

**AKHMAD ABDUL-RAZZAQ Washburn 6-4 245 DE OLB**

Second team All-MIAA selection for the second season in a row after finishing third on the Ichabods in tackles with 60 adding 8.5 tackles for loss and a team-high 4.5 sacks for 38 yards.

**JIHAD ABDUR-RAHMAN West Virginia Wesleyan 6-3 275 DE**

Transfer from Delaware State. Selected to play in the seventh annual National Bowl. Made 22 tackles including two for loss and also had two pass break-ups after playing in all 11 games during the 2016 season.

**LUCKY BAAR McKendree 6-2 250 DE ILB**

For the second time in three years, has been named to the Associated Press (AP) Little All-America Team. In 2016, Baar led NCAA Division II in sacks per game with 1.94 per contest. It is the second time in his career that Baar led all Division II players in sacks. He also topped the list in 2014. In addition, Baar was third among all Division II players in tackles for loss as he averaged 2.4 per game. On the year, Baar had 55 total tackles, which was good for sixth on the Bearcats' squad. He led McKendree and the Great Lakes Valley Conference with 21 ½ tackles for loss and 17 ½ quarterback sacks. Baar also became the NCAA Division II career leader in sacks, finishing with 46 ½ over his four-year career for the Bearcats. He also became the Bearcats' career leader in tackles for loss with 65 ½, and is tied for the program mark in forced fumbles with eight. Baar earned All-GLVC first-team honors along the defensive line for the third consecutive year in 2016.

**ERIN BROWN Delta State University 6-3 255 DE**

Played in 10 games, all starts at defensive end. Recorded 44 tackles, 16.0 tackles-for-loss (-53 yards) and 8.0 sacks (-34 yards). Forced two fumbles. Recovered one fumble. Broke-up two passes. Career-high eight tackles, 5.5 tackles-for-loss and 2.5 sacks in win over Shorter. Tallied seven tackles at West Alabama and six stops at Florida Tech. 16.0 tackles-for-loss rank fourth in the GSC while his 8.0 sacks are third.

**DARIAN CHILDERS Midwestern State 6-1 268 DE ILB**

1st Team All-LSC. Made 36 stops while leading the Mustangs with 13.5 tackles for loss with 7.5 quarterback sacks. He was second in the LSC and 37th nationally with 0.75 sacks per game and trapped the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage in each of the last six games and in eight of 10 contests this season.

**RUBEN DEMOSTHENE Southern Nazarene University 6-4 245 DE OLB**

2016: 35 TT, 5 TFL

**BRAD FENTON Findlay 6-4 247 DE OLB**

Appeared in 10 games. Made eight starts. Recorded 32 tackles. Had 7.5 tackles for loss. Recorded 3.5 sacks. Had an interception on Oct. 15 vs. Hillsdale. Forced two fumbles. Set career-high with 10 tackles on Oct. 22 vs. Tiffin.

**BRYANT FRAZIER Virginia State 6-2 270 DE**

Selected as the top Defensive Lineman and Defensive Lineman of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Richmond. Frazier dominated the field for the Trojans 2016 season with 14.5 sacks and 55 total tackles, to include 34 solo tackles. Named the 2016 CIAA Defensive Player of the Year. During his collegiate football career at VSU, Frazier recorded 26.5 sacks and 139 total tackles. He currently hold the No. 1 spot as the Trojans All-Time Single Season Sack leader.

**HELEAINCE GATES** *Bowie State* **6-5 250 DE**

All-CIAA Honorable Mention (2015) and Preseason All-CIAA (2016). Self-motivated, team captain and quality pass rusher. Transfer from Morgan State. 2016 Stats: 44 tackles, 9 TFLs, 3 sacks, PBU, 7 QBHs, FF.

**EVAN GENTRY** *Sioux Falls* **6-3 252 DE**

A three-time All-NSIC selection (twice second team), Gentry ranks as one of the all-time best in USF school history. A two-time Academic All-NSIC selection, he has 165 career tackles, including 104 solo stops. He has registered 40.5 TFLs for a -163 yards, which ranks fourth all-time at USF. He is tied with teammate Westly Johnson for 10th all-time with 19 career sacks. Gentry, who has had five sacks in a season three times and recorded 20.5 TFLs as a sophomore.

**DeANDRE GLOVER** *Emporia State* **6-2 260 DE**

Third-team All-MIAA. Very active DE. Non-stop motor, great moves, quick to the ball. 2016 Stats: 51 tackles, 18.5 TFLs, 6.5 sacks, PBU, 4 QBHs.

**BRYSON HAMILTON** *Augustana* **6-4 255 DE**

All-Super Region. A two-time All-NSIC First Team selection for the Vikings. He had a huge senior season in 2016 before missing the final two games due to injury. Hamilton finished the year with 44 tackles, including a career-high and team-leading 11.5 tackles for loss. He also recorded a career-high 7.0 sacks, finishing just one shy of the single season record at Augustana.

**DOMINIQUE HANNIBAL** *Shaw* **6-0 275 DE**

Named 2nd Team HBCU All-American and received first team All-CIAA honors for the first time in his career as a Shaw Bear. The senior defensive end, who tied the programs single-game tackles with 18 total against Livingstone on Oct. 15 finished the year third on the team with 75 tackles and led the team in sacks (five) – good for seventh in the league while adding 18.5 tackles for losses, one forced fumble and an interception.

**DAYLON HARPER** *Missouri Western* **6-4 260 DE TE**

Honorable Mention All-MIAA. Versatile athlete. Has played TE, FB, OL and DE. 2016 Stats: 25 tackles, 7.5 TFLs, 3 sacks, INT, 2 PBUs, QBH.

**JOSH HILL** *Merrimack* **6-3 275 DE**

Accepted an invitation to play in the 2017 Tropical Bowl and also was named to the Don Hansen Gazette Super Region Third Team. Both accolades are the first in Hill's decorated career; was previously named to the All-Northeast-10 Conference First Team. Concluded his career in record-setting fashion, leading the conference with nine sacks – a new single-season high for the former all-conference second team selection. Finished with a conference-best 13-1/2 tackles for losses totaling 76 yards, and ranked 28th nationally in sacks per game (0.82). He logged 53 total tackles (27 solo), three off his previous single-season career-high, and also forced two fumbles and broke up a career-best six passes. The two-time captain wrapped up his career with 176 tackles (104 solo) and 23 sacks, the latter mark ranking second in the all-time program record books, as well as six forced fumbles and 10 pass breakups.

**DREW JACKSON** *Sioux Falls* **6-2 258 DE**

Jackson has been a key contributor on USF's defense, which ranks second in the league in total defense and rushing defense. Jackson was named to the NSIC All-League second team for the first time. In 2016, Jackson has 25 tackles, including 20 solo stops along with 9.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks. Jackson, who had a pick-six vs Augustana a year ago, has 15 career TFLs and nine sacks. He has 49 career tackles and 31 by solo means.

**DARIAN JOHNSON** *Quincy* **6-2 275 DE**

ALL-GLVC 2nd Team. Led the defensive line with 41 tackles (18 solo) and finished second on the team with 14 tackles for loss. He also had two sacks and returned his only interception for a touchdown on Oct. 1 at Saint Joseph's. He was named to the All-GLVC honorable mention list last season.

**TANNER LEACH** *Alderson Broaddus University* **6-3 265 DE OLB**

Division II All-Super Region Four Team. led the Great Midwest Athletic Conference in tackles for loss with 16 while finishing second to teammate Jeff Stephens with six and a half sacks. Leach's 16 tackles for loss ranked 15th in all of NCAA Division II.

**DEMETRIUS LOFTON** *Glenville State* **6-3 270 DE**

2016 All-MEC 2nd Team. Hard-nosed relentless rusher. More than half of his tackles were in the opponents backfield. 2016 Stats: 43 tackles, 17.5 TFLs, 10.5 sacks, FF, FR, 2 QBHs, 3 PBU.

**OMARI MANHERTZ** *American International College* **6-2 262 DE**

A real tweener. Showed playmaking ability from his DE position as almost a third of his tackles were behind the line. 2016 Stats: 35 tackles, 6 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, 2 PBU, 5 QBH, 2 FF, blocked kick.

**EVAN MAYER** *Michigan Tech* **6-6 255 DE**

All-GLIAC Honorable Mention in 2016. Tied for the team lead in sacks (3.5) and led the Huskies in tackles for a loss (7.5) while registering 35 total tackles. 2nd Team All-GLIAC in 2015.

**WILLIE MAYS, III** *Tiffin University* **6-4 255 DE**

Earned an All-GLIAC 2nd team selection. The defensive lineman led Tiffin in sacks (6.5), tackles for loss (14.5), and led all defensive lineman in tackles (50).

**AHMAD MCFARLAND** *East Stroudsburg* **6-3 250 DE OLB**

All-PSAC WEST. Started all 11 games at defensive end for the second straight year, producing 30 tackles, six tackles for loss, three sacks and two blocked kicks. He had a season-high eight tackles, including two for a loss and a sack, at Bloomsburg. He started the final 31 games of his career and had 96 tackles, 20 TFL and 9.5 sacks for the Warriors.

**JEREMY MOORE** *Western Oregon* **6-2 280 DE**

2016 GNAC Defensive Lineman of the Year and a unanimous selection to the First Team at defensive line for the first time in his career. Moore led the Wolves and was tied for the lead in the GNAC with nine sacks accounting for 68 yards of lost yardage. He tallied 40 total tackles, including 14 overall for loss, and had five quarterback hurries.

**ELIJAH NORRIS** *Shepherd* **6-5 275 DE TE**

Went to UConn as a highly regarded, versatile player and saw action at defensive end as a true freshman before being moved to tight end.

**SYDNEY OMAMEH** *Grand Valley State* **6-4 255 DE**

Second-Team All-American. Was a finalist for the Gene Upshaw Award, recorded 45 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss (-69) and 10.5 QB sacks (-63) during the 2016 campaign. He was a key contributor to a defense that ranks among GLIAC and national leaders in virtually every category, including scoring (21.2), QB sacks (40), tackles for loss (96), pass efficiency defense (122.3), third down conversion defense (.340), redzone defense (.650) and rushing defense (134.3).

**MILES PACE** *Virginia Union* **6-2 256 DE OLB**

2nd Team HBCU All-American. Transfer from UCF. Was on pace for CIAA Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2015 when he suffered a season-ending knee injury in Game 6. A physical, explosive player. 2016 Stats: 35 tackles, 4 sacks, 10.5 TFLs, FF.

**E.J. PARNELL** *North Alabama* **6-3 262 DE**

A two-year starter for the Lions, was second-team All-GSC and all-region. He has 48 tackles this season with 9.5 tackles for loss of 36 yards, five sacks for 26 yards, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

**JOSH POWELL** *Central Missouri* **6-3 265 DE**

Division II All-Super Region Three Team. Earned Second Team All-Conference honors and finished his career as a three-time All-MIAA selection. He finished the season with 36 total tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss and four sacks from his defensive end position. His 30.5 career tackles for loss are the ninth most in Mules Football history.

**QUINCY REDMON** *Fairmont State* **6-5 240 DE OLB**

A finalist for the Cliff Harris Award and reigning Mountain East Conference Defensive Player of the Year, racked up 52 tackles, 12 sacks, four pass break-ups, three fumble recoveries and a pair of forced fumbles on the season. Redmon led the MEC in sacks per game during the regular season. All-Region.

**ALEX ROBINSON** *Glenville State* **6-4 260 DE ILB**

2016 All-MEC 2nd Team as an undersized DT. Time on the interior makes him a tough battler. 2016 Stats: 32 tackles, 8 TFLs, 3.5 sacks, 4 PBU.

**JOBY SAINT FLEUR** *N.W. Oklahoma* **6-5 245 DE OLB**

2nd Team All-Region squad. Defensive End had another great year in his final season in a Ranger uniform as he was once again a feared Quarterback seeker. Was responsible for four total sacks this season for a total of 31 yards. His four sacks led the team on the year as well. Saint Fleur also recorded a team-high 9.0 tackles for loss in 2016, which accounted for 45 yards lost by the opposing offenses. Not only was he constantly badgering the backfield of opposing teams, but was also busy elsewhere as he achieved two pass breakups, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. He also finished the year with 41 total tackles and all of these solid numbers not only led him to the All-Region team, but also the Second-Team All-Great American Conference selected by the coaches throughout the league.

**TOVAR**      **SANCHEZ**      *Central Washington*      **6-3 248 DE**      **OLB**

All Super Region 3 Team, First-Team All-Conference. Ranked eighth nationally with 1.9 tackles for loss per game, which is tops in the GNAC. He has totaled 33 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss with five QB hurries and a forced fumble. He broke the CWU all-time record for career sacks (28.0), and is also the school's all-time leader in tackles for loss and yards lost from both sacks and tackles for loss.

**KENNY**      **SCOTLAND**      *LIU-Post*      **6-4 245 DE**      **OLB**

Football Gazette All-Super Region I Third Team. ECAC All-Star first-team. Scotland had 31 tackles (19 solo, 12 assist) in 2016, including the second-most tackles for a loss (11.0) on the team.

**BRICE**      **SMITH**      *Johnson C. Smith*      **6-4 280 DE**

A good d-lineman with decent quickness for size. Could excel as a NG/NT as he is very good vs run. 2016 Stats: 22 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 10.5 TFLs, FF

**JEFF**      **STEPHENS**      *Alderson Broaddus University*      **6-4 260 DE**

Great Midwest Athletic Conference All-Conference team. Closed out a fantastic AB career with 259 career tackles, the second most in school history. He finished with 46 in 2016 while adding 14 and a half tackles for loss, seven sacks, two forced fumbles, and two breakups. Stephens' top performance in 2016 came against Fort Valley State on homecoming when the senior finished with 11 tackles, four tackles for loss, two sacks, and a forced fumble.

**GROVER**      **STEWART**      *Albany State*      **6-5 295 DE**

1st Team HBCU All-American and named to the all-conference team for the fourth consecutive year. He has also been a first team member all four years. This season, Stewart recorded 37 tackles (26 solos), 12 tackles for a loss of 61 yards and 7.5 sacks for a loss of 52 yards. He also had two pass breakups.

**MONTE**      **TAYLOR**      *Albany State*      **6-4 268 DE**

Transfer from UCF. 2nd Team All-HBCU All-American. In his only year with the Golden Rams, Taylor had a breakout season. The 6-4, 268-lb senior from Springdale, Md. tallied 46 tackles (27 solos), 11 tackles for a loss of 45 yards and four sacks for a loss of 34 yards. Taylor also recorded seven quarterback hurries, two pass breakups and an interception.

**TONY**      **TWILLIE, II**      *Slippery Rock*      **6-3 265 DE**

Played in all 11 games. Despite making just three starts, he finished the season with 35 tackles, five tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles and four quarterback hurries. Completed lone pass attempt of season for 12 yards on a fake punt against Indiana. Had five or more tackles in a game four times including a season-high eight stops against Mercyhurst.

**ADAM WALLACE** *Ashland University* **6-2 241 DE ILB**

Three-year starter at the stud position who earned second-team All-GLIAC after two previous honorable mentions. Finished last fall with 39 total tackles (eight for loss), 6½ sacks and a fumble recovery.

**CASS WEITL** *N.W. Missouri* **6-4 273 DE**

2016: Honorable Mention All-American. Led the team with 10 sacks and finished the year with a career-high 83 tackles and 19.0 tackles for loss. He forced three fumbles and blocked a pair of kicks. He was a first team All-MIAA performer. 2015: 2nd team All-MIAA, MIAA Academic honor roll. 60 total tackles with 11.0 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, 7 QBHs, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery with 13 multi-tackles games.

**THEODIS WILLIAMS** *N.W. Oklahoma* **6-6 250 DE**

Big and tall with decent athleticism. A project to be sure but with the size, worth the effort. 2016 Stats: 36 tackles, 4 TFLs, 2 sacks, PBU, QBH, FF.

**HAROLD WILLS** *Midwestern State* **6-3 268 DE**

2nd Team All-LSC. Earned Don Hansen Football Gazette All-Super Region Four third-team honors and a first-team All-Lone Star Conference nod in 2015. Missed two games in 2016. 2016 Stats: 39 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, 0.5 sack, 3 QBH.

**HEATH WILSON** *Pittsburg State* **6-3 256 DE**

Three-time All-MIAA and 2014 All-American. In 2016, he posted 48 tackles (23 solo) with a team-leading 12.5 tackles-for-loss and 6.0 quarterback sacks.

