

Glenn Adesoji Stetson 5-10 190 SS FS

Detail-oriented safety. Prepares well and in addition has very good instincts. Better in pass coverage than most strong safeties. Stats: 41 TT, 2.5 TFL, 3 INTs, 12 PBU

Sean Ahern Harvard 6-1 190 SS FS

4.55/40, HM All Ivy, Stats: 25 TT, 8 PBU, FF

LeRoy Alexander Youngstown State 6-0 200 SS FS

4.55/40, Nebraska transfer (suspended), 3rd Stats FCS All American, 1st All MVC, Finished with 50 total tackles, including 36 solo stops. had a team-high three interceptions, all of which came in league play. In MVFC play had 39 total tackles, with 26 solo stops and 4.5 TFLs. Had interceptions against Missouri State, South Dakota State and North Dakota State. Had a season-best 11 tackles against Indiana State. Had seven at West Virginia and Missouri State and six at Illinois State. Had 30 tackles in the final five games of the year. Was a first-team All-MVFC selection in 2015. 2016 Stats: 67 TT, 4.5 TFL, Sack, 4 INTs, 5 PBU (despite Dec suspension)

DJ Arnold Abilene Christian 5-11 190 SS

Tough playing safety. He finished his ACU career with more than 100 tackles. 2016 Stats: 56 TT, TFL, 3 PBU, FF

Lucas Bavaro Dartmouth 6-0 200 SS

HM All Ivy, good steady DB who played the nickelback position. Has size for saety poistion. Decent speed and agility. Stats: 61 TT, 3 TFL, Sack, 4 PBU, 2 FR

Bret Berg Bucknell 6-0 205 SS P

Bison Gridiron Club Award as team MVP. A First Team All-Patriot League selection, Berg was a two-year starter at safety who also took over as the team's starting punter late in the season. He ranked second on the squad with a career-high 75 tackles. Berg also led the Bison with four interceptions, was second on the team with seven pass breakups and had 3.5 tackles for loss. 2016 Stats: 75 TT, 3.5 TFL, 4 INTs-7 PBU-TD, FF, Punt-40.7 AVG

Matthew Brewer Morehead State 5-11 205 SS OLB

Appeared in all 11 games, starting nine. Recorded 45 total tackles. Registered 4.5 tackles for loss and one sack. Made 25 solo tackles. Had one interception and recovered one fumble. 2016 Stats: 45 TT, 4.5 TFL, Sack, INT, 3 PBU, 2 QBH, FR

Shaquan Brock SC State 6-0 210 SS OLB

Grad student who played LB despite his lack of size. A solid football player who plays smart vs run and pass. Stats: 33 TT, 4 TFL, 3 Sacks, PBU, 2 QBH, FF, 2 FR

Dallas Brown South Dakota State 5-11 200 SS FS

Former LB, played very well versus FBS competition. 2016 Stats: 47 TT, 8 TFL, 3 Sacks, 3 INTs-TD, 4 PBU, 2 FF

Zach Bruce Eastern Washington 5-10 195 SS FS

A former walk-on who had a team-leading 95 tackles with three interceptions, a pass broken up and a forced fumble. 1st All Big Sky. Stats: 100 TT, 5 TFL, 3 INTs, 4 PBU, FF

Josh Burton Weber State 5-11 190 SS FS

Earned second team All-Big Sky honors at safety for the first time in his career. Burton is third on the Wildcat squad in tackles at 7.5 per game and had two forced fumbles, two pass breakups and one fumble recovery this year. He also served as a team captain and has played in 46 career games at Weber State. 2016 Stats: 89 TT, INT, FF

Pono Choy Eastern Illinois 5-10 182 SS FS

Started all 11 games at rover (strong safety) position. Made a season high 15 tackles (8 solo) in win over FBS member Miami (Ohio). Had a fumble return for touchdown (22 yards) at Southeast Missouri, had eight tackles at Illinois State and finished season with 58 tackles to rank fourth on team. 2016 Stats: 58 TT, 2 PBU

Christian Conway Columbia 5-11 205 SS OLB

A senior co-captain and starter in all 10 games, Conway totaled 65 tackles (35 solo), 11.5 tackles for loss for 42 yards, four sacks, one interception, one pass breakup and three quarterback hurries. Conway, who played two years at Columbia after transferring from Duke, accumulated 20 starts, 122 total tackles (59 solo), 19 tackles for loss and six quarterback hurries. 2016 Stats: 65 TT, 11 TFL, 4 Sacks, INT, 3 PBU

Derrick Farrow Kennesaw State 6-2 205 SS FS

A two-time All-Big South Conference honoree, Farrow was key a member in the Owls' secondary over the last two seasons, playing all 22 games as a defensive back. He totaled 110 total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, five pass breakups, a program-record five forced fumbles and two interceptions. For his efforts on the field, Farrow was also named a HERO Sports Defensive Stud in 2015 and listed on the CFPA FCS Defensive Awards Watch List in 2015. 2016 Stats: 47 TT, INT, FF.

Tyson Graham South Dakota 6-2 210 SS FS

At his pro day, ran a 4.54-second 40, had a 31.5-inch vertical, broad jumped 10 feet, and did 17 bench press reps at 225 pounds. Compiled 233 tackles in three years on the defensive side of the ball at USD. 2016 Stats: 58 TT, 5.5 TFL, 3 Sacks

Jaleel Green Wofford 6-1 220 SS OLB

1st All SoCon, Named All-Southern Conference first team by the media and second team by the coaches. Second on the team with 69 total tackles and led the team with five interceptions. Five interceptions ranked second in the Southern Conference. Earned Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Month honors for November. 2016 Stats: 69 TT, 7.5 TFL, 5 INTs, 2 FF, BK

Chris Hagan Dayton 5-11 205 SS MLB

Hagan played in all 11 games in 2016, recording 80 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, and two interceptions. Hagan was also UD Special Teams Captain in 2016.

Matt Henderson Penn 6-1 195 SS

Undersized LB but a solid defender. Stats: 48 TT, 4 TFL, Sack, INT, 4 PBU, FR

Phillip Henry SC State 6-2 225 SS OLB

1st All MEAC, 2nd AFCA All American, Boxtorow All American, was the leader in the secondary and All-MEAC First Team selection. He finished the season ranked among the top defenders in the league with six (6) interceptions for 112-yards, 10 pass breakups and 16 pass deflects along with 32 tackles (20 solo) and two tackles for loss. 2016 Stats: 32 TT, 2 TFL, 6 INTs-112 yds, 10 PBU

Preston Hughes Jackson State 6-0 190 SS

Missed the end of the season after undergoing knee surgery. In eight games, he had recorded 36 tackles, two interceptions, five pass breakups and one fumble recovery.

Corbin Jackson Charleston Southern 6-0 200 SS FS

CB, 2nd All Big South, one of four team captains, is CSU's second leading tackler, with 57 stops. He was a big part of a CSU defense that ranks eighth nationally in passing yards allowed. Jackson showed his physical and steadying presence in the FCS Kickoff at North Dakota State, recording nine tackles. Had a season-high ten tackles against Bucknell, and added an interception against Gardner-Webb. Stats: 57 TT, INT, 2 PBU

Jameel Jackson Grambling State 6-1 200 SS FS

1st All SWAC, Sure tackler with good cover skills. Would flourish at SS or FS. Very good athlete. 2016 Stats: 45 TT, 8 TFL, 6 INTs, 6 PBU

Alpha Jalloh Liberty 6-1 200 SS

2nd All Big South, an active safety with strong play versus run and pass. 2016 Stats: 49 TT, 3 TFL, INT, 4 PBU, 3 FR

Craig Johnson Howard 5-11 200 SS

2nd All MEAC, capped off yet another outstanding season. Finished with 53 solos, 17 assists, 6.5 tackles for losses and an interception. In 2015, Johnson tallied 59 tackles, 13.0 tackles for losses and 3.0 sacks. 2016 Stats: 70 TT, 6.5 TFL, INT, 4 PBU

Brandon Louder *Morehead State* **6-0 190 SS**

HM All Pioneer, ranked third on the team with 76 total tackles. He spread his totals fairly evenly, with 37 solo and 39 assisted stops. Louder also was credited with a pair of tackles for loss. 2016 Stats: 76 TT, 2 TFL, 2 PBU

Taison Manu *Idaho State* **5-10 205 SS**

Missed the 2015 season due to injury after earning third-team all-conference and College Sports Journal Freshman All-American team in his first three seasons. Came back in '16 to have a very good season. 2016 Stats: 78 TT, 4.5 TFL, 5 PBU

Jaylen Mize *Davidson* **5-10 185 SS**

2-time HM All Pioneer, led the team in tackles with 54, making 20 solo stops. He intercepted three passes while starting all 11 games in the secondary. Mize forced and recovered a fumble and recorded 2.0 tackles for loss. For his efforts he was named the team's Paul Biggers '59 Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Stats: 53 TT, 2 TFL, 3 INTs, QBH, FF, FR.

Eriq Moore *SE Missouri State* **5-10 205 SS FS**

Went from walk-on to a three-year starter and a team captain. 2016 Stats: 56 TT, 7 PBU, 2 FF

Jet Moreland *South Dakota* **6-3 215 SS OLB**

2nd All MVC, converted from safety to linebacker under coach Bob Nielson and moved from outside linebacker to middle linebacker prior to conference play. He played in all 46 games for USD during the last four seasons. Moreland finished as the Valley's fourth-leading tackler with 106 stops which includes 60 solo tackles. He is the second Coyote since 2000 to record 100 tackles in a single year. Moreland also had 3.5 tackles-for-loss, a sack, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries. He had 185 tackles during his USD career. 2016 Stats: 101 TT, 3 TFL, 3 PBU, 3 QBH, FF

Chris Morgan *Colgate* **5-11 205 SS OLB**

Patriot League First Team choice who finished second on the team with 65 tackles. 2016 Stats: 65 TT, 4 TFL, 2 PBU, FF

Cedric Nettles *Chattanooga* **6-0 205 SS FS**

Three-year starter. Played in 50 career games with 39 starts Two-time first team All-SoCon. Five games with 10+ tackles. 2016 Stats: 66 TT, 5 PBU, FF

Foyesade Oluokun *Yale* **6-2 220 SS OLB**

Ivy League Honor Roll in games against Cornell and Princeton. Missed mont of 2015 after being names 2nd Team All-Ivy in 2014. 2016 Stats: 75 TT, 2 TFL, INT, 7 PBU, FR

Donald Payne *Stetson* **6-1 217 SS FS**

DROY '13, 1st Stats FCS All American, 1st AP All American, 1st AFCA All American, Walter Camp All America, 1st All Pioneer 4x (DPOY), Three-time PFL Defensive Player of the Year. Four year team captain. Stats: 114 TT, 15 TFL, 3 Sacks, INT, PBU, 6 QBH, 2 FR, 3 FF, 3 BKs

Fred Payne *Western Carolina* **5-10 200 SS**

Led the Catamount defense -- and finished the year seventh in the SoCon -- in tackles with 87 total hits including 44 solo stops and a team-best, 5.5 tackles for loss. He paced the squad with a pair of interceptions and was credited with another pass breakup.

Brandon Porter *Central Arkansas* **5-11 197 SS FS**

Part of a UCA defense that allowed just 67.9 rushing yards and 20.6 points per game, both tops in the conference. SDSU transfer, Stats: 21 TT, 2 INTs, 3 PBU

Grady Redding *Jacksonville* **5-10 205 SS FS**

Was just one tackle shy of posting consecutive seasons with 100 tackles. He leaves JU as its all-time leading tackler with 348 in his career. Earned his third consecutive First-Team All-PFL honor. In addition to his 55 solo tackles, he made 4.5 in the backfield and had 0.5 sacks. The middle linebacker forced two fumbles, recovered one, and had an interception returned for a touchdown at Morehead State.

Alijah Robinson *VMI* **6-0 205 SS FS**

Versatile and experienced veteran defender who moved to outside linebacker after three years in the secondary. At VMI, has excelled in strength and conditioning and tested among the top 3 marks in five different categories – hang clean, power index, verticle jump, 20-yd shuttle, and 10-yard dash. 2016 Stats: 76 TT, 6 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU, FF

BT Sanders *Nicholls State* **6-0 195 SS FS**

2nd All Southland, senior team captain and a three-year starter at safety, ranked fourth on the team in tackles (56), despite missing the last 3.5 games with an injury. His best game was at FBS South Alabama where he had an interception, forced fumble and 13 tackles. He also had double figures in tackles in the double overtime win at HBU. 2016 Stats: 56 TT, TFL, INT, FF

Tyler Smith *SC State* **6-1 215 SS FS**

Played the hybrid saftey/linebacker DOG position. Really covers receivers well, rushes passer well and is a sure-tackler. Complete player. 2016 Stats: 46 TT, 7 TFL, Sack, INT, 2 PBU, FR

Jameel Smith *Youngstown State* **6-0 190 SS FS**

2nd All MVC, Started 10 games was second on the team with 61 total tackles, including 45 solo stops. Had two interceptions, 4.0 TFLs, two sacks, three pass breakups and two QB hurries. In MVFC play had 44 total tackles, including 32 solos. had sacks against Southern Illinois and Missouri State. Had interceptions against South Dakota and Indiana State. Season-high 12 tackles at West Virginia. credited with 11 stops at South Dakota State. Had eight solo tackles vs. UNI. Had 36 tackles in the final five games. 2016 Stats: 86 TT, 6 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 INTs, 4 PBU, 3 QBH, FR (despite Dec suspension)

Justin Solomon *Cornell* **6-2 220 SS FS**
Team's 4th leading tackler and second in INTs and PBUs. 2016 Stats: 66 TT, 2 TFL, 2 Sacks, 3 INTs, 5 PBU, BK

Devin Spurlock *Central Arkansas* **6-2 205 SS**
2nd All Southland, a two-year starter at safety from Dallas, was UCA's No. 2 tackler with 72 total stops. He also has an interception, two pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Eric Thompson *Youngstown State* **6-0 195 SS FS**
Versatile athlete who has played LB, CB and safety during his time at YSU. Good feel for defense and offensive strategies. 2016 Stats: 20 TT, TFL, INT, 7 PBU

Brandon Walker, Jr *Norfolk State* **6-2 205 SS**
3rd All MEAC, concluded his NSU career with his finest season. A three-year starter and four-year letterman, Walker recorded career highs with 72 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss. Walker added three pass deflections, one interception, one sack, one forced fumble and a blocked extra point. 2016 Stats: 72 TT, 6.5 TFL, Sack, INT, 3 PBU, FF, BK

Jacob Warner *South Dakota* **6-0 205 SS FS**
Central OK transfer, three-year starter at strong safety. Equally effective versus run and pass. Hard-hitter. 2016 Stats: 51 TT, 3 INTs, 5 PBU, 2 FF

Dorian Williams *Princeton* **5-10 205 SS FS**
1st All Ivy, earned first-team All-Ivy League honors after recording 55 tackles as starting free safety during Ivy championship season. Became first Princeton defensive player to start on two Ivy championship teams (2013, 2016) in more than 50 years. Team tri-captain. recorded season-best nine tackles in Ivy-clinching 38-21 win over Dartmouth. Had at least five tackles in eight of 10 games. Stats: 55 TT, TFL, 2 INTs, 2 FF, BK

Jaheem Woods *Stony Brook* **5-10 195 SS FS**

1st All CAA, finished his final season with a career-best 73 tackles, 9.5 tackles for a loss, 3.0 sacks and a pair of interceptions. He was twice named the CAA Football Defensive Player of the Week, including following the Seawolves' win over No. 19 North Dakota when he collected 11 tackles, four tackles for a loss and two sacks. He also claimed the honor in Stony Brook's win at Towson when he recorded 10 tackles, forced a fumble and pulled down a key interception. 2016 Stats: 73 TT, 10 TFL, 4 Sacks, 2 INTs, 3 PBU, FR, 2 FF