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The season opener is Sept. 5 at West Virginia.

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NEW ORLEANS – [Matt Breida](#) and [Darien Foreman](#) were named first-team All-Sun Belt, while [Kevin Ellison](#), [Jay Ellison](#), [Matt Dobson](#) and [Derek Keaton](#) earned second-team honors in the league's Preseason Coaches Poll, announced today. The Eagles were picked to win the league in the coaches' team poll, which was announced Friday.

A 2015 Doak Walker Award and Maxwell Award candidate, Breida (Jr., RB) led both the nation and Sun Belt in rushing yards per carry at 8.7 and ranked at the top of the Sun Belt rushing chart at 123.8 yards per game in 2014. He had more rushing touchdowns of 50-yards or more than anyone in the nation (7) and had the second-highest rushing touchdowns in the league with 17. He finished with 1,485 yards en route to earning first-team All-Sun Belt accolades.

Foreman (Sr., OL) started all 12 games on the offensive line and helped pave the way for the nation's most potent rushing offense, which racked up 381.1 yards per game and two of the top four single-game rushing totals in FBS in 2014. Georgia Southern also set a Sun Belt Conference record for rushing TDs with 55 and added 1,409 yards to the league's previous single-season rushing record with 4,573 in 2014.

A second-team All-Sun Belt selection a season ago, [Kevin Ellison](#) (Jr., QB) twice named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week, registered 1,096 rushing yards to go along with 1,001 passing yards. Keaton (Sr., KR/WR) has been named to the Preseason All-Sun Belt Team as a kick returner by multiple publications and averaged 27.81 yards a return a season ago.

A preseason candidate for the Wuerffel Trophy and the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, Dobson (Sr., S) finished his junior campaign with 62 tackles, three interceptions and three pass breakups to earn second-team All-Sun Belt honors. He helped the Eagles preserve the victory and win the Sun Belt title with a pass break up inside the one-yard line the final seconds against ULM in last year's season finale. He also had a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown at Texas State, one of two pick-6s on the year, to set a Sun Belt Conference mark for longest return and tie the record for the longest play in Georgia Southern history.

[Jay Ellison](#) (Jr., DL) led the Eagles' defensive line with 36 tackles (24 solo) in 12 games, including four tackles for loss and two sacks, to earn All-Sun Belt

honorable mention honors.

Georgia Southern won the 2014 Sun Belt title in its first season in the league, finishing 8-0 in the conference and 9-3 overall. The Eagles return 58 lettermen and 13 starters to the 2015 squad.

Dobson, Foreman and coach [Willie Fritz](#) are participating in Sun Belt Media Day today at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. The day officially opens with Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson's State of the Sun Belt address at 9 a.m. CT.

Media Day Coverage

ESPN3 will air two hours of live commercial-free coverage, including interviews with Benson and each of the conference's 11 head football coaches. Matt Stewart and Rocky Boiman, the play-by-play and color announcers of the Sun Belt Network on ESPN3 for the 2014 and 2015 football seasons, will anchor the live telecast, which begins at 1 p.m. CT.

The Sun Belt Conference announced the return of the Social Suite, and the conference has added the video streaming app Periscope to its live coverage. The Social Suite will feature two sessions from 10 a.m. CT until Noon and another from 1-3 p.m. CT. Fans are encouraged to pose questions through Twitter using the hashtag #SunBeltMediaDay.

The Social Suite, hosted by Sun Belt Network sideline reporter Danielle Jenkins, debuted at the 2014 Sun Belt Football Media Day and gave viewers unprecedented live interactions with football student-athletes and coaches. The live stream on [SunBeltSports.org](#) encouraged fans to submit questions through Twitter and Facebook that were answered in real time throughout the broadcast. Guests included student-athletes from all 11 football programs and seven head coaches.

Periscope users will be able to login and view coaches and student-athletes answering fan-submitted questions in real time. Each guest on Periscope will be available to solely answer questions submitted through the app.

Season Tickets

Fans can purchase 2015 season tickets and select their seats online, by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS or by visiting the ticket office in the Cowart Building adjacent to Paulson Stadium (203 Lanier Drive). Ticket office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Season tickets prices start as low as \$75 for all six games, and seats that do not require a donation are available from \$135-145 per seat.

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