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MORNINGSIDE'S JAKE PETERSON, MARIAN'S CHRIS WHITE HEADLINE 2009 AFCA NAIA COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM

WACO, TEX. — Morningside runningback **Jake Peterson** and Marian defensive lineman **Chris White** headline the 2009 AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

Peterson led the NAIA in rushing with 1,624 yards on 229 attempts and scored 19 rushing touchdowns. He added four receiving touchdowns to finish second in the nation in scoring with 138 points. White tied for the No. 1 in the country with 11.5 sacks and was fourth in the nation in tackles for a loss with 21.5. He also recorded seven forced fumbles, three fumbles recovered and 76 total tackles, 52 of which were solo.

2009 AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team

Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Corey Schultz	6-3	180	Sr.	Ottawa	Kent Kessinger	Quenemo, Kan. (Topeka Hayden)
WR	Jason Lovett	5-11	193	Sr.	Virginia-Wise	Bruce Wasem	Spotsylvania, Va. (Massaponax)
TE	Bubba Bartlett	6-2	240	Jr.	Carroll (Mont.)	Mike Van Diest	Rathdrum, Idaho (Lakeland)
OL	Nick Hegger	6-3	305	Sr.	McKendree	Carl Poelker	Aviston, Ill. (Breese Central)
OL	Quintin Borders	6-6	320	Jr.	Union (Ky.)	Tommy Reid	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)
C	Jeff Hynes*	6-1	290	Sr.	Lindenwood	Patrick Ross	Florissant, Mo. (McCluer North)
OL	Brian Rohles	6-4	275	Sr.	Minot St.	Paul Rudolph	Manteca, Calif. (Manteca)
OL	Jordan Myers	6-7	275	Sr.	Southern Oregon	Steve Helminiak	Estacada, Ore. (Estacada)
QB	Lorenzo Brown	6-0	195	Sr.	Sioux Falls	Kalen DeBoer	Bristol, Conn. (Eastern)
RB	Jake Peterson	5-11	200	Sr.	Morningside	Steve Ryan	Armstrong, Iowa (Armstrong-Ringsted)
RB	A.J. Cooley	6-1	230	Sr.	Shorter	Phil Jones	Bowdon, Ga. (Bowdon)

Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	James McCartney	6-1	300	Sr.	Bethel (Kan.)	Travis Graber	Hesston, Kan. (Hesston)
DL	Chris White	6-0	207	Sr.	Marian	Ted Karras, Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)
DL	Merlin Benefield	5-11	266	Sr.	Missouri Valley	Paul Troth	Harvey, La. (John Ehret)
DL	Stephan Burns	6-2	242	Jr.	Montana Tech	Bob Green	Butte, Mont. (Central Catholic)
LB	Sean Thom	5-10	235	Sr.	Faulkner	Gregg Baker	Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (Choctawhatchee)
LB	Jake Duren	6-1	225	Jr.	MidAmerica Nazarene	Jonathan Quinn	Littleton, Colo. (J.R. Mullen)
LB	Chad Schira	6-2	240	Sr.	Montana-Western	Rich Ferris	Dillon, Mont. (Beaverhead County)
LB	Mike Lally	6-0	225	Sr.	Saint Xavier	Mike Feminis	Oak Lawn, Ill. (St. Rita)
DB	Antonio Wardlow	6-0	183	Sr.	Bethel (Tenn.)	Dino Kaklis	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Winston-Salem)
DB	Titus Bland	5-8	170	Sr.	Grand View	Mike Woodley	Baytown, Texas (Lee)
DB	Pagel Williams	5-8	185	Sr.	Taylor	Ron Korfmacher	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)

Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Mike Skvor	6-0	170	Sr.	Malone	Mike Gardner	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly)
PK	Andy Smith	6-1	183	So.	South Dakota Mines	Dan Kratzer	Pierre, S.D. (T.F. Riggs)
AP	Daniel Carter	5-6	167	Sr.	St. Francis (Ind.)	Kevin Donley	Indianapolis, Ind. (Decatur Central)

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Team Background: The AFCA has selected an All-America team every year since 1945. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

The five teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams, University Division and College Division, were selected. In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams — FBS and FCS. In 1996, the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III respectively. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and placekicker were added to the team. In 1997, a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team. The return specialist position was replaced by an all-purpose player in 2006.

Selection Process: The AFCA's NAIA All-America Selection Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's nine districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee. The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the team is chosen.

AFCA NAIA Player Selection History: NAIA players who were selected to AFCA All-America teams were named to the AFCA College Division team from 1967-71. In 1972, the AFCA College Division was split to College I and College II. Players from NAIA Division I teams were placed in AFCA College I, while players from NAIA Division II were placed in AFCA College II. That process lasted until 1996, when College I and College II were renamed Division II and Division III. From 1996-2005, all NAIA players who were selected as Coaches' All-Americans were placed on the AFCA Division II team. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

Top Teams: Georgetown (Ky.) has been represented a total of 15 times by 12 players on AFCA Coaches' All-America Teams to lead all schools in NAIA. Trailing Georgetown (Ky.) are: Carroll (Mont.) (13/12), Montana Tech (6/5), Morningside (5/5), Sioux Falls (5/5), Lambuth (5/4), Baker (4/4), St. Xavier (4/4), Southern Oregon (4/4) and Bethel (Tenn.) (4/3).

Consecutive Years: Carroll (Mont.) has had at least one player named to the AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team for five straight seasons, from 2005 to present, the longest streak by any team in NAIA.

Repeat After Me: Only 11 current NAIA schools have had players earn consecutive AFCA Coaches' All-America honors, with one coming from this year's team, Lindenwood's **Jeff Hynes** (2008-09, C). The rest of the schools include: Benedictine's (Kan.) **Truman Ashby** (2006-07, OL), Bethel's (Tenn.) **Adrain Smith** (2006-07, RB), Carroll's **Owen Koeppen** (2007-08, LB), Lambuth's **Jo Jo Jones** (1993-94, RB), Menlo's **Nate Jackson** (2000-01, WR), Montana St.-Northern's **Marc Samson** (2006-07, DB), Montana Tech's **J.J. Perino** (2006-07, DL), Virginia-Wise's **Ra'Shad Morgan** (2006-07, RB) and Walsh's **Mike Galassi** (2006-07, OL). Georgetown (Ky.) is the only school with three players to earn that distinction. **Clay Hamblen** was a repeat selection at defensive back in 2006-07, followed by offensive lineman **Chris Reed** in 1987-88 and defensive lineman **Chris Hogan** from 1991-92.

Texas A&M-Kingsville's **Johnny Bailey** is the only player to earn Coaches' All-America honors in four consecutive years at any level. Bailey was a four-year pick at runningback in 1986-87-88-89.

Class Distinction: This year's AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 20 seniors and five juniors.

Players From First Time Schools: Sean Thom of Faulkner, **Titus Bland** of Grand View, **Chris White** of Marian, **Chad Schira** of Montana-Western, **Corey Schultz** of Ottawa, **A.J. Cooley** of Shorter, **Andy Smith** of South Dakota Mines, **Pagel Williams** of Taylor and **Quintin Borders** of Union (Ky.) are the first players from their schools to earn AFCA Coaches' All-America Team honors.

One Player, Two Schools: Punter **Mark Bounds** is the only player to earn Coaches' All-America honors at two different schools. He was named to the AFCA College Division I team in 1990 while playing for West Texas A&M. He transferred to Texas Tech after West Texas dropped football and earned I-A All-America honors as a Red Raider in 1991.

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