

FOR RELEASE

2 p.m. (ET), Dec. 2, 2018

CONTACT: Cody Bush
e-mail: bushc@apsu.edu

Seven Repeat First-Team selections Lead 27th All-PFL Teams

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – Sixty-one student-athletes have been named to the 27th All-Pioneer Football League teams, Tuesday. The league's coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own student-athletes, made all selections.

Davidson junior running back Wesley Dugger earned his third consecutive First-Team All-PFL honor after recording his third straight 1,000-yard rushing campaign. He finished his junior season with 3,424 career rushing yards and ranks ninth on the PFL's career rushing leaders chart.

Dugger was one of seven student-athletes to repeat as First-Team All-PFL selections: San Diego wide receiver Michael Bandy, Jacksonville fullback Garnett Nicolas, Drake defensive lineman Gavin Dineen, San Diego defensive lineman Nick Friedel, Stetson defensive back Colby Duncan, and Drake defensive back Will Warner each earned their second First-Team All-PFL award.

For a second consecutive season, Bandy was a unanimous first-team honoree. He led all PFL receivers with 1,152 yards (ninth among FCS receivers) and finished second in both receiving touchdowns (12) and receptions per game (6.3). Dayton wide receiver Ryan Skibinski also was a unanimous first-team selection after posting 10 touchdown receptions (third among PFL receivers) and 823 receiving yards.

Jacksonville quarterback Calvin Turner Jr. was the third unanimous selection to the First-Team All-PFL team as an all-purpose runner, the newest position added to the league's postseason honors. He led all FCS runners with 1,355 rushing yards in 2019 and was second among PFL runners in rushing touchdowns (15).

Thirteen members of the first and second-team All-PFL selections were freshmen or sophomores in 2019. That total includes four underclassmen named First-Team All-PFL: Nicolas, Dayton running back Jake Chisholm, San Diego offensive lineman DJ Wright and Morehead State return specialist Ian Holder.

In addition to the 61 student-athletes recognized on the league's first and second teams, 77 student-athletes received honorable mention recognition.

The Academic All-PFL team, highlighted by the league's Scholar-Athlete of the Year, will be released Wednesday, concluding the league's awards week.

(more)

2019 Pioneer Football League Major Award Winners

Offensive Player of the Year: Adam Trautman, Dayton

Defensive Player of the Year: Colby Duncan, Stetson

Special Teams Player of the Year: Tanner Kuljian, San Diego

Freshman Offensive Player of the Year: Jalen Leary, Stetson

Freshman Defensive Player of the Year: Ethan Hull, Jacksonville

Coach of the Year: Dale Lindsey, San Diego

Scholar-Athlete of the Year: To be announced, Wednesday

2019 All-Pioneer Football League First Team

(as selected by PFL head coaches)

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
OFFENSE (Six offensive linemen due to tie in voting)						
WR	Michael Bandy (U, 1)	San Diego	5-10	190	Sr.	La Mirada, Calif.
WR	Devin Cates (H)	Drake	6-5	240	5th	Yuba City, Calif.
WR	Ryan Skibinski (U)	Dayton	5-11	180	Sr.	Geneva, Ill.
QB	Reid Sinnett	San Diego	6-4	225	RSr.	Johnston, Iowa
TE	Adam Trautman (2)	Dayton	6-6	253	RSr.	Williamsburg, Mich.
RB	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	5-9	182	So.	Union, Ky.
RB	Wesley Dugger (3x, 1)	Davidson	6-1	205	Jr.	Henrico, Va.
FB	Garnett Nicolas (1)	Jacksonville	6-2	220	So.	Florida, N.Y.
A-P	Calvin Turner Jr. (U)	Jacksonville	6-1	195	Jr.	Savannah, Ga.
OL	Michael Niese (H)	Dayton	6-5	273	Sr.	Chesterfield, Mo.
OL	Tim Roell	Dayton	6-2	262	RSr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
OL	Ethan Steinbacher (2)	Davidson	6-3	287	Sr.	Concord, N.C.
OL	Aidan Valencia (2)	San Diego	6-6	275	RJr.	San Diego, Calif.
OL	DJ Wright	San Diego	6-4	275	RSo.	Pittsburg, Calif.
DEFENSE (Five linebackers due to tie in voting)						
DL	Gavin Dineen (1)	Drake	6-2	281	Sr.	Algonquin, Ill.
DL	Nick Friedel (1)	San Diego	6-3	260	RJr.	San Ramon, Calif.
DL	Bryce Perry-Martin (2)	Davidson	6-1	275	Sr.	Spring Lake, N.C.
DL	Vaughn Taylor Jr.	Morehead State	6-3	248	Jr.	Washington, D.C.
LB	Grant Dixon (H)	Marist	6-3	225	RJr.	Succasunna, N.J.
LB	Colby Duncan (1)	Stetson	6-2	223	RSr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
LB	Kama Kamaka (2)	San Diego	6-1	210	Jr.	Kailua, Hawaii
LB	Zac Rujawitz (H)	Drake	6-1	242	5th	Edwardsville, Ill.
DB	Brandon Easterling	Dayton	6-0	203	Jr.	Fairborn, Ohio
DB	JJ Henderson (2)	Stetson	5-10	176	RJr.	Tampa, Fla.
DB	David Tolbert (H)	San Diego	5-9	172	Sr.	Northridge, Calif.
DB	Will Warner (1)	Drake	6-3	205	Sr.	Pella, Iowa
SPECIAL TEAMS						
PK	Drew Bevelhimer (2)	Butler	6-1	185	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
P	Tanner Kuljian (2)	San Diego	5-10	175	RJr.	Temecula, Calif.
RS	Ian Holder (H)	Morehead State	5-10	180	So.	Mount Airy, N.C.
LS	Mason Brunner	Butler	6-0	215	Sr.	Harrison, Ohio

Notes in parentheses: U-indicates a player was a unanimous first-team selection, 4x-is a four-time first-team All-PFL selection; 3x-is a three-time first-team All-PFL selection, 1-was a first-team selection in 2018, 2-was a second-team selection in 2018, H-was a honorable mention selection in 2018; FR-was a Freshman Player of the Year in 2018.

2019 All-Pioneer Football League Second Team

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
OFFENSE						
WR	Stephen Dennis	Butler	6-2	195	RSr.	Lombard, Ill.
WR	Landon Hurst	Morehead State	5-10	200	RJr.	Frankfort, Ky.
WR	Anthony Olivencia	Marist	6-1	208	RSr.	Miami, Fla.
QB	Jack Cook	Dayton	6-0	207	RSo.	Cranberry Township, Pa.
TE	Dalton Kincaid	San Diego	6-5	230	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.
RB	JoJo Binda Jr.	San Diego	5-10	205	Grad.	Providence, R.I.
RB	Drew Lauer	Drake	5-10	196	5th	St. Peters, Mo.
FB	Jorell Story	Davidson	6-0	248	Sr.	Dallas, Ga.
A-P	Jalen Leary	Stetson	5-8	189	Fr.	Savannah, Ga.
OL	Chris Evans	Drake	6-6	289	Sr.	Jackson, Wis.
OL	Zach Hester	Davidson	6-4	260	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
OL	Justin Karem	Dayton	6-3	256	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
OL	Luke LaCiento	San Diego	6-3	305	So.	Corona, Calif.
OL	Dom Sciarretti	Dayton	6-1	266	Sr.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
DEFENSE						
DL	Jacob Bergstrom	San Diego	6-3	259	RJr.	San Jose, Calif.
DL	Harrison Hill	Davidson	5-8	175	Fr.	Frederick, Md.
DL	Erin Morgan	Drake	6-3	225	5th	Aurora, Ill.
DL	Fermon Reid	Stetson	6-0	252	RSo.	Naples, Fla.
LB	Mason Brunner	Butler	6-0	215	Sr.	Harrison, Ohio
LB	Tony Collins	Davidson	6-2	229	Sr.	Covington, Ga.
LB	George Hatalowich	Davidson	5-11	201	Sr.	Hummelstown, Pa.
LB	Caysaun Wakeley	Jacksonville	5-10	205	Sr.	Alachua, Fla.
DB	Jamari Booker	Valparaiso	6-0	190	Sr.	Kentwood, Mich.
DB	Kyle Fleitman	Marist	6-0	178	RSo.	Islip Terrace, N.Y.
DB	Cassius Johnson	San Diego	6-0	175	Jr.	Greewich, Conn.
DB	Jeremiah Johnson	Jacksonville	5-10	180	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
DB	Luke Sennett	Butler	6-1	200	RSr.	West Chester, Ohio
SPECIAL TEAMS						
PK	Sam Webster	Dayton	5-10	215	Fr.	Richfield, Ohio
P	Andrew Foster	Morehead State	6-3	227	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn.
RS	Jaylon Johnson	Stetson	5-10	145	Fr.	Olive Branch, Miss.
LS	Alex Farina	San Diego	6-1	195	RJr.	Phoenix, Ariz.

2019 All-Pioneer Football League Honorable Mention

BUTLER: Nick Mahalak (RSr., DL), John McArthur (RSr., OL), Skyler Spetter (RFr., OL), Brad Sznajder (RSr., RS). **DAVIDSON:** Dreylan Hines (So., DB), Rayshawn McCall (Sr., DB), Tyler Phelps (Jr., QB), Jalen Staples (So., WR), Eli Turner Jr. (So., A-P). **DAYTON:** Kyle Butz (RJR., WR), Zach Rumpke (RFR., LB), Dom Sciarretti (RJr., OL). **DRAKE:** Jacob Bacon (RJr., OL), Zack Clark (RJr., OL), Ian Corwin (Fr., QB), Shane Feller (RJr., WR), Grant Gossling (RSO., FB), Jacob Hardy (RJr., DL), Victor Jergens (RJr., DL), Ross Kennedy (RJr., P), Isaiah Kent-Schneider (5th, OL), Ryan Kriceri (RSO., LS), Danny Morales (RFR., DB), Alex Rogers (RSO., DB), Collin Seymour (RJr., DB), Andrew Shafis (RSO., LB). **JACKSONVILLE:** BJ Byrd (Jr., WR), BJ Byrd (Jr., RS), Dane Cordell (RJr., OL), Andrew Flanagan (RFR., OL), Ethan Hull (RFR., LB), Hunter Folsom (RFR., OL), CJ Lewis (Sr., DB). **MARIST:** Aaron Acosta (RFR., DL), Hunter Cobb (RFR., RB), Jon Kanda (RSr., TE), Andrew McElroy (RSr., DB), Matt McKnelly (RJr., OL), Dwayne Menders (So., RS), Luke Paladino (RFR., PK), Darryl Sullivan (RSO., OL), Ryan Webb (Sr., DB). **MOREHEAD STATE:** Cameron Bailey (Sr., OL), Justin Benvie (So., LB), Andrew Foster (Jr., PK), Kyle Goss (Sr., LS), Beau Griego (Sr., LB), Josh Poe (Sr., OL). **SAN DIEGO:** Michael Armstead (Sr., WR), Michael Armstead (Sr., RS), Kyle Bilchik (Jr., LB), Nolan Bisogno (RJr., OL), Brandon Eickert (RFR., PK), Zach Nelson (RSr., FB), Hunter Nichols (So., DB), Terrence Smith (Jr., RB), Alex Spadone (RSO., WR), Daniel Tolbert (Sr., DB), Marcus Vaivao (RSr., LB). **STETSON:** Brad Alexander (RJr., OL), Antonio Andrews (RJr., DL), Billy Corte (RFR., OL), Gaven DeFilippo (Sr., QB), Antonio Derry (RJr., P), Matias Gasc (RJr., P), Justin Jordan (Jr., WR), Jaylen Leary (Fr., RB), Jonny Messina (RJr., PK), Jalon Scott (Sr., DB), Hunter Stephens (Jr., LB), Colin Wray (So., LS). **VALPARAISO:** Jack Jarnigan (RSr., OL), Deuce Larose (Jr., WR), Ben Niesner (Jr., P), Jaxon Peifer (So., LB), Trejuan Purty (Jr., DL), Ollie Reese (So., WR), Nick Turner (RSr., LB).