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The Rimington Trophy Committee has released its 2017 Spring Watch List, which includes the following centers in Division I football. *In order to create this list, the committee accepted nominations from programs across the country that submitted their current starting centers for consideration.* This preseason, at least one player from each conference was nominated, with the MAC leading at nine student-athletes selected and the Big 12 and SEC following with eight each respectively.

The following is a list of those named to the 2017 Spring Watch List:

Conference	School	First Name	Last Name	Class Year	Height	Weight
Am. Athl.						
	East Carolina	Garrett	McGhin	JR	6'6	327
	Houston	Will	Noble	JR	6'4	290
	Memphis	Drew	Kyser	JR	6'5	300
	SMU	Evan	Brown	SR	6'3	308
	South Florida	Cameron	Ruff	SR	6'3	320
	Temple	Matt	Hennessy	RS FR	6'4	285
	Tulsa	Chandler	Miller	JR	6'3	293
ACC						
	Boston College	Jon	Baker	SR	6'3	300
	Florida State	Alex	Eberle	RS JR	6'4	294
	Wake Forest	Ryan	Anderson	RS JR	6'6	300
Big Ten						
	Illinois	Nick	Allegretti	JR	6'4	315
	Iowa	James	Daniels	JR	6'4	295
	Maryland	Brendan	Moore	JR	6'3	300
	Michigan State	Brian	Allen	SR	6'2	305
	Northwestern	Brad	North	RS SR	6'2	290
	Ohio State	Billy	Price	SR	6'4	312
	Wisconsin	Michael	Deiter	JR	6'6	329
Big 12						
	Baylor	Tanner	Thrift	SR	6'5	320
	Iowa State	Julian	Good-Jones	SO	6'5	295
	Kansas	Mesa	Ribordy	SO	6'4	305
	Kansas State	Reid	Najvar	SR	6'4	295
	Oklahoma	Erick	Wren	RS SR	6'1	320
	Oklahoma State	Brad	Lundblade	SR	6'3	300
	TCU	Austin	Schlottmann	SR	6'6	300
	Texas	Zach	Shackelford	SO	6'4	305



C-USA						
	Florida Atlantic	Antonyo	Woods	RS SR	6'3	295
	Marshall	Levi	Brown	RS SO	6'4	296
	Old Dominion	Nick	Clarke	JR	6'4	285
	Rice	Trey	Martin	SR	6'2	300
	WKU	Dennis	Edwards	RS JR	6'1	305
INDP.						
	Army	Bryce	Holland	SR	6'2	285
	BYU	Tejan	Koroma	SR	6'0	290
	Notre Dame	Sam	Mustipher	SR	6'2.5	305
MAC						
	Akron	LaVonne	Gauthney	SR	6'1	290
	Bowling Green	Tim	McAuliffe	RS SR	6'1	282
	Buffalo	James	O'Hagan	JR	6'3	310
	Central Michigan	Austin	Doan	SR	6'4	300
	Kent State	Nathan	Puthoff	SR	6'4	309
	Miami (OH)	Danny	Godlevske	SO	6'2	298
	Northern Illinois	Luke	Shively	RS JR	6'2	286
	Ohio U	Jake	Pruehs	SR	6'2	300
	Western Michigan	John	Keenoy	JR	6'3	300
Mtn. West						
	Boise State	Mason	Hampton	RS SR	6'3	303
	Colorado State	Jake	Bennett	SR	6'3	290
	Fresno State	Aaron	Mitchell	SR	6'2	307
	Hawaii	Asotui	Eli	JR	6'4	315
	Nevada	Sean	Krepsz	JR	6'6	320
	New Mexico	Blaise	Fountain	SR	6'0	280
	San Jose State	Keoni	Taylor	SR	6'3	303
Pac-12						
	Oregon	Jake	Hanson	RS SO	6'5	307
	Oregon State	Sumner	Houston	JR	6'2	289
	Stanford	Jesse	Burkett	JR	6'4	307
	UCLA	Scott	Quessenberry	SR	6'3	315
	Washington	Coleman	Shelton	SR	6'4	297
SEC						
	Alabama	Bradley	Bozeman	RS SR	6'5	314
	Arkansas	Frank	Ragnow	SR	6'5	316
	Auburn	Austin	Golson	SR	6'5	312



	Florida	T.J.	McCoy	RS SO	6'1	308
	LSU	Will	Clapp	JR	6'5	309
	Ole Miss	Sean	Rawlings	JR	6'5	294
	South Carolina	Alan	Knott	SR	6'4	274
	Texas A&M	Colton	Prater	SO	6'4	300
Sun Belt						
	Georgia State	Gabe	Mobley	RS JR	6'2	280

While more than a dozen All-America teams are selected annually, the Rimington Trophy committee used these three prestigious teams to determine a winner:

- Walter Camp Foundation (WCF)
- Sporting News (SN)
- Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)

Because the selectors of these three All-America teams can place centers in a "mix" of offensive linemen that includes guards and tackles, their 11-man first teams can often have two centers. The Rimington Trophy committee's policy is to count all players that play primarily the center position for their respective teams as centers, even though they may be listed as guards or tackles on the All-America teams.

The center with the most first team votes will be determined the winner. If there is a tie with first team votes, then the center with the most second team votes will win. If there is still a tie, the winner will be determined by a majority vote from the Rimington Trophy committee. The winner will be recognized at the Rimington Trophy Presentation at the Rococo Theatre in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

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About the Rimington Trophy

The Rimington Trophy is presented annually to the Most Outstanding Center in NCAA Division I-A College Football. Since its inception, the Rimington Trophy has raised over \$2.9 million for the cystic fibrosis community. The award is overseen by the Boomer Esiason Foundation, which is committed to finding a cure for cystic fibrosis and has raised over \$130 million for the fight against cystic fibrosis.

Dave Rimington, the award's namesake, was a consensus first-team All-American center at the University of Nebraska in 1981 and 1982, during which time he became the Outland Trophy's only double winner as the nation's finest college interior lineman.

For more on the Rimington Trophy and a list of past recipients, visit www.rimingtontrophy.com

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