

TIM BARRETT Taylor 5-11 195 RB

Hard-running back with very good receiving skills. Excelled as TU's featured back in 2016, closing his collegiate career with the Honorable Mention All-MSFA honor. Barrett led Taylor with 86.9 rushing yards per game and seven rushing touchdowns in seven outings.

MICHAEL BOWLES Lyon 5-8 200 RB

The all-time leading rusher in Lyon College football history. a two-time First-Team All-Central States Football League player, became the leading rushing in Lyon College football history in his two-year career with the Scots. He rushed for 2,888 yards on 509 carries, averaging 5.7-yards per rush and 131.3-yards per game, while scoring 18 touchdowns. In 2015 he finished third in the nation among NAIA runners, with 1,431 yards on 291 carries, finishing with eight touchdowns and averaging 130.1-yards per game. He improved that total to 1,457 yards in 2016, carrying the ball only 218 times, averaging 6.7 yards per carry and 132.5 yards a game. He scored 10 touchdowns. Bowles finished fifth in the nation in rushing in 2016, sixth in yards per game, 11th in all-purpose yards (1,617), 13th in all-purpose yards per game (147.0), 30th in total scoring (TDs), with 74 points, 31 in total scoring, 33rd in scoring per game (6.7 points) and 34th in scoring per game.

BRYCE COLLINS Concordia (Neb.) 5-10 200 RB

2nd Team All-GPAC, Collins collected first team All-GPAC honors as both a sophomore and junior. As a senior, he rushed 201 times for 881 yards and eight touchdowns while also catching 20 passes for 176 yards. His 3,547 career rushing yards rank second all-time in program history. His standout career also included 37 total touchdowns and 4,694 all-purpose yards over 40 games played.

AARON DANIELS Lindenwood 5-11 226 RB

Honorable mention all-MIAA. Daniels rushed for 506 yards and had five total touchdowns and rushed for 5.2 yards each time he touched the ball. Transfer from Norfolk State University.

DEONTE DENNIS Reinhardt 5-9 190 RB

Was a Second Team MSC-West All-Conference honoree after leading the Eagles in rushing touchdowns with 14. Dennis ran for 501 yards and his 14 touchdowns rank 13th in the NAIA.

JAKARI GORE Marian 5-10 190 RB AP

First Team All-MSFA as both a running back and return specialist. Gore has rushed for 763 yards and nine touchdowns, while scoring another touchdown on a punt return. He averages 13.7 yards per punt return and 22.7 yards per kick return. Transfer from Florida International.

ALFRED GROSS Eastern Oregon 5-9 200 RB

Collected first-team all-conference honors for offense. Recorded 970 rushing yards and seven touchdowns, tallying 140 yards or more in three games this season.

AARON HARRIS *St. Francis (IN)* **5-9 205 RB**

Reliable non-starter 3rd down back, good receiver. 2016 Stats: 96 carries, 518 yds, 5.4 avg, 11 TDs; 5 rec, 56 yds, 11.20 avg, TD.

TYLER HENNESS *Benedictine (KS)* **5-11 200 RB**

2nd Team All-Conference. Season was limited to six game this year after he suffered an injury. He rushed for 396 yards in six games to finish his career at Benedictine with 2,722 rushing yards. That total moves him up to No. 6 on the program's all-time rushing list.

ROBERT JOHNSON *Dakota State* **5-10 200 RB**

Johnson led the North Star Athletic Association conference with 127.4 rushing yards per game and 1,274 total rushing yards in 2016. 1st Team All-North Star - the second straight year that he was chosen on the NSAA Football All-Conference Team (2nd Team All-Conference in 2015). He rushed 242 times during the season with seven rushing touchdowns. He finished his career with a total of 2,193 rushing yards in 382 carries (121.8 career rushing yards average) and registered 15 career rushing touchdowns. Johnson also 21 receptions for a total of 100 yards in 2016.

JJ JUDE *Georgetown (KY)* **5-9 195 RB**

The first GC player to earn the Craig Mullins MSC East Offensive Player of the Year. The senior rushed for 772 yards on 150 carries with nine touchdowns. He was three-time MSC East Offensive Player of the Week this past season while helping Georgetown to a 7-4 mark and a 20th conference title. He also earned first-team all-conference honors for his efforts. Transfer from Eastern Kentucky.

TYLER KAVAN *Morningside* **5-11 205 RB**

All-GPAC First Team. The Mustangs' leading rusher with 1015 yards and 19 touchdowns in 179 attempts for an average of 5.7 yards per carry. He is Morningside's all-time leader with 61 career touchdowns and 54 career rushing touchdowns and has scored a touchdown in 19 consecutive games dating back to last season.

JACKSON KIEVON *Langston* **5-10 190 RB**

Named CSFL Athlete of the Year and first team All-CSFL; Jackson led the Lions with 856 rushing yards on 124 carries with 12 rushing touchdowns. He also finished second on the team in receptions with 23 for 302 yards and one score.

JAMAR KIRKSEY *Pikeville* **5-9 217 RB**

First Team All-MSA East. A real workhorse carried the ball 174 times. 2016 Stats: 174 carries, 766 yds, 4.4 avg, 7 TDs; 8 rec, 46 yds, 5.75 avg.

ROYCE LONG *Central Methodist* **5-9 220 RB**

Transfer from Oregon. 2016 Stats: 76 carries, 372 yds, 4.9 avg, 4 TDs.

DEMONTE McCLARY *Avila* **6-0 210 RB**

2nd Team All-Heart of America. Led the Eagles in rushing touchdowns (6), yards per attempt (5.0) and rushing yards (694) in his senior campaign despite missing one game and playing through multiple injuries throughout the season. McClary finished his career with 1,010 yards and 8 touchdowns.

NATE MEIER *Doane* **5-11 205 RB**

All-American. Had a record breaking year, setting the single-season Doane rushing record as well as the single-game record. In Doane's win over Hastings on Homecoming Weekend, Meier rushed for 291 yards to set the single-game record. After a 157-yard rushing game in the NAIA Playoffs, Meier finished the year with 1,590 yards for the single-season mark. He scored 15 touchdowns on the season and finished with 38 rushing touchdowns for his career. For the season, Meier finished third in the NAIA in rushing with 144.5 yards per game. He ranked seventh in the NAIA in all-purpose yards with 1,943 yards. Meier finished 16th in the NAIA in scoring with 90 points.

ERIC MORRISON-SMITH *Peru State* **5-11 220 RB**

Transfer from Doane. Led the team in rushing with 702 yards, averaging 4.1 yards per carry and nine rushing touchdowns. All-Heart Second Team

DEON RANSOM *Midland* **5-8 180 RB RS**

All-GPAC Second Team had a career year for the Warriors. Eclipsed the century mark in his final game and finished the season with a team-best 1,004 yards on the ground. Ransom ranked 10th in the NAIA with 111.6 rushing yards per game and was 19th in total rushing. The senior posted 1,183 all-purpose yards and closes his career with 1,519 rushing yards.

JESSE ROGERS *Friends University (KS)* **5-10 190 RB**

KCAC Offensive Player of the Year. Rogers finished the 2016 season leading the country in rushing at 163.9 yards per game. In KCAC games, Rogers averaged 176.8 yards per game on the ground. He was a unanimous First Team All-KCAC selection.

SAM RUTHERFORD *Montana Western* **6-0 225 RB**

All-Frontier. Re-wrote the record books for Bulldog football including most touchdowns scored in a career, most rushing attempts in a single season, most yards gained rushing in a single season, most rushing attempts in a single game, most yards gained rushing in a single game and is the all-time leading rusher in Bulldog football history. Seldom loses yardage. 2016 Stats: 138 att, 601 yds, 4.4 avg, 7 TDs;

NOLAN SARACENI *Montana Tech* **5-10 200 RB**

A two-time Frontier Conference Player of the Year and two-time All-American for the Orediggers. The Billings native rushed for almost 3,500 yards during his career at Montana Tech. He set the single season record for most all-purpose yards in a season with 1,820 yards, most touchdowns in a game with five, and longest run from the line of scrimmage with a 99-yard touchdown. As a senior, Saraceni rushed for 1,388 yards and 19 touchdowns in 10 games.

JALEN SUBLETT *Lindsey Wilson* **6-2 215 RB**
MSC West First Team. Led the team with 134 rushes, 827 total net yards and 17 touchdowns on the ground. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry and 75.2 rushing yards per game. Sublett also had 16 catches for 237 yards and one touchdown. He accounted for 108 total points of offense, which is the seventh most by an individual in the NAIA. In the regular-season finale against Bethel (Tenn.), Sublett ran for a program record 228 rushing yards, the first Blue Raider to ever eclipse the 200-yard mark.

QUINTA THOMAS *Arizona Christian* **5-11 210 RB**
Two Time All-CSFL. 2016 Stats: 111 carries, 692 yds, 6.2 avg, 9 TDs; 12 rec, 187 yds, 15.6 avg, TD.

JOEY ZITO *St. Ambrose (IA)* **5-10 190 RB**
2nd Team All-MSFA rushed for 814 yards in 2016 to become just the seventh Bee to rush for more than 2,400 yards at St. Ambrose. He scored 10 total touchdowns this season.

COLBY DONOHUE *Kansas Wesleyan* **5-11 247 FB LS**
2nd Team All-KCAC. Was key in Wesleyan's offense success this season from the fullback position. While not racking up huge offensive numbers, he helped the Coyotes offense rank second in the conference in total offense providing key blocking. He also caught 19 passes for 207 yards on the season.

PAUL HUTSON *Northwestern (IA)* **6-3 257 FB**
Outstanding FB. Great size, hard punishing runner and very good receiver. Seldom loses yardage. Used for more than just short-yardage situations. 2016 Stats: 37 carries, 165 yds, 4.5 avg, 5 TDs; 4 rec, 31 yds, 7.8 avg. 2015: played/started nine games; rushed for 386 yards on 105 carries; one touchdown; eight catches for 50 yards. 2014: earned honorable mention all-GPAC honors; ranked seventh in GPAC with 679 rushing yards on 117 carries; tied for fourth in the GPAC with 11 rushing touchdowns; 2 100-yard games; 10 catches for 96 yards. 2013: played in nine games; ranked second on the team with 439 yards on 83 carries; averaged 5.3 yards per carry and scored three touchdowns; recorded 3 100-yard games; caught two passes for eight yards; totaled 122 yards on seven kickoff returns.

ROBERT ROOKS *Ottawa (KS)* **6-0 250 FB**

Named Honorable Mention All-KCAC for the second straight season. He finished the year with seven receptions for 85 yards and one touchdown. Rooks averaged 12.1 yards per reception.

ERIK **SMALL** *Concordia (Neb.)* **6-0 255 FB**

Honorable Mention All-GPAC. Big FB very good blocker in run and pass game. Not called on to receive much but can do it.