

2023 SUN BELT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL POSTSEASON AWARDS

Player of the Year

Jordan McCloud, James Madison (RS Sr., QB – Tampa, Fla.)

Offensive Player of the Year

Kimani Vidal, Troy (Jr., RB – Marietta, Ga.)

Defensive Player of the Year

Jalen Green, James Madison (Sr., DL – Baltimore, Md.)

Newcomer of the Year

Joey Aguilar, App State (Jr., QB – Antioch, Calif.)

Freshman of the Year

Jaylen Raynor, Arkansas State (Fr., QB – Kernersville, N.C.)

Coach of the Year

Curt Cignetti, James Madison

All-Sun Belt First Team Offense

QB – Jordan McCloud, James Madison (RS Sr., QB – Tampa, Fla.)

RB – Marcus Carroll, Georgia State (Sr., RB – Union City, Ga.)

RB – Kimani Vidal, Troy (Jr., RB – Marietta, Ga.)

OL – Isaiah Helms, App State (Sr., OL – Hudson, N.C.)

OL – Bucky Williams, App State (RS Sr., OL – Ringgold, Ga.)

OL – Jacob Bayer, Arkansas State (Jr., OL – Grandview, Texas)

OL – Khalil Crowder, Georgia Southern (6th Yr., OL – Carrollton, Ga.)

OL – Travis Glover, Georgia State (RS Sr., OL – Vienna, Ga.)

TE – Zach Horton, James Madison (Jr., TE – Roanoke, Va.)

WR – Reggie Brown, James Madison (RS Sr., WR – Lakeland, Fla.)

WR – Elijah Sarratt, James Madison (So., WR – Stafford, Va.)

WR – Caullin Lacy, South Alabama (Jr., WR – Mobile, Ala.)

All-Sun Belt First Team Defense

DL – Jalen Green, James Madison (Sr., DL – Baltimore, Md.)

DL – Jamree Kromah, James Madison (RS Sr., DL – Glenarden, Md.)

DL – Owen Porter, Marshall (RS Sr., DL – Huntington, W.Va.)

DL – Richard Jibunor, Troy (Sr., DL – Delta State, Nigeria)

DL – Javon Solomon, Troy (Jr., DL – Tallahassee, Fla.)

LB – Andrew Parker Jr., App State (RS Sr., LB – New Orleans, La.)

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

LB – Jason Henderson, Old Dominion (Jr., LB – Dingmans Ferry, Pa.)

DB – Tyrek Funderburk, App State (RS Sr., DB – Indian Trail, N.C.)

DB – Micah Abraham, Marshall (RS Sr., DB – Tampa, Fla.)

DB – Jaden Voisin, South Alabama (RS Jr., DB – Crestview, Fla.)
DB – Reddy Steward, Troy (Sr., DB – Decatur, Ala.)

All-Sun Belt First Team Special Teams

K – Mason Shipley, Texas State (RS So., K – Liberty Hill, Texas)
P – William Przystup, Arkansas State (RS Sr., P – Oviedo, Fla.)
RS – Jayden Harrison, Marshall (RS Jr., RS – Antioch, Tenn.)
AP – Ismail Mahdi, Texas State (So., AP – Murphy, Texas)

All-Sun Belt Second Team Offense

QB – Joey Aguilar, App State (Jr., QB – Antioch, Calif.)
RB – Rasheen Ali, Marshall (Jr., RB – Cleveland, Ohio)
RB – Frank Gore Jr., Southern Miss (Jr., RB – Miami, Fla.)
OL – Makilan Thomas, Arkansas State (RS So., OL – Little Rock, Ark.)
OL – Rasheed Miller, Georgia Southern (RS Jr., OL – Lake Wales, Fla.)
OL – Tyler Stephens, James Madison (Jr., OL – Virginia Beach, Va.)
OL – Grant Betts, Troy (Sr., OL – Spanish Fort, Ala.)
OL – Daniel King, Troy (Jr., OL – Cairo, Ga.)
TE – Eli Wilson, App State (Jr., TE – Piedmont, S.C.)
WR – Sam Pinckney, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr., WR – Greenwood, S.C.)
WR – Khaleb Hood, Georgia Southern (5th Yr., WR – Atlanta, Ga.)
WR – Joey Hobert, Texas State (Jr., WR – San Clemente, Calif.)

All-Sun Belt Second Team Defense

DL – James Carpenter, James Madison (RS Jr., DL – Roanoke, Va.)
DL – Mikail Kamara, James Madison (RS So., DL – Ashburn, Va.)
DL – Adin Huntington, ULM (Jr., DL – Stafford, Va.)
DL – Ben Bell, Texas State (Jr., DL – Cedar Park, Texas)
DL – T.J. Jackson, Troy (Jr., DL – Milbrook, Ala.)
LB – Nate Johnson, App State (Fr., LB – Gaffney, S.C.)
LB – Quentin Wilfawn, South Alabama (RS Sr., LB – Oxford, Miss.)
LB – Brian Holloway, Texas State (RS Sr., LB – Clear Lake, Texas)
DB – Ethan Johnson, App State (So., DB – Huntersville, N.C.)
DB – Shemar Bartholomew, Georgia Southern (6th Yr., DB – Houston, Texas)
DB – D'Angelo Ponds, James Madison (Fr., DB – West Park, Fla.)
DB – Dell Pettus, Troy (Sr., DB – Harvest, Ala.)

All-Sun Belt Second Team Special Teams

K – Michael Hughes, App State (Jr., K – Charleston, W.Va.)
P – Ryan Hanson, James Madison (RS Jr., P – Elgin, Texas)
RS – Ismail Mahdi, Texas State (So., RS – Murphy, Texas)
AP – Frank Gore Jr., Southern Miss (Jr., AP – Miami, Fla.)

All-Sun Belt Third Team Offense

QB – Gunnar Watson, Troy (Sr., QB – Butler, Ga.)
RB – Jalen White, Georgia Southern (Sr., RB – Daleville, Ala.)
RB – La’Damian Webb, South Alabama (Sr., RB – Opelika, Ala.)
OL – Jack Murphy, App State (RS So., OL – Fairfax, Va.)
OL – Will McDonald, Coastal Carolina (RS Sr., OL – Matthews, N.C.)
OL – AJ Gillie, Louisiana (RS Jr., OL – Natchitoches, La.)
OL – Ethan Driskell, Marshall (RS Sr., OL – Louisville, Ky.)
OL – Brey Walker, Texas State (RS Sr., OL – Moore, Okla.)
TE – Neal Johnson, Louisiana (Sr., TE – Mesquite, Texas)
WR – Robert Lewis, Georgia State (RS Jr., WR – Covington, Ga.)
WR – Jabre Barber, Troy (Jr., WR – Dothan, Ala.)
WR – Chris Lewis, Troy (So., WR – Pleasant Grove, Ala.)

All-Sun Belt Third Team Defense

DL – Thurman Geathers, Arkansas State (RS Sr., DL – Acworth, Ga.)
DL – Isaac Walker, Georgia Southern (RS So., DL – Greensboro, N.C.)
DL – Elijah Alston, Marshall (RS Jr., DL – Chesapeake, Va.)
DL – Wy’Kevious Thomas, South Alabama (RS Jr., DL – Riverdale, Ga.)
LB – Jontrey Hunter, Georgia State (RS Sr., LB – Tampa, Fla.)
LB – Aiden Fisher, James Madison (So., LB – Fredericksburg, Va.)
LB – Eli Neal, Marshall (Sr., LB – Memphis, Tenn.)
LB – Wayne Matthews III, Old Dominion (RS So., LB – Largo, Md.)
DB – Clayton Isbell, Coastal Carolina (Super Sr., DB – St. Charles, Ill.)
DB – Gavin Pringle, Georgia State (Sr., DB – Baltimore, Md.)
DB – Yam Banks, South Alabama (Jr., DB – Ridgeland, Miss.)
DB – Irshaad Davis, Troy (Sr., DB – Carol City, Fla.)

All-Sun Belt Third Team Special Teams

K – Camden Wise, James Madison (RS Sr., K – Blacksburg, Va.)
P – John McConnell, Marshall (RS So., P – Morgantown, W.Va.)
RS – Ja’Quez Cross, Arkansas State (RS So., RS – Hampton, Ark.)
AP – Caullin Lacy, South Alabama (Jr., AP – Mobile, Ala.)

All-Sun Belt Honorable Mentions

App State

RB – Kanye Roberts (RS Fr., RB – Teachey, N.C.)
WR – Kaedin Robinson (RS Jr., WR – Asheville, N.C.)
DL – Santana Hopper (RS Fr., DL – Shelby, N.C.)
DB – Jordan Favors (RS So., DB – Griffin, Ga.)

Arkansas State

OL – Jalen Cunningham (RS Sr., OL – Odenville, Ala.)
WR – Courtney Jackson (RS Jr., WR – Monroeville, Pa.)
LB – Charles Willekes (RS Jr., LB – Rockford, Mich.)

DB – Samy Johnson (Sr., DB – Little Rock, Ark.)

Coastal Carolina

OL – Nick Del Grande (RS Fr., OL – Lancaster, Pa.)

WR – Jared Brown (RS So., WR – Lilburn, Ga.)

DL – Micheal Mason (Super Sr., DL – Florence, S.C.)

DB – Matthew McDoom (So., DB – Winter Garden, Fla.)

Georgia Southern

QB – Davis Brin (6th Yr., QB – Boerne, Texas)

TE – Jjay McAfee (6th Yr., TE – Charleston, S.C.)

WR – Derwin Burgess Jr. (Jr., WR – Riverdale, Ga.)

DB – TJ Smith (RS Jr., DB – Atlanta, Ga.)

Georgia State

QB – Darren Grainger (RS Sr., QB – Conway, S.C.)

WR – Tailique Williams (RS Jr., WR – Pine Mountain, Ga.)

LB – Kevin Swint (Sr., LB – Carrollton, Ga.)

DB – Jeremiah Johnson (Sr., DB – Anguilla, Miss.)

James Madison

WR – Phoenix Sproles (RS Sr., WR – New Hope, Minn.)

LB – Jailin Walker (Jr., LB – Richmond, Va.)

DB – Chauncey Logan (So., DB – Salem, Va.)

DB – Francis Meehan (RS Sr., DB – Wilmington, N.C.)

Louisiana

OL – Nathan Thomas (RS Jr., OL – New Orleans, La.)

WR – Peter LeBlanc (Sr., WR – New Iberia, La.)

LB – Kendre’ Gant (Jr., LB – Port St. Joe, Fla.)

LB – K.C. Ossai (Jr., LB – Conroe, Texas)

ULM

OL – Elijah Fisher (So., OL – Allen, Texas)

OL – Zarian McGill (Jr., OL – Taylorsville, Miss.)

WR – Tyrone Howell (6th Yr., WR – Idabel, Okla.)

DL – Kenard Snyder (So., DL – Vero Beach, Fla.)

Marshall

OL – Logan Osburn (RS Jr., OL – Ona, W.Va.)

OL – Dalton Tucker (RS Sr., OL – Paris, Ky.)

DL – Sam Burton (RS Sr., DL – Boca Raton, Fla.)

DB – J.J. Roberts (RS Jr., DB – Ona, W.Va.)

Old Dominion

DL – Denzel Lowry (RS So., DL – Virginia Beach, Va.)
DB – Shawn Asbury II (Jr., DB – Stafford, Va.)
DB – LaMareon James (Jr., DB – Norfolk, Va.)
DB – Terry Jones (RS Jr., DB – Baltimore, Md.)

South Alabama

QB – Carter Bradley (Sr., QB – Jacksonville, Fla.)
OL – Reggie Smith (Sr., OL – Pensacola, Fla.)
WR – Jamaal Pritchett (So., WR – Jackson, Ala.)
LB – Trey Kiser (Sr., LB – Sulphur, Okla.)

Southern Miss

WR – Jakarius Caston (Sr., WR – Natchez, Miss.)
DL – Quentin Bivens (Sr., DL – Waynesboro, Miss.)
LB – Swayze Bozeman (RS Sr., LB – Flora, Miss.)
DB – Jay Stanley (Sr., DB – Greenwood, Miss.)

Texas State

QB – TJ Finley (RS So., QB – Ponchatoula, La.)
WR – Ashtyn Hawkins (Jr., WR – DeSoto, Texas)
WR – Kole Wilson (So., WR – Katy, Texas)
DB – Shawn Holton (Sr., DB – Fort Worth, Texas)

Troy

DL – Buddha Jones (Sr., DL – Tallahassee, Fla.)
DB – O'shai Fletcher (Sr., DB – Huntsville, Ala.)
DB – Caleb Ransaw (Jr., DB – Harvest, Ala.)
LS – Quentin Skinner (Sr., LS – Buford, Ga.)