

KAMEEL AL-KHOURI Bemidji State 5-11 197 FS SS

All-NSIC. Ranked fifth on the BSU defense with 67 tackles, 40 solo and 27 assisted. He finished second on the Beavers with four interceptions and has seven picks during his career. Al-Khouri recovered and forced two fumbles while also recording 2.0 tackles for a loss.

ANDREW BENSON Assumption College 6-2 205 FS

Came into his own as a senior, leading the team and finishing second in the NE-10 with six interceptions while earning All-Region, First-Team All-Conference and NEFW All-New England honors. The safety also added 88 tackles, 2.5 stops for a loss, 12 pass breakups and two blocked kicks. His most impressive game of the year came against Bentley, when he had seven tackles, blocked a punt and returned an interception for a touchdown.

KEVIN BERG N.W. Missouri 5-11 180 FS SS

2016: Honorable Mention All-American. Berg had 60 tackles with four interceptions at safety for the Bearcats. He had 13 pass deflections and nine breakups. Berg also recorded three tackles for loss and blocked a kick against Missouri Western. 2015: First team CCA All-America, AP Little All-America 3rd team, 1st team All-MIAA. CCA All-Region 1st team, MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Tied for second in Northwest history with eight single season interceptions.

JORDAN BOWMAN California University of Pennsylvania 6-0 215 FS

Received All-PSAC West laurels for the third-straight year after being a first-team honoree in each of the last two seasons. He has collected 36 tackles (23 solo), 5.0 TFL, two interceptions and one fumble recovery.

BRYCE BRADLEY Virginia State 5-11 195 FS

Good pass defender with solid tackling ability. 2016 Stats: 35 tackles, TFL, FR, INTs. 4 PBU.

CHRISTIAN CARPENTER Gannon 6-2 185 FS CB

Named to the Don Hansen Football Gazette All-Super Region One third team. Was previously named to the PSAC and ECAC first teams. After three seasons at NCAA Division I Towson State, the safety recorded 100 tackles during his lone season as a Golden Knight. That number included a team-best 53 solo tackles and 47 assisted stops. He also produced 3.5 tackles for a loss (12 yards), four interceptions (38 yards) and seven pass break-ups. Ranked fifth among PSAC players in total tackles per game (9.1), seventh in solo tackles per game (4.8), seventh in passes defended per game (1.0) and eighth in interceptions per game (0.4). Recorded the 10th-most tackles during a single season in program history. He reached double digits in tackles five times, including a career-high 17 stops against nationally-ranked Indiana (Pa.). Carpenter also picked off three passes during the final four games, returning one 33 yards for a touchdown at Clarion.

DAVID CHURCHWELL Ferris State 6-0 198 FS

Transfer from Wayne State. Had 7 INTs in his two years at FSU. 2016 Stats: 55 tackles, TFL, 5 INTs, PBU.

NEHEMIAH COWARD Central State 5-11 170 FS

Finished 2016 ranked No. 8 in the SIAC in tackles with 79. His biggest impact was made on special teams where he totaled a conference best 5 punt blocks and a 109 yard touchdown return on a missed field goal. Invited to participate in FCS National Bowl.

VINCENT EDWARDS, JR. Kentucky State 6-1 200 FS SS

Transfer from Bowling Green. Good tackler and very reliable in coverage. SIAC-All-Conference Second Team. 2016 Stats: 75 tackles, 2 TFLs, FF, FR, INT, 6 PBUs, 2 blocked kicks, 1 TD block for a TD.

ERIC HENDERSON II Fayetteville 5-8 175 FS

Transfer from WV Wesleyan. 2016 HBCU Gameday Division II All-America 2nd team. Received the only All-CIAA First Team nod for the Broncos. Had the second most tackles for FSU with 53 tackles, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a pass deflection, and a pass breakup. He played in all 10 games and had 32 solo.

MARVIN HOLLEY Lincoln (MO) 6-0 185 FS

All-GLVC second team. Tied for second on Lincoln's tackling chart, finishing with 62 tackles, including three for loss. Holley, who also had a sack, was LU's top pass defender, recording seven passes defended over the course of the season. Holley made two interceptions, forced two fumbles and recovered a fumble while breaking up five passes.

KHYLE JACKSON North Alabama 6-2 205 FS SS

Good tackling safety who is strong in coverage. Consistent defender. 2016 Stats: 51 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, INT (TD) 4 PBUs, FF, FR.

MICHAEL JAMES Alderson Broaddus University 5-10 188 FS CB

Named the G-MAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year after finishing the 2016 season with 57 tackles, eight tackles for loss, five interceptions, and four pass breakups. For his career, James finished with 262 tackles and 17 interceptions, both of which rank at the top in AB history. Received the James Pratt Faith & Courage Award following his performance in the 2016 National Bowl in December. In the game, James finished with an interception, a tackle for loss, and three tackles. National Bowl selectee.

DeANDRE JAMES Fort Hays 6-0 200 FS RS

Earned the second All-MIAA selection of his career, but first as a defensive back. He was an honorable mention pick at kick returner as a freshman in 2013, but gets the nod this year as a safety. James has 52 tackles and two interceptions this year to go with 220 kick return yards. Had 174 tackles and 1,268 kick return yards in his career. He ranks third all-time in kick return yards at FHSU. Scored via return and INT return.

HUNTER MALBERG Azusa Pacific 5-11 195 FS

All-GNAC second team defense. Consistent performer with multiple tackles almost every week. 2016 Stats: 53 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, INT, 13 PBUs, FR, FF. Played for two seasons at Minnesota Duluth.

MAX McINTOSH Central Washington 6-1 186 FS CB

2nd Team All-Conference. Transferred from the University of Idaho where he ran outdoor and indoor track for the Vandals. 2016 Stats: 61 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, sack, 2 INTs, 3 PBU's, 3 QBHs, FR.

MATT MCKOY *Saginaw Valley* **6-2 212 FS SS**

AP Little All America Team, the Don Hansen All American team a member of the AFCA 2nd Team All America. Going along with GLIAC Defensive Back of the Year, 1st Team All GLIAC and 2 time GLIAC Player of the Week. Rounded-out his SVSU career by leading the league with five interceptions, taking one back for a touchdown. He also forced two fumbles, recovering another and taking that back for a score. He totaled 76 tackles from the defensive backfield, averaging 8.4 per contest despite playing just one series in the ninth game and missing the 10th and final contest.

JHALEEL OSWALD *LIU-Post* **6-2 215 FS**

All-NE-10 Second Team. Appeared in all 11 games at free safety, making 48 tackles. His 34 solo stops are tied with Chester for second-most on the team.

KENDRICK RANDOLPH *Limestone* **6-0 190 FS CB**

Registered eight tackles, a pass breakup and a pass defended in eight games played. Prior to his time with the Saints, he appeared in six games as a junior at Southern Illinois but missed the entire 2015 campaign due to injury. After taking a medical redshirt his senior year with the Salukis, he transferred closer to home to finish out his collegiate career.

DERIC ROBERTSON *S.W. Oklahoma* **6-2 205 FS**

Transferred to SWOSU to play his senior season after starting his career at Oklahoma State. He was the Bulldogs starting free safety in nine games during the 2016 season, totaling 62 tackles (39 solo, 23 assist), three interceptions, three pass breakups and two fumble recoveries.

ERIC SMITH *New Mexico Highlands* **6-0 186 FS SS**

Team's leading tackler by far. Also lead in interceptions. Hard-nosed player who played focused despite team's poor performance. 2016 Stats: 122 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, sack, FR, FF, 3 INTs, blocked kick.

VINCENTE STAFFORD *Chowan* **5-10 190 FS RS**

Good defender, solid tackler and return specialist. All-CIAA Honorable Mention. 2016 Stats: 53 tackles, 5.9 TFLs, FF, 2 FR, INT, 2 FR; 7 KR, 170 yds, 24.3 avg; 14 PR, 131 yds, 9.4 avg.

TRE SULLIVAN *Shepherd* **6-0 200 FS**

2016 1st Team All-Super Region One. 2015 NCAA Division II All-Super Region One 2nd squad. Recorded 74 tackles (53 solo) to rank third on the team. He paced the team in pass breakups (9) and interceptions (2).

LaRON TARKINGTON *CSU-Pueblo* **5-10 185 FS SS**

All-RMAC Second Team Defense as a SS. Started all 11 games at safety. Totaled 46 tackles (23 solo) with 4.5 tackles for loss (-8 yards), which was the most by any player in the secondary. Pulled down three interceptions (22 return yards) to tie for the team lead and returned one to the house (22 yards). Finished second on the team with eight pass break-ups, which tied for seventh in the RMAC. All-RMAC Honorable Mention in 2014.

WESLEY THOMAS *Lindenwood* **5-10 185 FS**

2016: Honorable mention all-MIAA. Was second on the team with 86 tackles. He also had 2.0 tackles for loss, two interceptions, six pass breakups, and one fumble recovery. 2015: Honorable mention all-MIAA. Third on the team with 70 tackles.

Q'NIKO THOMAS *Southern Arkansas* **5-10 190 FS CB**

Transfer from Southern Illinois. A very good free safety. Strong tackler, solid pass defender. Deserved post-season accolades. Has talent for CB as well. 2016 Stats: 60 tackles, 3.5 TFDLs, 4 INTs, 5 PBU's, FR, FF.

JERRIN TOOMEY *Bloomsburg* **5-10 185 FS SS**

All-PSAC Second Team. Closed out his collegiate career by posting a personal-high 69 total tackles (39 solo) to finish second on the team in that department. He started all 11 games for the Huskies in the secondary and finished tied for second on the team with two interceptions and third on the squad with eight passes defended. The redshirt senior posted his first collegiate touchdown when he returned a fumble 37 yards to paydirt in the Huskies' 35-20 win over Clarion. He finished his career with 184 total tackles and eight interceptions. He also earned the PSAC Champion Scholar Award for football at the 2014 PSAC Championship Game.

GARY VINES *Henderson State* **5-11 190 FS SS**

A two-time first-team All-GAC selection. Totaled 74 tackles in 2016 including a career-high 13 against Arkansas Tech and 10 against Ouachita Baptist. Vines finished his four-year career at Henderson with 243 tackles 17 pass breakups and 9 interceptions.

DERON WASHINGTON *Pittsburg State* **6-1 211 FS SS**

Three-time All-MIAA safety. Made 60 tackles (40 solo) with two interceptions, one pass break-up, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

ALFONSO WILSON *Western New Mexico* **5-10 180 FS CB**

All-Conference as a strong safety. Capped his career after another solid season and a four-year career with the Mustangs. He was fourth on the team in tackles with 57, 31 coming solo. His three interceptions and 11 passes defended both led the team. He also added two tackles for loss and a fumble recovery. Wilson started all 11 games this season and added a punt return touchdown that went for 36 yards against UT Permian Basin. His interceptions came against Tarleton State, Angelo State and Texas A&M-Kingsville. He posted a season-high nine tackles against Eastern New Mexico and two pass breakups versus Eastern New Mexico, Oklahoma Panhandle and West Texas A&M.