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*Breida, Kwon, Jay Ellison selected to first team*



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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - Twelve Georgia Southern football players were chosen for the Athlon Sports 2016 All-Sun Belt preseason team, as released Tuesday by the magazine. GS, Arkansas State and Appalachian State were the top three teams in the Sun Belt last season and open 2016 at the top of predictions for this conference. The Red Wolves lead the way with 19 overall selections, with the Mountaineers checking in second with 16 picks. Georgia Southern and Georgia State are tied for third with 12 selections, with South Alabama (10) and Idaho (10) up next.

Three Eagles - running back [Matt Breida](#), offensive lineman [Andy Kwon](#) and defensive lineman [Jay Ellison](#) - were named to the first team while quarterback [Kevin Ellison](#), defensive lineman [Bernard Dawson](#) and linebacker [Ironhead Gallon](#) were named to the second team. Running back [L.A. Ramsby](#), offensive lineman [Jeremiah Culbreth](#) and defensive lineman [Jamal Johnson](#) were named to the third team while offensive lineman [Tommy Boynton](#), linebacker [Ukeme Eligwe](#) and kicker [Younghoe Koo](#) all were named to the fourth team.

An important note on the all-conference teams: these are based on how players will perform in 2016. Career statistics and awards matter in the evaluation, but choosing players for the 2016 all-conference team is largely based on predicting and projecting the best for the upcoming year.

For the full team, [click here](#).

#### **First-Team Offense**

RB [Matt Breida](#)

C [Andy Kwon](#)

#### **First-Team Defense**

DL [Jay Ellison](#)

#### **Second-Team Offense**

QB [Kevin Ellison](#)

#### **Second-Team Defense**

DL [Bernard Dawson](#)

LB [Ironhead Gallon](#)

#### **Third-Team Offense**

RB [L.A. Ramsby](#)

OL [Jeremiah Culbreth](#)

#### **Third-Team Defense**

DL [Jamal Johnson](#)

#### **Fourth-Team Offense**

OL [Tommy Boynton](#)

#### **Fourth-Team Defense**

LB [Ukeme Eligwe](#)

#### **Fourth-Team Specialists**

K [Younghoe Koo](#)

Georgia Southern opens the 2016 campaign on Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. as they host Savannah State at Paulson Stadium.

Football season tickets and parking for the 2016 season are on sale and can be purchased by visiting [GSEagles.com/tickets](http://GSEagles.com/tickets), calling 1-800-GSU-WINS or visiting the Ticket Office Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Cowart Building located at 203 Lanier Drive in Statesboro. Tickets start as low as \$75 per person for the season.

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, [GSEagles.com](http://GSEagles.com), through social media channels [facebook.com/GSATHletics](https://facebook.com/GSATHletics), [twitter.com/GSATHletics](https://twitter.com/GSATHletics), iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA.

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