



2016 PRESEASON HONORS



PRESEASON ALL-PAC 12 CONFERENCE

- CB CHIDOBE AWUZIE** (first-team: *collegesportsmadness.com*; second-team: *Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football, Phil Steele's College Football*)
- DT JORDAN CARRELL** (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- ILB RICK GAMBOA** (third-team: *Lindy's College Football*)
- ILB ADDISON GILLAM** (third-team: *collegesportsmadness.com*; fourth-team: *Athlon Sports; Phil Steele's College Football*)
- OT JEROMY IRWIN** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- C ALEX KELLEY** (fourth-team: *Athlon Sports*)
- P ALEX KINNEY** (third-team: *Athlon Sports, collegesportsmadness.com*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- OG TIM LYNOTT, Jr.** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- OLB DEREK McCARTNEY** (third-team: *Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football*)
- S TEDRIC THOMPSON** (third-team: *Athlon Sports, Phil Steele's College Football, collegesportsmadness.com*)
- DT JOSH TUPOU** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football, collegesportsmadness.com*; fourth-team: *Athlon Sports*)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS (WATCH LISTS/Nominations)

- Chuck Bednarik Award** (defensive player of the year): **CB Chidobe Awuzie** (one of 90 on official watch list)
- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award** (most outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): **SE Sean Irwin** (CU's nomination for the award)
- Paul Hornung Award** (most versatile player): **WR Donovan Lee** (one of 43 on official watch list)
- Bronko Nagurski Award** (defensive player of the year): **CB Chidobe Awuzie** (one of 88 on official watch list)
- Jim Thorpe Award** (top defensive back): **CB Chidobe Awuzie** (one of 39 on official watch list)
- Doak Walker** (top running back): **TB Phillip Lindsay** (one of 76 on official watch list)
- Danny Wuerffel Award** (athletic, academic & community achievement): **QB Sefo Liufau** (one of 88 on official watch list)
- AFC A Good Words Team** (community service; 12 are honored): **OLB Derek McCartney** (one of 81 official nominations)

NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER RATINGS

- Cornerbacks:** Chidobe Awuzie (No. 11, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Inside Linebackers:** Addison Gillam (No. 26, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Offensive Tackles:** Jeremy Irwin (No. 41, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Quarterbacks:** Sefo Liufau (No. 44, *Athlon Sports*)
- Strong Safeties:** Tedric Thompson (No. 17, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Tight Ends:** Sean Irwin (No. 38, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Overall:** Chidobe Awuzie (No. 89, *nfl.com*; the No. 19 defensive back and No. 11 cornerback)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

- Defensive Backs:** No. 40 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Linebackers:** No. 32 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)
- Special Teams:** No. 45 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

TOP COLLEGE TOWN RATINGS

- Boulder:** No. 4 (*Athlon Sports*)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	P-12 South
Phil Steele's College Football	*No. 50	t-5th
ESPN FB Preview Magazine	No. 59	6th
Athlon Sports	No. 61	6th
Cap Heresey	No. 61	6th
collegesportsmadness.com	No. 64	6th
Lindy's Pac-12 Football	No. 71	6th
CompughterRankings.com	No. 79	6th
Arena Fanatic	t-4th
Pac-12 Summer Media Poll	6th
Collegefootballnews.com	6th
McIllece Sports	6th
The Sporting News	6th

*—power ranking.

SPRING TEAM AWARDS

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| Eddie Crowder Award (<i>Outstanding Leadership</i>) | CB Chidobe Awuzie & TE Sean Irwin |
| Fred Casotti Award (<i>Most Improved Offensive Back</i>) | QB Steven Montez |
| Joe Romig Award (<i>Most Improved Offensive Lineman</i>) | Isaac Miller |
| Hale Irwin Award (<i>Most Improved Defensive Back</i>) | Afolabi Laguda |
| Greg Biekert Award (<i>Most Improved Linebacker</i>) | N.J. Faló |
| Dan Stavely Award (<i>Most Improved Defensive Lineman</i>) | Tim Coleman |
| Bill McCartney Award (<i>Most Improved Special Teams Player</i>) | P Alex Kinney |
| John Wooten Award (<i>Outstanding Work Ethic</i>) | C Tim Lynott, Jr. |
| Dick Anderson Award (<i>Outstanding Toughness</i>) | FB George Frazier & S Ryan Moeller |
| Jim Hansen Award (<i>Outstanding Academics</i>) | OG Gerrad Kough |



CB Chidobe Awuzie



OT Jeremy Irwin



DT Josh Tupou