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Bruno Heads 1996 Gateway Football Conference All-Newcomer Team

ST. LOUIS — Vince Bruno, a senior linebacker at Western Illinois, heads a list of 25 student-athletes today named to the 1996 Gateway Football Conference All-Newcomer Team. Gateway coaches, sports information directors and a media panel selected the team.

The Gateway "Newcomer of the Year," Bruno, a transfer from the University of Pacific, ranked fourth in the league and led his team with 106 tackles during the regular season. He broke up eight passes, which ranked third-best in the Gateway, while anchoring a defensive unit which led the conference by surrendering an average of just 13.7 points per game. That figure ranked No. 8 in the nation.

Bruno is one of nine Western Illinois players named to the Gateway All-Newcomer team. Illinois State had five selections; Northern Iowa had four; while Indiana State had three. Southern Illinois (2) and Southwest Missouri State (2) also were represented on the squad. The top 11 vote-getters (plus ties) on offense and defense were named to the team, which appears below.

OFFENSE

Name	School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
Chad Ames	Indiana State	TE	6-3	258	Fr.	Freedom (Pa.) High
Jamaine Blalock	Western Illinois	TB/RS	5-10	185	Jr.	Kenosha (Wisc.) Bradford High/Iowa Lakes Community College
Bob Dymont	Western Illinois	OL	6-7	295	Jr.	Lowell (Mass.) Greater Lowell Regional High
Rick Garrett	Illinois State	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Centralia (Ill.) High
Thedo Griffin	Western Illinois	WR	5-11	175	Jr.	New Orleans (La.) Joseph F. Clark High/Dixie Comm. College
Jason Grott	Western Illinois	OL	6-2	285	Jr.	Big Lake (Minn.) Monticello High/N. Dakota School of Sciences
Doug Hurt	Indiana State	C	6-2	265	Fr.	Newburgh (Ind.) Castle High
Daryl Jones	Illinois State	RB	5-11	208	So.	Rockledge (Ill.) High/East Carolina
Jason Krivis	Southern Illinois	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Crystal Lake (Ill.) Harper Junior College
Brad Meester	Northern Iowa	OL	6-3	267	Fr.	Parkersburg (Iowa) Aplington-Parkersburg High
Jon Moffitt	Western Illinois	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	Des Moines (Iowa) East High
Justin Roberson	Northern Iowa	RB	5-8	202	Fr.	Davenport (Iowa) North High
Chance Thurman	SW Missouri State	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Branson (Mo.) High

DEFENSE

Tim Angsten	Illinois State	LB	6-2	235	Fr.	Tinley Park (Ill.) Chicago St. Rita High
Dustin Blount	Western Illinois	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Madison (Wisc.) Ridgeland Academy/Holmes Comm. College
Mike Blount	SW Missouri State	DB	5-6	160	Jr.	Waynesville (Mo.) High/Kemper Junior College
Vince Bruno	Western Illinois	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Westlake Village (Calif.) Westlake High/Univ. of Pacific
Mickey Dalton	Northern Iowa	DB	5-6	192	Sr.	Louisville (Ky.) Air Force Academy
Brad Freeman	Western Illinois	DB	5-10	195	Jr.	Los Angeles (Calif.) Westchester High/Univ. of New Mexico
Ryan Hallahan	Southern Illinois	LB	6-3	244	Sr.	Lakeside (Calif.) Grossmont College
Ryan Healy	Illinois State	DE	6-2	222	Jr.	Evanston (Ill.) High/College of DuPage
Shannon Jackson	Indiana State	DE	6-2	240	Fr.	Fort Wayne (Ind.) Harding High
Ty Locatelli	Western Illinois	LB	6-1	225	So.	Boulder Creek (Colo.) San Lorenzo High/Univ. of Pacific
Erik Nelson	Northern Iowa	DL	6-1	276	So.	Iowa City (Iowa) University of Nebraska
Phillip Robinson	Illinois State	LB	6-1	235	So.	Chicago (Ill.) Julian High/Eureka College