



## **D3football.com 2021 All-Region 6 Team Balanganayi, Smith headline postseason regional honors**

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MINNEAPOLIS – Mackenzie Balanganayi and Wyatt Smith lead the D3football.com 2021 All-Region 6 team. Balanganayi was named Region 6 Defensive Player of the Year, while Smith was named the Region 6 Offensive Player of the Year.

UW-Whitewater coach Kevin Bullis, who has led the Warhawks to a 13-0 record and a berth in the national semifinals, is the Region 6 Coach of the Year. It's his first selection as a D3football.com regional Coach of the Year and he is the third Warhawks coach to win a regional Coach of the Year award.

NCAA Division III realigned Division III football into six regions in 2021. Region 6 includes the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Northwest Conference, the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Balanganayi is a regional Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive time, after being named such in the West Region in 2019. A senior from Palatine, Illinois, he has posted a team-best 11 quarterback hurries and forced two fumbles while compiling eight tackles for loss and six sacks.

Smith is the third Linfield quarterback to be named Offensive Player of the Year for the region by D3football.com. A senior from McMinnville, Oregon, he led the Wildcats to an 11-1 record and a berth in the national quarterfinals by throwing for 3,717 yards and 43 touchdowns against just four interceptions. Smith averaged 309.8 yards per game and completed 71.3% of his passes. He also ran for six touchdowns.

The teams, selected in balloting by Region 6 sports information directors and D3football.com staff, were chosen from 165 nominations by full Division III member schools. A total of 76 players were chosen. Players nominated for All-Region are eligible to be considered for D3football.com All-America honors, which will be announced the evening of Dec. 17, in D3football.com's pregame coverage for Stagg Bowl XLVIII.

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Previous years' award winners from 2005-2019 for All-West Region can be found at:

<https://www.d3football.com/awards/all-region/all-time-west>

**The teams follow:**



# D3football.com 2021 All-Region 6 Team

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Wyatt Smith, QB, Linfield

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Mackenzie Balanganayi, DE, UW-Whitewater

**Coach of the Year:** Kevin Bullis, UW-Whitewater

For more about Division III football, visit [www.d3football.com](http://www.d3football.com).

## First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Wyatt Smith	Linfield	Sr.	McMinnville, Ore.
RB	Alex Peete	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Ringwood, Ill.
RB	Paul Garrett	Greenville	Jr.	Goodwater, Ala.
WR	Ravi Alston	St. John's	Sr.	Lake Elsinore, Calif.
WR	Ryan Wisniewski	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Sparta, Wis.
TE	Alex Larson	St. John's	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn.
T	Kyle Gannon	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Waukesha, Wis.
G	Douglas Kosch	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Bridgeview, Ill.
C	Nick Neumann	St. John's	Sr.	Inver Grove Hts, Minn.
G	Julien Sears	Linfield	Sr.	Spokane Valley, Wash.
T	Jacob Lyle	Claremont-M-S	Sr.	Ventura, Calif.
K	Brady Frantal	UW-Eau Claire	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
RET	Jake Simuncak	UW-La Crosse	Sr.	S. Milwaukee, Wis.

## Second Team Offense

QB	Max Meylor	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Mt. Horeb, Wis.
RB	Joey Stutzman	UW-La Crosse	Jr.	Lake Zurich, Ill.
RB	Henry Trost	St. John's	Sr.	Lindstrom, Minn.
WR	Dominic Smith	Augsburg	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
WR	Levy Hamer	UW-Stout	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
TE	Ben Beise	UW-River Falls	Sr.	Loretto, Minn.
T	Tyler Johnson	St. John's	Sr.	Willmar, Minn.
G	Jack Fiedler	Bethel	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
C	Matt Metcalf	Linfield	Sr.	Eugene, Ore.
G	Hunter Schulz	UW-Oshkosh	Sr.	Brooklyn, Wis.
T	Alex Waddell	Chapman	Sr.	Portola Valley, Calif.
K	Andrew Abegglen	Gustavus Adolphus	Jr.	Mound, Minn.
RET	Travis Brown	Carleton	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.

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QB	Jaran Roste	Bethel	Jr.	Alexandria, Minn.
RB	Justin Edwards	Claremont-M-S	Fr.	E. Hampton, Conn.
RB	Austin Belot	UW-Eau Claire	Sr.	Neenah, Wis.
WR	Rex Desso	Macalester	Sr.	Evergreen, Colo.
WR	Jake Simuncak	UW-La Crosse	Sr.	S. Milwaukee, Wis.
TE	Justin Kasuboski	UW-Oshkosh	Sr.	Omro, Wis.
T	Alex Klecker	UW-River Falls	So.	River Falls, Wis.
G	Brett Schuler	George Fox	Sr.	Bakersfield, Calif.
C	Mike Olsen	UW-Oshkosh	Sr.	Hartland, Wis.
G	Travis Sinclair	Bethel	Jr.	Rogers, Minn.
T	Andrew Owczarzak	Martin Luther	Sr.	Bay City, Mich.
K	Jason Santoni	George Fox	Sr.	Central Point, Ore.
RET	Justin Montijo	George Fox	Sr.	Hesperia, Calif.

## First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Yr.	Hometown
DE	Travis Swanson	Linfield	Sr.	Hailey, Idaho
DT	Michael Wozniak	St. John's	Jr.	New Hope, Minn.
DT	Zachary Jakes	Gustavus Adolphus	Sr.	N. Mankato, Minn.
DE	Mackenzie Balanganayi	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Palatine, Ill.
LB	Dillon Keefe	Chapman	Sr.	Orange, Calif.
LB	Ryan Liszka	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
LB	Kameron Kryzanski	UW-Stevens Point	Sr.	Thorp, Wis.
CB	Egon Hein	UW-Whitewater	So.	St. Charles, Ill.
S	Nate Farn	Bethel	So.	Arden Hills, Minn.
S	Elijah Alt	UW-La Crosse	Sr.	Lone Rock, Wis.
CB	Tavion Swanson	Bethel	Sr.	Burlington, Wash.
P	Tyler Huettel	St. Olaf	Fr.	McKinney, Texas
ST	John Newton	Macalester	Sr.	Highland Village, Texas

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DE	Seth Morem	St. John's	Sr.	Red Wing, Minn.
DT	Chase Lydig	Linfield	Sr.	Buckley, Wash.
DT	Turjon McLaurin	Greenville	So.	Stockton, Calif.
DE	Ted Androli	UW-River Falls	Sr.	Kenyon, Minn.
LB	Kyle Kornovich	St. John's	Sr.	Rogers, Minn.
LB	Jaylen Gonzales	Whitworth	Sr.	Wai'anea, Hawaii
LB	Carson Dekam	Gustavus Adolphus	So.	Owatonna, Minn.
CB	Tyler Sitton	Linfield	Sr.	McMinnville, Ore.
S	Mark McGrath	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Lisle, Ill.
S	Scott Tinsley	Redlands	Jr.	Capitola, Calif.
CB	Colton Chelin	Whitworth	Sr.	Kennewick, Wash.
P	Jason Santoni	George Fox	Sr.	Central Point, Ore.

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DE	Keaton Adams	Willamette	Sr.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
DT	Nick Severson	Linfield	So.	Sherwood, Ore.
DT	Metoriah Faoliu	St. John's	Sr.	Wildomar, Calif.
DE	Kyle Gallagher	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Niles, Ill.
LB	Isaac Simons	Carleton	Jr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
LB	Tony Jandrin	UW-Oshkosh	Jr.	Forestville, Wis.
LB	Josh Poppleton	George Fox	Sr.	Beaverton, Ore.
CB	Ezekiel Sundberg	Gustavus Adolphus	Sr.	Lakewood, Colo.
S	Travis Brown	Carleton	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
S	Tyler Bergeron	Linfield	Sr.	Battle Ground, Wash.
CB	Lucas Schwin	George Fox	Sr.	Eugene, Ore.
P	Owen Tapia	Chapman	Jr.	Eastvale, Calif.