

South Dakota's Compton Named To FCS All-America First Team

Indiana State's Bell Leads FCS All-Americans

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Walter Payton Award finalists Bo Levi Mitchell of Eastern Washington and Shaker Bell of Indiana State have been selected to The Associated Press FCS All-America team.

Mitchell leads FCS in yards passing per game at 364.5, and his 33 touchdown passes are tops in the nation. Bell is the leading rusher in FCS with 151.8 yards per game, 20 more than the next best average. The third finalist for the Payton

award as FCS player of the year, Lehigh quarterback Chris Lum, was picked as the second-team quarterback. The award will be presented Jan. 6.

Bell's teammate, defensive end Ben Obaseki, was also selected to the team, making Indiana State one of five schools with two All-Americans.

Montana, which plays at Sam Houston State on Friday night in the FCS semifinals, is represented by linebacker Caleb McSurdy and defensive back Tru-maine Johnson. McSurdy was the Big Sky defensive player of the year.

North Dakota State, which hosts Georgia Southern on Saturday in the other semifinal, placed offensive lineman Paul Cornick and defensive back Marcus Williams on the first team.

Furman linebacker Kadarron Anderson and defensive back Ryan Steed also made the first team, and Idaho State was represented by receiver Rodrick Rumble and punter David Harrington, who led the nation with a 48.7-yard average.

Joining Mitchell and Bell in the back-field was Wittford fullback Eric Breitenstein, who has 1,474 yards rushing and 19 touchdowns.

The other two receivers on the first team were Elon's Aaron Mellette, who led the nation in catches (113) and yards (1,639), and Lehigh's Ryan Spadola, who was second in yards (1,614).

The other offensive linemen on the first team were: Weber State's J.C. Oram, Stephen F. Austin's George Bias, Georgia Southern's Brett Moore and South Dakota's Tom Compton.

The all-purpose player was William & Mary's Jonathan Grimes, who led the nation in all-purpose yards with 228 per game.

Portland State's Zach Brown was the kicker.

On defense, Prairie View A&M's Adrian Hamilton made the first team after leading the nation and setting a Southwestern Athletic Conference record with 20 1/2 sacks.

Northern Iowa's Ben Boothby and Sacramento State's Zack Nash were the other linemen.

Joining McSurdy and Anderson at linebacker was Tyler Holmes of Massachusetts.

Josh Norman of Coastal Carolina rounded out the secondary.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS

Aberdeen Roncalli 49, Clark/Wilow Lake 40

Britton-Hecla 53, Grotton Area 41

Canistota 66, Freeman 51

Chamberlain 65, Marly Indian 53

Colome 57, Gregory 31

Hanson 38, Menno 22

Harding County 68, Hettinger-Scranton 51

Hitchcock-Tulare 55, Wessington Springs 38

Kimball/White Lake 68, Mitchell Christian 48

Langford 84, Ipswich 39

McCook Central/Montrose 69, Howard 27

Milbank 66, Webster 51

N. Vernon 55, Ethan 36

Parker 78, Alcester-Hudson 47

Vermillion 66, Madison 53

Watertown 56, Yankton 43

SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS

Alcester-Hudson 57, Parker 45

Bon Homme 54, Scotland 52

Corsica/Slickney 59, Plankinton 33

Dupree 66, Wakpala 20

Edgemont 50, Sioux County, Neb. 34

Elkton-Lake Benton 59, Arlington 54

Estelline 41, Debrauk 22

Eureka/Bowdle 48, Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 31

Florencia/Henry 60, Waverly-South Shore 56

Hartington Cedar Catholic, Neb. 42, Avon 34

Kimball/White Lake 37, Mitchell Christian 29

Madison 38, Lemnox 33

Northwestern Area 48, Warner 37

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 71, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 54

Watertown 53, Redfield/Doland 25

Stanley County 54, Philip 51

Sturgis 58, Douglas Plains 43

Summit 57, Great Plains Lutheran 24

Tiopia Zina Tribal 73, Waubay 33

Vermillion 57, South Sioux City, Neb. 52

Wolsley-Wessington 66, Iroquois 29

Yankton 49, Brandon Valley 38

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, December 16

BASKETBALL BOYS' Alcester-Hudson at Gayville-Volin; Allen at Newcastle; Andes Central at Mitchell Christian; Beresford at Hartsburg; Canton at Dakota Valley; Centerville at Baltic; Creighton at Crofton; Elk Point-Jefferson at Sioux Falls Christian; Elk Horn at Wankonda; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Madison; Irene-Wakonda vs. Virgboro-Plumey at Viborg; Menno at Hanson; Parkston at Chamberlain; Ponca at Emerson-Hubbard; Scotland at Bon Homme; Wausa at Wynot

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GYMNASTICS, PREP S.F. Roosevelt/West Central at Vermillion

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Brookings at Yankton (7:30 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP Aberdeen Central at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Gillette Team, (Wagner)

WRESTLING, PREP JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (6 p.m.)

Saturday, December 17

BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (4 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL BOYS' YHS at Brandon Valley (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Centerville at Marion; Freeman Academy at Walhalla; Lynch at Bloomfield; Niobrara-Verdige at Wausa; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery; Wagner at Dakota Christian; Wakefield at Hartington

BASKETBALL BOYS' YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Brandon Valley (5:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH Watertown at YHS (DH, 4 p.m.)

GYMNASTICS, PREP Mitchell Inv. (YHS, 11 a.m.)

GYMNASTICS, PREP Aberdeen at Yankton (8:15 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Aberdeen at Yankton (6:15 p.m.)

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Brookings at Yankton (6:15 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton A at Oahe (8:30 a.m.)

HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.F. East at Yankton A (8:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 18

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Cambusier at USD (2 p.m., KYBB-FM)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Aberdeen at Yankton (noon)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Aberdeen at Yankton (10 a.m.)

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Sioux Falls (9:45 a.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton A at Oahe (9:30 a.m.)

HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.F. East at Yankton A (8:30 a.m.)

Center at Yankton B (11:15 a.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP S.F. Washington Inv. (YHS, 9 a.m.); Elgin Public-Pope John Team, (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Randolph); Elk Point-Jefferson Team, (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, Bon Homme, Elk Point-Jefferson, Parkston, 10 a.m.); Gillette Team, (Wagner); Osmond Inv. (Creighton-Verdige, Ponca); South Sioux City Inv. (Dakota Valley, 10 a.m.); Warner Inv. at Plankinton (Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, Parker, Scotland, 9:30 a.m.)

DEFENSE

Linebackers — Ryan Davis, senior, Norfolk; Bethune-Cookman; Ryan Osborne, senior, Southern Utah; Josue Ortiz, senior, Harvard; Joseph Lebeau, junior, Jackson State.

Linebackers — L.J. Fort, senior, Northern Iowa; Derek Rose, junior, Northwestern State; Keith Pough, junior, Howard.

Defensive backs — Serge Kona, junior, Duquesne; Asa Jackson, junior, Cal Poly; Jeremy Caldwell, senior, Eastern Kentucky; Daxton Swanson, senior, Sam Houston State.

Punter — Patrick Murray, junior, Fordham.

Quarterback — Casey Brockman, junior, Murray State.

Running backs — Nick Schweiger, senior, Dartmouth; Matt Denham, junior, Eastern Kentucky.

Linebacker — Scott Schweizer, senior, Tennessee Tech; John Appender, senior, Jeff Adams, senior, Columbia; Troy McKenna, junior, Lehigh.

Receivers — Shane Savage, senior, Cornell; Tre Gray, senior, Richmond; Elvis Akpla, senior, Montana State.

All-purpose — Gralyn Crawford, junior, Ripon; F. Austin.

Kicker — Tyler Sievertsen, sophomore, Northern Iowa.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Dec. 17

At Barron Stadium, Rome, Ga.

St. Xavier (Ill.) (13-1) vs. Carroll (Mont.) (12-1), 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE — AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	10	3	0	769	396	274
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	615	327	270
Buffalo	5	8	0	385	288	251
Miami	4	9	0	308	256	246

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
y-Houston	10	3	0	769	330	208	
Tennessee	7	6	0	538	266	251	
Jacksonville	4	9	0	308	193	252	
Indianapolis	0	13	0	0	0	184	382

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	10	3	0	769	320	202
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	538	282	198
Cincinnati	7	6	0	538	285	270
Cleveland	4	9	0	308	178	254

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Oakland	7	6	0	615	269	302
Denver	8	5	0	538	290	354
San Diego	6	7	0	462	234	299
Kansas City	5	8	0	385	173	205

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	538	324	349
Dallas	7	6	0	538	317	281

TRANSACCIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Derek Lee for director of baseball operations (player personnel and acquisitions) and David Stearns director of baseball operations (contracts, strategy and analysis).

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with LHP Josh Willingham on a three-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Fabio Castillo and C Chris Robinson on minor league contracts.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Released OF-1B Nick Stavino from his minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Chuck James on a minor league contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with LHP Dontrelle Willis on a one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP J.C. Romero on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G Reggie Williams to a two-year contract.

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Waived G Andy Rautins.

DENVER NUGGETS—Signed F Michael Beasley.

DUNDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed F Golden McGuire.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed F Billy White Leaver.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed F John Lewis.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Malcolm Lee to a three-year contract and G Bonzi Wells.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed C Jerome Jordan.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Ime Udoka and Shawne Williams. Waived F Travis Outlaw.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed G Jamal Crawford to a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

SASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed S Laron Landry on injured reserve.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Named Corey Chamblin coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NH—Fined Boston D Adam McQuaid \$2,500 for kneeing Ottawa F Nick Foligno in a Dec. 4 game.

BUFFALO SABRES—Signed F Kevin Sundher to a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled LW Tomas Tatar from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Sent RW Nick Palmieri to Albany (AHL).

Arrows

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ended the night going 4-11 from deep, while Watertown's 10 made three-point buckets were nearly as many threes as Yankton attempted. Watertown ended 10-26 from behind the line on the night with five different Arrows' players hitting a long ball.

"We knew coming in that Watertown is a team that will live and die by the three," Gross said. "Watertown doesn't have a dominant force on the inside, but does have capable shooters. We talked about getting out and defending on the perimeter, but they were hitting on their shots tonight."

Another problem for the Bucks was their inability to score. No player broke into double-digits for Yankton. Leading the way was Kellen Soulek with nine points and seven rebounds.

Bryan Youngberg also scored nine points and had three steals for Yankton.

The Bucks will have to recover from the loss within a very short time frame. Yankton plays at Brandon Valley on Saturday night, which is the fourth game in an eight day period for the Bucks.

"It is a tough thing to do, but we just have to keep plugging

away," Gross said. "We don't have many practices in between games, but when we do we need to work on things that are hurting us in games. If we can correct those short-comings we will move in a positive direction and the wins will come."

In Junior Varsity action the Watertown JV beat Yankton's JV 50-36. Yankton was led by Troy Hunhoff with 12 points.

The Arrows' Sophomores also came away with a victory over Yankton 56-45. The Bucks were led by Landon Breen with 17 points, Tanner Termansen with 11 points, and Ryan Olson with 10 points.

Yankton's Freshman "A" team got the only Buck win on the night, 49-36. Austin Johnson dropped in 10 points.

The Yankton Freshman "B" team lost 43-39. Nick Raab scored 10 points.

WATERTOWN 56
Alex Kindopp 0-2 0-0 0, Blake Heiser 1-6 2-3 4, Adam Fjeldheim 1-1 0-0 3, Tye Rami 1-3 0-0 3, Nick Gottlieb 3-6 2-2 10, Tanner Heiser 9-17 6-9 29, Brody Ries 1-1 0-0 3, Trevan Kor-thout 0-1 0-1 0, Jared Johnson 1-6 0-0 2, Harrison Jones 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 18-46 10-12 56.

YANKTON 43
Jackson Pasco 0-2 0-0 0, Michael Rucker 1-3 0-0 2, Connor Fitzsimmons 2-4 0-2 6, Bryan Youngberg 2-9 4-4 9, Jordan Heina 2-4 0-0 4, Jackson Seitzinger 2-6 0-0 5, Kellen Soulek 4-6 1-4 9, Connor Vlasman 3-6 2-2 8. Totals 18-40 11-42 56

WATERTOWN.....13 23 44 56

YANKTON.....8 29 36 43

FG% — Watertown .391, Yankton .400; 3-PT FG — Watertown 10-26 (Kindopp 0-1, B. Heiser 0-3, Fjeldheim 1-1, Rami 1-2, Gottlieb 2-4, T. Heiser 5-11, 11, Korthour 0-1, Johnson 0-2), Yankton 4-11 (Fitzsimmons 2-4, Youngberg 1-4, Seitzinger 1-2, Vlasman 0-1). Rebounds — Watertown 27 (Johnson 4), Yankton 27 (Soulek 7, Seitzinger 5). Total Fouls — Watertown 15, Yankton 17. Fouled Out — None. Assists — Watertown 8 (B. Heiser 3), Yankton 9 (Youngberg 3). Steals — Watertown 11 (T. Heiser 3), Yankton 7 (Youngberg 3). Blocked Shots — Watertown 0, Yankton 2 (Soulek, Heina). Turnovers — Watertown 12, Yankton 17.

NCAA Puts Athlete Stipend On Hold

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA is putting its \$2,000 stipend on hold.

The governing body said Thursday the number of schools seeking an override had reached 125 — the necessary number to consider the rule until it can be resuspended by the Division I Board of Directors at January's NCAA convention.

The board passed legislation in October to give some athletes an additional \$2,000 toward the full cost-of-tuition, room and board, books and fees. Some schools have expressed opposition because they believe it violates the NCAA's philosophy on amateur

sports. But most are concerned about compliance with Title IX rules requiring schools to treat men's and women's sports equally, or the budget hit athletic departments will face with incoming recruits next fall.

NCAA President Mark Emmert says he believes the concerns can be addressed.

The board has passed legislation when it meets: Rescind the stipend and operate under previous NCAA rules, modify the rule or create a new proposal that would go back to the schools for another 60-day comment period, or allow members to vote on the override. It would take 5/8ths majority of the

roughly 350 Division I members to pass.

Some conferences already have agreed to start giving out the additional money, and NCAA vice president David Berst acknowledged Wednesday that many of the 1,000 or so student-athletes who have signed national letters-of-intent did so with the expectation of receiving the additional money.

Those athletes will get the stipend, the NCAA announced in a statement on its web site.

But unless the override measure fails or the board passes a modified version, athletes who sign with schools in February or April would be prohibited from re-

Willingham, Twins Agree On \$21M, Three-Year Deal

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins welcomed Josh Willingham to the team on Thursday, a move that had many bracing for a wave goodbye to Michael Cuddyer.

Willingham agreed to a \$21 million, three-year contract, giving the Twins a player with strikingly similar offensive numbers to Cuddyer's over the past six seasons.

Twins GM Terry Ryan was unavailable for comment on Thursday and the team planned to hold an introductory conference call with Willingham on Friday. Ryan said earlier in the week the team had not ruled out Cuddyer returning, and it's no secret that both Ryan and manager Ron Gardenhire would love to keep the versatile veteran around both for production on the field and leadership in the clubhouse.

Adding Willingham, a right-handed hitting outfielder to help balance out a lefty-heavy lineup, would help ease the sting if Cuddyer doesn't return. The 32-year-

old hit .246 with a career-high 29 homers and 98 RBIs for the A's last year.

Cuddyer hit .284 with 20 homers and 70 RBIs last season, earning an All-Star bid for the first time in his 11-year career. Over the past six seasons, Cuddyer has hit .266 with 66 homers while Willingham has hit .257 with 69 home runs.

Willingham has played mostly left field throughout his career, but the Twins would likely have to move to him right field if Cuddyer goes, so the weak-armed Ben Revere could play left field.

Willingham will make \$7 million per season for each of the next three years. If he reaches 525 plate appearances in 2013, his 2014 salary would increase to \$8 million. He has only reached that plateau one time in that last four years, with Oakland Athletics last season.

The Twins were looking for more power from the right side of the plate to help balance a batting order that has lefties Denard

Span, Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau near the top. Willingham has topped 20 homers four times in six full major league seasons, and the hope is he will have similar success at spacious Target Field, one of the most difficult ballparks to hit it over the fence.

If Cuddyer does leave, the Twins would receive two draft picks as compensation.

He has been a Gardenhire favorite for years because of his hustle, discipline, dependability and versatility. Cuddyer has

All-Star

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ing to continue its success, the Warriors can use the experience of having three players selected to attract new players down the road, Toupal said.

"The longer we're around, the more players I think we'll get it, but this will definitely help," he said. "That first year (2009), we had a lot of players from outside of Yankton, but now we've had more guys show up and stay with us."

In addition to the Warriors, five other conference members from the Midwest Football Alliance — comprised of 10 teams — will be represented at Saturday's game.

The Minnesota Spartans will have 12 players, followed by the Sioux Falls Stallions (4), Capital City Crush (1), Des Moines Blaze

(1) and Quad City Raiders (1).

Getting a chance to watch the Blaze and their talented quarterback Terence Manning will also give the Warriors a chance to do some scouting, Silvernail said.

The Des Moines Blaze were the 2011 Semi-Pro BCS national champions and ended the season No. 1 in the national standings.

"We'll have to play them soon, so it'll be good to see what he (Manning) can do," said Silvernail, who will be in attendance for the game.

For those actually scheduled to be on the field, Saturday's opportunity marks a significant milestone in their careers, according to Toupal.

Did he ever envision having a chance to play at the Metrodome? "Honestly, no," Toupal said. "I grew up a (Chicago) Bears fan, so I always dreamed of playing at Soldier Field. But I guess the Metrodome will be fine too."

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11:15am, 4:15pm, 6:15pm & 8:15pm

Pee Wee A vs. Sioux Falls

Boys Varsity vs. Aberdeen

Boys Jr. Varsity vs. Aberdeen

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