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2012 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY WATCH LIST UNVEILED

DALLAS (FWAA) – The **2012 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List** features the best and brightest of the upcoming season's defensive players.

One of 84 players on the list most likely will receive the Bronko Nagurski Trophy that is awarded annually to the nation's best defensive player by the **Football Writers Association of America** and the **Charlotte Touchdown Club**. Every NCAA Division I Bowl Subdivision conference and independents BYU and Notre Dame are represented on the list that is led by 30 standout linebackers.

Players may be added or deleted from the Bronko Nagurski Watch List during the season. For the 12th consecutive season, the FWAA will choose a Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week. If a recipient is not on the Watch List, he will be added. The FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club will announce five finalists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy on Nov. 15.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner is chosen from five finalists who are part of the FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the entire membership, selects the 25-man team and eventually the Bronko Nagurski finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner, the best defensive player in America.

The annual Bronko Nagurski Trophy Banquet presented by ACN will be Dec. 3 at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. Besides the 2012 winner being announced, the banquet will also celebrate the recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Legends Award presented by Florida East Coast Railway. Nebraska's Larry Jacobson, an end from the FWAA's 1971 All-American team, will be honored. Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly will be the keynote speaker at the banquet.

The **Football Writers Association of America**, a non-profit organization founded in 1941, consists of more than 1,300 men and women who cover college football for a living. The membership includes journalists, broadcasters and publicists, as well as key executives in all areas that involve the game. The FWAA works to govern areas that include gameday operations, major awards and its annual All-America team. For more information about the FWAA and its award programs, contact Steve Richardson at tigerfwaa@aol.com or 972-713-6198.

The **Charlotte Touchdown Club** is a non-profit organization founded in 1990 for the purpose of promoting high school, collegiate, and professional football in the Charlotte, N.C. region. The club's activities and services focus community attention on the outstanding citizenship, scholarship, sportsmanship, and leadership of area athletes and coaches. For more information, contact John Rocco (704-347-2918 or jrocco@touchdownclub.com). The official website of the Charlotte Touchdown Club is www.touchdownclub.com.

The **Bronko Nagurski Trophy** is a member of the **National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA)**. The NCFAA was founded in 1997 as a coalition of the major collegiate football awards to protect, preserve and enhance the integrity, influence and prestige of the game's predominant awards. The NCFAA encourages

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professionalism and the highest standards for the administration of its member awards and the selection of their candidates and recipients. For more information, visit the association's official website, ncfaa.org.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Fifteen of the association's 21 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2012 preseason watch list calendar:

July 9: Maxwell Award/Bednarik Award

July 10: Mackey Award/Riminigton Trophy

July 11: Lou Groza Award/Ray Guy Award

July 12: Bronko Nagurski Trophy/Outland Trophy

July 13: Jim Thorpe Award

July 16: Butkus Award/Rotary Lombardi Award

July 17: Biletnikoff Award

July 18: Davey O'Brien Award

July 19: Doak Walker Award

July 20: Walter Camp Award



2012 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Tackles (9)

Sharrif Floyd, Florida
Johnathan Hankins, Ohio State
John Jenkins, Georgia
Rob Lohr, Vanderbilt
Star Lotulelei, Utah
Roosevelt Nix, Kent State
Kawann Short, Purdue
Joe Vellano, Maryland
Jesse Williams, Alabama

Ends (17)

Michael Buchanan, Illinois
Jadeveon Clowney, South Carolina
William Gholston, Michigan State
Jackson Jeffcoat, Texas
Brandon Jenkins, Florida State
Travis Johnson, San Jose State
Dion Jordan, Oregon
Corey Lemonier, Auburn
Kapron Lewis-Moore, Notre Dame
Stansly Maponga, TCU
Barkevious Mingo, LSU
Sam Montgomery, LSU
Alex Okafor, Texas
John Simon, Ohio State
Devin Taylor, South Carolina
Bjoern Werner, Florida State
Trevardo Williams, Connecticut

Linebackers (30)

Dion Bailey, USC
Chris Borland, Wisconsin
Travis Brown, Fresno State
Jonathan Brown, Illinois

Arthur Brown, Kansas State
Max Bullough, Michigan State
Jamie Collins, Southern Miss
Khaseem Greene, Rutgers
Steve Greer, Virginia
Gerald Hodges, Penn State
Andrew Jackson, Western Kentucky
Nico Johnson, Alabama
Jarvis Jones, Georgia
A.J. Klein, Iowa State
Jake Knott, Iowa State
Travis Long, Washington State
Khalil Mack, Buffalo
Trent Mackey, Tulane
C.J. Mosley, Alabama
Kevin Pierre-Louis, Boston College
Sean Porter, Texas A&M
Kevin Reddick, North Carolina
Shayne Skov, Stanford
Bruce Taylor, Virginia Tech
Mike Taylor, Wisconsin
Manti Te'o, Notre Dame
Chase Thomas, Stanford
Kyle Van Noy, BYU
Dwayne Woods, Bowling Green
Tom Wort, Oklahoma

Cornerbacks (16)

Johnny Adams, Michigan State
Ricardo Allen, Purdue
David Amerson, N.C. State
Johnthan Banks, Mississippi State

Brodrick Brown, Oklahoma State
Carrington Byndom, Texas
Kyle Fuller, Virginia Tech
Demontre Hurst, Oklahoma
Micah Hyde, Iowa
Nigel Malone, Kansas State
Tyrann Mathieu, LSU
Leon McFadden, San Diego State
Dee Milliner, Alabama
Jordan Poyer, Oregon State
Xavier Rhodes, Florida State
Nickell Robey, USC

Safeties (12)

John Boyett, Oregon
Matt Elam, Florida
Jarred Holley, Pittsburgh
Tony Jefferson, Oklahoma
Lamaricus Joyner, Florida State
Jordan Kovacs, Michigan
Robert Lester, Alabama
Dexter McCoil, Tulsa
T.J. McDonald, USC
Eric Reid, LSU
Hakeem Smith, Louisville
Kenny Vaccaro, Texas

By conference (84): SEC (19), Big Ten (14), Big 12 (13), ACC (11), Pac-12 (10), Big East (4), Conference USA (3), Independents (3), MAC (3), Mountain West (2), Sun Belt (1), WAC (1).

The **Bronko Nagurski Trophy** is presented to the National Defensive Player of the Year by the **Charlotte Touchdown Club** and the **Football Writers Association of America**.