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### GSC ANNOUNCES 2011 ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

**Birmingham, AL**—The Gulf South Conference announced the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of its All-Conference Football Teams today. **GSC Champion Delta State** led the way on this year's squad, landing 19 total players led by 11 First Team members.

**West Alabama** followed with 13 overall honorees and eight First Team standouts. **North Alabama** was third overall, placing 12 led by five First Teamers, followed by **Valdosta State's** 11 (seven First Team) and **West Georgia's** seven (one First Team).

#### **DSU'S DAVIS IS GSC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**Quarterback Micah Davis** became the seventh Delta State player to be named the *GSC Offensive Player of the Year*. The senior is the first Statesmen to take home the award since DSU signal caller Scott Eyster won back-to-back laurels in 2005 and 2006. He is also the ninth straight quarterback to take home the offensive honor.

Davis guided DSU to the 2011 Conference Title and a No. 1 seed in this year's NCAA Super Region Two Playoff bracket. He enters the post-season ranked first in the league in total offense (296.3), passing (284.7) and passing touchdowns (tied, 19). The Wesson, MS native guided the Statesmen to a No. 1 national ranking for a four-week span and orchestrated four fourth-quarter comebacks this year.

#### **UWA'S LACEY CHOSEN AS GSC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**West Alabama** linebacker **Deon Lacey** was a unanimous selection for the *GSC Defensive Player of the Year* award. The junior became the first UWA defensive honoree since 1983 and the seventh overall winner. He is also the seventh consecutive linebacker to win the award.

Lacey led UWA in tackles (87), tackles for loss (9.0 for 49 yards) and sacks (4.0 for 34 yards), and he also finished second with two interceptions. The Brighton, AL native posted double-digit tackles in four games this season and was a two-time GSC Defensive Player of the Week.

#### **UWA'S CALDWELL, UWG'S LAWRENCE CLAIM GSC FRESHMAN HONORS**

**West Alabama** provided the *GSC Offensive Freshman of the Year* for the first time ever. **Quarterback Kyle Caldwell** answered the bell for UWA this season, guiding the Tigers an 8-3 mark after injuries thrust him into the starting lineup after three games. The Dadeville, AL native enters this weekend's NCAA Playoffs ranking second in the GSC in pass efficiency (136.8), third in passing (145.7), fourth in total offense (183.2) and ninth in rushing (37.6).

**Linebacker Teddy Lawrence** became West Georgia's first-ever *GSC Defensive Freshman of the Year*. The Rome, GA native played in all 10 games for the Wolves, ranking 10<sup>th</sup> on the team in total tackles (38) and adding 2.5 tackles for loss and one interception.

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**UWA'S HALL, UWG'S DICKEY SHARE GSC COACH OF THE YEAR LAURELS**

For the third year in a row, the GSC recognized more than one *GSC Coach of the Year* as **West Alabama's Will Hall** and **West Georgia's Daryl Dickey** each took home their first-ever accolade. The league crowned three coaches last year and designated co-winners in 2009.

Hall set high expectations in his first season as a head coach, leading UWA to its second NCAA Playoff appearance in three seasons. The Tigers' 8-3 record gave the Red and White three straight winning seasons for the first time since 1973-1975.

Dickey guided the Wolves to their best season since 2005, going 6-4 led by a two upsets over Top 20 teams. UWG won bragging rights against in-state rival No. 17 Valdosta State before capping the regular season by shocking No. 1 Delta State at home last weekend.

**2011 ALL-GSC TEAM**

The 2011 All-GSC Football Team is headlined by *returning First Team* members, **West Alabama wide receiver Gerald Worsham** and **North Alabama offensive guard Kyle Thornton**.

Making the jump from last year's Second Team is **UNA running back Wes Holland** and **center Jamie Dixon**, **DSU linebacker Ixavier Triplett** and **defensive back Dominique Davenport** and **UWG return specialist Denarius Appling**.

The team also included 10 unanimous selections: **DSU quarterback Micah Davis**, **UWA running back Matt Willis**, **Delta State wide out Chance Dennis**, **West Alabama wide receivers Ken May** and **Gerald Worsham**, **UNA wide out Mo Milliam**, **VSU offensive guard Edmund Kugbila**, **UWA linebacker Deon Lacey**, **Delta State's Triplett** and **UWG's Appling**.

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## 2011 ALL-GSC FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	*Micah Davis	Delta State	6-2	200	SR	Wesson, MS
RB	*Matt Willis	West Alabama	5-8	205	JR	Collins, MS
RB	#Wes Holland	North Alabama	5-10	205	SR	Pelham, AL
WR	*Chance Dennis	Delta State	6-3	200	SR	Houston, TX
WR	*Ken May	West Alabama	5-9	180	SR	Northport, AL
WR	*Mo Miliam	North Alabama	5-7	144	JR	Atlanta, GA
WR	*!Gerald Worsham	West Alabama	5-9	186	SR	Birmingham, AL
TE	Dex Hopkins	Delta State	6-2	225	SR	Richland, MS
AP	Don Smith	West Alabama	5-7	156	SR	Flora, MS
C	#Jamie Dixon	North Alabama	6-1	265	SR	Muscle Shoals, AL
G	*Edmund Kugbila	Valdosta State	6-4	368	JR	Lawrenceville, GA
G	!Kyle Thornton	North Alabama	6-4	345	SR	Dallas, TX
T	Ryan Schraeder	Valdosta State	6-7	319	JR	Wichita, KS
T	Mesh Wokomaty	Valdosta State	6-6	308	JR	Dallas, GA
T	Lamar Young	Delta State	6-5	315	JR	Jonesboro, GA

DEFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Larry Bryant	Valdosta State	5-9	295	SR	Tifton, GA
DL	Anthony Daniels	Delta State	6-3	295	SR	Detroit, MI
DL	Justin Hawkins	West Alabama	6-0	269	SR	Centerpoint, AL
DL	Mark Hoskins	Delta State	6-2	280	SR	Louisville, MS
LB	*Deon Lacey	West Alabama	6-2	208	JR	Brighton, AL
LB	*#Xavier Triplett	Delta State	6-1	225	SO	Hillsboro, MS
LB	Gabe Poe	West Alabama	5-8	205	JR	Pheba, MS
LB	Chris Pope	Valdosta State	6-1	214	SO	Jackson, GA
DB	#Dominique Davenport	Delta State	5-10	180	SR	Baldwyn, MS
DB	Harrison Dreiling	Valdosta State	5-11	193	SR	Augusta, GA
DB	Matt Pierce	Valdosta State	5-10	198	JR	New Orleans, LA
DB	Rod Woodson	North Alabama	5-11	199	JR	Olive Branch, MS
UT	Brett Butler	Delta State	6-0	185	SR	Modesto, CA

SPECIAL TEAMS						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
K	Ryne Smith	West Alabama	5-8	176	SR	Madison, MS
P	Andrew Jones	Delta State	6-0	185	JR	Corinth, MS
RS	*#Denarius Appling	West Georgia	5-7	140	SO	Griffin, GA
BT	Rafael Mitchell	Delta State	5-8	170	SR	Bowdon, GA

!—2010 First Team All-GSC

#—2010 Second Team All-GSC

\*—Unanimous selection

**GSC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**  
**GSC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**  
**GSC OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**  
**GSC DEFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**  
**GSC COACHES OF THE YEAR:**

QB, Micah Davis, Delta State  
 LB, Deon Lacey, West Alabama  
 QB, Kyle Caldwell, West Alabama  
 LB, Teddy Lawrence, West Georgia  
 Will Hall, West Alabama  
 Daryl Dickey, West Georgia

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## 2011 ALL-GSC FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	Lee Chapple	North Alabama	6-1	190	SR	Alpharetta, GA
RB	Brant Botill	Delta State	5-10	215	JR	Corcoran, CA
RB	Richard Freelon	Delta State	6-0	205	SO	Bruce, MS
WR	Seantavious Jones	Valdosta State	6-2	190	SO	Tucker, GA
WR	Tristan Purifoy	North Alabama	6-0	185	SR	Hanceville, AL
WR	Tim Smith	Delta State	6-0	197	SR	Baltimore, MD
TE	Randy Sides	West Georgia	6-3	240	SR	Loganville, GA
AP	#Brandon Lucas	Delta State	5-8	181	JR	Covington, GA
AP	Denarius Appling	West Georgia	5-7	140	SO	Griffin, GA
C	#Darrell Leopold	Delta State	6-2	305	SR	Laurel, MS
G	Chase Sherman	Delta State	6-4	285	SR	D'Iberville, MS
G	Andy Nations	West Alabama	6-6	347	JR	Pascagoula, MS
T	Chuck Curry	West Alabama	6-4	290	SR	Newton, MS
T	Kendall Hunter	Delta State	6-6	338	SR	Mound Bayou, MS
T	Brandon White	West Georgia	6-5	305	SO	Cincinnati, OH

### DEFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Cedric Hall	North Alabama	6-4	250	SR	Carthage, MS
DL	Lawrence Virgil	Valdosta State	6-3	286	SO	Quitman, GA
DL	James Alexander	West Alabama	6-0	329	SR	Hollandale, MS
DL	Josh Lewis	West Alabama	6-5	234	SR	Northport, AL
LB	Marcus Dowtin	North Alabama	6-2	226	SR	Upper Marlboro, MD
LB	Will Jones	West Georgia	6-1	205	SR	Leesburg, GA
LB	Ryan Smith	Valdosta State	6-1	210	JR	Riverdale, GA
LB	Tommie Westbrook	North Alabama	6-2	235	SR	Chicago, IL
DB	Lucas Darr	North Alabama	5-10	202	SR	Clearwater, FL
DB	Janoris Jenkins	North Alabama	5-10	183	SR	Pahokee, FL
DB	Otha Foster	West Alabama	5-11	199	JR	Angie, LA
DB	Jenoris Darby	West Georgia	6-0	205	SR	College Park, GA

### SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
K	Davis Brackett	West Georgia	5-9	172	JR	Marietta, GA
P	#\$%Jack Fulford	Valdosta State	5-10	226	SR	Waycross, GA
RS	Brandon Lucas	Delta State	5-8	181	JR	Covington, GA

!—2010 First Team All-GSC  
 \$—2009 Second Team All-GSC

#—2010 Second Team All-GSC  
 %—2008 Second Team All-GSC

**NOTE:** The 2011 All-GSC Football Team was selected by the Head Coaches. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

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