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Four-Time First-Team selections Christian and Smith Highlight 26th All-PFL Teams

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – Sixty student-athletes have been named to the 26th All-Pioneer Football League teams, Tuesday. All selections were made by the league's coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own student-athletes.

Marist senior wide receiver Juston Christian and Dayton senior punter Sean Smith joined an elite group of PFL athletes, each earning their fourth career First-Team All-PFL selection. Christian ended his career as the first PFL wide receiver – and 17th in FCS history – to surpass 4,000 career receiving yards (4,069 career yards). Smith's tenure with the Flyers saw him set the PFL career mark for punting average (42.50) that had stood since 2012.

In addition, redshirt senior quarterback Anthony Lawrence and redshirt senior offensive lineman Dan Cooney – both members of the San Diego football squad – earned their third First-Team All-PFL honor. Lawrence, behind an offensive line led by Cooney, finished with a PFL record 12,628 career passing yards.

Lawrence led a group of four unanimous First-Team All-PFL honorees. He was joined by San Diego junior wide receiver Michael Bandy, Butler senior wide receiver Pace Temple, and Dayton redshirt senior running back Tucker Yinger.

Other repeat First-Team All-PFL selections were Temple, Yinger, Davidson sophomore running back Wesley Dugger, San Diego redshirt junior offensive lineman Jake Michaels, Drake redshirt senior defensive lineman Nathan Clayberg and Marist redshirt senior linebacker Willie Barrett. All told, 10 members of the First-Team All-PFL were repeat honorees from 2017.

Eleven members of the first and second-team All-PFL selections were freshmen or sophomores in 2018. That total includes six underclassmen named First-Team All-PFL: Dugger, Jacksonville freshman fullback Garnett Nicolas, Davidson sophomore offensive lineman Zion Johnson, San Diego redshirt sophomore defensive lineman Nick Friedel, and Dayton redshirt sophomore linebacker Andrew Lutgens.

In addition to the 60 student-athletes recognized on the league's first and second teams, 72 student-athletes received honorable mention recognition.

The Academic All-PFL team, highlighted by the league's Scholar-Athlete of the Year, will be released Wednesday, concluding the league's awards week.

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2018 Pioneer Football League Major Award Winners

Offensive Player of the Year: Anthony Lawrence, San Diego

Defensive Player of the Year: Nathan Clayberg, Drake

Special Teams Player of the Year: Michael Armstead, San Diego

Freshman Offensive Player of the Year: Jack Cook, Dayton

Co-Freshman Defensive Player of the Year: Mickey Kane, Butler

Co-Freshman Defensive Player of the Year: Dreylan Hines, Davidson

Coach of the Year: Roger Hughes, Stetson

Scholar-Athlete of the Year: To be announced, Wednesday

2018 All-Pioneer Football League First Team

(as selected by PFL head coaches)

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
OFFENSE (Six offensive linemen due to tie in voting)						
WR	Michael Bandy (U, H)	San Diego	5-11	190	Jr.	La Mirada, California
WR	Juston Christian (4x)	Marist	6-0	188	Sr.	Owings Mills, Maryland
WR	Pace Temple (U, 1)	Butler	6-1	200	Sr.	Geneva, Illinois
QB	Anthony Lawrence (U, 3x)	San Diego	6-1	195	RSr.	La Mesa, California
TE	Donald Parham (H)	Stetson	6-8	240	Sr.	Lakeland, Florida
RB	Wesley Dugger (1)	Davidson	6-0	192	So.	Henrico, Virginia
RB	Tucker Yinger (U, 1)	Dayton	5-11	187	RSr.	Columbus, Ohio
FB	Garnett Nicolas	Jacksonville	6-2	225	Fr.	Florida, New York
OL	Dan Cooney (3x)	San Diego	6-8	315	RSr.	Western Springs, Illinois
OL	Jake Dempsey (H)	Jacksonville	6-2	300	Sr.	Bunnell, Florida
OL	Ben Gauthier (2)	Dayton	6-2	275	Sr.	Avon, Ohio
OL	Zion Johnson	Davidson	6-3	266	So.	Bowie, Maryland
OL	Jake Michaels (1)	San Diego	6-3	280	RJr.	Poway, California
OL	Andrew Rogalski	Stetson	6-4	292	Sr.	Bethesda, Maryland
DEFENSE (Five linebackers due to tie in voting)						
DL	Nathan Clayberg (1)	Drake	6-5	294	RSr.	Pella, Iowa
DL	Gavin Dineen	Drake	6-3	284	Jr.	Algonquin, Illinois
DL	Nick Friedel	San Diego	6-3	235	RSo.	San Ramon, California
DL	Nick Surges (H)	Dayton	6-3	237	RSr.	Naperville, Illinois
LB	Willie Barrett (1)	Marist	5-11	226	RSr.	Holiday, Florida
LB	Colby Duncan	Stetson	6-2	208	RJr.	Jacksonville, Florida
LB	Andrew Lutgens	Dayton	6-3	202	RSo.	Brentwood, Tennessee
LB	Kieran Severa (H)	Drake	6-0	215	RSr.	Lawrence, Kansas
LB	Drew Snouffer (H)	Valparaiso	6-0	230	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio
DB	Jabari Butler (H)	Drake	5-11	186	RSr.	Chicago, Illinois
DB	David Leisring (H)	Dayton	6-1	190	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
DB	Brandon Miller (H)	Marist	5-10	189	RSr.	Suwanee, Georgia
DB	Will Warner (H)	Drake	6-3	201	Jr.	Pella, Iowa
SPECIAL TEAMS						
PK	Danny Donley (H)	Drake	5-8	154	Sr.	Tulsa, Oklahoma
P	Sean Smith (4x)	Dayton	6-4	228	Sr.	Avondale, Pennsylvania
RS	Michael Armstead	San Diego	5-11	175	Jr.	Monterey, California
LS	Matt Tunnacliffe (H)	Dayton	6-3	200	Sr.	West Chester, Ohio

Notes in parentheses: U-indicates a player was a unanimous first-team selection, 4x-is a four-time first-team All-PFL selection; 3x-is a three-time first-team All-PFL selection, 1-was a first-team selection in 2017, 2-was a second-team selection in 2017, H-was a honorable mention selection in 2017; FR-was a Freshman Player of the Year in 2017.

2018 All-Pioneer Football League Second Team

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
OFFENSE						
WR	Steven Burdette	Stetson	5-11	168	Jr.	Sardis, Mississippi
WR	Steve Doran	Drake	6-3	216	Sr.	Germantown, Wisconsin
WR	Jarin Higginbotham	Morehead State	6-0	200	RSr.	Liberty Township, Ohio
QB	Colin McGovern	Stetson	6-1	200	RSr.	Emerson, New Jersey
TE	Adam Trautman	Dayton	6-0	225	RSr.	Williamsburg, Michigan
RB	Emilio Martinez	San Diego	5-9	190	So.	Salinas, California
RB	Jareem Westcott	Stetson	5-10	185	Fr.	St. Augustine, Florida
FB	Jorell Story	Davidson	6-0	228	Jr.	Dallas, Georgia
OL	Tommy Kennedy	Butler	6-4	285	RJr.	Lake Bluff, Illinois
OL	James McCammon	Stetson	6-4	300	Sr.	Eau Gallie, Florida
OL	Grant Snow	Drake	6-2	266	RSr.	Columbia, Illinois
OL	Ethan Steinbacher	Davidson	6-2	278	Jr.	Concord, North Carolina
OL	Aidan Valencia	San Diego	6-6	275	Jr.	San Diego, California
DEFENSE						
DL	Erin Morgan	Drake	6-2	234	Sr.	Aurora, Illinois
DL	Bryce Perry-Martin	Davidson	6-1	266	Jr.	Spring Lake, North Carolina
DL	Enmanuel Soriano	Marist	6-1	278	RSr.	Wayne, New Jersey
DL	Connor Spencer	San Diego	6-3	285	RSr.	Boulder, Colorado
LB	Mason Brunner	Butler	6-0	215	Jr.	Harrison, Ohio
LB	Kama Kamaka	San Diego	6-1	195	So.	Kailua, Hawaii
LB	Kim Mahoney	San Diego	6-2	230	RSr.	San Diego, California
LB	Connor Willis	Drake	6-2	225	RSr.	Glen Ellyn, Illinois
DB	Arrion Archie	San Diego	6-0	183	Sr.	Vallejo, California
DB	JJ Henderson	Stetson	5-10	164	RSo.	Tampa, Florida
DB	Sean Lynch	Drake	5-9	180	RSr.	Hawthorn Woods, Illinois
DB	Luke Sennett	Butler	6-1	200	RJr.	West Chester, Ohio
SPECIAL TEAMS						
PK	Drew Bevelhimer	Butler	6-1	185	Jr.	Indianapolis, Indiana
P	Tanner Kuljian	San Diego	5-10	170	RSo.	Temecula, California
RS	Bailey Gessinger	Valparaiso	5-10	160	Jr.	Napanee, Indiana
LS	Mason Brunner	Butler	6-0	215	Jr.	Harrison, Ohio

2018 All-Pioneer Football League Honorable Mention

BUTLER: Bobby Jensen (OL), Mickey Kane (DL), Carter Ralieggh (LB), Dakota Sneed (OL), Brad Sznajder (RB), Ugo Udeogu (DL); **DAVIDSON:** Tony Collins (LB), Dreylan Hines (DB), Nick Nolting (LS), Clay Robinson (DL), Danial Runck (OL), Bryce Simmons (OL), Will Wicks (WR and RB); **DAYTON:** Joe Bruni (PK), Kyle Butz (RS), Jack Cook (QB), Michael Niese (OL), Isaac Sexton (DL); **DRAKE:** Jacob Bacon (OL), Devin Cates (WR), Cooper Christiano (DB), Zach DeLeon (TE), Brady Eckert (LS), Ross Kennedy (P), Jordan Lewinsky (OL), Peter Read (DL), Zac Rujawitz (LB), Tyler Terveer (OLB), Terry Wallen (RS); **JACKSONVILLE:** Javier Arce-Ramirez (PK), Dane Cordell (OL), CJ Lewis (DB), Crandall Maines (DL), Thomas Oporto (LB), Calvin Turner Jr. (QB), Caysaun Wakeley (LB); **MARIST:** Wes Beans (DB), Maliek Carr (LB), Grant Dixon (LB), Joe Giordano (LS), Jon Kanda (TE), Justice Seales (DB), Eric Taylor (DL), Ryan Webb (DB), Dan Wittekind (OL), Eddie Zinn Turner (DL); **MOREHEAD STATE:** Jamil Butler (DL), Andrew Foster (P), Ian Holder (RS), Kris Jones (OL), Sayyid Kanu (DB), Josh Poe (OL), Ben Price (OL); **SAN DIEGO:** David Tolbert (DB); **STETSON:** Bradley Alexander (LG), Alex Brown (RG), Reggie Gantt (SS), JJ Henderson (RS), Grant Hodges (FB), Justin Jordan (WR), Jonny Messina (K), Fermon Reid (DL), Jalon Scott (DB), Colin Wray (LS); **VALPARAISO:** Jamari Booker (DB), Jack Jarnigan (OL), Griffin Norberg (WR), Austin Petrie (LB), James Reed (DL), Tom Schofield (OL), Mike Wheeler (DL).