

Botts Named Preseason All-American

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Lenoir-Rhyne's Tanner Botts has been selected to the 2013 NCAA Division II Preseason All-American Football Second Team by the Beyond Sports Network (BSN). Botts, a rising junior linebacker from Lawrenceville, Ga., led the team last year in tackles with 113 in addition to four quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and two interceptions. For his efforts, Botts was named to the 2012 South Atlantic Conference First Team and was a Don Hansen's All-Southeast Region selection. Botts also earned league player-of-the-week honors twice last fall and helped Lenoir-Rhyne finish first in the league in total defense (360.2 ypg).

The Bears also finished with an overall record of 9-3 in 2012 including a 6-1 mark in South Atlantic Conference play and won the conference championship for the second straight year. L-R also advanced to the playoffs for first time in 50 years last fall and won its first postseason game since 1962 with a 21-6 win over Fort Valley State in the first round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs.

Lenoir-Rhyne opens the 2013 campaign on Saturday, September 7, against Concord at Moretz Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Other preseason All-Americans from the SAC include Carson-Newman's Curt Duncan (placekicker) and Brandon Baker (running back), Mars Hill's Troy Harris (defensive lineman) and Catawba's L.J. McCray (kick returner).

2013 Beyond Sports Network NCAA Division II Preseason All-American Football Teams

First Team Offense

QB - Zach Zulli, Shippensburg
QB - Kevin Rogers, Henderson State
RB - Franklyn Quiteh, Bloomsburg
RB - Nick Ricciardulli, Humboldt State
FB - Romo Westbrook, Harding
Ath. - Rondell White, West Chester
WR - Jeff Janis, Saginaw Valley State
WR - Gerald Ford, Valdosta State
WR - Lemar Durant, Simon Fraser
WR - Eli Shoemaker, Saint Cloud State
TE - Jamal Kett, Simon Fraser
OT - Cody Holland, Pittsburg State
OG - Brian Clarke, Bloomsburg
OC - Richard Lilla, Winona State
OG - Andrew Essman, Minnesota State
OT - R.J. Taylor, Henderson State

First Team Defense

DE - Ethan Westbrooks, West Texas A&M

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DE - Zach Moore, Concordia St. Paul
DT - Jamie Meder, Ashland
DE - T.J. Batchelor, Chowan
LB - Leron Furr, Fort Valley State
LB - Jake Lilly, Concord
LB - Tyler Zimmer, Seton Hill
LB - Stan Langlow, Central Washington
CB - Jack Moro, St. Cloud State
CB - Riyadh Richardson, Concord
S - Marco Ricchetti, West Liberty
S - Dexter Moody, Albany State

First Team Specialists

PK - Curt Duncan, Carson Newman
PK - Segio Castillo, West Texas A&M
P - Kyle Goodburn, Northwest Missouri State
LS - Randall Arbuckle, Midwestern State
KR - Israel Valentin, Henderson State
PR - Thomas Cook, William Jewell

Second Team Offense

QB - Dustin Vaughan, West Texas A&M
QB - Travis Partridge, Missouri Western
RB - Keidrick Jackson, Midwestern State
RB - Klay Fiechter, Indianapolis
FB - Blake Smith, Angelo State
WR - Trevor Harman, Shippensburg
WR - Julian Walker, Saint Joseph
WR - Justin Bernard, Saint Anselm
WR - Torrence Allen, West Texas A&M
TE - Ryan Corbin, Southwest Oklahoma State
OT - Vance Ross, Winona State
OG - Nathaniel Hartung, Winston-Salem State
OC - Chris Steck, Bloomsburg
OG - Matt Armstrong, Grand Valley State
OT - Zach Vermillion, Ashland

Second Team Defense

DE - B.J. Stevens, California
DT - Eddie Rascon, Missouri S&T
DT - Larry Webster, Bloomsburg
DE - Troy Harris, Mars Hill
LB - Cody Bloom, Ashland

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LB - Nate Dreiling, Pittsburg State

LB - Tanner Botts, Lenoir Rhyne

LB - Grant Singer, Mary

CB - Curtis Pumphrey, Bowie State

CB - Pierre Desir, Lindenwood

S - Fred Gaines, East Central

S - Logan Dosch, Northern State

Second Team Specialists

PK - John Gay, Harding

PK - Alex Ferdinand, Chadron State

P - Alexander Bradt, Western Oregon

KR - Aaron Roth, Minnesota Duluth

PR - Josh Sandoval, CSU Pueblo

Third Team Offense

QB - Jonathon Jennings, Saginaw Valley

QB - D.J. Mendenhall, Urbana

RB - Brandon Brown, Dukes

RB - J.B. Matthews, CSU Pueblo

RB - Brandon Baker, Carson Newman

WR - Keaton Hosch, Upper Iowa

WR - Robert Jordan, Henderson State

WR - Jeff Hill, Bentley

WR - Mike Williams, California

TE - Khari Lee, Bowie State

TE - Scott Simonson, Assumption

OT - Matt Feiler, Bloomsburg

OG - Andrew Muer, Minnesota Duluth

OC - David Kulp, Humboldt State

OG - Mike Hubbard, Merrimack

OT - Mike Nelson, Central Washington

Third Team Defense

DE - Howard Jones, Shepherd

DT - John Oyloe, Mary

DT - Bryan Thomson, East Stroudsburg

DE - Jake Metz, Shippensburg

LB - Keaton Stigger, Henderson State

LB - Quavon Taylor, Tuskegee

LB - Diego Lubin, Delta State

LB - Jared Koster, New Mexico Highlands

CB - Nigel Rios, Elizabeth City State

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CB - Keon Robinson, Shepherd

CB - Malcolm Butler, West Alabama

S - Caleb Massey, North Alabama

S - Trelan Taylor, Chadron State

Third Team Specialists

PK - Brett Ullman, Indiana (Pa.)

PK - Sam Brockshus, Minnesota State

P - Stefan Terleckyj, Wayne State (Mich.)

KR - L.J. McCray, Catawba

PR - Malik Lofton, West Alabama

Honorable Mention

DE - Javarous Faulk, Saint Augustine's

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