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BOONE, N.C. — App State wrestlers Tommy Askey, a reigning conference champion, and Will Miller, a returning NCAA Championships qualifier, have been named Preseason All-SoCon selections.

Coached by JohnMark Bentley, the Mountaineers return starters from seven of 10 weight classes following a 12-2 season in which they earned a No. 20 final national dual team ranking, secured a SoCon regular-season title with an 8-0 league record, posted a SoCon sweep by winning the conference tournament and had six wrestlers qualify to compete at the NCAA Championships.

App State received one first-place vote and totaled 49 voting points to place second in the 2023-24 preseason coaches' poll behind Campbell, which totaled seven of eight first-place votes and 59 voting points. The Camels had five All-SoCon picks among the 10 weight classes, as eight of their projected starters are redshirt seniors or graduate students.

Askey finished last season at 157 pounds with a 30-13 overall record after going 11-1 in duals, 8-0 in SoCon duals and 3-0 at the SoCon Championship. He had five major decisions and two tech falls in his eight SoCon dual wins during the regular season.

Miller is projected to wrestle at 165 pounds this season after going 24-12 overall, 11-3 in duals and 7-1 in SoCon duals before being a SoCon finalist at 174 pounds during the 2022-23 campaign.

2023-24 Preseason All-Conference Team

125: Dominic Chavez, Presbyterian
133: Brayden Palmer, Chattanooga
141: Shannon Hanna, Campbell
149: Noah Castillo, Chattanooga
157: Tommy Askey, App State
165: Will Miller, App State
174: Austin Murphy, Campbell
184: Caleb Hopkins, Campbell
197: Levi Hopkins, Campbell
HWT: Taya Ghadiali, Campbell

2023-24 SoCon Wrestling Preseason Coaches' Poll

School (1st-place votes)	Points
1. Campbell (7)	59
2. App State (1)	49
3. Chattanooga	44
4. Gardner-Webb	37
5. The Citadel	31
6. Davidson	23
T7. VMI	16
T7. Bellarmine	16
T7. Presbyterian	16

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