



2020 PRESEASON HONORS



PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

ILB NATE LANDMAN (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

PRESEASON ALL-PAC 12 CONFERENCE

TB ALEX FONTENOT (second-team: *Pick Six Previews*; third-team: *Athlon*; *Phil Steele's College Football*)

DE MUSTAFA JOHNSON (second-team: *Athlon*, *Lindy's College Football*; *Pick Six Previews*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

ILB NATE LANDMAN (first-team: *Athlon*; *Lindy's College Football*; *Phil Steele's College Football*; *Street & Smith's*; *collegefootballnews.com*; second-team: *Pick Six Previews*)

DE TERRANCE LANG (third-team: *Lindy's College Football*; *Pick Six Previews*)

WR K.D. NIXON (fourth-team: *Athlon*)

DT JALEN SAMI (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

TE BRADY RUSSELL (third-team: *Athlon*; *Phil Steele's College Football*; *Pick Six Previews*)

OT WILL SHERMAN (second-team: *Athlon*; third-team: *Pick Six Previews*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

(Watch Lists/Official Nominations)

Chuck Bednarik Award (top defensive player): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 90 players on official watch list)

2019 William Campbell Trophy (the academic "Heisman"): **TE Matt Lynch** (one of 199 semifinalists)

Dick Butkus Award (top linebacker): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 51 players on official watch list)

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): **TB Alex Fontenot** (CU's official nomination)

Paul Hornung Award (most versatile player): **WR K.D. Nixon** (one of 50 players on official watch list)

Lott IMPACT Trophy (for Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 42 players on official watch list)

Bronko Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player): **Nate Landman** (one of 98 players on official watch list)

Rimington Award (nation's top center): **C Colby Pursell** (one of 90 players on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (nation's top running back): **TB Alex Fontenot** (one of 76 on official watch list)

Danny Wuerffel Award (community service): **C Colby Pursell** (one of 114 on official watch list)

NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER/COACH RATINGS

Defensive Ends: Mustafa Johnson (No. 9, *ESPN.com*); Terrance Lang (No. 52, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Defensive Tackles: Mustafa Johnson (No. 45, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Inside Linebackers: Nate Landman (No. 11, *Phil Steele's College Football*; No. 12, *Lindy's College Football*)

Outside Linebackers: Carson Wells (No. 66, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Strong Safeties: Derrion Rakestraw (No. 20, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Wide Receivers: K.D. Nixon (No. 61, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

PAC-12 PLAYER RATINGS

ILB NATE LANDMAN (No. 8; *collegefootballnews.com*)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Defensive Line: No. 51 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

Linebackers: No. 52 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME / 2021 CLASS BALLOT

TB ERIC BIENIEMY (played at Colorado from 1987-90; 3,940 career rushing yards—CU all-time leader—5.63 yards per carry, 41 TDs; third in '90 Heisman voting)

CB CHRIS HUDSON (played at Colorado from 1991-94; 15 career INT (second at CU); '94 Thorpe Award winner; three-time, first-team All-Big 8: at CB & S)

TB RASHAAN SALAAM (played at Colorado from 1992-94; 2,055 rushing yards, 24 TDs in '94: won Heisman Trophy, Doak Walker Award and Walter Camp POY Trophy)

CU STUDENT-ATHLETE-OF-THE-MONTH (self-advocacy, dedication, work ethic)

ILB QUINN PERRY (July 2020; *Ethnic Studies & Psychology major*)

OLB ALVIN WILLIAMS (July 2020; *Exploratory Studies*)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	P-12 South	Publication	National	P-12 South	Publication	National	P-12 South
Pick Six Previews	No. 53	4th	The Kickoff	95th	6th	McIllece Sports	.....	6th
Collegefootballnews.com	No. 59	t-4th	CFP Professor	.....	4th	The Athletic	NR	NR
Lindy's Pac-12 Football	No. 62	4th	Pac-12 Summer Media Poll	.....	5th	CBSSports.com	NR	NR
Versus Sports Simulator	No. 69	5th	247Sports.com	.....	6th	SB Nation	NR	NR
Football Outsiders	No. 74	....	Sports Formulator	.....	6th	ESPN.com	NR	NR
ESPN Power Index	*No. 75	6th	Street & Smith's	.....	6th	Associated Press	.....	...
Phil Steele's College Football	*No. 84	6th	Gold Sheet	.....	6th	USA Today/Coaches Poll	.....	...
Athlon Sports	No. 94	6th	Arena Fanatic	.....	6th	*—power ranking.		