



# MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL -- 2021 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

## MVFC TOP AWARD WINNERS (announced Nov. 24)

*Bios include regular-season statistics only*

Missouri State QB Jason Shelley has been named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year and the league's Newcomer of the Year; UNI's Jared Brinkman has been tabbed the league's Defensive Player of the Year; Youngstown State's QB Demeatric Crenshaw is the conference Freshman of the Year; and coach Matt Entz has been tabbed the MVFC Coach of the Year.



### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR / NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

#### QB Jason Shelley, Missouri State

5-11, 197, RJr., Frisco (Texas) Lone Star High, Utah St.

Walter Payton Award Finalist ... Two-time MVFC Offensive Player of the Week ... Three-time MVFC Newcomer of the Week ... STATS FCS National Player of the Week honorable mention (11/15/21) ... Valley leader in total offense (310.3), yards per pass attempt (8.57) and points responsible for (176) ... Shattered Missouri State single-season passing yardage (3,068) and total offense (3,417) records ... Only Missouri State quarterback in program history to throw for 200 yards or more in his first 11 career games ... Engineered four game-winning drives in the fourth quarter Ranked 10th in the nation in total offense ... Transfer from Utah State.



### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

#### DL Jared Brinkman, UNI

6-2, 290, Sr., Iowa City (Iowa) Regina High

Leads team in tackles for losses with 13 for 47 yards ... notched 7 sacks for a loss of 34 yards ... has 1 forced fumble and recovered 1 fumble ... leads in tackling with 67 total on the season ... has 21 solo tackles and assisted on 46 more ... Buck Buchanan Award Preseason Watch List ... Stats Perform Preseason All-American ... Athlon Preseason All-American ... Phil Steele Preseason DPOTY ... MVFC First Team preseason honors.



### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

#### Demeatric Crenshaw, Youngstown State

6-1, 215, RFr., Pickerington, Ohio (Central)

Crenshaw started nine games for the Penguins as a redshirt freshman...he completed 97-of-156 passes for 791 yards and six touchdowns while rushing for 599 yards on 132 carries and scored seven times... in MVFC games, was 78-of-121 (64.5 percent) for 598 yards and five TDs and rushed for 449 yards on 94 attempts and had four scores...had 195 yards rushing against Missouri State and 134 against Western Illinois...had a season-high 198 yards passing at UNI...had two passing TDs against Southern Illinois and MSU...was named to the Jerry Rice Award Watch List.



### 'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACH OF THE YEAR

#### Matt Entz, North Dakota State

3rd season, 10-1 overall, 7-1 MVFC

Earned a No. 2 national seed for the FCS playoffs...NDSU is making its 12th straight postseason appearance...Team ranks No. 1 in FCS scoring defense (12.1) and leads the league in 13 categories including total defense (262.3), passing yards allowed (177.2), red zone defense (.684), third down defense (.265), sacks per game (3.64) and rushing offense (271.8)...Highest ranked FCS team in the Sagarin ratings (55)...Has a 33-4 record as head coach, 20-3 in the league...Two-time AFCA Regional Coach of the Year.

## 2021 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team

### FIRST TEAM

QB --	Jason Shelley, Missouri State	5-11	197	R-Jr.	Frisco, Texas / Lone Star High / Utah State
RB --	Jaleel McLaughlin, Youngstown State	5-9	175	Sr.	Marshville, N.C. / Forest Hills High
	Pierre Strong Jr., South Dakota State	5-11	205	Sr.	Little Rock, Ark. / McClellan High
FB --	Hunter Luepke, North Dakota State	6-1	236	Jr.	Spencer, Wis. / Spencer High
TE --	Tucker Kraft, South Dakota State	6-5	255	So.	Timber Lake, S.D. / Timber Lake High
WR --	Dennis Houston, Western Illinois	6-2	205	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas / Earl Warren High / Fullerton
	Tyrone Scott, Missouri State	6-3	200	R-So.	Estill, S.C. / Jenkins High / Central Michigan
	Christian Watson, North Dakota State	6-5	208	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / Plant High
OL --	Zeveyon Furcron, Southern Illinois	6-2	327	Sr.	Crest Hill, Ill. / Joliet Catholic High
	Cody Mauch, North Dakota State	6-6	301	Sr.	Hankinson, N.D. / Hankinson High
	Trevor Penning, UNI	6-7	321	R-Jr.	Clear Lake, Iowa / Newman Catholic High
	Cordell Volson, North Dakota State	6-7	313	Sr.	Balfour, N.D. / Drake High
	Matt Waletzko, North Dakota	6-7	305	Sr.	Cold Spring, Minn. / Rocori High
DL --	Jared Brinkman, UNI	6-2	290	R-Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa / Regina High
	Kevin Ellis, Missouri State	6-4	244	Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / North Crowley High
	Inoke Moala, Indiana State	6-4	250	R-Sr.	Mishawaka, Ind. / Penn High
	Brayden Thomas, North Dakota State	6-3	260	Sr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck High / Minnesota State Mankato
LB --	Logan Backhaus, South Dakota State	6-4	210	Sr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa / Spirit Lake High
	Adam Bock, South Dakota State	6-1	215	So.	Solon, Iowa / Solon High
	Jack Cochrane, South Dakota	6-3	230	Sr.	Mount Vernon, Iowa / Mount Vernon High
	Spencer Cuvelier, UNI	6-3	245	R-Jr.	Cresco, Iowa / Crestwood High / Iowa Central CC
DB --	Montrae Braswell, Missouri State	6-0	190	So.	Avon Park, Fla. / Avon Park High / Central Michigan
	Qua Brown, Southern Illinois	5-11	206	Sr.	DeLand, Fla. / University High
	Darius Joiner, Western Illinois	6-2	200	Sr.	Roanoke, Ala. / Handley High / Jacksonville State
	Benny Sapp III, UNI	6-1	205	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Eden Prarie High / Minnesota
	Michael Tutsie, North Dakota State	5-11	192	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Warren Central High
P --	Grant Burkett, Missouri State	6-1	180	R-Fr.	Joplin, Mo. / Webb City High
PK --	Matthew Cook, UNI	5-11	180	So.	Cedar Falls, Iowa / Cedar Falls High
RS --	Montrae Braswell, Missouri State	6-0	190	So.	Avon Park, Fla. / Avon Park High / Central Michigan
DS --	Dalton Godfrey, South Dakota	6-2	230	Jr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa / Cedar Falls High
AP --	Christian Watson, North Dakota State	6-5	208	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / Plant High

### SECOND TEAM

QB --	Connor Sampson, Western Illinois	6-3	215	Sr.	Belleville, Mich. / Belleville High
RB --	Otis Weah, North Dakota	5-9	215	Jr.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead High
	Javon Williams Jr., Southern Illinois	6-2	245	So.	Centralia, Ill. / Centralia High
FB --	Tim McCloy, Illinois State	6-0	230	Sr.	Lake In The Hills, Ill. / Huntley High
TE --	Josh Babicz, North Dakota State	6-6	255	Sr.	Barrington, Ill. / Barrington High
WR --	Jaxon Janke, South Dakota State	6-3	210	Jr.	Madison, S.D. / Madison High
	Landon Lenoir, Southern Illinois	6-1	192	Sr.	Crete, Ill. / Crete-Monee High
	Isaiah Weston, UNI	6-4	210	R-Jr.	Albertville, Minn. / St. Michael-Albertville High
OL --	Landon Bebee, Missouri State	6-3	297	So.	Webb City, Mo. / Webb City High
	Wes Genant, South Dakota State	6-4	300	Sr.	Parkston, S.D. / Parkston High
	Alex Jensen, South Dakota	6-7	280	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata High
	Aron Johnson, South Dakota State	6-6	300	Sr.	Chisago City, Minn. / Chisago Lakes High
	Mason McCormick, South Dakota State	6-4	310	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Roosevelt High
DL --	Eric Johnson, Missouri State	6-5	298	Sr.	Plainfield, Ill. / Plainfield South High
	Anthony Knighton, Southern Illinois	6-4	251	Sr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Central High
	Caleb Sanders, South Dakota State	6-1	270	Sr.	Glenwood, Iowa / Glenwood High
	Reece Winkelman, South Dakota State	6-4	245	Sr.	Marshall, Minn. / Marshall High
LB --	Jasir Cox, North Dakota State	6-1	209	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Bishop Miege High
	Jackson Hankey, North Dakota State	6-2	219	Sr.	Park River, N.D. / Park River High
	Bryce Notree, Southern Illinois	6-3	225	Sr.	Arlington, Texas / Lamar
	Tylar Wiltz, Missouri State	6-1	219	Jr.	Breaux Bridge, La. / Breaux Bridge / Independence (Kan.) CC
DB --	Don Gardner, South Dakota State	6-1	180	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Wendell Phillips High
	Evan Holm, North Dakota	5-11	180	5th	Edina, Minn. / Edina High
	Clayton Isbell, Illinois State	6-2	220	So.	St. Charles, Ill. / St. Charles East High
	Michael Lawson, Western Illinois	5-10	185	Sr.	Hayward, Calif. / Patterson High / Lamar
	Elijah Reed, South Dakota	6-2	220	Sr.	Aurora, Colo. / Rangeview High
P --	Brady Schutt, South Dakota	6-1	220	Sr.	Orange City, Iowa / MOC/FV High
PK --	Jose Pizano, Missouri State	5-7	218	So.	Lehi, Utah / Lehigh High / Snow College (Utah)
RS --	Jayden Price, North Dakota State	6-0	186	Jr.	Derby, Kan. / Mulvane High
DS --	Bradey Sorenson, South Dakota State	6-2	235	Sr.	Yankton, S.D. / Yankton High
AP --	Isaiah Weston, UNI	6-4	210	R-Jr.	Albertville, Minn. / St. Michael-Albertville High

### Honorable Mention

**Illinois State** -- LB Zeke Vandenburg, OL Trey Georgie, P J.T. Bohlken, RB Cole Mueller; **Indiana State** -- DB JJ Henderson, DS Wyatt Harwood, WR Dante Hendrix; **Missouri State** -- DB Kyriq McDonald, DB Titus Wall, WR Xavier Lane; **North Dakota** -- DB Jordan Canady, LB Devon Krzanowski, LB Jaxson Turner; **North Dakota State** -- DL Eli Mostaert, DL Lane Tucker, TE Noah Gindorff; **UNI** -- DB Omar Brown, RB Bradrick Shaw, WR Deion McShane; **South Dakota** -- AP Carter Bell, DL Jacob Matthew, RB Travis Theis, RS Wesley Eliodor, TE Brett Samson; **South Dakota State** -- PK Cole Frahm, QB Chris Oladokun, TE Zach Heins; **Southern Illinois** -- DB PJ Jules, QB Nic Baker, WR Avante Cox; **Western Illinois** -- DL Hunter Mason, LB Greg Benton Jr., WR Tony Tate; **Youngstown State** -- LB Grant Dixon, OL Jaison Williams, PK Colt McFadden

# Missouri Valley Football Conference - Annual Awards -- Offense/Defense/Coach of the Year

## OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1985	Mike Smith, QB, Northern Iowa
1986	Sean Payton, QB, Eastern Illinois
1987	Carl Boyd, RB, Northern Iowa
1988	Paul Singer, QB, Western Illinois
1989	DeAndre Smith, QB, Missouri State
1990	DeAndre Smith, QB, Missouri State
1991	Derrick Franklin, RB, Indiana State
1992	Toby Davis, RB, Illinois State
1993	Kurt Warner, QB, Northern Iowa
1994	Rob St. Sauver, QB, Western Illinois
1995	Dedric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
1996	Dedric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
1997	Aaron Stecker, RB, Western Illinois
1998	Karlon Carpenter, RB, S. Illinois
1999	Cornell Craig, WR, S. Illinois
2000	Charles Tharp, RB, Western Illinois
2001	P.J. Mays, RB, Youngstown State
2002	Russ Michna, QB, Western Illinois
2003	Russ Michna, QB, Western Illinois
2004	Joel Sambursky, QB, S. Illinois
2005	Laurént Robinson, WR, Illinois State
2006	Marcus Mason, RB, Youngstown St.
2007	Eric Sanders, QB, Northern Iowa
2008	Herb Donaldson, RB, Western Illinois
2009	Deji Karim, RB, Southern Illinois
2010	Matt Barr, QB, Western Illinois
2011	Shakir Bell, RB, Indiana State
2012	Matt Brown, QB, Illinois State
2013	Brock Jensen, QB, North Dakota St.
2014	Marshaun Coprich, RB, Illinois State
2015	Marshaun Coprich, RB, Illinois State
2016	Taryn Christian, QB, S. Dakota St.
2017	Chris Streveler, QB, South Dakota
2018	Easton Stick, QB, North Dakota State
2019	Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State
20-21	Mark Gronowski, QB, South Dakota State
2021	Jason Shelley, QB, Missouri State

## DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1985	James Houston, LB, Illinois State
	Mark Farley, LB, Northern Iowa
1986	Brian Gant, LB, Illinois State
1987	Matt Soraghan, LB, Missouri State
1988	John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
1989	John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
1990	Tim Lance, DB, Eastern Illinois
1991	William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
1992	William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
1993	Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
1994	Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
1995	Tim Carver, LB, Eastern Illinois
1996	Mike Miano, DL, Missouri State
1997	Harry Deligianis, DT, Youngstown State
1998	James Milton, LB, Western Illinois
1999	Edgerton Hartwell, LB, Western Illinois
2000	Edgerton Hartwell, LB, Western Illinois
2001	Adam Vogt, LB, Northern Iowa
2002	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2003	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2004	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2005	Brent Hawkins, DE, Illinois State
2006	Cameron Siskowic, LB, Illinois State
2007	Brannon Carter, LB, Northern Iowa
2008	James Ruffin, DE, Northern Iowa
2009	Danny Batten, DE, South Dakota State
	James Ruffin, DE, Northern Iowa
2010	Kyle Glazier, LB, Western Illinois
2011	L.J. Fort, LB, Northern Iowa
2012	Marcus Williams, DB, North Dakota State
2013	Tyler Starr, LB, South Dakota
2014	Kyle Emanuel, DE, North Dakota State
2015	Deiondre' Hall, DB, Northern Iowa
2016	Karter Schult, DE, Northern Iowa
2017	Brett Taylor, LB, Western Illinois
2018	Jabril Cox, LB, North Dakota State
2019	Derrek Tuszka, DE, North Dakota State
20-21	Jared Brinkman, DL, Northern Iowa
2021	Jared Brinkman, DL, Northern Iowa

## 'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACHES OF THE YEAR

1985	Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
1986	Al Molde, Eastern Illinois
1987	Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
	Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
1988	Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
1989	Jesse Branch, Missouri State
1990	Jesse Branch, Missouri State
1991	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1992	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1993	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1994	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1995	Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois
1996	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1997	Randy Ball, Western Illinois
1998	Todd Berry, Illinois State
1999	Todd Berry, Illinois State
2000	Don Patterson, Western Illinois
2001	Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
2002	Don Patterson, Western Illinois
2003	Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois
2004	Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois
2005	Jon Heacock, Youngstown State
2006	Jon Heacock, Youngstown State
2007	Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
2008	Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois
2009	Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois
2010	Trent Miles, Indiana State
2011	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2012	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2013	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2014	Brock Spack, Illinois State
2015	Bob Nielson, Western Illinois
2016	John Stiegelmeier, S. Dakota State
2017	Chris Klieman, North Dakota State
2018	Curt Mallory, Indiana State
2019	Matt Entz, North Dakota State
20-21	Bobby Petrino, Missouri State
2021	Matt Entz, North Dakota State

## VOTING TOTALS FOR 2021 SPECIALTY HONORS - ONLY TOP VOTE-GETTERS ARE LISTED

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Name	School	Points
Jason Shelley	Missouri State	148
Pierre Strong	South Dakota St.	135
Nic Baker	Southern Illinois	30

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Name	School	Points
Jared Brinkman	UNI	129
Brayden Thomas	North Dakota State	60
Montrae Braswell	Missouri State	53
Jack Cochrane	South Dakota	51

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Name	School	Points
Matt Entz	North Dakota State	124
Bobby Petrino	Missouri State	115
Bob Nielson	South Dakota	87

### NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Name	School	Points
Jason Shelley	Missouri State	172
Chris Oladokun	South Dakota State	108
Darius Joiner	Western Illinois	43

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Name	School	Points
Demeatric Crenshaw	Youngstown State	123
Cole Mueller	Illinois State	96
Nick Gaes	South Dakota	61