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2013 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY WATCH LIST UNVEILED

DALLAS (FWAA) – South Carolina junior end **Jadeveon Clowney**, the lone returning finalist from last season, heads the **2013 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List** of 81 standout defensive players, announced today by the **Football Writers Association of America**.

One of the players on the watch list most likely will be awarded the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, presented annually to the national defensive player of the year by the FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club. Every NCAA Division I Bowl Subdivision conference and several independents are represented on the list that is evenly divided among linemen, linebackers and defensive backs.

Players may be added or removed from the watch list during the course of the season. Once again, the FWAA will choose a Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week each Tuesday throughout the season. If not already on the watch list, the honored player will be added at that time. The FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club will announce five finalists for the 2013 Bronko Nagurski Trophy on Nov. 21.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner will be chosen from those five finalists who are part of the 2013 FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the association's entire membership, selects the 25-man All-America Team and eventually the Nagurski finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner, the best defensive player in America.

The annual Bronko Nagurski Trophy Banquet will be held on Dec. 9 at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte. In addition to the 2013 Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner announcement, the banquet will also celebrate the recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Legends Award, sponsored by the CTC and Florida East Coast Railway. Georgia Tech's Randy Rhino, a member of the FWAA's 1972 All-America team, will be honored. Florida head coach Will Muschamp will be the keynote speaker at the banquet.

The FWAA has named a National Defensive Player of the Year since 1993. In 1995, the FWAA named the award in honor of the legendary two-way player from the University of Minnesota. Nagurski dominated college football then became a star for professional football's Chicago Bears in the 1930s. Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski is a charter member of both the College Football and Pro Football Halls of Fame.

The **Football Writers Association of America**, a non-profit organization founded in 1941, consists of more than 1,300 men and women who cover college football for a living. The membership includes journalists, broadcasters and publicists, as well as key executives in all areas that involve the game. The FWAA works to govern areas that include gameday operations, major awards and its annual All-America team. For more information about the FWAA and its award programs, contact Steve Richardson at tiger@fwaa.com or 972-713-6198.

The **Charlotte Touchdown Club** was founded in 1991 for the purpose of promoting high school, collegiate, and professional football in the Charlotte, N.C., region. The club's activities and services focus community attention on the outstanding citizenship, scholarship, sportsmanship, and leadership of area athletes and coaches. For more information, contact John Rocco (704-347-2918 or jrocco@touchdownclub.com). The official website of the Charlotte Touchdown Club is touchdownclub.com.



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The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Fifteen of the association's 21 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2013 preseason watch list calendar:

July 8: Maxwell Award/Bednarik Award

July 9: Mackey Award/Riminigton Trophy

July 10: Lou Groza Award/Ray Guy Award

July 11: Bronko Nagurski Trophy/Outland Trophy

July 12: Jim Thorpe Award

July 15: Butkus Award/Rotary Lombardi Award

July 16: Biletnikoff Award

July 17: Davey O'Brien Award

July 18: Doak Walker Award

July 19: Walter Camp Award



2013 BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

The **Bronko Nagurski Trophy** is presented to the National Defensive Player of the Year by the **Charlotte Touchdown Club** and the **Football Writers Association of America**.

Linemen (28)

Jeremiah Attaochu, Georgia Tech
Deion Barnes, Penn State
Calvin Barnett, Oklahoma State
Morgan Breslin, USC
Jadeveon Clowney, South Carolina
Scott Crichton, Oregon State
Aaron Donald, Pittsburgh
Dominique Easley, Florida
Devonte Fields, TCU
Ben Gardner, Stanford
Ra'Shede Hageman, Minnesota
Kerry Hyder, Texas Tech
Jackson Jeffcoat, Texas
Timmy Jernigan, Florida State
Anthony Johnson, LSU
Demarcus Lawrence, Boise State
Aaron Lynch, USF
Kareem Martin, North Carolina
Daniel McCullers, Tennessee
Louis Nix III, Notre Dame
Roosevelt Nix, Kent State
Marcus Rush, Michigan State
Tyler Scott, Northwestern
Chris Smith, Arkansas
Will Sutton, Arizona State
Stephon Tuitt, Notre Dame
Nikita Whitlock, Wake Forest
Leonard Williams, USC

Linebackers (27)

Anthony Barr, UCLA
Greg Blair, Cincinnati
Chris Borland, Wisconsin
Carl Bradford, Arizona State
Jonathan Brown, Illinois
Max Bullough, Michigan State
Bryce Hager, Baylor
Jordan Hicks, Texas
Adrian Hubbard, Alabama
Andrew Jackson, Western Kentucky
Shawn Jackson, Tulsa
A.J. Johnson, Tennessee
Christian Jones, Florida State
Eric Kendricks, UCLA
Shaun Lewis, Oklahoma State
Khalil Mack, Buffalo
James Morris, Iowa
C.J. Mosley, Alabama
Trent Murphy, Stanford
Denzel Nkemdiche, Ole Miss
Kevin Pierre-Louis, Boston College
Hayes Pullard, USC
Ryan Shazier, Ohio State
Shayne Skov, Stanford
Yawin Smallwood, Connecticut
Jack Tyler, Virginia Tech
Kyle Van Noy, BYU

Backs (26)

Ricardo Allen, Purdue
Deion Belue, Alabama
Bene Benwikere, San Jose State
Tre Boston, North Carolina
Christian Bryant, Ohio State
Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Alabama
Ross Cockrell, Duke
Aaron Colvin, Oklahoma
Darqueze Dennard, Michigan State
Quandre Diggs, Texas
Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, Oregon
Antone Exum, Virginia Tech
Justin Gilbert, Oklahoma State
Andre Hal, Vanderbilt
Lamaricus Joyner, Florida State
Craig Loston, LSU
Terrance Mitchell, Oregon
Marco Nelson, Tulsa
Loucheiz Purifoy, Florida
Ed Reynolds, Stanford
Bradley Roby, Ohio State
Hakeem Smith, Louisville
Damian Swann, Georgia
Jason Verrett, TCU
Nickoe Whitley, Mississippi State
Ty Zimmerman, Kansas State

By conference (81): SEC (16), Pac-12 (14), Big Ten (13), ACC (12), Big 12 (12), American Athletic (4), Independents (3), Conference USA (2), Mid-American (2), Mountain West (2), Sun Belt (1).