



FOOTBALL

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MOUNTAIN WEST ANNOUNCES 2019 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The Mountain West announced today its 2019 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners, as chosen by the 12 head coaches and a select media panel. San José State senior quarterback **Josh Love** has been honored as the Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year, while Boise State junior defensive end **Curtis Weaver** was named the MW Defensive Player of the Year. Broncos junior return specialist **Avery Williams** earned the MW Special Teams Player of the Year and teammate **George Holani** has been selected as the MW Freshman of the Year. **Nick Rolovich** of Hawai'i is the MW Coach of the Year.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – JOSH LOVE, SENIOR, QB, SAN JOSÉ STATE

- First San José State player to earn Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year.
- Becomes the 15th quarterback to win the award.
- Finished the regular season ranked top 10 nationally in total passing yards (3rd; 3,923), passing yards per game (3rd; 326.9), completions per game (5th; 24.42) and total offense (6th; 319.6). Ranks 28th nationally with 22 passing touchdowns.
- The 3,923 passing yards are the sixth-most in Mountain West single-season history.
- Recorded five 400-yard passing performances, tied for the second-most in Mountain West single-season history.
- One of just five Mountain West signal-callers to record back-to-back 400-yard passing games in Conference history.
- Led the league with seven 300-yard passing games.
- Orchestrated the Mountain West's top passing offense, averaging 338.0 yards per game. The Spartans air attack ranks fourth nationally.
- Named MW Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 23 and Oct. 7.
- Burlsworth Trophy Semifinalist, an award given annually to the most outstanding player who began his career as a walk-on.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – CURTIS WEAVER, JUNIOR, DE, BOISE STATE

- Is the second Boise State player to earn the MW Defensive Player of the Year honor and first since Leighton Vander Esch in 2017.
- Helped lead the Broncos to their third-consecutive MW Football Championship Game appearance and fourth overall.
- Finished the regular season leading the Mountain West in sacks (13.5) and tackles for loss (17.0).
- Nationally, ranks fifth in sacks and tied for 15th in tackles for loss.
- The 13.5 total sacks are tied for the second-most in Mountain West single-season history.
- Ranks sixth on the team with 47 total tackles, while also forcing one fumble and intercepting one pass.
- Bednarik Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist.
- Tied a single-game program record with 4.0 sacks against Portland State. This is tied as the second-most sacks in a single game in Mountain West history.
- In 2019, became the Mountain West's all-time sack leader (34.0).



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR – AVERY WILLIAMS, JUNIOR, RETURN SPECIALIST, BOISE STATE

- Becomes the first Boise State player in MW history to garner Special Teams Player of the Year accolades.
- Is the ninth return specialist to earn the honor.
- As the Broncos' primary punt returner, leads the Mountain West with 12.8 yards per return.
- Is one of just two FBS players with multiple punt return touchdowns in 2019, recording a 66-yard score at San José State on Nov. 2 and a 74-yard touchdown at Utah State on Nov. 23.
- At UNLV on Oct. 5, returned an onside kick 39 yards for a touchdown.
- Has blocked two kicks on the year (a PAT and a punt), tied for the most in the nation.
- Named Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Week on Nov. 4.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – GEORGE HOLANI, RB, BOISE STATE

- Is the second Boise State player to earn the MW Freshman of the Year honor and first since Brett Rypien in 2015.
- Becomes the ninth running back to earn the honor.
- Ranks third in the Mountain West with 912 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. The 912 rushing yards are fifth-most by a freshman in Conference single-season history.
- Nationally, the 912 rushing yards are fourth-most among freshmen.
- Top freshman in the league in combined rushing/receiving yardage (1,078).
- Seventh in the Mountain West with nine total touchdowns.
- Set the Mountain West single-game record for rushing touchdowns by a freshman with four at San José State on Nov. 2.
- Named Mountain West Offensive Player of the Week on Nov. 4.
- Helped lead Boise State to an 11-1 regular-season record and its third-consecutive appearance in the Mountain West Football Championship Game.

COACH OF THE YEAR – NICK ROLOVICH, HAWAII

- Selected as Mountain West Coach of the Year after leading Hawai'i to a 9-4 overall record, including 5-3 in Conference play.
- Led the Rainbow Warriors to their first MW West Division championship and first appearance in the MW Football Championship Game.
- Guided one of the most dangerous offenses in the FBS, ranking sixth nationally in passing yards per game (332.5) and 19th in scoring offense (35.4).
- The Rainbow Warriors have won nine games for the first time since 2010.
- Is the first Hawai'i head coach to earn the honor.

NOTABLES

- Eight student-athletes were repeat MW First Team All-Conference selections from 2018.
- Boise State has had at least one first team All-Conference offensive lineman in each of its nine seasons in the MW.
- Boise State leads the MW with 14 first and second team selections, while San Diego State is second with nine.
- After winning the 2019 MW Offensive Player of the Year honor, **Josh Love** (San José State – Quarterback) is the first major award winner from SJSU since 2013 (Tyler Winston – Freshman of the Year).
- **Tariq Thompson** (San Diego State – Defensive Back) and **Tipa Galeai** (Utah State – Defensive Line) are repeat honorees on the second team.
- Saturday's MW Championship Game between Hawai'i and Boise State will feature six first-team selections and 12 second-team honorees.



- Offensive Player of the Year** - Josh Love, Sr., QB, San José State
Defensive Player of the Year - Curtis Weaver, Jr., DE, Boise State
Special Teams Player of the Year - Avery Williams, Jr., RS, Boise State
Freshman of the Year - George Holani, RB, Boise State
Coach of the Year - Nick Rolovich, Hawai'i

2019 ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL FIRST-TEAM

OFFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
QB	Josh Love	Sr.	San José State
WR	Warren Jackson	Jr.	Colorado State
WR	Cedric Byrd II	Sr.	Hawai'i
WR	Tre Walker	Jr.	San José State
RB	Charles Williams	Jr.	UNLV
RB	Xazavian Valladay	So.	Wyoming
TE	Trey McBride	So.	Colorado State
OL	Scott Hattok	Sr.	Air Force
OL	Nolan Laufenberg	Jr.	Air Force
OL	Ezra Cleveland*	Jr.	Boise State
OL	John Molchon*	Sr.	Boise State
OL	Keith Ismael*	Jr.	San Diego State
PK	Dominik Eberle	Sr.	Utah State
KR	Savon Scarver*	Jr.	Utah State

DEFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
DL	Moses Fifita	Sr.	Air Force
DL	Curtis Weaver**	Jr.	Boise State
DL	Dom Peterson	So.	Nevada
DL	Myles Cheatum	Sr.	San Diego State
DL	Cameron Thomas	Fr.	San Diego State
LB	Justin Rice	Jr.	Fresno State
LB	Mykal Walker*	Sr.	Fresno State
LB	Kyahva Tezino*	Sr.	San Diego State
LB	David Woodward	Jr.	Utah State
LB	Logan Wilson	Sr.	Wyoming
DB	Kekaula Kaniho	Jr.	Boise State
DB	Jamal Hicks	Sr.	Colorado State
DB	Luq Barcoo	Sr.	San Diego State
DB	Alijah Halliburton	Sr.	Wyoming
P	Ryan Stonehouse*	Jr.	Colorado State
PR	Avery Williams	Jr.	Boise State

*Two-Time First-Team Selection | **Three-Time First-Team Selection

2019 ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL SECOND-TEAM

OFFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
QB	Cole McDonald	Jr.	Hawai'i
WR	John Hightower	Sr.	Boise State
WR	JoJo Ward	Sr.	Hawai'i
WR	Siaosi Mariner	Sr.	Utah State
RB	George Holani	Fr.	Boise State
RB	Ronnie Rivers	Jr.	Fresno State
TE	Parker Houston	Sr.	San Diego State
OL	Connor Vikupitz	Sr.	Air Force
OL	Garrett Larson	Sr.	Boise State
OL	Ilm Manning	So.	Hawai'i
OL	Daishawn Dixon	Sr.	San Diego State
OL	Keegan Cryder	So.	Wyoming
PK	Brandon Talton	Fr.	Nevada
KR	John Hightower	Sr.	Boise State

DEFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Team</u>
DL	Chase Hatada	Sr.	Boise State
DL	David Moa	Sr.	Boise State
DL	Keshawn Banks	So.	San Diego State
DL	Tipa Galeai*	Sr.	Utah State
LB	Kyle Johnson	Sr.	Air Force
LB	Demonte Meeks	Jr.	Air Force
LB	Riley Whimpey	Jr.	Boise State
LB	Ethan Aguayo	Sr.	San José State
DB	Kekoa Nawahine	Sr.	Boise State
DB	Jalen Walker	Jr.	Boise State
DB	Tariq Thompson**	Jr.	San Diego State
DB	Jericho Flowers	Sr.	UNLV
P	Tyson Dyer	Jr.	New Mexico
PR	Austin Conway	Sr.	Wyoming

*Two-Time Second-Team Selection | ** Three-Time Second-Team Selection



2019 HONORABLE MENTION

Air Force: Milton Bugg III, Jr., DB; Jeremy Fejedelem, Sr., DB; Jordan Jackson, Jr., DL; Timothy Jackson, So., FB; Jake Koehnke, Sr., PK; Zane Lewis, Sr., DB; Geraud Sanders, Sr., WR; Kadin Remsberg, Jr., RB;

Boise State: John Bates, Jr., TE; Sonatane Lui, Sr., DL; Eric Quevedo, Sr., OL; Khalil Shakir, So., WR; Avery Williams, Jr., DB;

Colorado State: Anthony Hawkins, Sr., KR; Manny Jones, Jr., DL;

Fresno State: Kevin Atkins, Jr., DL; Blake Cusick, Sr., P; Juju Hughes, Sr., DB;

Hawai'i: Cortez Davis, Jr., DB; Rojesterman Farris II, Sr., DB; Solomon Matautia, Sr., LB; Kaimana Padello, Sr., DL; Gene Pryor, OL; Taaga Tuulima, Jr., OL; Blessman Ta'ala, So., DL;

Nevada: Daniel Brown, Sr., DB; Romeo Doubs, WR, PR; Gabriel Sewell, Sr., LB; Toa Taua, So., RB;

New Mexico: Ahmari Davis, Sr., RB; Alex Hart, Sr., LB; Teton Saltes, Jr., OL; Kyle Stapley, Jr., OL;

San Diego State: Matt Araiza, Fr., PK; William Dunkle, Fr., OL; Darren Hall, So., DB; Brandon Heicklen, Sr., P; Dwayne Johnson Jr., Jr., DB;

San José State: Bailey Gaither, Sr., WR; Troy Kowalski, Sr., OL; Matt Mercurio, Fr., PK; Jack Snyder, Jr., OL;

UNLV: Julio Garcia, Jr., OL; Rayshad Jackson, Sr., LB; Justin Polu, Sr., OL; Javin White, Sr., LB;

Utah State: Shaq Bond, Jr., DB; Gerold Bright, Sr., RB; Jordan Love, Jr., QB; Caleb Repp, Sr., TE; Christopher Unga, Sr., DL;

Wyoming: Tyler Hall, Sr., DB; Logan Harris, Jr., OL; Cassh Maluia, Sr., LB.

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