

Honors & Awards



All-Americans



During the 17 seasons of intercollegiate competition for the UAB football program, 10 different players have earned All-American honors. Awards were presented by the Associated Press, The Sports Network, a national wire service that conducts weekly I-AA national rankings and The Football Gazette.



Josh Evans, DT
1993, 1994

Josh Evans was a four-year letterwinner and start for the Blazers' defensive line. He was one of 16 players to play on each of the first four teams in the program's brief history.

Evans earned honorable-mention All-America honors from *The Sports Network* in 1993 and 1994. As a senior in 1994, Evans posted 72 tackles with five sacks and 13 tackles for losses.

A consistent performer during his career, Evans ranks among the top five career leaders in tackles at UAB. Evans spent nearly 10 seasons in the NFL with various organizations before retiring in 2005.



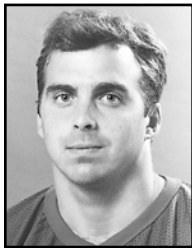
Derrick Ingram, WR
1993, 1994

Derrick Ingram was a four-year letterwinner who proved to be one of the nation's top receivers in his senior season.

Ingram earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press in 1994 and was a second-team selection by The Sports Network. In '93, he was a second-team AP and honorable mention Sports Network honoree.

In 1994, Ingram posted 83 receptions for 1,457 yards and 13 touchdowns; his 1,457 yards rank as the third-best single-season performance in I-AA history, eclipsing the mark of 1,450 by Jerry Rice during his junior season.

He completed his career with 207 receptions for 3,379 yards and 28 touchdowns.



John Whitcomb, QB
1993, 1994

John Whitcomb left Southern Mississippi, where he backed up current Green Bay Packer starter Brett Favre, and transferred to UAB where he started four games in 1992 and all 22 during the '93 and '94 seasons.

The strong-armed quarterback quickly made his mark on the program, throwing for 3,012 yards and 21 touchdowns as a junior, earning honorable mention All-America honors from The Sports Network.

As a senior, the Chipley, Fla., native threw for 3,031 yards and 22 touchdowns and finished his UAB career with 560 completions for 7,420 yards and 53 touchdowns.

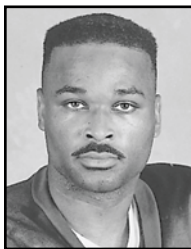


Cedrick Buchannon, WR
1995

Cedrick Buchannon spent three years "in the shadow" of fellow All-American Derrick Ingram but made the most of his fourth and final season with the Blazers in 1995.

Buchannon is UAB's all-time leader in kickoff and punt returns, and he ranks second among all-time leaders in receiving.

Indeed, it was his special-teams play that earned him Honorable-Mention All-America honors from The Football Gazette in his senior season. Buchannon ranked among the national leaders in kickoff and punt returns; he had 14 kickoff returns for 335 yards, and he returned 23 punts for 312 yards and two touchdowns.



Kerry Frazier, LB
1995

Kerry Frazier wasted no time in making an impact on the UAB program.

Frazier started all 11 games in 1995 at middle linebacker with 91 tackles, including 65 solos; he posted four quarterback sacks (second-most on team) and six total tackles for losses. He also had an interception and a fumble recovery in a campaign that earned him honorable mention All-America honors from The Football Gazette.

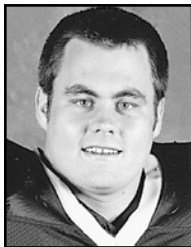


Robert Leslie, DE
1995

Robert Leslie got better and better during his career at UAB, and in his senior season he was one of the top defensive ends in the nation.

Leslie posted a career-high 81 tackles (third-best on the team) in his senior season; he set a single-season record with 13 quarterback sacks and tied a team mark with 16 total tackles for losses. Those numbers earned the three-year letterwinner second team All-America honors from The Football Gazette.

The three-year starter finished his career with 224 tackles, 20 sacks and 28 total tackles for losses.



Johnny Rea, C
1997

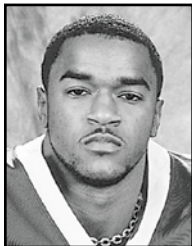
Johnny Rea was a four-year starter and letterwinner on the offensive line during his collegiate career at UAB (1994-97) and also established himself as one of the finest all-around student-athletes in the history of UAB athletics.

Rea came to UAB on an academic scholarship and walked on; a year later, he was on athletic aid.

The Pell City, Ala., native posted a 4.0 GPA for his undergraduate career, earned him Presidential Honors (a 4.0 GPA) in each of his full-time quarters as well as first-team Academic All-America honors. in 1997-98.

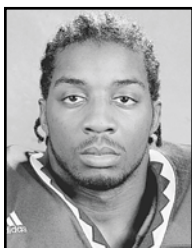


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Rodregis Brooks, CB
1999

Rodregis Brooks was lucky to even be playing at the beginning of the 1999 season. The junior cornerback had suffered a torn groin muscle in 1998 pre-season practice and had to sit out the year as a medical redshirt. Brooks came back, tying for the national lead in interceptions with nine, and leading the nation in punt return yardage for much of the year. Brooks received first-team All-Conference USA honors and was named C-USA Special Teams Player of The Year. In addition, he earned second team All-America honors from the Associated Press, becoming the first Blazer All-American of the I-A era.



Bryan Thomas, DE
2001

Bryan Thomas' dedication and hard work paid dividends in April, 2002 when he was selected No. 22 in the NFL draft by the New York Jets.

Thomas became the first UAB player in history to be taken in the NFL's opening round. Thomas was the anchor of the Blazers' "Steel Shield" which led



Roddy White, WR
2001-04

Roddy White was a three-year letterwinner for the Blazers at wide receiver and while he had productive seasons as a sophomore and junior, it was in 2004 as a senior when White emerged as one of the best at his position in the country. White caught 71 passes as a senior for an NCAA-leading and Conference USA record 1,452 yards. He also was on the receiving end of 14 touchdowns, also a league record. White, who was chosen in the first round of the 2005 NFL draft by the Atlanta Falcons, earned All-America honors by several agencies, including Associated Press.

All-Conference USA Selections

2007

- Will Dunbar — DB, 1st Team (Coaches & Media)
- Swayze Waters — PK, 1st Team (Media) & 2nd Team (Coaches)
- Joe Henderson — LB, 2nd Team (Media)

2006

- Larry McSwain — DE, 1st Team
- Orlandus King — LB, 2nd Team
- Julius Wilson — OL, 2nd Team
- Will Dunbar — DB, 3rd Team
- Joe Henderson — LB, 3rd Team
- Marcus Elliott — KR, 3rd Team

2005

- Matt Batusic — OL, 1st Team
- Darrell Hackney — QB, 1st Team
- Reggie Lindsey — WR, 1st Team
- Larry McSwain — DE, 1st Team
- Dominique Cospers - DB, 3rd Team
- Ernest Respress — DL, 3rd Team
- Julius Wilson — OL, 3rd Team

2004

- Andy Galloway — OL, 1st Team
- Larry McSwain — DE, 1st Team
- Roddy White — WR 1st Team
- Zac Woodfin — LB, 1st Team
- Reggie Lindsey — RS, 2nd Team
- Darrell Hackney — QB, 3rd Team

- Dan Burks - RB, 3rd Team
- Dominique Cospers - DB, 3rd Team

2003

- Zac Woodfin — LB, 1st Team
- Nick Hayes — PK, 2nd Team

2002

- Zac Woodfin — LB, 2nd Team
- Chris Brown — DB, 2nd Team

2001

- Bryan Thomas — DE, 1st Team
- Rod Taylor — LB, 1st Team
- Jegil Dugger — RB, 2nd Team
- Preston Fray — OL, 2nd Team
- Rodney Jones — DL, 2nd Team

2000

- Jegil Dugger — RB, 2nd Team
- Tony Dollison — OL, 2nd Team
- Bryan Thomas — DL, 2nd Team

1999

- Rodregis Brooks — DB, 1st Team
- Rodregis Brooks — RS, 1st Team

**Special Teams
Player-of-the-Year**

- Rodregis Brooks, 1999

**All-Freshman Team
2007**

- Jeffery Anderson, TE
- Mike Tashman, LB

2006

- Jake Seitz, OL
- Rashaud Slaughter, WR, PR

2005

- Kris Guyton, LB

2004

- Durrell Fuqua, DB

2003

- Jermaine McElveen, DE

2002

- Darrell Hackney, QB
- Julius Wainwright, DB

2001

- Theron Dudley, RB
- Andy Galloway, OL
- Darrius Taylor, LB
- Nick Hayes, PK

