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2024 Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List Issued

NEW YORK, NY – The College Sports Communicators (formerly CoSIDA) in association with The Associated Press (AP) and the Fiesta Bowl Organization, today released a “Watch List” of 89 college football student-athletes from 67 different schools currently under consideration for the **2024 Comeback Player of the Year Award**.

Since 2018, the award has recognized college football student-athletes for overcoming injury, illness, or other circumstances. At the conclusion of each season, in a vote by a panel of college football writers, editors, and sports information directors, three college football student-athletes are honored as **Comeback Player of the Year Award** winners at the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl.

College athletic communications professionals working with football programs are encouraged to nominate deserving candidates at www.Comeback-Player.com. Here’s a look at the 2024 Pre-Season Comeback Player of the Year Watch List.

PLAYER	SCHOOL	Conference	POSITION
Zuberi Mobley	FAU	AAC	RB
Ikaika Ragsdale	North Texas	AAC	RB
Jason Vaughn	Univ. South Florida (USF)	AAC	DE
Blake Horvath	Navy	AAC	QB
Kenneth McShan	Navy	AAC	LB
Bryce Steele	Boston College	ACC	LB
Cole Turner	Clemson	ACC	WR
Eli Pancol	Duke	ACC	WR
Leo Blackburn	Georgia Tech	ACC	WR

Sylvain Yondjouen	Georgia Tech	ACC	DL
Ja'Corey Brooks	Louisville	ACC	WR
Tyler Shough	Louisville	ACC	QB
Emory Williams	Miami	ACC	QB
Grayson McCall	NC State	ACC	QB
Trebor Pena	Syracuse	ACC	WR
Oronde Gadsden II	Syracuse	ACC	TE
Kobe Paysour	UNC	ACC	WR
CJ Harris	California	ACC	QB
Kam Butler	Virginia	ACC	DE
Nick Gallo	Virginia Tech	ACC	TE
Ali Jennings	Virginia Tech	ACC	WR
Donavon Greene	Wake Forest	ACC	WR
Zakhari Franklin	Illinois	Big Ten	WR
Josh McCray	Illinois	Big Ten	RB
Solomon Vanhorse	Indiana	Big Ten	RB
Cade McNamara	Iowa	Big Ten	QB
Luke Lachey	Iowa	Big Ten	TE
Tyneil Hopper	Michigan State	Big Ten	TE
Darnell Jefferies	Minnesota	Big Ten	DL
Gabe Ervin, Jr.	Nebraska	Big Ten	RB
Noah Whittington	Oregon	Big Ten	RB
Jahmal Edrine	Purdue	Big Ten	WR
Max Klare	Purdue	Big Ten	TE
Tyreem Powell	Rutgers	Big Ten	LB
Ale Kaho	UCLA	Big Ten	LB
Cameron Davis	Washington	Big Ten	RB
Chez Mellusi	Wisconsin	Big Ten	RB
Jake Renfro	Wisconsin	Big Ten	OL
Hal Presley	Baylor	Big 12	WR
Hinckley Ropati	BYU	Big 12	RB
Gerry Bohanon	BYU	Big 12	QB
Isaiah Alston	Iowa State	Big 12	WR
Jalon Daniels	Kansas	Big 12	QB
De'Zhaun Stribling	Oklahoma State	Big 12	WR
Justin Wright	Oklahoma State	Big 12	LB
Johnny Hodges	TCU	Big 12	LB
Cameron Rising	Utah	Big 12	QB
Brant Kuithe	Utah	Big 12	TE
Trey Lathan	West Virginia	Big 12	LB
Jackson Parker	U. Albany	CAA (FCS)	WR

Tyson Mobley	Liberty	Conference USA	WR
Marquis Crosby	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	RB
Lexington Joseph	FIU	Conference USA	RB
Riley Leonard	Notre Dame	Independent	QB
Kevin Bauman	Notre Dame	Independent	TE
Joe Fagnano	UConn	Independent	QB
Demetrius Hardamon	Bowling Green	MAC	LB
Jake Orlando	Buffalo	MAC	TE
Brett Gabbert	Miami (OH)	MAC	QB
Jack Coldiron	Miami (OH)	MAC	TE
Will Mostaert	North Dakota State	MVC	DT
Jacob Spomer	Fresno State	Mountain West	OL
Patrick Garwo III	Nevada	Mountain West	RB
Luke Wysong	New Mexico	Mountain West	WR
Justin Lockhart	San Jose State	Mountain West	WR
Latrell Caples	Boise State	Mountain West	WR
Cam Lockridge	Fresno State	Mountain West	DB
Keyshawn Cobb	Nevada	Mountain West	DB
Lawrence Falatea	Utah State	Mountain West	DE
Spencer Petras	Utah State	Mountain West	QB
Dawaiian McNeely	Wyoming	Mountain West	RB
Luke Hasz	Arkansas	SEC	TE
Shemar James	Florida	SEC	LB
Branson Robinson	Georgia	SEC	RB
Jamon Duman-Johnson	Kentucky	SEC	LB
John Emery Jr.	LSU	SEC	RB
JK Johnson	LSU	SEC	CB
Andrel Anthony	Oklahoma	SEC	WR
Casey Thompson	Oklahoma	SEC	QB
Kaden Helms	Oklahoma	SEC	TE
Raheim Sanders	South Carolina	SEC	RB
Brady Hunt	South Carolina	SEC	TE
Bru McCoy	Tennessee	SEC	WR
Conner Weigman	Texas A&M	SEC	QB
Donovan Green	Texas A&M	SEC	TE
Sam Kenerson	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	WR
Dexter Williams II	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	QB
David Dallas	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	QB
Lincoln Pare	Texas State	Sun Belt	RB

Previous winners of the **Comeback Player of the Year Award** include: **2023 – Blake Corum** (Michigan); **Jacob Dobbs** (Holy Cross); **Mike Hollins** (Virginia); **2022 - Mohamed Ibrahim** (Minnesota); **Laiatu Latu** (UCLA); **Michael Penix Jr.** (Washington); **2021 – Aidan Hutchinson** (Michigan); **McKenzie Milton** (Florida State); **J.J. Weaver** (Kentucky); **2020 – Jarek Broussard** (Colorado); **Kenneth Horsey** (Kentucky); **Silas Kelly** (Coastal Carolina); **2019 – Jake Luton** (Oregon State); **Drew Wilson** (Georgia Southern); **Octavion Wilson** (Salisbury); **2018 - Antwan Dixon** (Kent State), **Seth Simmer** (Dartmouth); **Antonio Wimbush** (Carson-Newman). For a complete list of past honorees, visit www.Comeback-Player.com.

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