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SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
ANNOUNCES ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL HONORS
- Twelve repeat honorees highlight selections -

BIRMINGHAM – The Southwestern Athletic Conference announces its 2008 All-Conference Football Team with 12 all-conference honorees from 2007 highlighting this season's selections. The team was selected by nominations and votes from the member schools' coaches and sports information contacts along with selected members of the media. Players of the year will be announced on Wednesday.

The lone unanimous selection on the team is Southern's Juamorris Stewart. He caught 76 passes for 1,138 yards and 12 touchdowns. Stewart finished the season with nine catches for 174 yards and a touchdown during the Bayou Classic. He led the conference in receptions per game (6.9) and in receiving yards per game (103.5)

Among the top overall vote-getters were Prairie View A&M RB Donald Babers (222 carries, 1,085 yards, 11 TDs), Jackson State DE Marcus Benard (80 total tackles, 31 solo, 16 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss), Texas Southern WR/RS William Osbourne (82 rec., 1,092 yards, 7 TDs; 192.3 all-purpose yards per game) and Grambling State DB Jeffrey Jack (74 tackles, 45 solo, INT, 2 blocked kicks).

Seven defensive players, three offensive players and two specialists were among those who were chosen for post season recognition after receiving the award in 2007. The list includes Ledarius Anthony (DE, Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff), Zach East (LB, Prairie View A&M), Vincent Lands (DE, Southern), Bryant Lee (QB, Southern), Jeremy Licea (K, Alabama A&M), Jeremy Maddox (DE, Alabama A&M), Xavier Manuel (OL, Alabama A&M), Malcolm Palmer (SS, Jackson State), Eric Perri (K, Jackson State), Marcellus Speaks (LB, Jackson State), Demarcus Stewart (OL, Southern) and Tim Turner (LB, Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff). UAPB running back Martell Mallett was first-team selection in 2006.

In all, there were 13 seniors selected to the first team and 10 for the second team. Ten juniors were chosen for the first team while eight were selected second team. One sophomore was a first-team selection while six were chosen for the second team; one freshman was selected for the second team.

Grambling State led the count with nine selections – including four on first team. Jackson State placed eight players on the all-conference squad with four first-team choices. Both Prairie View A&M and Southern each had seven players chosen and each placed four players on the first team. Texas Southern had five selections with three first-team slots while Alabama A&M and the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff each had four all-conference players and two first-team selections. Mississippi Valley State had three (one first-team choice) while Alcorn State had two; Alabama State rounded out the list with one second-team selection.

2008 SWAC Football All-Conference Selections

First-Team Offense

			ht	wt	cl	hometown
OT	Cleveland Collie	Prairie View A&M	6-2	285	Sr.	Royal Palm Beach, FL
OL	Demarcus Stewart	Southern	6-0	285	Sr.	Plaquemine, LA
C	Revay Smith	Grambling State	6-1	305	Sr.	Port Allen, LA
OL	Xavier Manuel	Alabama A&M	6-1	307	Jr.	Vineger Bend, AL
OT	Mikeal Harshaw	Jackson State	6-4	310	Jr.	Memphis, TN
TE	Abner Brown	Mississippi Valley State	6-3	210	Sr.	Daytona Beach, FL
WR	Juamorris Stewart	Southern	6-3	195	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
WR	William Osbourne	Texas Southern	5-8	162	Jr.	Marshall, TX
RB	Donald Babers	Prairie View A&M	5-9	170	Jr.	Houston, TX
RB	Martell Mallett	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-0	213	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
QB	Bryant Lee	Southern	6-2	195	So.	Boutte, LA
K	Jeremy Licea	Alabama A&M	5-7	147	Jr.	Ventura, CA

First-Team Defense

DL	Marcus Benard	Jackson State	6-4	260	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
DE	Vincent Lands	Southern	6-1	250	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
DE	Christian Anthony	Grambling State	6-4	246	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
DT	Melvin Matthews	Grambling State	6-5	305	Sr.	Clinton, LA
LB	Marcellus Speaks	Jackson State	6-2	230	Sr.	Jackson, MS
LB	Zach East	Prairie View A&M	6-2	230	Sr.	Houston, TX
LB	Lee Robinson	Alcorn State	6-3	245	Sr.	Gloster, MS
CB	Jeffrey Jack	Grambling State	6-0	208	Sr.	Houston, TX
SS	Anthony Beck	Prairie View A&M	5-11	175	Jr.	Channelview, TX
CB	Dominique Johnson	Jackson State	6-2	200	Sr.	Texas City, TX
CB	Kevin Thornton	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-1	205	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
P	Stephon Solomon	Texas Southern	6-3	210	Jr.	Houston, TX
RS	William Osbourne	Texas Southern	5-8	162	Jr.	Marshall, TX

Second-Team Offense

			ht	wt	cl	hometown
OL	Bronson Carvalho	Alcorn State	6-3	335	Sr.	Kapaa, HI
OG	James Delke	Prairie View A&M	6-2	275	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
C	Eric Jones	Jackson State	6-3	285	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
OG	Nelson Baddele	Mississippi Valley State	6-3	295	Sr.	Jackson, MS
OL	Rafael Louis	Southern	6-3	275	Sr.	Erwinville, LA
TE	Marcel Frost	Jackson State	6-5	255	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
WR	Thomas Harris	Alabama A&M	6-0	210	Jr.	Alexander City, AL
WR	Brian Haith	Texas Southern	6-1	175	Jr.	Upland, CA
RB	Cornelius Walker	Grambling State	5-10	170	So.	Atlanta, GA
RB	Rahmod Traylor	Alabama State	5-11	205	Jr.	Memphis, TN
QB	Greg Dillon	Grambling State	6-0	200	So.	Bogalusa, LA
K	Eric Perri	Jackson State	5-8	155	Jr.	Miami, FL

Second-Team Defense

DE	Jeremy Maddox	Alabama A&M	6-0	244	Jr.	Grand Bay, AL
DE	Fred Poole	Mississippi Valley State	6-3	252	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
DE	Quinton Spears	Prairie View A&M	6-4	220	So.	Montgomery, TX
DE	Ledarius Anthony	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-6	270	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
LB	Keefe Hall	Grambling State	6-4	220	Sr.	Houston, TX
LB	Johnathan Malveaux	Southern	6-6	250	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
LB	Tim Turner	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-2	215	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
SS	Glenn Bell	Southern	5-9	185	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
CB	Kenneth Anio	Grambling State	6-0	180	Jr.	Jackson, LA
CB	De'Markus Washington	Texas Southern	5-9	160	Fr.	Dallas, TX
SS	Malcolm Palmer	Jackson State	6-1	200	Jr.	Autaugaville, AL
P	Pedro Ventura	Prairie View A&M	5-9	170	So.	Houston, TX
RS	Kiare Thompson	Grambling State	6-0	185	So.	Sacramento, CA