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## Team Background

The AFCA has selected an All-America team every year since 1945.

The four 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 — Division I-A and Division I-AA. In 1996, the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III respectively.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and place-kicker were added to the team. In 1997 a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team.

## 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.

## COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES' CHAD FRIEHAUF, NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE'S JAMAICA RECTOR HEADLINE 2004 AFCA DIVISION II COACHES' ALL-AMERICATEAM

**WACO, TEX.** — Colorado School of Mines quarterback Chad Frieauf and Northwest Missouri State wide receiver Jamaica Rector headline the 2004 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team is made up of players from NCAA Division II and NAIA institutions.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all four 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.

## THE OFFENSE

Quarterback **Chad Frieauf** of Colorado School of Mines is the signal-caller on the 2004 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team. A finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy, he set NCAA Division II records for total offense (4,319) and passing yards (3,746) and scored at least three touchdowns, passing and running, in every game during the 2004 season.

Frieauf's receiving corps on this year's team features **Jamaica Rector** of Northwest Missouri State, **Chris Samp** of Winona State and **Leonard Weaver** of Carson-Newman.

Rector is one of two repeat All-Americans from last season. He finished eighth in the nation in receptions per game with 7.3, and averaged 100.3 yards per contest. Samp finished second in the nation with 132.1 yards receiving per game and scored 21 touchdowns. Weaver is the tightend on this year's squad. He averaged 21.9 yards per catch and scored eight touchdowns.

Shippensburg's **John Kuhn** and Fort Valley State's **Derrick Wimbush** are the running-backs on this year's team. Kuhn ranked 17th in the nation in rushing yards per game with 124.6 and totaled 1,371 yards with 14 touchdowns. Wimbush set the Fort Valley State record for most 200-yard rushing games in a season (four) and most rushing touchdowns in a season (22).

The offensive line features **Joe Berger** of Michigan Tech, **Jahri Evans** of Bloomsburg, **Nathan Baker** of Pittsburg State, **Todd Herremans** of Saginaw Valley and **Vinnie Olson** of Sioux Falls.

Berger is the first player in Michigan Tech history to make the Coaches' All-America Team. He didn't allow a sack this season and averaged six pancake blocks per game. Evans anchored an offensive line that helped Bloomsburg lead the PSAC in rushing at 299.4 yards per game. Baker was a vital part of the Pittsburg State offense that led the nation in total offense (648.1) and rushing offense (374.3). Herremans was GLIAC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year with fellow All-America team member, Joe Berger. He anchored an offensive line that helped Saginaw Valley average 423.1 yards of total offense. Olson earned first team All-GPAC honors on a team that was ranked No. 1 for most of the season in NAIA.

## THE DEFENSE

The defense is led by Ferris State linebacker **Kevin Myers**, a repeat All-American from last year. Myers totaled 133 tackles and finished 10th in the nation in solo tackles with 6.5 per game. Joining Myers at linebacker are **Joe Gangemi** of C.W. Post, **Jeff Howard** of Eastern New Mexico and **Digger Anderson** of North Dakota.

Gangemi led the Northeast-10 Conference with 102 total tackles and recorded 14 tackles for a loss. Howard recorded 115 total tackles and led the Lone Star Conference with 6.1 solo tackles per game. Anderson recorded 85 tackles, 10.5 for a loss and three sacks.

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Leading the way on the defensive line is **Keyonta Marshall** from Grand Valley State. Marshall ranked 30th in the nation with 1.6 tackles for a loss and totaled 25 on the year with six sacks. East Central's **Justin Brown** was the LSC North Division Defensive Lineman of the Year while recording 72 tackles and 12 sacks. Northwood's **Chris Wilson** led the team with seven sacks and 13 tackles for a loss while earning first team All-GLIAC honors. **Ken Triplett** of North Alabama rounds out this year's defensive line. He recorded 44 total tackles, 12 tackles for a loss and four sacks.

The secondary is led by Fayetteville State's **Walt Williams**. Williams earned CIAA All-Conference honors by recording 16 passes defensed, seven interceptions and 33 total tackles. Central Methodist's **Bubba Stutzer** had nine passes defensed including five interceptions and recorded 100 total tackles. Lindenwood's **DeDe Dorsey** rounds out the secondary. Dorsey recorded 37 total tackles, four pass breakups and two interceptions on the way to First Team All-Heart of America Athletic Conference honors.

### THE SPECIALISTS

**Danieal Manning** of Abilene Christian is the return specialist on the AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team. As a sophomore, Manning finished second in the nation in punt returns, averaging 22 yards per return, and sixth in kickoff returns with a 29.2 yard average.

Valdosta State's **Will Rhody** led the Gulf South Conference in scoring with 90 points, converted 36 of 37 PATs and set an NCAA Division II record by recording 18 straight field goals. Adam State's **Jeff Williams** led NCAA Division II in punting with an average of 48 yards per kick and had a long of 73 yards.

## 2004 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team

### Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Jamaica Rector*	5-10	182	Sr.	Northwest Mo. St.	Mel Tjeerdsma	Celeste, Texas (Celeste)
WR	Chris Samp	6-3	215	Sr.	Winona St.	Tom Sawyer	Algoma, Wis. (Green Bay Preble)
TE	Leonard Weaver	6-1	240	Sr.	Carson-Newman	Ken Sparks	Melbourne, Fla. (Satellite)
OL	Joe Berger	6-5	290	Sr.	Michigan Tech	Bernie Anderson	Newaygo, Mich. (Newaygo)
OL	Jahri Evans	6-4	340	Jr.	Bloomsburg	Danny Hale	Philadelphia, Pa. (Frankford)
OL	Nathan Baker	6-4	313	Sr.	Pittsburg St.	Chuck Broyles	Parsons, Kan. (Parsons)
OL	Todd Herremans	6-7	315	Sr.	Saginaw Valley St.	Randy Awrey	Ravenna, Mich. (Ravenna)
OL	Vinnie Olson	6-5	335	Sr.	Sioux Falls	Bob Young	Pierre, S.D. (Pierre)
QB	Chad Frieauf	6-7	205	Sr.	Colorado Mines	Bob Stitt	Brush, Colo. (Brush)
RB	John Kuhn	6-1	250	Sr.	Shippensburg	Rocky Rees	York, Pa. (Dover)
RB	Derrick Wimbush	6-2	220	Sr.	Fort Valley St.	John Morgan	Mauk, Ga. (Taylor County)

### Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Keyonta Marshall	6-1	290	Sr.	Grand Valley St.	Chuck Martin	Saginaw, Mich. (Saginaw)
DL	Justin Brown	6-2	260	Sr.	East Central	Tim McCarty	Fletcher, Okla. (Elgin)
DL	Chris Wilson	6-3	245	Sr.	Northwood	Pat Riepma	Flint, Mich. (Northern)
DL	Ken Triplett	6-1	240	Sr.	North Alabama	Mark Hudspeth	Louisville, Miss. (Louisville)
LB	Joe Gangemi	5-11	235	Sr.	C.W. Post	Bryan Collins	Elmsford, N.Y. (Iona Prep)
LB	Kevin Myers*	5-11	210	Sr.	Ferris St.	Jeff Pierce	Midland, Mich. (Midland)
LB	Jeff Howard	6-2	220	Sr.	Eastern New Mexico	Bud Elliot	Portales, N.M. (Portales)
LB	Digger Anderson	6-0	236	Jr.	North Dakota	Dale Lennon	Coon Rapids, Minn. (Coon Rapids)
DB	Walt Williams	6-0	175	Sr.	Fayetteville St.	Ken Phillips	Miami, Fla. (Miami Beach)
DB	Bubba Stutzer	6-2	205	Sr.	Central Methodist	Merle Masonholder	Independence, Mo. (William Chrisman)
DB	DeDe Dorsey	6-0	193	Jr.	Lindenwood	Patrick Ross	Broken Arrow, Okla. (Broken Arrow)

### Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Jeff Williams	6-4	215	Jr.	Adams St.	Wayne McGinn	Mead, Colo. (Skyline)
PK	Will Rhody	6-1	186	Sr.	Valdosta St.	Chris Hatcher	Jupiter, Fla. (Benjamin)
RS	Danieal Manning	5-11	205	So.	Abilene Christian	Gary Gaines	Corsicana, Tex. (Corsicana)

\*-2003 AFCA All-American

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**Top Teams:** Texas A&M-Kingsville has been represented a total of 28 times by 24 players on the AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team. Overall, the Javelinas have earned All-America honors 30 times, counting players selected in the AFCA's old College Division (1967-71). Trailing A&M-Kingsville's 28 Division II selections is Indiana (Pa.) with 15 appearances by 13 players.

**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 most by any team in Division II.

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

**One Player, Two Schools:** Punter **Mark Bounds** is the only player to earn Coaches' All-America honors at two different schools. He 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-AA All-America honors as a Red Raider in 1991.

**Class Distinction:** This year's AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 20 seniors, four juniors and one sophomore.

**First Time Schools:** **Joe Berger** of Michigan Tech, **Vinnie Olson** of Sioux Falls, **Bubba Stutzer** of Central Methodist and **DeDe Dorsey** of Lindenwood are the first players from their schools to earn AFCA Coaches' All-America Team honors.

**Back-to-Back:** **Jamaica Rector** of Northwest Missouri State and **Kevin Myers** of Ferris State earned AFCA Coaches' All-America honors for the second consecutive year.

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