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GSC ANNOUNCES 2014 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Birmingham, AL—The Gulf South Conference announced the 44th edition of its All-Conference Football Team today.

NCAA Playoff participant West Georgia led the way on this year's squad, landing 16 total players. **Co-Champion North Alabama** and **Playoff qualifier Valdosta State** each posted 13 overall honorees led by UNA's team-high seven First Team standouts. **Co-Champion Delta State** notched 12 overall winners, followed by **Florida Tech's** nine. **Shorter** recorded six honorees in its first season as an official GSC member and **West Alabama** wrapped up the list with five All-GSC stars.

UWA'S CALDWELL, FIT'S MILTON SHARE GSC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Two players shared *GSC Offensive Player of the Year* honors for the first time since 2000 after **West Alabama senior quarterback Kyle Caldwell** and **Florida Tech senior wide receiver Xavier Milton** tied in the voting.

Caldwell returns from 2013, becoming the first back-to-back Offensive winner since DSU's Scott Eyster repeated in 2005 and 2006. The Dadeville, Ala. native capped his UWA career by becoming the first player in school history to eclipse the 9,000-yard mark and his 9,090-yard total is sixth in the GSC records. Caldwell placed third in the Conference this season in total offense (261.5) and passing touchdowns (21), fourth in passing (216.6) and 10th in rushing (44.9).

Milton is FIT's first-ever GSC Offensive Individual winner and just the fourth wide receiver to win at least a share of the award since its inception in 1971. The Alameda, Ca. native led the GSC in touchdown catches (10) and receiving yards per game (101.5), while ranking second in receptions per game (6.6).

SU'S SHAW SELECTED AS GSC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Shorter capped its first official season as a GSC Football member by providing the *2014 GSC Defensive Player of the Year*: **junior defensive back Jordan Shaw**.

Shaw is the fifth all-time defensive back to claim the laurel and first since West Georgia's Nate Coggins in 2001. The Jasper, Ga. native spearheaded the Hawks' defense, leading the league with eight interceptions for 118 yards, including a 100-yard return for a touchdown. He became the 15th player with at least eight INTs in a season and just the seventh player to take back an miscue for 100 yards. Shaw did not stop there, ranking third in the GSC in total tackles (81) and fourth in tackles per game (7.8).

FIT'S CATO, DSU'S SHAW CLAIM GSC FRESHMAN HONORS

Florida Tech collected its first-ever *GSC Offensive Freshman of the Year*: **quarterback Mark Cato**. The redshirt freshman took the league by storm in 2014, starting all 11 games for the Panthers and leading the Conference with 32 touchdown tosses. The Alachua, Fla. native ranked second in the GSC in passing (266.0) and total offense (295.5) and he was the recipient of the newly added GSC Freshman of the Week honor eight times.

Delta State safety Trey Shaw garnered the *GSC Defensive Freshman of the Year* honor. Shaw is DSU's third defensive freshman winner and second defensive back winner since Dominique Davenport in 2008. The Oxford, Miss. native completed the regular season with 21 total tackles in just seven games, including one for a loss. He was also involved in four takeaways, nabbing two interceptions and forcing two fumbles..

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DSU'S COOLEY, FIT'S ENGLEHART SHARE GSC COACH OF THE YEAR

The GSC honored at least two *Coaches of the Year* for the fourth time in six years. The 2014 recipients are **Delta State's Todd Cooley** and **Florida Tech's Steve Englehart**.

Cooley celebrated his second season at DSU by claiming his second honor in a row after taking home outright accolades in 2013. He guided the Statesmen back to the top of the GSC for the first time since 2011 as DSU shared the 2014 Title with North Alabama. Delta State leads the Conference heading into the NCAA post-season after earning the No. 2 seed and a First-Round bye.

Englehart collects his first-ever Coach of Year in FIT's second season in the GSC. The Panthers featured one of the top offenses in the league this year, ranking tops in first downs (280) and second in passing (288.7) and total offense (487.6).

2014 ALL-GSC TEAM

The 2014 All-GSC Football Team is headlined by *one three-time returning First Team* standout, *eight two-time returning First Teamers* and four unanimous selections.

Delta State senior linebacker Rory Island leads the All-Conference defense as the GSC's 48th three-time First Teamer. The Waveland, Miss. native ranked No. 10 in the GSC in tackles for loss per game (1.22) and No. 11 in tackles per game (6.3).

Shorter defensive back Jordan Shaw was the defense's lone unanimous selection, while the offense features three unanimous First Team senior wide receivers in **Florida Tech's Xavier Milton**, **DSU's Casey Osborne** and **West Alabama's Chad Toocheck**.

Returning from last year's First Team are **UWA quarterback Kyle Caldwell** and wide out **Chad Toocheck**, **FIT tight end Gabe Hughes** and wide out **Xavier Milton**, **West Georgia offensive guard Garrison Ushery** and **linebacker Tyrell Adams** and **North Alabama defensive lineman Taylor Carney**. **UWG's Denarius Appling** returns to the First Team as a return specialist for the first time since 2011.

Seven players made the jump from last year's Second Team: **UNA running back Lamonte Thompson** and **offensive tackle Keith Jones**, **DSU wide receiver Casey Osborne** and **defensive back Richard Nash**, **VSU offensive guard Felei Tauvae**, **UWG punter James Dugan** and **UWA long snapper Matthew Humphries**.

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2014 ALL-GSC FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	!Kyle Caldwell	West Alabama	5-7	165	SR	Dadeville, Ala.
RB	Trevor Sand	Florida Tech	5-11	205	SO	Seminole, Fla.
RB	#!Lamonte Thompson	North Alabama	5-8	175	JR	Florence, Ala.
WR	Delvon Carpenter	North Alabama	6-1	175	JR	Houston, Tex.
WR	*!Xavier Milton	Florida Tech	6-0	190	SR	Alameda, Ca.
WR	*#Casey Osborne	Delta State	6-3	205	JR	Flowery Branch, Ga.
WR	*!%Chad Toocheck	West Alabama	6-3	212	SR	Medina, Ohio
TE	!Gabe Hughes	Florida Tech	6-4	235	JR	Lighthouse Point, Fla.
AP	Eric Dodson (QB)	Shorter	5-8	165	SR	Thomasville, Ga.
C	Quincy Awa-Dubose	West Georgia	6-2	320	SR	Oxnard, Ca.
G	Michael Gibbs	Delta State	6-2	300	SR	Brandon, Miss.
G	#Felei Tauvae	Valdosta State	6-2	341	SR	America Samoa
G	!Garrison Ushery	West Georgia	6-1	335	SR	Austell, Ga.
T	#Keith Jones	North Alabama	6-5	305	SR	Birmingham, Ala.
T	Jesse Yancey	Valdosta State	6-7	315	SR	Claxton, Ga.

DEFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Randall Boyd	Delta State	6-0	245	JR	Forest, Miss.
DL	Darrius Caldwell	West Georgia	6-6	245	JR	Atlanta, Ga.
DL	!Taylor Carney	North Alabama	6-2	267	SR	Killen, Ala.
DL	Trevaris Horton	Shorter	6-2	250	SO	Phenix City, Ala.
LB	!Tyrell Adams	West Georgia	6-2	225	SR	Atlanta, Ga.
LB	Wilson Curtis	Delta State	6-2	200	SO	Winnsboro, La.
LB	!\$Rory Island	Delta State	6-0	225	SR	Waveland, Miss.
LB	Kenny Murphy	Valdosta State	6-2	240	JR	Glennville, Ga.
LB	Steven Rich	North Alabama	6-3	210	SR	Savannah, Tenn.
LB	J.J. Sanders	Florida Tech	5-10	235	JR	Columbus, Ohio
DB	Fred Barnes	West Alabama	6-0	180	SR	College Park, Ga.
DB	Philbert Martial	North Alabama	5-10	175	SO	Mobile, Ala.
DB	%Richard Nash	Delta State	5-9	180	JR	Macon, Ga.
DB	*Jordan Shaw	Shorter	6-2	215	JR	Jasper, Ga.

SPECIAL TEAMS						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
K	Taylor Pontius	North Alabama	5-11	180	SR	Biloxi, Miss.
P	#James Dugan	West Georgia	6-5	210	JR	Carrollton, Ga.
RS	^&Denarius Appling	West Georgia	5-7	155	SR	Griffin, Ga.
BT	Luke Wilson	Shorter	6-0	230	JR	Fort Mitchell, Ala.
UT	#Matthew Humphries (LS)	West Alabama	6-1	230	SR	Hueytown, Ala.

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^—2011 First Team All-GSC
*—Unanimous selection

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%—2012 Second Team All-GSC
&—2010 Second Team All-GSC

GSC OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR:

WR, Xavier Milton, Florida Tech
QB, Kyle Caldwell, West Alabama

GSC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

DB, Jordan Shaw, Shorter

GSC OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

QB, Mark Cato, Florida Tech

GSC DEFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

S, Trey Shaw, Delta State

GSC COACHES OF THE YEAR:

Todd Cooley, Delta State
Steve Englehart, Florida Tech

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OFFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	Mark Cato	Florida Tech	6-2	205	FR	Alachua, Fla.
QB	Jake Medlock	Valdosta State	6-3	226	SR	Jacksonville, Fla.
QB	#Tyler Sullivan	Delta State	6-3	236	SO	Louisville, Miss.
QB	Luke Wingo	North Alabama	6-2	185	JR	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
RB	!\$Cedric O'Neal	Valdosta State	6-0	213	JR	Dublin, Ga.
RB	%Seth Hinsley	West Georgia	5-10	224	SR	Norcross, Ga.
WR	Chris Anderson	Valdosta State	5-8	195	JR	Brunswick, Ga.
WR	Shaq Hall	West Georgia	6-3	200	JR	Burlington, New Jersey
WR	!Ricky Hunt	Delta State	5-10	180	SR	Sardis, Miss.
WR	Justin Leavy	Delta State	6-4	210	JR	Greenville, Miss.
WR	Lee Mayhall	North Alabama	5-10	175	JR	Jackson, Tenn.
TE	#Ty Morgan	West Alabama	6-3	242	JR	Sweet Water, Ala.
TE	Eric Newman	West Georgia	6-3	250	SR	Dacula, Ga.
AP	Denarius Appling	West Georgia	5-7	155	SR	Griffin, Ga.
C	#Ramsey Sellers	Florida Tech	5-10	290	SR	Wiggins, Miss.
C	Collin Stubblefield	Delta State	6-0	305	SR	New Albany, Miss.
G	Orion Awa-Dubose	West Georgia	6-1	310	JR	Oxnard, Ca.
G	Chris Beno	Shorter	6-0	270	JR	Newnan, Ga.
T	Mose Countryman	Delta State	6-5	280	JR	Jacksonville, Fla.
T	Matt Garcia	Florida Tech	6-5	275	JR	Orange Park, Fla.

DEFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Alex Armah	West Georgia	6-2	245	SO	Lawrenceville, Ga.
DL	#\$Tevin Davis	Valdosta State	6-2	253	SR	Forsyth, Ga.
DL	Shaquille Smith	North Alabama	6-2	265	SR	Jackson, Miss.
DL	Dalvon Stuckey	West Georgia	6-4	300	JR	DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
LB	Zach Butts	Shorter	6-0	227	SO	McDonough, Ga.
LB	#Chris Stapleton	Florida Tech	5-11	215	SO	Navarre, Fla.
LB	Sharmaine Washington	Valdosta State	6-1	232	SO	Moultrie, Ga.
LB	Justin Williams	Valdosta State	6-0	210	SR	Valdosta, Ga.
DB	#Manny Abad	Florida Tech	6-1	175	SO	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
DB	Levi Fell	North Alabama	5-11	160	SO	Muscle Shoals, Ala.
DB	Carlos Hutton	West Georgia	5-11	170	JR	Carrollton, Ga.
DB	Duran Lowe	Valdosta State	5-11	210	SR	Plant City, Fla.
DB	Larry Murphy	Valdosta State	5-11	167	JR	St. Petersburg, Fla.
DB	Laronji Vason	West Georgia	5-10	170	SO	Montgomery, Ala.
DB	Romelo Wilson	Delta State	5-11	170	SO	Ewa Beach, HI

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K	Anthony Pistelli	Valdosta State	5-9	199	SO	Thomasville, Ga.
P	Jake Medlock	Valdosta State	6-3	226	SR	Jacksonville, Fla.
RS	Philbert Martial	North Alabama	5-10	175	SO	Mobile, Ala.
BT	Will Lovelace (LS)	North Alabama	5-11	200	FR	Florence, Ala.
UT	Gabe Freeman	West Georgia	6-1	235	SO	Calhoun, Ga.

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NOTE: The 2014 All-GSC Football Team was selected by the Head Coaches; Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players; Ties were not broken.

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