

GENA ADAMS Bemidji State 5-8 188 RB

All-NSIC First Team. Ran for the most yards by a Beavers running back since 2013. He totaled 995 yards on the ground with eight rushing touchdowns and added 215 receiving yards and four touchdown receptions. Adams set a BSU single-season record with 7.4 yards per carry and averaged 90.5 rushing yards per game. He set a career high of 179 rushing yards Oct. 1 against University of Mary and rushed for more than 100 yards three times.

ANDRE ANDERSON New Haven 5-8 195 RB

Unanimous First Team All-Conference honoree. Led the offense with 792 rushing yards, an average of 4.9 yards per carry, with 12 touchdowns on the ground. Anderson added 31 receptions, good for second on the team, with 274 receiving yards and a touchdown. On special teams, averaged 20.7 yards per kick return, including a long of 32. In total, he finished his senior season with 1,252 all-purpose yards. 2015: All-America Honorable Mention, Northeast-10 Most Valuable Player, led the Chargers and the NE-10 and was 10th in NCAA D2 with 1,150 rushing yards.

MICHAEL ANDERSON West Virginia Wesleyan 5-9 190 RB

Rushed for 1,417 yards and 12 touchdowns during the 2016 season. He also led Wesleyan in receptions this past year with 40 and had 299 receiving yards and two touchdowns. He led the MEC in rushing and was sixth in the country in rushing yards. Anderson had seven 100-yard rushing games on the year, including a league-best 237 against Concord in September. The post-season honors have piled up for Anderson. Including being a nominee for the Harlon Hill Award, he was named the Mountain East Conference Offensive Player of the Year and named to the All-MEC First Team. He was also named to the D2CCA All-Super Region 1 First Team and the AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America First Team.

KAVON BELLAMY Virginia State 5-10 210 RB

Left off of the all-conference team despite being a 1000+ yard rusher. Also, split carries at the position. Is also a solid receiver. 2016 Stats: 206 carries, 1085 yds, 5.3 avg, 13 TDs; 18 rec, 117 yds, 6.5 avg.

ADDIE BROWN Adams State 5-10 200 RB RS

2nd Team RMAC as a RS. Concluded the regular season ranked 3rd in the RMAC with a 23.3 yard average on kick returns. He also finished 10th in all-purpose yards. For the season he racked up 723 kick return yards and 223 punt return yards and a TD. As a running back he carried 32 times for 147 yds, ans a 4.4 average. On the receiving end he had 8 reception for 39 yards, a 4.88 average and 3 TDs.

DARIUS CHAPES Concordia-St. Paul 6-0 207 RB

All-NSIC South Division honorable mention running back. Senior team captain. Ranked 89th in DII and 12th NSIC with 70.0 rushing yards per game. Led the team with 926 all-purpose yards, rushing for 700 with 226 receiving. Had five touchdowns, second on the team (4 rushing, 1 receiving). Averaged 5.5 yards per carry. Had four 100-plus all-purpose games (rush/rec). Eclipsed 1,000 career rushing yards in week 4 at NSU, finishing with 1,389 rushing yards with a 4.96 career yards per carry average. Had 10 career touchdowns (9 rushing, 1 receiving) and 293 career receiving yards (24 catches).

DeJON COLEMAN *Dixie State* 5-9 186 RB

Received invitation to participate in Dream Bowl V. Earned All-RMAC honorable mention recognition this season, rushing for 873 yards and seven touchdowns to go with another receiving touchdown. Coleman set new DSU records in career rushing (1,721 yards), career rushing touchdowns (17), and single-season rushing (873 yards) in 2016.

RICHARD COOPER *Texas A&M-Commer* 5-9 190 RB

Repeated as first team all-conference honoree. Finished second in the league in rushing, averaging 103.0 yards per game. He has 927 rushing yards and seven touchdowns on 153 carries this season, with a career high 224 yards and two touchdowns in the win over A&M-Kingsville. He had four games of over 100 yards rushing this season and went over 3,000 career rushing yards in his career, becoming just the fifth Lion to do so.

AARON DANIELS *Lindenwood* 5-11 226 RB

Transfer from Norfolk State. Daniels rushed for 506 yards and had five total touchdowns. Rushed for 5.2 yards each time he touched the ball. Honorable mention all-MIAA.

ROMELO DOCTOR *Newberry* 6-0 205 RB

Last year's Division II Offensive Player of the Year in the Eastern College Athletic Conference, led the team and ranked eighth in the SAC with 631 rushing yards. He scored 10 touchdowns on the ground and added 209 yards through the air on 28 receptions. He hit his stride in the middle of the season, rushing for an average of 76.0 yards per game and seven total touchdowns on 64 carries during a five-week span. He ranks fifth in school history in rushing touchdowns and sixth in career yards, attempts, and 100-yard games.

AUSTIN EKELER *Western (CO)* 5-9 198 RB

2015 & 2016 All-American. In 2016, Ekeler ran for 316 yards, including a career long 88-yard run, and scored five touchdowns to help Western defeat then ranked No. 23 Colorado School of Mines 45-31. In the 10 games Ekeler appeared, he accounted for nearly 40 percent of Western's points (108-of-278). He also helped the Mountaineers to the most program wins in 18 years (7), recorded over 100 all-purpose yards in eight games, and over 200 in four games. Most of his yardage came after being hit at or behind the line of scrimmage, and recorded 92 of his 174 all-purpose yards after first contact against Black Hills State University. Along with setting nearly every career rushing record in Western history, the senior running back led all NCAA divisions in rushing yards through the first eight weeks of the season and was the NCAA's active career rushing leader through the first nine weeks .

MARVIN ELAM *Charleston* **5-9 210 RB**

First Team All-MEC. Good compact back, good acceleration and elusiveness. Reliable in the red zone. 2016 Stats: 182 carries, 753 yds, 4.1 avg, 14 TDs; 14 rec, 101 yds, 7.21 avg.

LAWRENCE ELLIOTT, JR. *Bloomsburg* **6-1 215 RB**

2016 All-PSAC East Second Team (running back), 2015 All-PSAC East First Team (running back), 2014 All-PSAC East Second Team (return specialist), 2013 All-PSAC East Second Team (return specialist). Finished fourth in the PSAC with 1,014 rushing yards and he led the conference with 20 rushing touchdowns in his final season with the Huskies. He was also fourth on the team with 14 receptions for 189 yards. The senior ended with 1,546 all-purpose yards (140.5 per game) to finish eighth in the league in that category. He closed out the season, and his career, with a season-high 167 yards rushing at 11th-ranked IUP to extend Bloomsburg's streak of having a 1,000-yard rusher to seven consecutive seasons. He also became the fourth player in school history to record 5,000 career all-purpose yards. He is the only player in history to have at least 500 career yards in the four main all-purpose yardage categories – rushing, receiving, kickoff returns, and punt returns.

JUSTIN FULKS *Sioux Falls* **5-11 188 RB**

Fulks has earned his first ever All-NSIC honorable mention selection. In his career, Fullks has rushed 262 times for 1,471 yards and 10 TDs. Interestingly, he has played for three straight playoff teams, including 2013 national champions at NW Missouri. At USF, he has 225 carries for 1,269 yards and eight TDs. This season, he is averaged 7.1 yards per carry on 99 rushes for 707 yards and five TDs. He has three 100-yard rushing games with a career best 21 carries for 140 yards and two TDs vs. SMSU.

RONNIE GREEN *S.E. Oklahoma* **5-9 190 RB**

Finished the season as the GAC's leading rusher with 1,226 yards, averaging 111.5 ypg, with nine touchdowns. He also added 18 catches for 203 yards and a touchdown. He finishes the year with the single-season rushing record in the GAC and the second-best season in SE history. He is third on the school's career rushing list with 2,611 yards and fifth in league history.

DRAKE GRIFFIN Fort Lewis 5-8 212 RB

All-RMAC. Became the fourth running back in school history to amass more than 1,000 rushing yards in a season. He finished his senior campaign with 1,309 rushing yards on 201 carries, setting the school single season rushing record. He also added nine touchdowns, two shy of tying the school single season record. Griffin recorded the third most rushing yards in the conference this season, the sixth most all-purpose yards (119.3 per game), and the seventh most touchdowns.

JORDAN GROVE N.W. Missouri 5-11 216 RB SLOT

Honorable Mention All-American as an undersized FB. Was a first team All-MIAA performer, catching at team-high 60 passes for 614 yards and six TDs. He also ran for a pair of touchdowns on 24 carries as a junior.

JAMEL HARBISON Mars Hill 5-11 190 RB

All-SAC First Team Offense was the conference's statistical champion in rushing yards as well as all-purpose yards per game. 2016 Stats: 218 carries, 1095 yds, 5.0 avg, 10 TDs; 15 rec, 111 yds, 7.4 avg/rec, TD; 3 att, 3 comp, 0 INT, 100.0%; 99 yds, 2 TDs.

ROBERT HEALY East Stroudsburg 5-10 185 RB WR

ESU's all-time leading rusher. Earned his third career Football Gazette All-Region honor. He was also a four-time All-PSAC East selection, including the last two years on the first team, after being named PSAC East Freshman of the Year. Set ESU single-season records for rushing yards (1,163) and rushing TD (18) as a senior, and set ESU career records in multiple categories, including rushing yards (3,993), yards from scrimmage and all-purpose yards (5,908), rushing attempts (677), 100-yard rushing games (16), games with 100 yards from scrimmage (35) and games with 200 yards from scrimmage (7). His 5,908 career yards from scrimmage rank second among active DII players and fifth in PSAC history. Suffered a season-ending injury on the final play of the first half vs. West Chester. He returned to play one snap the following week on Senior Day vs. Lock Haven, setting ESU's single-season rushing record. In 8.5 games of on-field action, Healy compiled 1,556 yards - 1,163 rushing and 393 receiving - and scored 19 touchdowns, 18 rushing and one receiving.

KHALIL HOWARD Seton Hill 5-10 220 RB

2nd Team All PSAC West. Led a energized ground game for the Griffins this season. He ended the season gaining 1,101 yards on 193 carries and scored 13 touchdowns. Khalil averaged 5.7 yards per carry. He finished third in the PSAC in yards and fourth in rushing touchdowns. Howard's rushing yards are the third most in a season by a Griffin back.

DeMICHAEL JACKSON *Central State* **6-0 195 RB**

All-SIAC. Transferred from SW Missouri State for his senior season, Jackson was the featured running back in head coach Cedric Pearl's offense. Jackson rushed for 1017 yards and 5 touchdowns, becoming the first CSU runner to eclipse 1000+ yards in a season since 2007. His 1017 yards on the ground ranked No. 3 in the SIAC.

PHIL JACKSON, II *N.W. Missouri* **6-0 223 RB**

2016: 2nd Team All-MIAA. Found the endzone 11 times in 2016, eight coming on the ground where he ran for 730 yards on 113 carries. 2015: MIAA honorable mention, MIAA Academic honor roll, team captain. Led team with 951 rushing yards and 14 TDs on 191 carries. Recorded six straight games with a TD run. Good option out of the backfield.

TYLER JOHNSON *Gannon* **5-10 200 RB**

In his first year as the team's premier back, Tyler displayed his ability to move the ball on the ground and by receiving out of the back field. Good speed, always moving toward the line of scrimmage; seldom loses yardage. 2016 Stats: 154 carries, 777 yds, 5.0 avg, 11 TDs; 7 rec, 114 yds, 16.3 avg.

BRANDON JONES *Alderson Broaddus L* **5-11 205 RB**

Earned honorable mention honors on the Don Hansen All-America Team. Finished with 1,252 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns in 2016 and finished with over 4,000 yards for his career.

MICHAEL LATU *Harding* **5-10 235 RB FB**

1st Team All-American. Started all 14 games at Harding's B-back position in the flexbone offense. He was second on the team with 864 rushing yards on 181 carries and 14 touchdowns.

TYREE LEE *Chowan* **5-9 190 RB APB**

A quick, elusive back, good hands out of the backfield who ended his career for the Chowan Blue and White with 2,114 career rushing yards. 2016 Stats: 173 carries, 1065 yds, 6.2 avg, 12 TDs; 15 rec, 128 yds, 8.5 avg, TD.

CODY PAUL *Chadron* **5-5 170 RB RS**

From the school that gave you Danny Woodhead comes this undersized playmaker. All-RMAC and Team MVP. Paul was No. 1 in the RMAC for punt return average - and eighth nationally - at 16.3 yards per attempt, and tied for the most punt return touchdowns, with two. He was one of only nine players in the nation with multiple punt return scores. In addition, Paul was second nationally for combined return yardage, compiling 912 yards on punt and kickoff returns. As a running back, he carried the ball 79 times for 485 yards, a 6.1 average and 4 TDs; while catching 16 passes for 89 yards and a 5.6 average.

DEVON PAYE *West Texas A&M* 5-11 202 RB

Earned second team all-conference honors this year. He played and started all 11 games as the primary rushing threat for the team. He rushed 177 times for 863 yards and five rushing touchdowns, while leading the team in receptions with 40 for 399 yards and caught four touchdowns. Paye earned Lone Star Conference Player of the Week honors this season and rushed for a career-best 177 yards on 30 carries along with five catches for 22 yards and a score in a 35-27 upset victory over No. 4 Midwestern State. He had a career-best 95 yards receiving on two catches against Texas A&M-Kingsville. Paye ranks second in the LSC in all-purpose yards at 114.73 and ranked fourth in the league in rushing and fourth in rushing yards per game (78.5). Paye finished second on the team in scoring with 54 points. For his career, Paye played in 19 games with 11 starts. He has 1,186 rushing yards on 232 carries (62.4), while catching 46 balls for 475 yards and five scores. He scored 84 points for his career.

JUSTIN PYLE *Shippensburg* 5-8 205 RB

Complete, versatile back who earned a long overdue All-PSAC recognition for the first time in his career after leading the Red Raiders in both rushes (141) and receptions (35). On the ground, Pyle ran for 608 yards, averaged 4.3 yards per carry, and scored five touchdowns. He also hauled in 35 receptions for 273 yards. Pyle finishes his 48-game Red Raider career with 1,619 rushing yards, ranking him among the Top 15 in school history for the category.

BRADY ROSE *Sioux Falls* 5-11 210 RB H-Back

Named second team All-NSIC for the second straight year, Rose has 182 career receptions for 2,359 yards, which ranks sixth at USF all-time in both categories. He also has tied for ninth all-time in TD receptions with 19. Rose has showed his flexibility in the USF offense by catching and throwing a TD vs. SCSU on Sept. 1 in the opener at Husky Stadium. An Academic All-American (CoSIDA) and two-time Academic All-District (CoSIDA) honoree, he has also earned Academic-All-NSIC honors. He had 59 catches and 740 yards receiving and four TDs. He has sixth career 100-yard receiving games and the only player of the team with both 100-yards rushing and receiving in a game. Had 28 carries for 178 yds and a 6.4 average.

RICHIE SANDERS *Mercyhurst* 5-7 185 RB RS

An All-PSAC West Division honoree: he was a First Team running back and Second Team return specialist. He will leave Mercyhurst as the program's all-time career record-holder for all-purpose yards and kickoff-return yards. In 2016, Sanders lead all of NCAA Division II with 2,220 all-purpose yards (201.82 per game) and was the squad's top rusher, kickoff returner and punt returner. In the running game, Sanders had 164 carries for 795 yards and eight touchdowns (4.8 average). Returning kickoffs, he had 36 runbacks for 959 yards (26.6). Then, while returning punts, he ran back 23 kicks for 219 yards (9.5) -- highlighted by a 66-yard punt-return touchdown against Seton Hill (Oct. 22). Sanders' offensive numbers included 25 receptions for 247 yards (9.9) and one touchdown. He also threw a 69-yard touchdown pass -- his only throw of the season. Has truly come full-circle, having been the 2011 PSAC West Rookie of the Year and All-PSAC First Team performer before redshirting twice and stretching his collegiate career over a six years before wrapping up with a solid 2016.

SAM SEETON *Colorado School of N* 6-0 205 RB

Earned an RMAC honorable mention spot for the second straight year after becoming the first Oredigger to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons. The senior put together 1,295 yards and 9 touchdowns, and was a huge part of Mines' seven-game win streak to end the season, averaging 120.1 yards per game in that span with six 100+ outings. He was also an important safety valve for Dvorak in the passing game, catching 31 passes for 195 yards and 2 scores.

VANCE SETTLEMIRE *Ashland University* 5-10 207 RB

All-GLIAC back who in 2015, took over as the starting tailback as a junior, and rewrote the Ashland football record book in the process; setting new program standard for single-season points (114) and touchdowns (19). In 2016, ran for 925 yards and nine touchdowns, and caught 20 passes for 192 yards and another score; finishing 1 short of the school record.

WILLIAM STANBACK *Virginia Union* 6-0 230 RB

Once an All-American Athletic Conference running back at UCF who was dismissed for team violations. Now named HBCU D-II All-American and All-CIAA in 2016 for VUU. Bruising back with decent speed and agility. 2016 Stats: 207 carries, 1299 yds, 6.3 avg, 15 TDs; 12 rec, 165 yds, 13.8 avg, 3 TDs.

DARRICK STRZELECKI *William Jewell* 5-8 207 RB

All-GLVC second team. Led Jewell in rushing with 402 yards and six touchdowns and he was sixth in the league in rushing scores on the season.

DAVID TANN *Colorado-Mesa* 5-10 215 RB

2nd Team All-RMAC. Led the nation in three categories, total touchdowns (25), rushing touchdowns (20) and total points scored (150). Tann has rushed for 1,061 yards on 191 attempts (5.6 ypc). He had 486 receiving yards this season on 30 receptions for a 16.2 average and 5 TDs.

MONTAVIOUS TAYLOR *Carson-Newman* 5-7 195 RB

Transfer from Clark-Atlanta where he was SIAC's Freshman of the Year. All-Region in 2015 at CNU. Once again put up great numbers despite sharing carries on this run-heavy team. Solidly built, durable. 2016 Stats: 148 carries, 866 yds, 5.9 yds/carry; 5 TDs; 10 rec, 129 yds, 12.9 avg.

LEMAR THOMAS *New Haven* 5-9 195 RB

Good back who could have been premier back elsewhere. May not break the big one but moves the chains and seldom gets caught behind the line. 2016 Stats: 126 carries, 536 yds, 4.3 avg, 5 TDs. 2014: Northeast-10 Conference All Rookie Team, Northeast-10 Rookie of the Year.

LAKENDERIC THOMAS *West Alabama* 5-10 220 RB

Transfer from Georgia Southern. Hard runner, patient with decent acceleration and receiving skills. 2016 Stats: 164 carries, 783 yds, 4.8 avg, 5 TDs.

DARREN WALKER *Minnesota-Duluth* 5-8 200 RB

All-NSIC 2nd Team. JUCO transfer who found success right away in 2015. Compact, tough, quick runner. Seldom loses yardage. 2016 Stats: 166 carries, 806 yds, 4.9 avg, 8 TDs; 22 rec, 205 yds, 9.3 avg, 3 TDs.

MARTEZ WALKER *St. Joseph's (IN)* 5-8 185 RB

Transfer from Central Michigan. 2nd Team All-GLVC. Rushed for 668 yards in seven games en route to a Second Team selection. At the time of his injury, Walker was second in the GLVC in rushing yards per game. He also ran for six touchdowns while throwing for two more.

DAVID WHITE *LIU-Post* 5-10 205 RB

Football Gazette All-Super Region I Third Team. ECAC All-Star First Team. White spearheaded the Pioneers' ground attack this season, rushing for a league-leading 1,054 yards and eight touchdowns. He became the team's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2009 and surpassed the 100-yard single-game mark on four separate occasions.

DEVLON WORTHAM *S.E. Oklahoma* 5-9 205 RB

All-Super Region 3 and was an honorable mention all-conference pick. He posted 1,140 yards on the season on 167 carries, averaging 6.8 ypc and 103.6 ypg. He added an SE record 18 rushing touchdowns and chipped in seven catches for 62 yards and another score. He will set nine Southeastern records and seven GAC records including career rushing yardage for both at 3,453 yards, career rushing touchdowns with 46 and career points scored with 282.

DeANTHONY BROOKS *Fayetteville* 5-10 230 FB

Good receiver out of the backfield. Not called on in short-yardage situations. 2016 Stats: 8 rec, 140 yds, 17.5 avg, 4 TDs.

TYRONE BUTLER *Clarion University* 5-11 267 FB

A tight end by trade but has the size, blocking and receiving ability to succeed at FB. National Bowl selectee.

ERIC DE LUCCHI *Concord University* 5-10 230 FB

Picked up his first career postseason award being named All-Region. De Lucchi caught 11 passes for 72 yards and caught his only touchdown of the season in the regular-season finale at UNC-Pembroke. Biggest contributions for CU came in the run game where he was an additional blocker for the Mountain Lions and also picked up blitzers in the passing game to allow senior quarterback Brian Novak to throw for 2,313 yards.

RYAN HARPER *North Alabama* 5-11 236 FB

A three-year letterman at UNA, is a member of the All-GSC team as a blocker for a second straight year. He has one carry for three yards and four pass receptions for 71 yards and one touchdown this season, while helping clear the way for the UNA ground game and providing protection for the passing game.

GORDY LONGVILLE *Western New Mexico* 6-2 230 FB

Solid, tough FB. Has played on both sides of the line. Good, blocker, short yardage rusher and receiver. 2016 Stats: 7 carries, 16 yds, 2.3 avg, TD, 5 rec, 73 yds, 14.6 acg, TD.

NICK PASSODELIS *Charleston* 5-11 230 FB

Second Team All-MEC selection as primarily a blocking back on a run-first team. Unselfish role-player. 2016 Stats: 1 carry, 25 yds, 6 rec, 36 yds, 6.00 avg.

BLAKE PETRICH *Bemidji State* 6-0 240 FB

All-NSIC. was a key part of the Beavers' third ranked rushing attack in the NSIC. He helped block for the third most productive rushing attack in BSU history with 2,514 and accounted for one rushing touchdown, averaging 4.3 yds/carry and a receiving TD catching 19 balls for 210 yds. Petrich even completed one pass for a touchdown in the regular season finale.

ZACH PODOLL *University of Mary* 6-3 235 FB

Complete FB on an awful team. Very good short-yardage rusher and receiver out of the backfield. Lost only 11 yards on 130 carries and averaged 3.2 yds/carry and almost 9 yards/rec. Academic All-NSIC.

JAMES REVADA S.E. Oklahoma 5-11 230 FB

Had 19 yards on the ground and a touchdown but did his damage from the full back or tight end spot as a blocker where he helped produce the GAC's first running back duo to rush for 1,000 yards each while overall the Storm set a record for total offense in a season with 4,904 yards, averaging 445.8 yards per game.

MICHAEL SCOTMAN Pace 5-11 240 FB

Good-sized, bruising back on a subpar team. Good short-yardage runner (lost only 8 yds on 121 carries) with decent receiving skills. 2016 Stats: 121 carries, 391, 3.2 avg, 5 TDs; 9 rec, 57 yds, 6.33 avg.

ALEX SHAIN Assumption College 6-1 230 FB

Earned All-Conference honors for the second straight season after he led the Hounds in rushing with 660 rushing yards and six touchdowns while averaging 4.2 yards per rush. Academic All-American.

GARRETT WISKA Wayne State (MI) 6-1 258 FB

2016: Named to the All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team. Played in the first eight games as a fullback, missed the final three games due to an injury. Key component in helping 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). Appeared in 31 collegiate contests (25 games for Wayne State and six contests for Notre Dame College).