



## 2023 All-Big 12 Football Awards Announced

**IRVING, Texas** - The All-Big 12 Conference football teams and individual award winners have been announced. Selections are made by the league's 14 head coaches, who are not permitted to vote for their own players.

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State, RB, So.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
T'Vondre Sweat, Texas, DL, Sr.

**OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**  
Adonai Mitchell, Texas, WR, Jr.

**DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**  
Austin Booker, Kansas, DL, So.

**OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Rocco Becht, Iowa State, QB

**DEFENSIVE FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR**  
Anthony Hill Jr., Texas, LB  
Ben Roberts, Texas Tech, LB

**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Austin McNamara, Texas Tech, P, Sr.

**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Cooper Beebe, Kansas State, Sr.

**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Byron Murphy II, Texas, DL, Jr.

**CHUCK NEINAS COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State, 19th season

### All-Big 12 Honors Notebook:

- Ollie Gordon II is the third Cowboy to capture Offensive Player of the Year, joining Chuba Hubbard (2019) and Justin Blackmon (2010)—all three of whom were honored in their sophomore season. This is the fourth time a running back has won the award in five seasons, joining Hubbard and Brecee Hall (ISU, 2020 and 2021).
- T'Vondre Sweat is the sixth Longhorn recipient of Defensive Player of the Year, and the first since Malik Jefferson in 2017. Sweat is the second consecutive defensive lineman to win the award after K-State's Felix Anudike-Uzomah a year ago. Casey Hampton (2000), Derrick Johnson (2004), Brian Orakpo (2007) and Jackson Jeffcoat (2013) represent the other Texas winners of the award.
- Wide receiver Adonai Mitchell becomes the first Texas player to be voted as Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year.
- Defensive lineman Austin Booker is the second Jayhawk to be named Defensive Newcomer of the Year, and the first since Isaiah Johnson in 2013.
- Rocco Becht joins Mike Warren (2015) as Iowa State players to be named Offensive Freshman of the Year. Becht is the first quarterback winner of the award since 2019.
- Anthony Hill Jr. is the eighth Texas winner of Defensive Freshman of the Year and the first since 2018. He joins Cory Redding (1999), Derrick Johnson (2001), Rodrique Wright (2002), Brian Orakpo (2005), Quandre Diggs (2011), Malik Jefferson (2015) and Caden Sterns (2018) as Longhorns to win the award.
- Ben Roberts is the second Texas Tech player to be honored as Defensive Freshman of the Year, joining Brock Stratton in 2003.
- Austin McNamara is the first Texas Tech player to garner Special Teams Player of the Year since the award's inception in 2005. He is the first punter since 2018 to earn the honor.
- Cooper Beebe becomes the fifth back-to-back winner of Offensive Lineman of the Year, after capturing the award last season. Beebe is the first K-State offensive lineman to be honored twice, as B.J. Finney (2014) and Dalton Risner (2018) were named as the league's best once apiece.
- Byron Murphy II is the fourth Texas player to earn Defensive Lineman of the Year, and the first since Charles Omenihu in 2018. Brian Orakpo (2008) and Poona Foord (2017) have also captured the award for the Longhorns.
- Mike Gundy has been named Chuck Neinas Big 12 Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons. In addition to 2021 and 2023, he won the award in 2010. He joins Matt Campbell (Iowa State), Bill Snyder (Kansas State) and Bob Stoops (Oklahoma) as three-time winners of the award.
- Oklahoma has won the most individual awards in the 28-year history of the Big 12 with 48. K-State is second (38), followed by Texas (36), Oklahoma State (27), Baylor (23), Iowa State (23), TCU (14), Texas Tech (10), West Virginia (10) and Kansas (9).

The All-Big 12 First, Second and Honorable Mention teams continue on the following pages.

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## 2023 All-Big 12 Football First Team

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Hometown/Previous School
QB	Dillon Gabriel <sup>#</sup>	Oklahoma	Sr.	Mililani, Hawaii/UCF
RB	Ollie Gordon II <sup>#</sup>	Oklahoma State	So.	Fort Worth, Texas/Eules Trinity
RB	Tahj Brooks	Texas Tech	Sr.	Manor, Texas/Manor
FB	Ben Sinnott <sup>1</sup>	Kansas State	Jr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Columbus Catholic
WR	Javon Baker	UCF	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Alabama
WR	Drake Stoops	Oklahoma	Sr.	Norman, Okla./Norman North
WR	Xavier Worthy <sup>2/1</sup>	Texas	Jr.	Fresno, Calif./Central East
TE	Jared Wiley	TCU	Sr.	Temple, Texas/Texas
TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders <sup>1</sup>	Texas	Jr.	Denton, Texas/Ryan
OL	Dominick Puni	Kansas	Sr.	St. Charles, Mo./Central Missouri
OL	Cooper Beebe <sup>1</sup>	Kansas State	Sr.	Kansas City, Kan./Piper
OL	Patrick Paul	Houston	Jr.	Houston, Texas/Jersey Village
OL	Kelvin Banks Jr. <sup>2</sup>	Texas	So.	Humble, Texas/Summer Creek
OL	Zach Frazier <sup>1@</sup>	West Virginia	Jr.	Fairmont, W.Va./Fairmont Senior
PK	Bert Auburn	Texas	Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas/Flower Mound
KR/PR	Xavier Worthy	Texas	Jr.	Fresno, Calif./Central East

### DEFENSE

DL	Tre'mon Morris-Brash	UCF	5th	Richmond, Va./St. John's College
DL	Nelson Ceaser	Houston	Jr.	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point
DL	Austin Booker	Kansas	So.	Greenwood, Ind./Minnesota
DL	Byron Murphy II	Texas	Jr.	DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto
DL	T'Vondre Sweat <sup>#</sup>	Texas	Sr.	Huntsville, Texas/Huntsville
LB	Danny Stutsman	Oklahoma	Jr.	Windermere, Fla./Foundation Academy
LB	Nickolas Martin	Oklahoma State	So.	Texarkana, Texas/Pleasant Grove
LB	Jaylan Ford <sup>1</sup>	Texas	Sr.	Frisco, Texas/ Lone Star
DB	Jeremiah Cooper	Iowa State	So.	El Paso, Texas/Andress
DB	T.J. Tampa <sup>2</sup>	Iowa State	Sr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood
DB	Cobee Bryant <sup>1</sup>	Kansas	Jr.	Evergreen, Ala./Hillcrest
DB	Billy Bowman	Oklahoma	Jr.	Denton, Texas/Ryan
DB	Beanie Bishop Jr.	West Virginia	Sr.	Louisville, Ky./Minnesota
P	Austin McNamara	Texas Tech	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz./Highland

*A tie resulted in an additional honoree at TE.*

*# - Unanimous selection*

*<sup>1</sup> - First Team selection in 2022*

*<sup>2</sup> - Second Team selection in 2022.*

*<sup>1</sup> - First Team selection in 2021.*

*@ - Second Team selection in 2021.*

*Players listed at each position alphabetically by school.*

## 2023 All-Big 12 Football Second Team

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Hometown/Previous School
QB	Will Howard	Kansas State	Sr.	Downingtown, Pa./Downingtown West
RB	Devin Neal	Kansas	Jr.	Lawrence, Kan./Lawrence
RB	Jonathon Brooks	Texas	So.	Hallettsville, Texas/Hallettsville
FB	Stevo Klotz	Iowa State	Jr.	Chaska, Minn./Chaska
WR	Jaylin Noel	Iowa State	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill
WR	Brennan Presley	Oklahoma State	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla./Bixby
WR	Adonai Mitchell	Texas	Jr.	Missouri City, Texas/Georgia
TE	Kole Taylor	West Virginia	Jr.	Grand Junction, Colo./LSU
OL	Kingsley Suamataia	BYU	So.	Orem, Utah/Oregon
OL	Luke Kandra	Cincinnati	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Louisville
OL	Andrew Raym	Oklahoma	Sr.	Broken Arrow, Okla./Broken Arrow
OL	Brandon Coleman	TCU	Sr.	Denton, Texas/Trinity Valley CC
OL	Wyatt Milum	West Virginia	Jr.	Kenova, W. Va./Spring Valley
PK	Alex Hale	Oklahoma State	Sr.	Point Frederick, NSW, Australia/St. Edward's
KR/PR	Matthew Golden	Houston	So.	Houston, Texas/Klein Cain

### DEFENSE

DL	Tyler Batty	BYU	Jr.	Payson, Utah/Payson
DL	Dontay Corleone	Cincinnati	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain
DL	Jamaree Caldwell	Houston	Jr.	Newberry, S.C./Indy CC
DL	Khalid Duke	Kansas State	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Riverside Military Academy
DL	Ethan Downs	Oklahoma	Jr.	Weatherford, Okla./Weatherford
LB	Jason Johnson	UCF	5th	Chicago, Ill./Eastern Illinois
LB	Austin Moore	Kansas State	Sr.	Louisburg, Kan./Louisburg
LB	Collin Oliver	Oklahoma State	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Edmond Santa Fe
DB	Kenny Logan Jr.	Kansas	Sr.	St. Augustine, Fla./Menendez
DB	Kobe Savage	Kansas State	Sr.	Paris, Texas/Paris/Tyler JC
DB	Josh Newton	TCU	Sr.	Monroe, La./ULM
DB	Dadrion Taylor-Demerson	Texas Tech	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Carl Albert
DB	Jahdae Barron	Texas	Sr.	Austin, Texas/Connally
P	Ryan Rehkow	BYU	Jr.	Veradale, Wash./Central Valley

## 2023 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention

- Baylor:** Monaray Baldwin (WR), Drake Dabney (TE), TJ Franklin (DL), Gabe Hall (DL), Caden Jenkins (DB, DFOY), Matt Jones (LB), Dawson Pendergrass (FOY)
- BYU:** Tyler Batty (DPOY, DLOY), Kamden Garrett (DB), Eddie Heckard (DB, DNOY), Darius Lassiter (ONoY), Paul Maile (OL), Ryan Rehkow (STPOY), Isaac Rex (TE), Jakob Robinson (DB), Max Tooley (LB)
- UCF:** Colton Boomer (PK), Tylan Grable (OL), RJ Harvey (RB), Demari Henderson (DB), Kobe Hudson (WR), Lee Hunter (DL), Malachi Lawrence (DL), Tre'mon Morris-Brash (DLOY), Lokahi Pauole (OL), Randy Pittman Jr. (FOY), John Rhys Plumlee (QB), Corey Thornton (DB), Xavier Townsend (KR/PR), John Walker (DFOY)
- Cincinnati:** Jowon Briggs (DL), Dontay Corleone (DLOY), Mason Fletcher (P, STPOY), Gavin Gerhardt (OL), Xzavier Henderson (WR), Luke Kandra (OLOY), Deshawn Pace (DB)
- Houston:** Samuel Brown (WR), Nelson Ceaser (DPOY, DLOY), Matthew Golden (STPOY), Isaiah Hamilton (DB), Parker Jenkins (ONoY), A.J. Haulcy (DB, DNOY), Patrick Paul (OLOY)
- Iowa State:** Benjamin Brahmmer (TE), Chase Contreras (PK, STPOY), Beau Freyler (DB), Jayden Higgins (WR, ONoY), Jarrod Hufford (OL, OLoY), Jaylin Noel (KR/PR, OPOY), Tyler Onyedim (DL), Domonique Orange (DL), Tyler Perkins (P), Jack Sadowsky (DFOY), T.J. Tampa (DPOY), Gerry Vaughn (LB), Malik Verdon (DB)
- Kansas:** Lawrence Arnold (WR), Jason Bean (QB), Austin Booker (DLOY), Mello Dotson (DB), Mason Fairchild (TE), Devin Neal (OPOY), Mike Novitsky (OL), Dominick Puni (OLOY), Jereme Robinson (DL)
- Kansas State:** Jack Blumer (P), Phillip Brooks (WR, KR/PR), Khalid Duke (DLOY), DJ Giddens (RB), Hayden Gillum (OL), Will Howard (OPOY), Avery Johnson (FOY), Will Lee III (DB), KT Leveston (OL), Austin Moore (DPOY), Brendan Mott (DL), Jacob Parrish (DB), Seth Porter (STPOY), Desmond Purnell (LB), Austin Romaine (DFOY), Uso Seumalo (DL), Marques Sigle (DNOY, DB), Chris Tennant (PK), Treshaun Ward (ONoY, RB), Carver Willis (OL)
- Oklahoma:** Nic Anderson (FOY, WR), Rondell Bothroyd (DL), Billy Bowman (DPOY), Isaiah Coe (DL), Kendel Dolby (DB), Ethan Downs (DLOY), Jalil Farooq (WR, KR/PR), Gavin Freeman (KR/PR), Dillon Gabriel (OPOY), Tyler Guyton (OL), Kip Lewis (DFOY, LB), McKade Mettauer (OL), Andrew Raym (OLOY), Walter Rouse (OL), Gavin Sawchuk (RB), Tawee Walker (RB), Woodi Washington (DB), Gentry Williams (DB)
- Oklahoma State:** Korie Black (DB), Alan Bowman (QB), Braden Cassity (FB), Dalton Cooper (OL), Kendal Daniels (DB), Cameron Epps (DFOY, DB), Anthony Goodlow (DNOY, DLOY, DL), Alex Hale (STPOY), Josiah Johnson (ONoY, TE), Nickolas Martin (DPOY), Joe Michalski (OLOY, OL), Rashod Owens (WR), Brennan Presley (KR/PR), Jake Springfield (OL)
- TCU:** Emani Bailey (RB), Shad Banks Jr. (LB), Millard Bradford (DB), Andrew Coker (OL), Brandon Coleman (OLOY), Caleb Fox (DL), Jamoi Hodge (LB), Josh Hoover (FOY), Griffin Kell (K), Namdi Obiazor (DPOY, LB), Willis Patrick (OL), Mark Perry (DB), JP Richardson (WR), Jaylon Robinson (WR), Jordy Sandy (P), Jared Wiley (OPOY), Dameron Williams (DLOY, DL), Savion Williams (WR)
- Texas:** Kelvin Banks Jr. (OLOY), CJ Baxter (FOY, RB), Jonathon Brooks (OPOY), Terrance Brooks (DB), Ethan Burke (DL), Trill Carter (DNOY), Kitan Crawford (STPOY), Alfred Collins (DL), Quinn Ewers (QB), Gunnar Helm (TE), Anthony Hill (LB), Christian Jones (OL), Jake Majors (OL), Ryan Sanborn (P), Barryn Sorrell (DL), Michael Taaffe (DB), Jerrin Thompson (DB), Jordan Whittington (WR)
- Texas Tech:** C.J. Baskerville (DNOY, DB), Tony Bradford Jr. (DL), Tahj Brooks (OPOY), Myles Cole (DL), Baylor Cupp (TE), Malik Dunlap (DB), Gino Garcia (PK), Jaylon Hutchings (DLOY, DL), Bralyn Lux (DB), Drae McCray (ONoY, KR/PR), Monroe Mills (OL), Behren Morton (QB), Jesiah Pierre (LB), Myles Price (WR), Ben Roberts (LB), Caleb Rodgers (OL), Rusty Staats (OL), Dadrion Taylor-Demerson (DPOY), Xavier White (WR), Dennis Wilburn (OL)
- West Virginia:** Beanie Bishop Jr. (DNOY), Aubrey Burks (DB), Ben Cutter (DFOY), CJ Donaldson (RB), Preston Fox (KR/PR), Zach Frazier (OLOY), Garrett Greene (QB), Lee Kpogba (DL), Mike Lockhart (DL), Michael Hayes (STPOY, PK), Sean Martin (DLOY, DL), Doug Nester (OL), Tomas Rimac (OL), Oliver Straw (P), Kole Taylor (ONoY), Edward Vesterinen (DL), Jahiem White (FOY), Brandon Yates (OL)