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NC STATE'S CHUBB WINS 2017 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (FWAA) – North Carolina State end **Bradley Chubb** was named the recipient of the **2017 Bronko Nagurski Trophy** on Monday night before a sold-out banquet crowd of 1,200 people at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Chubb, a 6-4, 275-pound senior from Marietta, Ga., accepted the award given to the best defensive player in college football before a large contingent of Wolfpack supporters, including his head coach Dave Doeren.

"This is what happens if you just keep working," Doeren said of Chubb's record-setting career. "This wasn't a guy who was a five-star (recruit). This is a guy who made himself into one."

Chubb is the first Wolfpack player to receive the Football Writers Association of America's National Defensive Player of the Year Award, which has been selected by the organization since 1993. He's the fourth Atlantic Coast Conference player to win the award in the last eight seasons, including Boston College linebacker Luke Kuechly (2011), now a member of the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

Chubb, second in the FBS in tackles for loss and eighth in sacks this season, claimed the award at the Charlotte Touchdown Club banquet sponsored by ACN. He was chosen over four other finalists: Alabama safety Minkah Fitzpatrick, Iowa linebacker Josey Jewell, Houston tackle Ed Oliver and Georgia linebacker Roquan Smith.

"He's the real deal, man," Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney said during the 2017 season. "He's long. He's fast. He's explosive. He plays with excellent technique. He's a very knowledgeable, instinctive player. This guy has all the little nuances down. He understands what you are trying to do offensively, so that allows him to anticipate. When you have that type of speed and skill and strength, plus knowledge, you are a tough guy to handle."

Chubb, who is the ACC's 2017 Defensive Player of the Year, set North Carolina State career records for tackles for loss (60) and sacks (26). Those marks are tied for fourth and tied for 18th, respectively, in ACC history.

"He's a dynamic player," Boston College head coach Steve Addazio said. "He's as good as there is in America without any doubt."

A three-time ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Florida State, Syracuse and Boston College), Chubb played 87 percent of the snaps against ACC competition this season.

"He's a very strong, very twitchy, explosive player that makes plays throughout the game and does a lot, whether he's rushing the passer or he's squeezing the run or he's dropping into coverage," North Carolina head coach Larry Fedora said before the Wolfpack beat his team. "You've always got to be aware of where he is. He's going to make plays and you've got to do everything that you can in your scheme to make sure that he doesn't single-handedly beat you."

In addition to the 2017 Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner's announcement, the banquet Monday night celebrated the recipient of the **Bronko Nagurski Legends Award**, sponsored by the CTC and Florida East Coast Railway.

Notre Dame's **Ross Browner**, a member of the FWAA's 1976 and '77 All-America teams, winner of the 1976 Outland Trophy and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, was this year's Legends Award recipient. Bound for the College Football Playoff, Georgia head coach



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Kirby Smart was the keynote speaker at the banquet.

The FWAA has chosen a National Defensive Player of the Year since 1993. In 1995, the FWAA joined with the CTC and 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.

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