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Senior linebacker had 10 tackles and an interception vs. SCSU
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NEW ORLEANS - Georgia Southern senior linebacker [Tomarcio Reese](#) was voted the Sun Belt Conference's Defensive Player of the Week Monday, as announced by the league. He joins Arkansas State's Justice Hansen and Appalachian State's Darrynton Evans as the Week 1 honorees.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Justice Hansen, Arkansas State (Sr., QB, Edmond, Okla.)

Senior quarterback Justice Hansen completed a school-record six touchdown passes and recorded 454 yards total offense to help lead Arkansas State to 48-21 victory over Southeast Missouri State. Not only did Hansen's six passing touchdowns break the A-State record, they also tied the second most in Sun Belt Conference history and tied the most this season by any player in the nation. Hansen's total offense output tied the third most ever by an Arkansas State player and was the fourth most in the country this year as he led the Red Wolves to 685 yards total offense as a team, which ranked as the third most in school history. He completed 26-of-36 passing attempts for 423 yards that now stand as the fifth most in the A-State record books. All of his six passing touchdowns went to a different wide receiver and four of them covered at least 26 yards. Hansen is now responsible for five of the top seven single-game school records for passing yards.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

[Tomarcio Reese](#), Georgia Southern (Sr., LB, Moultrie, Ga.)

Senior linebacker [Tomarcio Reese](#) led the Georgia Southern defense with 10 tackles and recorded his first interception in a 37-6 win over South Carolina State on Saturday at Paulson Stadium. The defense allowed just 151 yards of total offense and shut out the Bulldogs in the first half. It was the first collegiate interception and the tackle total marked a career high.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Darrynton Evans, Appalachian State (So., RB, Oak Hill, Fla.)

After missing all of 2017 due to injury, Evans made his dynamic presence felt immediately with a first-quarter kickoff return of 100 yards to answer No. 9 Penn State's initial touchdown drive and tie the score at 7-7. It was the second 100-yard kickoff in program history. Keith Nash had a 100-yard return against Lenoir-Rhyne in 1968. It was App. State's first kickoff return for a TD since Evans himself had a 94-yard return in the 2016 Camellia Bowl. It marked two touchdowns in a span of three returns for Evans, as he had a 14-yard return after his 94-yard return in the bowl game. - Evans piled up a game-high 149 all-purpose yards (9 rushing, 10 receiving, 130 kick return).