Babineaux To Play In Cactus Bowl

Magnolia, Ark. --- Southern Arkansas University cornerback Jordan Babineaux is one of nine football players from the Gulf South Conference to earn invitations to play in the 2004 Whataburger Cactus Bowl scheduled for January 9th at 7 p.m. on the campus of Texas A&M-Kingsville in Kingsville, Tex. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Southwest.

Babineaux, a 6-0, 202-pound senior from Port Arthur, Tex., is the second straight Mulerider cornerback and the fourth SAU player to be invited to participate in the Cactus Bowl. Last year, cornerback Carl Bucknor represented SAU. Wide receiver Drew Cone played in the Snow Bowl in North Dakota in 2000 before the bowl was moved to Javelina Stadium in Kingsville. Center Trey LaValle played in the 2002 Cactus Bowl.

Others from the GSC receiving invitations to play in the bowl for the East team besides Babineaux are offensive tackle Darrick Sanders from Arkansas-Monticello, punter John Newberry of Central Arkansas, defensive tackle Anthony Maddox from Delta State, quarterback Will Hall of North Alabama, tight end Nathaniel Doddridge from Ouachita Baptist, and tight end Landon Trusty of Central Arkansas.

Tight end Devon Stewart of Arkansas-Monticello and defensive lineman Tommy Edwards of Arkansas Tech will play for the West squad in the bowl.