Coles Makes All-South

ATLANTA (AP) — Sophomore quarterback Lloyd Patterson of Memphis State and junior running backs Ben Garry of Southern Mississippi and Roscoe Coles of Virginia Tech were named Tuesday to The Associated Press All-South Independent football team for 1976.

The squad also included the son of Washington Redskins Coach George Allen — punter Bruce Allen, who averaged 42.9 yards per punt for the Richmond Spiders.

Patterson accounted for 1,563 yards passing, scored seven touchdowns and threw for 14 points to lead State to a 7-4 record, a mark that earned his coach, Richard Williamson, Coach of the Year honors.

Garry was the area's top rusher with 1,236 yards and Coles, one of three repeaters from last year's team, ran for 1,119.

The others who made the team a year ago were Georgia Tech standouts — linebacker Lucius Sanford and center Leo Tierney.

Others named to the offensive unit were wide receivers John Floyd of Northeast Louisiana and Philip Logan of South Carolina, tight end Ed Beckman of Florida State, tackles Eric Smith of Southern Mississippi and Jon Thomas of FSU, guards Bob Rush of Memphis State and Steve Courson of South Carolina and placekicker Ed Murray of Tulane.

Rush actually played center.

ATLANTA (AP) — Here is The Associated Press All-South Independent football team for 1976:

Offense
Wide receivers — John Floyd, Northeast Louisiana, 6-1, 175, sophomore, Gladewater, Tex.; Philip Logan, South Carolina, 6-0, 168, junior, Richmond, Va.
Tight end — Ed Beckman, Florida State, 6-4, 215, senior, Miami, Fla.
Tackles — Eric Smith, Southern Mississippi, 6-5, 278, junior, Orlando, Fla.; Jon Thomas, Florida State, 6-0, 242, senior, Gainesville, Fla.
Guards — Bob Rush, Memphis State, 6-5, 255, senior, Clarksville, Tenn.; Steve Courson, South Carolina, 6-1, 252, senior, Gettysburg, Pa.
Center — Leo Tierney, Georgia Tech, 6-3, 240, senior, Louisville, Ky.
Quarterback — Lloyd Patterson, Memphis State, 5-11, 175, sophomore, Memphis, Tenn.

Running backs — Ben Garry, Southern Mississippi, 6-1, 193, junior, Pascagoula, Miss.; Roscoe Coles, Virginia Tech, 5-9, 168, junior, Virginia Beach, Va.
Placekicker — Ed Murray, Tulane, 5-11, 160, freshman, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

Defense
Ends — Reggie Wilkes, Georgia Tech, 6-4, 219, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Bobby Smithart, Southern Mississippi, 6-4, 239, junior, Vicksburg, Miss.
Middle guard — Bubba Shugart, South Carolina, 6-0, 214, senior, Walhalla, S.C.
Linebackers — Lucius Sanford, Georgia Tech, 6-3, 214, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Rick Razzano, Virginia Tech, 5-11, 225, junior, New Castle, Pa.; Orlando Branch, Richmond, 6-3, 230, junior, Hampton, Va.
Backs — Jeff Nixon, Richmond, 6-4, 190, sophomore, Garfield, Va.; Eric Harris, Memphis State, 6-3, 185, senior, Memphis, Tenn.; Martin Mitchell, Tulane, 6-3, 185, senior, Lake Charles, La.
Punter — Bruce Allen, Richmond, 6-1, 180, junior, Great Falls, Va.