

MICHAEL ALADA St. Thomas 5-10 170 CB

First-team All-America by D3football.com. A first-year starter, Alada led all NCAA players with 11 interceptions. That broke a 33-year-old school record of 10 held by Neal Guggemos and was two off the MIAC all-time season best. Alada also had a fumble recovery and seven additional pass breakups to go along with 34 tackles (29 solo). He helped UST's defense hold eight of 13 opponents to 10 or less points. On his career he had 12 pickoffs, two fumble recoveries, 49 tackles and 11 break-ups.

MALCOLM BOWERS Concordia (WI) 6-1 185 CB

Named All-NACC Honorable Mention as a defensive back. Appeared in nine games, making six starts. Made 29 total tackles (19 solo), 1.0 tackle for loss, intercepted a team-high four passes, broke up a team-best 12 passes, recovered a fumble and forced a fumble. Led the NACC with four interceptions.

ANDRE CONNALLY Wesley College 5-9 176 CB

First Team All-NJAC, selected to the D3football.com All-East Region Second Team, Finished the season with 72 total tackles, including 47 solo tackles. Recorded a forced fumble, two pass breakups, three interceptions and two defensive touchdowns on interception returns. National Bowl selectee.

AUSTIN DAVIS Kean 5-11 190 CB

D3football.com All-East Region First-Team and named a first-team All-NJAC mem ranked in the Top 50 nationally in passes defended and interceptions. This season he led the NJAC in interceptions and closes out his career with 15 in total.

OBI ETUKA Western New England 6-0 190 CB

AFCA Division III All-America second team. Named to the All-New England Football Conference (NEFC) First Team, the New England Football Writers Division II/Division III All-New England Team, and the D3football.com All-East Region Team. Recorded 42 tackles (2.5 for loss), 12 pass breakups and six interceptions in 2016 as the Golden Bears posted their second consecutive undefeated regular season and captured the program's first ever NCAA Tournament victory. He became Western New England's all-time interceptions leader. His career statistics include 143 tackles (6.5 for loss), two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, 36 pass breakups and 21 interceptions in 43 games.

Michael Everett Southwest Minnesota State 5-9 177 CB

Second team All-NSIC South. Finished tied for second in the NSIC with 15 passes defended. He ranked second on SMSU with 65 tackles, ranked first in pass break-ups with three and tied for the team lead with three interceptions. Naional Bowl MVP.

JUSTIN GIBBONS Aurora University 603 194 CB WR

As a senior for the Spartans, Gibbons played both defensive back and wide receiver. On defense, he accounting for 30 tackles, three pass break-ups and the blocked kick that clinched the Spartans 2016 Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference Championship. As a receiver he six catches for 172 yards and two touchdowns.

ISH HEIGHT Buffalo State 6-1 193 CB

2ND Team ECAC North Football All-Stars had 31 tackles, a team-high four interceptions and eight pass breakups. Height was a second team selection last year as well.

ANTHONY HILL Hamline University 6-2 220 CB FS

1st Team All-MIAC. Had a good senior season in the secondary, recording 34 tackles and three pass breakups while patrolling the back yard. A super special team player as well, Hill blocked an extra point try and returned for the only defensive safety recorded in the league this year in the season opener. National Bowl selectee.

JAMES HOLLEY-GRISHAM St. Lawrence 5-10 195 CB RS

All-Liberty league . Was tied for the lead in the Liberty League with four interceptions and among the league leaders with eight passes defended (interceptions plus pass breakups). Additionally, he had a league best 342 punt return yards with two punt returns for touchdown which was tied for the top spot in the country.

MIKE HOLLINS John Carroll 6-1 185 CB

Hollins, a two-time all-region selection over the course of his career, was a 2016 d3football.com first team All-America player. A three-time first team All-OAC pick, Hollins led the OAC in 2016 with six interceptions for 55 yards. He made 45 tackles (36 solo) and defended 12 passes total. Of his 45 tackles, 3.5 were for losses totaling seven yards. The senior cornerback, who set a program record for most career games played at John Carroll with 48.

KENNEDY JOHNSON Linfield 6-1 200 CB

All-NWC. One of NWC's premier cornerbacks, Johnson led the Wildcats with four interceptions, 11 pass breakups while also contributing 26 tackles.

KENNY JONES Defiance 6-1 170 CB

Was a first-team All-HCAC award winner in 2016 and became a two-time All-Conference honoree after earning second-team accolades as a junior. This fall, he recorded 32 tackles (29 solo and three assists) and led the team, and the HCAC, in interceptions with a career-high six and blocked kicks with three. He also led the team in pass breakups (six). In addition, Jones also added one tackle for loss. Jones ended his career with 119 tackles (98 solo and 21 assists), 14 interceptions, four fumble recoveries, five blocked kicks, a sack and scored five touchdowns defensively.

NICK KWON Case Western 5-9 170 CB

Named to the D3football.com All-South Region Second Team, and the All-PAC and All-UAA First Teams. Selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team, and the Academic All-District Team. Served as a team co-captain. Started all 10 games for the Spartans. Was second on the team with 66 tackles, including four tackles for a loss and one sack. Added three interceptions, eight pass breakups, a quarterback hurry, a forced fumble and two blocked kicks during the year.

CARLOS LEMUS Illinois College 5-10 190 CB

All-MWC 2nd Team. Lemus was a big-play cornerback for Illinois College in his senior season. He ended the year with 26.5 tackles (18 solo) and had a fumble recovery and an interception. Lemus was also among the leaders on the team with three passes defended and two break-ups.

TRE'VON LIGHTFOOT Emory & Henry 5-11 180 CB RS

2016: Selected to the All-ODAC First Team. Started all ten games at cornerback. Posted 39 tackles on the season. Forced a fumble versus Brevard (Sep. 10). Picked off three passes on the year. Returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown vs. Catholic (Nov. 5). Won ODAC Play of the Week for that defensive play. Broke up five passes on the year. Tallied five or more tackles three times. Had 12 kick returns for 196 yards

JOEL LOHOUA Denison 5-9 190 CB

Earned his second consecutive NCAC first-team recognition. Finished with 48 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, and two interceptions. He also broke up five passes. Lohoua leaves Denison with 152 tackles and six interceptions in 33 career games.

JOB MASON Sul Ross State 5-11 190 CB

Second Team All ASC Defense. Led the ASC with 15 breakups. He also ranks fifth with a pair of forced fumbles. Has 37 tackles.

DORIAN MAYNARD Muskingum 6-0 160 CB

First Team All-OAC. Ended the season with 37 stops and ranked fourth in the OAC with three interceptions and second in the conference with a nine pass breakups. He also forced one fumble and logged two tackles for loss.

STERLING MITCHELL Rose-Hulman 5-10 185 CB RS

The versatile Mitchell appeared on Rose-Hulman's offensive, defensive and special teams units in his four years as a Fightin' Engineer. Career totals of 957 kickoff return yards, 339 receiving yards, 27 punt return yards and 21 yards on interception returns. Honorable mention all-HCAC selection in 2016, member of HCAC Championship Teams in 2013 and 2016, starter for the first NCAA Division III Playoff Team in school history in 2016

ALEC MONTILLARO St. John Fisher 5-9 175 CB

Mortillaro was known as the Cardinals' locked down corner this year, usually getting the assignment of covering the opponent's top receiver. He rose to the occasion though, leading both the team and the Empire 8 in passes defended with 16. Of those breakups, three came away as interceptions. Mortiallaro could get physical as well though, recording 45 tackles on the year and one forced fumble.

BRANDON NEAL Thomas More College 5-11 180 CB

Named first team All-PAC. Neal had 43 tackles (36 solo, seven assisted), including two tackles for a loss and three interceptions.

JEREMY NIKLOS North Central (IL) 6-1 189 CB FS

Started all 12 games at cornerback. Made 40 tackles (32 solo) and shared team lead with five interceptions. Led CCIW in pass breakups (13) and passes defended (18). Also recorded four tackles for loss and forced two fumbles. Totaled eight tackles and two interceptions in season-opening 35-21 win at Robert Morris-Chicago. First Team All-CCIW. D3football.com All-North Region First Team selection.

YOSA NOSAMIEFAN Trinity (CT) 6-1 190 CB

A two-year starter and a two-time All-NESCAC First Team honoree, anchored a Trinity defense that led the conference in forced turnovers (23), as he made his presence known as one of the league's best shutdown corners. Nosamiefan was fourth on the team with 33 tackles, including 26 solo stops, to go along with five pass breakups and an interception. In his fantastic career, Nosamiefan notched 83 tackles (67 solo), 2.5 sacks, seven tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, one interception, 10 pass breakups, and a blocked kick in 29 games.

BRIAN PRICE SUNY-Maritime 6-3 213 CB

Selected as a D3football.com All-East Region selection after earning first team All-Eastern Collegiate Football Conference honors from the league. He finished second on the team with 70 tackles, which was the 12th most in the league. He also led the league with five interceptions, and was also led the league with four blocked kicks while contributing 2.5 sacks this season for a loss in 18 yards and 4 PBUs.

CARNEILUS SMITH Gallaudet 6-0 185 CB

Started all 10 games during the 2016 season where he was second on the team with 65 tackles (40 solo), four interceptions for 257 yards and three touchdowns, six passes defended, two pass breakups, four tackles for a loss of eight yards. Smith is a three-time all-conference honoree after being named to the All-Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) first-team defense the past two seasons.

MARCUS SPEARMAN Johns Hopkins 6-0 200 CB

2nd team all-conference selection; the first of his career. He leads the team with six pass breakups and also has 22 tackles and one interception on the year. His late-game pass breakup in the end zone at nationally-ranked Muhlenberg helped preserve a 30-24 Blue Jay victory earlier this season.

DYLAN STEPLETON Coe 6-3 175 CB

Named the Iowa Conference Defensive MVP. Stepleton led the league with six interceptions, while also ranking sixth in the league with nine pass breakups. He finished the year with 51 tackles in league play, including six for a loss. He also blocked a kick against Central. His 41 solo tackles were the fifth-most in the league.

AUSTIN TENNESSEE Stevenson 6-1 195 CB FS

Honored by the Metropolitan New York Football Writers and American Football Networks as the Rocky Myers Division III Defensive Player of the Year. Tennessee, a consensus First Team All-American by D3football.com and the AFCA, was also selected as the D3football.com East Region Defensive Player of the Year and the Middle Atlantic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He totaled 57 tackles (44 solo) for the Mustangs. Tennessee tied for the team lead in interceptions with six and had 200 interception return yards, including a pair of pick sixes, while also recording eight pass breakups.