

Three Bears Earn Academic All-District Honors

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Lenoir-Rhyne's Graham Duncan, Parker Murray and Joe Anderson have been named to the 2012 Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District II Team for NCAA Division II Football. CoSIDA is the College

Sports Information Directors of America. Duncan, a junior halfback from Gainesville, Ga., is currently fourth on the team in rushing yards with 435 to go along with three touchdowns while averaging 9.3 yards per carry this year. Duncan is an accounting major with a 3.46 grade point average.

Murray, the team's starting center, spearheads a Lenoir-Rhyne rushing attack that is currently ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II at 370.4 yards per contest. As a team, the Bears are averaging 35.9 points and 432.6 yards per contest this season. Murray, a junior from Ninety Six, S.C., is a middle grade education and religious studies major with a 3.53 grade point average. Anderson, a sophomore defensive back from Lilburn, Ga., is third on the team in tackles with 58 in addition to two interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries. Anderson returned one of those picks for a touchdown and was named the SAC Football Defensive Player Of The Week on September 10. Anderson is majoring in marketing with a 3.53 grade point average. All three players will now advance to the Capital One Academic All-America® ballot and the team will be announced next month.

Lenoir-Rhyne (7-2, 5-1), winners of six straight games, will host Catawba (4-6, 2-4) in the regular season finale on Saturday at Moretz Stadium beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Bears have a chance to clinch at least a share of their second straight conference championship with a win over the Indians.

Members of the Capital One Academic All-District Team (NCAA II - Super Region II) are selected by CoSIDA, which includes all colleges and universities that sponsor football in the South Atlantic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and region independent members UNC Pembroke and North Greenville.

To be nominated for Capital One Academic All-America® honors, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a 3.3 cumulative grade point average and must be a starter or a significant reserve on his team.

2012 Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District II Football Team NCAA Division II

Punter - Austin Anthony, WINGATE, So., Greensboro, N.C., 3.60, Finance

Quarterback - Robbie Nallenweg, WINGATE, Jr., Asheville, N.C., 3.73, Biology

Receiver - Ben Decelle, UNC PEMBROKE, Jr., Rockwell, N.C., 3.95, Political Science

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Receiver - Daniel Almon, NORTH ALABAMA, Sr., Florence, Ala., 3.88, Biology

Tight End - Vincent Beam, CATAWBA, Jr., North Wilkesboro, N.C., 3.83, Physical Education

Running Back - Graham Duncan, LENOIR-RHYNE, Jr. Gainesville, Ga., 3.46, Accounting

Running Back - Andrew Nallenweg, WINGATE, Sr., Asheville, N.C., 3.40, Biology

Offensive Line - Will Poteat, WINGATE, Jr., Vale, N.C., 3.84, Accounting

Offensive Line - Jake Thomas, VALDOSTA STATE, Sr., Suwanee, Ga., 3.86, Business Management

Offensive Line - Wes Carter, UNC PEMBROKE, Jr., Albemarle, N.C., 3.82, Biology

Offensive Line - Lequawn James, NEWBERRY, Sr., North, S.C., 3.54, Nursing

Offensive Line - Parker Murray, LENOIR-RHYNE, Jr., Ninety Six, S.C., 3.53, Middle Grades Education/Religious Studies

Kicker - Curt Duncan, CARSON-NEWMAN, Jr., Morristown, Tenn., 3.6, English

Defensive Back - Martin Epps, BENEDICT, Jr., Augusta, Ga., 3.42, Biology

Defensive Back - Joe Anderson, LENOIR-RHYNE, So., Lilburn, Ga., 3.53, Marketing

Defensive Back - Timmy Rogers, WINGATE, Jr., Sumter, S.C., 3.30, Marketing

Linebacker - Chaz Story, TUSCULUM, So., Greeneville, Tenn., 3.42, Political Science

Linebacker - Dan Atkins, UNC PEMBROKE, So., Four Oaks, N.C., 3.74, Athletic Training

Linebacker - A.J. Booker, NEWBERRY, So., Spartanburg, S.C., 3.81, Undeclared

Defensive Line - Ben Trotter, NEWBERRY, So., Batesburg-Leesville, S.C., 3.82, Business Administration

Defensive Line - Nick Napolitano, WINGATE, So., Shallotte, N.C., 3.30, Marketing

Defensive Line - James Lewis, KENTUCKY STATE, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio, 3.86, Political Science

Defensive Line - Deshon Floyd, KENTUCKY STATE, So., Frankfort, Ky., 3.95, Criminal Justice

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