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Seven Eagles Earn All-Sun Belt Honors

Bass, Brinson and Hunt make second-team All-SBC Football

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NEW ORLEANS – Seven Georgia Southern football players were honored by the league coaches and members of the media as the Sun Belt Conference announced Wednesday the selections for its all-conference teams.

Sophomore kicker [Tyler Bass](#), sophomore cornerback [Monquavion Brinson](#) and junior defensive lineman [Logan Hunt](#) were chosen for second-team All-Sun Belt Conference accolades. Four Eagles earned honorable mention recognition: [Wesley Fields](#), [Raymond Johnson III](#), [Curtis Rainey](#), and [Shai Werts](#).

"I'm excited for all of these guys to be recognized by the coaches and media around the conference for what they accomplished this year individually," head coach [Chad Lunsford](#) said. "What's even more exciting is that all seven of these guys will be back next year. With 18 starters on offense and defense projected to return next year, plus with the juice we have going on in the Ted Smith Family Football Center right now, I wish we could get out on the field right now and start spring ball. Exciting times are ahead for Eagle football!"

The Sun Belt Conference's coaches and a member of the media representing each team voted on the list of candidates for the teams with points assigned for rankings for each position. The first, second and third teams are comprised of 12 offensive players (1 QB, 3 WR, 2 RB, 1 TE, 5 OL), 12 defensive players (4 DL, 3 LB, 4 DB, 1 at large selection) and 4 special team players (K, P, Return Specialist and All Purpose), unless there are ties.

Bass, from Irmo, South Carolina, had big shoes to fill in replacing Lou Groza Award finalist [Younghoe Koo](#), but he did just that. Bass made 15 of 19 field goals, including nine from 40 yards or longer. That total is the second-most in school history behind Tim Foley's 10 in 1987. Bass also was a hammer on kickoffs as 46 of his 54 kicks were touchbacks. For good measure, he punted twice with both going inside the 20-yard line with a long of 61 yards.

Brinson, from Atlanta, had a big year manning one of the cornerback spots for the Eagles. He led the league in interceptions with five and was second in the conference with 12 pass breakups. He also had 34 tackles on the season.

Hunt was a force in the middle of the defensive line for GS, leading the squad in tackles for loss with 11.0 and sacks with 5.0. The Sandersville, Georgia, native had 32 tackles and six quarterback hurries.

Fields led the Eagles with 811 rushing yards and five scores while Werts set new school records for passing yards by a freshman (929) and total offense by a freshman quarterback (1,651). Rainey had over 30 knockdown blocks for a line that helped pave the way for the Sun Belt's leading rushing offense and Johnson III had 6.5 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks as a true freshman at the defensive end spot.

Below are all the entire first, second and third teams, as well as the individual awards:

Player of the Year

Javon Rolland-Jones, Arkansas State

Offensive Player of the Year

Justice Hansen, Arkansas State

Defensive Player of the Year

Jeremy Reaves, South Alabama

Newcomer of the Year

Ron Laforce, New Mexico State

Freshman of the Year

Marcus Jones, Troy

Coach of the Year

Neal Brown, Troy

All-Sun Belt First-Team Offense

Name (School, Position, Year)

Justice Hansen (Arkansas State, QB, Jr.)

Jalin Moore (Appalachian State, RB, Jr.)

Aaron Duckworth (Idaho, RB, Sr.)

Ike Lewis (Appalachian State, WR, Sr.)

Penny Hart (Georgia State, WR, So.)

Jaleel Scott (New Mexico State, WR, Sr.)

Blake Mack (Arkansas State, TE, Sr.)

Colby Gossett (Appalachian State, OL, Sr.)

Beau Nunn (Appalachian State, OL, Sr.)

Victor Johnson (Appalachian State, OL, So.)

Lanard Bonner (Arkansas State, OL, Jr.)

Steven Rowzee (Troy, OL, Sr.)

All-Sun Belt First-Team Defense

Name (School, Position, Year)

Tee Sims (Appalachian State, DL, Sr.)

Javon Rolland-Jones (Arkansas State, DL, Sr.)

Aikeem Coleman (Idaho, DL, Sr.)

Cedric Wilcots II (New Mexico State, DL, So.v

Hunter Reese (Troy, DL, Jr.)

Eric Boggs (Appalachian State, LB, Sr.)

Tony Lashley (Idaho, LB, Jr.)

Dalton Harrington (New Mexico State, LB, Sr.)

Clifton Duck (Appalachian State, DB, So.)

Blaise Taylor (Arkansas State, DB, Sr.)

Jeremy Reaves (South Alabama, DB, Sr.)

Blace Brown (Troy, DB, Jr.)

All-Sun Belt First-Team Special Teams

Name (School, Position, Year)

Gavin Patterson (South Alabama, PK, Jr.)

Corliss Waitman (South Alabama, P, Jr.)

Marcus Green (ULM, RS, Jr.)

Marcus Green (ULM, AP, Jr.)

All-Sun Belt Second-Team Offense

Name (School, Position, Year)

Taylor Lamb (Appalachian State, QB, Sr.)

Larry Rose III (New Mexico State, RB, Sr.)

Jordan Chunn (Troy, RB, Sr.)

Chris Murray (Arkansas State, WR, Sr.)

Jamarius Way (South Alabama, WR, Jr.)

Deondre Douglas (Troy, WR, Jr.)

Gabe Schrade (Texas State, TE, Sr.)

Noah Johnson (Idaho, OL, So.)

Kevin Dotson (Louisiana, OL, So.)

Noah Fisher (South Alabama, OL, Jr.)

Deontae Crumitie (Troy, OL, Jr.)

Tristan Crowder (Troy, OL, So.)

All-Sun Belt Second-Team Defense

Name (School, Position, Year)

Ronheen Bingham (Arkansas State, DL, Jr.)

[*Logan Hunt*](#) (Georgia Southern, DL, Jr.)

Jamal Stodom (Troy, DL, Sr.)

Trevon Sanders (Troy, DL, Jr.)

Kyle Wilson (Arkansas State, LB, Sr.)

Shane Johnson (Coastal Carolina, LB, Sr.)

Kaden Elliss (Idaho, LB, Jr.)

Tron Folsom (Troy, LB, So.)
Tac Hayes (Appalachian State, DB, Jr.)
Justin Clifton (Arkansas State, DB, Jr.)
[*Monquavion Brinson*](#) (Georgia Southern, DB, So.)
Ron Laforce (New Mexico State, DB, Jr.)

All-Sun Belt Second-Team Special Teams

Name (School, Position, Year)

[*Tyler Bass*](#) (Georgia Southern, PK, So.)
Cade Coffey (Idaho, P, Fr.)
Marcus Jones (Troy, RS, Fr.)
Marcus Jones (Troy, AP, Fr.)

All-Sun Belt Third-Team Offense

Name (School, Position, Year)

Tyler Rogers (New Mexico State, QB, Sr.)
Osharmar Abercrombie (Coastal Carolina, RB, Sr.)
Trey Ragas (Louisiana, RB, Fr.)
Justin McInnis (Arkansas State, WR, Jr.)
Malcolm Williams (Coastal Carolina, WR, Jr.)
RJ Turner (ULM, WR, So.)
Chase Rogers (Louisiana, TE, Fr.)
Jaypee Philbert (Arkansas State, OL, Sr.)
Grant Horst (Louisiana, OL, Sr.)
Frank Sutton (ULM, OL, Sr.)
Aaron Brewer (Texas State, OL, So.)
Kirk Kelley (Troy, OL, So.)

All-Sun Belt Third-Team Defense

Name (School, Position, Year)

Caleb Fuller (Appalachian State, DL, Sr.)
Caleb Caston (Arkansas State, DL, Sr.)
Marterious Allen (Georgia State, DL, Jr.)
Joe Dillon (Louisiana, DL, So.)
Devan Stringer (Appalachian State, LB, Sr.)
Michael Shaw (Georgia State, LB, Jr.)
Frankie Griffin (Texas State, LB, Jr.)
A.J. Howard (Appalachian State, DB, Sr.)
Chandon Sullivan (Georgia State, DB, Sr.)
Tracy Walker (Louisiana, DB, Sr.)
Shamad Lomax (New Mexico State, DB, So.)
Cedarius Rookard (Troy, DB, Jr.)

All-Sun Belt Third-Team Special Teams

Name (School, Position, Year)

Sawyer Williams (Arkansas State, PK, So.)
Cody Grace (Arkansas State, P, So.)
Blaise Taylor (Arkansas State, RS, Sr.)
Glenn Smith (Georgia State, AP, Sr.)

Honorable Mention (Georgia Southern Only)

[*Wesley Fields*](#) (RB, Jr.)
[*Raymond Johnson III*](#) (DE, Fr.)
[*Curtis Rainey*](#) (OL, Jr.)
[*Shai Werts*](#) (QB, Fr.)