

Marty & Matt's Small College Scouting Report



MICHAEL ARENAS

EASTERN OREGON

6-0 220 ILB/

2017: Coming off a fantastic senior campaign for the EOU football team as he was named the Frontier Conference Defensive Player of the Year and an AFCA NAIA First Team All-American. Arenas led the team with 89 tackles and ranked 21st in the NAIA with 8.9 tackles per game.

MARKIE BELTRAM

OTTAWA (KS)

5-11 230 ILB/

2017: Earned Second Team All-KCAC. He led the team in tackles with 80 (44 solo, 36 assisted). Beltram had 9.5 tackles for loss, one sack, one interception, one pass breakup, and one fumble return for a touchdown.

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GRACELAND

5-11 235 ILB/

2017: 2nd Team All-Heart. Stats: Tackles – 112 total | 54 Solo | 58 Assisted, Tackles for Loss – 10.5 yards | 47.3 yards, Sacks – 3.5 yards | 26.5 yards, Interceptions – 1 | 19 yards, Broken-Up Passes - 1.

JARIAH BOOKER**BETHEL (KS)****6-1 235 ILB/**

2017: All-KCAC Honorable Mention. Struggled with injury this season, but still led Bethel with 76 tackles, and 11 of those being for loss. 2016 All-KCAC 1st Team

DEZMOND HOWARD**STERLING****5-11 260 ILB/**

2017: named All-KCAC Second Team at Linebacker. Howard had another solid season at the inside linebacker position for the Warriors, finishing third on the team with 66 tackles, including 14.5 for a loss. Howard has also added three pass break ups, three forced fumbles, an interception, a fumble recovery, and a blocked kick for Sterling this season. 2016: All-KCAC Second Team.

CHRIS OVERTON**ST. AMBROSE****6-1 230 ILB/**

2017: Named a finalist for the fifth annual Cliff Harris Award. Earned American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) NAIA Coaches' All-America First Team honors, after leading the NAIA with a school-record 14.5 sacks this season. The converted linebacker set a St. Ambrose single-game record with 4.5 sacks in the Bees' 35-29 win over Robert Morris. A first team all-conference selection, Overton finished second in the NAIA with 21 tackles for loss. He also led the team with three forced fumbles. 2016: All-MSFA Midwest League First Team.

SWAIN WILLIAMS**STERLING****6-1 237 ILB/**

2017: All-KCAC First Team selection at linebacker. Williams leads Sterling with 79 tackles this season, leading the Warriors with 15 tackles for a loss. He has also added seven pass break ups, 2.5 sacks, a forced fumble, and an interception for Sterling.

DOMINICK BELL**OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE****5-10 244 MLB/**

2017: All-Conference 1st Team. Had 62 tackles, 11 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, PBU, FF.

NICHOLAS MCBEAIN**VALLEY CITY STATE****6-1 238 MLB/**

VCSU's all-time leading tackler will leave the program with five records to his name, including an amazing 522 career tackles. When McBeain joined the Vikings in the fall of 2014, the school record for tackles was 376. McBeain broke that record in the middle of his junior season. He also holds the school records for single-season total tackles (188) and assisted tackles (134), and career solo tackles (223) and assisted tackles (299). The NAIA national office does not currently keep records for career tackles, but a quick look at the NCAA record books helps to put McBeain's numbers in perspective. McBeain's 522 career tackles would rank him 12th all-time on the NCAA record list, and his career average of 14.5 tackles per game would rank 1st all-time in NCAA history. (The current record is 13.9 tackles per game.) The accolades poured in throughout McBeain's career as he was named 2nd Team All American once, 1st Team All Conference three times and 2nd Team All Conference once. He earned the North Star Athletic Association Defensive Player of the Week honor eight times in his career.

JAKE AVERHART**UNION (KY)****6-2 223 OLB/**

2017: All-Mid-South Conference (MSC) Appalachian Division 1st Team. Led Union in tackles this season with 74 total stops, including 41 solo tackles. He made 5.0 tackles for a loss of 36 yards and intercepted one pass. Also a second team member in 2016, Averhart was named the defensive player of the week on Sept. 4 after helping Union to a 55-28 win over Ave Marie (Fla.), as he tallied 13 tackles and intercepted a pass.

ELMER BARRON**CAMBELLSVILLE****6-3 220 OLB/**

2017: All Mid-South Conference Bluegrass Division Second Team. The lone Tiger defender on the second team after he notched a team-best 5-1/2 sacks this season. Four of his sacks came against Georgetown College – which tied a new program record. Overall, Barron has 33 total tackles and 7-1/2 tackles for loss.

ALEC BASTERRECHEA**CARROLL COLLEGE****6-2 250 OLB/DE**

In 2014, moved from Outside Linebacker to Defensive End. 2017: Frontier Conference first team. Led the Saints 10 tackles for loss and was fifth on the team with 42 total tackles. He also had three sacks and a fumble recovery on the season. Basterrechea was also named the Carroll Champion of Character.

CAMERON GRAY**TAYLOR****6-0 240 OLB/ILB**

2017: First-Team All-MSFA choice, capping his career with a third All-MSFA honor in as many years. The linebacker closed with 44 tackles, 5.5 hits for negative yardage, 10 quarterback hurries and two interceptions in his final go-around with the Trojans.

TIM HAMILTON**FRIENDS****6-3 235 OLB/DE**

Transfer from Arizona & UKansas also received offer from Iowa State. 2017: AFCA-NAIA Coaches' All-America second team as a defensive end. Also named the KCAC Defensive Player of the Year along with first-team all-conference honors this season. Hamilton was tied for first in the KCAC and eighth in the NAIA in sacks (10), while ranking second in the league and seventh in the nation in tackles for loss (18). 2016 HM All-KCAC

TAYLOR SYVERTSEN**MIDLAND****6-3 230 OLB/**

2017: All-GPAC Second Team. He had 27 tackles with a pair of interceptions. Six of his tackles were for a loss with two coming on a quarterback sack. In his final game he also scored on a safety after a blocked punt.

DWAIN TAYLOR**SAINT MARY****6-0 230 OLB/ILB**

2017: 1st Team All-KCAC selection. He totaled 66 tackles as a senior, including 5 passes broken up, 12.5 tackles for loss, and four blocked kicks. Taylor also finished his Spire career with 336 tackles, an all-time record at Saint Mary.

FRANCIS TUSA**FRIENDS****6-4 245 OLB/**

2017: Honorable Mention All-KCAC. Tusa finished third on the team in tackles (60) this season and picked off two passes. He also posted 4.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Tusa twice posted double-digit tackles, making 10 stops against Midland (Sept. 3) and then 11 tackles vs. Ottawa (Sept. 16).
