

# Marty & Matt's Small College Scouting Report



**FOOTBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SUBDIVISION**

## **ANTHONY ELLIS**

## **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN**

### **6-1 250 ILB/DE**

2017: 1st All Big South (DPOY) as a DE, 2nd STATS All American, 2nd AFCA All American, Spiral Tropical Bowl (MVP), 2nd Phil Steele All American, 1st HERO All American, 2nd Madness All American, Stats-52 TT, 16 tfl, 9 Sacks, 2 INTs, 9 QBH, 3 FF, BK. Recognized as the co-Defensive Player of the Year for the Big South Conference, becoming the fourth repeat winner of the league's top defensive honor. He led the Big South in tackles for loss for the third consecutive season with 16.0, and tied for the most forced fumbles with three. Second in the league with a career-high 9.0 sacks and was part of a unit that set the Big South single-season team sack record with 34. The senior defensive end finished in the top 10 in the conference with two interceptions, posted 52 overall tackles (30 solo), and recorded three multi-sack games and six multi-tackle for loss efforts in 2017. 2016: 2nd FCS AP All American, 2nd STATS All American, 1st All Big South (DPOY), 2nd AP All American, Stats-45 TT, 7 Sacks, 16 TFL, 2 FF.

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## **BRYCE HOLM**

## **ILLINOIS STATE**

### **6-2 240 ILB/FB**

2017: Stats-55 TT, 2 TFL, 2 PBU. Was a quality FB who was an All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second-Team selection at fullback in 2014 and saw action in all 13 games beginning the season at H-back, before moving to linebacker to finish out the season in 2015. Talented, unselfish player.

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**BRANDON GODSEY****SOUTH DAKOTA****6-0 225 ILB/LS**

4yr starter at LS, 2017: 2nd All MVC (LS), 3rd HERO All American (LS), 3rd STATS All American (LS)

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**ETHAN BRUNHOFER****BUTLER****6-2 225 ILB/OLB**

4yr starter, 2017: 2nd All Pioneer, Stats-75 TT, 7.5 TFL, Sack, INT-TD, 3 FF. Was second on the team in both tackles (75) and tackles for loss (7.5). His three forced fumbles led the team. 2016: HM All Pioneer (2x), STATS-74 TT, 7 TFL, INT, 2 pbu, BK.

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**GARRETT DOLAN****HOUSTON BAPTIST****6-2 240 ILB/OLB**

2017: 1st All Southland, FCS Bowl, 1st HERO All American, 3rd Madness All American, 2nd STATS All American, Spiral Tropical Bowl, 3rd AP All American, 2nd Phil Steele All American, Stats-140 TT, 10 TFL, 5 QBH. 2016: 3rd FCS AP All American, 3rd STATS All American, 1st All Southland, STATS-135 TT, 12.3 t/g, 2 Sacks, 15.5 TFL. Has earned five All-America honors over the past two seasons. He led the Southland Conference and ranked second in the nation for a second-straight season with 12.7 tackles per game, including 10 tackles for loss. He made a career-high and school record 140 tackles in 2017 to bring his career total to 467, which ranks seventh all-time in Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) history. Finished his career with eight sacks, a school-record five forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

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**BRANDON HEREFORD****JAMES MADISON****6-1 235 ILB/OLB**

2017: Played in 11 games, making nine starts at linebacker. Third Team All-CAA Linebacker. VaSID Second Team All-State. Received John David Krauss Memorial Award. Had 65 total tackles (29 solo), to go with 4.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, two fumble recoveries, one interception, a defensive touchdown, two pass breakups and four quarterback hurries. Season-high 11 tackles at Delaware (Sept. 30) and in FCS Quarterfinals against Weber State (Dec. 8). Also had nine tackles and a career-high 1.5 sacks at Rhode Island (Nov. 4). Had a pick-six against Villanova (Oct. 14). Had a full sack at Delaware and at Elon (Nov. 18). Had five or more tackles in six games and three or more

in 10 outings. JMU Athletic Director's Scholar-Athlete (Fall 2016). 2016: Stats-96 TT, 7.5 TFL, Sack, 4 PBU.

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**REGGIE HUNTER**                      **NC CENTRAL**

**6-0 225 ILB/OLB**

2017: 1st All MEAC, HM Boxtorow All American, Stats-85 TT, 8 TFL, 2 Sacks, INT, 5 PBU, 4 QBH. Ranked sixth in the conference with a team-best 85 tackles (54 solo). Finished his career with 245 tackles to rank 11th on NCCU's all-time list. 2016: 2nd All MEAC, STATS-84 TT, 2 Sacks, TD, 12 TFL.

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**RANDALL LAGUERRE**                      **CENTRAL CONNECTICUT**

**6-2 235 ILB/OLB**

2017: FCS Bowl, 1st All NEC, Stats-83 TT, 6.5 TFL, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, FF. 2016: 1st ECAC All Star, 1st All NEC, STATS-116 TT, 10.5 t/g, 2 Sacks.

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**ANTHONY SMITH**                      **NORFOLK ST.**

**6-0 230 ILB/OLB**

2017: HBCU Bowl, 2nd All MEAC, a former walk-on, had a MEAC-high 124 total tackles and was second in the MEAC with 11.3 tackles per game. He reached double figures in tackles five times in eight MEAC games, including a career-high 18 in wins over both Florida A&M and North Carolina Central. Smith was named the MEAC and STATS FCS National Defensive Player of the Week following the NCCU victory. Stats-124 TT, 5.5 TFL, 3 INTs, 4 PBU, FF

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**JALYN WILLIAMS**                      **PRARIE VIEW A&M**

**6-1 245 ILB/OLB**

2017: HBCU Bowl, 3rd HERO All American, 1st All SWAC, Stats-76 TT, 21 TFL, 4 Sacks, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, FR, FF. Led the SWAC and second nationally with 21.0 tackles for loss. He led the team in total tackles, solo tackles, sacks. Recorded at least one tackle for loss in the final 10 games of the season, and had back-to-back 10+ tackle games. He had at least seven games of at least 2.0 tackles for loss.

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**JARED FARLEY****NORTHERN IOWA****5-11 225 ILB/SS**

A great athlete that can play offense as well. 2017: 2nd AP All American, 2nd STATS All American, 1st All MVC, 2nd Madness All American, 2nd Phil Steele All American, 2nd HERO All American, MVFC All-Academic Team Honorable Mention. For his storied career, Farley earned 313 total tackles, which ranks eighth-most all-time at UNI. Stats-122 TT, 6 TFL, Sack, INT, 5 PBU, 2 FR-TD, Rush TD, Rec TD. 2016: 2nd All MVC, STATS-80 TT, INT, 3 PBU.

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**CJ PARVELUS****SACRED HEART****6-0 220 ILB/SS**

2017: 2nd All ECAC, 1st All NEC, Stats-92 TT, 4 TFL, INT. Led SHU for the second straight season in tackles with 97. He finished the regular season third in the NEC in tackles. Parvelus had double-digit tackles in five straight games from Sept. 30 to Oct. 28, capping that stretch with a career-high 16 tackles against Duquesne on Oct. 28. 2016: 2nd All NEC, STATS-100 TT, 9.1 t/g, 3.5 Sacks, 12.5 TFL.

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**JAMES BANKS****MONTANA****6-1 220 ILB/**

2017: 2nd All Big Sky, 111 TT, 15.5 TFL, 5 Sacks. Tied for the most TFLs in the Big Sky this season and the twenty-third most in the nation with a total of 15.5. Led the league in tackles this season, averaging 10.1 per contest for a total of 111 takedowns. As a two-year starter, Banks totaled 154 career tackles.

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**GRANT BEIDEL****PRESBYTERIAN****6-1 230 ILB/**

2017: 2nd All Big South, Stats-103 TT, 8 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 FR, FF. Finished his career with 208 tackles, fourth-most in PC's Division I history and second-most by a PC linebacker. One of just two players in the league to record 100 tackles this season and just the fifth player in PC's Division I era to manage 100 tackles in a season. 2016: Stats-2 INTs, 75 TT, 2.5 Sacks.

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**CHARLES BELL****DELAWARE****6-0 230 ILB/**

2017: Injured after 4 games. Fourth-year member of the squad as a senior • Rare two-year captain for Blue Hens. Rated as one of the top linebackers in the nation at the NCAA FCS level. Tough, hard-hitting linebacker with great sense for the game and nose for the ball. Entering 2017, played in 34 career games with 22 starts and recorded 217 tackles (92 solo), three sacks, 20 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, two interceptions, and four pass breakups and ranked No. 17 in career tackles among active FCS players, Was looking to lead team in tackles for the third straight year and would become just the fourth UD player to accomplish that and first since current Detroit Lions linebacker Paul Worrlow in 2010-12. Needed 83 tackles to become just the 19th player in UD history to reach the 300 mark. 2016: 1st ECAC All Star, 1st All CAA.

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**LEE BENNETT****MERCER****6-0 225 ILB/**

2017: 1st All SoCon, Stats-110 TT, 5 TFL, Sack, INT, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, 3 FR, 2 FF. Named a team captain as a senior. Earned All-SoCon First Team honors. Set program record with 110 total tackles. Ranked 14th nationally and second in the SoCon with an average of 10.0 tackles per game. Ranked eighth nationally with three fumble recoveries. Added 5.5 tackles for loss, one sack, one interception and two forced fumbles. Recorded 16 tackles or more in three games. 2016: STATS-63 TT, 3.5 TFL.

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**SHAWN BISHOP****JACKSON STATE****6-0 235 ILB/**

2017: 2nd All SWAC, Stats-74 TT, 9.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 FR, FF. He was ranked 7th in the league in total tackles and 14th in tackles for loss. 2016: STATS-51 TT, 8 TFL, BK.

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**BRANDON BRYANT****LAFAYETTE****5-11 225 ILB/**

2017: Spiral Tropical Bowl, 2nd AP All American, 1st All Patriot, 2nd Madness All American, 3rd Phil Steele All American, 3rd HERO All American, 3rd STATS All American, Stats-133 TT, 7.5 TFL, 3 Sacks, INT. Finished his senior campaign ranked third in the nation in tackles per game (12.1) and ninth in solo tackles per game (6.3), coming off a 2016 season shortened by knee injury. The team captain and All-Patriot League First-Team honoree made 133 tackles, the most since 2005, including a career-high 19 tackles against

Harvard. He was named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week three times in 2017. All Patriot in '15, 2016: STATS-41 TT, 4 TFL, 2 Sacks, FF.

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**JEFFREY CANADY**                      **EASTERN KENTUCKY**

**6-0 235 ILB/**

2017: Canady recorded 10 or more tackles in three games this past season, including a season-best 15 in Eastern's 14-10 win over Saint Francis in the season finale. That was the second-most tackles by an OVC player this year. CoSIDA All District 2, ADA Academic All Star, Stats-89 TT, 6.5 TFL, 2.5 Sacks, 4 QBH. 2016: CoSida All District 2, STATS-123 TT, 11.2 t/g, 1.5 Sacks.

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**ALLAN CRATSENBERG**                      **VMI**

**6-3 225 ILB/**

2017: 2nd All SoCon, Stats-118 TT, 6 TFL, 3 INTs. topped the VMI tackle charts for the second straight season and led the league in tackles per game for the second straight year with 118 total -10.7/game. 2016: STATS-126 TT, 11.5 t/g, 2.5 Sacks, 8.5 TFL.

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**KENNETH DAVIS, III**                      **ALABAMA A&M**

**5-11 220 ILB/**

2017: 1st All SWAC, Stats-75 TT, 11.5 TFL, 5.5 Sacks, PBU. He had most sacks of any SWAC linebacker and was sixth overall. Davis was also sixth in total tackles and seventh in tackles for loss. 2016: STATS-98 TT, 2 Sacks, 10.5 TFL.

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**SAM DENMARK**                      **ABILENE CHRISTIAN**

**6-1 230 ILB/**

2017: A two-time first team all-conference selection – was voted second team All-Southland Conference in 2017 after he finished third on the team with 70 tackles. Denmark finished his career with 396 tackles, breaking the all-time ACU record of 388 2016: CoSida All District 7, 1st All Southland, STATS-111 TT, 10.1 t/g, 3 INTs, 5 TFL. 2017: 2nd All Southland, Stats-70 TT, 6.5 TFL, Sack, INT, 2 QBH

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**DANARIUS DOOLEY****ARKANSAS PINE-BLUFF****6-1 230 ILB/**

2017: Stats-53 TT, Sack, 2.5 TFL

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**KENYATTA DUNBAR****GARDNER-WEBB****5-11 220 ILB/**

2017: FCS Bowl, 1st All Big South, Played inside linebacker at a high level for the Runnin' Bulldogs in 2017, totaling 69 stops and ranking second in the Big South Conference with 13.5 tackles for loss (minus-64 yards). Added four sacks and was at his best early in the season before a rash of injuries over the final six weeks. Stats-69 TT, 13 TFL, 4 Sacks, INT, FF, 2 QBH

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**BYRON EVANS****NORTHERN ARIZONA****6-1 235 ILB/**

2017: HM All Big Sky, STATS-93 TT, 4.5 TFL, INT, 3 PBU. At Glendale Community College was a Second Team All-ACCAC after leading the Gauchos with 128 tackles.

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**KURT FRIMEL****CORNELL****6-1 235 ILB/**

2017: 1st CoSida All District 1, 2nd All Ivy, Stats-56 TT, 9.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU, FF. A defensive captain, led the Big Red and ranked fourth in the Ivy League in tackles for loss (9.5). He had 55 tackles, two sacks, two pass breakups and a forced fumble in nine games. The CoSIDA Academic All-District selection was a two-year starter and letter winner who compiled 148 tackles, 16.5 for a loss and 4.5 sacks, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups. 2016: STATS-59 TT, 1.5 Sacks, 3 FF.

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**JAMES GRAVES****CENTRAL ARKANSAS****6-1 240 ILB/**

2017: Was UCA's No. 3 tackles in 2017 when the Bears finished 10-2 overall, won the Southland Conference title with a perfect 9-0 record and won a Division-I school record 10 consecutive games. Graves had 70 tackles and played on a defense that ranked second in the league in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense. CoSIDA All District 6, HM

All Southland, Spiral Tropical Bowl, FCS Bowl, Stats-70 TT, 5 TFL, PBU. 2016: STATS-49 TT, 4.5 TFL.

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**PEYTON GUIDRY**                      **NORTHWESTERN STATE**

**6-0 235 ILB/**

2017: Stats-83 TT, 1.5 Sacks, 3 INTs, 7 TFL, 2 FF. Coming off a broken ankle sustained in 2016 spring practice, Guidry gradually rounded into form during his junior season.

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**NATE HATALSKY**                      **ALBANY (NY)**

**6-0 225 ILB/**

2017: 2nd All CAA, Stats-122 TT, 11.1 t/g, 2 Sacks. Was the CAA's runaway leader in total tackles with 122 – 19 more than the next player. He also set a new school Division I record for tackles in a game with 21 on Oct. 7 against Rhode Island; he's also second on the list with 19 against Delaware on Nov. 5.

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**KYRE HAWKINS**                      **JAMES MADISON**

**6-0 220 ILB/**

2017: Played in all 15 games, making 14 starts at linebacker. HERO Sports FCS Third Team All-American. First Team All-CAA Linebacker. VaSID Second Team All-State. Charles Haley Defensive MVP. Iron Dukes Award. Two-time CAA Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 4, Oct. 16). Led JMU with a 111 total tackles (51 solo), to go with 14.0 tackles for loss, 7.0 sacks, two fumble recoveries and nine pass breakups. Ranked third in CAA in tackles for loss and 13th in tackles per game (7.4). Season-high 13 tackles both at ECU (Sept. 2) and in FCS Quarterfinals versus Weber State (Dec. 8). Career-high 3.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks against Villanova (Oct. 14). Also had 2.0 sacks in CAA opener against Maine (Sept. 23). Recorded at least 1.0 tackle for loss in nine games. Career-high two fumble recoveries in FCS semifinals against South Dakota State (Dec. 16). Had two pass breakups twice. Six games with double-digit tackles, having also had 11 at Elon (Nov. 18) and 10 against Villanova, New Hampshire (Oct. 28) and against North Dakota State (Jan. 6) in the NCAA Division I Football Championship game. Five or more stops in 11 outings.

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**NICK HORNE**                      **EASTERN ILLINOIS**

**6-2 220 ILB/**



2017: 2nd All OVC, Stats-71 TT, 11.5 TFL, Sack, INT, 3 PBU, 4 QBH, FR, 2 FF. Earned second team All-OVC honors at linebacker after leading the Panthers in tackles with 71 to rank 14th in the OVC. He finished the year with 11.5 tackles for loss which fell one shy of making the EIU career top ten. Horne was seventh in the OVC in TFL. 2016: STATS-73 TT, 5 Sacks, 12 TFL, 2 INTs, 7 PBU.

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## **MARKESE JACKSON**

## **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**

**6-1 226 ILB/**

2017: Former walk-on for the SIU football team has gone from a backup with no stats to one of the top defenders in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Stats-6 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU, 4 QBH, FR. 2016: Stats-54 TT.

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## **JUSTIN JOHNSON**

## **SAM HOUSTON STATE**

**6-0 225 ILB/**

2017: 1st All Southland, made the top squad for the second time in as many tries as a Bearkat. The conductor of the Bearkat defense, Johnson ranks 12th in the league in total tackles. He's also picked up 4.0 sacks, doubling his total from a year ago. Stats-114 TT, 8.5 TFL, 4.5 Sacks, INT, FF, 2 QBH.

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## **JIM LITRENTA**

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**6-3 230 ILB/**

2017: HM All MVC. South Dakota's top tackler this season with 78. He has five tackles-for-loss, one sack, one forced fumble and two pass breakups. Litrenta has competed in all 34 games for the Coyotes during the last three seasons. He has compiled 159 tackles, second most amongst active USD players. Stats-80 TT, 5 TFL, Sack, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, FF. 2016: STATS-66 TT.

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## **ANDRE LLOYD**

## **JACKSON STATE**

**6-3 235 ILB/**

2017: Received Most Valuable College Senior Award for the Jackson State Tigers. Stats-77 TT, 6 TFL, Sack, 2 INTs, 3 PBU, 4 QBH, FF

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**JEREMIAH MITCHELL****AUSTIN PEAY****6-1 230 ILB/**

2017: College Gridiron Showcase, FCS Bowl, Stats-83 TT, 1.5 Sacks

**MASON MONTGOMERY****CAL POLY****6-0 240 ILB/**

2017: In his first year as a starter had 92 TT, 2.5 TFL, 2 QBHs, FF. Team's leading tackler. Montgomery recorded 112 tackles, including two sacks and seven tackles for lost yardage, as a sophomore during the 2015 season at Butte College.

**COLTON MOSKAL****PENN****6-0 225 ILB/**

2017: HM All Ivy, Stats-60 TT, 4 TFL, 2 Sacks, PBU. An All-Ivy selection for the second year in a row, Moskal was second on the team in tackles with 60 despite missing one game with injury. He had 4.0 total tackles for loss, including two sacks. 2016: 2nd All Ivy, STATS-89 TT, 1.5 Sacks.

**TAYLOR NELSON****SOUTHERN UTAH****6-3 230 ILB/**

2017: 3rd All Big Sky, ADA Academic All Star, Stats-83 TT, 7 TFL, 2 Sacks, 4 FR. Was second on the team in tackles and recovered four fumbles during the season.

**KENNETH O'NEAL****NC CENTRAL****6-1 225 ILB/**

2017: Started all 11 games at linebacker. Finished second on the team with 60 tackles (40 solo), including 6.5 stops for a loss with a sack, a pass break-up and 4 quarterback hurries. Amassed career-high 11 tackles, including 2.0 hits for a loss, versus South Carolina State.

**KENTAVIOUS PRESTON**                      **SOUTHERN**

**5-11 245 ILB/**

2016: STATS-60 TT, 2 Sacks, 9.5 TFL. 2017: Stats-70 TT, 9.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, INT, FR.  
College Gridiron Showcase

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**MARK PYLES**                      **BUCKNELL**

**6-0 220 ILB/**

2017: 1st All Patriot, CoSIDA All District 2, captured the Bison Gridiron Club Award as Team MVP. One of only nine Bison to serve as captain for more than one season, totaled 73 tackles (40 solo), eight tackles for a loss, 3.5 sacks and one interception during the 2017 campaign. He finished his career with 231 tackles (131 solo), 19 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks and 11 defended passes in 42 games; Pyles, who started 31 of those games, made at least 50 tackles and garnered All-Patriot League accolades each of his three seasons as a starter. Had 95 TT, 7.5 TFL in '15. 2016: 2nd All Patriot, ADA Academic All Star, STATS-54 TT, 3.5 TFL, 5 PBU, FF, 2 Sacks.

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**DANIEL RIDDLE**                      **WESTERN CAROLINA**

**6-1 225 ILB/**

2017: Stats-94 TT, Sack. Plays tough and hard. Has had injury problems but always bounced back.

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**DEVIN ROLLINS**                      **HOWARD**

**5-11 240 ILB/**

2017: Tough LB. Stats-73 TT, Sack, 11 TFL, 2 PBU, 2 FR

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**NATHAN STONE**                      **DUQUESNE**

**6-1 255 ILB/**

2017: 2nd All NEC, a four-time All-NEC performer after starting all 46 games of his collegiate career. In 2017, he tallied 57 tackles (37 solo), good for third on the team. The senior found his way into the opposition's backfield very frequently, leading the Dukes with 5.5 sacks and eight quarterback hurries while matching a team-high with 11.0 tackles for loss to go with two forced fumbles and a pair of fumble recoveries. Stone caps his Duquesne

career ranking ninth in program history with 289 career tackles. Stats-57 TT, 11 TFL, 5.5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 8 QBH, 2 FR, 2 FF. 2016: 1st All NEC, STATS-73 TT, 2.5 Sacks.

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**CONNOR STRAHM**                      **MONTANA**

**6-0 240 ILB/**

2017: 3rd All Big Sky, Stats-88 TT, 11 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, FF. Earned third team all-conference honors after playing in only nine games this season, giving all three of UM's starting linebackers an All-Big Sky nod. In that short time, Strahm averaged the third-most tackles per-game and earned a ROOT Sports Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week award with 16 tackles against Northern Arizona. 2016: 3rd All Big Sky, Stats-70 TT, 4.5 Sacks, 3 FF.

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**BRETT TAYLOR**                      **WESTERN ILLINOIS**

**6-2 230 ILB/**

2017: 1st All MVC (DPOY), 1st Madness All American, ADA Academic All Star, CoSIDA Academic All American, Athlon All American, 1st STATS All American, 1st HERO All American, 1st Phil Steele All American, ADA All American, Walter Camp FCS All American, CoSIDA All District 5, 1st AP FCS All American, 1st AFCA All American, The FCS' leader in tackles (162), stops per game (13.5) and assisted tackles (96), Taylor was honored as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He logged four MVFC Defensive Player of the Week honors and compiled 13.0 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks, four breakups, two forced fumbles and one quarterback hurry on the season. A two-time STATS FCS All-American, CoSIDA All-American and three-time All-MVFC and Academic All-MVFC honoree, Taylor finished his Western Illinois career with 469 tackles and 266 solo stops, which are each the third-most in school history. His 203 career assisted tackles rank fourth in program history. In a contest on Sept. 30 against South Dakota, Taylor matched a program-record previously set by NFL great Rodney Harrison (1993, at Western Kentucky) with 28 tackles in one contest. His 18 assisted tackles in that game are the second-most in a single game in WIU history. Taylor at least tied for the team lead in tackles in 16 of his last 17 contests, including all but one game this season. He recorded double-digit tackles in eight games during the 2017 campaign. Stats-162 TT, 13 TFL, 2 Sacks, 4 PBU, 2 FF. 2016: 2nd FCS AP All American, Walter Camp All American, 1st STATS All American, 1st All MVC, STATS-135 TT (97 solo), 12.3 t/g, 4 Sacks, 8.5 TFL.

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**JOSEPH UHATAFE**                      **ROBERT MORRIS**

**6-1 235 ILB/**

2017: Stats-53 TT, 7 TFL, 3 Sacks, 2 QBH. 2016: STATS-81 TT, 3.5 Sacks, 3 FF.

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**QUANDRE WASHINGTON****INCARNATE WORD****6-1 230 ILB/**

2017: Appeared in all 11 games for the Cardinals. He was second on the team in tackles with 85 (28 solo, 57 assisted). He had five tackles for loss for 10 yards and also had 1.5 sacks for four yards. In pass coverage he had two pass breakups and two passes defended. He recovered a fumble and posted two quarterback hurries.

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**KYRON WATSON****SOUTHERN ILLINOIS****6-0 220 ILB/**

2017: Stats-75 TT, 3 Sacks. Kansas transfer. A high energy guy. Earned the Toughest Saluki award and Harry Bobbitt Spirit award.

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**LEE WRIGHT****YOUNGSTOWN STATE****6-1 220 ILB/**

Appalachian State transfer, 2017: HM All MVC, Stats-74 TT, 3 TFL, 6 PBU, 2 QBH. Started all 11 games at linebacker. Posted 74 total tackles, which included 37 solos and 37 assists, had six pass breakups. In MVFC play had 53 tackles, including 27 solo stops. Had five-or-more tackles in nine games. Had a season-high 11 stops at South Dakota. Credited with 10 tackles against Pittsburgh and UNI.

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**MYLES PIERCE****THE CITADEL****6-0 230 MLB/ILB**

2017: Senior Bowl, 2nd All SoCon, ADA Academic All Star, CoSIDA All District 4, Started the final 23 games of his career at middle linebacker for The Citadel, earning Second Team All-SoCon honors as a senior. He led the Bulldogs in tackles (91) and tackles for loss (13.5) during his senior season and nearly averaged double-digits in tackles in SoCon play. Played his best against the best, amassing a season high 12 tackles in a 20-14 loss to eventual national quarterfinalist Wofford and had a sack against Clemson. Stats-91 TT, 13 TFL, 3 Sacks, 4 PBU, 4 QBH, FR, FF. 2016: CoSida All District 4, STATS-78 TT, 11 TFL.

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**IZZY SAM****KENNESAW STATE****6-0 225 MLB/SS**

2017: 1st All Big South, transfer from Georgia State and walk-on at Kennesaw. Stats-84 TT, 8 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 QBH. 2016: 2nd All Big South, Stats-65 TT, 1.5 Sacks, 2 FF.

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**KYLE ARCHIE****NORFOLK ST.****6-0 220 MLB/**

2017: 3rd All MEAC, Stats-88 TT, 2 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, INT, FR, 3 FF. earned third-team All-MEAC honors for the second straight season. He was second on the team and fifth in the conference with 88 total stops in addition to two tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, one interception and one fumble return for a touchdown. 2016: STATS-73 TT, Sack.

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**DYLAN BANKS****BUTLER****6-1 235 MLB/**

2017: FCS Bowl. Finished his season with 23 solo stops and a total of 40 tackles. Five of those tackles were for loss. He added a sack.

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**RYAN BUA****UC DAVIS****6-4 225 MLB/**

2017: Ended his senior season tied for seventh with an 8.5 tackles per game average, and one of the top fumbles recovered totals among all FCS players (3). By finishing with 93 tackles, a new Big Sky era record, he not only led all Aggies in this category (by nearly 30 tackles), but surpassed his total from his three previous seasons combined. HM All Big Sky, Stats-93 TT, 3 FR, 3.5 TFL

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**CHRIS COLLINS****TENNESSEE STATE****5-11 230 MLB/**

2017: 1st All OVC, HM Boxtorow All American, Finished with 97 stops and led the Ohio Valley Conference in tackles per game (8.8) and solos (58). The linebacker ranked 27th in

the nation with 5.3 solo tackles per game. Stats-97 TT, 13 TFL, 3.5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 FF.  
2016: 2nd All OVC, STATS-87 TT, 9.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 INTs, 4 PBU.

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**MIKE MAIZE                      DRAKE**

**5-11 240 MLB/**

2017: Named All-PFL second team. Started all 11 games. Ranked third on the team with 65 tackles including six for a loss and 2.5 sacks. Totaled four tackles and a sack against South Dakota. 2016: STATS-54 TT, 5 TFL.

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**TYLER METEER                      SACRAMENTO STATE**

**6-2 235 MLB/**

2017: Appeared in only seven games after a monster season as a Junior. Finished the year with 12 tackles, including five solos. Had five stops against Idaho and Northern Arizona for his season best. Also had a TFL against the Vandals. Earned Big Sky all-academic honors. 2016: Stats-100 TT, 2.5 Sacks, 10.5 TFL.

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**NICK PIEROTTI                      NORTHWESTERN STATE**

**6-3 245 MLB/**

2017: Stats-74 TT, 5 TFL, 2 FR. 2016: STATS-77 TT, 2 TFL. Hard hitter, fierce competitor.

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**DEION PIERRE                      SAMFORD**

**6-3 230 MLB/**

2017: FCS Bowl, Spiral Tropical Bowl, Stats-90 TT, 4.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, FR, 2 FF, BK. Pierre finished third on the team with 90 tackles, including 46 solo stops. Pierre finished his career with 205 total tackles, 108 solo. He also had 10.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Pierre contributed three pass break-ups, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception. 2016: STATS-72 TT.

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**MICHAEL ROOT                      LAFAYETTE**

**6-1 230 MLB/**

2017: Started every game at MIKE linebacker. Finished second on the team with 77 tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss with 1.5 sacks. Had at least one tackle in every game and four or more in 10 games, had nine tackles against Monmouth (9/2), No. 7 Villanova (9/16) and Holy Cross (9/30) which managing a season-high 10 stops vs. Colgate (11/11). Recovered a fumble in the Bucknell game (10/21) when the Lafayette defense shut out the Bison offense. 2016: STATS-85 TT, 3.5 TFL, 2 Sacks.

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**ED SHOCKLEY                      VILLANOVA**

**5-11 235 MLB/**

2017: 1st All ECAC, NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, 1st All CAA, Captain for the 2017 Wildcats. One of the top linebackers in CAA Football. Plays the game with a great deal of physicality. Became the team's first player since 2014 to reach triple digits in tackles. Shockley ranked second in CAA Football in solo tackles and third in total tackles during the 2017 campaign. He was a four-year contributor on the field during his collegiate career, and played in all but one Villanova game during his four seasons. Shockley winds up his career with 256 total tackles (157 solo, 99 assisted), including 28.5 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks. He added one interception, six pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Stats-101 TT, 7.5 TFL, Sack, 4 PBU, FF. 2016: 3rd All CAA, Stats-86 TT, 4.5 Sacks, 11 TFL, 4 FF.

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**PAT AFRIYIE                      COLGATE**

**6-2 245 OLB/DE**

2017: Dream Bowl, 1st All Patriot, Stats-30 TT, 7.5 TFL, 2.5 Sacks. Earned his third consecutive first-team selection after fighting back from a Game 1 injury to record 30 tackles in eight games. He posted 6½ tackles for loss and 2½ quarterback sacks to finish second on the Colgate all-time sacks chart with 26½. 2016: 2nd AFCA All American, 1st ECAC All Star (DPOY), 3rd FCS AP All American, 2nd STATS All American, 1st All Patriot (DPOY), STATS-51 TT, 10 Sacks, 21 TFL, 5 QBH, 2 PBU, 2 FR, BK.

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**TASHAD CHARITY                      ARKANSAS PINE-BLUFF**

**6-2 250 OLB/DE**

2017: 2nd All SWAC, Stats-53 TT, 13 TFL, 6 Sacks, INT, 12 QBH. 2016: STATS-63 TT, 4 Sacks, 12 TFL.

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**DARIUS JACKSON****JACKSONVILLE STATE****6-3 245 OLB/DE**

2017: Played DE. Winner of the Buck Buchanan Award, the defensive equivalent of the Heisman Trophy in the FCS. NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Athlon All American, 1st AP FCS All American, 1st STATS All American, 1st All OVC (DPOY), 1st AFCA All American, 1st Phil Steele All American, 1st HERO All American, 1st Madness All American, Walter Camp FCS All American, Stats-55 TT, 20.5 TFL, 7 Sacks, 20 QBH, 2 FR, 3 FF. 2016: 2nd AFCA All American, 1st FCS AP All American, Walter Camp All American, 2nd STATS All American, 1st All OVC (3x), DPOY, STATS-44 TT, 15 TFL, 10 Sacks, 11 QBH.

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**SETH MANZANARES****CENTRAL CONNECTICUT****6-3 265 OLB/DE**

2017: 1st All ECAC, 1st All NEC, finished sixth on the team in tackles with 66 on the year, posting 33 unassisted and a team-high 5.5 sacks. His 11.5 tackles for a loss also led the team. He had one interception on the year, returning it for a touchdown in the home victory over Walsh. He finished his career with a career-high 14 tackles, two sacks and three tackles for a loss in the playoff loss at New Hampshire. Stats-52 TT, 8 TFL, 3.5 Sacks, INT.

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**BEN SORENSEN****SACRAMENTO STATE****6-4 245 OLB/DE**

2017: 1st All Big Sky, 3rd AP All American as a DE, started the final 10 games of the season for Sacramento State and led the Big Sky Conference with 10 sacks (1.00 per game). That total also placed him 10th in the FCS during the regular season. The senior spearheaded a Hornet defense which set the school Div. I-era record with 43 sacks and finished the season tied for second in the FCS sacks and ranked third in third-down defense. Along with his sacks, Sorensen concluded the season with 38 tackles, including 12.5 for loss. He also had seven pass breakups, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble. Those numbers helped him earn first team all-Big Sky Conference in a vote of the league's coaches. Concluded his career ranked eighth in school history with 17.5 sacks and is sixth with 32.5 tackles-for-loss. All but three of his sacks came in the final two years of his career. 2016: HM All Big Sky, Stats-4.5 Sacks, 10 TFL, 3 FF.

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**BRANDON WEAVER****UC DAVIS****6-3 245 OLB/DE**

2017: HM All Big Sky, Stats-38 TT, INT, 6 Sacks, 9.5 TFL. Enjoyed an outstanding season as a senior. In addition to snatching his first career interception when EWU visited Davis, a team-high 9.5 of his 38 tackles were for a loss. Weaver also led the team with six sacks, the sixth-highest total in the conference, and one that nearly matched the 6.5 sacks collected throughout his first three seasons with the program.

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**MAC BIGNELL**                      **MONTANA STATE**  
**6-1 220 OLB/FS**

2017: 1st All Big Sky, Montana State's lone First Team selection. Played in all 11 games for the Bobcats. He led the team with 93 total tackles and 14.5 tackles for loss. He added 2.5 sacks on his resume to go along with an interception he returned for a touchdown against Idaho State on Oct. 28. MSU's starting Sam linebacker, but he possesses positional flexibility. Stats-93 TT, 14.5 TFL, 2.5 Sacks, INT, 5 PBU, FF. 2016: Stats-97 TT, 3.5 Sacks, 14.5 TFL.

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**MARIO JENKINS**                      **IDAHO STATE**  
**6-1 245 OLB/ILB**

2017: 3rd STATS All American, 3rd Madness All American, 4th Phil Steele All American, 1st All Big Sky. One of the top tacklers in the Big Sky Conference and nation all year. He finished the year with 111 tackles and had a career-high 18 in a win over Cal Poly. He had 17 tackles in a win at Nevada, 13 vs. Montana and UC Davis and 10 vs. Sacramento State and Weber State. Jenkins was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award. Stats-111 TT, 6.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 FF. 2016: Stats-93 TT, 3 Sacks, 9.5 TFL.

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**NICK MCBEATH**                      **HOLY CROSS**  
**6-1 220 OLB/ILB**

2017: A first team All-Patriot League selection in both 2016 and 2017, McBeath also earned third team All-America, first team All-New England and first team All-ECAC honors this year. He started all 11 games for the Crusaders at inside linebacker this season, totaling a team-best 114 tackles, five sacks and 13 tackles for loss. McBeath also recorded two interceptions, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and four pass breakups on the year. He finished the season ranked second in the Patriot League in total tackles, third in tackles for loss, seventh in sacks and seventh in fumble recoveries. During his Holy Cross career, McBeath totaled 322 tackles, 26 tackles for loss, eight quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles, three interception and eight pass breakups. 2016: 2nd All Merc Morris, 1st All Patriot, STATS-106 TT (91 solo), 8 TFL, Sack, 4 QBH, FF.

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**SIONE TEUHEMA****SE LOUISIANA****6-4 260 OLB/ILB**

LSU transfer. 2017: Finished 11th in the Buck Buchanan Award voting after posting 80 tackles, nine sacks and 19.0 tackles for loss in his final collegiate campaign. Tackle for loss total tied a single-season school record. Teuhema currently ranks in the top five in FCS in sacks (4th) and tackles for loss (1st) per game. NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, 1st All Southland, 2nd Madness All American, 2nd HERO All American, 1st Phil Steele All American, 1st STATS All American, Stats-80 TT, 19 TFL, 9 Sacks, INT, 7 QBH, 2 FF. 2016: 2nd All Southland.

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**GERALD FERGUSON****ROBERT MORRIS****6-2 220 OLB/SS**

2017: 65 TT, 1.5 TFL, 8.5 Sacks, 3 QBH, 2 FR, 2 FF. 2016: STATS-44 TT, 5.5 TFL, BK.

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**DARREN ADJEI****CAL POLY****6-3 225 OLB/**

2017: HM All Big Sky, notched 51 tackles and led the team with 9.0 tackles for lost yardage. The transfer from Bakersfield College two years ago also earned one sack, three quarterback hurries, one pass breakup, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Stats-51 TT, 9 TFL, Sack

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**ELIJAH ANGLIN****HOWARD****6-4 230 OLB/**

2017: Well-rounded defender. Stats-61 TT, 9.5 TFL, 2.5 Sacks, INT, 3 PBU, FR-TD. 2016: STATS-4 Sacks.

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**KEVIN BARRY****SACRED HEART****6-1 220 OLB/**

2017: Named All-NEC Second Team for the second straight year. It is his third All-NEC Second Team selection. Barry had 89 tackles this season, finishing sixth in the NEC with

8.1 stops per game. He led the Pioneers with 11.5 tackles for loss, tied for fifth in the NEC. Barry had a season-high 11 tackles twice in 2017 and had a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown at Bucknell on Sept. 23.

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**MICHAEL BROOKS                      ALCORN STATE**

**6-4 235 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All SWAC as a DE. Stats-41 TT, 8.5 TFL, 6 Sacks, 2 PBU, FF, BK. Among conference leaders in sacks, tackles for loss and tackles on the season. He's wrapped up 6.0 sacks, 8.5 tackles for loss and 41 tackles on the year. Has also blocked a kick and forced a fumble. 2016: 2nd All SWAC, STATS-4 Sacks.

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**CHRIS CHAMBERS                      CENTRAL ARKANSAS**

**6-2 230 OLB/**

2017: 1st All Southland as a DE. In the SLC, Chambers is ninth in tackles for loss (11.5) and 11th in sacks (5.5), while forcing four fumbles. Stats-53 TT, 12.5 TFL, 5.5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 5 QBH, FR, 3 FF. 2016: STATS-7 Sacks, 11.5 TFL, 35 TT.

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**LYN CLARK                              NORTHWESTERN STATE**

**6-2 230 OLB/**

Louisville transfer, 2017: HM All Southland. Had his best season as a Demon. A dynamic special teams player, Clark was one of the league's better pass rushers, notching six sacks for minus 17 yards and seven tackles for lost yards (minus 25) among his 35 total tackles. Clark recovered two fumbles, also forcing a pair, and added three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup 2016: STATS-39 TT, 3.5 Sacks, 6.5 TFL, 5 QBH.

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**JALAN COLEMAN                      PRARIE VIEW A&M**

**6-2 230 OLB/**

UAB transfer. 2017: Stats-61 TT, 11 TFL, 5 Sacks, 2 PBU, FR, 3 BKs. HBCU Bowl. 2016: STATS-47 TT, 2 TFL, 3 PBU.

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**JACK CRAIN****DAYTON****6-2 230 OLB/**

2017: 1st All Pioneer, CoSIDA All District 5, Stats-80 TT, 6.5 TFL, INT, 4 PBU, FR. This is Crain's third season earning an honor from the PFL. He was Honorable Mention All-PFL in 2015 and Second Team All-PFL in 2016. He finished the season second on the team in tackles (80) and tackles in the backfield (6.5). He also had 41 unassisted tackles, four passes broken up, a fumble recovery and an interception that he returned for a 34-yard touchdown at Davidson.

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**ZANE CRUZ****CHARLESTON SOUTHERN****6-2 220 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All Big South, Stats-51 TT, 6.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 QBH, 2 FF. Averaged 5.1 tackles per game on the season and was second in the Big South with two forced fumbles on the year. A preseason All-Conference selection, was key to the Bucs limiting the top five individual rushers in the conference to a combined 161 yards on 68 carries (2.4 ypc). 2016: 2nd All Big South, Stats-49 TT, 2 Sacks, INT.

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**NICK DELUCA****NORTH DAKOTA STATE****6-3 245 OLB/**

2017: Senior Bowl, Athlon All American, 1st AP FCS All American, 1st All MVC, 1st HERO All American, 1st STATS All American, 1st Phil Steele All American, 1st Madness All American, Stats-70 TT, 9.5 TFL, 6 Sacks, INT, 2 PBU, 2 QBH, 3 FF. Among the top linebackers in college football as a two-time nominee for the Butkus Award. Also a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award presented to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision. Earned playing time as a true freshman and was the leading special teams tackler on NDSU's 15-0 national championship team in 2013. Two-time all-conference linebacker who earned All-America first team honors as a fifth-year senior in 2017 after a season-ending shoulder injury early in 2016. Part of five Missouri Valley Football Conference championships and four NCAA Division I FCS national titles as the Bison went 69-6 over his five years in the program. Started 36 of 59 career games played. Finished eighth in NDSU history for total tackles (329) and was third in solo tackles (156). Played in 16 NCAA playoff games totaling 105 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, three interceptions and two forced fumbles.

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**KENDALL DONNERSON**                      **SE MISSOURI**

**6-2 250 OLB/**

2017: College Gridiron Showcase, 2nd All OVC, He is fourth in the OVC in tackles for loss, seventh in sacks and second in forced fumbles. Stats-53 TT, 13.5 TFL, 6 Sacks, INT, 3 PBU, 6 QBH, 3 FF. 2016: STATS-50 TT, 4 Sacks, 13 TFL.

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**TERRELL ENCALADE**                      **NICHOLLS STATE**

**6-2 245 OLB/**

2017: Chosen as the team's Defensive MVP as a DE. Stats-32 tackles, 5.5 Sacks, 8.5 TFL, 3 PBUs, 2 QBHs.

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**BRYSON GATES**                              **ABILENE CHRISTIAN**

**6-5 230 OLB/**

2017: Moved to DE in '17. 35 TT, 10 TFL, 5.5 Sacks, 3 PBU, 8 QBH, BK 2016: HM All Southland, STATS-64 TT, 3 Sacks.

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**CARTER HENDERSON**                      **DUQUESNE**

**5-11 220 OLB/**

Penn State transfer, 2016: STATS-90 TT. 2017: College Gridiron Showcase, 1st All NEC, Stats-84 TT, 8 TFL, 2 Sacks, INT, 3 QBH, FR, FF, BK. Was a First Team All-NEC selection after pacing the Dukes in tackling for the second consecutive season. He tallied 84 tackles including 52 solo stops, 8.0 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks. The Penn State transfer added a 21-yard interception return for a touchdown at Bryant, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a blocked kick. Henderson finished with three career defensive touchdowns, including a 23-yard interception return vs. Dayton and a 16-yard fumble return vs. Kennesaw State as a junior in 2016.

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**MALACHI HOSKINS**                      **ALBANY (NY)**

**6-3 230 OLB/**

2017: Starting defensive end was named to the All-CAA First Team. Had 53 total tackles (26 solo, 27 assisted), including a team-high 9.0 for a loss. Also was UAlbany's leader with 5.0 sacks. Forced four fumbles. Finished with 2.0 sacks against Villanova (Sept. 23) and New Hampshire (Nov. 18). Forced a fumble in overtime against Villanova that led to

teammate Eli Mencer's 80-yard return for touchdown that finished a 19-10 victory. Also forced two fumbles against New Hampshire. 2016: 2nd All CAA, Stats-82 TT, 7 Sacks, 11 TFL, 3 FF.

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**COLBY ISBELL                      MISSOURI STATE**

**6-3 240 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All MVC as a DE, Stats-26 TT, 10 TFL, 5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 QBH, FR, 4 FF  
2017: 2nd All MVC, Stats-26 TT, 10 TFL, 5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 QBH, FR, 4 FF. 2016: 2nd All MVC, STATS-6.5 Sacks, 12 TFL.

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**RICHARD "DEWEY" JARVIS                      BROWN**

**6-2 230 OLB/**

2017: College DE. 1st All ECAC, Senior Bowl, 1st All Ivy, 2nd Phil Steele All American, Stats-69 TT, 8 Sacks, 14 TFL, 6 FF. Two-time First Team All-Ivy, All-New England and ECAC All-Star honoree, he led the Brown team with 69 total tackles, seventh best in the Ivy League. He ranked second in the Ivy League in sacks (eight) and tackles for loss (14.0). His 17.5 career quarterback sacks rank second in Brown football history. Jarvis ranked first nationally with 0.6 forced fumbles per game. He had four quarterback sacks for a loss of 28 yards vs. Bryant, while forcing a fumble and making eight tackles. Jarvis had eight tackles vs. Harvard, 1.5 for a loss, including a safety in the end zone.

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**LUDER JEAN LOUIS                      EASTERN KENTUCKY**

**6-4 225 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All OVC, tied for the conference lead in sacks and ranked ninth in the nation with an average of 0.91 per game. Jean Louis finished second in the conference and 16th in FCS football with an average of 1.5 tackles for a loss per game. His 10 sacks were the sixth most ever by a Colonel in one season. Stats-52 TT, 16 TFL, 10 Sacks, 12 QBH, FF.

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**JAKE JIANNONI                      SE LOUISIANA**

**5-10 230 OLB/**

2017: HM All Southland. Was a major part of the SLU defensive effort in 2017. Started every game at middle linebacker. Stats-70 TT, 7.5 TFL, Sack, 2 QBH, PBU

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**ANTHONY JOHNSON****TEXAS SOUTHERN****6-4 235 OLB/**

2017: Stats-45 TT, 1.5 Sacks. Selected to play in HBCU Bowl

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**DARIUS LEONARD****SC STATE****6-3 229 OLB/**

2017: Senior Bowl, Athlon All American, 1st All MEAC (DPOY), SBN Black College All American, 1st AP FCS All American, 1st AFCA All American, 1st HERO All American, 1st Phil Steele All American, Boxtorow All American, SBN Black College All American (DPOY), Walter Camp FCS All American, 1st STATS All American, 1st Madness All American. Totaled a school-record 394 tackles in his career. Leonard racked up a game-high 14 tackles at college football's premier All-Star game and earned Most Valuable Player on Defense in the Reese's Senior Bowl. Stats-113 TT, 11.5 TFL, 8 Sacks, 2 INTs, 10 QBH, FF. 2016: 1st AFCA All American, Boxtorow All American, SBN Black College All American, 1st FCS AP All American, 2nd STATS All American, 1st All MEAC (DPOY), STATS-124 TT (78 solo), 11.3 t/g, 3.5 Sacks, 14.5 TFL, 4 FF.

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**JOEL MCCANDLESS****JACKSONVILLE STATE****6-0 230 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All OVC, Stats-48 TT, 6.5 TFL, INT. Earned All-OVC honors for the second-straight season after recording 40 stops and 6.5 in the opposing backfield. Had one interception and two hurries in his senior campaign. 2016: 1st All OVC (2x), STATS-56 TT, 7 TFL, INT,

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**SOLOMON MCGINITY****LIBERTY****6-2 225 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All Big South, Stats-51 TT, 5.5 TFL, 2 INTs, 3 PBU. 2016: Stats-2 INTs, TD, 52 TT, 2 FF.

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**ERIC MEILE****DARTMOUTH****6-1 230 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All Ivy, Stats-90 TT, 3.5 TFL, INT, 7 PBU, FF. Part of the most active linebacking duo in the league as he tackled 90 ball carriers, fifth in the Ivy League. Four times he had at least 10 stops in a game with a season-high 16 against Columbia, and he also successfully defended eight passes, including an interception, ranking ninth among the Ivy League's defenders. 2016: HM All Ivy, STATS-64 TT.

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**CHAD MEREDITH****SE MISSOURI****6-5 245 OLB/**

2017: Three year starter. Stats-44 TT, 5.5 TFL, Sack, 2 PBU, 4 QBH. 2016: 1st All OVC, STATS-86 TT, 10.5 TFL, 4 Sacks, 5 QBH. 2015: Won the team's Vogelsang Defensive MVP award.

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**CODY MONCURE****HOUSTON BAPTIST****6-2 225 OLB/**

2017: HM All Southland. Ranked fourth in the league with 8.3 tackles per game. Recorded four double-digit tackle performances. Finished his career second all-time in HBU history in tackles to Dolan with 304 and also had 6.5 sacks and seven pass breakups. Stats-91 TT, 2 TFL, INT, 2 PBU, 2 QBH, 2 FR, FF. 2016: HM All Southland, STATS-73 TT, 2.5 Sacks, 8 TFL.

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**MIKE NEEDHAM****SOUTHERN UTAH****6-3 225 OLB/**

2017: College Gridiron Showcase, 1st All Big Sky, ADA Academic All Star, 2nd HERO All American, was a force for SUU every time he stepped on the field. Needham led the team in tackles this season with 100. Seven of those tackles were for a loss. He also had seven pass breakups and two fumble recoveries during the course of the year. Needham leaves Southern Utah as a three-time member of the All-Conference First Team, and earned Linebacker of the Year recognition by the College Football Performance Awards following his sophomore season in 2015. Stats-100 TT (69 solo), 7 TFL, 7 PBU

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**MATT OPLINGER****YALE****6-3 245 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All ECAC, 2nd AP All American, 1st All Ivy (DPOY), 2nd Madness All American, Walter Camp FCS All American, 2nd AFCA All American, 3rd Phil Steele All American, ADA Academic All Star, Led league in sacks with 11.5 and was 2nd in FCS with average of 1.15 per game. 11.5 sacks are 2nd most for a Yale player. Team-high 14.5 tackles for lost yards. Three sacks vs. Holy Cross including a safety. Caught a point-after pass against Penn during a road win. Stats-42 TT, 14.5 TFL, 11.5 Sacks. 2016: HM All Ivy, STATS-43 TT, Sack, 8 TFL.

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**MARICO PAIGE****MURRAY STATE****6-1 220 OLB/**

2017: Stats-84 TT, 7 TFL, 2 Sacks, INT, 4 PBU, 6 QBH, FF. Impressive in his first year as starter for the Racers. 2016: STATS-54 TT, 2.5 Sacks, 4 TFL, 8 QBH.

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**QUINTON PATTERSON****GARDNER-WEBB****6-1 257 OLB/**

NC State transfer. Moved down to DE from outside linebacker last season. Capable pass rusher with good quickness of the ball. Has worked hard to gain needed size for his new position. Will be a valuable part of a veteran defensive line rotation. Runs the 40-yard dash in the 4.6 second range. Posted a 29.6 inch vertical during spring testing. Stats: 17 tackles, 3.0 TFLs, sack.

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**JONATHAN PETERSEN****SAN DIEGO****6-1 240 OLB/**

2017: College DE. NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, unanimous choice for the 2017 PFL Defensive Player of the Year honor, led the FCS in sacks (18, 1.38 per game) and tackles for loss (25.5, 2.0 per game). He ranked second in the FCS in forced fumbles (7, 0.54). A STATS Buck Buchanan Award Finalist, he finished fourth in voting out of 25 candidates. With his three first half sacks against North Dakota State on December 2nd, he became the all-time FCS leader in sacks with 44. Petersen received numerous post-season honors: STATS FCS All-America First Team, Associated Press FCS All-America First Team, Walter Camp FCS All-America First Team and AFCA FCS Second Team. 2016: 1st All Pioneer (2nd '15), STATS-11.5 Sacks, 20.5 TFL, 3 FF.

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**ELIJAH PRICE**                      **FLORIDA A&M**

**6-3 225 OLB/**

2017: 3rd All MEAC, Stats-27 TT, 7.5 TFL, 3 Sacks, 3 QBH, 3 FF. 2016: 2nd All MEAC, STATS-15.5 TFL.

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**BEN RICHARD**                      **BUCKNELL**

**6-1 225 OLB/**

3yr starter, 2017: 1st All Patriot, A three-time All-Patriot League selection, Richard led the Bison with 77 (38 solo) tackles and also recorded six tackles for a loss, 2.5 sacks and one forced fumble in 2017. Richard, who started 34 of his 38 career games, wrapped up his time as a Bison with 255 tackles (131 solo), 26.5 tackles for a loss and 10 sacks. He made at least 70 tackles in each of his three seasons as a starter. Utah transfer, 2016: 1st All Patriot, STATS-95 TT, 11.5 TFL, 5 Sacks, 3 PBU.

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**HARRISON RODORMOR**                      **JACKSONVILLE U.**

**5-11 225 OLB/**

2017: Started all 11 games at OLB. Recorded 29 tackles. Led team in sacks with 4.5 and TFL with 8.5. Recovered one fumble. 2016: HM All Pioneer.

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**SHAHEED SALMON**                      **SAMFORD**

**6-2 235 OLB/**

2017: College Gridiron Showcase, 3rd STATS All American, 4th Phil Steele All American, 1st All SoCon. Led the team and ranked second in the SoCon in total tackles (109) and tackles per game (9.9). He tied for the team lead and tied for second in the SoCon in tackles for loss (15.5), and he ranked third on the team and ninth in the SoCon in sacks (4.0). Salmon had four games with 10 or more tackles, including a career-high 18 in the team's NCAA Playoff game at Kennesaw State. Stats-109 TT, 15.5 TFL, 4 Sacks, INT, 3 QBH, 3 FF. 2016: 1st All SoCon, STATS-93 TT, 13 TFL, INT, 7 PBU.

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**STEVEN SMITH**                      **HAMPTON**

**6-1 230 OLB/**

2016: STATS-61 TT, 4.5 Sacks, 10.5 TFL. 2017: 3rd All MEAC as a DE, was 11th in the MEAC in tackles (78), ninth in sacks (6), tied for third in tackles for loss (17) and topped the league in fumbles recovered (4) as he was named a third team defensive line honoree. Stats-78 TT, 17 TFL, 6 Sacks, 9 QBH, FR, FF

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**LEE SPIGHT**                      **SE LOUISIANA**

**6-0 230 OLB/**

2017: Stats-60 TT, 6 TFL, 2 Sacks, 3 PBU, 3 QBH, 2 FF. Two-year starter. 2016: STATS-62 TT, 2.5 Sacks, 8.5 TFL.

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**ZANE STEWART**                      **ST. FRANCIS (PA)**

**6-1 230 OLB/**

2017: Started all 11 games this season. Tallied 55 tackles, 31 solo, 10 tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles, a pass breakup and three QB hurries. Ranked eighth in the NEC in tackles for loss. 2016: STATS-45 TT, 5 Sacks, 10 TFL.

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**DALE WARREN**                      **CHATTANOOGA**

**6-0 225 OLB/**

2017: 6 games, Posted 35 tackles over the last five games, which was one off the team lead, Team-high 5.0 TFLs last five games. 35 TT, 5 TFL, Sack, PBU, FR, FF. College Gridiron Showcase. 2016: 1st All SoCon, STATS-91 TT, 6 Sacks, 19 TFL.

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**TAHJAI WATT**                      **WESTERN CAROLINA**

**6-5 220 OLB/**

2017: 1st All SoCon, Stats-73 TT, 9.5 TFL, 7 Sacks, 3 PBU, 5 QBH, FF. Splitting time during his career between a rush defensive end and a linebacker as a senior, amassed 148 career tackles including 72 solo stops and 14.5 tackles for loss with 9.5 combined sacks. Credited with four career passes defended with two forced fumbles and one recovery.

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**KYLE WILLIAMS****MERCER****6-0 236 OLB/**

2017: Started all 11 games as an outside linebacker. Ranked sixth on the team with 45 tackles (16 solo, 29 assisted). Tallied 6.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks & one interception. Totaled season-best 10 tackles, 2.0 TFL & one sack vs. Wofford (Sept. 9). Recorded 1.0 TFL in four-tackle effort at Alabama (Nov. 18). First career interception came against Samford (Nov. 11). Notched at least two tackles in all 11 games.

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**TRENT WILLIAMS****COLGATE****6-2 230 OLB/**

2017: 2nd All Patriot, Stats-54 TT, 3.5 TFL, 3 QBH. Finished third on the team with 54 tackles in nine games. 2016: STATS-45 TT, 7.5 TFL, 3 Sacks, INT, FF, 2 QBH.

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**JOSH WILLIS****BUTLER****6-2 235 OLB/**

2017: College Gridiron Showcase, 2nd All Pioneer, Stats-28 TT, 11 TFL, 4.5 Sacks, 7 QBH, FF. Back from injury in 2016. Had 9.5 TFL and 7 Sacks in '15.

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