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CENTRAL MISSOURI'S ZACH ZEBROWSKI AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON'S TANNER VOLK HEADLINE THE 2023 AFCA DIVISION II COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

WACO, TEXAS — Central Missouri quarterback Zach Zebrowski and Central Washington defensive back Tanner Volk headline the 2023 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Teams announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

Zebrowski, a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, earned AFCA First-Team All-America honors by setting new NCAA Division II single season records for passing touchdowns (61), total offensive yards (5,690), points responsible for (380) and touchdowns responsible for (63 - 61 pass, two rush). He also set Central Missouri and MIAA records for passing touchdowns (8), passing yards (615) and total offense (673 yards) in a single game in the Mules' 77-27 win over Emporia State (Kan.) on October 21.

Volk, also a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, earned AFCA First Team honors by leading the entire NCAA in interceptions this season with 13, which also tied a school record. He also ranks 10th nationally with 115 total tackles. Volk has already been named Super Region 4 and Lone Star Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

2023 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America - First Team

Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
QB	Zach Zebrowski	6-2	208	R-Jr.	Central Missouri	Josh Lamberson	Woodbury, Minn. (East Ridge)
RB	Shen Butler-Lawson	6-0	215	Jr.	Minnesota St.	Todd Hoffner	Augusta, Ga. (Waynesville)
RB	Chris Collier	6-0	200	Gr.	Lock Haven (Pa.)	Dan Mulrooney	Elmhurst, N.Y. (Lawrence)
WR	Kyle Sheets	6-4	220	Sr.	Slippery Rock (Pa.)	Shawn Lutz	Springboro, Pa. (Conneaut Area)
WR	Max McLeod	6-3	200	R-Sr.	Colorado School of Mines	Pete Sterbick	Seattle, Wash. (Bainbridge)
TE	Devon Garrison	6-6	240	Sr.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	Brian Wright	Elk River, Minn. (Elk River)
OL	Garrett Carroll	6-5	315	Sr.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	Scott Wooster	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Snider)
OL	Robert Dunham	6-3	285	Sr.	Henderson St. (Ark.)	Scott Maxfield	Nashville, Ark. (Nashville)
OL	Devin Hannan	6-4	293	Gr.	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	Tremaine Jackson	Belle Vernon, Pa. (Belle Vernon)
OL	Leondre Andreas	6-3	305	So.	Mars Hill (N.C.)	Tim Clifton	St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (Colonial)
OL	Blake Larson	6-7	300	Sr.	Augustana (S.D.)	Jerry Olszewski	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley)

Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	John McMullen	6-0	255	Gr.	West Florida	Kaleb Nobles	Kankakee, Ill. (Kankakee)
DL	Marquise Fleming	6-1	235	R-Jr.	Wingate (N.C.)	Joe Reich	Charlotte, N.C. (Olympic)
DL	Nathaniel Wallace	6-2	255	Sr.	Harding (Ark.)	Paul Simmons	Bryant, Ark. (Bryant)
DL	Eddie Miller-Garrett	6-3	225	R-Sr.	Ohio Dominican	Kelly Cummings	Newark, N.J. (Newark Collegiate Academy)
LB	Salvatore Lupoli Jr.	5-11	220	Jr.	Bentley (Mass.)	Saj Thakkar	Chelmsford, Mass. (Chelmsford)
LB	Micah Cretsinger	6-2	240	Jr.	Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.)	Ryan Brady	Jackson, Mich. (Jackson)
LB	Garrett Cox	5-11	230	R-Jr.	Millersville (Pa.)	J.C. Morgan	Avondale, Pa. (Kennett)
DB	Tanner Volk	6-1	175	Jr.	Central Washington	Chris Fisk	Portland, Ore. (Aloha)
DB	Willie Drew	6-0	185	Gr.	Virginia St.	Henry Frazier, III	Smithfield, Va. (Smithfield)
DB	Mikael King	5-10	175	So.	Tuskegee (Ala.)	Aaron James	Tuskegee, Ala. (Booker T. Washington)
DB	Melvin Smith Jr.	6-0	185	Jr.	Southern Arkansas	Brad Smiley	Bossier City, La. (Airline)

Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
PK	Eric Scarpino	5-9	195	R-Sr.	Gannon (Pa.)	Erik Raeburn	Waterford, Pa. (Fort LeBoeuf)
P	Aaron Winn	6-1	190	Sr.	Arkansas Tech	Kyle Shipp	Summerville, S.C. (Cane Bay)
AP	Dev Holmes	5-9	175	Gr.	New Haven (Conn.)	Chris Pincince	Troy, N.Y. (Troy)

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2023 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America - Second Team

Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
QB	John Matocha	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Colorado School of Mines	Pete Sterbick	Magnolia, Tex. (Magnolia West)
RB	Jordan Terrell	5-10	210	Jr.	Barton (N.C.)	Chip Hester	Ramseur, N.C. (Eastern Randolph)
RB	Kendel Givens	5-9	215	Jr.	Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	Todd Knight	Little Rock, Ark. (Little Rock Christian)
WR	John Jiles	6-3	205	Sr.	West Florida	Kaleb Nobles	Wake Forest, N.C. (Wake Forest)
WR	Arkell Smith	6-1	194	R-Sr.	Central Missouri	Josh Lamberson	Carthage, Mo. (Carthage)
TE	Mike Rigerman	6-2	260	Sr.	Findlay (Ohio)	Kory Allen	Arcade, N.Y. (Pioneer)
OL	Treyvon Cahalan	6-2	295	Gr.	Minnesota-Duluth	Curt Wiese	Champlin, Minn. (Champlin Park)
OL	Hunter Willis	6-2	320	Sr.	Harding (Ark.)	Paul Simmons	Kimberly, Ala. (Mortimer Jordan)
OL	Jacob Bruce	6-4	290	R-Sr.	West Florida	Kaleb Nobles	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)
OL	*Trase Jeffries	6-4	322	R-Sr.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	Brian Wright	Broken Arrow, Okla. (Broken Arrow)
OL	Gabe Clark	6-5	313	R-Jr.	Central Missouri	Josh Lamberson	Lawrence, Kan. (Free State)

Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Maven Kretche	6-6	265	Jr.	Minnesota St.	Todd Hoffner	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
DL	Christian McCarroll	6-4	260	Sr.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	Scott Wooster	Barberton, Ohio (Barberton)
DL	*Loobert Denelus	6-0	255	Sr.	Benedict (S.C.)	Chennis Berry	Naples, Fla. (Naples)
DL	Jayden Broughton	6-2	230	Jr.	Benedict (S.C.)	Chennis Berry	Monks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley)
LB	Gary Lewis	6-2	215	R-So.	Henderson St. (Ark.)	Scott Maxfield	Fordyce, Ark. (Fordyce)
LB	Landon Honeycutt	6-2	225	So.	Mars Hill (N.C.)	Tim Clifton	Mount Pleasant, N.C. (Mount Pleasant)
LB	Nolan Reeve	6-2	220	R-Sr.	Colorado School of Mines	Pete Sterbick	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley)
DB	Peyton Buckley	6-1	205	Jr.	Augustana (S.D.)	Jerry Olszewski	Rice Lake, Wis. (Rice Lake)
DB	Rico Payton	6-0	182	R-Sr.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	Brian Wright	St. Louis, Mo. (Lindbergh)
DB	Andrew Pitts	5-9	156	R-So.	Angelo St. (Tex.)	Jeff Girsch	McKinney, Tex. (McKinney)
DB	Shon Stephens	6-0	180	Sr.	Ferris St. (Mich.)	Tony Annese	Bakersfield, Calif. (Ridgeview)

Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
PK	Logan Turner	5-9	200	Jr.	Southwest Baptist (Mo.)	Robert Clardy	Bentonville, Ark. (Bentonville)
P	Avery Book	5-10	190	Jr.	Augustana (S.D.)	Jerry Olszewski	Ironton, Ohio (Ironton)
AP	#Trey Vaval	6-0	170	Sr.	Minnesota St.	Todd Hoffner	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs South)

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Team Background: The five teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams – University Division and College Division – were selected. In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams — FBS and FCS. In 1996, the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III, respectively. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and placekicker were added to the team. In 1997, a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team. The return specialist position was replaced by an all-purpose player in 2006. In 2016, the AFCA added a second team All-America.

Selection Process: The AFCA's Division II All-America Selection Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's seven districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee. The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the teams are chosen.

The Award: Members of the AFCA Coaches' All-America First Team will receive a plaque commemorating their selection to the team, while members of the Second Team will receive a certificate.

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