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Missouri Valley Football Announces 2015 All-Conference Squad

RB Marshaun Coprich of Illinois State; DB Deiondre' Hall of UNI; and coach Bob Nielson of Western Illinois highlight the 2015 Missouri Valley Football Conference all-league units, announced by the conference office today.

Coprich leads the MVFC in rushing yards (1,720), touchdowns (20), yards per game (156.4), all-purpose yards per game (169.0) and scoring (11.1). During the regular season he rushed for over 100 yards in nine of 11 games and posted three games with over 200 yards rushing. He's the first MVFC player since 2003 to repeat as Offensive Player of the Year.

During the regular season, Hall led the MVFC with 6 interceptions, returning two for TDs. He broke UNI's record for career INT returns for TDs (4) and ranks fifth all-time at UNI in career INTs (13). While starting games at corner and free safety, he recorded 69 total tackles in UNI's first 11 games, which included 48 solo and six for loss.

Nielson is the first Western Illinois coach to be honored since 2002. Western was picked to finish eighth in the MVFC pre-season poll and tied for third, despite having the nation's toughest schedule. That improvement of 5 spots from the preseason poll is the second-biggest jump for the Leathernecks dating back to the inaugural preseason poll in 1986.

2015 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: RB Marshaun Coprich, Illinois State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: DB Deiondre' Hall, UNI

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: QB Aaron Bailey, UNI (*full all-Newcomer Team announced on Tuesday, Dec. 1*)

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: DE Andrew Van Ginkel, South Dakota

'BRUCE CRADDOCK' VALLEY FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR: Bob Nielson, Western Illinois

FIRST TEAM

QB --	Mark Iannotti, Southern Illinois	6-2	220	Sr.	Schaumburg (Ill.) High / Eastern Michigan
	Tre Roberson, Illinois State	6-0	205	Sr.	Indianapolis (Ind.) Lawrence Central High / Indiana
RB --	Marshaun Coprich, Illinois State	5-9	205	Sr.	Victorville (Calif.) Oak Hills High
	Nikko Watson, Western Illinois	6-0	250	Sr.	Rock Island (Ill.) High
FB --	Andrew Bonnet, North Dakota State	6-3	250	Sr.	Council Bluffs (Iowa) Underwood High
WR--	Anthony Warrum, Illinois State	6-2	190	Jr.	Fishers (Ind.) Heritage Christian School
	Jake Wieneke, South Dakota State	6-4	210	So.	Maple Grove (Minn.) High
TE --	Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State	6-5	245	So.	Britton (S.D.) Britton-Hecla High
OL --	Joe Haeg, North Dakota State	6-6	310	Sr.	Lake Shore (Minn.) Brainerd High
	Zack Johnson, North Dakota State	6-4	326	Jr.	Apple Valley (Minn.) Eastview High
	Jacob Rathmacher, UNI	6-4	297	Sr.	Story City (Iowa) Roland-Story
	Mark Spelman, Illinois State	6-3	280	Jr.	Brookfield (Wis.) Marquette University High
	Ethan Wirth, Southern Illinois	6-7	283	Sr.	Williamston (Mich.) High / Toledo
PK --	Zak Kennedy, Youngstown State	6-0	160	Fr.	Youngstown (Ohio) Cardinal Mooney
LS --	Joshua Appel, Indiana State	6-2	250	Jr.	Normal (Ill.) West High
DL --	Greg Menard, North Dakota State	6-2	239	So.	Lakeville (Minn.) Lakeville North High
	Derek Rivers, Youngstown State	6-5	255	Jr.	Kinston (N.C.) High
	Karter Schult, UNI	6-2	265	Jr.	Tripoli (Iowa) High
	Andrew Van Ginkel, South Dakota	6-4	230	Fr.	Rock Valley (Iowa) High
LB --	Dylan Cole, Missouri State	6-1	236	Jr.	Rogersville (Mo.) Logan-Rogersville High
	Nick DeLuca, North Dakota State	6-3	244	Jr.	Omaha (Neb.) Millard North High
	Brett McMakin, UNI	6-4	232	Jr.	Overland Park (Kan.) Blue Valley West High
	Pat Meehan, Illinois State	6-1	225	Sr.	Frankfort (Ill.) Lincoln-Way East
DB--	LeRoy Alexander, Youngstown State	6-0	195	Jr.	Toledo (Ohio) Whitmer High / Nebraska
	Deiondre' Hall, UNI	6--2	190	Sr.	Blue Springs (Mo.) High
	Tim Kilfoy, UNI	6-1	215	Sr.	Davenport (Iowa) Assumption High
	CJ Smith, North Dakota State	5-11	188	Sr.	Savage (Minn.) Burnsville High
P --	Ben LeCompte, North Dakota State	5-10	196	Sr.	Barrington (Ill.) High
RS --	Deion Holliman, Missouri State	5-9	181	So.	Camden (Ark.) Fairview High

SECOND TEAM

QB --	Aaron Bailey, UNI	6-2	226	Jr.	Bolingbrook (Ill.) High / Illinois
RB --	King Frazier, North Dakota State	5-11	213	Jr.	Greenwood (Mo.) Lee's Summit High / Nebraska
	Jody Webb, Youngstown State	5-9	180	Jr.	Toledo (Ohio) Whitmer High
FB --	Brady Tibbits, Illinois State	5-10	240	Jr.	Mineral Point (Wis.) High
WR --	Lance Lenoir, Jr., Western Illinois	6-0	200	Jr.	Crete (Ill.) Crete Monee High
	Billy Reed, Southern Illinois	6-1	203	Jr.	Lockport (Ill.) Lockport Township
TE --	Luke Albers, North Dakota State	6-5	250	Sr.	Iola (Wis.) Iola-Scandinavia High
	Adam Fuehne, Southern Illinois	6-7	257	Sr.	Damiansville (Ill.) Mater Dei Catholic
OL --	Kyle Avaloy, Illinois State	6-5	330	Jr.	Lombard (Ill.) Glenbard South
	Jacob Judd, Western Illinois	6-3	290	So.	Clinton (Iowa) High
	Jeremy Kelly, North Dakota State	6-6	300	Sr.	Somerset (Wis.) High / Minnesota-Crookston
	Jacob Ohnesorge, South Dakota State	6-3	280	So.	Wauunakee (Wis.) High
	Robert Rathje, UNI	6-3	295	Jr.	Van Horne (Iowa) Benton Community High
PK --	Miles Bergner, South Dakota	6-0	225	Jr.	Longmont (Colo.) High
LS --	James Fisher, North Dakota State	6-2	213	So.	Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High
DL --	Isaac Ales, UNI	6-3	268	Sr.	Muscatine (Iowa) High
	Teddy Corwin, Illinois State	6-5	260	Sr.	St. Louis (Mo.) DeSmet Jesuit High
	Cole Langer, South Dakota State	6-2	285	Jr.	Dell Rapids (S.D.) High
	David Perkins, Illinois State	6-4	245	Sr.	South Bend (Ind.) Washington High / Ohio State
LB --	Chase Allen, Southern Illinois	6-3	240	Jr.	Belleville (Ill.) Belleville East High
	T.J. Lally, South Dakota State	6-0	225	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) Marmion Academy
	Brett Taylor, Western Illinois	6-2	230	So.	Macomb (Ill.) High
	Lee Wright, Youngstown State	6-1	215	So.	York (S.C.) York Comprehensive
DB --	Makinton Dorleant, UNI	5-11	185	Sr.	Naples (Fla.) Lely High
	Jimmie Forsythe, South Dakota State	5-10	190	Sr.	Omaha (Neb.) Burke High
	Kenny James, Southern Illinois	5-10	204	So.	Columbia (Mo.) Rock Bridge High
	Travis Starks, Indiana State	5-10	190	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) St. Rita of Cascia High
P --	Sam Kuhter, UNI	6-0	207	So.	Toledo (Iowa) South Tama High
RS --	Daquan Isom, Southern Illinois	5-8	172	Fr.	Orlando (Fla.) Dr. Phillips High

Honorable Mention

QB: Trenton Norvell, WIU; Carson Wentz, NDSU; **RB:** Shane Kuhn, YSU (FB); Tyvis Smith, UNI; **WR:** Robert Tonyan, Jr., INS; RJ Urzendowski, NDSU; **TE:** Cam Jones, SDSU; Braden Lehman, UNI; **OL:** Derek Chancellor, USD; Jake Notario, SIU; Riley Shantz, MSU; Justin Spencer, YSU; Dakota Vermillion, INS; **PK:** Michael Schmadeke, UNI; **LS:** Trent Simpson, UNI; **DL:** James Barnes, MSU; Kris Harley, WIU; Eddy Holtschlag, WIU; Dalton Keene, ILS; Nate Tanguay, NDSU; **LB:** Jesse Bobbit, SDSU; Armand Dellovade, YSU; Alex Donnelly, ILS; Keyen Lage, USD; Kendall Walker, INS; Brandon Williams, SIU; **DB:** Je Ryan Butler, SDSU; Tyson Graham, USD; Alec Kocour, ILS; **P:** Miles Bergner, USD; Derek Mathewson, SIU; Chris Sullens, MSU; **RS:** Makinton Dorleant, UNI; Lance Lenoir, Jr., WIU

VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE SPECIALTY AWARD WINNERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1985	Mike Smith, QB, Northern Iowa
1986	Sean Payton, QB, Eastern Illinois
1987	Carl Boyd, RB, Northern Iowa
1988	Paul Singer, QB, Western Illinois
1989	DeAndre Smith, QB, Missouri State
1990	DeAndre Smith, QB, Missouri State
1991	Derrick Franklin, RB, Indiana State
1992	Toby Davis, RB, Illinois State
1993	Kurt Warner, QB, Northern Iowa
1994	Rob St. Sauver, QB, Western Illinois
1995	Dedric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
1996	Dedric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
1997	Aaron Stecker, RB, Western Illinois
1998	Karlton Carpenter, RB, S. Illinois
1999	Cornell Craig, WR, S. Illinois
2000	Charles Tharp, RB, Western Illinois
2001	P.J. Mays, RB, Youngstown State
2002	Russ Michna, QB, Western Illinois
2003	Russ Michna, QB, Western Illinois
2004	Joel Sambursky, QB, S. Illinois
2005	Laurént Robinson, WR, Illinois State
2006	Marcus Mason, RB, Youngstown St.
2007	Eric Sanders, QB, Northern Iowa
2008	Herb Donaldson, RB, Western Illinois
2009	Deji Karim, RB, Southern Illinois
2010	Matt Barr, QB, Western Illinois
2011	Shakir Bell, RB, Indiana State
2012	Matt Brown, QB, Illinois State
2013	Brock Jensen, QB, North Dakota St.
2014	Marshaun Coprich, RB, Illinois State
2015	Marshaun Coprich, RB, Illinois State

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1985	James Houston, LB, Illinois State
	Mark Farley, LB, Northern Iowa
1986	Brian Gant, LB, Illinois State
1987	Matt Soraghan, LB, Missouri State
1988	John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
1989	John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
1990	Tim Lance, DB, Eastern Illinois
1991	William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
1992	William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
1993	Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
1994	Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
1995	Tim Carver, LB, Eastern Illinois
1996	Mike Miano, DL, Missouri State
1997	Harry Deligianis, DT, Youngstown State
1998	James Milton, LB, Western Illinois
1999	Edgerton Hartwell, LB, Western Illinois
2000	Edgerton Hartwell, LB, Western Illinois
2001	Adam Vogt, LB, Northern Iowa
2002	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2003	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2004	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2005	Brent Hawkins, DE, Illinois State
2006	Cameron Siskowic, LB, Illinois State
2007	Brannon Carter, LB, Northern Iowa
2008	James Ruffin, DE, Northern Iowa
2009	Danny Batten, DE, South Dakota State
	James Ruffin, DE, Northern Iowa
2010	Kyle Glazier, LB, Western Illinois
2011	L.J. Fort, LB, Northern Iowa
2012	Marcus Williams, DB, N. Dakota State
2013	Tyler Starr, LB, South Dakota
2014	Kyle Emanuel, DE, North Dakota State
2015	Deiondre' Hall, DB, Northern Iowa

'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACHES OF THE YEAR

1985	Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
1986	Al Molde, Eastern Illinois
1987	Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
	Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
1988	Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
1989	Jesse Branch, Missouri State
1990	Jesse Branch, Missouri State
1991	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1992	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1993	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1994	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1995	Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois
1996	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1997	Randy Ball, Western Illinois
1998	Todd Berry, Illinois State
1999	Todd Berry, Illinois State
2000	Don Patterson, Western Illinois
2001	Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
2002	Don Patterson, Western Illinois
2003	Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois
2004	Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois
2005	Jon Heacock, Youngstown State
2006	Jon Heacock, Youngstown State
2007	Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
2008	Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois
2009	Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois
2010	Trent Miles, Indiana State
2011	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2012	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2013	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2014	Brock Spack, Illinois State
2015	Bob Nielson, Western Illinois