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ALL-WAC FOOTBALL TEAMS AND PLAYERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

DENVER – The Western Athletic Conference announced its all-WAC teams and coach and players of the year awards as voted upon by the WAC's nine head coaches. Boise State led the league with 11 first-team all-WAC honorees, while Fresno State and Nevada placed five on the first team and Hawai'i had three. Boise State's Kellen Moore and Nevada's Colin Kaepernick were named the co-Offensive Players of the Year, Fresno State's Chris Carter earned Defensive Player of the Year honors, and San Jose State's Keith Smith was named the Freshman of the Year. Nevada's Chris Ault was voted the WAC's Coach of the Year.

Moore, a junior quarterback from Prosser, Wash. (Prosser HS), is second in the nation in passing efficiency with a 185.04 rating. He has completed 245-of-345 passes for 3,506 yards and 33 touchdowns with just five interceptions in leading the Broncos to an 11-1 record and berth in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas on Dec. 22. As a starter, Moore is now 37-2 in three seasons. He was named the WAC's Freshman of the Year in 2008 and was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year last season. This is Boise State's fourth WAC Offensive Player of the Year award as running back Brock Forsey won it in 2002 and quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie won it a year later.

Kaepernick, a senior quarterback from Turlock, Calif. (Pittman HS), is second in the WAC in total offense with 308.8 yards per game. He became the third quarterback in NCAA history to pass for 20 touchdowns and rush for 20 touchdowns in a season. He has thrown for 2,830 yards and 20 touchdowns while rushing for 1,184 yards and 20 scores to rank tied for third in the nation in points responsible for with 18.5 per game. He is the first player in NCAA history to pass for more than 2,000 yards and run for 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons and has tied the NCAA record for most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 59 in his career. Kaepernick has thrown just seven interceptions and has a 154.2 passing efficiency rating. He was named the WAC's Freshman of the Year in 2007 and was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2008. This is Nevada's third Offensive Player of the Year award as running back B.J. Mitchell won it in 2005.

Carter, a senior defensive lineman from Fontana, Calif. (Kaiser Fontana), leads the WAC and is seventh in the nation in sacks with 11.0 for a loss of 63 yards on the season. He is tied for second in the WAC in tackles for loss with 16.5. He has a total of 55 tackles (32 solo). He has also forced four fumbles on the year. Carter has helped lead Fresno State to third in the WAC in total defense. This is Fresno State's fourth WAC Defensive Player of the Year award as defensive tackle Alan Harper won it in 2001, defensive lineman Garrett McIntyre won it in 2005 and linebacker Marcus Riley won it in 2007.

Smith, a true freshman linebacker from Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak HS), leads San Jose State and is third in the WAC in tackles with 8.9 per game. He has a total of 116 tackles (60 solo), including 14.0 tackles (4 sacks) for a loss of 44 yards. This is San Jose State's first ever WAC Freshman of the Year award.

Ault earned his second WAC Coach of the Year award after leading Nevada to a 12-1 record and a share of its second WAC title. Ault, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, is in his third stint with the Wolf Pack and has a record of 218-97-1 (.691) in 26 seasons. Nevada is heading to the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl on Jan. 9, its sixth consecutive bowl game.

A total of 13 first-team all-WAC players were repeat selections from last year: Boise State wide receiver Austin Pettis, Boise State wide receiver Titus Young, Hawai'i wide receiver Greg Salas, Boise State offensive lineman Nate Potter, Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore, Nevada running back Vai Taua, Boise State defensive lineman Ryan Winterswyk, Fresno State defensive lineman Chris Carter, Nevada defensive lineman Dontay Moch, Fresno State linebacker Ben Jacobs, Utah State linebacker Bobby Wagner, New Mexico State defensive back Davon House and Fresno State placekicker Kevin Goessling. Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick is a repeat selection from 2008. Taua and Winterswyk have been named first-team selections three years in a row.

Hawai'i placed a WAC-high seven players on the second team while Fresno State, Idaho and Nevada had four apiece.

The complete all-WAC selections follow.

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2010 All-WAC Football Honors

First Team

Offense

Pos	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
WR	*#Austin Pettis	Boise State	6-3	197	Sr.
WR	*Titus Young	Boise State	5-11	168	Sr.
WR	*Greg Salas	Hawai'i	6-2	200	Sr.
TE	%Virgil Green	Nevada	6-5	240	Sr.
OL	Thomas Byrd	Boise State	5-11	279	Jr.
OL	*Nate Potter	Boise State	6-6	297	Jr.
OL	%Kenny Wiggins	Fresno State	6-7	310	Sr.
OL	*#Rob McGill	Louisiana Tech	6-6	310	Sr.
OL	John Bender	Nevada	6-8	325	Sr.
QB	*#Kellen Moore	Boise State	6-0	186	Jr.
QB	*\$Colin Kaepernick	Nevada	6-6	215	Sr.
RB	Doug Martin	Boise State	5-9	212	Jr.
RB	*\$Vai Taua	Nevada	5-10	220	Sr.

Defense

Pos	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
DL	Shea McClellin	Boise State	6-3	258	Jr.
DL	*\$Ryan Winterswyk	Boise State	6-4	267	Sr.
DL	*#Chris Carter	Fresno State	6-2	230	Sr.
DL	Logan Harrell	Fresno State	6-2	275	Jr.
DL	*#Dontay Moch	Nevada	6-1	245	Sr.
LB	%Winston Venable	Boise State	5-11	218	Sr.
LB	*#Ben Jacobs	Fresno State	6-3	225	Sr.
LB	Corey Paredes	Hawai'i	5-11	230	Jr.
LB	*Bobby Wagner	Utah State	6-1	230	Jr.
DB	George Iloka	Boise State	6-3	207	Jr.
DB	*#Jeron Johnson	Boise State	5-11	195	Sr.
DB	Mana Silva	Hawai'i	6-1	220	Sr.
DB	*Davon House	New Mexico State	6-0	178	Sr.

Specialists

Pos	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
PK	*Kevin Goessling	Fresno State	6-0	195	Jr.
P	Bobby Cowan	Idaho	6-5	220	So.
ST	*\$Phillip Livas	Louisiana Tech	5-8	175	Sr.

*2009 First-Team All-WAC Selection

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\$2008 First-Team All-WAC Selection

#2008 Second-Team All-WAC Selection

&2007 Second-Team All-WAC Selection

Second Team

Offense

WR	Jamel Hamler, Jr., Fresno State
WR	Kealoha Pilaes, Sr., Hawai'i
WR	Eric Greenwood, Sr., Idaho
WR	Rishard Matthews, Jr., Nevada
TE	Daniel Hardy, Sr., Idaho
OL	Bryce Harris, Jr., Fresno State
OL	Lupepa Letuli, Sr., Hawai'i
OL	Adrian Thomas, Sr., Hawai'i
OL	Chris Barker, So., Nevada
OL	Ailao Eliapo, Sr., San Jose State
QB	Bryant Moniz, Jr., Hawai'i
RB	Alex Green, Sr., Hawai'i
RB	Lennon Creer, Jr., Louisiana Tech

Defense

DL	%Billy Winn, Jr., Boise State
DL	Kaniela Tuipulotu, Jr., Hawai'i
DL	%Aaron Lavarias, Sr., Idaho
DL	Matt Broha, Jr., Louisiana Tech
LB	Byron Hout, Jr., Boise State
LB	Travis Brown, So., Fresno State
LB	*Adrien Cole, Jr., Louisiana Tech
LB	%James-Michael Johnson, Jr., Nevada
LB	Keith Smith, Fr., San Jose State
DB	Brandyn Thompson, Sr., Boise State
DB	Desia Dunn, Sr., Fresno State
DB	*&Shiloh Keo, Sr., Idaho
DB	Isaiah Frey, Jr., Nevada
DB	Curtis Marsh, Sr., Utah State

Specialists

PK	Scott Enos, Sr., Hawai'i
P	Harrison Waid, Fr., San Jose State
ST	Taveon Rogers, Jr., New Mexico State

Top Individual Awards

Co-Offensive Players of the Year – Kellen Moore, Jr., QB, Boise State; Colin Kaepernick, Sr., QB, Nevada

Defensive Player of the Year – Chris Carter, Sr., DL, Fresno State

Freshman of the Year – Keith Smith, LB, San Jose State

Coach of the Year – Chris Ault, Nevada