

LeGree, Fletcher Earn More All-America Accolades

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Appalachian State University defensive back Mark LeGree (Columbus, Ga./Pacelli Catholic) became only the third three-time honoree in the 24-year history of the Walter Camp Football Foundation NCAA Division I FCS all-America team when he and ASU defensive end Jabari Fletcher (Atlanta, Ga./Grady) were named 2010 Walter Camp all-Americans on Tuesday. The Walter Camp all-America squad, which consists only of a 26-player first team, is selected by FCS coaches and sports information directors. LeGree is the first defensive player to ever earn FCS all-America recognition three times from the Walter Camp Foundation. He joins New Hampshire wide receiver David Ball (2004-06) and UNH quarterback Ricky Santos (2005-07) as the only three-time Walter Camp all-Americans since the organization began selecting an FCS team in 1987.

LeGree, a 6-0, 200-pound senior, finished his career as the active leader in NCAA Division I with 22 career interceptions, four more than any other FCS or FBS player active in 2010. The 22 interceptions are good for second in Southern Conference history and third in ASU's all-time annals. Despite opposing offenses steering away from the ball-hawking safety for much of the year, LeGree picked off five passes a senior, good for a tie for 20th nationally. He also broke up eight passes and made 49 tackles in his final collegiate campaign.

Fletcher, a 6-3, 265-pound senior, led the Mountaineers with nine sacks (good for a tie for 13th nationally) and 16.5 tackles for loss (tied for 19th nationally) this season. During the course of his spectacular senior campaign, he was twice named SoCon Player of the Week and was also recognized as the conference's October Player of the Month. With 22 sacks and 44.5 tackles for loss in his career, Fletcher is one of only seven players in ASU history to register 20 sacks and 40 tackles for loss in a career.

Both LeGree and Fletcher also garnered first-team all-America recognition from the American Football Coaches Association, were first-team all-conference selections by the SoCon's coaches and media and are among 20 finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award, which recognizes the nation's top FCS defensive player.

Several more organizations will announce their all-America honors in the coming weeks, including the Associated Press, which unveils its prestigious All-America teams on Wednesday. In addition to LeGree and Fletcher, other ASU all-America candidates include quarterback DeAndre Presley (Tampa, Fla./Middleton), linebacker D.J. Smith (Charlotte, N.C./Independence), offensive linemen Daniel Kilgore (Kingsport, Tenn./Dobyns-Bennett), Brett Irvin (Gaffney, S.C./Gaffney) and Pat Mills (Charlotte, N.C./Providence), place kicker Jason Vitaris (Seneca, S.C./Seneca), wide receiver Brian Quick (Columbia, S.C./Ridge View) and tight end Ben Jordan (Weddington, N.C./Charlotte Latin).