

JUSTIN ADAMSON *Notre Dame College* 6-3 285 OC

All-MEC First Team. Notre Dame had the best rushing offense in the Mountain East, averaging 192.8 yards per game, and they were second in the conference with an average of 439.5 yards of total offense per game. One of the main reasons for that, is because of the incredible play of Center Justin Adamson, who started every game for the Falcons this season.

JACK BIXLER *MSU-Moorhead* 6-2 303 OC

Was a four-year starter on the offensive line for the Dragons, including the past two seasons at center. He was part of an offensive line which helped MSUM to a 7-4 record and 5-2 finish in NSIC North Division. The Dragon offense finished fourth in the league in pass offense (292.1) and fifth in total offense (467.8). His second-team honor is his first All-NSIC award of Bixler's Dragon career.

MATT CARROLL *LIU-Post* 6-4 320 OC

Three-year starter primarily at center. Battled in the trenches and opened up holes to assist an LIU Post offense that leads the NE-10 in rushing (2,160 yards), passing touchdowns (26), first downs (262) and third-down conversion percentage (.494).

AARON COX *Grand Valley State* 6-5 300 OC

Honorable Mention All-American. Was a key figure in the success of a Laker offense that averaged 485.5 yards per game, including 220.5 yards rushing and 265.1 yards passing per outing. GVSU averaged 40.3 points and ranked among the national leaders in third down conversion (.477) with Cox anchoring the offensive line. Aaron started the final 28 games of his career as GVSU tallied a record of 24-4.

BEN CREGGER *Kutztown* 6-2 305 OC

Earned his first career postseason honor with All-PSAC East First Team recognition. He has been Kutztown's starting center the last three seasons and ended his career starting 33 straight games – the longest active streak of any lineman for KU. Blocked for two school rushing records over the last 18 games. KU set the single-season total offense record in 2015, and points scored record in 2014 behind Cregger and the veteran offensive line. Cregger is also a PSAC Scholar-Athlete and a Dean's List honoree.

LUCAS GOVAN *Humboldt State* 6-4 285 OC OG

A two-time unanimous All-GNC selection. One of the cornerstones of the Lumberjacks offensive line that surrendered a league-best 19 sacks during the season. Helped provide protection for an offense that scored 35 points and 460.2 yards per game.

TYLER HAMILTON *Angelo State* 6-1 305 OC

Integral in ASU's first 1,000-yard rushing running back since 2008. After helped ASU reset the school records for passing yards and total offense in 2014 and 2015. Three-year starter, named honorable mention on the All-LSC team after being named 1st team in 2015.

JESSE HEIN Bemidji State 6-1 305 OC

Earned his second career selection to the All-Super Region Three squad, moving up from Third Team Offense in 2015 to Second Team Offense in 2016. The team captain helped guide the most productive offense in program history en route to the Beavers' first postseason win in program history. Bemidji State broke single-season records for total offensive yards (6,299), passing yards (3,524) and rushing yards (2,775). The Beavers averaged over 500 yards (524.9) per game for the first time in program history.

MYLES LESANE-HUNT Lincoln (PA) 6-3 330 OC

Poor offensive year for the team. But good-sized, experienced lineman are in demand.

JOE LOSCHIAVO Slippery Rock 6-3 303 OC

Fought through injuries for much of the season to play in, and start, eight games. Helped pave the way for an offense that ranked 24th in the nation in passing yards per game (294.0) and 37th in all of Division II in points per game (35.5).

CONNER McGRAW Concordia-St. Paul 6-3 300 OC OG

Settled in as team's center after starting last three games of 2015. Was a guard in junior college.

DARRIEN OLIVER Chadron 6-1 312 OC OG

Named to All-RMAC Second Team, a three-year starter on the offensive line. While he has been the starter, playing both guard and center, the Eagles have finished third, first, and second in sacks allowed. The 43 sacks registered against the Eagles over the course of those three seasons are the lowest for any RMAC team.

COLEMAN OSBORNE Concord University 6-3 275 OC

A repeat on the Don Hansen All-Region Squad. One of the most durable and versatile linemen for CU, Osborne made all 11 starts for the Mountain Lions at center in 2016. Additionally, Osborne hasn't missed a start since his sophomore season. Became the first three-time all-region offensive linemen in program history at Concord having been named a BSN All-Region performer in 2014.

AKOAKOA PALEKA-KENNEDY Midwestern State 6-3 285 OC

Earned the Rimington Award as the top center in NCAA Division II. Led an offensive line unit that paved the way for the second-best running attack in the LSC while ranking 37th nationally at 196.1 yards per game. He headed a unit that allowed 5.10 tackles for loss per game -- second in the LSC, 38th in NCAA II -- and 11 total sacks this season.

CHRIS PAUL Southern Arkansas 6-2 301 OC

Second-Team All-Conference. Helped anchor an offensive line that has protected the league's top-ranked total offense (497.7 ypg) and second-ranked scoring offense (36.3 ppg). Paul a starter in all 11 games at center, helped the Muleriders turn in the second-ranked passing attack (299.5 ypg) and paved the way for the GAC's fifth-best rushing attack (180.3 ypg) as well. Five times this year, the Muleriders have rushed for over 200 yards and six times did the passing attack go for over 300 yards. In total, there have been six games in which the Muleriders gained over 500 yards of total offense.

J.T. PILLARS *Wayne State (MI)* 6-5 295 OC

2016: Started all 11 games at center. Helped WSU score the third-most TD in the GLIAC (52) and finish seventh nationally in rushing offense (274.3 ypg), 13th in fewest TFL allowed (4.18 pg) and 24th in yards per completion (14.59). Blocked for the nation's second-leading rusher during the regular season. Played in 41 career contests, starting the final 17 games at center; also made one start at right tackle

GERMAN ROMERO-ROSALES *Western New Mexico* 6-4 330 OC OG

He helped the Mustangs average 26.5 points per game, 407.9 yards per game and 36 touchdowns. He helped lead the passing game to 3,195 yards and 25 scores.

MICHAEL RYAN *University of Mary* 6-4 310 OC

Good-sized center who suffered through an abysmal senior season. Lone senior on the starting line.

JESSE SMITHSON *Delta State University* 6-3 298 OC

Started 27 games at right tackle/center for the Statesmen. Played in 36 games. 2016: Played in 10 games for the Statesmen, all starts at center. Graded at 89 percent on all blocking assignments. Played 734 snaps. Tied for team lead in knockdown blocks with 31.

DYLAN VANO *Southern Connecticut* 6-5 300 OC

Second-Team All-Conference. Team captain. Was one of the anchors on the Owls' offensive line at the center position. Thanks in part to the efforts of Vano SCSU exceeded its offensive point production from the season prior.

JOE VIEAU *Michigan Tech* 6-3 300 OC

All-GLIAC Honorable Mention in his first year as a full-time starter. Helped anchor the front five which paved the way for 1,477 rushing yards and 18 rushing touchdowns this season for Tech.

BRANDON WAGGONER *Central Oklahoma* 6-1 312 OC

Earned all-league recognition for the fourth time in as many years. Was honorable mention as a freshman in 2013, third-team in 2014, and second-team last year. Waggoner started 44 straight games for the Bronchos in his career.

BRAD WELLMAN *Truman* **6-2 287 OC**

Two-time 1st Team All-GLVC. 4-year starter. Academic All-GLVC squad. Reliable, consistent. Provides leadership and an example of a strong work ethic. Had been the starting center for the Bulldogs for the last 43 games.

WILLIE WESTERMAN *Minnesota-Duluth* **6-3 280 OC**

Perennial All-Academic NSIC. Was shifted between the left guard, right tackle and center positions before being slotted as starting center in 2016.

DEREK YODER *Millersville* **6-3 290 OC OG**

Two year starter at center. Has had starts since freshman year at guard and center. Reliable and steady.