



# 2024 SUN BELT FOOTBALL

## BOWL SEASON · DECEMBER 11, 2024

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### 2024 SUN BELT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL							
	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	Streak	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	H	A	N	Streak
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>													
Marshall	7-1	.875	283	194	Won 6	10-3	.769	414	300	6-0	4-3	0-0	Won 7
Georgia Southern	6-2	.750	218	189	Won 2	8-4	.667	338	328	4-2	4-2	0-0	Won 2
James Madison	4-4	.500	230	179	Lost 2	8-4	.667	406	249	5-1	3-3	0-0	Lost 2
Old Dominion	4-4	.500	256	229	Won 1	5-7	.416	336	336	2-4	3-3	0-0	Won 1
Coastal Carolina	3-5	.375	211	256	Won 1	6-6	.500	358	367	3-3	3-3	0-0	Won 1
App State	3-5	.375	214	267	Lost 1	5-6	.455	293	362	4-1	1-5	0-0	Lost 1
Georgia State	1-7	.125	187	284	Lost 1	3-9	.250	286	406	2-4	1-5	0-0	Lost 1
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>													
Louisiana	7-1	.875	279	174	Won 2	10-3	.769	430	304	5-2	6-0	0-0	Lost 1
Texas State	5-3	.625	295	183	Won 1	7-5	.583	445	291	4-3	3-1	0-1	Won 1
Arkansas State	5-3	.625	211	252	Lost 1	7-5	.583	298	387	5-1	2-4	0-0	Lost 1
South Alabama	5-3	.625	262	173	Lost 1	6-6	.500	417	304	3-3	3-3	0-0	Lost 1
ULM	3-5	.375	173	226	Lost 5	5-7	.416	252	345	4-2	1-5	0-0	Lost 6
Troy	3-5	.375	214	225	Won 1	4-8	.333	312	341	3-3	1-5	0-0	Won 1
Southern Miss	0-8	.000	117	319	Lost 9	1-11	.083	183	453	1-5	0-6	0-0	Lost 10

### BOWL SEASON SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Dec. 14

IS4S Salute to Service Bowl  
South Alabama vs. Western Michigan (9:00 p.m. ET/8:00 p.m. CT, ESPN)

#### Wednesday, Dec. 18

Boca Raton Bowl  
James Madison vs. Western Kentucky (5:30 p.m. ET/4:30 p.m. CT, ESPN)

#### Thursday, Dec. 19

R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl  
Georgia Southern vs. Sam Houston (7:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. CT, ESPN2)

#### Monday, Dec. 23

Myrtle Beach Bowl  
Coastal Carolina vs. UTSA (11:00 a.m. ET/10:00 a.m. CT, ESPN)

#### Thursday, Dec. 26

68 Ventures Bowl  
Arkansas State vs. Bowling Green (9:00 p.m. ET/8:00 p.m. CT, ESPN)

#### Saturday, Dec. 28

Isleta New Mexico Bowl  
Louisiana vs. TCU (2:15 p.m. ET/1:15 p.m. CT, ESPN)

Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl  
Marshall vs. No. 22 Army (9:15 p.m. ET/8:15 p.m. CT, ESPN)

#### Friday, Jan. 3

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl  
Texas State vs. North Texas (4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT, ESPN)

### IN THE POLLS

#### Associated Press Top 25 Poll

RV Marshall  
RV Louisiana

#### US LBM Coaches Poll

RV Marshall  
RV Louisiana

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## WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Eight Sun Belt programs will participate in Bowl Season in 2024, marking the third-straight year that it paces all non-autonomy conferences in bowl representation. The Sun Belt produced seven Bowl Season participants in 2022 and a conference-record and national-best 12 in 2023.

With Marshall's 31-3 win over Louisiana in the 2024 Hercules Tires Sun Belt Football Championship Game, the conference boasts multiple 10-win teams for the seventh-straight season and for the fourth-straight year had multiple teams reach the mark prior to Bowl Season. The Sun Belt owns a .571 Bowl Season winning percentage during the College Football Playoff era, trailing only the SEC (.584).

South Alabama (6-6, 5-3 SBC) is bound for the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl, where it will make its third-consecutive bowl appearance for the first time in program history. The Jaguars—who will be competing in their fifth all-time bowl game—will face Western Michigan (6-6, 5-3 MAC) at 9:00 p.m. ET/8:00 p.m. CT on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Ala.

**SBC**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 8:00 PM CT | ESPN**

**SBC**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 4:30 PM CT | ESPN**

James Madison (8-4, 4-4 SBC) will make its second-straight and second all-time bowl appearance in the Boca Raton Bowl. The Dukes will take on Conference USA runner-up Western Kentucky (8-5, 6-2 CUSA) at 5:30 p.m. ET/4:30 p.m. CT on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Fla.

Georgia Southern (8-4, 6-2 SBC) is headed to the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, where it will make its sixth bowl appearance over the past seven seasons. The Eagles—who will be competing in their seventh all-time bowl game—will square off against Sam Houston (9-3, 6-2 CUSA) at 7:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. CT on Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, La.

**SBC**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 6:00 PM CT | ESPN2**

**SBC**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 10:00 AM CT | ESPN**

Coastal Carolina (6-6, 3-5 SBC) will make its fifth-straight and fifth all-time bowl appearance in the Myrtle Beach Bowl. The Chanticleers will face UTSA (6-6, 4-4 AAC) at 11:00 a.m. ET/10:00 a.m. CT on Monday, Dec. 23 at Brooks Stadium in Conway, S.C.

Arkansas State (7-5, 5-3 SBC) is bound for the 68 Ventures Bowl, where it will make its second-straight bowl appearance. The Red Wolves—who will be competing in their 12th FBS bowl game—will take on Bowling Green (7-5, 6-2 MAC) at 9:00 p.m. ET/8:00 p.m. CT on Thursday, Dec. 26, at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile, Ala.

**SBC**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 | 8:00 PM CT | ESPN**

**SBC**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 1:15 PM CT | ESPN**

Sun Belt West Division champion Louisiana (10-3, 7-1 SBC) is headed to the Isleta New Mexico Bowl, where it will make its seventh-straight and 12th all-time bowl appearance. The Ragin' Cajuns will square off against TCU (8-4, 6-3 Big 12) at 2:15 p.m. ET/1:15 p.m. CT on Saturday, Dec. 28, at University Stadium in Albuquerque, N.M. The matchup will be the Sun Belt's second all-time against an autonomy conference foe in Bowl Season, after 2023 Sun Belt champion Troy dropped a 17-10 game to Duke in last year's 76 Birmingham Bowl.

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## WEEKLY AWARDS

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Monarchs freshman quarterback Quinn Henicle accounted for 349 yards and four touchdowns in Old Dominion's 40-32 win over Arkansas State in his first collegiate start. The Downingtown, Pa., product rushed 19 times for 206 yards and two touchdowns and completed 9-of-12 passes for 143 yards and two scores. On the first play from scrimmage, Henicle rushed for a program-record 92-yard touchdown, which is tied for the longest run on the season by a quarterback in NCAA Division I.

Sept. 2	Ethan Vasko, Coastal Carolina (RS So., QB)
Sept. 9	Jordan McCloud, Texas State (RS Sr., QB)
Sept. 16	Joey Aguilar, App State (Sr., QB)
Sept. 23	Alonza Barnett III, James Madison (RS So., QB)
Sept. 30	Alonza Barnett III, James Madison (RS So., QB)
Oct. 7	Braylon Braxton, Marshall (RS Jr., QB)
Oct. 14	Jordan McCloud, Texas State (RS Sr., QB)
Oct. 21	A.J. Turner, Marshall (RS So., RB)
Oct. 28	Colton Joseph, Old Dominion (RS Fr., QB)
Nov. 4	Damien Taylor, Troy (Jr., RB)
Nov. 11	Dre'lyn Washington, Louisiana (RS Jr., RB)
Nov. 18	Matthew Caldwell, Troy (Jr., QB)
Nov. 25	Braylon Braxton, Marshall (RS Jr., QB)
Dec. 2	Quinn Henicle, Old Dominion (Fr., QB)

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Chanticleers senior defensive back Tobias Fletcher recorded a pair of interceptions to help Coastal Carolina to a 48-27 win over Georgia State to clinch bowl eligibility for the fifth-straight season. The Atlanta, Ga., native returned his fourth-quarter interception 39 yards for a touchdown and amassed 77 interception return yards across his two picks. Fletcher's first interception led to a Chanticleer score in the first quarter, as did his fumble recovery in the second quarter.

Sept. 2	Wydett Williams Jr., ULM (Jr., DB)
Sept. 9	Jahron Manning, Old Dominion (Jr., DB)
Sept. 16	Kevin Swint, Georgia State (Sr., LB)
Sept. 23	Jordan Scruggs, South Alabama (RS Jr., DB)
Sept. 30	J.J. Roberts, Marshall (RS Sr., DB)
Oct. 7	Cameron Whitfield, Louisiana (RS Jr., LB)
Oct. 14	M. Watson-Trent, Georgia Southern (RS Sr., LB)
Oct. 21	Jayden Jones, Arkansas State (RS Jr., DL)
Oct. 28	Jacob Dobbs, James Madison (RS Sr., LB)
Nov. 4	Mike Green, Marshall (RS So., DL)
Nov. 11	Clev Lubin, Coastal Carolina (RS So., DL)
Nov. 18	Bryan Whitehead, Arkansas State (Sr., DL)
Nov. 25	Keyon Martin, Louisiana (Sr., DB)
Dec. 2	Tobias Fletcher, Coastal Carolina (Sr., DB)

### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Trojans junior kicker Scott Taylor Renfro booted a career-long 50-yard field goal in Troy's 52-20 win over Southern Miss to finish the season winning three of their final four contests. The Troy, Ala., native went a perfect 7-for-7 on kicks on the day, adding six extra points to his career-best field goal to amass nine points.

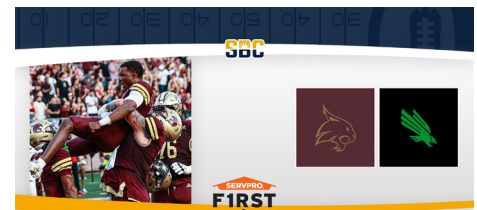
Sept. 2	Clune Van Andel, Arkansas State (So., K)
Sept. 9	Courtney Jackson, Arkansas State (RS Sr., SR)
Sept. 16	Devonte Ross, Troy (Jr., RS)
Sept. 23	Terrence Spence, James Madison (Sr., DB)
Sept. 30	Kenneth Almendares, Louisiana (RS Sr., K)
Oct. 7	Clune Van Andel, Arkansas State (So., K)
Oct. 14	Kenneth Almendares, Louisiana (RS Sr., K)
Oct. 21	Rece Verhoff, Marshall (Jr., K)
Oct. 28	Cam Ross, James Madison (RS Sr., RS)
Nov. 4	Kenneth Almendares, Louisiana (RS Sr., K)
Nov. 11	Kenneth Almendares, Louisiana (RS Sr., K)
Nov. 18	J.J. Roberts, Marshall (RS Sr., DB)
Nov. 25	Robert Williams, Louisiana (RS Jr., RS)
Dec. 2	Scott Taylor Renfro, Troy (Jr., K)

## WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Sun Belt champion Marshall (10-3, 7-1 SBC) will make its eighth-straight and 20th all-time bowl appearance in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. The Thundering Herd will face American Athletic Conference champion Army (11-1, 8-0 AAC) at 9:15 p.m. ET/8:15 p.m. CT on Saturday, Dec. 28, at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, La.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 8:15 PM CT | ESPN**



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 | 3:00 PM CT | ESPN**

Texas State (7-5, 5-3 SBC) will round out the Sun Belt's Bowl Season with its second-ever and second-straight bowl appearance in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. The Bobcats will take on North Texas (6-6, 3-5 AAC) at 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT on Friday, Jan. 3, at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas, Texas.

Seven of the Sun Belt's eight bowl games will be televised nationally on ESPN, with the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl airing on ESPN2.

**IS4S SALUTE TO SERVICE BOWL** - For the third-straight season and fifth time since the program began in 2009, South Alabama is bowl bound. The Jaguars, who are 1-3 all-time in bowl games, will face Western Michigan in the IS4S Salute to Service Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 9:00 p.m. ET/8:00 p.m. CT on ESPN. The matchup, which will kick off the 2024-25 Bowl Season, will be the first-ever meeting between the two programs. South Alabama head coach Major Applewhite has now taken his team to Bowl Season in each of his three years as a head coach (Houston in 2017 & 2018, South Alabama in 2024). The Sun Belt paces all conferences with 10 IS4S Salute to Service Bowl appearances and five all-time victories.

**BOCA RATON BOWL** - James Madison will make its second-straight and second-all-time bowl appearance in the Boca Raton Bowl in just its third season as an FBS program. The Dukes—who are in search of their first-ever bowl win—will take on Conference USA runner-up Western Kentucky on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 5:30 p.m. ET/4:30 p.m. CT on ESPN. The bowl matchup will be the first-ever between the Dukes and Hilltoppers. This is the Sun Belt's second appearance in the Boca Raton Bowl, where it is searching for its first victory in the contest.

**R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL** - For the seventh time in 10 years of eligibility and the sixth time over the past seven seasons, Georgia Southern is bowl bound. The Eagles, who are 3-3 all-time in bowl games, will square off against Sam Houston in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. CT on ESPN2. Georgia Southern is searching for its first bowl win under head coach Clay Helton in its first-ever meeting with the Bearcats. The Sun Belt leads all conferences with 24 R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl appearances and 12 all-time bowl titles.

**MYRTLE BEACH BOWL** - Coastal Carolina will participate in Bowl Season for the fifth-straight year and the fifth time in program history in 2024. The Chanticleers, who are 2-2 all-time in bowl games, will face UTSA in the Myrtle Beach Bowl on Monday, Dec. 23, at 11:00 a.m. ET/10:00 a.m. CT on ESPN. The bowl matchup will be the first-ever clash between the Chanticleers and Roadrunners. The Sun Belt paces all conferences with four Myrtle Beach Bowl appearances and two all-time wins.

**68 VENTURES BOWL** - Arkansas State will make back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time since a string of nine-straight from 2011-19. The Red Wolves, who are 4-7 all-time in FBS bowl games, will take on Bowling Green in the 68 Ventures Bowl on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 9:00 p.m. ET/8:00 p.m. CT on ESPN. The Falcons won the lone prior matchup with the Red Wolves, 17-0 in 1974. The Sun Belt will be making its 15 appearance in the 68 Ventures Bowl, where it leads all conferences with 10 all-time bowl titles.

**ISLETA NEW MEXICO BOWL** - Sun Belt West Division champion Louisiana is bowl bound for the seventh-straight and 12th all-time season. The Ragin' Cajuns, who own an official record of 5-4 in 11 prior bowl games, will square off against TCU in the Isleta New Mexico Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 2:15 p.m. ET/1:15 p.m. CT on ESPN. The bowl matchup will be the first-ever between the Ragin' Cajuns and the Horned Frogs and the Sun Belt's second-ever against an autonomy conference foe in Bowl Season. This is the Sun Belt's first-ever appearance in the Isleta New Mexico Bowl.

**RADIANCE TECHNOLOGIES INDEPENDENCE BOWL** - Sun Belt champion Marshall is bowl bound for the eighth-straight—second only to Memphis among non-autonomy conference programs—and 20th all-time season. The Thundering Herd, which is 13-6 all-time in bowl games, will face American Athletic Conference champion No. 22 Army in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 9:15 p.m. ET/8:15 p.m. CT on ESPN. The matchup is the first between two conference champions in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl since the inaugural game in 1976 and is the first between the Thundering Herd and Black Knights since 1997. The teams have split two prior head-to-head clashes. This is the Sun Belt's third all-time appearance in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl, where it is searching for its first win in the contest.

**SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL** - After making its first-ever bowl appearance a year ago, Texas State is bowl bound for a second-consecutive season. The Bobcats, who are 1-0 all-time in bowl games, will take on North Texas in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl on Friday, Jan. 3, at 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT on ESPN. The bowl matchup will be the first meeting between the rival Bobcats and Mean Green at the FBS level. North Texas leads the all-time series 7-29-3. This is the Sun Belt's third all-time appearance in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, where it is looking to maintain an unblemished record.

# POSTSEASON AWARDS

Marshall redshirt sophomore defensive lineman Mike Green was named the Sun Belt Player of the Year to headline the 2024 Sun Belt football postseason awards and All-Sun Belt teams announced Thursday. The honors were voted upon by the conference's 14 head coaches and select media representatives.

Louisiana redshirt senior quarterback Ben Wooldrige was named the Offensive Player of the Year, while Georgia Southern redshirt senior linebacker was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year. Marshall redshirt junior quarterback Braylon Braxton was picked as the Newcomer of the Year, ULM freshman running back Ahmad Hardy was dubbed the Freshman of the Year and Louisiana head coach Michael Desormeaux was honored as the Coach of the Year.

Green leads the nation with 21.0 tackles for loss—tied for the most in the Sun Belt since 2010—and ranks second in the country with a Sun Belt single-season record 16.0 sacks. The Williamsburg, Va., native also leads the country with 150 tackle for loss yards and 139 sack yards. The redshirt sophomore defensive lineman registered a tackle for loss in 11-of-12 regular-season games this year and a sack in 9-of-12 contests.

Wooldrige ranks 11th in the country with a 159.42 passing efficiency and 12th with a .683 completion percentage. The Pleasanton, Calif., product threw for 2,392 yards and 17 touchdowns in 10 games, before suffering an injury against South Alabama and missing the final two games of the regular season. The redshirt senior quarterback ranks third in the Sun Belt averaging 239.20 passing yards per game and fourth in the conference averaging 258.40 yards of total offense per game.

Watson-Trent ranks fifth in the nation with four forced fumbles and eighth with 110 tackles on the season, despite missing a game due to illness. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native posted three-straight 100-tackle seasons for the Eagles. The redshirt senior linebacker had 7.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks to go along with six double-digit tackle outings on the year.

Braxton ranks 17th in the nation with a 154.61 passing efficiency and 21st with an average of 13.50 yards per completion. The Frisco, Texas, product threw for 1,431 yards and 17 touchdowns and rushed for 544 yards and four scores in 10 games, including just seven as the Thundering Herd's starting quarterback. The redshirt junior is the lone quarterback and 1-of-3 Sun Belt student-athletes with multiple 140-yard rushing outings this season.

Hardy ranks 10th in the nation with 1,351 rushing yards and 23rd with 13 rushing touchdowns. The Monticello, Miss., native rushed for 277 more yards than any other freshman in the country and was tied for the national freshman lead in rushing touchdowns and total touchdowns. The freshman running back was the lone Sun Belt student-athlete with multiple 200-yard rushing performances. He ranked second in the conference with 1,423 all-purpose yards and co-led the league with 78 points by a non-kicker.

Desormeaux led Louisiana to its fourth 10-win season in six years and its conference-leading fifth berth to the Hercules Tires Sun Belt Football Championship in the seven-year history of the event. The Ragin' Cajuns ranked second in the country in red zone offense (.947), second in fumbles lost (2), third in turnovers lost (8), ninth in turnover margin (+1.00), 11th in team passing efficiency (161.98), 15th in scoring offense (35.6), 16th in 4th down conversion percentage (.684), 18th in 3rd down conversion percentage (.464) and 18th in total offense (445.7).

Louisiana paced the conference with 11 All-Sun Belt honorees, followed closely by nine apiece from James Madison and Marshall and eight from South Alabama. Also boasting five-or-more All-Sun Belt selections were Arkansas State (7), Georgia Southern (6), Old Dominion (6), Troy (6), App State (5), ULM (5) and Texas State (5).

Louisiana's offense, James Madison's defense, Louisiana's defense and Marshall's defense were the most decorated units with five selections each. App State's offense, Texas State's offense and ULM's defense earned four All-Sun Belt honors. James Madison, South Alabama and Troy's special teams units paced the conference with two All-Sun Belt picks apiece.

Louisiana (6), Marshall (5) and James Madison (4) were the only programs to claim more than two All-Sun Belt First Team nods. All 14 teams produced at least one All-Sun Belt pick.

The Hercules Tires Sun Belt Football Championship Game will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. CT at Cajun Field in Lafayette, La., and will be nationally televised on ESPN.



# POSTSEASON AWARDS

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### Player of the Year

Mike Green, Marshall (RS So., DL - Williamsburg, Va.)

### Offensive Player of the Year

Ben Wooldridge, Louisiana (RS Sr., QB - Pleasanton, Calif.)

### Defensive Player of the Year

Marques Watson-Trent, Georgia Southern (RS Sr., LB - Pittsburgh, Pa.)

### Newcomer of the Year

Braylon Braxton, Marshall (RS Jr., QB - Frisco, Texas)

### Freshman of the Year

Ahmad Hardy, ULM (Fr., RB - Monticello, Miss.)

### Coach of the Year

Michael Desormeaux, Louisiana

### All-Sun Belt First Team Offense

QB - Ben Wooldridge, Louisiana (RS Sr., QB - Pleasanton, Calif.)

RB - Ahmad Hardy, ULM (Fr., RB - Monticello, Miss.)

RB - Ismail Mahdi, Texas State (Jr., RB - Murphy, Texas)

OL - Pat McMurtrie, James Madison (RS Sr., OL - Verona, N.J.)

OL - Cole Potts, James Madison (Sr., OL - Johnstown, Ohio)

OL - Landon Burton, Louisiana (RS Sr., OL - Lafayette, La.)

OL - AJ Gillie, Louisiana (RS Sr., OL - Natchitoches, La.)

OL - Logan Osburn, Marshall (RS Sr., OL - Ona, WVa.)

TE - Terrance Carter, Louisiana (RS So., TE - Killeen, Texas)

WR - Kaedin Robinson, App State (RS Sr., WR - Asheville, N.C.)

WR - Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama (Sr., WR - Jackson, Ala.)

WR - Devonte Ross, Troy (Jr., WR - Cartersville, Ga.)

### All-Sun Belt First Team Defense

DL - Santana Hopper, App State (RS So., DL - Shelby, N.C.)

DL - Clev Lubin, Coastal Carolina (RS So., DL - Suffern, NY.)

DL - Eric O'Neill, James Madison (RS Jr., DL - Staten Island, NY.)

DL - Mike Green, Marshall (RS So., DL - Williamsburg, Va.)

LB - Marques Watson-Trent, Georgia Southern (RS Sr., LB - Pittsburgh, Pa.)

LB - K.C. Ossai, Louisiana (Sr., LB - Conroe, Texas)

LB - Jaden Yates, Marshall (So., LB - Columbus, Ohio)

DB - Trevian Thomas, Arkansas State (Sr., DB - Americus, Ga.)

DB - Matthew McDoom, Coastal Carolina (Jr., DB - Winter Garden, Fla.)

DB - Terrence Spence, James Madison (Sr., DB - Ringwood, N.J.)

DB - JJ. Roberts, Marshall (RS Sr., DB - Ona, WVa.)

DB - Jaden Voisin, South Alabama (RS Sr., DB - Crestview, Fla.)

### All-Sun Belt First Team Special Teams

K - Kenneth Almendares, Louisiana (RS Sr., K - Clute, Texas)

P - Bryce Lofton, Southern Miss (Gr., P - Sand Hill, Miss.)

RS - Ian Foster, Marshall (RS Fr., RS - Brundidge, Ala.)

AP - Devonte Ross, Troy (Jr., AP - Cartersville, Ga.)

# SBC IN THE NFL

## App State

Akeem Davis-Gaither - LB, Cincinnati Bengals (1 G, 1 GS, 8 Tackles, 1 Pass Defended)

Darrynton Evans - RB, Chicago Bears (1 G, 3 Rushes, 3 Yards)

Tyrek Funderburk - CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1 G)

Nick Hampton - LB, Los Angeles Rams (1 G)

^ Cooper Hodges - OL, Jacksonville Jaguars

Shemar Jean-Charles, DB, New Orleans Saints (1 G)

\* Shaun Jolly - CB, Los Angeles Rams

D'Marco Jackson - LB, New Orleans Saints (1 G)

Kendall Lamm - OL, Miami Dolphins (1 G, 1 GS)

Sam Martin - P, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 1 GS, 2 Punts, 101 Yards)

Ryan Neuzil - OL, Atlanta Falcons (1 G)

\* Andrew Parker Jr. - LB, New England Patriots

Jalen Virgil - WR, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 1 Tackle)

\* Bucky Williams - OL, Los Angeles Chargers

## Arkansas State

Demario Davis - LB, New Orleans Saints (1 G, 1 GS, 8 Tackles, 1

Interception, 1 Pass Defended)

Blake Grupe - K, New Orleans Saints (1 G, 1 GS, 0-for-2 FG, 2-for-2 XP)

## Coastal Carolina

CJ Brewer - DL, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1 G, 1 Tackle)

\* Tarron Jackson - DL, Philadelphia Eagles

Isaiah Likely - TE, Baltimore Ravens (Bye Week)

## Georgia Southern

Darrell Baker Jr. - CB, Tennessee Titans (1 G, 1 GS, 3 Tackles)

Shemar Bartholomew - CB, Carolina Panthers (DNP)

Tyler Bass - K, Buffalo Bills (1 G, 1 GS, 6-for-6 XP)

\* Raymond Johnson III - DE, Cincinnati Bengals

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

\* Najee Thompson - CB, Minnesota Vikings

Kindle Vildor - CB, Detroit Lions (1 G)

## Georgia State

Travis Glover - OL, Green Bay Packers (1 G)

Wil Lutz - K, Denver Broncos (Bye Week)

## James Madison

\* Liam Fornadel - OL, New England Patriots

\* Jamree Kromah, DE, Chicago Bears

Aaron Strinnie - OL, New York Giants (1 G)

\* Isaac Ukwu - DE, Detroit Lions

\* Mike Greene - DE, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

## Louisiana

Percy Butler - S, Washington Commanders (Bye Week)

Kevin Dotson - OL, Los Angeles Rams (1 G, 1 GS)

Robert Hunt - OL, Carolina Panthers (1 G, 1 GS)

\* Andre Jones Jr. - DE, Washington Commanders

^ Elijah Mitchell - RB, San Francisco 49ers

Max Mitchell - OL, New York Jets (1 G)

^ John Stephens Jr. - TE, Dallas Cowboys

^ Nathan Thomas - OL, Dallas Cowboys

## Marshall

\* Micah Abraham - CB, Cincinnati Bengals

Rasheen Ali - RB, Baltimore Ravens (Bye Week)

\* Josh Ball - OL, Dallas Cowboys

\* Abraham Beauplan - LB, Detroit Lions

Ethan Driskell - OL, Kansas City Chiefs (DNP)

Neville Hewitt - LB, Houston Texans (Bye Week)

Nazeeh Johnson - S, Kansas City Chiefs (1 G)

\* Elias Neal - LB, Los Angeles Rams

Dalton Tucker - OL, Indianapolis Colts (Bye Week)

## Old Dominion

Tre Hawkins III - CB, New York Giants (1 G, 1 GS, 6 Tackles, 1 Interception,

2 Passes Defended)

\* Marcus Haynes - DE, Cleveland Browns

Taylor Heinicke - QB, Los Angeles Chargers (1 G, 1 Rush, 12 Yards)

\* Zack Kuntz - TE, New York Jets

Rick Lovato - LS, Philadelphia Eagles (1 G)

Zach Pascal - WR, Arizona Cardinals (1 G, 1 Tackle)

\* Nick Saldiveri - OL, New Orleans Saints

Stone Smartt - TE, Los Angeles Chargers (1 G, 3 Receptions, 54 Yards)

\* Blake Watson - RB, Denver Broncos

^ Oshane Ximines - LB, New England Patriots

## South Alabama

\* Carter Bradley - QB, Las Vegas Raiders

Gerald Everett - TE, Chicago Bears (1 G, 1 GS)

^ Darrell Luter Jr. - CB, San Francisco 49ers

Jeremy Reaves - S, Washington Commanders (Bye Week)

\* Jarnie Sheriff - LB, Seattle Seahawks

Jalen Tolbert - WR, Dallas Cowboys (1 G, 1 GS)

Corliss Waitman - P, Pittsburgh Steelers (1 G, 1 GS, 6 Punts, 314 Yards)

## Southern Miss

Swayze Bozeman - LB, Kansas City Chiefs (1 G)

Natrone Brooks - CB, Atlanta Falcons (DNP)

\* Jason Brownlee - WR, New York Jets

\* Frank Gore Jr. - RB, Buffalo Bills

Tim Jones - WR, Jacksonville Jaguars (1 G)

Tarvarius Moore - S, Chicago Bears (1 G, 1 Tackle)

Nick Mullens - QB, Minnesota Vikings (1 G, 2 Rushes, -2 Yards)

Rakeem Nunez-Roches - DL, New York Giants (DNP)

\* Cameron Tom - C, Cleveland Browns

\* Quez Watkins - WR, Pittsburgh Steelers

## Texas State

Jake Bates - K, Detroit Lions (1 G, 1 GS, 2-for-2 FG, 4-for-4 XP)

Aaron Brewer - OL, Miami Dolphins (1 G, 1 GS)

## Troy

^ Jake Andrews - OL, New England Patriots

\* Shakel Brown - DL, Miami Dolphins

Dell Pettus - S, New England Patriots (Bye Week)

Javon Solomon - EDGE, Buffalo Bills (1 G)

\* Reddy Steward - CB, Chicago Bears

Kimani Vidal - RB, Los Angeles Chargers (1 G, 8 Rushes, 34 Yards)

\* Practice Squad | ^ Injured & Other Reserve

# POSTSEASON AWARDS

## All-Sun Belt Second Team Offense

QB - Braylon Braxton, Marshall (RS Jr., QB - Frisco, Texas)  
RB - A.J. Turner, Marshall (RS So., RB - Hampton, Va.)  
RB - Darnien Taylor, Troy (Jr., RB - Northport, Ala.)  
OL - Jack Hollifield, App State (RS Jr., OL - Shelby, N.C.)  
OL - Jacob Bayer, Arkansas State (Sr., OL - Grandview, Texas)  
OL - Mehki Butler, Arkansas State (RS Sr., OL - Omaha, Neb.)  
OL - Bryson Broadway, Georgia Southern (5th Yr., OL - Dawsonville, Ga.)  
OL - Daniel King, Troy (Sr., OL - Cairo, Ga.)  
TE - Dorian Fleming, Georgia State (So., TE - Henrico, Va.)  
WR - Corey Rucker, Arkansas State (RS Jr., WR - Bentonia, Miss.)  
WR - Ted Hurst, Georgia State (Jr., WR - Savannah, Ga.)  
WR - Joey Hobert, Texas State (Sr., WR - San Clemente, Calif.)

## All-Sun Belt Second Team Defense

DL - Khairi Manns, James Madison (RS Sr., DL - New Rochelle, N.Y.)  
DL - Jordan Lawson, Louisiana (RS Jr., DL - Brandon, Miss.)  
DL - Kevontay Wells, ULM (Jr., DL - Jackson, Miss.)  
DL - WyKevious Thomas, South Alabama (RS Sr., DL - Riverdale, Ga.)  
LB - Jacob Dobbs, James Madison (RS Sr., LB - Macomb, Mich.)  
LB - Koa Naotata, Old Dominion (RS So., LB - Newport News, Va.)  
LB - Blayne Myrick, South Alabama (RS So., LB - Fairhope, Ala.)  
DB - Chance Gamble, Georgia Southern (RS Jr., DB - Fitzgerald, Ga.)  
DB - Marc Stampley II, Georgia Southern (Jr., DB - Peachtree City, Ga.)  
DB - Jacob Thomas, James Madison (Jr., DB - Ashburn, Va.)  
DB - Tyrone Lewis, Louisiana (RS Sr., DB - Hammond, La.)  
DB - Tyree Skipper, Louisiana (RS Jr., DB - New Orleans, La.)

## All-Sun Belt Second Team Special Teams

K - Laith Marjan, South Alabama (RS Jr., K - Raleigh, N.C.)  
P - James Allen, Georgia State (RS Jr., P - Australia)  
RS - Devonte Ross, Troy (Jr., RS - Cartersville, Ga.)  
AP - Ismail Mahdi, Texas State (Jr., AP - Murphy, Texas)

## All-Sun Belt Third Team Offense

QB - Jordan McCloud, Texas State (RS Sr., QB - Tampa, Fla.)  
RB - Ahmani Marshall, App State (Sr., RB - Winston-Salem, N.C.)  
RB - Fluff Bothwell, South Alabama (Fr., RB - Oneonta, Ala.)  
OL - Caleb Cook, Georgia Southern (RS Jr., OL - Brunswick, Ga.)  
OL - Pichon Wimbley, Georgia Southern (Jr., OL - Newnan, Ga.)  
OL - Zach Barlev, Old Dominion (Jr., OL - Bolingbrook, Ill.)  
OL - Jordan Davis, South Alabama (RS Jr., OL - Fairburn, Ga.)  
OL - Alex Harkey, Texas State (RS Jr., OL - Austin, Texas)  
TE - Pat Conroy, Old Dominion (RS Sr., TE - Reading, Mass.)  
WR - Makai Jackson, App State (Jr., WR - Levittown, Pa.)  
WR - Lance LeGendre, Louisiana (RS Sr., WR - New Orleans, La.)  
WR - Isiah Paige, Old Dominion (Sr., WR - Richmond, Va.)

## All-Sun Belt Third Team Defense

DL - Bryan Whitehead, Arkansas State (RS Jr., DL - Bartlett, Tenn.)  
DL - Billy Pullen, ULM (Jr., DL - Kaufman, Texas)  
DL - Deeve Harris, Marshall (RS Sr., DL - St. Louis, Mo.)  
DL - Kris Trinidad, Old Dominion (RS Jr., DL - Richmond, Va.)  
LB - Marvin Ham, Arkansas State (RS Sr., LB - Belleville, Mich.)  
LB - Kevin Swint, Georgia State (Sr., LB - Carrollton, Ga.)  
LB - Carl Glass Jr., ULM (Sr., LB - Monroe, La.)  
LB - Brendan Jackson, Troy (Sr., LB - Statesboro, Ga.)  
DB - Keyon Martin, Louisiana (Sr., DB - Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)  
DB - Wydett Williams Jr., ULM (Jr., DB - Lake Providence, La.)  
DB - Jacobie Henderson, Marshall (RS So., DB - Charlotte, N.C.)  
DB - Jahron Manning, Old Dominion (Jr., DB - New Orleans, La.)

## All-Sun Belt Third Team Special Teams

K - Clune Van Andel, Arkansas State (So., K - Grand Rapids, Mich.)  
P - Ryan Hanson, James Madison (RS Sr., P - Elgin, Texas)  
RS - Cam Ross, James Madison (RS Sr., RS - Newark, Del.)  
AP - Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama (Sr., AP - Jackson, Ala.)

## All-Sun Belt Honorable Mentions

### App State

QB - Joey Aguilar (Sr., QB - Antioch, Calif.)  
OL - Markell Samuel (RS Jr., OL - Fayetteville, N.C.)  
TE - Eli Wilson (Sr., TE - Piedmont, S.C.)  
LB - Brendan Harrington (RS Sr., LB - Pittsboro, N.C.)

### Arkansas State

RB - Zak Wallace (RS Sr., RB - Benton, Ark.)  
LB - Justin Parks (Sr., DB - Gardendale, Ala.)  
P - Ryan Heicher (Sr., P - Walled Lake, Mich.)  
LS - Jack Bullard (Sr., LS - Chandler, Ariz.)

### Coastal Carolina

RB - Braydon Bennett (RS Sr., RB - Greenville, S.C.)  
OL - Nick Del Grande (RS So., OL - Lancaster, Pa.)  
LB - Shane Bruce (RS Sr., LB - Carrollton, Ga.)  
DB - Juan Powell (Gr., DB - Atlanta, Ga.)

### Georgia Southern

RB - Jalen White (5th Yr., RB - Daleville, Ala.)  
WR - Derwin Burgess Jr. (Sr., WR - Riverdale, Ga.)  
LB - Davin Gilmore (6th Yr., LB - North Charleston, S.C.)  
P - Alex Smith (So., P - Melbourne, Australia)

### Georgia State

DL - Henry Bryant (RS Jr., DL - Delray Beach, Fla.)  
LB - Damaine Wilson (Fr., LB - Pompano Beach, Fla.)  
DB - Gavin Pringle (RS Sr., DB - Baltimore, Md.)  
DB - Kenyatta Watson (RS Sr., DB - Loganville, Ga.)

### James Madison

QB - Alonza Barnett III (RS So., QB - Whitsett, N.C.)  
TE - Taylor Thompson (Sr., TE - Prattville, Ala.)  
WR - Omarion Dollison (Sr., WR - Columbia, S.C.)  
DL - Immanuel Bush (RS Jr., DL - Lancaster, S.C.)

### Louisiana

RB - Zylan Perry (RS So., RB - Franklin, La.)  
OL - Jax Harrington (RS Sr., OL - Erath, La.)  
DL - Mason Narcisse (Sr., DL - Reserve, La.)  
LB - Carmycal Glass (RS So., LB - Monroe, La.)

### ULM

OL - Elijah Fisher (Jr., OL - Allen, Texas)  
TE - Rylan Green (Jr., TE - West Monroe, La.)  
TE - Julian Nixon (Jr., TE - Atlanta, Ga.)  
DB - David Godsey Jr. (Jr., DB - Mansfield, Texas)

### Marshall

OL - Jeremy Jones (Sr., OL - Lewisville, Texas)  
TE - Toby Payne (RS So., TE - Poca, W.Va.)  
WR - Christian Fitzpatrick (RS Sr., WR - Southfield, Mich.)  
DB - Josh Moten (Jr., DB - Waldorf, Md.)

### Old Dominion

QB - Colton Joseph (RS Fr., QB - Newport Beach, Calif.)  
RB - Aaron Young (Sr., RB - Coatesville, Pa.)  
DL - Denzel Lowry (RS Jr., DL - Virginia Beach, Va.)  
LB - Mario Thompson (So., LB - Richmond, Va.)

### South Alabama

QB - Gio Lopez (RS Fr., QB - Madison, Ala.)  
OL - Reed Buys (RS Sr., OL - Vicksburg, Miss.)  
TE - DJ Thomas-Jones (Sr., TE - Mobile, Ala.)  
DL - Maurice Strong Jr. (Gr., DL - Raiford, Fla.)

### Southern Miss

RB - Rodrigues Clark (Gr., RB - Starkville, Miss.)  
DL - Kristin Booth (Sr., DL - Oxford, Ala.)  
DL - Brodarius Lewis (Gr., DL - Prattville, Ala.)  
LB - Tre Pinkney (RS Sr., LB - Atlanta, Ga.)

### Texas State

OL - Nash Jones (Sr., OL - Nacogdoches, Texas)  
WR - Kole Wilson (Jr., WR - Katy, Texas)  
DL - Steven Parker (RS Sr., DL - Dallas, Texas)  
DB - Jordan Polk (RS Sr., DB - Arlington, Texas)

### Troy

OL - Eli Russ (Jr., OL - Ardmore, Okla.)  
DL - Luis Medina (Jr., DL - Summerville, Ga.)  
LB - Jordan Stringer (Jr., LB - Augusta, Ga.)  
DB - Devin Lafayette (Jr., DB - Brunswick, Ga.)

## CONFERENCE RESULTS

### WEEK 1

Coastal Carolina def. Jacksonville State, 55-27  
 ULM def. Jackson State, 30-14  
 App State def. ETSU, 38-10  
 Boise State def. Georgia Southern, 56-45  
 South Carolina def. Old Dominion, 23-19  
 North Texas def. South Alabama, 52-38  
 Marshall def. Stony Brook, 45-3  
 Nevada def. Troy, 28-26  
 Arkansas State def. Central Arkansas, 34-31  
 Louisiana def. Grambling, 40-10  
 Georgia Tech def. Georgia State, 35-12  
 James Madison def. Charlotte, 30-7  
 Texas State def. Lamar, 34-27  
 Kentucky def. Southern Miss, 31-0

### WEEK 2

Memphis def. Troy, 38-17  
 Texas State def. UTSA, 49-10  
 Virginia Tech def. Marshall, 31-14  
 James Madison def. Gardner-Webb, 13-6  
 Ohio def. South Alabama, 27-20  
 East Carolina def. Old Dominion, 20-14  
 Louisiana def. Kennesaw State, 34-10  
 Arkansas State def. Tulsa, 28-24  
 Georgia State def. Chattanooga, 24-21  
 ULM def. UAB, 32-6  
 Southern Miss def. Southeastern Louisiana, 35-10  
 Georgia Southern def. Nevada, 20-17  
 Coastal Carolina def. William & Mary, 40-21  
 No. 25/22 Clemson def. App State, 66-20

### WEEK 3

South Alabama def. Northwestern State, 87-10  
 Arizona State def. Texas State, 31-28  
 No. 17/16 Michigan def. Arkansas State, 28-18  
 Coastal Carolina def. Temple, 28-20  
 Iowa def. Troy, 38-21  
 App State def. East Carolina, 21-19  
 Georgia Southern def. South Carolina State, 42-14  
 Virginia Tech def. Old Dominion, 37-17  
 Georgia State def. Vanderbilt, 36-32  
 South Florida def. Southern Miss, 49-24

### WEEK 4

South Alabama def. App State, 48-14  
 Tulane def. Louisiana, 41-33  
 No. 3/3 Ohio State def. Marshall, 49-14  
 James Madison def. North Carolina, 70-50  
 No. 20/21 Iowa State def. Arkansas State, 52-7  
 Virginia def. Coastal Carolina, 43-24  
 Jacksonville State def. Southern Miss, 44-7  
 Troy def. Florida A&M, 34-12  
 No. 5/5 Ole Miss def. Georgia Southern, 52-13  
 No. 1/2 Texas def. ULM, 51-3

### WEEK 5

James Madison def. Ball State, 63-7  
 Sam Houston def. Texas State, 40-39  
 Marshall def. Western Michigan, 27-20  
 Georgia Southern def. Georgia State, 38-21  
 Louisiana def. Wake Forest, 41-38  
 Old Dominion def. Bowling Green, 30-27  
 ULM def. Troy, 13-9  
 No. 14/13 LSU def. South Alabama, 42-10

### WEEK 6

Texas State def. Troy, 38-17  
 Marshall def. App State, 52-37  
 Louisiana def. Southern Miss, 23-13  
 Arkansas State def. South Alabama, 18-16  
 ULM def. James Madison, 21-19  
 Coastal Carolina def. Old Dominion, 45-37

### WEEK 7

James Madison def. Coastal Carolina, 39-7  
 Old Dominion def. Georgia State, 21-14  
 ULM def. Southern Miss, 38-21  
 Texas State def. Arkansas State, 41-9  
 Louisiana def. App State, 34-24  
 Georgia Southern def. Marshall, 24-23

### WEEK 8

South Alabama def. Troy, 25-9  
 Marshall def. Georgia State, 35-20  
 Louisiana def. Coastal Carolina, 34-24  
 Old Dominion def. Texas State, 24-14  
 Georgia Southern def. James Madison, 28-14  
 Arkansas State def. Southern Miss, 44-28

### WEEK 9

Old Dominion def. Georgia Southern, 47-19  
 App State def. Georgia State, 33-26  
 James Madison def. Southern Miss, 32-15  
 South Alabama def. ULM, 46-17  
 Arkansas State def. Troy, 34-31

### WEEK 10

Louisiana def. Texas State, 23-17  
 UConn def. Georgia State, 34-27  
 App State def. Old Dominion, 28-20  
 Marshall def. ULM, 28-23  
 Troy def. Coastal Carolina, 38-24  
 Georgia Southern def. South Alabama, 34-30

### WEEK 11

Coastal Carolina def. App State, 38-24  
 Texas State def. ULM, 38-17  
 Marshall def. Southern Miss, 37-3  
 James Madison def. Georgia State, 38-7  
 Louisiana def. Arkansas State, 55-19

### WEEK 12

Auburn def. ULM, 48-14  
 Marshall def. Coastal Carolina, 31-19  
 Troy def. Georgia Southern, 28-20  
 James Madison def. Old Dominion, 35-32  
 Arkansas State def. Georgia State, 27-20  
 Texas State def. Southern Miss, 58-3  
 South Alabama def. Louisiana, 24-22

### WEEK 13

App State def. James Madison, 34-20  
 Arkansas State def. ULM, 28-21  
 South Alabama def. Southern Miss, 35-14  
 Georgia Southern def. Coastal Carolina, 26-6  
 Louisiana def. Troy, 51-30  
 Georgia State def. Texas State, 52-44  
 Marshall def. Old Dominion, 42-35

### WEEK 14

Texas State def. South Alabama, 45-38  
 Louisiana def. ULM, 37-23  
 Coastal Carolina def. Georgia State, 48-27  
 Troy def. Southern Miss, 52-20  
 Old Dominion def. Arkansas State, 40-32  
 Georgia Southern def. App State, 29-20  
 Marshall def. James Madison, 35-33 in 2OT

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Marshall def. Louisiana, 31-3

## SUN BELT AGAINST

### CONFERENCES

All Non-Conference.....	28-27
American.....	6-5
ACC .....	2-5
Big 12 .....	0-2
Big Ten .....	0-3
Conference USA.....	2-2
Independent.....	0-1
MAC .....	3-1
Mountain West.....	1-2
Pac-12 .....	0-0
SEC .....	1-6
FCS .....	13-0

### RANKED TEAMS

AP Top 25 Poll.....	0-7
US LBM Coaches Poll.....	0-7

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