpretations of NCAA and Conference legislation. Along with his compliance responsibilities, King is the Conference office administrator in charge of the wrestling, men's and women's cross country and men's golf championships. He currently serves on the NCAA Progress Toward Degree Waiver committee.

King joined the Conference from the University of Houston where he had served as a Compliance Coordinator for two years, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance for two years and also the Director of Football Operations for one season. As Houston's Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, he was responsible for certifying the initial and continuing eligibility of over 350 Cougar student-athletes.

King attended graduate school at the University of New Mexico from 1992-95 and served as a Compliance Assistant at UNM in 97-98 before moving to Houston.

A 1991 graduate of Bentley College where he majored in management with a minor in pre-law, King was a member of the lacrosse team and served on the college's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.



Sue Arakas **Associate Commissioner**

Sue Arakas is in her 13th year at the Southern Conference and in her eighth year as Associate Commissioner for Internal Affairs.

In her position, Arakas oversees the conference's budget, financial resources, office operations, and meeting planning. She also supervised the management of daily business operations and administers all policies and procedures of the conference. The conference internship program is also

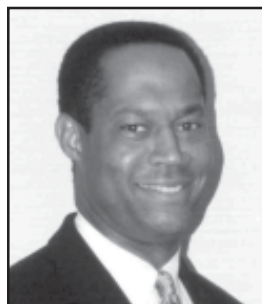
her supervision.

In addition, Arakas serves as the league's Senior Woman Administrator. She oversees the management of its nine women's sports, as well as being responsible for the coordination of Championship events for women's soccer, volleyball, women's basketball and softball. She also serves as the staff liaison for various league sport and standing committees.

While with the SoCon, Arakas has been involved in national organizations such as NACWAA, most recently as a 2004 graduate of NACWAA/HERS East, a professional leadership development institute. She currently serves as the chair of the Conference Woman Administrators, whose membership includes women administrators from conferences in DI, II and III and junior college levels.

Arakas joined the league office on June 1, 1994 as an administrative assistant and was promoted to Assistant Commissioner for Internal Operations in January, 1997. She was promoted to Associate Commissioner for Internal Affairs in July, 1999.

Arakas attended UNC Asheville, majoring in management. She and her husband, Tommy, have a son and daughter-in-law, Stamati and Cyndi Arakas, who are product managers for Dewalt Power Tools and Black & Decker, respectively, in Baltimore, MD. They also have a daughter and son-in-law, Katina and Scott Kenyon, who both work for Dell Computers in El Salvador, and granddaughter Nina. Sue and Tommy reside in Asheville, NC.



Pete Moore **Assistant Commissioner**

Pete Moore is in his fifth year on the Southern Conference staff, having started on July 1, 2002.

Moore joined the SoCon after having spent the previous three seasons as the director of ticket sales for the Charlotte Hornets of the NBA. From 1998-1999, he served as the Director of Business Operations for the Charlotte Sting of the WNBA. Prior to his stint the WNBA and NBA, Moore

spent three seasons as the General Manager of the Charlotte Knights, the AAA affiliate of the Florida Marlins. He was the Assistant GM of the Knights from 1992-1995.

In his tenure with the Southern Conference, Moore has cultivated business relationships with corporate partners including: Sprint, BB&T, TIAA-CREF, and the Carolina Ford Dealers. In 2003, Moore was one of just 22 persons from around the country to participate in the NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males. During his participation Moore wrote an editorial on leadership that was later selected for the NCAA News. In January 2004, Moore was appointed to the NCAA Division I Management Council. In addition to his marketing duties, he serves as the staff liaison to the indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and women's golf championship.

Moore is a 1986 graduate of Duke University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science. A quarterback and defensive back, he attended Duke on a football scholarship and was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Honor Roll during his participation. Moore later returned to the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University to earn his MBA in 1992. He is married to the former Jackie Benton.

Southern Conference Staff



Bryan McGowan Assistant Commissioner

Bryan McGowan is in his second year with the Southern Conference, joining the staff on September 12, 2005. McGowan will be responsible for managing the publicity and media relations efforts for the Southern Conference as well as serving as the staff liaison for the league's baseball championship. He will serve as the primary media contact for football, men's basketball and baseball, as

well as the media coordinator for the men's basketball tournament.

McGowan joined the SoCon staff after six years in the media relations office at the Mid-American Conference. He served as the assistant media relations director for two years prior to his promotion to associate media relations director in July 2001. McGowan's duties with the MAC included the publicity of volleyball, women's basketball and baseball as well as assisting with football. He also produced the women's basketball and volleyball media guides and maintained the MAC's website.

Prior to his stint at the MAC, McGowan was an assistant sports information director at Southern Illinois, working with eight sports while serving as the webmaster for the intercollegiate athletics website. He received his B.S. in education from Bowling Green in 1991 and attended graduate school at Southeast Missouri State where he was a graduate assistant in the sports information office.

McGowan has served on the NCAA Women's Final Four media coordination committee for the last five years and was a member of the game-day communications staff with the Cleveland Browns for five seasons. In addition, he has staffed six NCAA men's basketball events, including last year's first and second rounds in Greensboro, NC, seven Women's Final Fours and the 2005 I-AA Football Championship game.

McGowan is an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as well as the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, the Football Writers Association of America, and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

A native of the Rochester, NY suburb of Fairport, McGowan currently resides in Charlotte with his wife, Jennifer.



Callie Hammett Assistant to the Commissioner

Callie Hammett officially joined the Southern Conference staff on October 8, 2003.

In her position, Hammett is responsible for providing the necessary support to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the Office of the Commissioner. She will also assist Sue Arakas in the management of daily business operations and financial endeavors. She is also the coordinator for the Southern

Conference Graduate Scholarship program.

Callie graduated from Wofford College in 2003 with a BA in Art History.

A native of Spartanburg, SC, Callie graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1999. At SHS, she ran cross-country and track. Callie was a 6 year letter winner and a 3 year All-State runner in cross country. She helped lead the Lady Vikings to 3 runner-up State titles and 3 State Championship wins.

She and her husband Rob reside in Spartanburg.



Mandi Copeland Director of Media Services

Mandi Copeland is in her seventh year with the Conference office and serves as the Director of Media Services, having joined the league on May 31, 2000.

In her position, Copeland is responsible for all publications and graphic design as well as maintaining and operating the Southern Conference website, www.SoConSports.com, and the video streaming of the conference's championships. She continues to serve as the

technology consultant for the Conference office and the staff liaison for men's soccer and men's and women's tennis as well as the media coordinator for the women's basketball tournament. Copeland also assists with the conference's media relations office and works with the SoCon Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Copeland is an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America Committee, serving as a district coordinator with the program. She has also served worked on several NCAA events, including several NCAA Women's Basketball regionals, the 2003 Women's Final Four in Atlanta, GA, and the 2006 Men's College World Series in Omaha, NE.

Prior to joining the conference staff, Copeland served as a graduate assistant with the Florida State University sports information office, earning her master's degree in sport management. She served as the primary contact for softball, women's soccer and swimming and diving, as well as assisting with football and men's and women's basketball.

Copeland graduated from Florida State in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in communications and earned her master's in physical education in 2000. She transferred to Florida State in 1995 after lettering in tennis at West Virginia University as a freshman.

Born in Royal Oak, MI, Copeland graduated from Riverside High School in Greenville, SC, in 1994. At Riverside, Copeland was a five-year letter winner in tennis, receiving all-conference honors all five years and served as team captain for two seasons. She also served as an athletic trainer for football and baseball.



Brandon Neff External Affairs Assistant

Brandon Neff will serve as an External Affairs Assistant in 2006-07. In that role, he will assist in the operations of all aspects of the External Affairs department as well as the day-to-day operations of the Conference office.

Neff comes to the Southern Conference from the Mid-Continent Conference where he was an athletic administrative intern. He assisted with the day-to-day operations of the office, including working with the compliance program and in various facets of the championships, media relations and event management. He earned a master's in sport management from Northern Illinois University where he served as a graduate assistant for intramurals and sport clubs.

Neff joined the Mid-Con with over five years of sports experience including a three year stint in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICAC) as the assistant commissioner. He also served as a fan services representative for the Chicago Bears and a production assistant with Championship Productions over the past five years.

Neff earned his bachelor of science in exercise sport science with an emphasis in sport management from Iowa State University in 2003. A native of Alta, IA, Brandon currently resides in Spartanburg, SC.

Southern Conference Staff



Don Lucas Coordinator of Football Officials

Don Lucas is in his 14th year as the Southern Conference's Coordinator of Football Officials.

A native of Winston-Salem, NC, Lucas graduated from Western Carolina University with a bachelor of science degree and a master of science degree in physical education. He is a retired teacher, coach, parks and recreation director and school administrator after in 33 years of public service in North Carolina.

Lucas was a longtime Southern Conference football and men's basketball official. He officiated men's basketball for 14 years and football for 15 seasons. Lucas was also a football official in the Big East for two seasons.

During his tenure as a football official, Lucas officiated NCAA football playoffs for nine years, including two I-AA semifinal games and one Division II national championship game. He also refereed four North Carolina state basketball championships and two North Carolina East-West All-Star games.

Lucas won the Silver Whistle Award in 1987 and 1989, recognizing him as the Southern Conference's top football official. He also served two years as president of the Southern Conference Football Officials Association and one year as president of the North State Football Officials Association.

Lucas was born on May 7, 1947 and is married to the former Donna Ashe of Sylva, NC. They have a son, Matt, who is a graduate of North Carolina State and the assistant tennis coach at Princeton University.

Rules Changes for 2006 Season

Rule 1-4-5-s, Eye Shields

Change: In the illegal equipment rules, only eye shields that are completely clear will be allowed.

Rule 2-15-4-c, Kicking Tee

Change: A tee is a device that elevates the ball for kicking purposes. It may not elevate the ball's lowest point more than one inch above the ground (A.R. 2-15-4-1).

Rule 3-2-1-b, Halftime

Change: The intermission between halves, which begins when the field is clear of all players and coaches, shall be 20 minutes. The home team administration may lengthen or shorten the 20 minutes by previous agreement of the visiting team administration.

Rule 3-2-5, When Clock Starts

Change: When the ball is free-kicked, the game clock will be started and subsequently stopped when the ball is dead by rule.

Rule 3-2-5-e, When Clock Starts

Change: When Team B is awarded a first down, the clock will be stopped and will start on the ready for play signal.

Rule 3-3-3-f-4, Referee's Discretionary Timeout

Change: To delete the rule relating to excessive crowd noise.

Rule 7-1-3-b and 7-1-4-b, Procedural fouls

Change: "PENALTY- For live ball fouls occurring when the snap starts during scrimmage kick plays: Five yards from the previous spot or five yards from the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B (Field goal plays exempted)."

Rule 8-3-2, Opportunity to score

Change: To alter the rule to read: The ball shall be put in play by the team that scored a six-point touchdown. If a touchdown is scored during a down in which time in the fourth period expires, the try shall not be attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game.

2006 SoCon Football Officiating Staff

Name	Hometown	Yr Started	Position
Garland Berry	Roanoke, VA	1989	Line Judge
Greg Brock	Seneca, SC	2002	Side Judge
Robert Broome	Charlotte, NC	2005	Line Judge
Rodney Burnette	Charlotte, NC	2005	Line Judge
Jeff Chandler	Manchester, TN	2006	Linesman
Chris Christmas	Winston-Salem, NC	2002	Umpire
Kevin Cody	Pinehurst, NC	2004	Line Judge
Michael Crowley	Monroe, NC	2003	Side Judge
Alan Eck	Cumming, GA	2005	Field Judge
Tim Graham	Kernersville, NC	1999	Line Judge
David Goodwin	Charlotte, NC	2006	Umpire
Thomas Graham	Thomasville, GA	2006	Line Judge
Art Hardin	Winston Salem, NC	1996	Linesman
Perry Havener	Jacksonville, FL	2006	Referee
Jeff Heaser	Loganville, GA	2001	Field Judge
Johnny Hibbett	Corryton, TN	2002	Umpire
Dana Hinnant	Rockford, TN	1999	Umpire
Matt Hollifield	Jefferson City, TN	2003	Side Judge
Bob Johnson	Charlotte, NC	1995	Field Judge
Kip Johnson	Greensboro, NC	2003	Field Judge
Riley Johnson	Seneca, SC	2002	Referee
Wayne Johnson	Durham, NC	2004	Field Judge
Jeff Jones	Ware Shoals, SC	2004	Linesman
Marshall Jumper	Lexington, SC	2000	Line Judge
David Koskovich	Lawrenceville, GA	2005	Side Judge
David LaFontaine	Fayetteville, GA	2003	Line Judge
Larry Leatherwood	Waynesville, NC	1978	Umpire
Larry Mallam	Fayetteville, GA	2005	Referee
Scott Maslin	Franklin, NC	2002	Back Judge
Jon Middlebrooks	Atlanta, GA	2005	Field Judge
Terry Mock	Marietta, GA	2005	Line Judge
Robert Mohr	Matthews, NC	1991	Side Judge
Jay Neal	Davidson, NC	2003	Back Judge
Larry Neal	Lawrenceville, GA	2005	Back Judge
Roger Pedrick	Anderson, SC	1985	Umpire
Chris Phelps	Greenwood, SC	2002	Linesman
Brett Polk	Asheville, NC	2003	Linesman
Rob Rance	Fayetteville, GA	2005	Field Judge
Chris Rape	Charlotte, NC	2005	Field Judge
Ed Rhodes	Charleston, SC	1999	Referee
Wayne Rigsby	Greer, SC	2001	Line Judge
Tony Ross	LaGrange, GA	2005	Back Judge
Rick Schilling	Roanoke, VA	1988	Side Judge
Tripp Self	Macon, GA	2002	Line Judge
Jim Shire	Hartsville, SC	2000	Linesman
Randy Shuford	Chattanooga, TN	2006	Back Judge
Doug Smith	Mebane, NC	1999	Back Judge
Lee Smith	Gaffney, SC	1999	Side Judge
Robbie Spires	Lexington, SC	2005	Line Judge
Vincent Swift	Lithonia, GA	2005	Side Judge
Knox Tate	Charlotte, NC	1989	Line Judge
Jack Tiller	Johnston, SC	1977	Field Judge
Gerald Trexler	Lewisville, NC	1988	Field Judge
Harry Tyson	Wilson, NC	2005	Side Judge
Steve Wilson	Beaufort, SC	2000	Umpire
Greg Zimmerman	Atlanta, GA	2003	Side Judge

Observers		
Allen Armstrong	Greer, SC	1995
Tom Best	Arden, NC	2005
Ron Buckner	Fort Mill, SC	2003
Gene Hartleb	Cumming, GA	2006
Tom Hughston	Charleston, SC	2001
Frank Jump	Signal Mtn., TN	1995
John Layne	Chattanooga, TN	2006
Jack McElwee	Charleston, SC	2006
Claude Saunders	Charlotte, NC	2002
Gene Stancil	Irmo, SC	2005
Ralph Stout	Mtn. City, TN	1988
Monty Williams	Greensboro, NC	1988
Steve Wilson	Beaufort, SC	2006

Southern Conference Football Stadiums



Appalachian State University - Kidd Brewer Stadium
FieldTurf • Opened 1962 • Capacity 17,150



University of Tennessee Chattanooga - Finley Stadium/Davenport Field
Polyethelene • Opened 1997 • Capacity 20,668



The Citadel - Johnson Hagood Stadium
Natural Grass • Opened 1948 • Capacity 21,000



Elon University - Rhodes Stadium
Natural Grass • Opened 2001 • Capacity 11,250



Furman University - Paladin Stadium
Natural Grass • Opened 1981 • Capacity 16,000



Georgia Southern University - Paulson Stadium
Bermuda Tift • Opened 1984 • Capacity 17,150



Western Carolina University - E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Astroplay • Opened 1974 • Capacity 13,742



Wofford College - Gibbs Stadium
Natural Grass • Opened 1996 • Capacity 13,000

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SoCON RETURNS DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPION

Appalachian State picked up its first-ever national championship in 2005, following a 21-16 win over UNI. The Mountaineers, who weren't ranked when the season began, tied a school record with their 12th win with the victory over the Panthers. It marked the first time since 2000 that the Southern Conference had a national champion (Georgia Southern 27, Montana 25). The title was also the league's sixth overall, giving the SoCon the most championships by conference. Seven independents won titles, including two by current league member Georgia Southern.

Most I-AA National Championships (by conference)

- 6 -- Southern Conference (last in 2005)
- 5 -- Big Sky (2001)
- 3 -- Atlantic-10 (2004)
- 3 -- Gateway (2002)
- 2 -- Ohio Valley (1982)
- 1 -- Mid-Eastern Athletic (1978)
- 1 -- Southland (1987)

SIDELINE SHIFTING:

Two new head coaches will grace the SoCon sidelines this year, with both newcomers bringing head coaching experience to their new institutions. **Pete Lembo**, who spent the past five seasons as head coach at Lehigh, is the new coach at Elon. Georgia Southern's new coach is **Brian VanGorder**, who was with the Jacksonville Jaguars last season. VanGorder has three years of experience as head coach from 1992-94 at his alma mater, Wayne State.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN MENTIONS FROM TSN:

The Southern Conference placed 10 players on *The Sports Network's* Preseason All-America team that was announced July 6, the third most among conferences (Atlantic-10 14, Gateway 11). Appalachian State led the way with a nation-high six selections, three of them on the first team. Below are the league's preseason mentions:

OFFENSE

- Jerome Felton, FB, Furman (First Team)
- Matt Isenhour, T, Appalachian State (First Team)
- Daniel Bettis, TE, Appalachian State (Second Team)
- Kerry Brown, G, Appalachian State (Honorable Mention)

DEFENSE

- Marques Murrell, DE, Appalachian State (First Team)
- Chad Nkang, LB, Elon (First Team)
- Corey Lynch, S, Appalachian State (First Team)
- Roy Ravenell, DE, Furman (Honorable Mention)
- John Mohring, LB, Georgia Southern (Honorable Mention)
- Jeremy Wiggins, S, Appalachian State (Honorable Mention)



Elon linebacker Chad Nkang led the Southern Conference and I-AA last season with 152 tackles, averaging 13.8 tackles a game.

Southern Conference's Returning Stat Leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Jayson Foster, GSU	239	1481	6.2	21	123.4
Eldra Buckley, UTC	217	1233	5.7	11	112.1
Kevin Richardson, ASU	266	1433	5.4	19	95.5
Kevious Johnson, WOF*	137	1035	6.0	9	94.1
Nuru Goodrum, CIT	177	800	4.5	7	80.0
Reggie Hall, ELON	195	796	4.1	6	79.6

*Johnson's rushing totals are from the 2004 season. He did not play in 2005.

Passing, by rating	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	Pct.	Pts.
Justin Clark, WCU	120	214	1253	56.1	105.5
Antonio Miller, UTC	127	212	1234	59.9	100.3
Josh Collier, WOF	48	123	617	39.0	81.1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Michael Mayers, ELON	41	632	15.4	4	57.5
Justin Stepp, FUR	46	676	14.7	8	52.0
Emanuel Hassell, UTC	52	548	10.5	0	49.8
J.C. Brown, WCU	28	374	13.4	0	41.6
Michael Hines, WCU	27	368	13.6	1	40.9

Total Offense	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	YPG
Jayson Foster, GSU	1481	842	391	2323	193.6
Antonio Miller, UTC	441	1234	298	1675	152.3
Justin Clark, WCU	-130	1253	237	1123	124.8
Eldra Buckley, UTC	1233	7	218	1240	112.7
Josh Collier, WOF	530	617	267	1147	104.3

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	2XP	Pts.
Jayson Foster, GSU	21	0	0	0	126
Kevin Richardson, ASU	21	0	0	0	126
Jerome Felton, FUR	20	0	0	4	124
Scott Beckler, FUR	0	55	14	0	97
Julian Rauch, ASU	0	58	9	0	85

Tackles	UA	AT	Total	TPG	Sacks
Chad Nkang, ELON	73	79	152	13.8	4.0
John Mohring, GSU	55	57	112	9.3	1.0
Andrew Jones, FUR	57	72	129	9.2	3.5
Jeremy Wiggins, ASU	63	71	124	8.9	0.0
Andrew Rowell, CIT	51	33	84	7.6	2.0

Sacks	UA	Ast.	Yds	Total	Avg.
Marques Murrell, ASU	10	6	105	13.0	0.87
Mitchell Dukes, WCU	6	1	33	6.5	0.72
James Wilson, CIT	4	0	41	4.0	0.36
Deon Douglas, CIT	4	0	36	4.0	0.36
Chad Nkang, ELON	3	2	27	4.0	0.36
Wallace Artis, FUR	4	0	24	4.0	0.29

Tackles For Loss	UA	Ast.	Yds.	Total	Avg.
Marques Murrell, ASU	21	11	153	26.5	1.77
Chad Nkang, ELON	14	9	66	18.5	1.68
John Mohring, GSU	9	4	35	11.0	0.92
Monte Smith, ASU	9	4	34	11.0	0.73

NKANG A TACKLING MACHINE:

In his two years since moving to the other side of the ball, Elon linebacker **Chad Nkang** has turned in some big numbers. The top-rated linebacker according to The Sports Network has recorded 287 tackles, including 33 tackles-for-loss. Nkang led I-AA in tackles-per-game average (13.8) and also paced the nation with 152 stops. He ranks second to Appalachian State's **Jeremy Wiggins** with 308 tackles among returnees.

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A LOOK AT RECORDS SINCE 2000:

Below is a record of each of the eight team's league and overall records since 2000, with the exception of Elon which joined the SoCon in 2003.

School	SoCon	Overall
Georgia Southern	37-9	60-18
Furman	34-12	56-21
Appalachian State	34-12	52-24
Wofford	29-17	46-24
Western Carolina	20-26	30-25
Chattanooga	14-32	21-47
The Citadel	12-34	21-45
Elon	3-19	8-26

TOP RUSHERS RETURN:

Seven of the top 10 rushers from 2005 return for the upcoming season. Georgia Southern's **Jayson Foster** is the leading returning rusher, compiling 1,481 yards on the ground. Foster, a quarterback last year that rushed for a league-high 21 touchdowns, is being moved to a wide receiver in the Eagles' new pass oriented offense.

Appalachian State's **Kevin Richardson** ran for 1,433 yards and 19 TDs and finished 29th in the nation averaging 95.5 ypg. Chattanooga's **Eldra Buckley** set a school record with his 1,233 ground yards and was one of only three players in the conference to average better than 100 yards on the ground (112.1 ypg).

In addition to the seven back from a year ago, Wofford's **Kevious Johnson** returns after missing the 2005 season. Johnson led the Terriers in rushing with 1,035 yards in 2004, which also ranked second in the league.

SoCON IN TOP 10 OF PRESEASON POLLS:

The first of the preseason publications and their respective polls came out in the month of June and both of them had conference teams mentioned. *Lindy's* and *Street & Smith's* had two SoCon teams picked in the top 10 -- Appalachian State at No. 2 in both magazines and Furman was ranked No. 10 in *Lindy's* and No. 9 in *Street & Smith's*. Georgia Southern was also ranked No. 12 by *Lindy's* and No. 20 by *Street & Smith's*.

THREE TEAMS IN I-AA PLAYOFFS IN 2005:

Three teams participated in the 2005 NCAA I-AA Playoffs, marking the ninth time in league history the SoCon has sent a trio of schools to the postseason. National champion Appalachian State, semifinal participant Furman and Georgia Southern represented the league in 2005. These three teams have played in the same postseason year in each of the last five occasions that the SoCon has had three teams in the playoffs - all coming since 1999.

LAST THREE YEARS, DIFFERENT CHAMPS:

Appalachian State's 6-1 record to win the league crown was the program's first outright conference title since 1995, and the Mountaineers' sixth overall. Each of the last three seasons has resulted in three different champions -- Wofford (2003), Furman and Georgia Southern (co-champs in 2004) and ASU.



Furman's Jerome Felton scored 18 touchdowns for the Paladins last season, or once every 10.1 carries.

FELTON SCORED IN BUNCHES IN 2005:

Furman fullback **Jerome Felton** scored 18 touchdowns on the ground in only 182 carries, or one score every 10.1 rushes. Over his final eight games, including three playoff contests, Felton scored 14 TDs via rushing and another through the air. Of his rushing touchdowns, 12 of them came on rushes of three yards or less. In 27 career game, Felton has 31 touchdowns, an average of 1.15 per game.

10-WIN SEASONS:

Furman is the only SoCon team to win at least 10 games more than twice (three 10-win campaigns) over the last five seasons. Georgia Southern has two 10-win campaigns during that span, while Appalachian State and Wofford have reached the feat once.

RICHARDSON JOINS SELECT LIST:

Appalachian State running back **Kevin Richardson** led the conference with 2,038 all-purpose yards last year, and in the process became only the eighth player in league annals to

Returning All-SoCon Selections: 24

First-Team Offense: 8

TE - Daniel Bettis, Appalachian State, Sr.
 WR - Emanuel Hassel, Chattanooga, Sr.
 T - Matt Isenhour, Appalachian State, Sr.
 G - Kerry Brown, Appalachian State, Jr.
 RB - Kevin Richardson, Appalachian State, Jr.
 RB - Eldra Buckley, Chattanooga, Sr.
 RS - Mike Malone, Western Carolina, Jr.
 PK - Esteban Lopez, Chattanooga, Sr.

First-Team Defense: 5

DL - Marques Murrell, Appalachian State, Sr.
 DL - Felipe Foster, Western Carolina, Sr.
 LB - Chad Nkang, Elon, Sr.
 LB - John Mohring, Georgia Southern, Sr.
 DB - Corey Lynch, Appalachian State, Jr.

Second-Team Offense: 4

WR - Justin Stepp, Furman, Sr.
 RB - Jerome Felton, Furman, Jr.
 RB - Darius Fudge, Western Carolina, Sr.
 PK - Scott Beckler, Furman, Jr.

Second-Team Defense: 7

DL - James Wilson, The Citadel, Sr.
 DL - Roy Ravenell, Furman, Sr.
 DL - Charrod Taylor, Georgia Southern, Sr.
 LB - Monte Smith, Appalachian State, Sr.
 DB - Jeremy Wiggins, Appalachian State, Sr.
 DB - Quintez Smith, Chattanooga, Jr.
 P - Tim Mayse, Western Carolina, Sr.

register more than 2,000 all-purpose yards in one season. In two years at ASU Richardson has accumulated 2,503 all-purpose yards, tops among returning players. His 1,433 yards on the ground set a school record for rushing yards by a sophomore.

2006 Southern Conference Television Schedule

(As of Thursday, July 6. All times Eastern and subject to change)

Saturday, September 2

Jacksonville State at Furman, 1:30 p.m. (CSTV)

Saturday, September 9

Central Connecticut State at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m. (CSS)

Saturday, September 16

Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m. (CSS)
 Furman at North Carolina, 7 p.m. (ESPNU)

Saturday, September 30

Furman at Wofford, 3:30 p.m. (CSS)

Saturday, October 7

The Citadel at Wofford, 1:30 p.m. (ETV)

Saturday, October 14

Chattanooga at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m. (CSS)

Saturday, October 21

Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, TBA (FSN/FCS)

Saturday, October 28

Furman at Appalachian State, TBA (FSN/FCS)

Saturday, November 4

Wofford at Georgia Southern, Noon (CSS)

Saturday, November 11

Georgia Southern at Furman, 3:30 p.m. (CSS)

Schedule Legend

CSTV -- College Sports Television

CSS -- Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast

ETV -- Education TV

FSN/FCS -- Fox Sports Net South/Fox College Sports

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MAYSE LEADS LEAGUE IN PUNTING, AGAIN:

Western Carolina's **Tim Mayse** led the league in punting average for the second consecutive season. Mayse ranked 11th nationally after averaging 41.8 yards per punt. The two-time second-team punter in the SoCon, Mayse is the second Cata-mount to pace the conference in punting in back-to-back seasons -- Ken Hinsley in 1997-98 was the other. Only three punters since 1953 have led the league in punting in three straight seasons: Mike Bragg, Richmond (1965-67), Joe Parker, Appalachian State (1973-76) and Greg Carter, Chattanooga (1977-79).

MOORE NEARING HISTORIC WIN TOTAL:

Appalachian State head coach **Jerry Moore** is already the winningest coach in Southern Conference history. Moore, who is entering his 18th season at ASU, is 10 wins from becoming the first coach in league annals to reach 150. He is also three league victories away from the first to reach 100 conference wins.

SoCON PLAYERS RANKED AT THEIR POSITIONS:

The Sports Network released its preseason positional rankings in June, and the SoCon was well represented among the nation's best I-AA players at their respective positions. Appalachian State's **Marques Murrell** and Elon's **Chad Nkang** garnered top mentions at defensive end and linebacker. Furman's **Roy Ravenell** was ranked No. 5 at defensive end, while Western Carolina's **Felipe Foster** was No. 8 at defensive tackle. Also getting picked at No. 9 among linebackers was Georgia Southern's **John Mohring**, while Paladin **Andrew Jones** was the third conference linebacker picked at No. 15. In the defensive backfield, ASU's **Corey Lynch** and **Jeremy Wiggins** were second and seven, respectively at the safety position. WCU's **Tim Mayse** was selected as the fourth-best punter while **Mike Malone** was chosen as the fifth-best return specialist.

ASU's **Matt Isenhour** and **Kerry Brown** were ranked as second and fifth best, respectively at the offensive tackle and guard positions. Georgia Southern's **Lance Wayne** was named the fourth-best center in I-AA. Two SoCon running backs were



Appalachian State's **Marques Murrell** led the league with 26.5 tackles for loss and tied for the league lead with 13.0 sacks in 2005.

2006 Southern Conference Composite Schedule

Thursday, August 31

Chowan at Western Carolina, 7 p.m.
Chattanooga at Tennessee Tech, 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 2

Jacksonville State at Furman, 1:30 p.m.
The Citadel at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
Elon at Coastal Carolina, 7 p.m.
South Carolina State at Wofford, 7 p.m.
Appalachian State at NC State, TBA

Saturday, September 9

West Georgia at Furman, 6 p.m.
Towson at Elon, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at The Citadel, 7 p.m.
Central Connecticut State at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Wofford, 7 p.m.
Chattanooga at Memphis, 8 p.m.
James Madison at Appalachian State, TBA

Saturday, September 16

Presbyterian at Elon, 2 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at Western Carolina, 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.
Furman at North Carolina, 7 p.m.
Mars Hill at Appalachian State, TBA
Wofford at South Carolina, TBA

Saturday, September 23

The Citadel at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Appalachian State at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
*Georgia Southern at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Furman, 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

*Chattanooga at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
*Furman at Wofford, 3:30 p.m.
*Georgia Southern at Western Carolina, 6 p.m.
*Elon at Appalachian State, TBA

Saturday, October 7

North Dakota State at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.
*The Citadel at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Elon, 2 p.m.
*Appalachian State at Chattanooga, 4 p.m.
Furman at Coastal Carolina, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 14

*Elon at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.
*The Citadel at Furman, 2 p.m.
*Chattanooga at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
*Wofford at Appalachian State, TBA

Saturday, October 21

*Chattanooga at Furman, 2 p.m.
*Western Carolina at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
*Wofford at Elon, 2 p.m.
*Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, TBA

Saturday, October 28

*Western Carolina at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.
*Georgia Southern at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
*Elon at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
*Furman at Appalachian State, TBA

Saturday, November 4

*Wofford at Georgia Southern, Noon
Western Carolina at Liberty, 1 p.m.
*Furman at Elon, 2 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
*The Citadel at Appalachian State, TBA

Saturday, November 11

*Chattanooga at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.
Elon at North Carolina A&T, 1:30 p.m.
*Appalachian State at Western Carolina, 2 p.m.
VMI at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
*Georgia Southern at Furman, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

Central Arkansas at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.
Western Carolina at Florida, 1 p.m.
Wofford at Gardner-Webb, 1:30 p.m.
*The Citadel at Elon, 5 p.m.

*Denotes Southern Conference game
All times ET

among the top 15 selections -- ASU's **Kevin Richardson** at No. 4 and Chattanooga's **Eldra Buckley** at No. 13. Furman's **Jerome Felton** was picked as the best fullback, while Felton and teammate **Cedric Gipson** were ranked as the nations' No. 2 running back tandem.

MURRELL RETURNS AS SACK LEADER:

Marques Murrell and teammate **Jason Hunter** led the league last year with 13 sacks apiece, tying for the sixth-most sacks in one season in the SoCon record books. It was also the most in the conference in one season since Wofford's Anthony Jones accumulated 16 during the 2002 campaign. In addition to his 13.0 sacks a year ago, Murrell also paced the league with 26.5 tackles for loss, forced a league-high seven fumbles and recovered a league-tying three fumbles. Murrell enters the 2006 season with 23.0 career sacks, which is tied for 10th all-time in league annals.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN AND FRESHMAN HONORS:

Georgia Southern's **Dedrick Bynam** was named the league's Freshman of the Year by both the coaches and the media. It marked the third time in the last four seasons that a GSU player has garnered top rookie honors from the coaching group. Bynam was the first defensive player chosen by the coaches since Appalachian State's Dexter Coakley won the award in 1993.

RECEIVERS RETURN AT A PREMIUM IN 2006:

Nine of the top receivers from last season return for 2006, including Chattanooga's **Emanuel Hassell** who tied with Appalachian State running back **Kevin Richardson** for the most catches with 52. Hassell caught 52 balls for 548 yards, while Furman's **Justin Stepp** caught eight of his 46 catches (for a league-best 676 yards) for a touchdown. Elon's **Michael Mayers** had only 41 receptions but was second to Stepp in receiving yards with 632.

2005 Year in Review - Team Statistics

SCORING OFFENSE										RUSHING DEFENSE					
G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg		G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
1. Georgia Southern (6)	12	64	60	0	0	4	0	456	38.0	1	467	1706	3.7	27	155.1
2. Furman (15)	14	64	58	2	0	14	0	488	34.9	2	667	2499	3.7	20	166.6
3. Appalachian State (31)	15	61	58	2	0	9	0	455	30.3	3	471	1903	4.0	22	173.0
4. Wofford	11	35	31	1	0	2	0	249	22.6	4	456	1959	4.3	19	178.1
5. Chattanooga	11	31	27	1	0	10	0	245	22.3	5	577	2494	4.3	29	178.1
6. Western Carolina	9	24	23	0	0	4	0	179	19.9	6	391	1604	4.1	8	178.2
7. The Citadel	11	26	23	0	0	5	0	194	17.6	7	464	2194	4.7	18	182.8
8. Elon	11	20	18	0	0	11	1	173	15.7	8	520	2875	5.5	33	261.4

SCORING DEFENSE										TOTAL OFFENSE							
G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg		G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
1. Appalachian State (17)	15	34	25	1	0	17	0	282	18.8	1	3457	3123	1061	6580	6.2	64	470.0
2. Western Carolina (22)	9	24	22	0	0	4	0	178	19.8	2	4641	996	860	5637	6.6	61	469.8
3. Georgia Southern (42)	12	37	32	1	0	7	0	277	23.1	3	2908	3439	1001	6347	6.3	55	423.1
4. Elon	11	37	36	0	1	7	0	281	25.5	4	2253	1622	759	3875	5.1	27	352.3
5. Wofford	11	38	36	1	0	8	1	292	26.5	5	3117	709	774	3826	4.9	31	347.8
6. Furman	14	51	45	1	0	10	0	383	27.4	6	1051	1400	555	2451	4.4	18	272.3
7. The Citadel	11	42	41	1	0	7	0	316	28.7	7	1411	1381	694	2792	4.0	18	253.8
8. Chattanooga	11	47	42	0	0	5	0	339	30.8	8	1332	1377	705	2709	3.8	24	246.3

PASS OFFENSE										TOTAL DEFENSE							
G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G		G	Rush	Pass	Pls	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1. Appalachian State (35)	15	410	255	8	62.2	3439	8.4	25	229.3	1	1604	1191	623	2795	4.5	22	310.6
2. Furman (38)	14	381	224	15	58.8	3123	8.2	22	223.1	2	2499	2464	1056	4963	4.7	32	330.9
3. Western Carolina	9	240	134	8	55.8	1400	5.8	6	155.6	3	1903	1835	729	3738	5.1	35	339.8
4. Chattanooga	11	284	158	18	55.6	1622	5.7	6	147.5	4	1706	2269	780	3975	5.1	37	361.4
5. Elon	11	267	142	8	53.2	1381	5.2	7	125.5	5	2494	2662	979	5156	5.3	47	368.3
6. The Citadel	11	290	161	10	55.5	1377	4.7	12	125.2	6	1959	2229	771	4188	5.4	36	380.7
7. Georgia Southern	12	92	42	7	45.7	996	10.8	11	83.0	7	2194	2472	775	4666	6.0	36	388.8
8. Wofford	11	138	54	5	39.1	709	5.1	4	64.5	8	2875	1927	765	4802	6.3	44	436.5

PASS DEFENSE										PUNT RETURN AVG				
G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G		G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
1. Western Carolina (1)	9	232	113	15	48.7	1191	5.1	14	132.3	1	23	233	1	10.1
2. Appalachian State (15)	15	389	216	18	55.5	2464	6.3	12	164.3	2	18	182	1	10.1
3. Elon (18)	11	258	137	8	53.1	1835	7.1	13	166.8	3	32	315	2	9.8
4. Chattanooga (25)	11	245	140	7	57.1	1927	7.9	11	175.2	4	22	213	2	9.7
5. Furman (45)	14	402	241	10	60.0	2662	6.6	18	190.1	5	31	267	0	8.6
6. Wofford	11	315	195	15	61.9	2229	7.1	17	202.6	6	18	143	1	7.9
7. Georgia Southern	12	311	186	14	59.8	2472	7.9	18	206.0	7	34	246	0	7.2
8. The Citadel	11	313	182	11	58.1	2269	7.2	10	206.3	8	18	102	0	5.7

KICKOFF RETURNS						PASS EFFICIENCY							
G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg		G	Att	Cmp	Pct	Int	Yds	TD	Effic
1. Western Carolina (1)	9	25	686	2	27.4	1	92	42	.457	7	996	11	160.8
2. The Citadel (34)	11	35	727	0	20.8	2	410	255	.622	8	3439	25	148.9
3. Elon (44)	11	42	853	1	20.3	3	381	224	.588	15	3123	22	138.8
4. Furman	14	53	1046	0	19.7	4	240	134	.558	8	1400	6	106.4
5. Wofford	11	41	754	0	18.4	5	290	161	.555	10	1377	12	102.2
6. Chattanooga	11	41	725	0	17.7	6	267	142	.532	8	1381	7	99.3
7. Appalachian State	15	43	748	0	17.4	7	284	158	.556	18	1622	6	97.9
8. Georgia Southern	12	44	693	0	15.8	8	138	54	.391	5	709	4	84.6

PUNTING									PASS DEF EFFICIENCY								
G	No.	Yards	Avg/P	PR	Avg	TBg	Net/P		G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Effic	
1. Georgia Southern (10)	12	33	1305	39.5	76	2.3	2	36.0	1	232	113	15	48.7	1191	14	98.8	
2. Furman (11)	14	38	1561	41.1	127	3.3	4	35.6	2	389	216	18	55.5	2464	12	109.7	
3. Western Carolina (33)	9	61	2419	39.7	206	3.4	8	33.7	3	313	182	11	58.1	2269	10	122.6	
4. Wofford (37)	11	48	1741	36.3	133	2.8	0	33.5	4	11	258	137	8	53.1	1835	13	123.3
5. Appalachian State (44)	15	58	2187	37.7	242	4.2	2	32.8	5	14	402	241	10	60.0	2662	18	125.4
6. Elon (47)	11	73	2835	38.8	253	3.5	10	32.6	6	11	315	195	15	61.9	2229	17	129.6
7. The Citadel	11	80	2999	37.5	315	3.9	7	31.8	7	11	245	140	7	57.1	1927	11	132.3
8. Chattanooga	11	53	1924	36.3	217	4.1	4	30.7	8	12	311	186	14	59.8	2472	18	136.7

TO MARGIN									FIRST DOWNS					
G	Fum	Int	Tot	Lost	Int	Tot	Mar	Per/G	G	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total	
1. Wofford	11	11	15	26	15	5	20	+6	0.55	1	209	128	16	353
2. Appalachian State	15	11	18	29	13	8	21	+8	0.53	2	155	143	19	317
3. The Citadel	11	13	11	24	9	10	19	+5	0.45	3	248	30	8	286
4. Georgia Southern	12	9	14	23	11	7	18	+5	0.42	4	119	79	22	220
5. Elon	11	11	8	19	9	8	17	+2	0.18	5	150	35	11	196
6. Western Carolina	9	5	15	20	12	8	20	+0	0.00	6	71	64	17	152
7. Furman	14	8	10	18	13	15	28	-10	-0.71	7	69	70	11	150
8. Chattanooga	11	9	7	16	6	18	24	-8	-0.73	8	55	55	14	124

RUSHING OFFENSE						OPP. 1ST DOWNS					
G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G	G	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total	
1. Georgia Southern (1)	12	768	4641	6.0	50	386.8	1	90	57	14	161
2. Wofford (4)	11	636	3117	4.9	27	283.4	2	107	71	13	191
3. Furman (10)	14	680	3457	5.1	42	246.9	3	93	104	13	210
4. Chattanooga (22)	11	475	2253	4.7	21	204.8	4	102	103	11	216
5. Appalachian State (29)	15	591	2908	4.9	30	193.9	5	107	106	15	228
6. Elon	11	427	1411	3.3	11	128.3	6	147	81	13	241
7. The Citadel	11	415	1332	3.2	12	121.1	7	144	125	10	279
8. Western Carolina	9	315	1051	3.3	12	116.8	8	156	117	26	299

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SACKS BY			
	G	Sacks	Yards
1. Appalachian State	15	40	295
2. The Citadel	11	28	211
3. Georgia Southern	12	20	143
Wofford	11	20	113
5. Western Carolina	9	16	99
6. Furman	14	15	90
7. Elon	11	13	84
8. Chattanooga	11	11	91

PENALTIES			
	G	No	Yds Avg/G
1. Furman	14	69	548 39.1
2. The Citadel	11	59	478 43.5
3. Georgia Southern	12	71	526 43.8
4. Elon	11	52	484 44.0
5. Wofford	11	55	496 45.1
6. Chattanooga	11	67	556 50.5
7. Western Carolina	9	67	551 61.2
8. Appalachian State	15	106	936 62.4

OPP. PENALTIES			
	G	No	Yds Avg/G
1. The Citadel	11	79	688 62.5
2. Chattanooga	11	76	654 59.5
3. Western Carolina	9	55	477 53.0
4. Appalachian State	15	85	770 51.3
5. Elon	11	67	517 47.0
6. Wofford	11	53	457 41.5
7. Furman	14	77	577 41.2
8. Georgia Southern	12	66	491 40.9

4TH-DN CONV.			
	G	Conv	Att Pct
1. Georgia Southern	12	25	36 69.4
2. Western Carolina	9	8	16 50.0
3. Furman	14	10	21 47.6
Appalachian State	15	10	21 47.6
5. Chattanooga	11	7	17 41.2
6. Elon	11	6	16 37.5
7. Wofford	11	13	35 37.1
8. The Citadel	11	5	18 27.8

OPP 4TH-DN CONV.			
	G	Conv	Att Pct
1. Elon	11	4	17 23.5
2. Georgia Southern	12	5	18 27.8
3. Chattanooga	11	10	22 45.5
4. The Citadel	11	13	28 46.4
5. Western Carolina	9	11	22 50.0
6. Appalachian State	15	12	22 54.5
7. Furman	14	17	31 54.8
8. Wofford	11	14	25 56.0

RED ZONE OFF.						
	G	RedZone	Pct.	TDs	R/PFG-AT	Fum/Int/Dwns/Oth.
1. Chattanooga	11	26-29	89.7	20	16/4	6-7 0/0/2/0
2. Elon	11	20-24	83.3	14	9/5	6-8 1/1/0/0
3. Georgia Southern	12	43-52	82.7	39	37/2	4-7 2/1/2/1
4. Furman	14	61-78	78.2	49	35/14	12-20 1/1/6/1
5. Appalachian State	15	47-62	75.8	39	27/12	8-12 3/2/2/4
6. The Citadel	11	19-28	67.9	16	11/5	3-6 2/2/1/1
Western Carolina	9	19-28	67.9	15	11/4	4-6 1/4/2/0
8. Wofford	11	24-37	64.9	22	20/2	2-7 2/0/4/2

RED ZONE DEF.						
	G	RedZone	Pct.	TDs	R/PFG-AT	Fum/Int/Dwns/Oth.
1. Western Carolina	9	16-22	72.7	14	7/7	2-5 0/0/3/0
2. The Citadel	11	33-44	75.0	29	23/6	4-5 3/0/4/3
3. Georgia Southern	12	29-38	76.3	23	14/9	6-8 0/3/2/2
4. Appalachian State	15	41-53	77.4	27	18/9	14-19 2/0/4/1
5. Wofford	11	35-45	77.8	28	18/10	7-10 2/1/2/2
Chattanooga	11	35-45	77.8	32	29/3	3-8 1/1/3/0
7. Furman	14	42-53	79.2	36	27/9	6-8 4/2/2/1
8. Elon	11	31-38	81.6	24	17/7	7-8 0/3/2/1

3RD-DN CONV.			
	G	Conv	Att Pct
1. Furman	14	103	198 52.0
2. Georgia Southern	12	78	161 48.4
3. Appalachian State	15	87	187 46.5
4. Wofford	11	70	166 42.2
5. Chattanooga	11	59	151 39.1
6. Elon	11	54	168 32.1
7. Western Carolina	9	40	129 31.0
8. The Citadel	11	47	162 29.0

OPP 3RD-DN CONV.			
	G	Conv	Att Pct
1. Western Carolina	9	39	131 29.8
2. The Citadel	11	53	155 34.2
3. Appalachian State	15	86	222 38.7
4. Furman	14	81	197 41.1
5. Wofford	11	71	165 43.0
6. Georgia Southern	12	74	163 45.4
7. Elon	11	74	162 45.7
8. Chattanooga	11	69	151 45.7

SACKS AGAINST			
	G	Sacks	Yards
1. Chattanooga	11	9	54
2. Appalachian State	15	10	49
3. Wofford	11	13	96
4. Furman	14	14	118
Georgia Southern	12	14	84
6. The Citadel	11	17	90
7. Western Carolina	9	18	168
8. Elon	11	19	159

FIELD GOALS			
	G	Made	Att Pct
1. Chattanooga	11	10	12 .833
2. Elon	11	11	15 .733
3. Western Carolina	9	4	6 .667
4. Furman	14	14	24 .583
5. Appalachian State	15	9	17 .529
6. The Citadel	11	5	10 .500
Georgia Southern	12	4	8 .500
8. Wofford	11	2	9 .222

PAT KICKING			
	G	Made	Att Pct
1. Appalachian State	15	58	59 .983
2. Furman	14	58	60 .967
3. Chattanooga	11	27	28 .964
4. Western Carolina	9	23	24 .958
5. Georgia Southern	12	60	63 .952
6. Elon	11	18	19 .947
7. Wofford	11	31	33 .939
8. The Citadel	11	23	25 .920

TIME OF POSS.			
	G	Total Time	Avg/G
1. Georgia Southern	12	379:49	31:39
2. Chattanooga	11	341:14	31:01
3. Elon	11	339:37	30:52
4. Furman	14	432:05	30:51
5. Wofford	11	337:21	30:40
6. The Citadel	11	325:24	29:34
7. Western Carolina	9	262:08	29:07
8. Appalachian State	15	428:09	28:32

KICKOFF COVERAGE						
	G	No.	Yds	Avg	Retn	T B NetAvg
1. Chattanooga	11	49	2908	59.3	695	7 42.3
2. Georgia Southern	12	78	4692	60.2	997	22 41.7
3. Furman	14	85	4805	56.5	1304	0 41.2
4. Wofford	11	48	2893	60.3	524	21 40.6
5. Western Carolina	9	36	1956	54.3	501	2 39.3
6. Appalachian State	15	85	4957	58.3	1550	10 37.7
7. The Citadel	11	40	2129	53.2	615	1 37.3
8. Elon	11	41	2188	53.4	677	4 34.9

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FIELD GOALS

	Team	CI	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
1. Andrew Wilcox	ELON	SO	11	11	15	73.3	1.00
Scott Beckler	FUR	SO	14	14	24	58.3	1.00
3. Esteban Lopez	UTC	JR	11	10	12	83.3	0.91
4. Julian Rauch	ASU	SO	15	9	17	52.9	0.60
5. Blake Vandiver	CIT	JR	11	5	10	50.0	0.45
6. J. Parsons	WCU	FR	7	3	3	100.0	0.43
7. Jonathan Dudley	GSU	JR	12	4	8	50.0	0.33
8. Nick Robinson	WOF	JR	11	2	7	28.6	0.18
9. Stephen Brown	WCU	SO	9	1	3	33.3	0.11

PAT KICK PCT

	Team	CI	G	Made	Att	Pct.
1. Julian Rauch	ASU	SO	15	58	59	98.3
2. Scott Beckler	FUR	SO	14	55	57	96.5
3. Esteban Lopez	UTC	JR	11	26	27	96.3
4. Jonathan Dudley	GSU	JR	12	54	57	94.7
5. Nick Robinson	WOF	JR	11	29	31	93.5
6. Blake Vandiver	CIT	JR	11	23	25	92.0

TACKLES (All positions)

Player	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G	Sack
1. Chad Nkang (1)	ELON	JR	11	LB	73	79	152	13.8	4.0
2. John Mohring (42)	GSU	JR	12	LB	55	57	112	9.3	1.0
3. William Freeman	FUR	SR	14	LB	49	81	130	9.3	1.5
4. Andrew Jones	FUR	SO	14	LB	57	72	129	9.2	3.5
5. Jeremy Wiggins	ASU	JR	15	DB	63	71	134	8.9	0.0
6. Porter Johnson	CIT	SR	11	LB	53	33	86	7.8	6.5
7. Lonnie McCowan	UTC	SR	9	DB	51	19	70	7.8	0.0
8. Andrew Rowell	CIT	SO	11	LB	51	33	84	7.6	2.0
9. James Conklin	WCU	SR	9	LB	45	21	66	7.3	0.0
10. Justin Franklin	WOF	JR	10	LB	39	33	72	7.2	0.0
11. Joshua Lawson	CIT	SO	11		55	23	78	7.1	0.0
12. Jim Thurman	WOF	SR	11	LB	39	36	75	6.8	0.0
13. Jason Hunter	ASU	SR	15	DL	51	50	101	6.7	13.0
14. Chris Johnson	UTC	SO	11	LB	56	18	74	6.7	2.0
15. Zodd Kelly	ASU	SR	15	LB	36	64	100	6.7	1.0
16. Anthony Harris	ELON	SR	9	DB	24	35	59	6.6	0.0
17. Brad West	ASU	SR	13	LB	37	48	85	6.5	0.0
18. Lamar Barnes	WCU	SR	9	LB	32	26	58	6.4	0.0
Rico Reese	WCU	SR	9	DE	39	19	58	6.4	3.5
20. Monte Smith	ASU	JR	15	LB	38	57	95	6.3	1.0
21. Corey Lynch	ASU	SO	15	DB	40	52	92	6.1	0.0
22. Gary Nelson	FUR	SO	13	LB	31	45	76	5.8	0.5
23. Katon Bethay	WOF	SR	11	DT	38	26	64	5.8	6.5
Jason Leventis	WOF	SO	11	LB	27	37	64	5.8	0.5
25. A.J. Bryant	GSU	SR	12	DB	35	34	69	5.8	1.0
26. Zach McAlister	ELON	FR	11		25	38	63	5.7	0.0
Jeff Phillips	UTC	FR	11		43	20	63	5.7	3.0
28. Greg McConico	UTC	SR	11	DB	40	21	61	5.5	0.0
Avery Dingle	CIT	SR	11	SS	41	20	61	5.5	0.0
30. Marques Murrell	ASU	JR	15	DL	45	37	82	5.5	13.0
31. Dwayne Ijames	ELON	SR	11	DB	30	30	60	5.5	2.0
Shawn Grant	CIT	SR	11	LB	39	21	60	5.5	1.0
33. O. St.Preux	UTC	SR	11		42	17	59	5.4	0.0
Dan Tavani	WOF	SO	11	DB	35	24	59	5.4	1.5
35. Mitchell Dukes	WCU	JR	9		32	15	47	5.2	6.5
Primus Glover	WCU	SR	9		34	13	47	5.2	1.0
37. Brian Ford	WOF	SO	11	DB	32	25	57	5.2	0.0
38. Cody Scoggins	ELON	SO	9		16	30	46	5.1	0.0
39. Andrew Thacker	FUR	SO	13	DB	30	36	66	5.1	0.0
40. Roy Ravenell	FUR	JR	14	DL	31	40	71	5.1	2.0
41. Shelton Riley	FUR	JR	14	DB	35	31	66	4.7	0.0
42. Mark Hatch	ELON	SR	10	LB	22	25	47	4.7	1.0
43. Jeremy Blocker	FUR	JR	12	DB	26	30	56	4.7	0.0
44. B. Williams	FUR	FR	11	LB	21	29	50	4.5	0.0
45. Joe Suiter	ASU	SR	15	DL	28	40	68	4.5	5.5
46. T.J. Rutledge	GSU	SR	12	LB	31	23	54	4.5	1.0
Chris Bland	ELON	SO	10	DB	25	20	45	4.5	0.0
48. Wallace Artis	FUR	SO	14	DL	34	26	60	4.3	4.0
49. Quintez Smith	UTC	SO	11	DB	35	12	47	4.3	0.0
50. Omarr Byrom	ASU	JR	15	DL	30	33	63	4.2	3.5

	SACKS	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	Avg/G
1. Marques Murrell (11)	ASU	JR	15	DL	10	6	105	13.0	0.87	
Jason Hunter (11)	ASU	SR	15	DL	12	2	93	13.0	0.87	
3. Porter Johnson (35)	CIT	SR	11	LB	6	1	54	6.5	0.59	
4. Mitchell Dukes (21)	WCU	JR	9		6	1	33	6.5	0.72	
5. Katon Bethay (35)	WOF	SR	11		5	3	33	6.5	0.59	
6. Joe Suiter	ASU	SR	15	DL	4	3	40	5.5	0.37	
7. James Wilson	CIT	JR	11	DE	4	0	41	4.0	0.36	
Deon Douglas	CIT	JR	11	DE	4	0	36	4.0	0.36	
Chad Nkang	ELON	JR	11		3	2	27	4.0	0.36	
10. Wallace Artis	FUR	SO	14	DL	4	0	24	4.0	0.29	

	TFL	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	Avg/G
1. Marques Murrell (5)	ASU	JR	15	DL	21	11	153	26.5	1.77	
2. Jason Hunter (12)	ASU	SR	15	DL	21	7	120	24.5	1.63	
3. Porter Johnson (7)	CIT	SR	11	LB	17	5	100	19.5	1.77	
4. Chad Nkang (7)	ELON	JR	11		14	9	66	18.5	1.68	
5. Katon Bethay	WOF	SR	11		10	5	45	12.5	1.14	
6. Joe Suiter	ASU	SR	15	DL	8	8	49	12.0	0.80	
7. John Mohring	GSU	JR	12	LB	9	4	35	11.0	0.92	
8. Monte Smith	ASU	JR	15	LB	9	4	34	11.0	0.73	
9. William Freeman	FUR	SR	14	LB	7	8	43	11.0	0.79	
10. Rico Reese (48)	WCU	SR	9	DE	9	3	41	10.5	1.17	

	FUMBLES FRCD	Team	CI	G	Num	Avg/G
1. Marques Murrell	ASU	JR	15	7	0.47	
2. O. St.Preux	UTC	SR	11	4	0.36	
3. Jim Thurman	WOF	SR	11	3	0.27	
Katon Bethay	WOF	SR	11	3	0.27	
Porter Johnson	CIT	SR	11	3	0.27	
6. Wilford Blowe	UTC	SO	9	2	0.22	
7. Charrod Taylor	GSU	JR	10	2	0.20	
Mark Hatch	ELON	SR	10	2	0.20	
9. Josh Smith	WOF	SR	11	2	0.18	
Joshua Lawson	CIT	SO	11	2	0.18	

	FUMBLES RCVD	Team	CI	G	Num	Avg/G
1. Derek Newberry	WOF	SR	10	3	0.30	
2. Jason Hunter	ASU	SR	15	3	0.20	
Mark Hatch	ELON	SR	10	2	0.20	
Marques Murrell	ASU	JR	15	3	0.20	
Charrod Taylor	GSU	JR	10	2	0.20	
Dusty Reddick	GSU	SO	10	2	0.20	
7. Troy Blackwell	UTC	SR	11	2	0.18	
James Wilson	CIT	JR	11	2	0.18	
Katon Bethay	WOF	SR	11	2	0.18	
Erik Hutchinson	WOF	SR	11	2	0.18	

	PASSES DEF.	Team	CI	G	Brup	Int	Total	Avg/G
1. Quintez Smith	UTC	SO	11	10	4	14	1.27	
2. Jacobi Jones	ELON	SR	11	11	1	12	1.09	
3. Austin Holmes	FUR	SO	14	11	4	15	1.07	
4. Corey Lynch	ASU	SO	15	7	6	13	0.87	
5. Brian Ford	WOF	SO	11	3	6	9	0.82	
6. Francis Brown	WCU	SR	9	3	4	7	0.78	
7. A.J. Bryant	GSU	SR	12	5	4	9	0.75	
8. Jeremy Wiggins	ASU	JR	15	9	2	11	0.73	
9. Mitchell Dukes	WCU	JR	9	5	1	6	0.67	
Justin Woazeah	ASU	SO	15	6	4	10	0.67	

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First Team Offense

TE	Daniel Bettis	Appalachian State	6-3	245	Jr.	Roswell, GA
WR	Jermame Little	Appalachian State	5-10	170	Sr.	Miami, FL
WR	Emanuel Hassell	Chattanooga	5-11	192	Jr.	Memphis, TN
OT	Grant Oliver^	Appalachian State	6-5	300	Sr.	Lexington, SC
OT	Matt Isenhour	Appalachian State	6-1	275	Jr.	Maiden, NC
OG	Patrick Covington	Furman	6-3	283	Sr.	Charlotte, NC
OG	Kerry Brown	Appalachian State	6-6	285	So.	Marietta, GA
OG	Chad Motte \$	Georgia Southern	6-4	303	Sr.	Arab, AL
C	Corey Stewart	Furman	6-2	281	Sr.	Lilburn, GA
QB	Richie Williams* \$	Appalachian State	6-3	190	Sr.	Camden, SC
RB	Jermaine Austin \$#!	Georgia Southern	5-8	218	Sr.	Darien, GA
RB	Kevin Richardson	Appalachian State	5-9	190	So.	Elizabethtown, NC
RB	Eldra Buckley	Chattanooga	5-10	190	Jr.	Charleston, MS
RS	Mike Malone	Western Carolina	5-10	175	So.	Gainesville, GA
PK	Esteban Lopez	Chattanooga	5-10	175	Jr.	Claremont, CA

First Team Defense

DL	Marques Murrell^	Appalachian State	6-2	230	Jr.	Fayetteville, NC
DL	Jason Hunter	Appalachian State	6-4	235	Sr.	Fort Bragg, NC
DL	Felipe Foster	Western Carolina	6-4	295	Jr.	Athens, GA
DL	Katon Bethay* %	Wofford	6-2	285	Sr.	Milton, WI
LB	Shawn Grant \$	The Citadel	5-9	215	Sr.	Sumter, SC
LB	Chad Nkang^	Elon	6-0	218	Jr.	Hyattsville, MD
LB	John Mohring* ^	Georgia Southern	6-1	212	Jr.	Naples, FL
DB	Corey Lynch %	Appalachian State	6-0	200	So.	Cape Coral, FL
DB	Terence McBride \$	Georgia Southern	5-10	190	Sr.	Sumter, SC
DB	Primus Glover^	Western Carolina	6-1	210	Sr.	Springfield, GA
DB	Francis Brown	Western Carolina	5-10	190	RS	Camden, NJ
P	Ingle Martin	Furman	6-3	224	Sr.	Nashville, TN

Second Team Offense

TE	John Rust	Furman	6-3	225	Sr.	Burlington, NC
WR	Justin Stepp	Furman	5-11	180	Jr.	Pelion, SC
WR	Teddy Craft ^	Georgia Southern	5-11	190	Jr.	Hartwell, GA
OT	Josh Shinpaugh	Chattanooga	6-5	298	Sr.	Copperhill, TN
OT	Kevin Hodapp ^	Wofford	6-3	280	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
OG	Brian Laggis	Furman	6-3	269	Sr.	Stockbridge, GA
OG	Kevin McAlmont	Western Carolina	6-2	315	Sr.	Union City, GA
C	Linden Ryan	Western Carolina	6-2	280	Sr.	Shawsville, VA
QB	Ingle Martin	Furman	6-3	224	Sr.	Nashville, TN
RB	Jerome Felton	Furman	6-0	255	So.	Madisonville, TN
RB	Darius Fudge	Western Carolina	6-0	200	Jr.	Riverdale, GA
RS	Dwayne Ijames	Elon	5-11	182	Sr.	Winston-Salem, NC
PK	Scott Beckler ^	Furman	6-2	175	So.	Anderson, SC

Second Team Defense

DL	James Wilson	The Citadel	6-2	240	Jr.	North Myrtle Beach, SC
DL	Roy Ravenell \$	Furman	6-2	260	Jr.	Goose Creek, SC
DL	Charrod Taylor	Georgia Southern	6-2	275	Jr.	Miami, FL
DL	Rico Reese	Western Carolina	6-1	245	Sr.	Austill, GA
LB	Monte Smith	Appalachian State	6-0	215	Jr.	Shelby, NC
LB	William Freeman \$	Furman	6-3	235	Sr.	Swansea, SC
LB	Lamar Barnes	Western Carolina	5-11	235	Sr.	Clayton, NC
DB	Jeremy Wiggins	Appalachian State	5-9	190	Jr.	Macon, GA
DB	Quintez Smith	Chattanooga	6-0	180	So.	Dublin, GA
DB	Avery Dingle	The Citadel	6-3	210	Sr.	Manning, SC
DB	Dwayne Ijames	Elon	5-11	182	Sr.	Winston-Salem, NC
P	Tim Mayse ^	Western Carolina	5-11	225	Jr.	Pine Mountain, GA

*-unanimous selection; \$ 1st team, 2004; ^ 2nd team, 2004; #1st team, 2003; % 2nd team, 2003; ! 2nd team 2002

Offensive Player of the Year: Richie Williams, Appalachian State
Defensive Players of the Year: Chad Nkang, Elon & Katon Bethay, Wofford
Coach of the Year: Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
Freshman of the Year: Dedrick Bynam, Georgia Southern
Jacobs Blocking Trophy: Matt Isenhour, Appalachian State

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First Team Offense

TE	John Rust	Furman
WR	Justin Stepp	Furman
WR	Emanuel Hassell	Chattanooga
OT	Grant Oliver	Appalachian State
OT	John Kivett	Furman
OG	Patrick Covington	Furman
OG	Chad Motte	Georgia Southern
C	Corey Stewart	Furman
QB	Richie Williams	Appalachian State
RB	Jermaine Austin	Georgia Southern
RB	Kevin Richardson	Appalachian State
RS	Mike Malone	Western Carolina
PK	Scott Beckler	Furman

First Team Defense

DL	Marques Murrell	Appalachian State
DL	Jason Hunter	Appalachian State
DL	Rico Reese	Western Carolina
DL	Katon Bethay	Wofford
LB	William Freeman	Furman
LB	Chad Nkang	Elon
LB	John Mohring	Georgia Southern
DB	Jeremy Wiggins	Appalachian State
DB	Corey Lynch	Appalachian State
DB	Terence McBride	Georgia Southern
DB	Primus Glover	Western Carolina
P	Ingle Martin	Furman

Second Team Offense

TE	Daniel Bettis	Appalachian State
WR	Jermame Little	Appalachian State
WR	Ta'Mar Jernigan	The Citadel
OT	Matt Isenhour	Appalachian State
OT	Kevin Hodapp	Wofford
OG	Kerry Brown	Appalachian State
OG	Brian Laggis	Furman
C	Lance Wayne	Georgia Southern
QB	Ingle Martin	Furman
RB	Jerome Felton	Furman
RB	Eldra Buckley	Chattanooga
RS	Dwayne Ijames	Elon
PK	Esteban Lopez	Chattanooga

Second Team Defense

DL	James Wilson	The Citadel
DL	Fred Townsend	The Citadel
DL	Roy Ravenell	Furman
DL	Charrod Taylor	Georgia Southern
LB	Porter Johnson	The Citadel
LB	Andrew Jones	Furman
LB	Lamar Barnes	Western Carolina
DB	Quintez Smith	Chattanooga
DB	Austin Holmes	Furman
DB	Brian Ford	Wofford
DB	Francis Brown	Western Carolina
P	Tim Mayse	Western Carolina

Offensive Player of the Year:

Richie Williams, Appalachian State

Defensive Players of the Year:

Chad Nkang, Elon

Coach of the Year:

Jerry Moore, Appalachian State

Freshman of the Year:

Dedrick Bynam, Georgia Southern

2005 Year in Review - Team Highs

Points		Pass completion pct	
63	Georgia Southern vs Morehead State (Nov 12, 2005)	83.3	Wofford vs VMI (Oct 15, 2005) [5-6]
56	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005)	76.2	Furman at Georgia Southern (Nov 05, 2005) [16-21]
56	Wofford at Gardner-Webb (Nov 19, 2005)	76.2	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005) [16-21]
55	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005)	75.0	Chattanooga at Jacksonville State (Sep 10, 2005) [21-28]
52	Appalachian State at Elon (Nov 19, 2005)	75.0	Chattanooga vs Wofford (Oct 01, 2005) [12-16]
52	Appalachian State at Elon (Nov 19, 2005)	75.0	Appalachian State at Furman (Oct 08, 2005) [24-32]
Touchdowns		Longest field goal	
9	Georgia Southern vs Morehead State (Nov 12, 2005)	45	The Citadel at Florida State (Sep 10, 2005)
8	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005)	45	The Citadel vs Furman (Oct 15, 2005)
8	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005)	43	Furman vs Wofford (Nov 12, 2005)
8	Wofford at Gardner-Webb (Nov 19, 2005)	42	Elon at Western Carolina (Oct 29, 2005)
Total offense yards		Punts	
662	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005) [330r,332p]	11	The Citadel at Florida State (Sep 10, 2005)
615	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005) [484r,131p]	10	The Citadel at Western Carolina (Oct 01, 2005)
610	Furman vs Gardner-Webb (Oct 1, 2005) [346r,264p]	10	Elon at Wofford (Oct 08, 2005)
582	Appalachian State vs Coastal Carolina (Sep 17, 2005) [353r,229p]	9	8 tied
566	Appalachian State at Wofford (Oct 22, 2005) [224r,342p]	Longest punt	
Total offense plays		70	Furman vs Nicholls State (Nov 26, 2005)
102	Furman vs Hofstra (Sep 24, 2005) [68r,34p]	69	Georgia Southern vs Morehead State (Nov 12, 2005)
91	Wofford vs Georgetown (Ky.) (Sep 03, 2005) [74r,17p]	63	Western Carolina at Chattanooga (Oct 22, 2005)
Total offense yards/play		62	Appalachian State vs Coastal Carolina (Sep 17, 2005)
8.9	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005) [74-662]	60	Wofford at West Virginia (Sep 10, 2005)
7.9	Furman vs Gardner-Webb (Oct 1, 2005) [77-610]	60	Furman vs Appalachian State (Oct 08, 2005)
7.9	Furman vs Samford (Sep 17, 2005) [67-527]	Punting avg	
Rushing yards		52.5	Georgia Southern vs Morehead State (Nov 12, 2005) [2-105]
493	Georgia Southern vs Chattanooga (Sep 24, 2005)	51.5	Georgia Southern at Appalachian State (Oct 15, 2005) [2-103]
484	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005)	48.5	Furman vs Hofstra (Sep 24, 2005) [4-194]
474	Georgia Southern at Northeastern (Sep 3, 2005)	47.7	Chattanooga vs Tennessee Tech (Sep 03, 2005) [3-143]
Rushing attempts		46.7	Western Carolina at Chattanooga (Oct 22, 2005) [6-280]
80	Georgia Southern vs Furman (Nov 05, 2005)	Longest kick return	
76	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005)	95	Elon vs Appalachian State (Nov 19, 2005)
Yards per rush		92	Western Carolina vs The Citadel (Oct 01, 2005)
8.2	Furman vs Samford (Sep 17, 2005) [48-392]	90	Western Carolina vs Elon (Oct 29, 2005)
8.0	Appalachian State vs Coastal Carolina (Sep 17, 2005) [44-353]	Longest interception return	
Rushing TDs		78	Appalachian State vs Southern Illinois (Dec 03, 2005)
8	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005)	74	Georgia Southern vs Morehead State (Nov 12, 2005)
7	Georgia Southern vs Chattanooga (Sep 24, 2005)	70	Appalachian State at Elon (Nov 19, 2005)
6	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005)	QB sacks	
Longest rush		8	Wofford vs VMI (Oct 15, 2005)
97	Wofford at Gardner-Webb (Nov 19, 2005)	8	The Citadel at VMI (Nov 19, 2005)
80	Furman vs Gardner-Webb (Oct 1, 2005)	6	Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky (Sep 03, 2005)
80	Wofford vs Elon (Oct 08, 2005)	6	Appalachian State at The Citadel (Sep 24, 2005)
Passing yards		5	Appalachian State vs Northern Iowa (Dec 16, 2005)
367	Appalachian State vs Southern Illinois (Dec 03, 2005)	First downs	
342	Appalachian State at Wofford (Oct 22, 2005)	31	Furman at Jacksonville State (Sep 01, 2005)
332	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005)	31	Furman vs Hofstra (Sep 24, 2005)
303	Appalachian State at Furman (Oct 08, 2005)	30	Appalachian State at Wofford (Oct 22, 2005)
Passing attempts		30	Georgia Southern at South Dakota State (Oct 29, 2005)
48	Furman at Western Carolina (Sep 10, 2005)	28	Georgia Southern vs The Citadel (Oct 22, 2005)
46	Chattanooga vs Western Carolina (Oct 22, 2005)	28	Furman at Chattanooga (Nov 19, 2005)
Longest pass		Penalties	
88	Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky (Sep 03, 2005)	17	Appalachian State vs Coastal Carolina (Sep 17, 2005)
87	Furman vs Gardner-Webb (Oct 1, 2005)	15	Western Carolina vs Furman (Sep 10, 2005)
82	Georgia Southern at Elon (Oct 01, 2005)	13	The Citadel vs Charleston Southern (Sep 03, 2005)
Passes completed		11	Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky (Sep 03, 2005)
25	Furman at Western Carolina (Sep 10, 2005)	11	Wofford vs VMI (Oct 15, 2005)
24	Appalachian State at Furman (Oct 08, 2005)	Penalties yards	
		183	Appalachian State vs Coastal Carolina (Sep 17, 2005)
		118	Western Carolina vs Furman (Sep 10, 2005)
		103	Furman at Western Carolina (Sep 10, 2005)
		100	Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky (Sep 03, 2005)
		99	Elon vs Appalachian State (Nov 19, 2005)

2005 Year in Review - Individual Highs

Points scored

24	Jermaine Austin (Georgia Southern) at South Dakota State Oct 29, 2005
24	Jerome Felton (Furman) at Chattanooga Nov 19, 2005
20	Jerome Felton (Furman) at The Citadel Oct 15, 2005
18	11 tied

Touchdowns

4	Jermaine Austin (Georgia Southern) at South Dakota State Oct 29, 2005
4	Jerome Felton (Furman) at Chattanooga Nov 19, 2005
3	12 tied

TD responsibility

4	Duran Lawson (The Citadel) vs Charleston Southern Sep 03, 2005	[1r,3p]
4	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Hofstra Sep 24, 2005	[1r,3p]
4	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005	[1r,3p]
4	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) vs Western Carolina Oct 08, 2005	[2r,2p]
4	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Chattanooga Oct 29, 2005	[2r,2p]
4	Jermaine Austin (Georgia Southern) at South Dakota State Oct 29, 2005	[4r,0p]
4	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[2r,2p]
4	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) at Texas State Nov 26, 2005	[2r,2p]
4	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005	[1r,3p]

Points scored kicking

12	Esteban Lopez (Chattanooga) vs Tennessee Tech Sep 03, 2005	[3fg,3pat]
12	Andrew Wilcox (Elon) at Savannah State Univ. Sep 10, 2005	[2fg,6pat]
12	Scott Beckler (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005	[2fg,6pat]
11	Jonathan Dudley (Georgia Southern) at Northeastern Sep 3, 2005	[2fg,5pat]
10	Andrew Wilcox (Elon) vs Presbyterian Sep 17, 2005	[2fg,4pat]
10	Julian Rauch (Appalachian State) at Elon Nov 19, 2005	[1fg,7pat]
10	Julian Rauch (Appalachian State) vs Lafayette Nov 26, 2005	[2fg,4pat]

Total offense yards

403	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005	[36r,367p]
396	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at Furman Oct 08, 2005	[124r,272p]
353	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at The Citadel Sep 24, 2005	[94r,259p]
327	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005	[80r,247p]
326	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Chattanooga Oct 29, 2005	[70r,256p]

Total offense plays

49	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at Furman Oct 08, 2005	[18r,31p]
47	Ingle Martin (Furman) at Western Carolina Sep 10, 2005	[4r,43p]
46	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at Eastern Kentucky Sep 03, 2005	[15r,31p]
46	Duran Lawson (The Citadel) vs Appalachian State Sep 24, 2005	[80r,30p]
46	Justin Knox (The Citadel) vs Furman Oct 15, 2005	[10r,36p]

Rushing yards

210	Eldra Buckley (Chattanooga) at Appalachian State Oct 29, 2005
208	K. Richardson (Appalachian State) vs Georgia Southern Oct 15, 2005
199	Jermaine Austin (Georgia Southern) at Northeastern Sep 3, 2005
191	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) vs Furman Nov 05, 2005
187	Eldra Buckley (Chattanooga) vs The Citadel Nov 05, 2005

Rushing attempts

34	Reggie Hall (Elon) vs Presbyterian Sep 17, 2005
33	Eldra Buckley (Chattanooga) at Appalachian State Oct 29, 2005
33	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) vs Furman Nov 05, 2005
32	Reggie Hall (Elon) vs North Carolina A&T Sep 24, 2005
32	Nuru Goodrum (The Citadel) at VMI Nov 19, 2005

Yards per rush

27.0	Ben Widnyer (Wofford) vs VMI Oct 15, 2005	[2-54]
23.5	Steve Steele (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[2-47]
22.0	Darius Smiley (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[3-66]
20.0	Brandon Berry (Wofford) at The Citadel Oct 29, 2005	[3-60]
19.5	Ta'Mar Jernigan (The Citadel) at Chattanooga Nov 05, 2005	[2-39]

Rushing TDs

4	Jermaine Austin (Georgia Southern) at South Dakota State Oct 29, 2005
3	Kevin Bailey (Elon) at Savannah State Univ. Sep 10, 2005
3	Reggie Hall (Elon) vs Presbyterian Sep 17, 2005
3	K. Richardson (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005
3	Darius Smiley (Georgia Southern) vs Chattanooga Sep 24, 2005
3	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) vs Chattanooga Sep 24, 2005
3	Jerome Felton (Furman) at The Citadel Oct 15, 2005
3	Jayson Foster (Georgia Southern) at South Dakota State Oct 29, 2005
3	Jermaine Austin (Georgia Southern) vs Furman Nov 05, 2005
3	Eldra Buckley (Chattanooga) vs The Citadel Nov 05, 2005
3	Lamont Reid (Western Carolina) vs Wofford Nov 05, 2005
3	Jerome Felton (Furman) at Chattanooga Nov 19, 2005

Longest rush

97	Dane Romero (Wofford) at Gardner-Webb Nov 19, 2005
80	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005
80	Gabriel Jackson (Wofford) vs Elon Oct 08, 2005
73	K. Richardson (Appalachian State) vs Georgia Southern Oct 15, 2005
66	Darius Fudge (Western Carolina) vs Elon Oct 29, 2005

Passing yards

367	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005
323	Ingle Martin (Furman) at Chattanooga Nov 19, 2005
293	Kye Hamilton (Elon) at Savannah State Univ. Sep 10, 2005
272	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at Furman Oct 08, 2005
259	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at The Citadel Sep 24, 2005

Passing attempts

43	Ingle Martin (Furman) at Western Carolina Sep 10, 2005
39	Justin Clark (Western Carolina) at Cincinnati Sep 17, 2005
36	Justin Knox (The Citadel) vs Furman Oct 15, 2005
35	Antonio Miller (Chattanooga) at Liberty Oct 08, 2005
35	Kye Hamilton (Elon) at The Citadel Nov 12, 2005

Passing TDs

3	Duran Lawson (The Citadel) vs Charleston Southern Sep 03, 2005
3	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at The Citadel Sep 24, 2005
3	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Hofstra Sep 24, 2005
3	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005
3	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Lafayette Nov 26, 2005
3	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005

Longest pass

88	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at Eastern Kentucky Sep 03, 2005
87	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005
82	Darius Smiley (Georgia Southern) at Elon Oct 01, 2005
63	Justin Clark (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005
63	Matt Lopez (Chattanooga) vs Furman Nov 19, 2005

Passes completed

24	Ingle Martin (Furman) at Western Carolina Sep 10, 2005
23	Richie Williams (Appalachian State) at Furman Oct 08, 2005
22	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Hofstra Sep 24, 2005
22	Justin Knox (The Citadel) vs Furman Oct 15, 2005
21	Antonio Miller (Chattanooga) at Jacksonville State Sep 10, 2005
21	Antonio Miller (Chattanooga) at Liberty Oct 08, 2005

Had intercepted

5	Ingle Martin (Furman) at Western Carolina Sep 10, 2005
3	Justin Clark (Western Carolina) at Cincinnati Sep 17, 2005
3	Matt Lopez (Chattanooga) vs Furman Nov 19, 2005
2	12 tied

Receiving yards

189	Grant Brigham (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005
143	Justin Stepp (Furman) at Richmond Dec 03, 2005
141	Emanuel Hassell (Chattanooga) at Jacksonville State Sep 10, 2005
139	Michael Mayers (Elon) at Savannah State Univ. Sep 10, 2005
133	Emanuel Hassell (Chattanooga) at Georgia Southern Sep 24, 2005

Receptions

12	Emanuel Hassell (Chattanooga) at Jacksonville State Sep 10, 2005
11	Justin Stepp (Furman) at Richmond Dec 03, 2005
9	John Rust (Furman) at Western Carolina Sep 10, 2005
9	Emanuel Hassell (Chattanooga) at Georgia Southern Sep 24, 2005
8	Jermaine Little (Appalachian State) at Furman Oct 08, 2005
8	Emanuel Hassell (Chattanooga) at Liberty Oct 08, 2005
8	Justin Stepp (Furman) at The Citadel Oct 15, 2005

Yards per catch

52.0	Shiel Wood (Wofford) at Gardner-Webb Nov 19, 2005	[2-104]
47.5	Teddy Craft (Georgia Southern) at Texas State Nov 26, 2005	[2-95]
40.3	Justin Stepp (Furman) at Chattanooga Nov 19, 2005	[3-121]
37.8	Grant Brigham (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005	[5-189]
35.5	Teddy Craft (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[2-71]
35.5	Ryan McKie (Furman) at Chattanooga Nov 19, 2005	[2-71]

Receiving TDs

2	R. McCutchen (Georgia Southern) vs Western Carolina Oct 08, 2005
2	Daniel Bettis (Appalachian State) at Wofford Oct 22, 2005
2	Teddy Craft (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005
2	Daniel Bettis (Appalachian State) vs Lafayette Nov 26, 2005
2	Teddy Craft (Georgia Southern) at Texas State Nov 26, 2005

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Longest reception

88	Jermame Little (Appalachian State) at Eastern Kentucky Sep 03, 2005
87	Grant Brigham (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005
82	Teddy Craft (Georgia Southern) at Elon Oct 01, 2005
63	Lamont Reid (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005
63	Eldra Buckley (Chattanooga) vs Furman Nov 19, 2005

Field goals made

3	Esteban Lopez (Chattanooga) vs Tennessee Tech Sep 03, 2005
2	11 tied

Longest field goal

45	Blake Vandiver (The Citadel) at Florida State Sep 10, 2005
45	Blake Vandiver (The Citadel) vs Furman Oct 15, 2005
43	Scott Beckler (Furman) vs Wofford Nov 12, 2005
42	Andrew Wilcox (Elon) at Western Carolina Oct 29, 2005
41	5 tied

Yards punted

434	Mark Kaspar (The Citadel) at Western Carolina Oct 01, 2005	[10-434]
407	Mark Kaspar (The Citadel) at Florida State Sep 10, 2005	[11-407]
389	Tim Mayse (Western Carolina) at Cincinnati Sep 17, 2005	[9-389]
373	Tim Mayse (Western Carolina) vs The Citadel Oct 01, 2005	[8-373]
373	Brandon Lane (Elon) at Wofford Oct 08, 2005	[9-373]

Longest punt

70	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Nicholls State Nov 26, 2005
69	Dan Jordan (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005
63	Tim Mayse (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005
62	Julian Rauch (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005
60	Chris Tommie (Wofford) at West Virginia Sep 10, 2005
60	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Appalachian State Oct 08, 2005

Punting avg

52.5	Dan Jordan (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[2-105]
51.5	Dan Jordan (Georgia Southern) at Appalachian State Oct 15, 2005	[2-103]
48.5	Ingle Martin (Furman) vs Hofstra Sep 24, 2005	[4-194]
47.7	Jonathan Wright (Chattanooga) vs Tennessee Tech Sep 03, 2005	[3-143]
46.7	Tim Mayse (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005	[6-280]

Punt returns

6	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) vs The Citadel Oct 01, 2005
5	T.T. Harper (Chattanooga) vs Tennessee Tech Sep 03, 2005
5	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) at Cincinnati Sep 17, 2005
5	Dexter Jackson (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005
5	Justin Stepp (Furman) vs Elon Oct 22, 2005
5	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) vs Elon Oct 29, 2005

Punt return yards

83	Dexter Jackson (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005
61	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) vs The Citadel Oct 01, 2005
60	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) vs Wofford Nov 05, 2005
50	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) vs Elon Oct 29, 2005
49	Gary Domanski (The Citadel) at VMI Nov 19, 2005

Longest punt return

42	Renaldo Jackson (Chattanooga) vs Furman Nov 19, 2005
37	Jarvis Newson (Chattanooga) vs The Citadel Nov 05, 2005
37	Gary Domanski (The Citadel) at VMI Nov 19, 2005
36	Brandon Berry (Wofford) vs Appalachian State Oct 22, 2005
34	Dexter Jackson (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005

Punt return TDs

1	Kyle Horne (Wofford) vs Georgetown (KY) Sep 03, 2005
1	Michael Hines (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005
1	Marcus Nelums (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005
1	Chris Bland (Elon) at Western Carolina Oct 29, 2005
1	Tim Camp (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005
1	Renaldo Jackson (Chattanooga) vs Furman Nov 19, 2005
1	Zac Grey (Wofford) at Gardner-Webb Nov 19, 2005

Punt return avg

23.0	Dexter Jackson (Appalachian State) vs Lafayette Nov 26, 2005	[2-46]
20.0	Justin Stepp (Furman) vs Appalachian State Oct 08, 2005	[2-40]
18.5	Dwayne Ijames (Elon) vs Chattanooga Oct 15, 2005	[2-37]
16.6	Dexter Jackson (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005	[5-83]
15.5	Tim Camp (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[2-31]

Kick return avg

85.0	Mike Malone (Western Carolina) vs Elon Oct 29, 2005	[2-170]
59.0	Dwayne Ijames (Elon) vs Appalachian State Nov 19, 2005	[2-118]
41.5	Teddy Craft (Georgia Southern) vs Western Carolina Oct 08, 2005	[2-83]
35.0	Jermame Little (Appalachian State) vs Chattanooga Oct 29, 2005	[3-105]
34.5	Mike Malone (Western Carolina) vs Furman Sep 10, 2005	[2-69]

Longest kick return

95	Dwayne Ijames (Elon) vs Appalachian State Nov 19, 2005
92	Nick Miller (Western Carolina) vs The Citadel Oct 01, 2005
90	Mike Malone (Western Carolina) vs Elon Oct 29, 2005
78	Jacobi Jones (Elon) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 03, 2005
76	Filmon Dawkins (Wofford) at Gardner-Webb Nov 19, 2005

Kick return TDs

1	Nick Miller (Western Carolina) vs The Citadel Oct 01, 2005
1	Mike Malone (Western Carolina) vs Elon Oct 29, 2005
1	Dwayne Ijames (Elon) vs Appalachian State Nov 19, 2005

Interceptions

2	Francis Brown (Western Carolina) vs Mars Hill Sept 1, 2005
2	Quintez Smith (Chattanooga) vs Tennessee Tech Sep 03, 2005
2	Corey Lynch (Appalachian State) at Eastern Kentucky Sep 03, 2005
2	Corey Lynch (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005
2	Austin Holmes (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005

Interception return yds

78	Justin Woazeah (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005
74	A.J. Bryant (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005
70	Titus Howard (Appalachian State) at Elon Nov 19, 2005
50	Corey Lynch (Appalachian State) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 17, 2005
46	Kendrick Lyles (The Citadel) vs Charleston Southern Sep 03, 2005
46	John Mohring (Georgia Southern) at Appalachian State Oct 15, 2005

Longest interception rtn

78	Justin Woazeah (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005
74	A.J. Bryant (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005
70	Titus Howard (Appalachian State) at Elon Nov 19, 2005
46	Kendrick Lyles (The Citadel) vs Charleston Southern Sep 03, 2005
46	John Mohring (Georgia Southern) at Appalachian State Oct 15, 2005

All-purpose yards

285	K. Richardson (Appalachian State) vs Georgia Southern Oct 15, 2005
240	Grant Brigham (Furman) vs Gardner-Webb Oct 1, 2005
225	Jermame Little (Appalachian State) vs Chattanooga Oct 29, 2005
223	Emanuel Hassell (Chattanooga) at Jacksonville State Sep 10, 2005
219	Eldra Buckley (Chattanooga) vs Furman Nov 19, 2005

Tackles

25.0	Chad Nkang (Elon) vs Chattanooga Oct 15, 2005	[14-11]
18.0	Chad Nkang (Elon) vs Appalachian State Nov 19, 2005	[4-14]
17.0	Andrew Rowell (The Citadel) vs Wofford Oct 29, 2005	[8-9]
17.0	William Freeman (Furman) at Georgia Southern Nov 05, 2005	[7-10]
16.0	Chad Nkang (Elon) vs Coastal Carolina Sep 03, 2005	[6-10]
16.0	Andrew Jones (Furman) vs Nicholls State Nov 26, 2005	[8-8]

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4.0	Katon Bethay (Wofford) vs VMI Oct 15, 2005	[3-2]
3.5	Porter Johnson (The Citadel) at VMI Nov 19, 2005	[3-1]
3.0	Mitchell Dukes (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005	[3-0]
2.5	Marques Murrell (Appalachian State) at Eastern Kentucky Sep 03, 2005	[1-3]
2.0	Jason Hunter (Appalachian State) at Eastern Kentucky Sep 03, 2005	[1-2]
2.0	Andrew Jones (Furman) vs Samford Sep 17, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	Jason Hunter (Appalachian State) at The Citadel Sep 24, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	Marques Murrell (Appalachian State) at The Citadel Sep 24, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	Joe Suiter (Appalachian State) vs Western Carolina Nov 12, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	Marques Murrell (Appalachian State) vs Western Carolina Nov 12, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	T.J. Watkins (Georgia Southern) vs Morehead State Nov 12, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	Jason Hunter (Appalachian State) vs Northern Iowa Dec 16, 2005	[2-0]
2.0	Marques Murrell (Appalachian State) vs Northern Iowa Dec 16, 2005	[2-0]

Tackles for loss

6.0	Porter Johnson (The Citadel) at Western Carolina Oct 01, 2005	[6-0]
5.5	Marques Murrell (Appalachian State) vs Northern Iowa Dec 16, 2005	[5-1]
4.0	Mitchell Dukes (Western Carolina) at Chattanooga Oct 22, 2005	[4-0]
4.0	Porter Johnson (The Citadel) at VMI Nov 19, 2005	[3-2]
4.0	Jason Hunter (Appalachian State) vs Southern Illinois Dec 03, 2005	[3-2]