

# SWAC

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.- The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced its 2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football selections and Predicted Order of Finish on Tuesday during the league's media day. The preseason all-conference teams, individual award winners, and predicted order of finish were voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

Alabama A&M's Aqeel Glass was named SWAC Football Preseason Player of the Year while Southern's Jordan Lewis was tabbed SWAC Football Preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

Alabama A&M's Glass rewrote the record books this past season as he went 67-of-113 for 1,084 yards passing and 13 touchdowns during the regular season. One of 16 finalists for the prestigious Walter Payton Award as the national's top FCS player, Glass was also twice named Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Player of the Week.

He would also add National Player of the Week honors from Stats Perform FCS and BOXTOROW. In large part due to his performance, the Bulldogs delivered the first undefeated regular season for the program since 1966, won the SWAC East Division for the first time since 2011, while also winning the league championship game with a 40-33 win over UAPB.

**Also read: [HBCU Sports predicts SWAC football order of finish for 2021](#)**

Southern's Lewis proved to be a matchup nightmare for opposing offensive lines this past season with his quickness off the end leading the SWAC in sacks with 10.5 for 73 yards and tackles for loss with 15.0 for 82 yards.

Photo: Southern University Athletics

He completed the Spring season with 27 tackles, 15.0 tackles for loss, 10.5 sacks and one forced fumble. For his efforts Lewis was named the Buck Buchanan Defensive Player of the Year. The two-time SWAC Defensive Player of the Week also garnered BOXTOROW National Player of the Week and LSWA Defensive Player of the Week this past season.

The league's 2021 Predicted Order of Finish has Alabama A&M tabbed to win the SWAC Eastern Division tallying a total of 122 points. Florida A&M (109) was picked to finish second followed by Jackson State (80), Alabama State (76), Bethune-Cookman (71), and Mississippi Valley State (25).

Alcorn State (128) was picked to finish in first place in what will be the Braves debut season in the SWAC Western Division. Southern (108) was projected to finish in second place followed by Grambling State (85), Prairie View A&M (78), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (68) and Texas Southern (37).

A complete listing of the preseason all-conference teams, individual award winners, and predicted order of finish is listed below.

### **SWAC Eastern Division**

Alabama A&M (122)  
Florida A&M (109)  
Jackson State (80)  
Alabama State (76)  
Bethune-Cookman (71)  
Mississippi Valley State (25)

### **SWAC Western Division**

Alcorn State (128)  
Southern (108)  
Grambling State (85)  
Prairie View A&M (78)  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (68)  
Texas Southern (37)

### **Player of the Year**

Aqeel Glass- Alabama A&M

### **Defensive Player of the Year**

Jordan Lewis- Southern

### **2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football First Team Offense**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
QB	Aqeel Glass	Alabama A&M
RB	Ezra Gray	Alabama State
RB	Jarod Sims	Southern
OL	Mark Evans II	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
OL	Brian Williams	Southern
OL	Dallas Black	Southern
OL	Ja'Tyre Carter	Southern
OL	Johnathan Bishop	Southern
WR	Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim	Alabama A&M
WR	Josh Wilkes	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
TE	Ethan Howard	Southern

### **2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football First Team Defense**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
DL	Jordan Lewis	Southern
DL	Christian Clark	Alabama State
DL	Jalen Ivy	Southern

DL	Andrew Ogletree	Alabama State
LB	Keonte Hampton	Jackson State
LB	Aubrey Miller Jr.	Jackson State
LB	Kolby Watts	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
DB	Jalon Thigpen	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
DB	Irshaad Davis	Alabama State
DB	Chase Foster	Southern
DB	Caleb Brunson	Mississippi Valley State

### **2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football First Team Specialist**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
K	Spencer Corey	Alabama A&M
P	Aubrey Grace	Alabama State
RS	Tyrin Ralph	Arkansas-Pine Bluff

### **2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football Second Team Offense**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
QB	Skylar Perry	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
RB	Gary Quarles	Alabama A&M
RB	Caleb Johnson	Mississippi Valley State
OL	Jonathan Williams	Alabama A&M
OL	Jeremiah Stafford	Southern
OL	Noah Hayes	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
OL	Atondre Smith	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
OL	Nicholas Roos	Bethune-Cookman
WR	Zabrian Moore	Alabama A&M
WR	Tyrin Ralph	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
TE	Terrence Ellis	Alabama State

### **2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football Second Team Defense**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
DL	Michael Badejo	Texas Southern
DL	Jason Dumas	Prairie View A&M
DL	Jerry Gardner	Mississippi Valley State
DL	Renaldo Flowers	Florida A&M
LB	Isaac Peppers	Arkansas-Pine Bluff

LB	Armoni Holloway	Alabama A&M
LB	Untareo Johnson	Bethune-Cookman
DB	Amari Holloway	Alabama A&M
DB	Naytron Culpepper	Alabama State
DB	Kenan Fontenot	Grambling State
DB	Markquese Bell	Florida A&M

**2021 Preseason All-SWAC Football Second Team Specialist**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
K	Zack Piwniczka	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
P	Chris Faddoul	Florida A&M
RS	Ezra Gray	Alabama State

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