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UNA LEADS ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM

Birmingham, AL—North Alabama leads the way on the 2008 All-Gulf South Conference Football Team, landing nine First Team players.

UNA also led the pack overall, adding seven Second Team members for a total of 16 honorees. Two-time defending league champion **Delta State** was the next highest, notching 10 overall members, led by seven First Teamers.

Arkansas-Monticello (one First Team) and **Henderson State** (four First Team) totaled seven overall (four First Team), followed by **Ouachita Baptist** and **Valdosta State** which added six overall including two First Teamers. **Harding** posted five (two First Team), while **Arkansas Tech** (four overall; three First Team), **Southern Arkansas** (three Second Team), **West Alabama** (two First Team) and **West Georgia** (one Second Team) rounded out the list.

UAM'S BUISSON NAMED OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Arkansas-Monticello quarterback **Scott Buisson** is among the individual award winners for the second straight season, earning this year's *GSC Offensive Player of the Year* after claiming Freshman of the Year accolades in 2007. Buisson is the third UAM honoree in six years, following Boll Weevil signal-caller Cory Allred who won in 2003 and 2004. He is also the sixth straight quarterback to win the award.

The Metairie, LA native is the first sophomore to take home the award since 1999 when Arkansas Tech quarterback Josh Price shared laurels. Buisson led UAM to its best season since 2000, ranking second in the GSC in total offense (365.4) and having a hand in 37 total touchdowns. He led the Conference in rushing (119.5) and passing TDs (tied, 25), while also placing second in rushing TDs (12) and seventh in passing average (245.5). The Harlon Hill Trophy regional finalist *made NCAA history* earlier in the season versus Henderson State, becoming first player at any level to *pass for 400 yards and rush for 200 yards in the same game*.

DSU'S HICKS-GREEN TABBED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

A **Delta State** linebacker has been named *GSC Defensive Player of the Year* for the third year in a row. **Junior standout Lardester Hicks-Green** is the 2008 recipient, following in the footsteps of DSU legend Michael Eubanks who captured back-to-back honors in 2006 and 2007.

Hicks-Green is the fourth Statesmen defender to win the honor in six seasons and fourth consecutive linebacker. The Chicago, IL native helped guide the Statesmen to their second straight GSC Title, spearheading a defense that ranked first in the Conference in rushing defense (73.0), total defense (296.1) and sacks (34). Individually, he placed third in tackles for loss racking up 13.5 for 76 yards in 10 games. He also ranked ninth total tackles (75) and 10th in sacks (4.5 for 39 yards).

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THREE CLAIM GSC FRESHMAN HONORS

For the first time ever the league honored GSC Offensive and Defensive Freshman of the Year.

Southern Arkansas running back Mark Johnson and **Valdosta State quarterback Chris Hart** were selected Co-GSC Offensive Freshman of the Year. Johnson became the first-ever Mulerider to garner freshman accolades, completing the year ranked third in the Conference in rushing (79.6) along with five TDs. The Longview, TX native was named GSC Player of the Week once after compiling 231 yards and four touchdowns versus Harding.

Hart helped lead the defending NCAA Champions to their second straight post-season berth. The Bradenton, FL native is the second VSU offensive freshman to be selected in three years, placing third in the GSC in pass efficiency (141.7) and ninth in passing (157.5) and total offense (184.5).

Delta State defensive back Dominique Davenport was named GSC Defensive Freshman of the Year. Davenport was the first DSU freshman winner since quarterback Scott Eyster won in 2003. The Baldwin, MS native was part of a defense that ranked first in the Conference in rushing defense (73.0), total defense (296.1) and sacks (34). He ranked sixth in the league in passes defended (1.20) and was tops on the team with three interceptions.

DSU'S ROBERTS REPEATS AS COACH OF THE YEAR

Delta State Head Coach Ron Roberts made it a perfect 2-for-2, earning his second GSC Coach of the Year accolade in his second season as the Statesmen's head man. Roberts led DSU to its second straight Conference Championship, including another perfect league mark (8-0). He is the first consecutive winner since Valdosta State's Chris Hatcher claimed three in a row from 2000-2002. Delta State enters the NCAA Playoffs with a No. 1 regional seed and a No.4 national ranking.

2008 ALL-GSC TEAM NOTES

The All-GSC Team is headlined by two three-time returning First Team standouts and six returning First Teamers.

Valdosta State defensive back Sherard Reynolds and **Harding offensive guard Ross Conn** are the first three-time First Team stars since 2005 after each made the squad in 2006 and 2007.

Returning from last year's First Team defense is **Delta State linebacker duo of Lardester Hicks-Green** and **Anthony King**, **North Alabama linebacker Mike Johnson** and **Henderson State defensive back Devon Hughes**. **Arkansas Tech punter Michael Podobnik** and **HSU return specialist Greg Godfrey** also return from a year ago.

Henderson State wide receiver Garrett Manning returns after a year's absence when he was selected to the 2006 First Team as a punter.

Making the jump from last year's Second Team are **Ouachita Baptist wide receiver Julius Pruitt**, **ATU center Torrence Wright**, **North Alabama offensive guard Sam Hathorn** and **Delta State offensive tackle Mark Ellis**. Hathorn made the 2007 as a center, while Wright was selected as a guard.

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2008 ALL-GSC FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	Scott Buisson	Arkansas-Monticello	5-10	175	SO	Metairie, LA
RB	Trevar Deed	Delta State	5-11	205	SO	Phoenix, AZ
RB	Mike McLendon	North Alabama	5-10	200	SR	Quitman, TX
WR	^Garett Manning	Henderson State	6-3	210	SR	Hallettsville, TX
WR	Ed Gant	North Alabama	6-3	190	SR	Fort Myers, FL
WR	Rockey Coleman	North Alabama	6-3	220	SR	Clarksdale, MS
WR	#Julius Pruitt	Ouachita Baptist	6-3	211	SR	Newport, AR
TE	Bob Ruffing	Ouachita Baptist	6-5	250	SR	Chico, CA
C	&Torrence Wright	Arkansas Tech	6-3	280	JR	Sulphur Springs, TX
G	!\$Ross Conn	Harding	6-3	270	SR	Ann Arbor, MI
G	*Sam Hathorn	North Alabama	6-3	275	SR	Corinth, MS
G	Jon Weinreich	West Alabama	6-5	345	JR	Pismo Beach, CA
T	Jeremy Ashcraft	Arkansas Tech	6-7	335	SR	Marshall, TX
T	#Mark Ellis	Delta State	6-5	355	SR	New York, NY

DEFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Justin Halas	Delta State	6-3	255	JR	Phelan, CA
DL	Montrel Craft	North Alabama	6-2	250	JR	Memphis, TN
DL	Derrick Chatman	North Alabama	6-1	245	SR	Florence, AL
DL	Demario Jones	Valdosta State	5-10	300	SO	Jacksonville, FL
LB	!Lardester Hicks-Green	Delta State	6-1	235	SR	Chicago, IL
LB	!Anthony King	Delta State	6-4	225	SR	Sehertz, TX
LB	!Mike Johnson	North Alabama	6-4	250	JR	Panama City, FL
LB	Garry Pack	West Alabama	6-1	230	SR	Hattiesburg, MS
DB	Dominic Spinks	Delta State	6-2	195	SR	Meridian, MS
DB	!Devon Hughes	Henderson State	5-11	180	SR	Marlin, TX
DB	David Raymond	North Alabama	5-11	190	SR	Atlanta, GA
DB	!\$Sherard Reynolds	Valdosta State	5-10	182	SR	Moultrie, GA

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
K	Tom Schneider	North Alabama	6-0	195	SR	Walnut Creek, CA
P	!Michael Podobnik	Arkansas Tech	6-0	244	SR	Frankfort, IL
RS	!Greg Godfrey	Henderson State	5-10	175	SR	Houston, TX
BT	Kyle Van Ness	Delta State	6-0	215	SO	Sommerville, NJ
BT	Daniel Phipps	Harding	5-11	175	JR	Memphis, TN
BT	Michael Buse	Henderson State	6-0	195	FR	Wimberly, TX

!—2007 First Team All-GSC

&—2007 Second Team All-GSC Guard

\$—2006 First Team All-GSC

#—2007 Second Team All-GSC

*—2007 Second Team All-GSC Center

^—2006 First Team All-GSC Punter

GSC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

GSC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

CO-GSC OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

GSC DEFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

GSC COACH OF THE YEAR:

QB, Scott Buisson, Arkansas-Monticello

LB, Lardester Hicks-Green, Delta State

RB, Mark Johnson, Southern Arkansas

QB, Chris Hart, Valdosta State

DB, Dominique Davenport, Delta State

Ron Roberts, Delta State

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2008 ALL-GSC FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	#A.J. Milwee	North Alabama	5-10	175	SR	Boaz, AL
RB	Johnny Polite	Arkansas-Monticello	5-5	190	SO	McGehee, AR
RB	KJ Johnson	Ouachita Baptist	5-7	150	JR	Monroe, LA
RB	Chris Metcalf	Southern Arkansas	6-0	190	JR	Blytheville, AR
WR	Clarence Denmark	Arkansas-Monticello	5-11	185	SR	Jacksonville, FL
WR	#Tracey Stiger	Arkansas Tech	5-9	180	SR	Russellville, AR
WR	Chad Schroeder	Delta State	5-11	178	SR	Demopolis, AL
WR	Kurt Adams	Harding	6-5	200	JR	Searcy, AR
WR	Albert Dukes	Valdosta State	6-0	194	SR	Belle Glade, FL
TE	Brandon Alldredge	North Alabama	6-1	200	SR	Alexandria, AL
C	Pete Vaesau	Delta State	6-4	320	JR	Pinole, CA
G	Joe Wilson	Arkansas-Monticello	6-1	307	SR	West Memphis, AR
G	#Louis West	Henderson State	6-8	375	SR	Baton Rouge, LA
T	John Meadows	Arkansas-Monticello	6-5	330	SR	Memphis, TN
T	Michael Hathorn	North Alabama	6-4	280	SR	Corinth, MS

DEFENSE						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Michael Castillo	Henderson State	6-1	250	SR	Brea, CA
DL	Nick Finley	Henderson State	6-3	275	SR	Malvern, AR
DL	Jerry McNeil	Ouachita Baptist	6-0	240	JR	Greensboro, NC
DL	#Ryan Terry	Southern Arkansas	5-11	234	JR	Houston, TX
LB	Larry White	Arkansas-Monticello	5-11	225	SR	Atlanta, GA
LB	Sevohn Greer	Harding	5-9	180	SR	Vallejo, CA
LB	Larry Wilson	North Alabama	6-1	230	SO	Enterprise, AL
LB	Terrence Garrett	Ouachita Baptist	5-11	208	SO	Wynne, AR
LB	Steven Dauenhauer	Southern Arkansas	6-1	215	SR	Waveland, MS
LB	Larry Dean	Valdosta State	6-0	205	SO	Tifton, GA
DB	Augustus Ashley	Arkansas-Monticello	6-0	185	JR	Jacksonville, FL
DB	Bobby Brooks	North Alabama	6-0	190	SR	Hoover, AL
DB	Darren Dampier	North Alabama	5-10	185	JR	Mendenhall, MS
DB	#Antwon Thompson	Ouachita Baptist	5-11	192	SR	Tallahassee, FL

SPECIAL TEAMS						
POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
K	Ryan Ferrell	Harding	6-1	200	SR	Spring, TX
P	Will Batson	North Alabama	6-4	210	JR	Killen, AL
P	Jack Fulford	Valdosta State	5-11	212	FR	Waycross, GA
P	Jared Guberman	West Georgia	5-9	197	SR	Boca Raton, FL
RS	Chad Schroeder	Delta State	5-11	178	SR	Demopolis, AL
BT	Joey Farmer	Valdosta State	5-10	238	SO	Blackshear, GA

#—2007 Second Team All-GSC

NOTE: The 2008 All-GSC Football Team was selected by the Head Coaches. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players. Balloting that ended in a tie was not broken.

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