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Wyoming Senior Wide Receiver Jovon Bouknight Earns First Team All-Mountain West Conference Honors, Fellow Senior Dusty Hoffschneider Named Second Team All-MWC

Laramie, Wyo. (Dec. 5, 2005) -- University of Wyoming senior wide receiver **Jovon Bouknight** was named to the **First Team All-Mountain West Conference** squad on Monday in voting by the nine MWC head football coaches and media members covering each of the nine schools.

Bouknight concluded the 2005 season leading the Mountain West Conference in receiving yards, averaging 101.5 yards per game. He also was the MWC leader in all-purpose yards, averaging 160.5 yards per game, and he ranked No. 2 in kickoff returns, averaging 27.8 yards per return.

The Denver native ranked among the Top 15 players in the nation in each of those three categories. He ranked No. 7 in the nation in receiving yards, No. 10 in all-purpose yards and No. 11 in kickoff returns. Bouknight also ranked No. 11 in the country and No. 2 in the MWC in receptions, averaging 7.00 catches per game. Bouknight was Wyoming's only First Team selection. He also earned **Second Team All-MWC honors as a kick returner**.

Fellow Cowboy senior **Dusty Hoffschneider** earned **Second Team All-MWC honors** for the second consecutive season. Hoffschneider, a noseguard, concluded the 2005 season with 54 tackles to rank fifth on the Cowboy squad. He led all Wyoming defensive linemen in tackles. Hoffschneider also recorded 6.5 tackles for losses from his noseguard position.

Seven other Cowboys were named Honorable Mention All-MWC. The Honorable Mention Cowboys were:

John Flora, Sr., Defensive End
Ron Rockett, Sr., Strong Safety
Chase Johnson, Jr., Offensive Tackle
Jason Karcher, Jr., Offensive Guard
Derrick Martin, Jr., Cornerback
John Wendling, Jr., Free Safety
Ward Dobbs, Redshirt Fr., Linebacker

Here are some notes on Wyoming's All-Conference honorees.

2005 First Team All-MWC

9 Jovon Bouknight

Wide Receiver, 6-1, 195, Senior, Denver, Colo. (Manual)

- Led the Mountain West Conference in total receiving yards with 1,116, and ranked No. 10 in the nation.
- Led the MWC in average receiving yards per game, 101.5, and ranked No. 7 in the nation.
- Led the MWC in all-purpose yards, averaging 160.5 yards per game, and ranked No. 10 in the nation.
- Led the MWC in TDs scored by a receiver with 12 on the season, and was the MWC's leading scorer among receivers.
- Ranked No. 2 in the MWC in receptions per game, averaging 7.00 catches per game, and tied for No. 11 in the nation.
- Ranked No. 2 in the MWC in kickoff returns, averaging 27.8 yards per return, and ranked No. 11 in the nation.
- Ranked No. 3 in the conference in scoring by touchdowns, averaging 6.5 points per game.
- Bouknight became the MWC's career recordholder in receiving yards with 3,626. He broke the record of J.R. Tolver of San Diego State, who had 3,572 yards from 1999-2002.
- He had six 100-yard receiving games this season -- 132 vs. Air Force, 116 vs. UNLV, 157 vs. TCU, 106 vs. New Mexico, 187 vs. Colorado State and 143 vs. San Diego State.
- Bouknight's 1,116 receiving yards for the season was a career best, ranks No. 5 in MWC history and No. 6 in Wyoming history.
- His 77 receptions this season was a career best, and ranked No. 5 in MWC history.
- He caught at least two passes in 47 consecutive games -- every game of his Wyoming career. That streak ranks as the second longest current streak in the nation.
- Had 13 plays of 30 or more yards this season -- seven pass receptions, four kickoff returns and two rushing attempts.
- One of only 15 semifinalists for the 2005 Biletnikoff Award, honoring the nation's top receiver.
- Ranks No. 2 in Wyoming school history with 250 career receptions, trailing only former Wyoming All-American Marcus Harris (259 career catches) in career receptions. Ranks No. 3 in school history in career receiving yards with 3,626, trailing only former Wyoming All-Americans Marcus Harris (4,518) and Ryan Yarbrough (4,446).

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2005 Second Team All-MWC

9 Jovon Bouknight

Kickoff Returner, 6-1, 195, Senior, Denver, Colo. (Manual)

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#58 Dusty Hoffschneider

Noseguard, 5-8, 257, Senior, Littleton, Colo. (Northern Colorado)

- Ranked No. 5 for the Cowboys in tackles this season with 54.
- Among interior defensive linemen in the league, Hoffschneider ranked No. 2 in tackles in the MWC.
- A 2005 Preseason First Team All-MWC selection.
- A Second Team All-MWC selection in 2004.
- His 6.5 tackles for losses ranked No. 3 for the Cowboys.
- Hoffschneider's best games this season came against Utah and Air Force, recording nine tackles in each of those two games.
- He had seven tackles including a half sack versus TCU.
- Hoffschneider started all 22 games he played in as a Cowboy.
- Named to the 2005 Bronko Nagurski Award preseason watch list.

2005 Honorable Mention All-MWC

Seniors

#43 John Flora

Defensive End, 6-4, 277, Senior, Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)

- Tied for No. 4 in the MWC in sacks with 5.5 on the season, and also is tied for No. 86 in the nation.
- Tied for No. 2 in the conference in forcing fumbles, averaging 0.27 per game, and ranks No. 37 in the NCAA.
- Started the last 23 consecutive games for Wyoming at defensive end, and started 33 of 47 career games.
- The anchor of a defensive line that ranked No. 4 in the MWC in sacks with 25 on the season.
- His best games of the year were against Florida (2.0 sacks and 2 PBU), Air Force (8 tackles, 1.0 sack and 2 forced fumbles) and New Mexico (8 tackles and 1.0 sack)
- His forced fumble against Air Force came at a critical time with 12:20 remaining in the game and Wyoming trailing by a score of 22-16. Flora forced a Falcon fumble on the Air Force 24 that led to a game-tying touchdown on the next drive on way to a 29-28 Wyoming road win.
- Flora's pass rush up front helped the Cowboys rank No. 1 in the MWC and No. 44 in the NCAA in pass defense, allowing only 207.4 yards passing per game.

#12 Ron Rockett

Strong Safety, 6-1, 195, Senior, Escondido, Calif. (Palomar CC, Calif.)

- Wyoming's leading tackler with 85 on the season.
- In conference games, he ranked No. 3 in the MWC in tackles and ranked No. 7 in the MWC in tackles for all games.
- The leader of a Cowboy secondary that led the MWC and ranked No. 44 in the NCAA in pass defense, allowing only 207.4 yards passing per game.
- He had three double digit tackle games for the season -- 17 versus New Mexico, 15 against BYU and 10 versus Utah.
- Also had an outstanding game vs. Air Force with 7 tackles and 1 interception.
- Versus Colorado State, Rockett made 7 tackles, including 2.0 sacks.
- Elected a team captain in 2005 after transferring from Palomar CC in California in 2004 and earning a starting spot last season.
- Started the last 19 consecutive games for the Cowboys, and 19 of 23 career games.

Juniors

#73 Chase Johnson

Offensive Tackle, 6-8, 325, Junior, Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)

- Started the last 35 consecutive games at left tackle for the Wyoming Cowboys.
- Helped Wyoming to a No. 33 national ranking in passing offense this season (245.7 yards passing per game).
- His blocking up front enabled Wyoming quarterback Corey Bramlet to rank No. 4 in the MWC in passing and running back Wynel Seldon to rank No. 5 in the conference in rushing.
- His blocking helped Wyoming freshman running back Wynel Seldon rush for 871 yards -- a Wyoming freshman record and the 13th best single season in school history.
- An Honorable Mention All-MWC selection in 2004 as a sophomore.
- Considered Wyoming's best pass blocker by Wyoming coaching staff.
- Very durable, has not missed a start since he started the very first game of his redshirt freshman season.

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2005 Honorable Mention All-MWC

Juniors

#69 Jason Karcher

Offensive Guard, 6-3, 304, Junior, Tempe, Ariz. (McClintock)

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- His blocking helped Wyoming freshman running back Wynel Seldon rush for 871 yards -- a Wyoming freshman record and the 13th best single season in school history.
- Considered Wyoming's best run blocker by Wyoming coaching staff.
- Very durable, has not missed a start since he started the very first game of his redshirt freshman season.
- Wyoming's most versatile offensive lineman, in addition to playing right guard he can also play right tackle.

1 Derrick Martin

Cornerback, 5-11, 193, Junior, Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)

- Wyoming's top cover corner on a defense that led the MWC in pass defense and ranked No. 44 in the nation, allowing only 207.4 yards passing per game.
- Named to the 2005 Bronko Nagurski Award preseason watch list.
- A 2005 Preseason First Team All-MWC selection.
- Led the Cowboys in passes defended with 10, and tied for No. 7 in the MWC in passes defended.
- Tied for the team lead in interceptions with three, and tied for No. 8 in the MWC in interceptions.
- Ranked No. 6 for the Cowboys in tackles with 47.
- Best games of 2005 came against UNLV, when he made five tackles and intercepted a pass that he returned 10 yards for a touchdown; and against Ole Miss, making five tackles, intercepting a pass, registering 1.0 sack and blocking a punt.
- Has started the last 24 consecutive games for Wyoming, and has started 27 of the last 30 games for UW.
- A 2004 Second Team All-MWC selection.

#23 John Wendling

Free Safety, 6-1, 209, Junior, Rock Springs, Wyo. (Rock Springs)

- Ranked No. 2 on the Cowboy squad in tackles with 75 and tied for No. 13 in the MWC in tackles.
- In conference games, he tied for No. 8 in the MWC in tackles.
- Tied for the team lead in interceptions with three, and tied for No. 8 in the MWC in interceptions.
- In conference games, he forced two fumbles, tying him for No. 3 in the MWC in forced fumbles.
- Was named MWC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in a 29-28 win over Air Force. He had 13 total tackles against the Falcons and made a game-ending interception to help seal the win for Wyoming.
- His other top performances came against New Mexico (13 tackles) and versus Utah (10 tackles and 1 PBU).
- His three interceptions came against Air Force, Colorado State and San Diego State.
- A 2004 Honorable Mention All-MWC selection.

Freshman

#29 Ward Dobbs

Linebacker, 6-0, 232, Freshman, Fairbanks, Alaska (West Valley)

- Tied for second on the Cowboy squad and 13th in the MWC in tackles, averaging 6.8 tackles per game, from his weakside linebacker position.
- He averaged 9.2 tackles per game in MWC games to rank No. 5 in the league in tackles.
- He made 75 total tackles on the season.
- He recorded double digits in tackles in three games this season (11 versus New Mexico, 16 against BYU and 18 vs. Utah).
- Dobbs forced two fumbles on the season to tie for No. 6 in the MWC in that category.
- In league play, he tied for No. 3 in the MWC in forcing fumbles.
- He was the leading tackler among freshmen in the MWC, tying for 13th among all players. The next ranked freshman is tied for 30th in the MWC in tackles.
- He also had five tackles for losses on the season and 0.5 sacks.

(See Complete Listing of the 2005 All-MWC Team Attached as a PDF File)



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MOUNTAIN WEST ANNOUNCES 2005 ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL AWARDS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The Mountain West Conference announced the 2005 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners today as selected by the coaches and media panel. New Mexico tailback **DonTrell Moore** has been named Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year and Utah defensive back **Eric Weddle** selected as Defensive Player of the Year. Tailback **Aaron Brown** of TCU was honored as Freshman of the Year and TCU's **Gary Patterson** as Coach of the Year.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – DONTRELL MOORE, SENIOR, TB, NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico's first Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year. The last Lobo to garner conference offensive player of the year honors was Graham Leigh in 1997.
- The third running back since the inception of the MWC to be named Offensive Player of the Year (1999-Kevin McDougal, Colorado State/2001-Luke Staley, BYU).
- The second-ever New Mexico running back to receive conference Offensive Player of the Year honors (Mike Williams was co-MVP of the WAC in 1978).

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – ERIC WEDDLE, JUNIOR, DB, UTAH

- The third player from Utah to be named MWC Defensive Player of the Year (John Frank-1999/Morgan Scalley -2004-co-player).
- Became the fourth defensive back in seven years to earn MWC Defensive Player of the Year honors. He is also the second junior to receive the defensive award (Kirk Morrison, SDSU-2003).

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – AARON BROWN, TB, TCU

- The second freshman of the year honoree in Horned Frog history. Tailback Lonta Hobbs earned the award in 2002 when TCU was a member of Conference USA.
- Is the fifth running back to garner MWC Freshman of the Year honors.

COACH OF THE YEAR – GARY PATTERSON, TCU

- Selected as conference coach of the year for the second time in his career. He was voted C-USA Coach of the Year in 2002 after leading the Frogs to a 10-2 overall record.

NOTABLES

- New Mexico tailback **DonTrell Moore** was the only unanimous first-team selection.
- Three student-athletes were repeat first-team all-Conference selections in 2005. New Mexico's **DonTrell Moore** became the first player in Mountain West history to be named first-team all-conference four straight years. Offensive lineman **Ryan Cook** of New Mexico is a three-time honoree, while Utah defensive lineman **Steve Fifita** is a two-time award recipient.
- Linebacker **Jason Phillips** of TCU was the lone freshman selected to one of the all-conference teams (second team). Phillips is the first freshman defensive player in league history to be selected to either the first or second team. Overall, he is just the fourth freshman to make an all-conference team (DonTrell Moore, TB, New Mexico-2002 (first-team)/Lynell Hamilton, RB, San Diego State-2003 (first-team), Hoost Marsh, KR, Wyoming-2004 (first-team)).
- **John Beck** (QB-BYU), **Curtis Brown** (RB-BYU), **Jesse Boone** (OL-Utah), **Gabriel Fulbright** (DB-New Mexico) and **Eric Weddle** (DB-Utah) are all first-team selections in 2005. All five players were second team honorees in 2004.
- Of the 51 first and second-team selections, 31 were seniors, 10 juniors, nine sophomores and one freshman. The first team had 15 seniors, six juniors and four sophomores.
- TCU placed the most players on the two all-conference teams with 12 selections (six on both first and second teams). Utah was next with nine, followed by BYU and New Mexico with seven and San Diego State with five.
- New Mexico had the most first-team selections with seven, followed by TCU with six and Utah with five.

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A listing of the 2005 Mountain West All-Conference Football teams and individual honors are below.

Offensive Player of the Year
DonTrell Moore, Sr., TB, New Mexico

Defensive Player of the Year
Eric Weddle, Jr., DB, Utah

Freshman of the Year
Aaron Brown, TB, TCU

Coach of the Year
Gary Patterson, TCU

ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST FIRST-TEAM

Offense

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>School</u>
QB	John Beck	Jr.	BYU
WR	Hank Baskett III	Sr.	New Mexico
WR	Jovon Bouknight	Sr.	Wyoming
RB	Curtis Brown	Jr.	BYU
RB	DonTrell Moore*	Sr.	New Mexico
TE	Jonny Harline	So.	BYU
OL	Ryan Cook	Sr.	New Mexico
OL	Robert Turner	Jr.	New Mexico
OL	Herbert Taylor	Jr.	TCU
OL	Michael Toudouze	Sr.	TCU
OL	Jesse Boone	Sr.	Utah
PK	Dan Beardall	Sr.	Utah
PR/KR	Cory Rodgers	Jr.	TCU

Defense

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>School</u>
DL	Tommy Blake	So.	TCU
DL	Chase Ortiz	So.	TCU
DL	Evroy Thompson	Sr.	New Mexico
DL	Steve Fifita	Sr.	Utah
LB	Mike Mohoric	Sr.	New Mexico
LB	Freddy Keiaho	Sr.	San Diego State
LB	Spencer Toone	Sr.	Utah
DB	Gabriel Fulbright	Sr.	New Mexico
DB	Marcus Demps	Sr.	San Diego State
DB	Quincy Butler	Sr.	TCU
DB	Eric Weddle	Jr.	Utah
P	Jimmie Kaylor	So.	Colorado State

- Denotes unanimous selection.

ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST SECOND-TEAM

Offense

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>School</u>
QB	Brian Johnson	So.	Utah
WR	David Anderson	Sr.	Colorado State
WR	Jeff Webb	Sr.	San Diego State
RB	Kyle Bell	So.	Colorado State
RB	Quinton Ganther	Sr.	Utah
TE	Greg Estandia	Sr.	UNLV
OL	Jon Wilson	Sr.	Air Force
OL	Jake Kuresa	Jr.	BYU
OL	Lance Reynolds, Jr.	Sr.	BYU
OL	Michael Brisiel	Sr.	Colorado State
OL	Tavo Tupola	Jr.	Utah
OL	Stephen Culp	Sr.	TCU
PK	Chris Manfredini	So.	TCU
PR/KR	Jovon Bouknight	Sr.	Wyoming

Defense

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>School</u>
DL	Manaia Brown	Sr.	BYU
DL	Kurt Kahui	Sr.	San Diego State
DL	Ranorris Ray	Sr.	TCU
DL	Dusty Hoffschneider	Sr.	Wyoming
LB	Cameron Jensen	Jr.	BYU
LB	Jason Phillips	Fr.	TCU
LB	Beau Bell	So.	UNLV
DB	Drew Coleman	Sr.	TCU
DB	Jeremy Modkins	Sr.	TCU
DB	Joe Miklos	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Casey Evans	Jr.	Utah
P	Michael Hughes	So.	San Diego State

HONORABLE MENTION

Air Force: Bobby Giannini, So., DB; Gilberto Perez, Jr., DL; Ross Weaver, Sr., OL. BYU: Justin Luetzgerodt, Jr., LB. Colorado State: Josh Day, Jr., OL; Travis Garcia, Sr., S; Robert Herbert, Jr., DB; Courtney Jones, Sr., LB; Miles Kochevar, Sr., Jesse Nading, So., DL; Clint Oldenburg, Jr., OL; Kory Sperry, So., TE. New Mexico: Cody Kase, So., LB. San Diego State: Antwan Applewhite, So., DL; Reggie Grigsby, Sr., DB; Jasper Harvey, Sr., OL; Joe Martin, Jr., LB; Terrell Maze, Jr., DB; Garrett Palmer, So., PK. TCU: Jeff Ballard, Jr., QB; Aaron Brown, Fr. TB; Robert Hensen, Fr., LB; Robert Merrill, Jr. TB; Cory Rodgers, Jr., WR; Marvin White, Jr., DB. UNLV: Sergio Aguayo, So., K; Howie Fuimaono, Jr, DL; Leon Moore, Sr., DL. Utah: None. Wyoming: Ward Dobbs, Fr., LB; John Flora, Sr., DL; Chase Johnson, Jr., OL; Jason Karcher, Jr. OL; Derrick Martin, Jr., DB; Ron Rockett, Sr., DB; John Wendling, Jr., DB.