

**MATTHEW BARNES**                      **Monmouth College**                      **6-0**    **222**    **OLB**

Named an All-American by the American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA), was selected to the AP second team after guiding a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 nationally in scoring defense (9.5) and No. 2 in total defense (211.4). His school-record 133 tackles ranked him 11th nationally. Named a finalist for the coveted Cliff Harris Award, presented annually to the nation's top defensive player among NCAA Division II, III and NAIA institutions. Barnes was also named a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy and was voted the Defensive Skills Player of the Year by the Midwest Conference coaches.

**RYAN BRENNER**                      **Rowan**                      **6-0**    **225**    **OLB**

Started all 10 contests and led the Profs with 86 tackles (41 solo, 45 assisted). He had four tackles for a loss (19 yards), two sacks (18 yards), two interceptions and one forced fumble. Brenner was selected to the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) All-Conference first team, Eastern College Athletic Conference South All-Star second team and D3football.com All-East Region third team.

**JUSTIN BROUSSARD**                      **Southwestern**                      **5-11**    **223**    **OLB**    **ILB**  
**University**

Named Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Wrapped up a star-studded career with the Pirates as a four-time, first-team all-league honoree. Broussard, a 6-foot-1, 235-pound defensive end, tallied 60 tackles, including 20.5 for loss, and 15.5 sacks during the 2016 campaign. He finished his career with 37 sacks, which is tied for second all-time in SCAC history. Broussard also set the conference's single-game mark with 5.5 sacks against Trinity on Oct. 15.

**COLE BURDETTE**                      **Randolph-Macon**                      **6-0**    **235**    **OLB**    **ILB**

Named a finalist for the fourth annual Cliff Harris Award as a DE for the nation's top small college defensive player. Burdette was All-South Region Third Team by D3football.com. He was named the Lou Wacker Defensive Player of the Year in the ODAC and was All-ODAC First Team. Burdette was the anchor for the top defense in the league and one of the best in the nation. He led the team and was third in the ODAC with 18 tackles for loss (minus-86 yards) and 9.5 quarterback sacks (minus-62 yards). Burdette was tied for third on the team with 51 total tackles and he had three pass deflections. R-MC was tops in the ODAC and eighth in the nation in rush defense, allowing 71.6 yards per game on the ground. The Yellow Jackets were also first in the conference and 13th in the country in scoring defense, allowing 14.3 points per contest.

**CODY CHAPMAN**                      **Maine Maritime**                      **6-0**    **225**    **OLB**    **ILB**

Chapman was named to the ECAC Defense Second Team at the linebacker position after earning New England Football Conference (NEFC) First Team Defense honors last month. Chapman, a senior captain, led the Mariners with 73 tackles this season. Appearing in all nine games, Chapman recorded 38 solo tackles, 15 tackles for a loss totaling 42 yards, three forced fumbles, and 2.5 sacks for 12 yards. Chapman also tallied three broken up passes, one fumble recovery, and a blocked kick.

**SEAN CHINOVA Mt. Ida 6-0 220 OLB**

Racked up 96 tackles for the Mustangs and led the team with 17 tackles for loss, fourth in the conference. The senior had two interceptions, three blocked kicks and two pass breakups, and he scooped up a fumble and returned it 83 yards for a touchdown in the season finale. In addition to his All-New England selection, he also earned a spot on the ECFC's First Team All-Conference squad for the third straight year.

**CODY COX Ohio Northern 6-1 220 OLB**

Was named Second Team All-Conference, has started 40 games at linebacker in his four seasons as a Polar Bear. He had 27 tackles and an interception this season and had 159 tackles in his career.

**CHARLIE DEAR Mount Union 6-0 230 OLB SS**

Played the Spur: Linebacker/safety hybrid. 2016: D3football.com All-North Region Second Team, All-OAC First Team, Started all 14 games, Had 85 tackles, 6.0 sacks, 11.5 tackles for loss, 2 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an interception. Had 12 tackles vs. Heidelberg

**EDWARD DELIA Moravian 5-11 226 OLB**

Led the Greyhounds and the conference in tackles this fall with 124, which is tied for the tenth most in a single season at Moravian. Delia added 65 solo stops (tied for the seventh most in a single season in school history), seven and a half tackles for loss, a half a sack, three interceptions which he returned for 25 yards, a total of eight passes defended, one fumble recovery and two forced fumbles in his first year as a starter. Made the switch from running back to linebacker at the start of the 2015 season and played just two seasons on defense finishing his career with 144 tackles, eight and a half tackles for loss and a pair of blocked kicks to go with his three interceptions, eight passes defended, two forced fumbles and fumble recovery.

**ALEC DIETSCH St. Lawrence 6-0 225 OLB**

All-Region. Was second on the team with 73 tackles. He recorded 10 ½ tackles for loss, 2 ½ sacks and had three interceptions. He was a First Team All-Liberty League selection and is also in consideration for the coveted John Wooden Citizen Cup award as the top all-around college student-athlete.

**REESE DZIEDZIC UW-Oshkosh 6-0 230 OLB ILB**

2016 Little All-America Football Team. Also collected All-America honors from D3football.com and the American Football Coaches Association this season, was among the 81 finalists for the Cliff Harris Award for the nation's top small college defensive player. Dziedzic, who started each of UW-Oshkosh's 48 games over the past four seasons, concluded his career as UW-Oshkosh's career leader in tackles with 331. He was the Titans' leading tackler for the fourth straight year after compiling 41 solo tackles, 50 assisted tackles and 91 total stops. Dziedzic also registered seven tackles for a loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and one interception this season.

**SEAN FENTON Gallaudet 6-1 225 OLB ILB**  
2016 William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist as announced by the National Football Foundation (NFF). Three-time ECFC All-Academic Team. 2016 NFF Capital Region College Scholarship honoree. 2015 CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team. Heart of the defense that is ranked 19th in Division III for passing yards allowed (155.6). Led the Bison in assisted tackles (25), fumble recoveries (2), forced fumbles (1). second in interceptions (2), passes defended (4). pass breakups (2). third in tackles (57), solo tackles (32). had eight or more tackles in three different games. Started and played in nine games. Four-year letterwinner.

**LUKE FOUKAS Franklin & Marshall 6-0 228 OLB**  
2nd Team All-Centennial, was in on 49 stops (34 solo), including 10.5 that went for a loss and six sacks. Also had 5 PBUs and an INT.

**ISAAC FRAZIER Simpson 6-4 215 OLB SS**  
Frazier led the Iowa Conference in sacks and tackles for loss for the second year in a row. The 6-foot-4 defensive end had 10.5 sacks and 14 tackles for loss on the way to his second-straight First Team All-IIAC selection. He becomes Simpson's first defensive lineman to earn first team honors in back-to-back years since Jason Ripke in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

**ETHAN GAMBALE Salve Regina 6-1 240 OLB**  
Made his second All-Conference team after also receiving second team honors last season. He led the Seahawks in tackling in 2016, notching 70 tackles, 49 solo, 12.5 for loss and three sacks. Gambale also forced two fumbles, broke up three passes, had a fumble recovery and an interception.

**JACKSON GARREY Chicago 6-2 215 OLB**  
1st Team All-UAA, 1st Team All-SAA. 2016 stats: 116 tackles, 3 forced fumbles, 3 fumbles recovered, 6.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack. Ranked 18th in NCAA Division III with 11.8 tackles per game. Led the SAA in tackles by 1.6 per game.

**TOM HAGAN SUNY-Cortland 6-4 235 OLB**

(ECAC) Division III All-North team. As a DE, Hagan registered 51 tackles, 27 solo, in 11 games. He led the Red Dragons with 16.5 tackles for loss for a total of 61 yards, including a team-best 7.5 sacks for 48 yards. He recorded two sacks versus both Ithaca and Alfred. Hagan also led the team with 16 quarterback hurries. Hagan's 118 career tackles include 34.5 for lost yardage in 27 games.

**DUSTIN HOLMES Wittenberg 6-0 215 OLB ILB**

Holmes, who is the first Wittenberg player to collect the NCAC Defensive Player of the Year since 2009, was the backbone of the Tigers' defense that allowed just 96 points (9.6 ppg) in 10 regular season games. In those 10 games, Holmes collected 90 tackles (47 solo, 43 asst.), 7.0 tackles-for-loss and 2.0 sacks. Holmes, who also scooped up two fumble recoveries and picked off two passes, topped the 10-tackle mark in four different games, led by a 22-tackle (9 solo, 13 asst.) performance in Wittenberg's key 24-14 win over Wabash.

**ALBERT ITULA UW-River Falls 6-0 238 OLB**

2016 All-WIAC. Team's leading tackler. Good rusher from the edge. 2016 Stats: 72 tackles, 6 TFLs, 2.5 sacks, 2 INTs (TD), 4 QBH.

**LAJAY KELLY Earlham 6-4 225 OLB**

Earned All-HCAC First Team honors after being named All-HCAC Second Team the previous three seasons. Kelly led the squad in tackles with 80. He finished his senior season with one forced fumble, one sack, and one interception that was returned 99 yards for a touchdown. Kelly ends his Earlham career with 300 tackles.

**BRIAN KHOURY Carnegie Mellon University 6-2 236 OLB ILB**

College Defensive End. CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team. ECAC All-Star, Cliff Harris Award Finalist, UAA Defensive Player of the Year, All-PAC First Team, D3football.com Third Team All-Region, ECAC South First Team. Set the school record for total career sacks with 29.5. Saw action and started in all 11 games. Recorded 55 tackles, 31 solo. Had 12.5 sacks and forced two fumbles.

**ANTHONY KING-FOREMAN** St. Thomas

**6-2 238 OLB ILB**

**LINKOLN LaROCHE** Bluffton University **6-1 229 OLB OLB**

Earned All-HCAC honors for the second straight season as a DE. LaRoche was tied for third in the conference with seven sacks, while his 11 TFL's were tied for 11th in the HCAC. He is tied for 6th on Bluffton's single-season sack list and his 14 career sacks are fifth all-time. LaRoche finished his outstanding career with 30 TFL's (7th all-time). He forced two fumbles this season and wrapped up 113 total tackles during his four years as a Beaver.

**ROBERT MEADE, III** Kean **6-3 245 OLB**

1st Team NJAC All-Conference. Meade ranked in the Top 100 nationally in forced fumbles (2). He is also found in the Top 10 in the NJAC in tackles (74) and interceptions (3).

**ZACH NEUFIELD** Denison **6-3 230 OLB**

Named second-team All-NCAC. Started all 10 games at defensive end. Made 47 total tackles, including seven for a loss and 5.5 sacks. Recorded eight tackles with 2.5 sacks in a win over Wooster.

**AARON O'MEARA** HOPE **6-1 235 OLB ILB**

O'Meara anchored the MIAA's top scoring defense at 16.3 points per game allowed. He made a team-high 93 tackles, including 12 for loss and 5 ½ sacks. All-MIAA First Team; Third-team all-region.

**JACK PEREZ** Pacific **6-1 225 OLB ILB**

was named second team All-American by D3football.com after earning first team honors on Monday by the American Football Coaches Association. He is the first Boxer in program history to be recognized First Team All-American and to earn multiple All-American laurels. The All-American honors by Perez add to a list full of accolades that include first team D3football.com all-West Region, first team all-Northwest Conference and the conference Defensive Player of the Year. As a senior, Perez made a school record 123 tackles, including 63 solo efforts to go along with 15 stops for loss to lead the Boxers

**JESSIE PETERSON Central (IA) 6-2 220 OLB ILB**

Finishing second on the team with 79 tackles, Peterson led the team with 44 solo stops. Additionally, he had three pass break ups and a forced fumble. He was also a first team all-conference pick.

**JALEN PHOENIX Crown 6-2 240 OLB ILB**

UMAC first team All-Conference. As a DE, was always wrecking havoc behind the line of scrimmage, with 13.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, and four QB hits in 2016. He also amassed 54 tackles and recovered a fumble on his way to his All-Conference selection.

**JACK PIETRUSZEWSKI St. John's 6-1 225 OLB**

D3football.com All-West Region and named a CoSIDA Academic All-American this fall. He started each of the Johnnies' last 24 games and finished second on the team with 13.5 tackles for a loss and third with 53 tackles (26 solo) in 2016. He also blocked three kicks and finished second in the MIAC behind Brinker with 11 tackles for loss and tied for fourth with 4.5 sacks in MIAC play. Pietruszewski completed his career with 118 tackles (52 solo), including 21.5 for a loss and 8.5 sacks in 39 games.

**JIMMY QUINLAN Geneva 6-3 230 OLB**

Tabbed All-PAC defense first-team after showcasing 103 tackles during his senior campaign as starting linebacker for the Golden Tornadoes. Quinlan has led Geneva's in tackles for the past three seasons tallying a career 312 tackles.

**TIM RAFTER Ursinus 6-0 220 OLB**

Scripted a strong senior season on his way to a 2nd team all-conference nod, leading Ursinus in tackles (68) to move all the way up to seventh on the program's all-time list with 246. The co-captain registered career highs in sacks (4.5) and tackles for loss (7.5) and added two interceptions, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup, and a blocked kick. Rafter had a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown in a 33-32 loss to Moravian and finished his career with eight picks.

**CLAUDE RICHARDSON McDaniel 5-11 225 OLB ILB**

2nd Team All-Centennial Conference started all 10 games. He finished third on the team with 57 tackles and was second on the squad with 8.5 tackles for loss. He also had a team-high four sacks to go with an interception and two pass breakups. He had a pair of double-digit tackle performances, recording 12 against Ursinus and 10 against Dickinson.

**KEVIN SHERRY Dickinson 6-2 230 OLB ILB**

2nd Team All-Centennial Conference as a d-lineman. Led the team and ranked sixth in the conference with six sacks for 32 yards this season. He tallied 59 tackles, including 13-for-losses of 43 yards. He had three sacks against Gettysburg and tallied a season-high 11 tackles against Franklin & Marshall. Sherry recorded over 200 tackles in his career and moved into third in program history with 19.5 sacks, covering 93 yards. He finished with 34 tackles-for-losses of 119 yards. In addition, Sherry is a three-time member of the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**REIDRICK SMITH Mary Hardin-Baylor 6-1 240 OLB**

ASC Co-Defensive Players of the Year. Made league history as the first player to be named Defensive Player of the Year three times (2014, 15', 16'). A three-time all-conference selection, Smith ranked second in the ASC in sacks (10.5) and tackles for loss (18.0) for 105 yards lost. Smith spearheaded a Cru defense that finished the regular season ranked No. 13 in Division III with 13.6 points allowed per game.

**CHRIS SMITH St. John Fisher 6-2 235 OLB ATH**

Smith had a peculiar season for the Cardinals demonstrating his skills sets on both sides of the football. Bookending the season as a menacing defensive end, Smith collected 46 tackles and led the team in sacks with 5.5. Also forced a safety in the team's win over Ithaca College. In the middle of the season though, Smith got the call to line put in the running back position as that part of the depth chart was plagued with injury. Having played a few snaps there in his previous years at Fisher, Smith didn't skip a beat, rushing for 226 yards and four touchdowns in his two starts.

**MARK UPTON Bates 6-1 220 OLB ILB**

Team captain. 2016 recipient of the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston's Nils "Swede" Nelson Award for Divisions II/III. NESCAC First Team All-Conference. D3football.com 2016 All-East Region Team. Semifinalist for the National Football Foundation's Campbell Trophy for scholar-athletes. 2016 NESCAC Fall All-Academic Team. First on the team and third in the NESCAC in tackles with 87 on the season. 52 solo tackles good for a tie for first in the NESCAC. First on the team and second in the NESCAC in sacks with seven on the season. First on the team and second in the NESCAC in tackles for loss with 14 on the season.

**BEN WADORS Chapman 6-2 250 OLB**

Transfer from Fresno State. Was a near constant in the backfield from his outside linebacker position. Ranked second in the SCIAC with six sacks and fourth in the conference with 10.5 tackles for loss. The only repeat selection for the Panthers this season earned All-SCIAC honors as a defensive end after his freshman season in 2012. He also knocked down two passes this season and forced a fumble. His 41 total tackles this year were a career-high and gave him 115 tackles for his career.

**COREY WARD Hardin-Simmons 5-10 215 OLB**

ASC Co-Defensive Player of the Year and the first since Hank Hornsby (2010). Ward was one of two league defenders to record more than 100 tackles on the year and ranked second in the ASC (105). A two-time all-conference selection, Ward led all ASC linebackers and ranked third in the league in sacks (6.0) and tackles for loss (13.0).









Division III All-America team by the American Football Coaches Association as a DE. A two-time All-MIAC honoree, King-Foreman helped UST go 26-2 since he joined the starting lineup in 2015, including six postseason wins. The only two losses were to Mount Union in the 2015 Stagg Bowl and to 2016 Stagg Bowl contestant UW-Oshkosh. The Tommie defense limited 16 of those 28 opponents to 10 or less points. On a balanced defense where big plays and individual stats are spread out, King-Foreman had 28 tackles for loss (14 sacks) and 99 tackles, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, four pass knock downs, and one fumble return TD on his career. In nine career postseason games he had 26 tackles, one sack, two TFL, two break-ups.