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## SAMFORD'S DEVLIN HODGES AND DARTMOUTH'S ISIAH SWANN HIGHLIGHT THE 2018 AFCA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

WACO, TEX. — Two-time AFCA All-American quarterback Devlin Hodges of Samford and Dartmouth defensive back Isiah Swann headline the 2018 AFCA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) 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.

Hodges, a top-three finalist for the Walter Payton Award, set a school record for single-season passing yards, throwing for 4,283 yards this season. He also became the all-time leader in career passing yards in FCS history with 14,584 yards, breaking the record set by Alcorn State's Steve McNair of 14,496 from 1991 to 1994. Swann set a school record with nine interceptions to lead the nation. He also led the league and ranked third in the FCS with 18 passes defended while recording 39 tackles and recovering a fumble.

### 2018 AFCA Football Championship Subdivision Coaches' All-America Team - First Team

#### Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	*Kelvin McKnight	5-8	186	Sr.	Samford	Chris Hatcher	Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee)
WR	*Keelan Doss	6-3	209	Sr.	UC Davis	Dan Hawkins	Alameda, Calif. (Alameda)
TE	Donald Parham	6-8	240	Sr.	Stetson	Roger Hughes	Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson)
OL	^Daniel Cooney	6-8	315	R-Sr.	San Diego	Dale Lindsey	Western Springs, Ill. (Fenwick)
OL	B.J. Autry	6-5	340	R-Sr.	Jacksonville State	John Grass	Eight Mile, Ala. (Blount)
OL	Matt Pyke	6-2	302	R-Sr.	East Tennessee State	Randy Sanders	Clinton, Tenn. (Anderson County)
OL	Tanner Volson	6-4	306	Sr.	North Dakota State	Chris Klieman	Balfour, N.D. (Drake-Anamoose)
OL	CJ Collins	6-3	255	Gr.	Kennesaw State	Brian Bohannon	Woodstock, Ga. (Sequoyah)
QB	*Devlin Hodges	6-1	210	Sr.	Samford	Chris Hatcher	Kimberly, Ala. (Mortimer-Jordan)
RB	James Holland Jr.	5-9	210	Sr.	Colgate	Dan Hunt	Royal Palm Beach, Fla. (The Kings Academy)
RB	AJ Hines	5-11	225	Jr.	Duquesne	Jerry Schmitt	Wilson, N.C. (Fike)

#### Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Derick Roberson	6-4	250	R-Sr.	Sam Houston State	K.C. Keeler	San Antonio, Texas (Brennan)
DL	Nick Wheeler	6-2	255	Jr.	Colgate	Dan Hunt	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)
DL	Isaiah Mack	6-3	305	Sr.	Chattanooga	Tom Arth	Tunnel Hill, Ga. (Northwest Whitfield)
DL	Greg Menard	6-2	240	R-Sr.	North Dakota State	Chris Klieman	Lakeville, Minn. (North)
LB	BJ Blunt	6-1	220	Sr.	McNeese	Lance Guidry	New Orleans, La. (McDonough)
LB	T.J. Holl	6-1	230	Sr.	Colgate	Dan Hunt	Cranberry Township, Pa. (Seneca Valley)
LB	Dante Olson	6-3	237	R-Jr.	Montana	Bobby Hauck	Medford, Ore. (Cascade Christian)
DB	Marlon Bridges	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Jacksonville State	John Grass	Lanett, Ala. (Lanett)
DB	Jimmy Moreland	5-11	175	R-Sr.	James Madison	Mike Houston	Royal Palm Beach, Fla. (Royal Palm Beach)
DB	Isiah Swann	6-0	190	Jr.	Dartmouth	Buddy Teevens	Queen Creek, Ariz. (Chandler)
DB	Jordan Brown	6-1	200	Sr.	South Dakota State	John Stiegelmeier	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Paradise Valley)

#### Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Chris Faddoul	6-1	182	So.	Florida A&M	Willie Simmons	Wesley Chapel, Fla. (Wiregrass Ranch)
PK	Roldan Alcobendas	6-0	180	Sr.	Eastern Washington	Aaron Best	Camas, Wash. (Camas)
AP	Shane Simpson	5-9	200	R-Jr.	Towson	Rob Ambrose	Easton, Pa. (Easton)

\*-2017 AFCA All-American    ^2016-17 AFCA All-American

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## 2018 AFCA Football Championship Subdivision Coaches' All-America Team - Second Team

## Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Michael Bandy	5-11	190	Jr.	San Diego	Dale Lindsey	La Mirada, Calif. (Serveite)
WR	Reggie White Jr.	6-3	210	Sr.	Monmouth (N.J.)	Kevin Callahan	Randallstown, Md. (Milford Mill Academy)
TE	Charles Scarff	6-6	270	R-Sr.	Delaware	Danny Rocco	Lancaster, Pa. (Catholic)
OL	Garrett Bowery	6-2	303	Sr.	Lamar	Mike Schultz	Union Grove, Texas (Union Grove)
OL	CJ Toogood	6-2	293	Sr.	Elon	Curt Cignetti	Holly Springs, N.C. (Holly Springs)
OL	Iosua Opeta	6-4	305	Sr.	Weber State	Jay Hill	Stansbury Park, Utah (Stansbury)
OL	Matt Kaskey	6-7	325	Sr.	Dartmouth	Buddy Teevens	Winnetka, Ill. (New Trier)
OL	Ryan Wetzel	6-4	285	Gr.	Monmouth (N.J.)	Kevin Callahan	Freehold, N.J. (Colts Neck)
QB	Easton Stick	6-2	221	Sr.	North Dakota State	Chris Klieman	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
RB	James Robinson	5-10	220	Jr.	Illinois State	Brock Spack	Rockford, Ill. (Lutheran)
RB	Darnell Holland	5-10	195	Sr.	Kennesaw State	Brian Bohannon	Bowdon, Ga. (Bowdon)

## Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Nasir Player	6-5	271	R-Jr.	East Tennessee State	Randy Sanders	Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View)
DL	*Darryl Johnson Jr.	6-5	232	R-Jr.	North Carolina A&T	Sam Washington	Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County)
DL	Sterling Shippy	6-1	300	Sr.	Alcorn State	Fred McNair	Miami, Fla. (Coral Reef)
DL	Rocco Di Leo	6-3	285	Sr.	Dartmouth	Buddy Teevens	Elmhurst, Ill. (St. Ignatius Prep)
LB	Zach Hall	6-0	230	Jr.	Southeast Missouri	Tom Matukewicz	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
LB	Troy Reeder	6-3	245	R-Sr.	Delaware	Danny Rocco	Hockessin, Del. (Salesianum)
LB	Jabril Cox	6-3	231	So.	North Dakota State	Chris Klieman	Kansas City, Mo. (Raytown South)
DB	Davon Jernigan	6-0	208	Sr.	Lamar	Mike Schultz	Navasota, Texas (Navasota)
DB	Mac McCain III	5-11	173	R-So.	North Carolina A&T	Sam Washington	Greensboro, N.C. (Dudley)
DB	Nasir Adderley	6-0	200	Sr.	Delaware	Danny Rocco	Philadelphia, Pa. (Great Valley)
DB	Ju'Anthony Parker	5-11	165	Jr.	Prairie View A&M	Eric Dooley	Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff)

## Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Alex Pechin	6-0	200	Sr.	Bucknell	Joe Susan	Kennett Square, Pa. (Unionville)
PK	Aidan O'Neill	6-1	199	Jr.	Towson	Rob Ambrose	New Paltz, N.Y. (New Paltz)
AP	Juwan Petit-Frere	5-7	170	Jr.	Southeastern Louisiana	Frank Scelfo	Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)

\*-2017 AFCA All-American

**Team Background:** The five teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad. 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. In 2006, the Division I-A and Division I-AA teams were renamed Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), 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. A return specialist was added in 1997, giving us the current 25-player team. The return specialist position was replaced by an all-purpose player in 2006. The AFCA added a second team in 2016.

**Top Teams:** Delaware has the most AFCA All-America selections of any current FCS school with 32 selections by 29 players. The Blue Hens are followed by Montana (29/28), North Dakota State (29/26), Eastern Kentucky (27/25), Eastern Washington (27/23), Weber State (22/21), Northern Iowa (22/19), Grambling State (21/20), Lehigh (20/20), Furman (20/19), South Carolina State (20/18), New Hampshire (20/17), James Madison (19/19), North Dakota (19/17), Portland State (18/17), Eastern Illinois (18/16), Youngstown State (18/16), South Dakota State (18/14), Western Illinois (17/16), Northern Colorado (17/14), Montana State (16/16), Towson (16/16), Cal Poly (16/14), McNeese (16/14), UC Davis (16/14), Abilene Christian (15/14), Stephen F. Austin (15/14) and Tennessee State (15/14).

**2018 Conference-by-Conference Breakdown:** Colonial – 7; Missouri Valley – 6; Southern – 5; Southland – 5; Big Sky – 4; Big South – 4; Patriot – 4; Ivy – 3; MEAC – 3; Ohio Valley – 3; Pioneer – 3; SWAC – 2; NEC – 1.

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**Consecutive Years:** Eastern Kentucky leads all schools, having had at least one player named to the AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America Team in each of the first 15 years a FCS team was chosen (1979-93). South Dakota State has the longest current streak at five years from 2014 to present.

**Double Duo:** For the first time in FCS Coaches' All-America Team history, teammates have earned back-to-back honors. Tennessee-Chattanooga's Keionta Davis (DL) and Corey Levin (OL) were both named to the 2015 and 2016 teams. They join seven duos in FBS: USC's Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush (2004 and 2005); Army's Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard (1945 and 1946); Notre Dame's George Connor and Johnny Lujack (1946 and 1947); Michigan State's Bubba Smith and George Webster (1966 and 1967); Ohio State's Jack Tatum and Jim Stillwagon (1969 and 1970); Notre Dame's Ken MacAfee and Ross Browner (1976 and 1977) and Colorado's Joe Garten and Alfred Williams (1989 and 1990).

**Long Time Coming:** Offensive lineman Matt Pyke and defensive lineman Nasir Player make the AFCA FCS All-America Team for East Tennessee State, marking the first time the Buccaneers have had a representative since 1996, when defensive lineman James Russell made the team.

**Repeat After Me:** Eastern Washington wide receiver Cooper Kupp (2013-16) joins Texas A&M-Kingsville's Johnny Bailey as the only players to earn AFCA Coaches' All-America honors in four consecutive years at any level. Bailey was a four-year pick at running back in Division II from 1986-89.

**Third Time's A Charm:** San Diego offensive lineman Daniel Cooney (2016-18) joins South Dakota State running back Zach Zenner (2012-14), Tennessee-Chattanooga defensive lineman Davis Tull (2012-14), and linebackers Gary Reasons of Northwestern State (1981-83) and Dexter Coakley of Appalachian State (1994-96), as the only three-time AFCA All-Americans in Football Championship Subdivision history.

**Yearly Leaders:** North Dakota State joins Jacksonville State as the only schools to land four players on the AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America Team in one year. NDSU's came in 2018 (Tanner Volson, 1st team OL; Greg Menard, 1st team DL; Easton Stick, 2nd team QB; Jabril Cox, 2nd team LB) while JSU's came in 2017 (Darius Jackson, 1st team DL; Siran Neal, 1st team DB; Justin Lea, 2nd team OL; Roc Thomas, 2nd team RB). Fourteen schools have placed three student-athletes on the AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America Team in one year, with three of those coming in 2018 (Colgate, Dartmouth and Delaware).

**Two Players, Two Schools:** Placekicker Cole Tracy joins punter Mark Bounds and placekicker Greg Zuerlein as the only players to earn AFCA Coaches' All-America honors at two different schools. Tracy earned second team AFCA All-America honors in Division II at Assumption College in 2017, then transferred to LSU in 2018 and earned second team FBS All-America honors. 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 AFCA Division II honors in 2011 as a Griffon.

**One Player, Two Positions:** Bethel's (Tenn.) Stoney Burns and Baker's Clarence Clark are the only players in AFCA All-America Team history at all levels to repeat as AFCA All-Americans at two different positions. Burns was named to the 2013 squad as a defensive back, then earned 2014 honors at all-purpose. Clark was named to the 2015 squad as a receiver, then earned 2016 honors as a place-kicker.

**Class Distinction:** This year's AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 31 seniors, 14 juniors, three sophomores and two graduate students.

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