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MOUNTAIN WEST ANNOUNCES 2024 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The Mountain West announced today its 2024 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners, as chosen by the 12 head coaches and a select media panel, with Old Trapper Mountain West Football Championship participants Boise State and UNLV sweeping the individual awards. Bronco running back **Ashton Jeanty** has been honored as the Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season and Boise State skipper **Spencer Danielson** is the MW Coach of the Year. UNLV linebacker **Jackson Woodard** was named the MW Defensive Player of the Year, wide receiver **Ricky White III** was named the MW Special Teams Player of the Year and placekicker **Caden Chittenden** has been selected as the MW Freshman of the Year.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – ASHTON JEANTY, JUNIOR, RB, BOISE STATE

- Claims Boise State's fourth MW Offensive Player of the Year and second straight.
- Sixth player to earn consecutive MW Offensive Player of the Year honors and first since Nevada quarterback Carson Strong in 2020 and 2021. First running back to win in consecutive years since San Diego State's Donnel Pumphrey in 2015 and 2016.
- Marks the third straight time a running back has won the award and the 10th time in league history.
- Unanimous first-team All-MW selection.
- Finalist for the Maxwell, Walter Camp and Doak Walker awards.
- Earned first-team midseason All-America honors from several organizations, including unanimous consideration from the *Associated Press* and CBS Sports.
- Four-time Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week and six-time MW Offensive Player of the Week selection.
- Leads the FBS in all-purpose yards (199.17), rushing touchdowns (28), rushing yards (2,288), rushing yards per game (190.7), total points scored (174) and total touchdowns (29) and is second in rush yards per carry (7.33) and scoring (14.5).
- His 2,288 rushing yards are Mountain West and Boise State single-season records and rank fifth in a season in FBS history.
- Has rushed for at least 125 yards in all 12 games this season, the longest such streak in the FBS since at least 1996, and a MW record for consecutive 100-yard performances. He's rushed for 100 yards in the first half alone in eight contests.
- Has surpassed 200 yards five times this season, the second-most in a season in MW history and pushing his career total to seven 200-yard games, matching the MW record. No other FBS player has more than two 200-yard games this season.
- His 28 rushing touchdowns this season match the Boise State record and are tied for second in a season in MW history. They are the most in the FBS since 2017.
- He has rushed for at least one touchdown in nine straight games, tied for the third-longest streak in MW history.
- Has 2,390 all-purpose yards, a Boise State single-season record and fourth in a season in MW history.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – JACKSON WOODARD, SENIOR, LB, UNLV

- Fourth UNLV player to earn MW Defensive Player of the Year honors and first since Beau Bell in 2007.
- Has posted 114 total tackles for an average of 9.5 per game, both of which are second in the MW.
- Has turned in 17.0 tackles for loss, good for 1.4 per game, both of which rank sixth in the FBS.
- Also ranks in the top 20 in the FBS in tackles (14th), tackles per game (17th), fumbles recovered (16th, two) and total interceptions (15th, four).
- Recovered a fumble in the end zone in the regular-season finale against Nevada for his first career touchdown.
- Earned first-team midseason All-America honors from College Football Network.
- Named the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Player of the Week and Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week after collecting 11 tackles, including four for loss and three sacks, in the Rebels' 27-7 win over Houston.

- Semifinalist for the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year award and the Burlsworth Trophy, both firsts in UNLV's program history.
- Finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy and an NFF National Scholar-Athlete. First finalist for the Campbell Trophy in program history.
- On the watch lists for the Allstate Wuerffel Trophy, Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Butkus Award, and Chuck Bednarik Award. He is the first member of the Bednarik watch list in program history.
- Three-time MW Defensive Player of the Week this season, matching the most in a season in league history.
- Has helped UNLV to a 10-2 overall record and 6-1 MW mark this season and its second straight berth in the Old Trapper Mountain West Football Championship. It's UNLV's first 10-win season in 40 years.
- Has also helped the Rebels to their first rankings in the CFP, *Associated Press*, and AFCA polls in program history.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR – RICKY WHITE III, SENIOR, WR, UNLV

- UNLV's second straight MW Special Teams Player of the Year and second overall.
- Leads the FBS with a school record four blocked punts this season, more than any other FBS team has.
- The four blocked punts are the most in a season in the MW since at least 2012.
- Has altered three other punts.
- Plays on both punt coverage and kickoff coverage units.
- Scored a touchdown on special teams in a win over Fresno State, recovering a punt blocked by a teammate and returning it 13 yards for the score.
- Blocked a punt that resulted in a safety in UNLV's 29-27 win at Hawai'i.
- Earned second-team midseason All-America honors as an all-purpose player from Sports Illustrated.
- Also ranks second in the MW in receiving yards (1,020) and receiving touchdowns (11).
- On the preseason watch lists for the Walter Camp, Maxwell, and Biletnikoff awards.
- Has helped UNLV to its first 10-win season in 40 years.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – CADEN CHITTENDEN, PK, UNLV

- UNLV's eighth MW Freshman of the Year, fourth in the last five seasons, and second straight.
- First-team All-MW at placekicker.
- Has set a MW freshman record with 25 made field goals on 31 attempts.
- His 25 made field goals and 2.08 per game both rank second in the FBS this season.
- Tied for fourth in MW history for single-season field goals made.
- Ranks sixth in the FBS in total points scored (126) and scoring (10.5).
- His 126 kicking points are a MW freshman record.
- Is 51-for-52 on PATs.
- Has kicked off 80 times with 54 touchbacks.
- Lou Groza Award semifinalist.
- Named a first-team midseason true freshman All-American by 247Sports.
- Has claimed six MW weekly awards this season, earning MW Special Teams Player of the Week and MW Freshman of the Week honors three times apiece.

COACH OF THE YEAR – SPENCER DANIELSON, BOISE STATE

- Earned Boise State's second MW Coach of the Year award and first since 2022.
- Has led Boise State to an 11-1 overall record and a 7-0 MW mark, its fourth perfect league record in the last six seasons. The Broncos' lone loss this season came to current No. 1 Oregon on a walk-off field goal in a game where Boise State outgained the Ducks.
- The 11 victories are Boise State's most in the regular season since 2019.
- Led Boise State to its third straight appearance in the Old Trapper Mountain West Football Championship and eighth overall.
- Has his Broncos ranked No. 11 in the CFP rankings, 10 in the Associated Press poll, and 10 in the US LBM Coaches Poll entering postseason play.
- Has led Boise State to a 10-game winning streak entering the Old Trapper Mountain West Football Championship, its longest single-season winning streak since 2010, and tied for the second-longest active streak in the FBS behind No. 1 Oregon's current 13-game run.
- At the conclusion of the regular season, Boise State is second in the FBS with 3.75 sacks per game, third in scoring offense (40.6), fifth in total offense (478.3), sixth in rushing yards per game (253.5) and tackles for loss per game (7.8).

- Named the AFCA Region 5 Coach of the Year and a member of the Paul “Bear” Bryant Coach of the Year Award watch list.
- Saw seven players earn six All-MW first-team honors and two more claim second-team distinction.

2024 ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
QB	Devon Dampier	So.	New Mexico
WR	Mac Dalena	Sr.	Fresno State
WR	Nick Nash	Sr.	San José State
WR	Ricky White III*	Sr.	UNLV
RB	Ashton Jeanty*#	Jr.	Boise State
RB	Marquez Cooper	Sr.	San Diego State
TE	Matt Lauter	Jr.	Boise State
OL	Kage Casey	So.	Boise State
OL	Ben Dooley	Sr.	Boise State
OL	Jacob Gardner	Gr.	Colorado State
OL	Baraka Beckett	Sr.	New Mexico
OL	Tiger Shanks*	Sr.	UNLV
PK	Caden Chittenden	Fr.	UNLV
KR	Tyler King	So.	Wyoming

DEFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
DL	Ahmed Hassanein*	Sr.	Boise State
DL	Jayden Virgin-Morgan	So.	Boise State
DL	Trey White	So.	San Diego State
DL	Soane Toia	Sr.	San José State
LB	Marco Notarainni	Jr.	Boise State
LB	Tuasivi Nomura	Sr.	Fresno State
LB	Jordan Pollard	Jr.	San José State
LB	Jackson Woodard*	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Cam Lockridge	Sr.	Fresno State
DB	Cam Stone	Sr.	Hawai'i
DB	Michael Coats Jr.	Sr.	Nevada
DB	Jalen Catalon	Gr.	UNLV
P	Tyler Pastula	Sr.	San Diego State
PR	Jacob De Jesus*	Sr.	UNLV

*Two-Time First-Team Selection

#Unanimous Selection

2024 ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
QB	Hajj-Malik Williams	Sr.	UNLV
WR	Luke Wysong	Jr.	New Mexico
WR	Justin Lockhart	Sr.	San José State
WR	Jalen Royals	Sr.	Utah State
RB	Jai'Den Thomas	So.	UNLV
RB	Rahsul Faison	Sr.	Utah State
TE	John Michael Gyllenborg	Jr.	Wyoming
OL	Alex Moore	Sr.	Air Force
OL	Drew Moss	Sr.	Colorado State
OL	McKenzie Agnello	Jr.	New Mexico
OL	Jalen St. John	Sr.	UNLV
OL	Jack Walsh	Jr.	Wyoming
PK	Gabe Plascencia	Jr.	San Diego State
KR	Jacob De Jesus	Sr.	UNLV

DEFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
DL	Braxton Fely	Jr.	Boise State
DL	Devo Bridges*	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Antonio Doyle	Sr.	UNLV
DL	Cian Slone	Sr.	Utah State
LB	Buom Jock	So.	Colorado State
LB	Chase Wilson*	So.	Colorado State
LB	Malachi Langley	Sr.	Fresno State
LB	Shae Suaiaunoa	Gr.	Wyoming
DB	Seyi Oladipo	Sr.	Boise State
DB	DJ Harvey	Jr.	San José State
DB	Robert "Rocket" Rahimi	Sr.	San José State
DB	Johnathan Baldwin	Sr.	UNLV
P	Luke Freer	Jr.	Air Force
PR	Jalen Moss	So.	Fresno State

*Two-Time Second-Team Selection

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2024 HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Air Force:</u>	Osaro Aihie, LB; Jemari Bellamy, DB; Costen Cooley, C; Matthew Dapore, PK; Camby Goff, DB
<u>Boise State:</u>	Ty Benefield, S; Cameron Camper, WR; Jonah Dalmas, PK; Maddux Madsen, QB; Alexander Teubner, S
<u>Colorado State:</u>	Henry Blackburn, DB; Dom Jones, CB; Aaron Karas, OT; Gabe Kirschke, DE; Avery Morrow, RB
<u>Fresno State:</u>	Dean Clark, DB; Al'zillion Hamilton, DB; Mikey Keene, QB; Raylen Sharpe, WR; Mose Vavao, OL
<u>Hawai'i:</u>	Lucas Borrow, P; Kaena Decambra, OT; Peter Manuma, S; Elijah Palmer, DB; Elijah Robinson, DE
<u>Nevada:</u>	Cortez Braham Jr., WR; Kitan Crawford, S; Brendon Lewis, QB; Jaden Smith, WR; Isaiah World, OT
<u>New Mexico:</u>	Noah Avinger, DB; Trace Bruckler, TE; Christian Ellis, S; Eli Sanders, RB; Bryce Santana, DL
<u>San Diego State:</u>	Eric Butler, S; Chris Johnson, CB; Tano Letuli, LB; Jordan Napier, WR; Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli, OG
<u>San José State:</u>	Gafa Faga, DL; Taniela Latu, LB; Isiah Revis, S; Marist Talavou, OL; John Ward, DL
<u>UNLV:</u>	Jett Elad, DB; Jack Hasz, OL; Marshall Nichols, P; Cameron Oliver, DB; Alexander Whitmore, DL
<u>Utah State:</u>	Teague Andersen, OL; Gabriel Iniguez Jr., DL ; DJ Graham II, CB; Spencer Petras, QB; Jordan Vincent, S
<u>Wyoming:</u>	Wrook Brown, DB; Sabastian Harsh, DE; John Hoyland, PK; Jaylen Sargent, WR; Nofoafia Tulafono, C

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