



Southern Conference Football

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Southern Conference Media Announce Annual Awards, All-Conference Selections

SPARTANBURG, SC -- The Southern Conference media have cast their votes and named their 2005 All-Southern Conference team as well as their annual individual awards winners. The media selected **Richie Williams** as the Offensive Player of the Year, Elon's **Chad Nkang** Defensive Player of the Year, Appalachian State's **Jerry Moore** as the Coach of the Year and Georgia Southern's **Dedrick Bynum** the Freshman of the Year.

Williams, a 6-3, 190-lb. senior from Camden, SC, led the league with 2,950 total yards of offense, racking up 2,104 yards passing and 846 yards rushing. He has also tossed 14 touchdowns and ran for four more, while being intercepted only four times. His prolific career has him with 8,575 yards of total offense, only 137 yards shy of becoming the SoCon's all-time leader in that category. Williams is also one of only four signal callers to throw for at least 50 touchdown passes in a career and his 53 is third in the conference annals.

Nkang, a 6-0, 218-lb. junior from Hyattsville, MD, led the nation averaging 13.82 tackles per game, 152 tackles in all. He also added four sacks and 18 tackles for loss. His 25 tackles against Chattanooga ranks him among the top 10 in the conference records for tackles in a game.

The winningest coach in SoCon history, Moore led his 2005 squad to a 6-1 conference record and an 8-3 overall mark to secure the automatic bid to the NCAA I-AA Playoffs. He holds the record for most wins as a member of the SoCon with 136 and has 96 conference wins to his name. This is Moore's fourth Coach of the Year award, his first since 1995.

Bynum, a 6-0, 198-lb. redshirt freshman from Columbus, GA, played in all 11 games for the Eagles this season. He picked up 24 tackles, one sack and four tackles for loss. He also recovered two fumbles and blocked a kick against Wofford.

Conference champion Appalachian State placed 11 on the two teams and had seven first team picks, highlighted by Williams. Tackle **Grant Oliver** and running back **Kevin Richardson** joined Williams on the first team. Defensively, the Mountaineers had defensive linemen **Marques Murrell** and **Jason Hunter** and defensive backs **Corey Lynch** and **Jeremy Wiggins** tabbed first-team all-conference picks.

Furman led with 14 total selections, including eight on the first team. Tight End **John Rust** and wide receiver **Justin Stepp** were tabbed first-team all-league along with guard **Patrick Covington**, tackle **John Kivett** and center **Corey Stewart**. Paladin placekicker Scott Beckler was also selected to the first team. Defensively, linebacker **William Freeman** received the first-team nod, along with **Ingle Martin** as the first-team punter. Martin was also selected as the second-team quarterback.

The complete list of selections can be found on the Southern Conference website at www.SoConSports.com

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First Team Offense

TE	John Rust	Furman	6-3	225	Sr.	Burlington, NC
WR	Justin Stepp	Furman	5-11	180	Jr.	Pelion, SC
WR	Emanuel Hassell	Chattanooga	5-11	192	Jr.	Memphis, TN
OT	Grant Oliver	Appalachian State	6-5	300	Sr.	Lexington, SC
OT	John Kivett	Furman	6-2	273	Jr.	High Point, NC
OG	Patrick Covington	Furman	6-3	283	Sr.	Charlotte, NC
OG	Chad Motte	Georgia Southern	6-4	303	Sr.	Arab, AL
C	Corey Stewart	Furman	6-2	281	Sr.	Lilburn, GA
QB	Richie Williams	Appalachian State	6-3	190	Sr.	Camden, SC
RB	Jermaine Austin	Georgia Southern	5-8	218	Sr.	Darien, GA
RB	Kevin Richardson	Appalachian State	5-9	190	So.	Elizabethtown, NC
RS	Mike Malone	Western Carolina	5-10	175	So.	Gainesville, GA
PK	Scott Beckler	Furman	6-2	175	So.	Anderson, SC

First Team Defense

DL	Marques Murrell	Appalachian State	6-2	230	Jr.	Fayetteville, NC
DL	Jason Hunter	Appalachian State	6-4	235	Sr.	Fort Bragg, NC
DL	Rico Reese	Western Carolina	6-1	245	Sr.	Austill, GA
DL	Katon Bethay	Wofford	6-2	285	Sr.	Milton, WI
LB	William Freeman	Furman	6-3	235	Sr.	Swansea, SC
LB	Chad Nkang	Elon	6-0	218	Jr.	Hyattsville, MD
LB	John Mohring	Georgia Southern	6-1	212	Jr.	Naples, FL
DB	Jeremy Wiggins	Appalachian State	5-9	190	Jr.	Macon, GA
DB	Corey Lynch	Appalachian State	6-0	200	So.	Cape Coral, FL
DB	Terence McBride	Georgia Southern	5-10	190	Sr.	Sumter, SC
DB	Primus Glover	Western Carolina	6-1	210	Sr.	Springfield, GA
P	Ingle Martin	Furman	6-3	224	Sr.	Nashville, TN

Second Team Offense

TE	Daniel Bettis	Appalachian State	6-3	245	Jr.	Roswell, GA
WR	Jermame Little	Appalachian State	5-10	170	Sr.	Miami, FL
WR	Ta'Mar Jernigan	The Citadel	6-0	170	So.	Lake City, FL
OT	Matt Isenhour	Appalachian State	6-1	275	Jr.	Maiden, NC
OT	Kevin Hodapp	Wofford	6-3	280	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
OG	Kerry Brown	Appalachian State	6-6	285	So.	Marietta, GA
OG	Brian Laggis	Furman	6-3	269	Sr.	Stockbridge, GA
C	Lance Wayne	Georgia Southern	6-2	283	Jr.	Lake Worth, FL
QB	Ingle Martin	Furman	6-3	224	Sr.	Nashville, TN
RB	Jerome Felton	Furman	6-0	255	So.	Madisonville, TN
RB	Eldra Buckley	Chattanooga	5-10	190	Jr.	Charleston, MS
RS	Dwayne Ijames	Elon	5-11	182	Sr.	Winston-Salem, NC
PK	Esteban Lopez	Chattanooga	5-10	175	Jr.	Claremont, CA

Second Team Defense

DL	James Wilson	The Citadel	6-2	240	Jr.	North Myrtle Beach, SC
DL	Fred Townsend	The Citadel	6-2	260	Sr.	Bennettsville, SC
DL	Roy Ravenell	Furman	6-2	260	Jr.	Goose Creek, SC
DL	Charrod Taylor	Georgia Southern	6-2	275	Jr.	Miami, FL
LB	Porter Johnson	The Citadel	5-10	220	Sr.	Loris, SC
LB	Andrew Jones	Furman	5-11	223	So.	Birmingham, AL
LB	Lamar Barnes	Western Carolina	5-11	235	Sr.	Clayton, NC
DB	Quintez Smith	Chattanooga	6-0	180	So.	Dublin, GA
DB	Austin Holmes	Furman	5-8	168	So.	Jacksonville, FL
DB	Brian Ford	Wofford	6-3	195	So.	Wildwood, GA
DB	Francis Brown	Western Carolina	5-10	190	RS	Camden, NJ
P	Tim Mayse	Western Carolina	5-11	225	Jr.	Pine Mountain, GA

Offensive Player of the Year: Richie Williams, Appalachian State

Defensive Players of the Year: Chad Nkang, Elon

Coach of the Year: Jerry Moore, Appalachian State

Freshman of the Year: Dedrick Bynum, Georgia Southern