Big 12 Announces Media Preseason Football Team

Irving, Texas - The Big 12 Conference has announced its 2018 Preseason All-Big 12 Football Team and individual awards, chosen by media representatives who cover the league.

The honorees include 17 seniors, 11 juniors and one sophomore. Seven were named to the 2017 All-Big 12 First Team while 11 were on the second team.

Selections for the preseason individual awards were quarterback Will Grier (West Virginia) as Offensive Player of the Year, defensive end Ben Banogu (TCU) as Defensive Player of the Year and defensive back Brendan Radley-Hiles (Oklahoma) as Newcomer of the Year.

Grier is the Conference's top returner in total offense average (328.4), passing yards per game (317.3) and passing efficiency (162.7). The 2017 Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year started 11 games for West Virginia before a season-ending hand injury in the first quarter against Texas.

Banogu was the 2017 Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year and an All-Big 12 First Team selection on the defensive line while starting all 14 games for TCU. He had 49 tackles last season, including 16.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks. His sack total was second in the Conference behind teammate Mat Boesen and his TFL ranked third.

True freshman Radley-Hiles intercepted five passes his senior season and added four pass breakups and two forced fumbles. He was rated as a five-star recruit by Rivals and a four-star prospect by 247Sports and ESPN while named a U.S. Army All-American.

The Big 12 media preseason poll will be released on Thursday, followed by the annual Big 12 Football Media Days to be conducted in Frisco, Texas on July 16-17. Both days will be televised live from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CT on FS2 and other FOX Sports regional affiliates. Exclusive coverage from the event will also be available on the Big 12's digital platforms – Big12Sports.com, Twitter and Instagram(@Big12Conference). The official hashtag for the event will be #Big12FB.

2018 Preseason All-Big 12 Football Team

Offensive Player of the Year:	Will Grier West Virginia, QB, 6-2, 212, Sr., Charlotte, N.C.
Defensive Player of the Year:	Ben Banogu, TCU, DL, 6-4 249, Sr., McKinney, Texas
Newcomer of the Year:	Brendan Radley-Hiles, Oklahoma, DB, 5-9, 186, Fr., Inglewood, Calif.

Offense

Pos	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown
QB	Will Grier [3]	West Virginia	6-2	212	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C.
RB	David Montgomery [1]	Iowa State	5-11	216	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
RB	Rodney Anderson [2]	Oklahoma	6-1	220	Jr.	Katy, Texas
RB	Justice Hill [1]	Oklahoma State	5-10	185	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla.
WR	Denzel Mims [2]	Baylor	6-3	209	Jr.	Daingerfield, Texas
WR	Marquise Brown [3]	Oklahoma	5-10	168	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla.
WR	David Sills V [1]	West Virginia	6-4	204	Sr.	Wilmington, Del.
TE	Grant Calcaterra [3]	Oklahoma	6-4	221	So.	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.
OL	Dalton Risner [1]	Kansas State	6-5	300	Sr.	Wiggins, Colo.
OL	Bobby Evans [3]	Oklahoma	6-5	301	Jr.	Allen, Texas
OL	Ben Powers [2]	Oklahoma	6-4	313	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.
OL	Marcus Keyes	Oklahoma State	6-3	309	Jr.	Port Allen, La.
OL	Yodny Cajuste [2]	West Virginia	6-5	321	Sr.	Miami, Fla.

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
PK	Austin Seibert [2]	Oklahoma	5-9	214	Sr.	Belleville, Ill.
KR/PR	KaVontae Turpin [1]	TCU	5-9	157	Sr.	Monroe, La.

Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
DL	JaQuan Bailey [3]	Iowa State	6-2	251	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
DL	Daniel Wise [1]	Kansas	6-3	290	Sr.	Lewisville, Texas
DL	Jordan Brailford [2]	Oklahoma State	6-3	250	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla.
DL	Ben Banogu [1]	TCU	6-4	249	Sr.	McKinney, Texas
DL	Breckyn Hager [3]	Texas	6-3	255	Sr.	Austin, Texas
LB	Joe Dineen Jr. [2]	Kansas	6-2	235	Sr.	Lawrence, Kan.
LB	Dakota Allen [2]	Texas Tech	6-1	235	Sr.	Humble, Texas
LB	David Long Jr. [3]	West Virginia	5-11	221	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
DB	Brian Peavy [2]	Iowa State	5-9	194	Sr.	Houston, Texas
DB	Kendall Adams	Kansas State	6-1	228	Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas
DB	Kris Boyd	Texas	6-0	195	Sr.	Gilmer, Texas
DB	Jah'Shawn Johnson [2]	Texas Tech	5-10	185	Sr.	Ennis, Texas
DB	Justus Parker [2]	Texas Tech	6-0	205	Jr.	La Vernia, Texas
P	Austin Seibert [3]	Oklahoma	5-9	214	Sr.	Belleville, Ill.

[1] 2017 All-Big 12 First Team selection
[2] 2017 All-Big 12 Second Team selection
[3] 2017 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention

A tie created an extra running back position.