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## 2016 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY WATCH LIST UNVEILED

**DALLAS (FWAA)** — Desmond King of Iowa, Shawun Lurry of Northern Illinois and Myles Garrett of Texas A&M headline the **2016 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List** that includes 88 defensive standouts from all 10 Division I FBS conferences. King, Lurry and Garrett are the returning first-team Football Writers Association of America All-Americans.

The watch list also includes a pair of returning second-team FWAA All-Americans, Eddie Jackson from Alabama and Jourdan Lewis from Michigan.

The Southeastern Conference led all conferences with 27 players, followed by the Big Ten (13), Pac-12 (13), ACC (11), Big 12 (10), Mid-American (4), Mountain West (3), American Athletic (2), Conference USA (2), Sun Belt (1) and Independents (2). Alabama and LSU each had five players on the list, which included 31 backs, 29 linebackers, 21 ends and seven tackles.

Players may be added or removed from the watch list during the course of the season. Once again, the FWAA will announce a National Defensive Player of the Week from early September through mid November. If not already on the watch list, the honored player will be added at that time. The FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club will announce five finalists for the 2016 Bronko Nagurski Trophy on Thurs., Nov. 17.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner will be chosen from those five finalists who are part of the 2016 FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the association's entire membership, selects a 26-man All-America Team and eventually the Nagurski Trophy finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner, the best defensive player in college football.

The annual Bronko Nagurski Trophy Banquet, presented by ACN, will be held on Mon., Dec. 5 at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte. In addition to the 2016 Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner's announcement, the banquet will also celebrate the recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Legends Award, sponsored by the CTC and Florida East Coast Railway. Navy's Chet Moeller, a member of the FWAA's 1975 All-America Team and a College Football Hall of Famer, will be honored. Duke head coach David Cutcliffe will be the keynote speaker at the banquet.

The FWAA has chosen a National Defensive Player of the Year since 1993. In 1995, the FWAA named the award in honor of the legendary two-way player from the University of Minnesota. Nagurski dominated college football then became a star for professional football's Chicago Bears in the 1930s. Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski is a charter member of both the College Football and Pro Football Halls of Fame.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy is a member of the **National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA)** which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast over 722 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit [ncfaa.org](http://ncfaa.org) to learn more about our story.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Seventeen of the association's 22 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2016 preseason watch list calendar:



Tues., July 5: Bednarik Award / Maxwell Award

Wed., July 6: Mackey Award / Rimington Trophy

Thurs., July 7: Lou Groza Award / Ray Guy Award

**Fri., July 8: Bronko Nagurski Trophy / Outland Trophy**

Mon., July 11: Jim Thorpe Award

Tues., July 12: Butkus Award / Rotary Lombardi Award

Wed., July 13: Biletnikoff Award / Wuerffel Trophy

Thurs., July 14: Davey O'Brien Award / Doak Walker Award

Fri., July 15: Walter Camp Award / Paul Hornung Award

The **Football Writers Association of America**, founded in 1941, consists of 1,400 men and women who cover college football. The membership includes journalists, broadcasters and publicists, as well as key executives in all the areas that involve the game. The FWAA works to govern areas that include game-day operations, major awards and its annual All-America team. For more information about the FWAA and its award programs, contact Steve Richardson at [tiger@fwaa.com](mailto:tiger@fwaa.com).

## **ABOUT THE CHARLOTTE TOUCHDOWN CLUB AND ITS SPONSORS**

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# 2016 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

The **Bronko Nagurski Trophy** is presented to the National Defensive Player of the Year by the **Charlotte Touchdown Club** and the **Football Writers Association of America**.

## Tackles (7)

Montravius Adams, Auburn  
Davon Godchaux, LSU  
Treyvon Hester, Toledo  
Lowell Lotulelei, Utah  
Malik McDowell, Michigan State  
Eddie Vanderdoes, UCLA  
Carlos Watkins, Clemson

## Ends (21)

Jonathan Allen, Alabama  
Derek Barnett, Tennessee  
Josh Carraway, TCU  
Hunter Dimick, Utah  
Ken Ekanem, Virginia Tech  
Devonte Fields, Louisville  
Kylie Fitts, Utah  
Myles Garrett, Texas A&M  
Daeshon Hall, Texas A&M  
Charles Harris, Missouri  
Marquis Haynes, Ole Miss  
Carl Lawson, Auburn  
Tyquan Lewis, Ohio State  
Jamal Marcus, Akron  
Lewis Neal, LSU  
Isaac Rochell, Notre Dame  
Ja'Von Rolland-Jones, Arkansas State  
DeMarcus Walker, Florida State  
Charles Walker, Oklahoma  
Deatrich Wise Jr., Arkansas  
Chris Wormley, Michigan

## Linebackers (29)

Kendell Beckwith, LSU  
Vince Biegel, Wisconsin  
Ben Boulware, Clemson  
Richie Brown, Mississippi State  
Riley Bullough, Michigan State  
Lorenzo Carter, Georgia  
Zach Cunningham, Vanderbilt  
Jarrad Davis, Florida  
Salamo Fiso, Arizona State  
Reuben Foster, Alabama  
Travin Howard, TCU  
Shane Huber, UMass  
Malik Jefferson, Texas  
Josey Jewell, Iowa  
Andrew King, Army  
Micah Kiser, Virginia  
Elijah Lee, Kansas State  
Raekwon McMillan, Ohio State  
Calvin Munson, San Diego State  
Hardy Nickerson, Illinois  
Jabrill Peppers, Michigan  
Jalen Reeves-Maybin, Tennessee  
TJ Ricks, Old Dominion  
Cameron Smith, USC  
Steven Taylor, Houston  
Tanner Vallejo, Boise State  
Azeem Victor, Washington  
Anthony Walker Jr., Northwestern  
Tim Williams, Alabama

## Backs (31)

Jamal Adams, LSU  
Chidobe Awuzie, Colorado  
Budda Baker, Washington  
Dante Barnett, Kansas State  
Quin Blanding, Virginia  
Tony Conner, Ole Miss  
Josh Harvey-Clemons, Louisville  
Marlon Humphrey, Alabama  
Adoree' Jackson, USC  
Derwin James, Florida State  
Sidney Jones, Washington  
Desmond King, Iowa  
Jourdan Lewis, Michigan  
William Likely, Maryland  
Shawun Lurry, Northern Illinois  
Marcus Maye, Florida  
Fabian Moreau, UCLA  
Steven Parker, Oklahoma  
Duke Shelley, Kansas State  
Weston Steelhammer, Air Force  
Jordan Sterns, Oklahoma State  
Jamar Summers, UConn  
Cameron Sutton, Tennessee  
Jalen Tabor, Florida  
Cordrea Tankersley, Clemson  
Ahmad Thomas, Oklahoma  
Tre'Davious White, LSU  
Jordan Whitehead, Pittsburgh  
Marcus Williams, Utah  
Xavier Woods, Louisiana Tech

**By conference (88):** SEC (27), Big Ten (13), Pac-12 (13), ACC (11), Big 12 (10), Mid-American (4), Mountain West (3), American Athletic (2), Conference USA (2), Independents (2), Sun Belt (1).