

Marty & Matt's Small College Scouting Report



DARNELL BALDWIN

BLOOMSBURG

6-3 210 FS/SS

Can play either FS or SS. Good tackler and solid in coverage. 2017: 44 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, 2 INTs, 4 PBUs.

ANDREW BENSON

ASSUMPTION

6-2 205 FS/SS

2017: Earned All-America honors for the first team after concluding his career as arguably the best safety in Assumption history. This year Benson earned NE10 Defensive Player of the Year honors as the anchor of a defense which finished the regular season ranked third in the nation in scoring defense and first in redzone defense. He finished the season with 74 tackles, nine interceptions, eight pass breakups, and four fumble recoveries. His nine interceptions set a new Assumption single-season record and he concluded his career with a school-record 17 interceptions. 2016: Named 2016 Don Hansen Gazette Super All-Super Region One team, named to the Annual Steve "Merc" Morris All-Star Team, Named to the New England Football Writers Division II/III All-New England Team, Given the Joe Zabalski Award, which recognizes New England's top defensive player in Division II, Named to All-Super Region 1 Second Team by the Conference Commissioner's Association, First-Team All-Conference.

GEORGE BROWN

NEBRASKA-KEARNEY

6-2 180 FS/

2017: 3rd Team All-MIAA. A rare four-year starter at both free safety and punt return,

Brown played in all 11 games this fall and recorded 54 tackles (33 solo). He also picked off two passes for 16 yards, brought back a fumble 18 yards and had two pass breakups. On special teams, Brown had seven returns for 35 yards. One of just two fifth-year seniors on this year's team, Brown was one of four co-captains this fall and currently is 24th on UNK's career tackles list (184). 2014, 2015 Honorable mention All-MIAA. Four-year starter.

TYRELL BROWN

DELTA STATE

5-11 195 FS/CB

Transfer from Appalachian State. 2017: Played in all 13 games, making nine starts, for the Statesmen at safety. Helped the Statesmen to a 9-4 overall record and a second round appearance in the NCAA Division II Football Championship Playoff. Set a career-best with 50 tackles, including 33 solo stops, on the year. 2.0 tackles-for-loss. Intercepted one pass while breaking up six passes.

JOSH BUTLER

SIoux FALLS

6-0 187 FS/SS

2017: In 44 career games, Butler, a two-time senior captain has 240 career stops with 146 solo stops and 25 passes defended. Butler, a two-time Academic All-NSIC selection, earned his third straight All-NSIC honor, making the second team for the second time (2015). Named the Most Inspirational Award recipient by USF in 2016, he was first-team All-NSIC a year ago. In his career, Butler has recorded two interceptions in his career and also has a sack. This season, Butler has 51 tackles, including 26 solo stops, two tackles for loss and seven pass breakups on the league's top defense. 2016: Earned first-team All-NSIC honors, leading USF to NSIC title for first time in DII era, named team captain. 2015: Named second team All-NSIC.

DEJVION EDWARDS-STEWARD

TIFFIN

6-1 205 FS/

2017: GLIAC's Honorable Mention. Was an integral part of the Dragons' secondary, totaling 76 stops on the season. Isbell posted 3.0 tackles for loss and snagged an interception. 2016: HM All-GLIAC.

QUINLAN GAINES**SOUTHWEST BAPTIST****5-11 184 FS/**

2017: All-GLVC honorable mention. Quality defender. Very reliable. Made 67 tackles, 2 TFLs, INT (TD), 3 PBU.s.2016: 2nd Team All-GLVC.

AHMOND GOMEZ**CHOWAN****6-1 175 FS/**

Transfer from Central Connecticut. 2017: Free safety with good tackling and an eye for the ball. Had 41 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, 4 INT, PBU.

CARVEL GRAHAM**ST. CLOUD STATE****5-10 183 FS/**

2017: Named to the Third Team by Don Hansen for the second straight season. He finished senior season with a First Team All-NSIC selection as a defensive back for the second straight season. Graham, who played and started 10 games this season, led the team and placed third in the NSIC and 19th nationally with his five interceptions this season. He returned two of his interceptions for touchdowns as well. Graham was also fifth on the team in total tackles this season with 40 including 31 solo stops plus had two pass breakups and two forced fumbles. He also was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Football Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) earlier this off-season. He was also a three-time NSIC All-Academic Team selection.

JACKSON HUERTA**CENTRAL WASHINGTON****5-10 194 FS/**

2017: All-GNAC First-Team. Had 56 tackles, 9 pass breakups and 2 interceptions 2016: GNAC All-Conference First-Team, All-Academic Team

AARON IVORY**FINDLAY****6-1 201 FS/**

2017: Was the 2017 G-MAC Defensive Back of the Year, first team all-region from the D2CCA, and second team all-American from the Associated Press. Ivory earned honors after putting together one of the best seasons of any safety in the country. Recorded 36 tackles and had three tackles-for-loss, but it was his pass defense that made him stand out.

Ivory recorded six pass breakups including five interceptions over the course of the season. He also tied a school record with three interception returns for touchdowns all while helping lead a defense that held opponents to an eight-year program low, 19.2 points per game. 2016: Named honorable mention all-GLIAC.

ANDRE JOHNSON **VALDOSTA STATE**

5-11 191 FS/

Very good in coverage sometimes lines up at WLB. 2017: Finished with 15 tackles, TFL, 6 PBUs, FF, FR.

JOE KELLY **WINGATE**

6-0 180 FS/CB

2017: Team captain. A consistent plug and play guy. Good tackler and effective coverman. Had 36 tackles, TFL, INT, 5 PBUs.

JONAH MCCUTCHEON **TUSKEGEE**

6-2 186 FS/

2017: Finished the season with 38 tackles and ranked third in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) with three interceptions. Two of his three INT's came in crucial points during the game. In the season opener against NCAA Division I FCS opponent Alabama State, he returned an interception 46 yards in the 4th quarter to seal a 14-6 win. In a 23-17 win against Morehouse College, McCutcheon picked off a pass in overtime to set up the go ahead touchdown for the Golden Tigers. 2015 All-SIAC First Team, 2015 CCA Super Region 2 Second-Team All-Region, 2015 BOXTOROW All-American, 2015 SBN Black College All-American, 2016: All-SIAC First Team.

COLTON MCKAY **CLARION**

5-11 195 FS/SS

2017: Appeared in all 44 games in his college careers, team captain in 2017. This year totaled 58 stops, 5.0 tackles for loss and two interceptions.

TADERION MYHAND**WEST ALABAMA****6-0 187 FS/WR**

2017: Second team All-GSC. Very solid free safety, really good in coverage and a tough tackler. Had 82 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, 3 INTs (TD), 10 PBU, FF, 2 FR.

JERRY NASH, III**MINNESOTA STATE****6-1 205 FS/**

Transfer from Culver-Stockton College. 2017: Don Hansen All-Super Region Three Third Team. Appeared in all 14 games, while making 13 starts. Nash led the Maverick defense with 79 tackles. He also recovered three fumbles and tallied two interceptions. Against Texas A&M-Commerce, he posted a season-high 13 tackles.

D.J. OLMSTEAD**WASHBURN****5-11 185 FS/**

2017: Don Hansen All-Super Region Three 1st team. Earned Honorable Mention All-American honors by D2football.com and was voted the Hero Sports Fan Choice Division II Defensive Player of the Year, was a first team all-MIAA selection finishing second in the nation in fumbles recovered with four and set a Washburn record with three interceptions returned for touchdowns during the season. Overall he was ranked 14th in the nation in six interceptions collecting 173 return yards finishing with 59 total tackles with seven pass break ups and three forced fumbles and his four fumble recoveries was second in the nation. He had a Washburn high of 10 tackles against Pittsburg State.

BRANDON ROE**VALDOSTA STATE****6-1 195 FS/**

2017: Overlooked for post-season honors despite 5 INT season. Finished with 45 tackles, TFL, 5 (TD), PBU.

DYLAN STARKS**LAKE ERIE****6-1 190 FS/**

2017: Second Team All-Great Midwest. Was fifth on Lake Erie in tackles as had 41 total tackles. He made two tackles for a loss and snagged one interception on the season. Battled injuries, but was a stabilizing force in the secondary.

DANIEL TEPE **MALONE**

5-11 195 FS/SS

2017: G-MAC Honorable Mention. finished his senior season with 63 tackles, three pass breakups, and an interception. Tepe, who finished his career with eight interceptions. 2016: Named G-MAC All-Conference.

CARLO THOMAS **JOHNSON C. SMITH**

6-2 185 FS/

2017: Watch List for the Black College Football Player of the Year Award. Third-Team All Super Region by the Don Hansen Football Committee. Completed his senior season in 2017 with 64 total tackles while recording 8.5 for loss. He also had 2.0 sacks and three interceptions. He capped his stellar JCSU career by picking off two passes in JCSU's 27-14 road win against rival Livingstone. In his three-year career with the Gold and Blue, he picked off 22 passes, cementing his name in the JCSU record books by breaking the career interceptions mark. 2015, 2016 All-CIAA First Team.

TAKHI TURNER **INDIANA (PA)**

6-0 200 FS/

2017: All-PSAC West 2nd Team. Chipped in 61 tackles and a pair of interceptions. A starter as a true freshman, he was a key reserve during his sophomore season before moving back into the starting lineup as a junior in 2016. Has played both the free safety and strong safety spots.

DONNELL VERCHER **MINOT STATE**

6-2 190 FS/

Transfer from Fresno State. Team's 2nd leading tackler. 106 tackles and still no NSIC honors. 2016: Earned All-NSIC North Second Team honors.

AENEAS WHITE **INDIANAPOLIS**

5-11 212 FS/

2016: All-GLVC Second Team, UIndy Co-Defensive Back of the Year; 2015: All-GLVC First Team, UIndy Defensive Back of the Year.

BRIAN WOOD CHADRON STATE

6-1 185 FS/CB

2017: All-RMAC Honorable Mention. Can play anywhere in the defensive backfield, one-on-one or zone. Can roam the field, disrupt passing lanes, or play inside the box.

RANDY ALLEN, JR. CHOWAN

5-11 200 SS/

2017: All-CIAA Second Team honors. Allen Jr. led the team in tackles with 64. The senior added 5.5 tackles for loss and registered half a sack this season.

TOBY AMADI EASTERN NEW MEXICO

6-0 212 SS/

2017: First Team All-LSC. Emerged as a lockdown defensive back for the Hounds in 2017. He was one of just seven players to reach double figures in passes broken up. He also tied for the team lead with 47 tackles, with a team-high 28 solo stops. Amadi had a career game against fourth-ranked Midwestern State, with nine tackles and two pass break ups.

ANDREW BENSON ASSUMPTION

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TRAVON BLANCHARD**TEXAS A&M COMMERCE****6-2 205 SS/**

Two-time All-Big 12 honoree at Baylor. Played safety and nickelback there. Played SLB at A&M Commerce. 2017: All-LSC honorable mention. Had 32 stops on the year with eight tackles for loss and three sacks. He blocked one kick, forced one fumble, intercepted one pass, and had four pass breakups.

KEVIN BOURNE**ASHLAND****5-10 191 SS/**

Transfer from Kent State. 2017: All-GLIAC Honorable mention. Had 56.0 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, FF, 5 PBUs

RONNY BRANT, II**WAYNE STATE (MI)****6-0 191 SS/ST**

2017: Played in 10 games, starting nine times at safety. Served as a team captain. Recorded his second and third career interceptions in the Walsh contest to earn GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week honors. Surpassed the 100-career tackle plateau (77-24) with five stops (3-2) at Tiffin. Saw action as the long snapper on punts in the first two games. Served as the punt returner in 10 games, having a season-high two returns for 24 yards against the Cardinals. Finished second on the team with 40 solo tackles, and third on the squad with a career-best 61 total tackles, tied for the team lead in interceptions (2) and forced fumbles (2), tied-for-fourth in the GLIAC in forced fumbles. Ranked 10th in school history in both punt returns (34) and punt return yards (241).

COREY BRENT**MINNESOTA STATE****6-0 190 SS/RS**

2017: NSIC South Division All-Conference Second Team. Started in all 11 games for the Minnesota State this season at safety. Notched 39 tackles, including three for a loss this season, to go along with three interceptions. 2016: Received an NSIC Honorable Mention. 2015: Claimed an NSIC Honorable Mention.

BRYCE BROOME**MINOT STATE****5-11 197 SS/**

2017: First Team All-Northern Sun North Division. Had a career year in his final season in a Minot State uniform. Led the Beavers with a career-high 112 tackles and ranked third in the NSIC averaging 10.2 tackles per game. Broome also led Minot State with 11.5 tackles for loss and tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries. He intercepted two passes, forced two fumbles and had 1.5 sacks on the year.

AARON BROWN **LINCOLN (MO)**
6-1 215 SS/

2017: All-GLVC second team. Finished third among the Blue Tigers with 62 tackles, including 35 solo. Brown was one of eight Lincoln players to block a kick this season, helping the Blue Tigers to finish fourth in Division II in that category as well as first in the nation in blocked punts. Brown additionally tallied 1.5 tackles for loss, recorded a quarterback hurry and broke up a pair of passes.

TRISTON BROWN **SOUTH DAKOTA MINES**
5-10 210 SS/

2017: Deserved some All-RMAC consideration after posting 53 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, an INT, 8 PBUs, a FF and a recovery.

ZED BROWN **WEST GEORGIA**
6-0 203 SS/

Four-year starter at safety, helped West Georgia to two-straight trips to the NCAA Semifinals in 2014 and 2015, ends his career with 188 career tackles and 7 career interceptions, more than half of his career interceptions have been returned for a touchdown. 2017: 58 tackles, 3 TFLs, 0.5 sack, INT (TD), 9 PBUs.

JALEEL CANTY **FERRIS STATE**
5-10 205 SS/

2017: All-GLIAC 2nd Team. Finished with 46 tackles, a sack, 5 TFLs, FR (TD), INT, and 6 PBUs. Did not play in 2016. Member of the Bulldogs' GLIAC Championship and NCAA Playoff team in 2015. Earned All-GLIAC First Team honors in the defensive backfield. All-Region choice. Appeared in all 12 games and finished with six pass breakups to go with 25 total tackles. Transfer from NCAA Division I Eastern Michigan.

JARED CHESTER**LIU-POST****5-10 190 SS/FS**

2017: All-NE-10 first-team. Last year's Defensive Player of the Year, has provided 56 tackles (29 solo, 27 assist) in 2017. 2016: NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year. ECAC Division II Defensive Player of the Year. All-NE-10 First Team. D2CCA All-Super Region I First Team. ECAC All-Star First Team. D2CCA All-America Second Team. Football Gazette All-Super Region I First Team.

IAN DAVIS**WESTERN NEW MEXICO****6-3 190 SS/**

2017: LSC 1st Team. Davis was one of the top safeties in the conference as he led the team in solo tackles with 48 and was tied for the team lead in interceptions with two. He went for a season-high in tackles with 12 against Angelo State and added another double-digit game with 10 against Western Oregon. He had a big interception against Fort Lewis that helped start the comeback in the second half. Davis added a pair of pass breakups versus Angelo State. His blocked punt and subsequent return for touchdown helped get the Mustangs on the board against Texas A&M-Kingsville. He was also tabbed LSC Special Teams Player of the Week for that play. Davis ranked seventh in the conference in solo tackles per game (4.5).

TARIQUE ELLIS**MERCYHURST****5-11 190 SS/**

2017: PSAC Western Division 2nd Team. Finished with 67 total tackles, which had him ranked for third on the Laker roster. Among those stops, one was a tackle-for-loss. Ellis also had five pass breakups, one interception and one forced fumble.

RILEY GALYON**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA****5-11 190 SS/**

Became a regular starter ahead of junior season and flourished in the role. Set a UCO single season record with 70 solo tackles in 2016. Was fifth in the MIAA in solo tackles and 11th in the league in total stops. Talented versatile athlete who can come up and make

plays as well as defend the pass. Doesn't let ball carriers go by. 2017: MIAA Honorable Mention. 81 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 6 PBUs.

JEFFREY HARMAN **SIOUX FALLS**

6-0 205 SS/FS

2017: From his free safety spot, displayed very good cover skills with 29 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 2 INTs, and 5 PBUs. 2016: Named NSIC All-League second team .

NATHAN JONES **WESTERN OREGON**

6-1 190 SS/

2017: All-GNAC 2nd Team. Finished fourth on the squad with 45 total tackles. Jones intercepted two passes on the season and added with 8 pass breakups to share the team lead.

ED KARGBO **VIRGINIA-WISE**

5-10 211 SS/

2017: All-MEC Second-Team. Led the Cavs with 72 tackles in his final collegiate campaign. The senior posted five or more tackles in nine of his team's 11 games in 2017. The defensive back added eight pass break ups and an interception as he made an all-conference team for the second consecutive season.

JOHN MARVIN **VALDOSTA STATE**

6-1 200 SS/

Transfer from Georgia Tech. 2017: Finished with 32 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 2 INTs, 2 PBUs.

JOHNQUAVIOUS MCBRIDE **DELTA STATE**

5-11 190 SS/

Transfer from Missouri Southern. 2017: Played in 10 games for the Statesmen, making nine starts at safety. Helped the Statesmen to a 9-4 overall record and a second round

appearance in the NCAA Division II Football Championship Playoff. Recorded 77 tackles with 2.5 tackles-for-loss. Intercepted two passes and defended nine passes.

MARTECE MCCLINTON **INDIANAPOLIS**
5-10 194 SS/

TRE MCINTYRE **OHIO DOMINCAN**
6-0 210 SS/

2017: First Team All-Great Midwest. Don Hansen Football Gazette Third Team All-Region 1. Started all 10 games. Finished season with 76 tackles (3.0 TFL) and an interception with four pass break ups. Made 13 tackles (eight solo) against Findlay (11/11). Tallied 11 tackles against both Lake Erie (9/23) and Walsh (10/28). Picked off a pass at Alderson Broaddus (10/21). Made eight tackles at Cal (8/31) and Malone (9/30). 2016: Started all 11 games.

ELGIN MOORE **SOUTHERN ARKANSAS**
6-0 211 SS/

Played Rover. 2017: For the third-consecutive season, Moore claimed All-GAC recognition after being placed on the league's First-Team following a senior season one could expect out of a veteran leader. Moore led the Mulerider defense in tackles for the third year in a row as he accumulated 71 total tackles, including 42 solo stops. That tackle total stands as a top 20 mark this season in the GAC as Moore recorded six or more stops in seven games this year, with a pair of double-figure tackle totals including a career-high 12 tackles at Arkansas Tech. A daunting fixture in the SAU secondary, Moore finished the season with a career-high eight passes defended, which includes seven breakups and one interception, and stands as a top 20 mark in the GAC this season.

SPENCER MORAN **MICHIGAN TECH**
5-11 215 SS/

2017: All-GLIAC Honorable mention honoree. Was second on the team in tackles this season with 83 total stops. He averaged 7.5 tackles per game with one sack and 6.5 tackles for a loss. In addition, he blocked three kicks which was tops in the GLIAC and fifth in NCAA Division II. He wraps up his Tech career with 164.0 total tackles.

TREVOR NAASZ**AUGUSTANA****6-0 195 SS/**

2017: Team captain. NSIC South Division All-Conference Second Team selection. Started all 10 games in which he played. Finished the season with 51 total tackles, 29 solo and 22 assists. Led the team with four interceptions.

JALEN NIEVES**KUTZTOWN****5-11 205 SS/**

An active, high-motor, smart player at the rover position. 2017: All-PSAC East Second Team. At the 'Rover' position on the Golden Bear defense, Nieves played the hybrid safety-linebacker position effectively for KU, ranking second on the team with 81 tackles, eight tackles-for-loss, four sacks and three forced fumbles. In a standout performance against Shippensburg on Oct. 28, Nieves racked up a career-high 16 tackles, one sack and one forced fumble, earning him player of the game honors. As part of a unit which ranked in the top-four in the PSAC in both interceptions and sacks, Nieves posted career-highs in nearly every major defensive category in his final season in Maroon and Gold. Appearing in 38 career games, has amassed 255 career tackles, 17.5 TFLs, five sacks, 12 passes defended and three forced fumbles. Nieves is a three-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete, earning Dean's List Honors following the Spring 2015 semester.

PETER PFANNENSTIEL**WASHBURN****5-11 210 SS/**

2017: All-MIAA honorable mention. Made his 41st career start last time out and this season recorded 65 tackles with five for loss and one interception.

MAX REDFIELD**INDIANA (PA)****6-1 205 SS/FS**

2017: D2Football first team All-American. One of the best defensive backs in the nation, Redfield was one of 30 Division II finalists for the Cliff Harris Award, which goes to the top small college defensive player in the country. Coming to IUP as a transfer from Notre Dame, Redfield displayed his talents by playing in multiple positions in the defensive backfield. He finished third on the team with 78 total tackles and second with four

interceptions for 40 yards, adding a forced fumble and fumble recovery. He broke up an additional nine passes as he was one of the national leaders with 13 total passes defended in 13 starts. Redfield had a pair of 10-tackle games this season, including the season-opening 26-23 win over nationally-ranked Ashland in August. He posted interceptions in three straight games and picked off his fourth in the conference championship win over West Chester on Nov. 11. Was one of five current and former Notre Dame players who were arrested Aug. 19, 2016 after a traffic stop along U.S. 31 near Rochester. He was later dismissed from the team. Two year starter at Notre Dame and saw significant time as a freshman. Still considered a top prospect for the 2018 NFL Draft.

EDWARD RICHEY NORTHWEST MISSOURI

5-11 202 SS/

2017: Appeared in all 12 games. Finished year with 48 tackles, 5 tackles for loss and one sack. Had one interception and a fumble recovery 2015, 2016 All-MIAA Third Team.

DUSTIN RIVAS COLORADO-MESA

5-10 190 SS/RS

2016: CoSIDA Academic All-American, AFCA First Team All-American, D2Football.com All-American Honorable Mention, D2CCA Second Team All-Region, RMAC Academic Defensive Player of the Year, RMAC Academic First Team, National Football Foundation Colorado Chapter First Team. 2015: D2CCA All-American, Earned All-Colorado First Team Academic Honors from the National Football Foundation, All-RMAC First Team Academic, Co-RMAC Special Teams Player of the Year, All-RMAC First Team selection. 2014: All-RMAC Academic, Named RMAC Freshman Defensive Player of the Year, Led NCAA Div. II in pass defending at 2.2 per game.

ABE ROEHRICH MSU-MOORHEAD

5-11 212 SS/OLB

Former strong safety moved to LB. 2017: NSIC North Division Second Team. Had 67 tackles on the season, including 33 solo stops which led the Dragon defense. He also had a sack and a fumble return for a touchdown. Roehrich also had two pass breakups. Roehrich earned second-team all-conference honors for a second straight year. 2016: Named to NSIC North Division Second Team at linebacker, started all 11 games, led team with 83 tackles. 2015: Named NSIC North Division honorable mention for second straight year, played in all 11 games, recording 63 tackles, including 32 solo, had two interceptions and recovered one fumble, had a season-high eight tackles on two different occasions, also had seven tackles

for loss. 2014: Named NSIC North Division honorable mention, named USA College Football DII Freshman All-American.

ACE ROGERS

LINDENWOOD

6-1 210 SS/FS

A transfer from U of Minnesota. 2017: Honorable Mention All-MIAA. Led the Lions with three fumble recoveries, and was second with eight pass breakups. He finished the year with 75 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, one interception, and one forced fumble. Davis had 6.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks on the year. He had a total of 46 tackles, forced one fumble, and deflected four passes.

ERIC SCHWARTZ

BLOOMSBURG

6-1 210 SS/

Tough tackling safety who is equally effective in coverage. 2017: 58 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, 1.5 sacks, 3 INTs, 2 PBUs, FR (TD), blocked kick.

SHA'HEEM STUPART

CARSON-NEWMAN

5-11 208 SS/

2017: All-Region, 1st Team All-SAC as a LB. concluded one of the greatest careers for a Carson-Newman linebacker in program history. The native of the Palmetto State finished his C-N career with 312 career tackles, the seventh most all-time in Carson-Newman history. He also racked up 24 stops behind the line and 6.5 sacks in his C-N career. As a senior, Stupart finished with the year as Carson-Newman's leading tackler and the third leading tackler in the South Atlantic Conference. He made a career-best 94 stops to go along with 9.5 tackles for loss, three sacks and two forced fumbles. Stupart finished his career with 11, 10-tackle performances, including a career-high 16 against Limestone on Oct. 7. Stupart was Carson-Newman's leading tackler on 16 occasions in his career and finished with eight or more tackles in 21 games, nearly half of his Carson-Newman career. He is one of three players in the last decade for the Eagles to have a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception in one game.

TALIUAKI SULIAFU

AZUSA PACIFIC

6-1 200 SS/

2017: Two-time All-GNAC first team safety who started all 11 games, recording a team-high 5 interceptions to lead a Cougar defense which ranked 10th nationally in turnover margin (plus-13) and 13th nationally in total interceptions (16). The 6-foot-1, 200-pound strong safety ranked fourth on the team in tackles with 53 (30 solo, 23 assisted), and he registered 3.0 tackles for loss including 2.0 sacks. He finished his career with two interceptions against No. 14-ranked Colorado Mesa in the final game of the season, and he also tallied 130 yards of interception return yardage. 2016: All-Great Northwest Athletic Conference first team; 2015: Honorable Mention All-GNAC.

NAIQUAN THOMAS

FAIRMONT STATE

6-0 215 SS/FS

Finished fifth on the team in tackles with 50 as a senior. He also tied for the team lead with four interceptions, added five pass break-ups, and forced and recovered a fumble in the FSU secondary this season – earning MEC honorable mention accolades. Thomas was a one-year standout at Fairmont State after transferring from Rhode Island in 2015. In 2015 at RIU, Thomas started nine games and finished third on the team with 55 tackles and an interception.

RHAMIR THOMAS

LINCOLN (PA)

6-1 225 SS/OLB

2017: Was the Lions third leading tackler last season, recording 49 tackles while also recording one sack. Participated in the FCS Bowl. Transfer from Youngstown State.

OSBAND THOMPSON

TUSKEGEE

6-0 210 SS/

2017: 2017 BOXTOROW All-America Team. SIAC Defensive Player of the Year. Finished the season with 131 tackles, the second most in the nation. This mark is also 35 stops better than the second leading tackler in the SIAC. He notched 6.5 tackles for loss (TFL), made four interceptions, four quarterback hurries, two broken up passes, a pair of forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. In eight of the teams 10 games, Thompson made a minimum of 10 tackles. During week two against Albany State, he finished with a season high 16 tackles. He is the first linebacker in 10 years to lead the team in tackles and interceptions in the same season. 2016: Named to five different All-America teams, selected as the SIAC Defensive Player of the Year and the D2CCA Super Region 2 Defensive Player of the Year as a linebacker.

D'ANGELO TUCKER**SOUTHWEST BAPTIST****6-2 206 SS/**

2017: Hampered by injury in '17. A very good safety with strong skills. 19 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, 2.5 sacks, PBU, QBH, FF. 2016: Don Hansen All-Super Region Four Team, All-GLVC (1st)

DANIEL WALKER**FORT LEWIS****6-2 211 SS/**

2017: Earned RMAC honorable mention. Participated in 9 games for the Skyhawks. Completed 48 tackles and five tackles for a loss of 15 yards. Forced one fumble and collected one interception and had 6 PBUs. Made nine tackles and two tackles for a loss of seven yards against Dixie State.

AYINDE WARREN**SIoux FALLS****6-1 200 SS/**

2017: Played a key role in the secondary for the league's top-ranked defense. He had 21 tackles, including 17 solo stops, two tackles for loss and a team-high three interceptions. He also had two pass breakups and a quarterback hurry. In his career, Warren has accumulated 165 tackles, 92 solo stops, nine tackles for loss, and six interceptions.

RYAN WOOD**CHADRON STATE****6-1 195 SS/FS**

2017: Had 79 tackles, 3 TFLs, 2 PBUs, QBH, 2FF, 2 FR. 2015: All-RMAC honorable mention, Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska DII Team. 2014 RMAC All-Conference First Team, Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska DII Team. 2013 RMAC Defensive Freshman of the Year, Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska DII Team. 2016: Limited to starts in the first three games, before a rib injury punctured a lung, and he received a medical redshirt for the season to return in 2017. Can plug in and be right at home at any safety position, where his speed can be utilized in different ways. Ran a 4.4-second 40-yard dash in spring 2016.
