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Missouri Valley Football Announces 2019 All-Conference Squad

For the first time in Missouri Valley Football Conference history a conference member went 12-0 in the regular season, and that team was rewarded by sweeping the league's top honors. North Dakota State QB Trey Lance has been named the league's Offensive Player of the Year, the league's Newcomer of the Year and the league's Freshman of the Year; teammate Derrek Tuszka has been voted the league's Defensive Player of the Year; and coach Matt Entz has been tabbed the MVFC Coach of the Year. The Bison have won 33-straight games, matching an FCS record which they established.

Lance, a Walter Payton Award and Jerry Rice Award nominee, is the first freshman to earn the MVFC's top offensive honor, and he's the fourth freshman to win both the league's Freshman and Newcomer of the Year honors. Previous first-year players to sweep those two awards include QB Sawyer Kollmorgen (UNI) in 2012, RB Martin Ruiz (YSU) in 2013, and LB Jabril Cox (NDSU) in 2017.

Notably, an MVFC school has earned Offensive, Defensive and Coach of the Year honors five times in our 35 year history, including this year. UNI (1985), UNI (1993), Western Illinois (2000) and UNI (2007) were the others to do it. The league has selected those three awards each of our 35 seasons, but the Newcomer (1994) and Freshman (1999) honors were added later.

2019 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: QB Trey Lance, North Dakota State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: DE Derrek Tuszka, North Dakota State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: QB Trey Lance, North Dakota State (*full all-Newcomer Team announced on Tuesday, Dec. 3*)

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: QB Trey Lance, North Dakota State (*full all-Freshman Team announced on Tuesday, Dec. 3*)

'BRUCE CRADDOCK' VALLEY FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR: Matt Entz, North Dakota State

FIRST TEAM

QB --	Trey Lance, North Dakota State	6-3	221	Fr.	Marshall (Minn.) Marshall High
RB --	James Robinson, Illinois State	5-10	220	Sr.	Rockford (Ill.) Lutheran High
	Pierre Strong Jr., South Dakota State	5-11	200	So.	Little Rock (Ark.) McClellan High
FB --	Clint Ratkovich, Western Illinois	6-1	220	Jr.	Crete (Ill.) Crete-Monee High
WR--	Dante Hendrix, Indiana State	6-3	195	So.	Florence (Ky.) Randall K. Cooper High
	Cade Johnson, South Dakota State	5-10	180	Jr.	Papillion (Neb.) Bellevue West High
	Isaiah Weston, Northern Iowa	6-4	208	So.	Albertville (Minn.) St. Michael-Albertville High
TE --	Ben Ellefson, North Dakota State	6-3	250	Sr.	Hawley (Minn.) Hawley High
OL --	Drew Himmelman, Illinois State	6-10	315	Jr.	Geneseo (Ill.) Geneseo High
	Zack Johnson, North Dakota State	6-6	315	Sr.	Blaine (Minn.) Spring Lake Park High
	Dillon Radunz, North Dakota State	6-6	298	Jr.	Becker (Minn.) Becker High
	Jackson Scott-Brown, Northern Iowa	6-4	321	Sr.	Council Bluffs (Iowa) St. Alberts High
	Cordell Volson, North Dakota State	6-6	309	Jr.	Balfour (N.D.) Drake High
PK --	Matthew Cook, Northern Iowa	5-11	175	Fr.	Cedar Falls (Iowa) Cedar Falls High
LS --	Chandler Collins, Missouri State	6-4	235	Sr.	Springfield (Mo.) Glendale High
DL --	Romeo McKnight, Illinois State	6-5	260	Jr.	Crystal Lake (Ill.) Central High
	Justus Reed, Youngstown State	6-3	270	Jr.	Clearwater (Fla.) Central Catholic High
	Elerson Smith, Northern Iowa	6-7	245	Jr.	Minneapolis (Minn.) Minneapolis South High
	Derrek Tuszka, North Dakota State	6-5	246	Sr.	Warner (S.D.) Warner High
LB --	Jabril Cox, North Dakota State	6-3	233	Jr.	Kansas City (Mo.) Raytown South High
	McNeece Egbim, Missouri State	6-0	231	Sr.	Rowlett (Texas) Rowlett High
	Jonas Griffith, Indiana State	6-4	250	Sr.	Louisville (Ky.) Academy at Shawnee
	Christian Rozeboom, South Dakota State	6-2	230	Sr.	Sioux Center (Iowa) Sioux Center High
DB--	Omar Brown, Northern Iowa	6-1	195	Fr.	Minneapolis (Minn.) North Senior High
	Jeremy Chinn, Southern Illinois	6-3	212	Sr.	Fishers (Ind.) Fishers High
	James Hendricks, North Dakota State	6-1	206	Sr.	Bemidji (Minn.) Bemidji High
	Luther Kirk, Illinois State	6-2	195	Sr.	Garland (Texas) Garland High
	Devin Taylor, Illinois State	6-1	200	Jr.	Lansing (Mich.) Sexton High
P --	Brady Schutt, South Dakota	6-1	210	Jr.	Orange City (Iowa) MOC/FV HS
RS --	Dakota Caton, Indiana State	5-10	175	So.	Sullivan (Ind.) Sullivan High

SECOND TEAM

QB --	Austin Simmons, South Dakota	6-1	215	Sr.	Council Bluffs (Iowa) Lewis Central High
RB --	D.J. Davis, Southern Illinois	5-8	170	Sr.	Pompano Beach (Fla.) American Heritage High
	Javon Williams Jr., Southern Illinois	6-1	239	Fr.	Centralia (Ill.) Centralia High
FB --	Dominique Dafney, Indiana State	6-3	235	Sr.	West Des Moines (Iowa) Valley High / Iowa
	Luke Sellers, South Dakota State	6-1	245	Sr.	Papillion (Neb.) Papillion-La Vista South High
WR --	Avante Cox, Southern Illinois	5-10	175	So.	Rochester (Ill.) Rochester High / Wyoming
	Caleb Vander Esch, South Dakota	6-1	200	Jr.	San Jose (Calif.) Willow Glen High
	Christian Watson, North Dakota State	6-3	196	So.	Tampa (Fla.) Plant High
TE --	Brett Samson, South Dakota	6-2	240	Jr.	Oconomowoc (Wis.) Oconomowoc High
OL --	Spencer Brown, Northern Iowa	6-9	321	Jr.	Lenox (Iowa) Lenox High
	Matt Clark, South Dakota State	6-5	340	Sr.	Syracuse (Neb.) Syracuse High
	Ernest Dye Jr., Southern Illinois	6-2	307	Sr.	Greenwood (S.C.) Milton (Ga.)
	Zeveyon Furcron, Southern Illinois	6-1	320	Jr.	Crest Hill (Ill.) Joliet Catholic High
	Wyatt Wozniak, Indiana State	6-3	300	Sr.	Cypress (Texas) Cypress Woods High
PK --	Jerry Nunez, Indiana State	5-11	180	Sr.	Naples (Fla.) Naples High
LS --	Jared Drake, Western Illinois	6-0	230	Sr.	Columbus (Ohio) Westerville Central High / Ohio State
DL --	Jared Brinkman, Northern Iowa	6-2	290	Jr.	Iowa City (Iowa) Regina High
	Ryan Earith, South Dakota State	6-4	260	Sr.	Papillion (Neb.) Papillion-La Vista South High
	Darin Greenfield, South Dakota	6-3	235	Sr.	Sheldon (Iowa) Sheldon High
	Ma'Lik Richmond, Youngstown State	6-4	265	Sr.	Steubenville (Ohio) Steubenville High
LB --	Jack Cochrane, South Dakota	6-3	230	Jr.	Mount Vernon (Iowa) Mount Vernon High
	Cody Crider, Southern Illinois	5-11	218	Sr.	Mayfield (Ky.) Graves County High
	Ty DeForest, Illinois State	6-0	250	Sr.	Marshall (Wis.) Marshall High
	Chris Kolarevic, Northern Iowa	6-1	230	So.	Traverse City (Mich) Saint Francis High
DB --	Marquise Bridges, North Dakota State	5-11	186	Sr.	Minneapolis (Minn.) DeLaSalle High
	Qua Brown, Southern Illinois	5-11	203	Jr.	DeLand (Fla.) University High
	Don Gardner, South Dakota State	6-1	185	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) Wendell Phillips High
	Josh Hayes, North Dakota State	5-11	186	Jr.	Lakeland (Fla.) Lake Gibson High
	Xavior Williams, Northern Iowa	5-11	184	Jr.	Burlington (Iowa) Notre Dame High
P --	Brendan Withrow, Missouri State	6-0	204	Sr.	Imperial (Mo.) St. Pius X High
RS --	Jake Coates, Youngstown State	5-10	170	Jr.	Warren (Ohio) Warren JFK High

Honorable Mention

Illinois State: PK Sam Fenlason, LS Paul Monaco, DL John Ridgeway, OL Adam Solomon • **Indiana State:** LB Clayton Glasco, DL Inoke Moala, DB Michael Thomas • **Missouri State:** WR Tyler Currie, QB Peyton Huslig, DL Matt McClellan • **North Dakota State:** RB Ty Brooks, RB Adam Cofield, RS Trevor Heit, FB Hunter Luepke, FB Garrett Malstrom, OL Karson Schoening, DB Michael Tutisie, DL Spencer Waage • **UNI:** QB Will McElvain, DB Christian Jegen, DB Roosevelt Lawrence • **South Dakota:** PK Mason Lorber, DB Elijah Reed, OL Mason Scheidegger • **South Dakota State:** WR Adam Anderson, LB Logan Backhaus, TE Kallan Hart • **Southern Illinois:** DB Madre Harper, DL Malik Haynes, WR Landon Lenoir • **Western Illinois:** P Adam Fellner, LB Zach Glisan, RS Justin Hall, DL LaCale London • **Youngstown State:** OL Dan Becker, WR Jermiah Braswell, TE Miles Joiner

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1985	Mike Smith, QB, Northern Iowa
1986	Sean Payton, QB, Eastern Illinois
1987	Carl Boyd, RB, Northern Iowa
1988	Paul Singer, QB, Western Illinois
1989	DeAndre Smith, QB, Missouri State
1990	DeAndre Smith, QB, Missouri State
1991	Derrick Franklin, RB, Indiana State
1992	Toby Davis, RB, Illinois State
1993	Kurt Warner, QB, Northern Iowa
1994	Rob St. Sauver, QB, Western Illinois
1995	Dedric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
1996	Dedric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
1997	Aaron Stecker, RB, Western Illinois
1998	Karlton Carpenter, RB, S. Illinois
1999	Cornell Craig, WR, S. Illinois
2000	Charles Tharp, RB, Western Illinois
2001	P.J. Mays, RB, Youngstown State
2002	Russ Michna, QB, Western Illinois
2003	Russ Michna, QB, Western Illinois
2004	Joel Sambursky, QB, S. Illinois
2005	Laurént Robinson, WR, Illinois State
2006	Marcus Mason, RB, Youngstown St.
2007	Eric Sanders, QB, Northern Iowa
2008	Herb Donaldson, RB, Western Illinois
2009	Deji Karim, RB, Southern Illinois
2010	Matt Barr, QB, Western Illinois
2011	Shakir Bell, RB, Indiana State
2012	Matt Brown, QB, Illinois State
2013	Brock Jensen, QB, North Dakota St.
2014	Marshaun Coprich, RB, Illinois State
2015	Marshaun Coprich, RB, Illinois State
2016	Taryn Christian, QB, S. Dakota St.
2017	Chris Streveler, QB, South Dakota
2018	Easton Stick, QB, North Dakota State
2019	Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1985	James Houston, LB, Illinois State
	Mark Farley, LB, Northern Iowa
1986	Brian Gant, LB, Illinois State
1987	Matt Soraghan, LB, Missouri State
1988	John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
1989	John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
1990	Tim Lance, DB, Eastern Illinois
1991	William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
1992	William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
1993	Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
1994	Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
1995	Tim Carver, LB, Eastern Illinois
1996	Mike Miano, DL, Missouri State
1997	Harry Deligianis, DT, Youngstown State
1998	James Milton, LB, Western Illinois
1999	Edgerton Hartwell, LB, Western Illinois
2000	Edgerton Hartwell, LB, Western Illinois
2001	Adam Vogt, LB, Northern Iowa
2002	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2003	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2004	Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State
2005	Brent Hawkins, DE, Illinois State
2006	Cameron Siskowic, LB, Illinois State
2007	Brannon Carter, LB, Northern Iowa
2008	James Ruffin, DE, Northern Iowa
2009	Danny Batten, DE, South Dakota State
	James Ruffin, DE, Northern Iowa
2010	Kyle Glazier, LB, Western Illinois
2011	L.J. Fort, LB, Northern Iowa
2012	Marcus Williams, DB, North Dakota State
2013	Tyler Starr, LB, South Dakota
2014	Kyle Emanuel, DE, North Dakota State
2015	Deiondre' Hall, DB, Northern Iowa
2016	Karter Schult, DE, Northern Iowa
2017	Brett Taylor, LB, Western Illinois
2018	Jabril Cox, LB, North Dakota State
2019	Derrek Tuszka, DE, North Dakota State

'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACHES OF THE YEAR

1985	Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
1986	Al Molde, Eastern Illinois
1987	Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
	Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
1988	Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
1989	Jesse Branch, Missouri State
1990	Jesse Branch, Missouri State
1991	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1992	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1993	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1994	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1995	Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois
1996	Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
1997	Randy Ball, Western Illinois
1998	Todd Berry, Illinois State
1999	Todd Berry, Illinois State
2000	Don Patterson, Western Illinois
2001	Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
2002	Don Patterson, Western Illinois
2003	Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois
2004	Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois
2005	Jon Heacock, Youngstown State
2006	Jon Heacock, Youngstown State
2007	Mark Farley, Northern Iowa
2008	Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois
2009	Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois
2010	Trent Miles, Indiana State
2011	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2012	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2013	Craig Bohl, North Dakota State
2014	Brock Spack, Illinois State
2015	Bob Nielson, Western Illinois
2016	John Stiegelmeier, S. Dakota State
2017	Chris Klieman, North Dakota State
2018	Curt Mallory, Indiana State
2019	Matt Entz, North Dakota State