



TD CLUB OF RICHMOND ANNOUNCES FIRST GROUP OF 2023 AWARD WINNERS

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The Touchdown Club of Richmond has announced its first group of college football award winners for the 2023 football season. This group features seven players who competed at the NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III/NAIA/USCAA/NCCAA level:

- **Offensive Back of the Year** – Drew Campanale, QB, *Randolph-Macon College*
- **Offensive End of the Year** – David Wallis, WR, *Randolph-Macon College*
- **Offensive Lineman of the Year** – Justin Meade, *Virginia Union University*
- **Defensive Lineman of the Year** – Jahlin Russell, *Averett University*
- **Linebacker of the Year** – Kindrick Braxton, *Christopher Newport University*
- **Defensive Back of the Year** – Will Pickren, S, *Hampden-Sydney College*
- **Specialist of the Year** – Kyle Ihle, Placekicker, *Randolph-Macon College*

Drew Campanale and David Wallis are repeat winners from 2022 and have led Randolph-Macon to a historic, undefeated season to this point with a NCAA Division III Quarterfinal game at Johns Hopkins this Saturday. They are joined by teammate, Kyle Ihle, placekicker, who set an ODAC record with 66 PATs.

Two other NCAA playoff performers, Justin Meade, Virginia Union, and Kindrick Braxton, Christopher Newport, are being honored. Rounding out the seven superlatives are Jahlin Russell, Averett, and Will Pickren, Hampden-Sydney. Russell was the ODAC Defensive Player of the Year, while Pickren was previously honored by the club in 2021 following his sophomore season.

The honored players will be recognized during the broadcast of the Dudley and Lanier Awards presentation, scheduled for Saturday, December 9. This awards broadcast, hosted by Lane Casadonte, will air on WTVR-TV6, the local CBS affiliate in Richmond. The awards show will air, following the national broadcast of the Army vs. Navy football game on CBS, which starts at 3:00pm.

Additional award winners will be announced early next week and will be featured in this broadcast as well. The state Coaches of the Year will be announced on Monday, December 4, while the NCAA Division I winners will be announced on Tuesday, December 5.

The Touchdown Club of Richmond is a 501(c)(3), sports-social organization, based in Richmond, Virginia. The club promotes the best interests of the American game of football and sports in general, under the guidance of elected officers, with the predominate purpose being to recognize worthy athletes for their accomplishments.

The club's membership compiles a ballot from all the football playing colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The ballot is then distributed to the club's membership for voting to determine the award winners, seven at each level, NCAA Division I and NCAA Division II/NCAA Division III/NAIA/USCAA/NCCAA, along with a Coach of the Year at each level.

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