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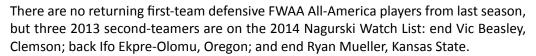
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2014 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY WATCH LIST UNVEILED

DALLAS (FWAA) – The Pac-12 Conference led all leagues with 18 players on the **2014 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List**, with Oregon, Stanford, USC and Washington supplying the majority from that conference.

The four other power conferences – ACC, Big 12, Big Ten and SEC – all had double-digit players on the 81-man list. Eight of the 10 NCAA Division I Bowl Subdivision conferences are represented.

Twelve schools had at least three players on the list – Stanford (4), Washington (4), Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, Michigan, Michigan State, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, TCU and USC.



Players may be added or removed from the watch list during the course of the season. Once again, the FWAA will choose a Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week each Tuesday throughout the season. If not already on the watch list, the honored player will be added at that time. The FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club will announce five finalists for the 2014 Bronko Nagurski Trophy on Nov. 20.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner will be chosen from those five finalists who are part of the 2014 FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the association's entire membership, selects the 26-man All-America Team

and eventually the Nagurski finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner, the best defensive player in America.

The annual Bronko Nagurski Trophy Banquet will be held on Dec. 8 at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte. In addition to the 2014 Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner announcement, the banquet will also celebrate the recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Legends Award, sponsored by Florida East Coast Railway. Maryland's Randy White, a member of the FWAA's 1974 All-America team and a College Football Hall of Famer, will be honored. Alabama head coach Nick Saban will be the keynote speaker at the banquet.

The FWAA has named a National Defensive Player of the Year since 1993. In 1995, the FWAA named the award in honor of the legendary two-way player from the University of Minnesota. Nagurski dominated college football then became a star for professional football's Chicago Bears in the 1930s. Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski is a charter member of both the College Football and Pro Football Halls of Fame. Pittsburgh tackle Aaron Donald won the award last season.

The **Football Writers Association of America**, a non-profit organization founded in 1941, consists of more than 1,400 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 tiger@fwaa.com or 214-870-6516.





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The **Charlotte Touchdown Club** was founded in 1991 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 touchdownclub.com.

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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 2014 preseason watch list calendar:

July 7: Maxwell Award/Bednarik Award

July 14: Butkus Award/Rotary Lombardi Award

July 8: Mackey Award/Riminigton Trophy

July 15: Biletnikoff Award

July 9: Lou Groza Award/Ray Guy Award

July 16: Davey O'Brien Award

July 17: Doak Walker Award

July 10: Bronko Nagurski Trophy/Outland Trophy

July 17: Doak Walker Award

July 18: Walter Camp Award



2014 Bronko nagurski trophy preseason watch list

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.

Tackles (10)

Michael Bennett, Ohio State Malcom Brown, Texas Christian Covington, Rice Carl Davis, Iowa Chucky Hunter, TCU Grady Jarrett, Clemson Luther Maddy, Virginia Tech Robert Nkemdiche, Ole Miss Danny Shelton, Washington Gabe Wright, Auburn

Ends (23)

Henry Anderson, Stanford Vic Beasley, Clemson Joey Bosa, Ohio State Shilique Calhoun, Michigan State Frank Clark, Michigan Tyeler Davison, Fresno State Alvin Dupree, Kentucky Mario Edwards Jr., Florida State Devonte Fields, TCU Trey Flowers, Arkansas Dante Fowler Jr., Florida Markus Golden, Missouri Randy Gregory, Nebraska Martin Ifedi, Memphis Hau'oli Kikaha, Washington Lorenzo Mauldin, Louisville Ryan Mueller, Kansas State

Shawn Oakman, Baylor Cedric Reed, Texas A'Shawn Robinson, Alabama Charles Tapper, Oklahoma Tony Washington, Oregon Leonard Williams, USC

Linebackers (24)

Jake Ryan, Michigan

Eric Striker, Oklahoma

Jaylon Smith, Notre Dame

Stephone Anthony, Clemson Kelby Brown, Duke Trey DePriest, Alabama Kyler Fackrell, Utah State Leonard Floyd, Georgia Alani Fua, BYU Bryce Hager, Baylor Ben Heeney, Kansas Myles Jack, UCLA Jordan Jenkins, Georgia A.J. Johnson, Tennessee Eric Kendricks, UCLA Derrick Malone, Oregon Tyler Matakevich, Temple Derrick Mathews, Houston Benardrick McKinney, Mississippi State Denzel Perryman, Miami Hayes Pullard, USC

A.J. Tarpley, Stanford Shaq Thompson, Washington Ramik Wilson, Georgia

Backs (24)

Craig Bills, BYU Alex Carter, Stanford Sam Carter, TCU Jeremy Cash, Duke Landon Collins, Alabama Blake Countess, Michigan Su'a Cravens, USC Quandre Diggs, Texas Lorenzo Doss, Tulane Kurtis Drummond, Michigan State Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, Oregon Kendall Fuller, Virginia Tech Vernon Hargreaves III, Florida Anthony Harris, Virginia Steven Nelson, Oregon State Marcus Peters, Washington Cody Prewitt, Ole Miss Jordan Richards, Stanford KeiVarae Russell, Notre Dame Zack Sanchez, Oklahoma Derron Smith, Fresno State Jared Tevis, Arizona Trae Waynes, Michigan State P.J. Williams, Florida State

By conference (81): Pac-12 18, SEC 16, Big 12 13, ACC 12, Big Ten 10, American Athletic 4, Independents 4, Mountain West 3, Conference USA 1.