

2024 SUN BELT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

East Division

1. App State – 96 Points (12)
2. James Madison – 79 Points (2)
3. Coastal Carolina – 67 Points
4. Georgia Southern – 50 Points
5. Marshall – 49 Points
6. Old Dominion – 32 Points
7. Georgia State – 19 Points

West Division

1. Texas State – 92 Points (9)
2. Troy – 68 Points (4)
3. Louisiana – 66 Points (1)
4. Arkansas State – 65 Points
5. South Alabama – 54 Points
6. Southern Miss – 31 Points
7. ULM – 16 Points

2024 SUN BELT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON AWARDS

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

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

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

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

Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team Offense^

QB – Joey Aguilar, App State (Sr., QB – Antioch, Calif.)
QB – Jordan McCloud, Texas State (RS Sr., QB – Tampa, Fla.)
RB – Jalen White, Georgia Southern (5th Yr., RB – Daleville, Ala.)
RB – Ismail Mahdi, Texas State (Jr., RB – Murphy, Texas)
OL – Jacob Bayer, Arkansas State (Sr., OL – Grandview, Texas)
OL – Makilan Thomas, Arkansas State (RS Jr., OL – Little Rock, Ark.)
OL – Cole Potts, James Madison (Sr., OL – Johnstown, Ohio)
OL – AJ Gillie, Louisiana (RS Sr., OL – Natchitoches, La.)
OL – Daniel King, Troy (Sr., OL – Cairo, Ga.)
TE – Eli Wilson, App State (Sr., TE – Piedmont, S.C.)
WR – Kaedin Robinson, App State (RS Sr., WR – Asheville, N.C.)
WR – Derwin Burgess Jr., Georgia Southern (Sr., WR – Riverdale, Ga.)
WR – Joey Hobert, Texas State (Sr., WR – San Clemente, Calif.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team Defense

DL – Santana Hopper, App State (RS So., DL – Shelby, N.C.)
DL – Nate Martey, Arkansas State (Sr., DL – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada)
DL – Justin Rhodes, Georgia Southern (5th Yr., DL – Durham, N.C.)
DL – Isaac Walker, Georgia Southern (RS Jr., DL – Greensboro, N.C.)
LB – Nate Johnson, App State (So., LB – Gaffney, S.C.)
LB – Marques Watson-Trent, Georgia Southern (RS Sr., LB – Pittsburgh, Pa.)
LB – Jason Henderson, Old Dominion (Sr., LB – Dingmans Ferry, Pa.)
LB – Ben Bell, Texas State (Sr., LB – Cedar Park, Texas)
DB – Jordan Favors, App State (RS Jr., DB – Griffin, Ga.)
DB – Ethan Johnson, App State (Jr., DB – Huntersville, N.C.)
DB – Gavin Pringle, Georgia State (RS Sr., DB – Baltimore, Md.)
DB – Jaden Voisin, South Alabama (RS Sr., DB – Crestview, Fla.)

Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team Special Teams

K – Mason Shipley, Texas State (RS Jr., K – Liberty Hill, Texas)

P – Ryan Hanson, James Madison (RS Sr., P – Elgin, Texas)

RS – Zylan Perry, Louisiana (RS So., RS – Franklin, La.)

AP – Ismail Mahdi, Texas State (Jr., AP – Murphy, Texas)

Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team Offense[^]

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

RB – Kanye Roberts, App State (RS So., RB – Wallace, N.C.)

RB – Ja’Quez Cross, Arkansas State (RS Jr., RB – Hampton, Ark.)

OL – Chandler Strong, Georgia Southern (RS So., OL – Warner Robins, Ga.)

OL – Pichon Wimbley, Georgia Southern (Jr., OL – Newnan, Ga.)

OL – Tyshawn Wyatt, James Madison (Sr., OL – Richmond, Va.)

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

OL – Eli Russ, Troy (Jr., OL – Ardmore, Okla.)

TE – Kendall Karr, Coastal Carolina (RS Sr., TE – Belmont, N.C.)

WR – Courtney Jackson, Arkansas State (RS Sr., WR – Monroeville, Pa.)

WR – Corey Rucker, Arkansas State (RS Jr., WR – Benton, Miss.)

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

WR – Kole Wilson, Texas State (Jr., WR – Katy, Texas)

Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team Defense

DL – Will Whitson, Coastal Carolina (Gr., DL – Cincinnati, Ohio)

DL – Eric O’Neill, James Madison (RS Jr., DL – Staten Island, N.Y.)

DL – Jordan Lawson, Louisiana (RS Jr., DL – Brandon, Miss.)

DL – Denzel Lowry, Old Dominion (RS Jr., DL – Virginia Beach, Va.)

DL – Wy’Kevious Thomas, South Alabama (RS Sr., DL – Riverdale, Ga.)

LB – Charles Willekes, Arkansas State (RS Sr., LB – Rockford, Mich.)

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

LB – KC Ossai, Louisiana (Sr., LB – Conroe, Texas)

DB – TJ Smith, Georgia Southern (RS Sr., DB – Atlanta, Ga.)

DB – Chauncey Logan, James Madison (Jr., DB – Salem, Va.)

DB – Tyrone Lewis Jr., Louisiana (RS Sr., DB – Hammond, La.)

DB – Kaleb Culp, Texas State (Sr., DB – Dallas, Texas)

Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team Special Teams

K – Michael Hughes, App State (Sr., K – Charleston, W.Va.)

P – Robert Cole, Troy (Sr., P – Coral Springs, Fla.)

RS – DeAndre Buchannon, Georgia Southern (So., RS – Atlanta, Ga.)

AP – Ja’Quez Cross, Arkansas State (RS Jr., AP – Hampton, Ark.)

[^] Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team & Second Team Offense Expanded Due to Ties in Voting