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## FAULKNER'S JOSH HOLLINGSWORTH, FRIENDS' DEXTER DAVIS HEADLINE 2011 AFCA NAIA COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM

WACO, TEX. — Faulkner quarterback Josh Hollingsworth and Friends defensive lineman Dexter Davis headline the 2011 AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

Hollingsworth led the nation in total offense per game, with 423.4 yards, and in passing yards per game, with 393.7. Hollingsworth set a new NAIA record when he threw for 637 yards, edging the previous NAIA record of 636 yards set in 1995, in a 95-89 triple overtime win over Union (Ky.). Davis led the nation in sacks per game with 1.4 and tied for the top spot in total sacks at 14. He was third in the nation in tackles for a loss with 24.5, and he recorded 58 total tackles, three forced fumbles and three fumbles recovered.

### 2011 AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team

#### Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Anthony Muilenburg	6-2	200	Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan	Brad Pole	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Lincoln)
WR	Clarence Anderson*	5-9	160	Sr.	Ottawa	Kent Kessinger	Wichita, Kan. (Southeast)
TE	Juan Redmon	6-5	251	Sr.	MidAmerica Nazarene	Jonathan Quinn	St. Louis, Mo. (Floissant McCluer North)
OL	Tyler Wells	6-5	325	Sr.	Grand View	Mike Woodley	Des Moines, Iowa (Roosevelt)
OL	Carl Meister	6-4	300	Jr.	St. Ambrose	Mike Magistrelli	Downers Grove, Ill. (Montini Catholic)
OL	Corey Cronk*	6-1	305	Sr.	Saint Francis (Ind.)	Kevin Donley	Fishers, Ind. (Hamilton Southeastern)
OL	Tom Van Haute	6-4	280	Sr.	Hastings	Tony Harper	Omaha, Neb. (Gross Catholic)
OL	Ron Fontenot	6-7	323	Sr.	Benedictine (Kan.)	Larry Wilcox	Kenner, La. (New Orleans Grace King)
QB	Josh Hollingsworth	6-0	210	So.	Faulkner	Brent Barker	Hamilton, Ala. (Hamilton)
RB	Chance Demarais	6-0	227	Jr.	Carroll (Mont.)	Mike Van Diest	Malta, Mont. (Malta)
RB	Junior Allen	5-7	185	Jr.	Bethany (Kan.)	Jamie Cruce	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Davie Western)

#### Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Michael Prosser	6-2	240	Sr.	Saint Xavier	Mike Feminis	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
DL	Jordan Carlson	6-4	265	Jr.	Northwestern (Iowa)	Kyle Achterhoff	Storm Lake, Iowa (Storm Lake)
DL	Richard Wick*	6-2	244	Sr.	Missouri Valley	Paul Troth	San Diego, Calif. (Steele Canyon)
DL	Dexter Davis	6-3	230	Jr.	Friends	Monty Lewis	Rex, Ga. (Morrow)
LB	Demery Hawkins	6-1	240	Jr.	Shorter	Phil Jones	Lyons, Ga. (Toombs County)
LB	Michael Hicks	6-2	225	Fr.	Southern Nazarene	Mike Cochran	Cushing, Okla. (Cushing)
LB	Zach Goebel	6-5	220	Jr.	Georgetown (Ky.)	Bill Cronin	Evansville, Ind. (Mater Dei)
DB	Wayne Johnson*	5-7	145	Sr.	St. Francis (Ill.)	Mike Uremovich	McConnells, S.C. (York)
DB	Dustin Craig	6-1	205	Sr.	Marian	Ted Karras, Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis)
DB	Colby Henderson	5-11	175	Jr.	Morningside	Steve Ryan	Wakefield, Neb. (Wakefield)
DB	Nick Carlson	5-10	180	Jr.	Midland	Casey Thiele	Tucson, Ariz. (Ironwood Ridge)

#### Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Tyler Crowley	6-0	185	Sr.	Southern Oregon	Craig Howard	Palo Cedro, Calif. (Bishop Quinn)
PK	Andrew Nielsen	6-1	223	Sr.	Doane	Matt Franzen	North Platte, Neb. (North Platte)
AP	Cordarious Mann	5-6	160	Jr.	Bethel (Tenn.)	Dino Kaklis	Jackson, Tenn. (North Side)

\*-2010 AFCA All-American

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**Team Background:** The five teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams, University Division and College Division, were selected. In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams — FBS and FCS. In 1996, the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III, respectively. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and placekicker were added to the team. In 1997, a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team. The return specialist position was replaced by an all-purpose player in 2006.

**Selection Process:** The AFCA's NAIA All-America Selection Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's nine districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee. The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the team is chosen.

**AFCA NAIA Player Selection History:** NAIA players who were selected to AFCA All-America teams were named to the AFCA College Division team from 1967-71. In 1972, the AFCA College Division was split to College I and College II. Players from NAIA Division I teams were placed in AFCA College I, while players from NAIA Division II were placed in AFCA College II. That process lasted until 1996, when College I and College II were renamed Division II and Division III. From 1996-2005, all NAIA players who were selected as Coaches' All-Americans were placed on the AFCA Division II team. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

**Top Teams:** Georgetown (Ky.) has been represented a total of 17 times by 14 players on AFCA Coaches' All-America Teams to lead all schools in NAIA. Trailing Georgetown (Ky.) are: Carroll (Mont.) (15/14), Morningside (7/7), Saint Xavier (6/6), Montana Tech (6/5), Baker (5/5), Missouri Valley (5/4), Northwestern (Iowa) (5/5), Southern Oregon (5/5), Bethel (Tenn.) (5/4), Saint Francis (Ind.) (5/4), Jamestown (4/4), St. Ambrose (4/4), Benedictine (Kan.) (4/3), McKendree (4/3) and MidAmerica Nazarene (4/3).

**First Time School:** Placekicker Andrew Nielsen of Doane has earned All-America honors for his school for the first time in 2011.

**Consecutive Years:** Carroll (Mont.) has had at least one player named to the AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team for seven straight seasons, from 2005 to present, the longest streak by any team in NAIA. Following Carroll (Mont.) are Morningside and St. Xavier with six straight selections (2006-present).

**Repeat After Me:** Richard Wick of Missouri Valley, Clarence Anderson of Ottawa, Wayne Johnson of St. Francis (Ill.) and Corey Cronk of Saint Francis (Ind.) earned AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America honors for the second consecutive season in 2011.

Georgetown (Ky.) has had the most repeat selections with three players (Clay Hamblen, DB, 2006-07; Chris Reed, OL, 1987-88; and Chris Hogan, DL, 1991-92).

Texas A&M-Kingsville's Johnny Bailey is the only player to earn Coaches' All-America honors in four consecutive years at any level. Bailey was a four-year pick at runningback in 1986-87-88-89 in Division II.

**Class Distinction:** This year's AFCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 12 seniors, 11 juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

**Two Players, Two Schools:** Punter Mark Bounds and placekicker Greg Zuerlein are the only players to earn Coaches' All-America honors at two different schools. Bounds was named to the AFCA College Division I team in 1990 while playing for West Texas A&M. He transferred to Texas Tech after West Texas dropped football and earned I-A All-America honors as a Red Raider in 1991. Zuerlein was named to the Division II Coaches' All-America Team in 2009 while playing for Nebraska-Omaha. He transferred to Missouri Western State after Nebraska-Omaha dropped its football program and earned Division II honors in 2011 as a Griffon.

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