



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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2006 AT&T ALL-BIG 12 FOOTBALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Irving, Texas - The AT&T All-Big 12 Conference football teams and individual award winners have been announced. Selections are made by the league's 12 head coaches, who are not permitted to vote for their own players.

AT&T OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Zac Taylor, Nebraska, Sr., QB, Norman, Okla.

AT&T DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Rufus Alexander, Oklahoma, Sr., LB, Baton Rouge, La.

AT&T SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor, Sr., P, Dallas, Texas

AT&T OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Colt McCoy, Texas, QB, RF, Tuscola, Texas

AT&T DEFENSIVE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Andre Sexton, Oklahoma State, S, RF, Houston, Texas

AT&T OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma State, WR, Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn.

AT&T DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Misi Tupe, Texas A&M, LB, Jr., St. George, Utah

AT&T OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

Justin Blalock, Texas, OT, Sr., Plano, Texas

AT&T DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

Adam Carriker, Nebraska, DE, Sr., Kennewick, Wash.

AT&T COACH OF THE YEAR

Bob Stoops, Oklahoma, 8th season

All-Big 12 Honors Notebook:

- Zac Taylor is the second player from Nebraska to be named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. He joins two-time winner Eric Crouch (2001, 1999) in earning the honor.
- Rufus Alexander is the third Oklahoma player to earn Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, following Teddy Lehman (2003) and Roy Williams (2001).
- Daniel Sepulveda's Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year recognition marks the first time in conference history a Baylor player has earned a major football award.
- Bob Stoops wins Coach of the Year for the third time. The total is more than any coach in league history.
- Sexton and Bowman's honors mark just the second and third time in Big 12 history an Oklahoma State athlete has garnered a major award. Former Cowboy quarterback Tony Lindsay was chosen as Freshman of the Year in 1997.
- Texas and Oklahoma are tied for the most major award honorees in the 11-year history of the Big 12 with 18 each. Kansas State is next with 11 winners, followed by Nebraska (9), Iowa State (6), Colorado (5) and Texas Tech (4).
- Three athletes earned All-Big 12 First Team honors for the third time in their career. Mason Crosby (Colorado), Adrian Peterson (Oklahoma) and Justin Blalock were first team choices in 2006, '05 and '04.

The AT&T All-Big 12 First, Second and Honorable Mention teams continue on the following pages.

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2006 AT&T All-Big 12 Football First Team

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Hometown/Previous School(s)
QB	Zac Taylor	Nebraska	Sr.	Norman, Okla./Wake Forest/Butler County CC
RB	Jon Cornish	Kansas	Sr.	New Westminster, British Columbia/Saint Thomas More
RB	Adrian Peterson [3r]	Oklahoma	Jr.	Palestine, Texas/Palestine
FB	Dane Todd	Nebraska	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Southeast
WR	Adarius Bowman	Oklahoma State	Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn./Notre Dame/North Carolina
WR	Joel Filani [r]	Texas Tech	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz./Paradise Valley
WR	Limas Sweed	Texas	Jr.	Brenham, Texas/Brenham
TE	Martin Rucker	Missouri	Jr.	St. Joseph, Mo./Benton
OL	Justin Blalock [3r]	Texas	Sr.	Plano, Texas/East
OL	Kasey Studdard	Texas	Sr.	Lone Tree, Colo./Highlands Ranch
OL	Corey Hilliard	Oklahoma State	Sr.	New Orleans, La./Jesuit
OL	Joel Clinger	Missouri	Sr.	Warrenton, Mo./Warren County R-III
OL	Chris Messner	Oklahoma	Sr.	Frederick, Okla./Frederick
PK	Mason Crosby [3r]	Colorado	Sr.	Georgetown, Texas/Georgetown
KR/PR	Yamon Figurs	Kansas State	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla./Garden City CC

DEFENSE

DL	C.J. Ah You	Oklahoma	Sr.	Highland, Utah/Snow CC
DL	Adam Carriker	Nebraska	Sr.	Kennewick, Wash./Kennewick
DL	Ian Campbell	Kansas State	So.	Cimarron, Kan./Cimarron
DL	Abraham Wright	Colorado	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M
DL	Larry Birdine	Oklahoma	Sr.	Lawton, Okla./Eisenhower
LB	Rufus Alexander [r]	Oklahoma	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La./Christian Life Academy
LB	Marcus Bacon	Missouri	Sr.	Houston, Texas/Cypress Springs
LB	Bo Ruud	Nebraska	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Southeast
DB	Michael Griffin	Texas	Sr.	Austin, Texas/Bowie
DB	Aaron Ross	Texas	Sr.	Tyler, Texas/John Tyler
DB	Aqib Talib	Kansas	So.	Richardson, Texas/Berkner
DB	Melvin Bullitt	Texas A&M	Sr.	Garland, Texas/Naaman Forest
DB	Terrence Wheatley	Colorado	Jr.	Richardson, Texas/Plano East
P	Daniel Sepulveda [r04]	Baylor	Sr.	Dallas, Texas/Highland Park

[3r] - 3-time All-Big 12 selection (2004, '05, '06)

[r] - Repeat selection from last season

[r04] - Repeat selection from 2004

2006 AT&T All-Big 12 Football Second Team

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Hometown/Previous School(s)
QB	Chase Daniel	Missouri	So.	Southlake, Texas/Carroll
RB	Jorvorskie Lane	Texas A&M	So.	Lufkin, Texas/Lufkin
RB	Brandon Jackson	Nebraska	Jr.	Horn Lake, Miss./Horn Lake
FB	Brandon McAnderson	Kansas	Jr.	Lawrence, Kan./Lawrence
FB	Chris Alexander	Texas A&M	Jr.	Humble, Texas/Humble
WR	Malcolm Kelly	Oklahoma	So.	Longview, Texas/Longview
WR	Maurice Purify	Nebraska	Jr.	Eureka, Calif./San Francisco City College
WR	Dominique Zeigler	Baylor	Sr.	Killeen, Texas/Harker Heights
TE	Martellus Bennett	Texas A&M	So.	Alief, Texas/Taylor
TE	Chase Coffman	Missouri	So.	Peculiar, Mo./Raymore-Peculiar
OL	Scott Stephenson	Iowa State	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall/Minnesota
OL	David Ochoa	Kansas	Sr.	Houston, Texas/Dobie
OL	Cody Wallace	Texas A&M	Jr.	Cuero, Texas/Cuero
OL	Lyle Sendlein	Texas	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Chaparral
OL	Glenn January	Texas Tech	Sr.	Houston, Texas/Second Baptist
PK	Garrett Hartley	Oklahoma	Jr.	Southlake, Texas/Southlake Carroll
KR/PR	Aaron Ross	Texas	Sr.	Tyler, Texas/John Tyler

DEFENSE

DL	Keyunta Dawson	Texas Tech	Sr.	Shreveport, La./Evangel Christian
DL	Brian Smith	Missouri	Sr.	Denton, Texas/Ryan
DL	Tim Crowder	Texas	Sr.	Tyler, Texas/John Tyler
DL	Victor DeGrate	Oklahoma State	Sr.	DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto
DL	Jay Moore	Nebraska	Sr.	Elkhorn, Neb./Elkhorn
LB	Brandon Archer	Kansas State	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Durham
LB	Alvin Bowen	Iowa State	Jr.	East Orange, N.J./Montclair/Garden City CC
LB	Joe Pawelek	Baylor	Fr.	Spring Branch, Texas/Smithson Valley
DB	Marcus Watts	Kansas State	Jr.	Hays, Kan./Hays
DB	Marcus Walker	Oklahoma	Jr.	Waco, Texas/Waco
DB	David Overstreet	Missouri	Sr.	Dallas, Texas/W.W. Samuel
DB	Nic Harris	Oklahoma	So.	Alexandria, La./Alexandria
DB	Reggie Smith	Oklahoma	So.	Edmond, Okla./Sante Fe
P	Matt Fodge	Oklahoma State	So.	Garland, Texas/Garland

Ties in the voting created additional positions on the second team for fullback and tight end.

2006 AT&T All-Big 12 Honorable Mention Team

Baylor:	Anthony Arline, DB; Shawn Bell, QB; Dwain Crawford, DB; Ryan Havens, PK; Maurice Linguist, DB; Trent Shelton, WR; C.J. Wilson, DB
Colorado:	Brian Daniels, OL; Jordon Dizon, LB; George Hypolite, DL; Thaddaeus Washington, LB
Iowa State:	Ryan Baum, PR/KR; Todd Blythe, WR; Aaron Brant, OL; Brent Curvey, DL; Shawn Moorehead, DL
Kansas:	Jerome Kemp, DB; James McClinton, DL; Mike Rivera, LB; Bob Whitaker, OL
Kansas State:	Zach Diles, LB; Yamon Figurs, WR; Rob Jackson, DL; Jermaine Moreira, WR; Leon Patton, PR/KR; Jeff Snodgrass, PK; Greg Wafford, OL; Kyle Williams, DB
Missouri:	Will Franklin, WR; Xzavie Jackson, DL; Darnell Terrell, DB; Tony Temple, RB; Lorenzo Williams, DL; Dedrick Harrington, LB; Jeff Wolfert, PK
Nebraska:	Stewart Bradley, LB; Brett Byford, OL; Cortney Grixby, DB; Marlon Lucky, RB; Corey McKeon, LB; Andrew Shanle, DB; Matt Slauson, OL
Oklahoma:	Steven Coleman, DL; Brody Eldridge, FB; Joe Jon Finley, TE; Lendy Holmes, DB; Zach Latimer, LB; Allen Patrick, RB; George Robinson, OL; Reggie Smith, PR/KR; Paul Thompson, QB; Brandon Walker, OL; Darien Williams, DB
Oklahoma State:	Perrish Cox, PR/KR; Nathan Peterson, DL; Brandon Pettigrew, TE; Andre Sexton, DB; D'Juan Woods, WR
Texas:	Billy Pittman, WR; Tony Hills, OL; Colt McCoy, QB; Brian Robison, DL
Texas A&M:	Justin Brantly, P; Mike Goodson, RB; Kirk Elder, OL; Chris Harrington, DL; Stephen McGee, QB; Chad Schroeder, WR; Misi Tupe, LB; Justin Warren, LB
Texas Tech:	Joe Garcia, DB; Graham Harrell, QB; Chris Hudler, DL; Manuel Ramirez, OL; Jake Ratliff, DL; Alex Reyes, P; Brock Stratton, LB; Louis Vasquez, OL; Shannon Woods, RB