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Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team; South Dakota State's Mark Gronowski Sweeps Top Honors

ST. LOUIS — QB Mark Gronowski of South Dakota State has been named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Year and the league's Freshman of the Year. He heads a list of 22 student-athletes named to the 2020-21 Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team. League coaches, sports information directors and a media panel selected the team.

Of the 22 selections, 11 players are freshmen. Nine of the 10 MVFC teams competing this spring had at least one honoree. Five different league schools (Missouri State, North Dakota, UNI, South Dakota State and Youngstown State) had three newcomers on the list.

A native of Naperville, Ill., Gronowski helped lead the Jackrabbits to a share of the MVFC title and the league's automatic bid to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. He racked up an average of 239 yards of total offense per game in six starts. He completed 76-of-133 passes (57.1 percent) for 1,051 yards and eight touchdowns, while ranking second on the squad with 383 rushing yards and a team-best six touchdowns on the ground. Gronowski topped the 100-yard mark for rushing three times.

Gronowski is the fifth SDSU player to be honored as Freshman of the Year, following Austin Sumner (2011), Jake Wieneke (2014), Christian Rozeboom (2016) and Pierre Strong, Jr. (2018), and is the first Jackrabbit tabbed as Newcomer of the Year.

OFFENSE	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown (Previous Schools)</i>
WR Bo Belquist, North Dakota	6-1	175	Fr.	New Rockford, N.D. (New Rockford-Sheyenne)
RB Pha'Leak Brown, Illinois State	5-10	200	Fr.	Chester, S.C. (Chester High)
QB Carson Camp, South Dakota	6-3	210	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community West)
WR Dallas Daniels, Western Illinois	6-1	170	Jr.	Dayton (Ohio) Trotwood Madison / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
RB Isaiah Davis, South Dakota State	6-1	220	Fr.	Joplin, Mo. (Joplin High)
TE Kyle Fourtenbary, Northern Iowa	6-4	245	Gr.	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika High / W. Kentucky)
QB Mark Gronowski, South Dakota State	6-3	200	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley High)
WR Quan Hampton, Northern Iowa	5-8	180	Jr.	Texarkana, Texas (Texas High / Kansas)
RB Celdon Manning, Missouri State	5-10	180	Fr.	Allen, Texas (Allen High)
RB Jaleel McLaughlin, Youngstown State	5-9	175	Jr.	Marshville, N.C. (Forest Hills / Notre Dame College)
QB Tommy Schuster, North Dakota	6-0	195	Fr.	Macomb, Mich. (Chippewa Valley)

DEFENSE	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown (Previous Schools)</i>
LB Adam Bock, South Dakota State	6-1	210	Fr.	Solon, Iowa (Solon High)
DB Montrae Braswell, Missouri State	6-0	185	So.	Avon Park, Fla. (Avon Park High / Central Michigan)
LB Grant Dixon, Youngstown State	6-3	225	Sr.	Succasunna, N.J. (Roxbury / Marist)
CB Myles Harden, South Dakota	5-10	185	Fr.	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Miramar High)
LB Devon Krzanowski, North Dakota	6-2	235	Jr.	Fond du Lac, Wis. (St. Cloud State)
DB Michael Lawson, Western Illinois	5-10	185	Sr.	Hayward, Calif. (Patterson / Lamar)
CB Keyon Martin, Youngstown State	5-11	160	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Deerfield Beach)
DB Kyriq McDonald, Missouri State	6-0	202	Jr.	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens High / Cincinnati)
DT Eli Mostaert, North Dakota State	6-3	275	Fr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville North High)
DB Benny Sapp III, Northern Iowa	6-1	205	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Eden Prairie / Minnesota)
DE Brayden Thomas, North Dakota State	6-3	260	Sr.	Bismarck, N.D. (Minnesota State Mankato)

NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

1994	Buck Phillips, CB, WIU
1995	Jason Cannon, WR, MSU
1996	Vince Bruno, LB, WIU
1997	Aaron Stecker, RB, WIU
1998	David Bowens, DL, WIU
1999	Charles Tharp, RB, WIU
2000	Teddy Sims, LB, SIU
2001	Julian Reese, QB, INS
2002	M. Abdulqaadir, RB, SIU
2003	Terrance Freeney, RB, UNI
2004	Brandon Jacobs, RB, SIU
2005	Marcus Mason, RB, YSU
2006	Darian Williams, RB, UNI
2007	Ferlando Williams, WR, YSU
2008	Brandon Summers, QB, YSU
2009	Antoine Wilkinson, LB, MSU
2010	Tirrell Rennie, QB, UNI
2011	Jewel Hampton, RB, SIU
2012	Sawyer Kollmorgen, QB, UNI
2013	Martin Ruiz, RB, YSU
2014	Tre Roberson, QB, ILS
2015	Aaron Bailey, QB, UNI
2016	Chris Streveler, QB, USD
2017	Jabril Cox, LB, NDSU
2018	Ryan Boyle, QB, INS
2019	Trey Lance, QB, NDSU
20-21	Mark Gronowski, QB, SDSU

FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

1999	Dusty Burk, QB, ILS
2000	Lee Russell, OLB, WIU
2001	Tom Petrie, QB, UNI
2002	Joel Sambursky, QB, SIU
2003	Justin Haddix, QB, WKU
2004	Eric Sanders, QB, UNI
2005	Tom Nelson, DB, ILS
2006	Brandin Jordan, LB, SIU
2007	Cody Kirby, QB, MSU
2008	Kamryn Keys, RB, YSU
2009	Matt Brown, QB, ILS
2010	Kurt Hess, QB, YSU
2011	Austin Sumner, QB, SDSU
2012	Sawyer Kollmorgen, QB, UNI
2013	Martin Ruiz, RB, YSU
2014	Jake Wieneke, WR, SDSU
2015	Andrew Van Ginkel, DE, USD
2016	Christian Rozeboom, LB, SDSU
2017	Jabril Cox, LB, NDSU
2018	Pierre Strong Jr., RB, SDSU
2019	Trey Lance, QB, NDSU
20-21	Mark Gronowski, QB, SDSU