



D3football.com 2015 All-West Region Team

Riddle, Hoff key All-Region team,
presented by Stagg Bowl XLIII



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MINNEAPOLIS – It was a double dip for Linfield as the Wildcats will take home the top player awards for the D3football.com All-West Region team. Linfield defensive end Alex Hoff was named 2015 West Region Defensive Player of the Year, while quarterback Sam Riddle was named West Region Offensive Player of the Year.

The 2015 D3football.com All-Region teams are presented by Stagg Bowl XLIII, to be played on Friday, Dec. 18, in Salem, Va. Tickets are on sale now for Stagg Bowl XLIII at Ticketmaster and the Salem Civic Center. Call 540-375-3004 to charge by phone or purchase online through Ticketmaster.

St. Thomas coach Glenn Caruso, whose team bounced back from a three-loss season in 2014 to reach the national semifinals for the third time in the past five years, was named D3football.com West Region Coach of the Year for the first time.

Riddle, a junior, played in the first 11 games for the Wildcats this season before being injured and completed 60.5 percent of his passes, throwing for 2,295 yards and 29 touchdowns and running for another 217 yards and five scores. He threw just five interceptions for Linfield, which faces St. Thomas in Saturday's national semifinals.

Hoff has been a force up front in his senior season for Linfield, registering 24 tackles for loss of 119 yards, including 15 sacks. He has forced two fumbles and recovered five, including one in the fourth quarter in Saturday's quarterfinal win vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor to set up the game-winning drive.

The teams, selected in balloting by West Region sports information directors and D3football.com staff, were chosen from 249 nominations by Division III member schools. A total of 77 players were chosen.

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Year-by-year award highlights

Year Offensive POY

2005 Brett Elliott, QB, Linfield
 2006 Justin Beaver, RB, UW-Whitewater
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 2008 Royce Winford, WR, Augsburg
 2009 Levell Coppage, RB, UW-Whitewater
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 Michael Zweifel, WR, Dubuque
 2012 Nate Wara, QB, UW-Oshkosh
 2013 John Kelly, QB, UW-Platteville
 2014 Chris Brinkmeier, T, Wartburg
 2015 Sam Riddle, QB, Linfield

Defensive POY

Damien Dumonceaux, DE, St. John's
 Ryan Kleppe, DT, UW-Whitewater
 Ryan Ogrizovich, DT, UW-Whitewater
 Brad Vickroy, DT, UW-Stevens Point
 Marcus Ball, DE, UW-Stout
 Eric Hedin, DE, Linfield
 Tony Danna, LB, St. Thomas
 Dom Forrest, LB, Linfield
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 Jacob Zilbar, LB, UW-Platteville
 Alex Hoff, DE, Linfield

Coach of the Year

Bob Berezowitz, UW-Whitewater
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 Steve Johnson, Bethel
 Mark Speckman, Willamette
 Joe Smith, Linfield
 Steve Johnson, Bethel
 Chris Sulages, Lewis and Clark
 Pat Cerroni, UW-Oshkosh
 Lance Leipold, UW-Whitewater
 Rick Willis, Wartburg
 Glenn Caruso, St. Thomas

The teams follow:



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Offensive Player of the Year: Sam Riddle, QB, Linfield

Defensive Player of the Year: Alex Hoff, DE, Linfield

Coach of the Year: Glenn Caruso, St. Thomas

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First Team Offense

Pos.Player	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB Sam Riddle	Linfield	Jr.	Hillsboro, Ore.
RB Jordan Roberts	St. Thomas	Jr.	Sheridan, Wyo.
RB Travis Sparks-Jackson	La Verne	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
WR Matt Boyce	Gustavus Adolphus	Sr.	Excelsior, Minn.
WR Joey Sonnenfeld	Augsburg	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.
TE Charlie Dowdle	St. Thomas	Sr.	Glenview, Ill.
T Sam Versnik	UW-Oshkosh	Sr.	West Allis, Wis.
G Chase Wilhelms	Wartburg	Sr.	Shannon, Ill.
C Eric Pitassi	Linfield	Sr.	West Linn, Ore.
G Austin Jones	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Madison, Wis.
T David Simmet	St. Thomas	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn.
K Rehn Reiley	Whitworth	Fr.	Moses Lake, Wash.
RET Kennedy Johnson	Linfield	Jr.	Gresham, Ore.

Second Team Offense

QB Ayrton Scott	Augsburg	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
RB Sam Sura	St. John's	Sr.	South St. Paul, Minn.
RB Jordan Ratliffe	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
WR Kevin Jennings	Carroll	Sr.	Donnellson, Iowa
WR Matt Sosinsky	UW-Stevens Point	Sr.	Princeton, Wis.
TE Nick Kiourakas	Whitworth	So.	Spokane, Wash.
T Tony Koepnick	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Sussex, Wis.
G Kane'ala Atchison-Keolanui	UW-Stout	Jr.	Lodi, Wis.
C Spencer Shier	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Pardeeville, Wis.
G Ben Brown	St. John's	Sr.	Ceylon, Minn.
T Will Hilbert	St. Thomas	Jr.	Mequon, Wis.
K Jesse VerVelde	UW-Stevens Point	Sr.	Ooostburg, Wis.
RET Josh Bungum	St. John's	Sr.	Paynesville, Minn.

Third Team Offense

QB Mitch Hendricks	Gustavus Adolphus	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
RB Kwame Do	Occidental	Sr.	San Marino, Calif.
RB Jordan Beem	Simpson	Jr.	Altoona, Iowa
WR Marcus Hudson	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Delavan, Wis.
WR Nate Even	Loras	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
TE Nick Simon	St. John's	Sr.	New Ulm, Minn.
T Bob Rose	Augsburg	Sr.	Le Sueur, Minn.
G Tanner Bronkema	Dubuque	Sr.	Forreston, Ill.
C Zach Swingen	Augsburg	Sr.	Cross Plains, Wis.
G Will Morse	Westminster (Mo.)	Sr.	Klamath Falls, Ore.
T Jacob Bunk	St. Norbert	Sr.	St. Francis, Wis.
K Sean Murray	Redlands	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
RET Mitch Ejnik	St. Scholastica	Jr.	New London, Minn.

First Team Defense

Pos.Player	School	Yr.	Hometown
DE Alex Hoff	Linfield	Sr.	Lebanon, Ore.
DT Ryan Winter	St. Thomas	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn.
DT Peyton Thiry	St. John's	Jr.	Lester Prairie, Minn.
DE Andrew Robinson	UW-Platteville	Sr.	Arcadia, Wis.
LB Justin Dischler	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
LB Andrew Belken	UW-Platteville	Sr.	East Dubuque, Ill.
LB Alex Mangan	St. Scholastica	Sr.	Eagan, Minn.
CB Kyle Belcher	Linfield	Sr.	El Dorado Hills, Calif.
S Ryan Winske	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Omro, Wis.
S Keanu Yamamoto	Linfield	Sr.	Waikoloa, Hawaii
CB Victor Bunce	Claremont-M-S	So.	El Dorado Hills, Calif.
P Sean Murray	Redlands	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
ST Jack Swanberg	Hamline	Sr.	Le Sueur, Minn.

Second Team Defense

DE Aaron Karlen	UW-Stevens Point	Sr.	Edgar, Wis.
DT Brandon Tamsett	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Waterford, Wis.
DT Nathan Hultgren	Bethel	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.
DE Trevor Fiegel	UW-Oshkosh	Sr.	Wis. Rapids, Wis.
LB Carter Hanson	St. John's	Jr.	Blue Earth, Minn.
LB Jesse Addo	St. Thomas	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn.
LB Jake Reimer	Linfield	So.	Sherwood, Ore.
CB Frank Laterza	St. Norbert	Sr.	Barrington Hills, Ill.
S Ryan Weber	UW-La Crosse	So.	Holmen, Wis.
S Zach Matter	Central	Jr.	Ankeny, Iowa
CB Logan Pitz	Wartburg	Sr.	Farley, Iowa
P Graham Fisher	Grinnell	Sr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
ST Decker Thompson	Ripon	Sr.	Janesville, Wis.

Third Team Defense

DE Thomas Lesniewski	Monmouth	Fr.	Algonquin, Ill.
DT Zach Hauser	Macalester	Sr.	Port Washington, Wis.
DT Paul Slaats	Claremont-M-S	Jr.	Malvern, Pa.
DE Jeff Bajema	Pacific	Jr.	Burlington, Wash.
LB Erik Bye	Concordia-Moorhead	Sr.	Moorhead, Minn.
LB Blaine Snitker	Dubuque	Sr.	Waukon, Iowa
LB Will Janssen	Wartburg	Sr.	Mediapolis, Iowa
CB Trevor Warner	St. John's	Sr.	Murrieta, Calif.
S Johnny Eagan	UW-Oshkosh	Jr.	Wautoma, Wis.
S Antonio Jones	Beloit	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
CB Mozus Ikuenobe	St. Thomas	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
P Grant Zimmerman	Wartburg	Sr.	Mendota, Ill.

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