



# 2023 Walter Camp All-America Teams

*It is the 134<sup>th</sup> edition of the nation's oldest college football All-America team*

## **A Little History**

This is the 134<sup>th</sup> edition of the Walter Camp All-America team, the nation's oldest college football All-America team. Twenty-five players were selected to the first team by the 131 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors. In addition, 25 players were selected to the Second Team.

- From 1889 to 1964, eleven players were selected.
- In 1965, both offensive and defensive teams were picked.
- In 1972, the first punter (Ray Guy, Southern Mississippi) was honored.
- In 1975, the first placekicker (Chris Bahr, Penn State) was selected.
- In 1998, the first-ever Second Team All-America team was recognized.
- In 2001, the first kick returner (Herb Haygood, Michigan State) was picked.

## **Conference Info**

In all, 35 different schools from 10 conferences (including independents) were represented on the All-America First and Second Teams (a total of 50 players selected). Overall, the Southeastern Conference has the most honorees (13; 4 first teamers and 9 second teamers), followed by the Big Ten Conference (11; 5 first teamers and 6 second teamers). Georgia, Iowa and Notre Dame each have two First Team selections. Alabama has three Second Team selections, while Ohio State has one First Team selection and two on the Second Team.

## **Good to See You Again**

Six players on the 2023 Walter Camp All-America teams are repeat selections. First Team selection Marvin Harrison, Jr. (Ohio State) was a First Team honoree in 2022. 2023 First Team selections Brock Bowers (Georgia), Joe Alt (Notre Dame) and Olumuyiwa Fashanu (Penn State) were Second Team honorees a year ago. Illinois' Jer'Zhan Newtown is a repeat Second Team Walter Camp All-American, while Second Team running back Blake Corum (Michigan) was a First Team honoree last season.

## **Then and Now**

Twenty-two different schools are represented on the 2023 Walter Camp All-America First Team. Of the 22 schools, Michigan has the most storied tradition of placing members on the team. The Wolverines had their first selection in 1903, halfback William Heston. This year, Michigan has two All-Americans (offensive lineman Zak Zinter and running back Blake Corum). Since 1903, Michigan has had 84 Walter Camp All-Americans.

## **First Team Tidbits**

- There are 22 different schools represented on the All-America First Team. The Big Ten has the most First Teamers (5), followed by the Southeastern Conference, Big 12 and Pac-12 (4 each).
- The Sun Belt Conference has three First Team All-Americans with first-time selections from James Madison (DL Jalen Green) and Old Dominion (LB Jason Henderson). Marshall kick returner Jayden Harrison is the Thundering Herd's first Walter Camp All-American since 1997 (Randy Moss, WR).
- Iowa has the current longest streak of having a First Team All-American (2019 to present). Punter Tory Taylor and defensive back Cooper DeJean earned First Team honors in 2023.
- Notre Dame has two First Team All-Americans (OL Joe Alt, DB Xavier Watts). The Fighting Irish have had seven First Team selections in the last four seasons.
- WR Marvin Harrison is Ohio State's first repeat Walter Camp All-American since Joey Bosa (2014-15).
- Omarion Hampton is North Carolina's first Walter Camp First Team All-American since 2012 (OL Jonathan Cooper), and the first Tar Heel running back to be honored since 1970 (Don McCauley).
- Penn State's Olumuyiwa Fashanu is the first Nittany Lion offensive lineman to earn Walter Camp First Team All-America honors since two-time recipient Jeff Hartings (1994-95).
- Georgia has had nine Walter Camp First Team All-Americans in the last five years, including two in 2023 (TE Brock Bowers and DB Malaki Starks).

## **Class Distinction**

Of the 25 First Team selections, 12 are juniors and 10 are seniors, while three are sophomores. On the Second Team (25 total selections), there are 14 juniors, nine seniors and one sophomore. There is also one freshman (USC kick returner Zachariah Branch, USC).

## **Walter Camp Weekend is March 15-16, 2024**

The 2023 Walter Camp All-Americans will be honored at the Foundation's annual Awards Weekend on March 15-16, 2024, in New Haven.

## **FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**

| <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Name, School</b>                | <b>Hgt</b> | <b>Wgt.</b> | <b>Class</b> | <b>Hometown</b>   |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| WR          | Marvin Harrison, Jr., Ohio State * | 6-4        | 205         | Jr.          | Philadelphia, PA  |
| WR          | Malik Nabers, LSU                  | 6-0        | 200         | Jr.          | Youngsville, LA   |
| TE          | Brock Bowers, Georgia #            | 6-4        | 240         | Jr.          | Napa, CA          |
| OL          | Joe Alt, Notre Dame #              | 6-8        | 322         | Jr.          | North Oaks, MN    |
| OL          | Cooper Beebe, Kansas State         | 6-4        | 335         | Sr.          | Kansas City, KS   |
| OL          | Zak Zinter, Michigan               | 6-6        | 322         | Sr.          | North Andover, MA |
| OL          | Olumuyiwa Fashanu, Penn State #    | 6-6        | 317         | Jr.          | Waldorf, MD       |
| C           | Jackson Powers-Johnson, Oregon     | 6-3        | 320         | Jr.          | Draper, UT        |
| QB          | Michael Penix, Jr., Washington     | 6-3        | 213         | Sr.          | Tampa, FL         |
| RB          | Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State    | 6-1        | 211         | Soph.        | Fort Worth, TX    |
| RB          | Omarion Hampton, North Carolina    | 6-0        | 220         | Soph.        | Clayton, NC       |
| PK          | Graham Nicholson, Miami University | 6-0        | 185         | Jr.          | Cincinnati, OH    |

## **FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**

| <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Name, School</b>        | <b>Hgt</b> | <b>Wgt.</b> | <b>Class</b> | <b>Hometown</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| DL          | Laiatu Latu, UCLA          | 6-5        | 265         | Sr.          | Sacramento, CA  |
| DL          | Jalen Green, James Madison | 6-1        | 245         | Sr.          | Baltimore, MD   |

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|----|-------------------------------------|------|-----|-------|----------------------|
| DL | Jonah Elliss, Utah                  | 6-2  | 246 | Jr.   | Moscow, ID           |
| DL | T’Vondre Sweat, Texas               | 6-4  | 362 | Sr.   | Huntsville, TX       |
| LB | Edgerrin Cooper, Texas A&M          | 6-3  | 230 | Jr.   | Covington, LA        |
| LB | Payton Wilson, North Carolina State | 6-4  | 238 | Sr.   | Hillsborough, NC     |
| LB | Jason Henderson, Old Dominion       | 6-1  | 227 | Jr.   | Dingmans Ferry, PA   |
| DB | Xavier Watts, Notre Dame            | 5-11 | 204 | Sr.   | Omaha, NE            |
| DB | Cooper DeJean, Iowa                 | 6-1  | 207 | Jr.   | Odebolt, IA          |
| DB | Malaki Starks, Georgia              | 6-1  | 205 | Soph. | Jefferson, GA        |
| DB | Beanie Bishop, West Virginia        | 5-10 | 184 | Sr.   | Louisville, KY       |
| P  | Tory Taylor, Iowa                   | 6-4  | 232 | Sr.   | Melbourne, Australia |
| KR | Jayden Harrison, Marshall           | 5-11 | 195 | Jr.   | Antioch, TN          |

## SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

| Pos. | Name, School                  | Hgt | Wgt. | Class | Hometown           |
|------|-------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------------------|
| WR   | Rome Odunze, Washington       | 6-3 | 215  | Jr.   | Las Vegas, NV      |
| WR   | Malik Washington, Virginia    | 5-8 | 194  | Sr.   | Lawrenceville, GA  |
| TE   | Dallin Holker, Colorado State | 6-4 | 235  | Jr.   | Lehi, Utah         |
| OL   | JC Latham, Alabama            | 6-6 | 360  | Jr.   | Oak Creek, WI      |
| OL   | Clay Webb, Jacksonville State | 6-3 | 290  | Jr.   | Oxford, AL         |
| OL   | Taliese Fuaga, Oregon State   | 6-6 | 334  | Jr.   | Tacoma, WA         |
| OL   | Luke Kandra, Louisville       | 6-4 | 314  | Soph. | Cincinnati, OH     |
| C    | Sedrick Van Pran, Georgia     | 6-4 | 310  | Jr.   | New Orleans, LA    |
| QB   | Jayden Daniels, LSU           | 6-4 | 210  | Sr.   | San Bernardino, CA |
| RB   | Blake Corum, Michigan *       | 5-8 | 213  | Sr.   | Marshall, VA       |
| RB   | Cody Schrader, Missouri       | 5-9 | 214  | Sr.   | St. Louis, MO      |
| PK   | Jose Pizano, UNLV             | 5-9 | 220  | Sr.   | Lehi, UT           |

## SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

| Pos. | Name, School                 | Hgt  | Wgt. | Class | Hometown                 |
|------|------------------------------|------|------|-------|--------------------------|
| DL   | Jer’Zhan Newton, Illinois #  | 6-2  | 295  | Jr.   | St. Petersburg, FL       |
| DL   | Howard Cross III, Notre Dame | 6-1  | 288  | Sr.   | Paramus, NJ              |
| DL   | Ashton Gillotte, Louisville  | 6-3  | 270  | Jr.   | Boca Raton, FL           |
| DL   | Tyleik Williams, Ohio State  | 6-2  | 290  | Jr.   | Manassas, VA             |
| LB   | Jay Higgins, Iowa            | 6-2  | 233  | Sr.   | Indianapolis, IN         |
| LB   | Dallas Turner, Alabama       | 6-4  | 253  | Jr.   | Fort Lauderdale, FL      |
| LB   | Danny Stutsman, Oklahoma     | 6-4  | 236  | Jr.   | Windermere, FL           |
| DB   | Kris Abrams-Draine, Missouri | 5-11 | 178  | Jr.   | Mobile, AL               |
| DB   | Kool-Aid McKinstry, Alabama  | 6-1  | 195  | Jr.   | Birmingham, AL           |
| DB   | Denzel Burke, Ohio State     | 6-1  | 190  | Jr.   | Phoenix, AZ              |
| DB   | Tyler Nubin, Minnesota       | 6-2  | 210  | Sr.   | St. Charles, IL          |
| P    | Matt Hayball, Vanderbilt     | 6-1  | 187  | Sr.   | West Adelaide, Australia |
| KR   | Zachariah Branch, USC        | 5-10 | 175  | Fr.   | Las Vegas, NV            |

\* - 2022 First Team Walter Camp All-America selection

# - 2022 Second Team Walter Camp All-America selection

*Walter Camp, “The Father of American football,” first selected an All-America team in 1889. Camp – a former Yale University athlete and football coach – is also credited with developing play from scrimmage, set plays, the numerical assessment of goals and tries and the restriction of play to eleven*

*men per side. The Walter Camp Football Foundation – a New Haven-based all-volunteer group – was founded in 1967 to perpetuate the ideals of Camp and to continue the tradition of selecting annually an All-America team.*

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