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AZUSA PACIFIC'S TERRELL WATSON AND WAYNE STATE'S NORES FRADI HEADLINE THE 2014 AFCA DIVISION II COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM

WACO, TEXAS — Azusa Pacific running back Terrell Watson and Wayne State (Mich.) linebacker Nores Fradi headline the 2014 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

Watson finished 2014 as the leading rusher in Division II with a career-high 2,153 yards on 319 carries while scoring 29 rushing touchdowns, which also lead the nation. His 195.7 yards per game was also tops among Division II players. Fradi was No. 1 in the nation with 28.5 tackles for loss, tied for No. 9 in solo tackles with 73, and finished with 8.5 sacks. He is a nominee for the Cliff Harris Award, honoring the top defensive player in the nation representing Division II, III and NAIA schools.

2014 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team

Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Darius Davis	5-11	212	Sr.	Henderson St. (Ark.)	Scott Maxfield	Frisco, Texas (Wakeland)
WR	Vernon Johnson	6-1	190	Sr.	Texas A&M-Commerce	Colby Carthel	Fort Worth, Texas (Brewer)
OL	*Cole Manhart	6-6	310	Sr.	Nebraska-Kearney	Darrell Morris	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)
OL	Isaiah Shelton	6-2	308	Sr.	Shepherd (W.Va.)	Monte Cater	Temple Hills, Md. (Charles H. Flowers)
OL	Travis Hening	6-5	305	Jr.	East Central (Okla.)	Tim McCarty	Yukon, Okla. (Yukon)
OL	Mike Lorenzo	6-2	280	Sr.	Chadron St. (Neb.)	Jay Long	Oak Park, Calif. (Westlake)
OL	Andrew Muer	6-3	275	Sr.	Minnesota-Duluth	Curt Wiese	Perham, Minn. (Perham)
QB	Jason Vander Laan	6-4	241	Jr.	Ferris St. (Mich.)	Tony Annese	Frankfort, Ill. (Chicago Christian)
RB	Calvinaugh Jones	5-9	200	Jr.	Concord (W.Va.)	Garin Justice	Glen Burnie, Md. (Meade)
RB	Terrell Watson	6-2	240	Sr.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	Victor Santa Cruz	Oxnard, Calif. (Oxnard)
RB	Romo Westbrook	5-10	210	Sr.	Harding (Ark.)	Ronnie Huckeba	Marion, Ark. (Bishop Byrne)

Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Josh Gordon	6-2	250	Jr.	Minnesota St.-Mankato	Todd Hoffner	Milwaukee, Wis. (Wisconsin Lutheran)
DL	*Matt Longacre	6-3	270	Sr.	Northwest Missouri St.	Adam Dorrel	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West)
DL	Alex Markarian	6-4	275	Sr.	Humboldt St. (Calif.)	Rob Smith	Chino Hills, Calif. (Reuben Ayala)
DL	*Darius Allen	6-4	251	Sr.	Colorado St.-Pueblo	John Wristen	Pueblo, Colo. (Pueblo East)
LB	Tanner Botts	6-2	215	Sr.	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	Ian Shields	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
LB	Nores Fradi	6-1	216	Sr.	Wayne St. (Mich.)	Paul Winters	Dearborn Heights, Mich. (Dearborn)
LB	*Grant Singer	6-1	225	Sr.	Mary (N.D.)	Josh Kotelnicki	Turtle Lake, N.D. (Turtle Lake-Mercer)
DB	Jordan Shaw	6-2	215	Jr.	Shorter (Ga.)	Phil Jones	Jasper, Ga. (Pickens County)
DB	Will Brown	6-1	190	Sr.	Missouri S&T	Tyler Fenwick	Hazelwood, Mo. (Hazelwood West)
DB	Michael Jordan	6-0	200	Jr.	Missouri Western St.	Jerry Partridge	Hazelwood, Mo. (Hazelwood Central)
DB	Solomon St. Pierre	5-11	171	Jr.	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	Jed Stugart	Wagner, S.D. (Wagner)

Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Tom Obarski	5-11	185	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.)	Ryan Williams	Burnsville, Minn. (Apple Valley)
PK	Brent Wahle	6-2	175	Jr.	Ohio Dominican	Bill Conley	Pataskala, Ohio (Bishop Hartley)
AP	Isaiah Davis	5-10	186	Jr.	Central Washington	Ian Shoemaker	Bremerton, Wash. (South Kitsap)

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Team Background: The five teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams, University Division and College Division, were selected. In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams — FBS and FCS. In 1996, the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III, respectively. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and placekicker were added to the team. In 1997, a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team. The return specialist position was replaced by an all-purpose player in 2006.

Selection Process: The AFCA's Division II All-America Selection Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's nine districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee. The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the team is chosen.

The Award: Members of the AFCA Coaches' All-America Team receive a plaque commemorating their selection to the team.

Top Teams: Texas A&M-Kingsville has been represented a total of 34 times by 30 players on the AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team, to lead all schools. Trailing Texas A&M-Kingsville is Pittsburg State (20/16), Northwest Missouri State (19/14), Indiana (Pa.) (18/16), North Alabama (17/16), Grand Valley State (16/15), Texas A&M-Commerce (16/14), Carson-Newman (15/14), Ferris State (15/13), American International (14/13), New Haven (13/13), Valdosta State (13/11), Ashland (11/11), Saginaw Valley State (11/11), Indianapolis (10/10), West Texas A&M (10/10) and St. Cloud State (10/9).

Consecutive Years: Texas A&M-Kingsville had at least one player named to the AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team for 18 straight seasons, from 1986 to 2003, the longest streak by any team in Division II. Northwest Missouri State is second, having had 16 straight selections from 1996-2011. Pittsburg State has the third longest streak at nine straight selections from 1988-96. Eight teams currently have had two consecutive selections from last year to today: Central Washington, Colorado State-Pueblo, Mary, Minnesota-Duluth, Nebraska-Kearney, Northwest Missouri State, Ohio Dominican and Texas A&M-Commerce.

Repeat After Me: Texas A&M-Kingsville's Johnny Bailey is the only player to earn Coaches' All-America honors in four consecutive years at any level. Bailey was a four-year pick at running back in 1986-87-88-89.

Back-to-Back: Nebraska-Kearney offensive lineman Cole Manhart, Northwest Missouri State defensive lineman Matt Longacre, Colorado State-Pueblo defensive lineman Darius Allen and Mary linebacker Grant Singer are the four players who earned AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America honors for the second consecutive season in 2014.

Two Players, Two Schools: Punter Mark Bounds and placekicker Greg Zuerlein are the only players to earn Coaches' All-America honors at two different schools. Bounds was named to the AFCA College Division I team in 1990 while playing for West Texas A&M. He transferred to Texas Tech after West Texas dropped football and earned I-A All-America honors as a Red Raider in 1991. Zuerlein was named to the Division II Coaches' All-America Team in 2009 while playing for Nebraska-Omaha. He transferred to Missouri Western State after Nebraska-Omaha dropped its football program and earned Division II honors in 2011 as a Griffon.

Class Distinction: This year's Division II Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 16 seniors and nine juniors.

It's Been A While: Running back Calvinbaugh Jones of Concord (W.Va.), defensive back Will Brown of Missouri S&T and wide receiver Darius Davis of Henderson State have earned AFCA Coaches' All-America Team honors for the first time for their schools since 1992, 1993 and 1996, respectively.

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