

Chase Allen *Southern Illinois* **6-3 241 ILB OLB**
4.80/40, NFLPA Bowl, HM All MVC, was named Team MVP, Defensive Player of the Year and Toughest Saluki. Ended his illustrious SIU career with the 12th-most tackles in program history. He is only the second player in program history to lead the team in tackles three straight seasons. 2016 Stats: 77 TT, 7 TFL, Sack, PBU, 7 QBH, FF, BK

Joshua Appel *Indiana State* **6-2 250 ILB LS**
Played and started in all 48 games of his Indiana State career as the Sycamores' long snapper without a single botched snap. Appel was also named a First-Team All-American by STATS and HERO Sports for the 2015 season, and has been a two-time Preseason All-American in 2015 (Second-Team) and 2016 (First-Team). In his career, Appel has also been named a two-time First-Team All-MVFC honoree and a two-time MVFC All-Academic Team member.

Dylan Bakker *North Dakota* **6-2 235 ILB**
2nd All Big Sky In his first season as a full-time starter, Bakker paced the defense with 85 tackles and added 6.5 tackles for loss and four pass break-ups in 11 starts. From Amsterdam. 2016 Stats: 98 TT, 6.5 TYFL, Sack, 4 PBU, FF, BK

Christopher Beaschler *Dayton* **6-1 230 ILB OLB**
A two-time First Team CoSIDA Academic All-American and the PFL Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He is just one of three student-athletes in the Pioneer Football League to be named both First Team All-PFL and First Team Academic All-PFL in the last three seasons. He was also one of 12 finalists for the National Football Foundation's Campbell Trophy this year, which is sometimes referred to as the "Academic Heisman." A two-time team captain, Beaschler led Dayton in tackles for a third straight season (88), and was fourth in the PFL. He also led the team in solo hits (56) and was credited with 5.0 tackles for loss, one pass breakup, one QB hurry, and three sacks. He had at least 10 tackles twice in 2016, acquiring 12 tackles in contests against Duquesne and Drake. 2016 Stats: 88 TT, 5 TFL, 3 Sacks, PBU

Tre Bennett *SE Louisiana* **6-0 225 ILB OLB**
HM All Southland, earned all-league accolades for the second straight season. The West Point, Mississippi native posted 43 tackles with five tackles for loss, an interceptions and a blocked field goal in his senior campaign. 2016 Stats: 43 TT, 4.5 TFL, INT, BK

Jesse Bobbitt *South Dakota State* **6-2 240 ILB OLB**
2nd All MVC, ranked second on the team during the regular season with 95 total tackles (51 solo), adding three tackles for loss, a sack and an interception. Stats: 110 TT, 3 TFL, Sack, INT

Daniel Bostick *Campbell* **6-1 225 ILB OLB**
HM All Pioneer, PFL Academic Honor Roll. Two-year starter. Stats: 61 TT, 4.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU, 4 QBH, FF

Keith Brady *Columbia* **6-2 230 ILB OLB**

A starter in all 10 games, Brady finished the year with 71 total tackles (33 solo), 9.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, four pass breakups and two quarterback hurries. Over his four-year career, Brady saw action in 33 games with 20 starts and totaled 161 tackles (86 solo), 13 tackles for loss, one sack, eight pass breakups and six quarterback hurries. 2016 Stats: 71 TT, 9 TFL, 4 PBU, Sack, 2 QBH

Colton Caslow *Lehigh* **6-1 230 ILB OLB**

Team captain. First team All-Patriot League selection. honorable mention ECAC All-Star. Tied for team lead with 72 tackles, despite missing two games. Led Mountain Hawks with 10 tackles for loss. Recorded first career interception versus Princeton (9/24). Season-high 11 tackles versus Bucknell (11/5). ten tackles at Villanova (9/10) and versus Colgate (10/8). Had three games with two tackles for loss. finished with 3.5 sacks. Named to Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

Luke Catarius *Princeton* **6-0 235 ILB OLB**

1st All Ivy, earned first-team All-Ivy League honors at inside linebacker after leading Princeton and ranking ninth in the Ivy League with 7.6 tackles per game. Led Tigers to Ivy League title and helped defense rank first in the Ivy League in scoring (16.4), total (317.6), and rushing (80.1) defense. Had three double-digit tackle games, including season-high 13 in season-opening win over Lafayette Stats: 76 TT, 7 TFL, 2 Sacks, INT, 2 QBH

DeVaughn Chollette *New Hampshire* **6-0 240 ILB**

3rd All CAA, 11-game starter in 2016, ranks second on the team in total tackles with 58, including 37 solo stops and 21 assisted tackles. He leads UNH in tackles for loss with 8.5. Chollette's season highlights include an 11-tackle effort at Dartmouth College. 2016 Stats: 64 TT, 8.5 TFL, PBU

Joe Crochet *The Citadel* **6-2 250 ILB OLB**

1st All SoCon, one of the most-recognized Bulldogs for his work in the classroom. He is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, the first Bulldog to earn Academic All-America honors in consecutive years since 1976-78. Was selected as a first-team All-Southern Conference performer in 2016 after recording 45 tackles, including 12.5 for loss with 4.5 sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two quarterback hurries. His fumble recovery total tied for second in the SoCon and 24th in FCS, his forced fumbles total tied for sixth in the conference and his tackles for loss total tied for ninth in the SoCon. His 11.0 tackles for loss in conference play ranked second in the SoCon. 2016 Stats: 45 TT, 12.5 TFL, 4.5 Sacks, 2 QBH, 2 FR, 2 FF

Nick DeLuca *North Dakota State* **6-3 245 ILB OLB**

4.80/40, Stats: 3g, 26 TT, 2 TFL, INT, 3 QBH (shoulder Injury)

Kyle Diener *Colgate* **6-0 235 ILB OLB**

Repeat Patriot League First Team choice. Diener topped the Colgate tackle chart for the third straight season, finishing with 74 this year and 332 for his career. His 11 TFLs were second on the team. 2016 Stats: 73 TT, 11 TFL, 3.5 Sacks, INT, FF

Cedric Doxy *Indiana State* **6-2 220 ILB SS**

MVC All Newcomer, Illinois transfer, Played in all 11 games, starting in nine. Sixth on the team with 41 tackles (24 solo). Third on the team with 6.5 TFL for 19 yards.

Ryan Farrell *New Hampshire* **6-0 235 ILB LS**

Can rush or cover. Also can LS. 2016 Stats: 57 TT, 8 TFL, 4 Sacks, INT, 4 PBU, FF

Kevin Fennell *Stony Brook* **6-1 225 ILB LS**

Four-year starter at long snapper.

Tevin Floyd *The Citadel* **6-1 240 ILB OLB**

4.85/40, 2nd All SoCon, Started all 12 games. First-team All-Southern Conference by media and second-team all-conference by coaches. Recorded 86 tackles, including 8.5 for loss with 2.0 sacks, one fumble recovery, two pass breakups and eight quarterback hurries. Had four games with double-digit tackles, including three with career-high-tying 12 stops. 2016 Stats: 86 TT, 8.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU, 8 QBH, FR

Roper Garrett *SE Missouri State* **6-1 235 ILB**

What did this guy have to do to be named 1st Team All-Conference? Was 2nd Team in 2015 (his only accolade) and left off completely in 2014 & 2016. Has averaged 98 tackles and 8 TFLs over the past three seasons; while missing the final three games of 2014 with a broken leg! 2016 Stats: 92 TT, 8 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 INTs, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, FR

Joel Higgins *Incarnate Word* **6-0 225 ILB**

Has been a steady contributor over his four year career. Unselfish, does the job when called upon. Stats: 65 TT, 5.5 TFL, 4 Sacks, BK

Selton Hodge *Richmond* **6-3 235 ILB**

Athletic LB who played rugby, basketball, and wrestled during his prep career. 2016 Stats: 62 TT, Sack FF

Sean Horan *Butler* **5-11 225 ILB OLB**

Served as one of the team captains for the Bulldogs. The linebacker amassed 75 total tackles, seven tackles for a loss and a forced fumble during the 2016 season. For his play, Horan was recognized as an All-PFL honorable mention, marking his third consecutive season on an All-PFL team.

Omar Howard *Richmond* **6-1 240 ILB OLB**

1st All CAA, Stalwart on a unit that ranked in the top-five in the country in fewest passing yards allowed, as well as putting up the highest sack and tackle for a loss totals in recent years. Howard led the Spiders in tackles for the second straight year and had a career high eight tackles for a loss this year. 2016 Stats: 100 TT, 9 TFL, Sack, 2 QBH, FF

Rohan Hylton *Princeton* **5-11 225 ILB OLB**

2nd All Ivy, earned second-team All-Ivy League honors as starting inside linebacker for the Ivy League champions. Ranked second on the team and 20th in the Ivy League with 60 tackles. Had 11 tackles and a forced fumble in season-opening 35-31 win over Lafayette. Had at least five tackles in Princeton's final six games. Over final two games, when Princeton needed to win both to win the Ivy title, Hylton recorded 17 tackles, 1.5 sacks and an interception in wins over Yale and Dartmouth. Stats: 60 TT, 7 TFL, 2.5 Sacks, 2 INTs, FF

Tre'von Johnson *Weber State* **6-1 235 ILB OLB**

1st All Big Sky. NFLPA Bowl, started all 12 games at linebacker for the Wildcats during the 2016 season, helping Weber State to a third-place finish in the Big Sky and WSU's first trip to the FCS Playoffs in seven years. Johnson earned first team All-Big Sky Conference honors after anchoring the Wildcat defense. He served as a team captain on defense and helped the Wildcats lead the conference in passing defense. He was second on the team in tackles at 7.8 per game and led the team and was sixth in the Big Sky in tackles for loss with 12.5. He also had 4.5 sacks on the season, most on the Wildcat squad. Played in 46 games in his four-year career at Weber State and had 258 career tackles with 27 tackles for loss and nine sacks. 2016 Stats: 93 TT, 4.5 Sacks, 12.5 TFL, 4 PBU, 2 FF

Jaylin Kelly *Youngstown State* **6-1 245 ILB**

A smart player with a nose for the football. Has played the MIKE and has demonstrated an ability to tackle with authority. Stats: 58 TT, 4 TFL, Sack, 3 QBH

Solomon Leaeno *St. Francis (PA)* **5-11 245 ILB**

1st All NEC, led SFU with 94 tackles this season, including 43 solo. He had a team-high 16.5 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks to go with three fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and five pass breakups. His 10.5 sacks are the second-most in a season at SFU, only behind Mark Palla's 12 in 1984. Leaeno was 10th in the FCS in sacks per game this season (0.95) and 27th in tackles for loss per game (1.5). He was also third in fumble recoveries. He ranked sixth in the NEC, averaging 8.5 tackles per game. The ECAC First Team All-Star had three double-digit tackle performances this season 2016 Stats: 94 TT, 16 TFL, 10.5 Sacks, 5 PBU, 3 FR

Marcus Lee, Jr *Savannah State* **6-1 225 ILB**

Good all-around LB. Alert and instinctive. Good tackler. Stats: 60 TT, 6.5 TFL, INT

Leo Loughrey *Georgetown* **6-2 235 ILB**

2nd All Patriot, had his strongest season in a Georgetown uniform as a senior, finishing fourth on the team with 69 total tackles. He had 37 solo tackles, good for third on the squad, and was also tied for fifth with 5.0 TFL. He added 1.5 sacks, one forced fumble, four pass breakups and five quarterback hurries. He had a career-high 13 tackles, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup against Princeton on Oct. 8. In his final game against Bucknell on Nov. 12, Loughrey finished with a sack for nine yards, 2.0 TFL and one forced fumble. Stats: 69 TT, 5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 4 PBU, 5 QBH, FF

Stephen Lubnow *William & Mary* **6-0 225 ILB**

3rd All CAA, emerged as one of the CAA's top linebackers during his first full season as a starter. In addition to recording a team-high 79 tackles, he ranked 13th in the conference with 7.2 stops per game. His best effort of the season came the opener at NC State when he totaled a career-high 12 tackles. 2016 Stats: 79 TT, TFL, INT

Seth McDonald *Eastern Illinois* **6-1 235 ILB OLB**

Was a first team All-OVC selection at linebacker as he led the Panthers with 99 tackles. He ranked fourth in the league in tackles adding 2.5 tackles for loss and one sack. McDonald just missed becoming the first player since Nick Ricks to record back-to-back 100 tackle campaigns., Stats: 99 TT, 2.5 TFL, Sack, 4 QBH, FR.

Price Miller Stephen F. Austin 6-1 230 ILB

Played in 22 games with 13 starts in his SFA career. Finished with 130 total tackles, including 49 solo stops. Registered 3.5 tackles for loss, three pass breakups, a forced fumble and two interceptions. 2016: Played in all 11 games with nine starts at the linebacker position. Ranked second on the team with 78 total tackles, including 31 solo stops and 2.0 tackles for loss. Finished ninth in the Southland Conference in tackles per game. Posted a pair of double-digit tackle games

Christophe Mulumba Tshimanga Maine 6-1 245 ILB OLB

1st All CAA (DROY) 2013, 1st All CAA, ranked second in the league with 9.7 tackles per game. Mulumba Tshimanga notched double-digit tackling performances in six of the 10 games he appeared in during the 2016 season. In all, the senior linebacker finished the campaign with 97 tackles, 7.0 TFLs, 3.5 sacks and a pair of pass breakups. Mulumba Tshimanga recorded double-digit tackle totals in each of Maine's first three games, including a season-high 14 against James Madison. He ended his career with one of his best career games, tallying a game-high 11 tackles, 2.5 for loss, and 1.5 sacks with a pass breakup against New Hampshire. For his career, Mulumba Tshimanga racked up an outstanding 347 tackles. 2016 Stats: 97 TT, 7 TFL, 3.5 Sacks, 2 PBU

Kyle Newsom Northern Colorado 6-2 230 ILB OLB

2nd All Big Sky, racked up the second most tackles of any linebacker in Colorado, only behind CU's Kenneth Olugbode, who finished with 130 on the season. Newsom tallied 121 stops on the season, finishing with six games in double-digits and notched 17 or more tackles for three consecutive weeks to end the season, including a career-best 18 in the loss at Cal Poly. The senior padded his stat line with 8.0 tackles for a loss, 3.5 sacks, two pass breakups and a fumble recovery. Newsom finished as the Big Sky's tackle leader and was awarded Second Team All-Conference honors. Stats: 121 TT, 11.3 t.g, 3.5 Sacks, 8 TFL. Washington St transfer

Folarin Orimolade Dartmouth 6-0 235 ILB OLB

1st All Ivy (DPOY), NFLPA Bowl, 2nd AFCA All American, 4.75/40, 1st Stats FCS All American, 2nd AP All American. Orimolade made his presence felt on the field every game of his senior season, leading the Big Green with 83 tackles, 14.5 for a loss with nine sacks, and five forced fumbles. He is among the nation's leaders on a per game basis in each of those categories, topping the FCS with 0.5 forced fumbles per game and ranking ninth with 0.9 sacks per game, both of which led the Ivy League. His 1.45 tackles for a loss per game also place him second in the conference and 22nd nationally. 2016 Stats: 83 TT, 14.5 TFL, 9 Sacks, 3 PBU, 5 FF

Adam Parker Rhode Island 5-11 225 ILB OLB

Finished his career eighth in program history with 292 career tackles. 2015 CAA Football Second Team All-Conference Named to 2015 CollegeSportsMadness.com CAA Football Preseason All-Conference Second Team. Named a team captain during training camp. Started all 11 games at linebacker. Finished second on the team with 73 tackles, including four tackles for loss. Moved into eighth place in program history with his 280th career stop at James Madison. Stats: 73 TT, 4 TFL, 2 QBH, PBU

Gianmarco Rea Columbia 6-2 235 ILB

Team's Most Valuable Player Award and a First Team All-Ivy League selection, Rea was the Ivy League's leader in tackles with 108, ranked No. 12 nationally in total tackles per game (10.8) and No. 12 in solo tackles per game (5.8). Led the Lions in both tackles for loss (15.0-46) and sacks (5.0-26) and reached double figure tackles in nine of 10 games on the year. Rea concluded his four-year, 35-game career with 218 tackles (110 solo), 20 tackles for loss for 63 yards and six sacks. Stats: 108 TT, 14.5 TFL, 4 Sacks, 6 QBH

James Rentz *Sacred Heart* **6-2 245 ILB**
 Hell of a baller. Appeared in only 8 games in 2016 due to injury. Has played LB and DE. Past All-American and All-ECAC. 2016 Stats: 38 TT, 6.5 TFL, 3 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 QBH, FR, BK

Alejandro Rivera *Illinois State* **6-0 230 ILB OLB**
 All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Honorable Mention selection. Started all 12 games at outside linebacker for the Redbirds . led the team in tackles and tied for eighth in the MVFC in tackles per game (7.9) and total tackles (95). Finished the regular season with 95 total tackles (43 solo, 52 unassisted) and also added a sack and two interceptions, posted three double-digit tackle efforts on the season. Returned an interception 27 yards for a touchdown in the season-opener against Valparaiso and led the Redbird defense in tackles with 12 against South Dakota. 2016 Stats: 95 TT, TFL, Sack, 2 INTs, 3 QBH, FR

Chris Santini *Cal Poly* **6-1 230 ILB OLB**
 Made 68 solo tackles, including 2.5 sacks, and also was the team leader with his five quarterback hurries. One of four Mustangs named to the All-Big Sky first team, Santini was a transfer from Boise State, a younger brother of former Mustang linebacker Michael Santini, was an honorable mention All-Big Sky player a year ago and was the team's most valuable player on special teams in 2015.

Garrett Sharp *Central Arkansas* **6-3 225 ILB**
 Part of a UCA defense that allowed just 67.9 rushing yards and 20.6 points per game, both tops in the conference. Stats: 64 TT, 9.5 TFL, Sack, PBU, 2 FF

John Silas *Elon* **6-0 245 ILB**
 2nd Team All CAA, second consecutive all-conference honor as he was a third-team pick a year ago. Silas led Elon with 83 total tackles in 2016 and concluded the regular season ranking eighth in the league with 7.5 tackles per game. He recorded 3.5 tackles for a loss, forced one fumble, broke up three passes and tallied three quarterback hurries. Against New Hampshire, Silas intercepted the first pass of his career. In the Phoenix's victory at eighth-ranked William & Mary, Silas notched a season-best 12 total tackles. He concluded his career with a 10-tackle outing against fifth-rated James Madison. For his career in the maroon and gold, Silas recorded 360 tackles, the fifth-most in program history. 2016 Stats: 83 TT, 3.5 TFL, INT, 3 PBU, 3 QBH, FF

Joseph Smith *Charleston Southern* **6-3 210 ILB LS**
 Earned a spot on the all-conference team for the second straight year. He helped CSU punter Truett Burns record his best season in terms of average yards per punt. Smith was a STATS FCS Second-Team All-American in 2015.

Lincoln Stewart *Wofford* **5-11 235 ILB**

Played in 13 games with seven starts at inside linebacker. Had 61 total tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks, along with one interception. Finished third on the team in tackles 2016
Stats: 61 TT, 3.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, INT

George Stone, III *Stephen F. Austin* **6-1 225 ILB**

Appeared in all 11 games with 10 starts at linebacker. Led the Lumberjacks with 85 total tackles on the year, including 35 solo tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss and a sack. Also tallied a pair of fumble recoveries and two interceptions. Ranked 10th in the Southland Conference in tackles per game. Had four games of double-digit tackles, including a season-high 14 tackles with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery against Central Arkansas.

Hayden Stout *Idaho State* **6-2 230 ILB OLB**

Has anchored Idaho State's defense for the past few seasons, while earning a 3.87 GPA as a philosophy major. The linebacker posted 78 tackles in 2016, along with 2.5 tackles-for-loss, 2 sacks and a interception. 2016 Stats: 78 TT, 2 Sacks, Sack, 3 PBU, 3 QBH

Jameer Thurman *Indiana State* **6-0 225 ILB OLB**

A 2016 Second-Team All-MVFC and Second-Team MVFC Scholar-Athlete team member, had a superb senior season for the Sycamores this past fall. Thurman led Indiana State with 92 tackles (a season career-high), which also ranked sixth in the Valley at 8.4 tackles per game. Thurman also led ISU in tackles for loss (9.0 for 27 yards), interceptions (two for 47 yards and one TD), forced fumbles (four) and fumble recoveries (two). His four forced fumbles tied for the Valley lead and ranked eighth nationally. He scored his first-career touchdown on a 32-yard INT return at No. 13 Western Illinois. Thurman ended his Sycamore career as a three-time MVFC All-Academic honoree and a 2014 CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-District member. After this season, Thurman left as the active leader in tackles (340), solo tackles (172), assisted tackles (168), tackles for loss (28.0), interceptions (five), forced fumbles (seven) and fumble recoveries (five). His 340 career tackles puts him 11th all-time in school history, one of 16 members of the ISU 300-tackle club.

Junior Tufuga *Southern Utah* **6-0 230 ILB**

HM All Big Sky. Really stepped it up in his only season as a full-time starter. JUCO transfer.
2016 Stats: 75 TT, 8.5 TFL, Sack

Dorrian Turner *Houston Baptist* **6-1 225 ILB**

Decent in coverage but strength is versus the running game. Stats: 72 TT, 4 TFL, Sack, INT

William Twyman *Brown* **6-1 250 ILB**

1st All Ivy. A three-year starter for the Bears, Twyman made 200 career tackles. He ranked second in the Ivy League in total tackles with 96 stops (9.6 per game), while making 9.5 tackles for a loss and two quarterback sacks. He also ranked third in the Ivy League and 26th nationally with four interceptions, and led the Ivy League in fumbles recovered. Twyman made a season-high 18 tackles at Ivy champion Princeton. Stats: 96 TT, 9.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 4 INTs, 5 QBH, 2 FR

Max Tylki *Brown* **6-1 225 ILB**

HM All Ivy, ranked fifth on the Brown team with 44 total tackles, despite missing several games due to injury. He made a season-high 12 tackles against Dartmouth, including 12 solo stops. Tylki also had eight tackles against Yale and seven tackles against Columbia. Stats: 44 TT, 8 TFL, 4 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 QBH

Tyler Ward Mercer 6-1 230 ILB OLB

Voted as team's defensive MVP. Four-years starter at MLB. Perennial All-Academic, All-SoCon Second Team in 2014. Stats: 71 TT, 3 TFL, FF

Jackson Weber Cornell 6-2 237 ILB OLB

HM All Ivy, started each of his final 37 career games at linebacker and closed his career with 226 tackles – 16th best in school history. He finished eighth in the Ancient Eight and was second on team in total tackles (78), a mark that jumped to fourth in conference games (8.9). Weber had 78 stops, 4.0 tackles for loss, seven pass breakups and an interception on the year. He posted four double figure tackle games in his final season, including 11 stops against Ivy champ Penn in his final collegiate game and 11 more with an interception and a pass breakup in the Homecoming win over Yale. 2016 Stats: 78 TT, 4 TFL, INT, 7 PBU, 2 QBH

Gary Wooten Duquesne 6-2 250 ILB

Transfer from Penn State. Did not make the impact that one would expect. Stats: 29 TT, TFL, FF

Avery Worsham Western Carolina 6-1 245 ILB DE

Undersized DE. Very active, strong and quick. Has a very good senior season with 50 tackles 5 for a loss one of those a sack. Also had 3 hurries and recovered 3 fumbles.

Dylan Wydrankowski Stetson 5-11 230 ILB

Helped resurrect the Stetson football program after a 55 year absence as one of the original signees. 2016 Stats: 84 TT, 10 TFL, Sack, 9 QBH, FR

Kyle Young Holy Cross 6-0 225 ILB

Two-year starter. In 2015, earned second team All-Patriot League honors. 2016 Stats: 91 TT, 5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 INTs, 2 FF, BK

Josh Zellars Incarnate Word 5-11 215 ILB OLB

2nd All Southland, was recognized as the team's Defensive Player of the Year. The team captain led the Cardinals with 87 tackles, 46 solo and 41 assisted. He had 2.5 tackles for a loss for 15 yards and one sack for 10 yards. 2016 Stats: 87 TT, 2.5 TFL, Sack, PBU, QBH, FR

David Barletta Fordham 6-4 225 MLB

Saw his season cut short due to injury, was the recipient of the 2016 Danowski Award, given annually to the team player who through his leadership, sacrifice, and commitment to excellence upon the field of play and within the University community. exemplifies the character of Danowski, a former Fordham player and head coach. Barletta recorded 46 total tackles on the season, tied for fourth best on the squad, 32 solo, including 5.5 for loss and 2.0 sacks. He also registered three quarterback hurries, two pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. 2016 Stats: 46 TT, 5.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU, 3 QBH, 2 FR, FF

Dylan Cole *Missouri State* **6-1 240 MLB OLB**

A unanimous first-team All-America selection, completed his four-year Missouri State career as the nation's leading tackler with an average of 12.9 stops per game during the regular season. Recorded at least 13 tackles in nine different games, including 19 in the Bears' win over Southern Illinois. The All-MVFC first-team selection racked up 85 solo tackles, eight tackles for loss, two interceptions, four pass breakups and three forced fumbles. Was named an FCS ADA Academic All-Star after the linebacker completed his bachelor's degree in sales management in December. He capped his career with 457 tackles in 46 games, finishing third on the Bears' career tackles chart and ninth all-time in Valley history. 2016 Stats: 142 TT, 8 TFL, 2 INTs, 4 PBU, 3 FF

Fletcher Collins *Montana State* **6-2 225 MLB**

This is a good solid football player who time at MSU was limited due to 2015 injury. Rebounded in 2016 to show his overall skills. 2016 Stats: 79 TT, 7 TFL, Sack, INT, 4 PBU, 2 FF, BK

Willie Duncan, III *Arkansas-Pine Bluff* **6-0 225 MLB OLB**

2nd All SWAC, finished the 2016 season with 120 total tackles (40, UA, 80 Asst.), 1.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback hurry. Duncan recorded 10 or more tackles in eight games this season with a season high 17 tackles against Alcorn State (9-15-16), 14 against Southern (10-22-16) 13 against Panhandle State (9-10-16) and Prairie View (11-19-16). This is the third straight season that Duncan amazed over a 100 tackles in a season. He tallied 100 tackles in 2014 and 118 tackles in 2015. This is the third time in his career that Duncan earned all-conference honors.

Victor Egu *Yale* **6-4 235 MLB**

Played all 10 games and had 41 tackles. Best game was 4-3-7 in win at Harvard. Named third-team pre-season All-America by footballgameplan.com. 2016 Stats: 41 TT, FF

Joseph Gigantino *Cal Poly* **6-2 230 MLB**

Two-year starter. Has played both MIKE and SAM. Stats: 65 TT, 3 TFL, 3 PBU, 2 QBH

Evan Harvey *Lehigh* **6-1 215 MLB SS**

Started all 12 games at linebacker. Served as one of emotional leaders for the Mountain Hawks. Tied for team lead in tackles. Tied for team lead with three interceptions. Career-high nine tackles and a forced fumble in win over Fordham 2016 Stats: 68 TT, 5.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 INTs, FF

Patrick Kenney *Bryant* **6-1 245 MLB**

FCS Bowl. Wrapped up his storied career with a career-high 14 tackles in Bryant's final game of the season at Sacred Heart. The breakout performance gave him 53 tackles for the season and 251 in his four-year career. Kenney will leave Bryant ranked second all-time in tackles 2016 Stats: 53 TT, 5 TFL, 2 PBU, FR, FF

Nakevion Leslie *Chattanooga* **5-11 225 MLB OLB**

3rd Stats FCS All American, 1st All SoCon, Led the Mocs vaunted defense with a career-high 109 tackles. He closed out his time at Chattanooga with 5.5 TFLs and 10 passes defensed. A three-year starter at Chattanooga, Leslie is a three-time All-Southern Conference performer. Stats: 106 TT, 5.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, INT, 9 PBU, 4 QBH, 4 FF

Mosa Likio *Portland State* **5-11 240 MLB**

Strong, physical player who is capable of playing in run and pass situations. Good football IQ. 2016 Stats: 44 TT, 3.5 TFL, Sack, INT

Payton Minnich *Monmouth (NJ)* **6-3 250 MLB OLB**

Three-year starter at middle-linebacker. Second Team All-Big South selection in 2015. Plug him in the lineup and know your going to get a solid performance. Stats: 51 TT, 4.5 TFL, 3 Sacks, 3 QBH, FF, BK

Nick Newman *Liberty* **6-4 220 MLB**

1st All Big South, Three-time all conference selection. Played very well vs BCS competition throughout his career. Stats: 68 TT, 3.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 INTs, FR

Carl Rider *Furman* **6-2 232 MLB OLB**

First team All-Southern Conference as a sophomore. Due to torn labrum sustained in spring practice, he missed most of 2014. Returned to have two good last seasons. 2016 Stats: 89 TT, 8 TFL, 2.5 Sacks, FR

Michael Roane *Drake* **6-2 235 MLB OLB**

Earned All-PFL honorable mention honors. Registered six tackles in the season finale against Stetson, had 11 tackles against Butler including one for a nine yard loss and tallied nine tackles against Jacksonville. 2016 Stats: 63 TT, 7 TFL, Sack, 3 PBU

Brent Spack *Illinois State* **6-0 220 MLB**

Started all 12 games at middle linebacker. Ranked third on the team with 77 tackles on the season (33 solo, 44 assist). Also credited with one sack and four tackles-for-loss. added one pass breakup as well. Tallied a career-high 13 tackles and a half TFL at Indiana State. Recorded a career-high two TFLs including a sack against Youngstown State. Posted 10 tackles, seven of which were solo stops, and added a TFL in a win over Southern Illinois. 2016 Stats: 77 TT, 4 TFL, Sack, PBU

Bryan Stansbury *Northern Colorado* **6-3 225 MLB**

Was on pace for a solid junior season until a knee injury took him out after week 7. Came back in 2016 to put up some solid stats. 2016 Stats: 66 TT, 2 FF, 3 TFL

Gage Steele *James Madison* **6-1 230 MLB**

Played in 13 games, making 12 starts at linebacker. Second Team All-CAA linebacker. VaSID Second Team All-State. Had a team-leading 104 total tackles (59 solo), to go with 6.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, one interception, five pass breakups and four quarterback hurries. Ranked second in the CAA in total tackles and sixth in tackles per game (8.0). After overcoming early-season injury, tallied at least 10 tackles in seven of the last 11 games. Finished career ranking 10th all-time at JMU in tackles (354). Produced a pair of 100-tackle seasons, with 106 in 2013 and 104 in 2016. Served as team captain in 2015 and 2016.

Miquiyah Zamora *Eastern Washington* **6-1 235 MLB ILB**

1st All Big Sky. Finished 10 games in the regular season with 84 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks and two passes broken up. Ebukam had 57 tackles with a team-high 6 1/2 sacks, five quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and a pair of fumble recoveries. 2016 Stats: 84 TT, 4.5 TFL, 2.5 Sacks, 2 PBU, 2 QBH