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Four Eagles named preseason first-team all-conference

Football

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NEW ORLEANS - [Kindle Vildor](#) highlights a group of four Georgia Southern football players who have been voted to the Preseason All-Sun Belt squad, as released Friday morning by the conference. The team was voted on by coaches and selected media who cover the league.

Vildor was voted the league's defensive player of the year and to the first team. Joining him on the first-team defense were end [Raymond Johnson III](#) and fellow cornerback [Monguavion Brinson](#). Kicker [Tyler Bass](#) was voted to the first team as a specialist.

The Sun Belt will hold its annual Media Day on Monday in New Orleans at the Mercedes Benz Superdome while the Eagles will open camp on Aug. 2. Vildor and Bass will join head coach [Chad Lunsford](#) in The Big Easy.

Tickets are still on sale for both season packages and single games and can be purchased at GSEagles.com/Tickets.

2019 Sun Belt Conference Preseason Football Teams

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year: B.J. Smith (Troy, Senior)

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year: [Kindle Vildor](#) (Georgia Southern, Senior)

First Team Offense

QB - Zac Thomas (Appalachian State, Junior)

RB - Darrynton Evans (Appalachian State, Junior)

RB - B.J. Smith (Troy, Senior)

WR - Corey Sutton (Appalachian State, Junior)

WR - Kirk Merritt (Arkansas State, Senior)

WR - Ja'Marcus Bradley (Louisiana, RS-Senior)

TE - Javonis Isaac (Arkansas State, RS-Junior)

OL - Noah Hannon (Appalachian State, Junior)

OL - Victor Johnson (Appalachian State, Senior)
OL - Kevin Dotson (Louisiana, RS-Senior)
OL - Robert Hunt (Louisiana, RS-Senior)
OL - Kirk Kelley (Troy, Senior)

First Team Defense

DL - William Bradley-King (Arkansas State, RS-Junior)
DL - Forrest Merrill (Arkansas State, Junior)
DL - Raymond Johnson (Georgia Southern, Junior)
DL - Tyree Turner (South Alabama, Senior)
LB - Akeem Davis-Gaither (Appalachian State, Senior)
LB - Jordan Fehr (Appalachian State, Senior)
LB - Bryan London II (Texas State, Senior)
DB - Desmond Franklin (Appalachian State, Senior)
DB - Jerry Jacobs (Arkansas State, Junior)
DB - [Monguavion Brinson](#) (Georgia Southern, Senior)
DB - [Kindle Vildor](#) (Georgia Southern, Senior)

First Team Special Teams

K - [Tyler Bass](#) (Georgia Southern, RS-Senior)
P - Brandon Wright (Georgia State, RS-Senior)
RS - Tra Minter (South Alabama, Senior)

Second Team Offense

QB - Caleb Evans (ULM, Senior)
RB - Elijah Mitchell (Louisiana, Junior)
RB - Trey Ragas (Louisiana, RS-Junior)
WR - Omar Bayless (Arkansas State, RS-Senior)
WR - Kawaan Baker (South Alabama, Junior)
WR - Tray Eafford (Troy, Junior)
TE - Collin Reed (Appalachian State, Senior)
OL - Jacob Still (Arkansas State, RS-Junior)
OL - Hunter Atkinson (Georgia State, RS-Senior)
OL - T.J. Fiailoa (ULM, RS-Junior)
OL - Aaron Brewer (Texas State, Senior)
OL - Tristan Crowder (Troy, Senior)

Second Team Defense

DL - Kevin Thurmon (Arkansas State, RS-Senior)
DL - Tarron Jackson (Coastal Carolina, RS-Junior)
DL - Zi'Yon Hill (Louisiana, RS-Sophomore)
DL - Jarvis Hayes (Troy, Senior)
LB - Jacques Boudreaux (Louisiana, Senior)
LB - Nikolas Daniels (Texas State, Senior)
LB - Carlton Martial (Troy, Sophomore)
DB - Josh Thomas (Appalachian State, Senior)
DB - B.J. Edmonds (Arkansas State, Senior)
DB - Darreon Jackson (Arkansas State, RS-Senior)
DB - Michael Jacquet III (Louisiana, RS-Senior)

Second Team Special Teams

K - Tyler Sumpter (Troy, Junior)
P - Cody Grace (Arkansas State, RS-Senior)
RS - Darrynton Evans (Appalachian State, Junior)