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OKLAHOMA'S BAKER MAYFIELD AND ALABAMA'S MINKAH FITZPATRICK HEADLINE THE 2017 AFCA FBS COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

WACO, TEX. — Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield and Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick headline the 2017 AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Teams 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.

Mayfield, the 2017 Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Award and O'Brien Award winner, leads the nation in completion percentage (.710), passing efficiency rating (203.8), yards per pass attempt (11.8), yards per completion (16.6) and passing plays of 20-plus yards (75). He has completed 262-of-369 passes this year for a career-high 4,340 yards with 41 touchdowns to just five interceptions. Fitzpatrick, who won the 2017 Bednarik and Thorpe awards, is the Tide's fifth-leading tackler with 52 stops this season and has added six tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, seven pass breakups, three quarterback hurries, one forced fumble and a blocked kick.

2017 AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Team - First Team

Offense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Anthony Miller	5-11	190	R-Sr.	Memphis	Mike Norvell	Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers)
WR	James Washington	6-0	205	Sr.	Oklahoma State	Mike Gundy	Stamford, Texas (Stamford)
TE	Mark Andrews	6-5	254	R-Jr.	Oklahoma	Lincoln Riley	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Desert Mountain)
OL	Quenton Nelson	6-5	330	Sr.	Notre Dame	Brian Kelly	Holmdel, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)
OL	Orlando Brown	6-8	345	R-Jr.	Oklahoma	Lincoln Riley	Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
C	*Billy Price	6-4	312	Sr.	Ohio State	Urban Meyer	Austintown, Ohio (Fitch)
OL	Mike McGlinchey	6-8	315	Gr.	Notre Dame	Brian Kelly	Philadelphia, Pa. (William Penn Charter)
OL	David Edwards	6-7	315	So.	Wisconsin	Paul Chryst	Downers Grove, Ill. (North)
QB	Baker Mayfield	6-1	220	R-Sr.	Oklahoma	Lincoln Riley	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
RB	Saquon Barkley	5-11	230	Jr.	Penn State	James Franklin	Coplay, Pa. (Whitehall)
RB	Bryce Love	5-10	196	Jr.	Stanford	David Shaw	Wake Forest, N.C. (Wake Forest)

Defense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Bradley Chubb	6-4	275	Sr.	NC State	Dave Doeren	Marietta, Ga. (Hillgrove)
DL	*Ed Oliver	6-3	290	So.	Houston	Major Applewhite	Houston, Texas (Westfield)
DL	*Christian Wilkins	6-4	300	Jr.	Clemson	Dabo Swinney	Springfield, Mass. (Suffield (Conn.) Academy)
DL	Nick Bosa	6-4	270	So.	Ohio State	Urban Meyer	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
LB	Rashaan Evans	6-3	234	Sr.	Alabama	Nick Saban	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
LB	Roquan Smith	6-1	225	Jr.	Georgia	Kirby Smart	Montezuma, Ga. (Macon County)
LB	Josey Jewell	6-2	236	Sr.	Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	Decorah, Iowa (Decorah)
DB	*Minkah Fitzpatrick	6-1	202	Jr.	Alabama	Nick Saban	Old Bridge, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)
DB	Josh Jackson	6-1	192	Jr.	Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	Corinth, Texas (Lake Dallas)
DB	Denzel Ward	5-10	191	Jr.	Ohio State	Urban Meyer	Macedonia, Ohio (Nordonina)
DB	Deshon Elliott	6-2	210	Jr.	Texas	Tom Herman	Rockwall, Texas (Heath)

Specialists

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Michael Dickson	6-3	205	Jr.	Texas	Tom Herman	Sydney, Australia, (Kirrawee)
PK	*Daniel Carlson	6-4	223	Sr.	Auburn	Gus Malzahn	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Classical Academy)
AP	Dante Pettis	6-1	195	Sr.	Washington	Chris Petersen	San Clemente, Calif. (J Serra Catholic)

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2017 AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Team - Second Team

Offense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Michael Gallup	6-1	200	Sr.	Colorado State	Mike Bobo	Monroe, Ga. (Monroe)
WR	David Sills V	6-4	203	Jr.	West Virginia	Dana Holgorsen	Wilmington, Del. (Eastern Christian Academy)
TE	Troy Fumagalli	6-6	248	Sr.	Wisconsin	Paul Chryst	Aurora, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
OL	Jonah Williams	6-5	301	So.	Alabama	Nick Saban	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom)
OL	Braden Smith	6-6	303	Sr.	Auburn	Gus Malzahn	Olathe, Kan. (South)
C	Bradley Bozeman	6-5	314	R-Sr.	Alabama	Nick Saban	Roanoke, Ala. (Handley)
OL	Mitch Hyatt	6-5	305	Jr.	Clemson	Dabo Swinney	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
OL	Isaiah Wynn	6-2	302	Sr.	Georgia	Kirby Smart	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Lakewood)
QB	Mason Rudolph	6-5	230	Sr.	Oklahoma State	Mike Gundy	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
RB	Kerryon Johnson	6-0	212	Jr.	Auburn	Gus Malzahn	Huntsville, Ala. (Madison Academy)
RB	Nick Chubb	5-10	225	Sr.	Georgia	Kirby Smart	Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown)

Defense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Da'Ron Payne	6-2	308	Jr.	Alabama	Nick Saban	Birmingham, Ala. (Shades Valley)
DL	Maurice Hurst	6-2	280	Gr.	Michigan	Jim Harbaugh	Westwood, Mass. (Xaverian Brothers)
DL	Sutton Smith	6-0	225	R-So.	Northern Illinois	Rod Carey	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
DL	Hercules Mata'afa	6-2	252	R-Jr.	Washington State	Mike Leach	Lahaina, Hawaii (Lahainaluna)
LB	Dorian O'Daniel	6-1	220	R-Gr.	Clemson	Dabo Swinney	Olney, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
LB	Shaquem Griffin	6-2	229	R-Sr.	Central Florida	Scott Frost	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Lakewood)
LB	T.J. Edwards	6-1	244	Jr.	Wisconsin	Paul Chryst	Lake Villa, Ill. (Lakes Community)
DB	Carlton Davis	6-1	203	Jr.	Auburn	Gus Malzahn	Miami, Fla. (Norland)
DB	Derwin James	5-11	190	Jr.	Florida State	Jimbo Fisher	Haines City, Fla. (Haines City)
DB	Jaquan Johnson	6-2	198	Jr.	Miami (Fla.)	Mark Richt	Miami, Fla. (Killian)
DB	Tre Flowers	6-3	200	R-Sr.	Oklahoma State	Mike Gundy	Converse, Texas (Judson)

Specialists

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	*JK Scott	6-6	204	Sr.	Alabama	Nick Saban	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)
PK	Matt Gay	6-1	220	Jr.	Utah	Kyle Whittingham	Orem, Utah (Utah Valley)
AP	Nyheim Hines	5-9	197	Jr.	NC State	Dave Doeren	Garner, N.C. (Garner)

*-2016 AFCA All-American

Team Background: The teams now chosen for each of the AFCA's five divisions evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. 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. The AFCA started selecting an NAIA All-America Team in 2006. In 2016, the AFCA added a second team All-America.

Top Team: With their six selections in 2017, Alabama has had the most players named to the AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Team. The Crimson Tide has been represented 74 times by 70 players on the AFCA team. They are followed by Ohio State (67/51); Oklahoma (66/57); Notre Dame (61/54); USC (58/51); Michigan (57/53); Nebraska (51/46); Texas (51/45); Florida State (41/37); Georgia (38/32); UCLA (36/34); LSU (35/31); Miami (Fla.) (34/33); Auburn (34/32); Penn State (34/32) and Tennessee (32/30).

Top Conference: The Southeastern Conference boasts the most AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Team representatives among current conference members with 302. Following the SEC are the Big 12 (284), Big Ten (282), the Pac-12 (209), Atlantic Coast (204), American Athletic (74), Mountain West (57), Conference USA (51), Sun Belt (40) and Mid-American (33) (Totals include school All-America selections in all divisions).

The 2017 conference-by-conference breakdown: SEC: 13; Big Ten: 10; Big 12: 9; ACC: 7; Pac-12: 4; AAC: 3; IND: 2; MAC: 1; MWC: 1.

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Repeat After Me: Ohio State has the most players who have been repeat selections (16 players). The Buckeyes are followed by Oklahoma (9); Notre Dame (7); USC (7); Texas (6); Michigan (6); Arkansas (5); Georgia (5); Nebraska (5); Florida State (4); LSU (4) and Stanford (4).

Ohio State center Billy Price, Houston defensive lineman Ed Oliver, Clemson defensive lineman Christian Wilkins, Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick, Auburn place-kicker Daniel Carlson and Alabama punter JK Scott earned AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America honors for a second consecutive season in 2017.

Three-Timer: Georgia's Herschel Walker is the only three-time AFCA FBS Coaches' All-American (1980-81-82) in the 73-year history of the team.

Four For Four: No player has earned AFCA FBS All-America honors four times, however Eastern Washington's Cooper Kupp and Texas A&M-Kingsville's Johnny Bailey are 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 to 1989 while Kupp earned his honors in FCS from 2013 to 2016.

Double Duos: Teammates have earned back-to-back Coaches' All-America honors in the same season seven times. USC's Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush (2004 and 2005) join 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).

Two Players, Two Schools: Punter Mark Bounds and placekicker Greg Zuerlein are the only players to earn AFCA Coaches' All-America honors at two different schools. 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: Baker's (NAIA) Clarence Clark became the first player in AFCA All-America Team history to repeat as an AFCA All-American at two different positions. He was named to the 2015 squad as a receiver, then earned 2016 honors as a place-kicker.

Consecutive Years: Notre Dame holds the record for consecutive years with at least one player on the AFCA Coaches' All-America Team at 19 seasons (1963-1981). Nebraska had at least one player 12 straight seasons (1978-1989), which places the Cornhuskers second. Michigan (1969-1979), Oklahoma (1971-1981), USC (1972-82) and Miami (Fla.) (1984-1994) are next with 11 straight seasons. Pittsburgh placed one player on the AFCA team for 10 straight seasons from 1975-1984. Florida State has the longest current active streak at eight years (2010-17).

It's Been A While: Linebacker Shaquem Griffin earned AFCA Coaches' All-America Team honors for Central Florida for the first time since 1987 when Ed O'Brien and Bernard Ford were named to the old AFCA College I team as a place-kicker and wide receiver, respectively.

Super Six: Alabama's six selections (Rashaan Evans, LB; Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB; Jonah Williams, OL; Bradley Bozeman, C; Da'Ron Payne, DL; JK Scott, P) in 2017 join Oklahoma's six selections (Jammal Brown, OL; Jason White, QB; Tommie Harris, DL; Teddy Lehman, LB; Derrick Strait, DB; Antonio Perkins, RS) in 2003 as the most players from one school on the AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Team. What makes Oklahoma's accomplishment really special is that its six selections were all first-team.

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