



# Southern Conference Football

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## SoCon Media All-Conference Football Team Announced

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – The Southern Conference Sports Media Association selected its SoCon Football All-Conference Teams and Specialty Awards for the 2011 season. Wofford's Eric Breitenstein was named the Roy M. "Legs" Offensive Player of the Year, while Georgia Southern junior defensive lineman Brent Russell was tabbed the Defensive Player of the Year. Chattanooga's Terrell Robinson earned the Freshman of the Year Award, while GSU's Jeff Monken was named the Wallace Wade Coach of the Year.

Breitenstein becomes the first Terrier to be named the league's Roy M. "Legs" Offensive Player of the Year. The junior fullback led the league and ranks 11<sup>th</sup> nationally with 122.1 yards per game. The Valle Crucis, N.C., native had nine 100-yard rushing performances in 2011 and averaged 5.5 yards per carry. Breitenstein scored 16 touchdowns and averaged 8.73 points per game, the tenth-best mark in the nation.

Russell helped anchor one of the top defenses in all of the FCS. A finalist for the Buck Buchanan award that goes to the nation's top defensive player, Russell recorded 48 tackles, including 11.5 for loss this season. He was credited with five sacks, two quarterback hurries and a blocked kick. The junior is part of a unit that ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in scoring defense, yielding just 20.8 points per game. Russell is just the second Eagle to be named Defensive Player of the Year by the league's media, joining linebacker Chris Covington who won the award in 2008.

Robinson was named the league's Freshman of the Year after teammate Kadeem Wise was honored with the same award in 2010. The freshman signal caller went 3-1 as the Mocs' starting quarterback in relief of senior B.J. Coleman. Robinson earned the league's Freshman of the Week award three straight times in October. He completed 27 of 43 passes for 336 yards and six touchdowns. A dual threat for UTC, Robinson also carried 90 times for 417 yards and 5 TDs.

Monken led Georgia Southern to a 9-2 record this fall, including a 7-1 mark in league play. The Eagles won their sixth outright Southern Conference Championship and ninth overall and earned the league's automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs. Monken becomes the first Georgia Southern coach since Paul Johnson (1997 & 1998) to win the Wallace Wade Coach of the Year Award. The Eagles earned the No. 3 seed in the FCS Playoffs and will host either Old Dominion or Norfolk State December 3.

Furman and Georgia Southern placed nine players on the all-conference team, including six first-team selections for both schools. Appalachian State had eight players earn all-conference honors.

### 2011 Media All-Southern Conference Football Team

**Roy M. "Legs" Hawley Offensive Player of the Year** – Eric Breitenstein, Jr., RB, Wofford

**Defensive Player of the Year** – Brent Russell, Jr., DL, Georgia Southern

**Freshman of the Year** – Terrell Robinson, QB, Chattanooga

**Wallace Wade Coach of the Year** – Jeff Monken, Georgia Southern

#### First Team Offense

QB Chris Forcier, Sr., Furman  
RB Jerodis Williams, Jr., Furman  
RB Eric Breitenstein, Jr., Wofford  
OL Orry Frye, Sr., Appalachian State  
OL Ryan Lee, Sr., Furman

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OL Brett Moore, Sr., Georgia Southern  
OL William Maxwell, Sr., Georgia Southern  
OL Nate Page, Sr., Wofford  
TE Colin Anderson, Jr., Furman  
WR Brian Quick, Sr., Appalachian State  
WR Aaron Mellette, Jr., Elon

### **First Team Defense**

DL Derek Douglas, So., The Citadel  
DL Brent Russell, Jr., Georgia Southern  
DL Josh Williams, Jr., Chattanooga  
DL Alex Goltry, Sr., Wofford  
LB Joshua Jones, Sr., Elon  
LB Kadarron Anderson, Sr., Furman  
LB Alvin Scioneaux, So., Wofford  
DB Demetrius McCray, Jr., Appalachian State  
DB Ryan Steed, Sr., Furman  
DB Laron Scott, Sr., Georgia Southern  
DB Corey White, Sr., Samford

### **First Team Specialists**

PK Adrian Mora, Sr., Georgia Southern  
P Cass Couey, Jr., The Citadel  
RS Laron Scott, Sr., Georgia Southern

### **Second Team Offense**

QB Jaybo Shaw, Sr., Georgia Southern  
RB Robert Brown, So., Georgia Southern  
RB Fabian Truss, So., Samford  
OL Matt Ruff, Sr., Appalachian State  
OL Mike Sellers, So., The Citadel  
OL Ned Cuthbertson, Sr., Elon  
OL Dakota Dozier, So., Furman  
OL Jake Miles, Jr., Wofford  
OL (tie) Jared Singleton, So., Wofford  
TE Ben Jordan, Sr., Appalachian State  
WR Kelsey Pope, So., Samford  
WR Joel Bradford, Sr., Chattanooga

### **Second Team Defense**

DL Chris Billingslea, Jr., The Citadel  
DL Josh Lynn, Jr., Furman  
DL John Douglas, Sr., Georgia Southern  
DL Austin Hayes, Sr., Samford  
LB Jeremy Kimbrough, Jr., Appalachian State  
LB Ryan Consiglio, Sr., Chattanooga  
LB Wes Dothard, So., Chattanooga  
DB Troy Sanders, Jr., Appalachian State  
DB Nathan Wade, Jr., Furman  
DB D.J. Key, So., Chattanooga  
DB Kadeem Wise, So., Chattanooga

### **Second Team Specialists**

PK Cameron Yaw, Jr., Samford  
P Sam Martin, Jr., Appalachian State  
RS Fabian Truss, So., Samford

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