



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Tyler Slavin, New Mexico Highlands, Wide Receiver, 6-2, 215
Corona, Calif./University of Arizona/Roosevelt HS

Leads the nation in receptions per game (10.8) and receiving yards (1,418), finished second in receiving yards per game (128.9), third in receiving touchdowns (17), 22nd in scoring (9.3 points per game) and 50th in all-purpose yards per game (128.9)... Recorded the second-most receptions for a season in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference history... Named Wide Receiver of the Week on Sept. 22 and 29 and Oct. 6 by Beyond Sports Network and Sept. 22 and 29 by USACollegefootball.org... Had a four game stretch to begin conference play with more than 100 yards receiving per game, scoring 11 touchdowns in that stretch.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Darius Allen, CSU-Pueblo, Defensive End, 6-4, 251
Pueblo, Colo./Pueblo East HS

The Gene Upshaw Award winner as the top lineman in NCAA Division II in 2013, Allen finished the regular season with nine sacks (-42 yards) to rank second in the RMAC, while his 14 tackles for loss (-54 yards) finished fifth in the league. He totaled 43 tackles (22 solo), forced three fumbles (T-2nd in RMAC) and recovered two fumbles (T-8th in RMAC). The senior also added a pass break-up. Allen guided a ThunderWolves defense to finish top 10 nationally in scoring defense (4th - 13.0 ppg) and team sacks (6th - 3.5 spg).

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Stephan Dickens, CSU-Pueblo, Punt Returner, 5-9, 172
Aurora, Colo./Cherokee Trail HS

Dickens led the nation in punt returns with 20.9 yards per return. He totaled 460 yards on 22 returns. He returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown Nov. 1 against Black Hills State.

COACH OF THE YEAR



John Wristen, CSU-Pueblo

In seven years as head coach of the Colorado State University-Pueblo football program, John Wristen has accumulated a 64-16 (.800) overall and 51-12 (.810) RMAC record. Wristen guided the ThunderWolves to their fourth straight RMAC Championship in 2014, as the Pack posted an 8-1 record to share the title with Colorado School of Mines. CSU-Pueblo went 10-1 overall and finished the regular season No. 8 in the AFCA poll. The ThunderWolves earned the No. 2 seed in Super Region Four to post their fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Playoffs.

OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



Marques Rodgers, Western New Mexico, Running Back, 5-10, 173
Gardena, Calif./Serra HS

Rodgers rushed for 1,296 yards on 229 carries and six touchdowns.. That's the most rushing yards in a season by a Mustang since 1998... He had six games of 100 or more yards rushing, including a high of 222 against Adams State... Rodgers also went over 200 posting 205 against Chadron State... He caught 28 passes out of the backfield for 310 yards and three scores. Rodgers finished 16th nationally in rushing yards (1,296) and 20th in yards per game (117.8).

DEFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



Dustin Rivas, Colorado Mesa, Cornerback, 5-11, 180
Thornton, Colo./Horizon HS

Led NCAA Div. II in pass defending at 2.2 per game... Ranked third in the RMAC and 18th in NCAA Div. II in interceptions with a team-high six... Started all 11 games at cornerback... Finished with 46 tackles, including 37 solo, and two tackles for loss... Forced one fumble and recovered one fumble.

2014 RMAC FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

FIRST TEAM - OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	School	Hometown	High School/Previous School
QB	Justin Dvorak	So.	Colorado Mines	Tomball, Texas	Tomball HS
RB	Austin Ekeler	So.	Western State Colorado	Eaton, Colo.	Eaton HS
RB	Cameron McDondle	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Littleton, Colo.	Columbine HS
WR	Tyler Slavin	Sr.	N.M. Highlands	Corona, Calif.	University of Arizona
WR	Donald Byrd	Sr.	Western New Mexico	Long Beach, Calif.	Long Beach Poly
WR	Kieran Duncan	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Goodyear, Ariz.	Millennium HS
TE	Cole Spurgeon	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Gretna, Neb.	Gretna HS
OL	Mike Lorenzo	Sr.	Chadron State	Oak Park, Calif.	Westlake HS
OL	Sam Parker	Sr.	Chadron State	Harrison, Neb.	Sioux County HS
OL	Zack Martinez	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Redlands, Calif.	Redlands East Valley HS
OL	Scotland Coyle	Sr.	CSU-Pueblo	Longmont, Colo.	Longmont HS
OL	Gary Dixon	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Fontana, Calif.	Summit HS

FIRST TEAM - DEFENSE

DE	Darius Allen	Sr.	CSU-Pueblo	Pueblo, Colo.	Pueblo East HS
DE	Morgan Fox	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Fountain, Colo.	Fountain-Fort Carson HS
DT	Tony Campton	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Littleton, Colo.	Columbine HS
DT	Dallas Fields	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Pine Creek HS
ILB	Jared Koster	Sr.	N.M. Highlands	Corona, Calif.	UCLA
ILB	Billy Sprague	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Denver, Colo.	Thomas Jefferson HS
OLB	Kole Kadavy	Sr.	Colorado Mines	Greeley, Colo.	Greeley Central HS
OLB	Seth Brown	So.	CSU-Pueblo	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Palmer HS
CB	Stephan Dickens	Sr.	CSU-Pueblo	Aurora, Colo.	Cherokee Trail HS
CB	*Cariel Brooks	Sr.	Adams State	Miami, Fla.	Pasadena City College
CB	*C.J. Roberts	Sr.	CSU-Pueblo	Boynton Beach, Fla.	Santaluces Community HS
S	Jarrold Lacy	Sr.	CSU-Pueblo	Boynton Beach, Fla.	Santaluces Community HS
S	#Darius Guillory	Jr.	Western New Mexico	Temecula, Calif.	San Diego State
S	#Ryan Wood	So.	Chadron State	Stockton, Calif.	A.A. Stagg HS

FIRST TEAM - SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Ryan Winke	So.	Western State Colorado	Aurora, Colo.	Cherokee Trail HS
P	Patrick Carney	Sr.	N.M. Highlands	Chico, Calif.	
KR	Cody Paul	So.	Chadron State	Seal Beach, Calif.	Los Alamitos HS
PR	Stephan Dickens	Sr.	CSU-Pueblo	Aurora, Colo.	Cherokee Trail HS

Coaches voted for first and second team players at each position. They could not vote for their own players or themselves.

* - Brooks and Roberts tied for first team, so there is one CB on second team.

- Wood and Guillory tied for first team, so there is one S on second team.

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SECOND TEAM - OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	School	Hometown	High School/Previous School
QB	Lance Orender	Sr.	N.M. Highlands	Clovis, Calif.	
RB	Marques Rodgers	Fr.	Western New Mexico	Gardena, Calif.	Serra HS
RB	Michael Madkins	Sr.	Chadron State	Sacramento, Calif.	Pleasant Grove HS
WR	Diamond Gillis	Sr.	Colorado Mines	Aurora, Colo.	Cherokee Trail HS
WR	Jimmy Ellis	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Littleton, Colo.	Heritage HS
WR	Kirt Terry-Springs	Jr.	N.M. Highlands	White Center, Wash.	
TE	Luke Whalen	Sr.	Black Hills State	Gregory, S.D.	Gregory HS
OL	Michael Coe	Jr.	Western New Mexico	Carlsbad, Calif.	Carlsbad HS
OL	Kyle Gilbert	Sr.	Colorado Mines	San Diego, Calif.	Westview HS
OL	Arthur Ray, Jr.	Sr.	Fort Lewis	Chicago, Ill.	Michigan State University
OL	Hasan Shaar	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Castle Rock, Colo.	Castle View HS
OL	Adam Sibal	Sr.	Colorado Mines	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands HS

SECOND TEAM - DEFENSE

DE	Anthony Avina	Jr.	Western New Mexico	Lake Elsinore, Calif.	Lakeside HS
DE	Emmanuel Graves	Jr.	Colorado Mines	San Antonio, Texas	Winston Churchill HS
DT	Ryan Sivetts	Sr.	Colorado Mesa	Arvada, Colo.	Arvada West HS
DT	Zach Sandstrom	Sr.	Chadron State	Chadron, Neb.	Chadron HS
ILB	Jaden Terry	Sr.	Western State Colorado	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Doherty HS
ILB	Dylan Furrier	Jr.	Chadron State	Tucson, Ariz.	Salpointe Catholic HS
OLB	Brandon Brown	Jr.	N.M. Highlands	Corona, Calif.	
OLB	Ben Estica	Jr.	CSU-Pueblo	Palm Beach, Fla.	Santalucas Community HS
CB	*Lane Haller	Sr.	Chadron State	Gordon, Neb.	Gordon-Rushville HS
S	*Cole Waliczek	Sr.	Western State Colorado	Thornton, Colo.	Horizon HS

SECOND TEAM - SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Avery Llewellyn	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Durango, Colo.	Durango HS
P	Ken Kester	So.	CSU-Pueblo	Fremont, Calif.	Irvington HS/Foothill JC
KR	^D.J. Hubbard	Jr.	Colorado Mesa	Phoenix, Ariz.	LaJoya HS
	^Juquelle Thompson	Jr.	Fort Lewis	San Jose, Calif.	City College of San Francisco
PR	Jimmy Ellis	Jr.	Colorado Mines	Littleton, Colo.	Heritage HS

^ - Hubbard and Thompson tied for second team.

Honorable Mention

Offense

QB: Ward Anderson, Black Hills State; **Brett Arrivey**, Western State Colorado; **Mitch Glasmann**, Western New Mexico; **Jonn McLain**, Chadron State; **RB:** Tevin Champagne, Colorado Mines; **WR:** Travis Haney, Western State Colorado; **Jordan Gillen**, Fort Lewis; **CJ Grice**, N.M. Highlands; **Danny O'Boyle**, Chadron State; **Kyle Vinich**, Chadron State; **Nate Wiemers**, Colorado Mines; **TE:** Ethan Bauer, Chadron State; **Trent Thompson**, CSU-Pueblo; **OL:** Zach Andrews, Western N.M.; **Jacob Costilow**, Western N.M.; **Jack Ivers**, N.M. Highlands; **Zayde Khalil**, Western N.M.; **Nick Leonard**, Colorado Mesa; **Jared Medicino**, Western State Colorado; **Zeth Ramsay**, Colorado Mesa; **Holden Rexius**, Western State Colorado; **Kenny Shinley**, Fort Lewis; **Brent Walker**, N.M. Highlands;

Defense

DE: Thomas Chavira, Western State Colorado; **Brandarius Johnson**, Fort Lewis; **Derek Mathiason**, Adams State; **Blake Nelson**, Colorado Mesa; **DT:** Josh Bredl, CSU-Pueblo; **Quincey Davidson**, Adams State; **Zach Dembrowski**, Western New Mexico; **Anthony Gordon**, N.M. Highlands; **Dalten Lane**, Fort Lewis; **Austin Yurko**, Western State Colorado; **ILB:** Trent Boner, Black Hills State; **Isaac Holscher**, Chadron State; **Chris Pinson**, Colorado School of Mines; **Ryan Ross**, Fort Lewis; **OLB:** Marcus Cross, Colorado Mesa; **Conner Stevens**, Adams State; **Kalvin Winter**, Western State Colorado; **CB:** Gerald Coleman, Western State Colorado; **Ian McFadden**, Colorado Mines; **Dustin Rivas**, Colorado Mesa; **S:** Shawn Kobylinski, Colorado Mines; **Cole Montgomery**, Chadron State; **Eric Smith**, N.M. Highlands; **LaRon Tarkington**, CSU-Pueblo;

Special Teams

K: Greg O'Donnell, CSU-Pueblo; **Randy Wentz**, Chadron State; **P:** Avery Llewellyn, Colorado Mines; **Austin Pitchford**, Colorado Mesa; **Dakota Swinehart**, Western State Colorado; **KR:** Jimmy Ellis, Colorado Mines;

Student-Athletes named honorable mention received at least one first team vote or two second team votes. Honorable Mention players are listed by position in alphabetical order. First and second team student-athletes are listed by votes received.