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

Indiana State's Bell Leads FCS All-Americans BY RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Walter Payton Award finalists Bo Levi Mitchell of Eastern Washington and Shakir 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 Trumaine 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 backfield was Wofford fullback Eric Breitenstein, who has 1,474 yards rushing and 19 touchdowns.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, December 16 BASKETBALL, BOYS' Alcester-Hudson at Gayville-Volin;

Allen at Newcastle; Andes Central at Mitchell Christian; Beres

ford at Harrisburg; Canton at Dakota Valley; Centerville at

berlain; Plainview at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Platte-Geddes at Gregory; Wausa at Wynot; West Central at Wagner

Kicker — Ryan Estep, senior, Norfolk DEFENSE

Brent Russell, iunior

Georgia Southern; Blake Olijaro, sopho-

more, San Diego: Andrew Schaetzke, sen-

ior, Georgetown; Ronnie Cameron, senior, Old Dominion.

New Hampshire: Blake Peiffer, junior,

Southeast Missouri State: A.J. Storms.

THIRD TEAM

Linebackers – Matt Evans, junior,

Defensive backs — Kejuan Riley, jun

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.

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BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Watertown at YHS (7:30 p.m.);

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Portland State's Zach Brown was the kicker.

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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

NEBRASKA BOYS

Winnebago 91, Santee 36

NEBRASKA GIRLS

Concordia 51. Blair 34

Fremont 64, Omaha South 40

#### BASKETBALL

Amherst 72, Anselmo-Merna 57 Bancroft-Rosalie 62, Leigh 46 Blue Hill 51, Wood River 45 Chase County 40, Yuma, Colo. 35 SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS Aberdeen Roncalli 49, Clark/Willow ake 40 Britton-Hecla 53, Groton Area 41 Concordia 50, Logan View 46 Canadra rola 30, Ground Area 41 Canadota 66, Freeman 51 Chamberlain 85, Marty Indian 53 Colome 57, Gregory 31 Hanson 38, Menno 22 CWC 68. Cedar Valley 64 Gothenburg 45, North Platte Patrick's 44 Lincoln Pius X 66, Seward 40 Harding County 68, Hettinger/Scran ton, N.D. 51 west 49 Hitchcock-Tulare 55, Wessington Springs 38 Kimball/White Lake 68, Mitchell Chris-Catholic 31 Omaha South 54, Fremont 37 tian 48 Sidney 66, Alliance 45 Langford 84, Ipswich 39 McCook Central/Montrose 69, Howard Sutherland 82, Wallace 59 Wahoo 52 Centennial 51

Milbank 66, Webster 51 Mt. Vernon 55, Ethan 36 Parker 78, Alcester-Hudson 47

### Vermillion 66, Madison 53 Watertown 56, Yankton 43

#### SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS

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- Bon Homme 54, Scotland 52 Francis 36 Hartington Cedar Catholic 42, Avon, S.D. 34 Corsica/Stickney 59, Plankinton 33 Dupree 86, Wakpala 20 Edgemont 50, Sioux County, Neb. 34
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#### Wisner-Pilger 52, Oakland-Craig 36 Wood River 41, Blue Hill 33 Vermillion 57, South Sioux City, Neb.

FOOTBALL AP FCS ALL-AMERICA TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Arrows

Wolsey-Wessington 66, Iroquois 29 Yankton 49, Brandon Valley 38

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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' play-

ers 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.

Quarterback - Bo Levi Mitchell, sen ior, 6-2, 210, Eastern Washington, Running backs — Shakir Bell, sopho-more, 5-8, 185, Indiana State; Eric Breitenstein, junior, 5-11, 225, Wofford. Linemen - J.C. Oram, senior, 6-4 300, Weber State; George Bias, senior, 6-3, 305, Stephen F. Austin; Paul Cornick, senior, 6-6, 309, North Dakota State; Brett St. Moore, senior, 6-3, 255, Georgia Southern: Tom Compton, senior, 6-6, 314, South Lincoln Southeast 57, Lincoln South-Dakota Receivers — Rodrick Rumble, junior, 6-2, 201, Idaho State; Aaron Mellette, jun-Minden 52, Grand Island Central ior, 6-4, 212, Elon; Ryan Spadola, junior, 6-3, 205, Lehigh. All-purpose — Jonathan Grimes, sen-ior, 5-10, 201, Williams & Mary. Kicker — Zach Brown, junior, 6-1, 200, Portland State. DEFENSE Linemen — Ben Boothby, senior, 6-0, 280, Northern Iowa; Zack Nash, senior, 6-4, 260, Sacramento State; Ben Obaseki, Cedar Bluffs 43, Parkview Christian 24 Crofton 71, Ponca 22 Edgemont, S.D. 50, Sioux County 34 unior. 6-3. 260. Indiana State: Adrian Hamilton, senior, 6-3, 255, Prairie View A&M. Guardian Angels 65, Humphrey St. Linebackers — Tyler Holmes, senior, 6-0, 224, Massachusetts; Kadarron Ander son, senior, 6-1, 234, Furman; Caleb Mc-Surdy, senior, 6-1, 242, Montana. Defensive backs — Marcus Williams, sophomore, 5-11, 190, North Dakota State; Trumaine Johnson, senior, 6-3, 210, Mon-tana; Ryan Steed, senior, 5-11, 188, Furman; Josh Norman, senior, 6-2, 190, North Platte St. Patrick's 63, Gothen-

Coastal Carolina. Punter — David Harrington, senior, 6-2, 185, Idaho State. Omaha Brownell-Talbot 46, Omaha

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE Quarterback — Chris Lum, senior, Papillion-LaVista 59, Omaha Marian

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OFFENSE Quarterback — Casey Brockman, jun ior, Murray State more. Sam Houston State.

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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

ior, Duquesne; Asa Jackson, junior, Cal Poly; Jeremy Caldwell, senior, Eastern Kentucky; Daxton Swanson, junior, Sam ior, Alabama State; Justin Bethel, senior, Presbyterian: Darnell Taylor, junior, Sam Houston State. Houston State; Bryce Robertson, senior, Punter - Patrick Murray, junior, Fordham v-Houston Punter — Jonathan Plisco, junior, Old Tennessee Jacksonville NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS SEMIFINALS Indianapolis Friday, Dec. 16 Montana (11 na (11-2) at Sam H (Texas) (13-0), 7 p.m.

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**TRANSACTIONS** 

BASEBALL

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

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Monday, Dec. 19 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS-Signed F Dominic McGuire.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed F Billy White. MILWAUKEE BUCKS-Signed F Jon

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES-American League CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Derek Falvey director of baseball opera-Signed G Malcolm Lee to a three-year contract and G Bonzi Wells. NEW YORK KNICKS-Signed C

and David Stearns director of baseball op-erations (player personnel and acquisitions) and David Stearns director of baseball op-erations (contracts, strategy and analysis). MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to rome Jordan. NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Ime Udoka and Shawne Williams. Waived F terms with OF Josh Willingham on a three-Travis Outlaw.

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#### FOOTBALL

National Football League WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed S LaRon Landry on injured reserve

Canadian Football League SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRID-ERS—Named Corey Chamblin coach.

#### HOCKEY

National Hockey League NHL—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). al Basketball Association OTTE BOBCATS—Signed G NEW JERSEY DEVILS-Sent RW Nick Palmieri to Albany (AHL).

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 suspend the rule until it can be reconsidered 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. money that would go beyond 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 three options 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 a 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 receiving additional money.

Emmert has insisted over the past several months that the additional money is not pay-for-play and compares it to stipends nonathletes receive beyond the cost of tuition, room and board, books and fees. Until 1972. college athletes were permitted to receive a small monthly payment as laundry money.

Some critics contend \$2,000 is not nearly enough and cite studies showing the average athlete pays roughly \$3,000 to \$4,000 out of his or her own pocket in college costs.

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Saturday, Dec. 17 At Barron Stadium, Rome, Ga. St. Xavier (III.) (13-1) vs. Carroll

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

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

## **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

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(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.

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

Did he ever envision having a

"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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We'll have to play them soon,

Toupal

chance to play at the Metrodome?

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.

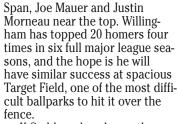
Adding Willingham, a righthanded hitting outfielder to help balance out a lefty-heavy lineup, would help ease the sting if Cuddyer doesn't return. The 32-yearold hit .246 with a career-high 29 homers and 98 RBIs for the A's last year.

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 seaons, 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



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

played right field, center field. first base, second base, third base and DH over the last few seasons for the Twins, filling in for numerous injuries the team has endured.

But the Twins are also determined to keep the payroll at around \$100 million, meaning Cuddyer would likely have to take a decent paycut from the four-year, \$33 million contract he just finished to stay in Minnesota.



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