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Big 12 Announces Media Preseason Football Team

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All-Big 12 Football Preseason Team

Teammates Jerrod Johnson and Von Miller (Texas A&M), along with Jared Crick (Nebraska) and Toney Clemons (Colorado) were picked for individual awards, highlighting the 2010 Preseason All-Big 12 Football Team, chosen by media representatives who cover the Conference.

Johnson was selected preseason Offensive Player of the Year, Miller and Crick tied for preseason Defensive Player of the Year while Clemons was chosen preseason Newcomer of the Year.

Johnson was named the preseason squad's quarterback after earning All-Big 12 Second Team honors at the conclusion of the 2009 season. The 6-5 senior led the league in total offense with 314.2 yards a game and was fourth in passing (275.3 ypg).



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Miller was also chosen as a linebacker on the preseason team. He garnered All-Big 12 and All-America First Team accolades in 2009 when he led the nation in sacks with 17 and ranked fifth in tackles for loss (1.75/game). The hybrid linebacker/defensive end led the Big 12 in sacks, tackles for loss and forced fumbles.

Crick was named to the preseason team on the defensive line. He was All-Big 12 First Team last year with 73 tackles and 9.5 sacks.

Clemons will join the Buffaloes' receiving corps after transferring from Michigan following the 2008 campaign. He played in 19 games and made three starts for the Wolverines, catching 12 passes for 106 yards.

The annual Big 12 Football Media Days will be conducted in Irving, Texas, July 26-28. Live video coverage, including press conferences and one-on-one interviews with a variety of guests, will be featured daily on Big12Sports.com

2010 Media Preseason All-Big 12 Football Team

Offensive Player of the Year: Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M (QB, 6-5, 243, Sr/3L, Humble, Texas)

Defensive Co-Players of the Year: Jared Crick, Nebraska (DL, 6-6, 285, Jr, 2L, Cozad, Neb.) and Von Miller, Texas A&M (DE/LB, 6-3, 240, Sr/3L, DeSoto, Texas)

Newcomer of the Year: Toney Clemons, Colorado (WR, 6-2, 205, Jr/TR, New Kensington, Pa.)

Offense

Pos	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Cl/Exp	Hometown
WR	Ryan Broyles#	Oklahoma	5-11	183	Jr/2L	Norman, Okla.
TE	Mike McNeill	Nebraska	6-4	235	Sr/3L	Kirkwood, Mo.
OL	Nate Solder*	Colorado	6-9	300	Sr/3L	Buena Vista, Colo.
OL	Ryan Miller	Colorado	6-8	310	Jr/3L	Littleton, Colo.

C	Tim Barnes	Missouri	6-4	310	Sr/3L	Longwood, Mo.
OL	Tanner Hawkinson	Kansas	6-6	293	So/1L	McPherson, Kan.
OL	Stephen Good	Oklahoma	6-6	299	Jr/2L	Paris, Texas
OL	Kyle Hix	Texas	6-7	325	Sr/3L	Aledo, Texas
WR	Jeff Fuller	Texas A&M	6-4	215	Jr/2L	McKinney, Texas
QB	Jerrod Johnson#	Texas A&M	6-5	243	Sr/3L	Humble, Texas
RB	Daniel Thomas*	Kansas State	6-2	228	Sr/1L	Hilliard, Fla.
RB	DeMarco Murray^#	Oklahoma	6-1	207	Sr/3L	Las Vegas, Nev.
PK	Alex Henery^#	Nebraska	6-2	175	Sr/3L	Omaha, Neb.
KR	Cyrus Gray	Texas A&M	5-10	196	Jr/2L	DeSoto, Texas

Defense

DL	Aldon Smith	Missouri	6-5	255	So/1L	Raytown, Mo.
DL	Jared Crick*	Nebraska	6-6	285	Jr/2L	Cozad, Neb.
DL	Jeremy Beal#	Oklahoma	6-3	267	Sr/3L	Carrollton, Texas
DL	Sam Acho	Texas	6-3	260	Sr/3L	Dallas, Texas
LB	Travis Lewis^*	Oklahoma	6-2	232	Jr/2L	San Antonio, Texas
LB	Keenan Robinson	Texas	6-3	239	Jr/2L	Plano, Texas
LB	Von Miller*	Texas A&M	6-3	240	Sr/3L	DeSoto, Texas
LB	Brian Duncan	Texas Tech	6-1	240	Sr/3L	Baton Rouge, La.
DB	Prince Amukamara*	Nebraska	6-1	205	Sr/3L	Glendale, Ariz.
DB	Quinton Carter#	Oklahoma	6-1	200	Sr/3L	Las Vegas, Nev.
DB	Aaron Williams	Texas	6-1	195	Jr/2L	Round Rock, Texas
DB	Curtis Brown	Texas	6-0	184	Sr/3L	Gilmer, Texas
DB	Blake Gideon	Texas	6-1	205	Jr/2L	Leander, Texas
P	Derek Epperson*	Baylor	6-3	235	Sr/3L	Southlake, Texas
PR	Ryan Broyles^	Oklahoma	5-11	178	Jr/2L	Norman, Okla.

^ 2009 Preseason Team

* 2009 All-Big 12 First Team selection

2009 All-Big 12 Second Team selection

Ties in voting created an additional spot at offensive line, defensive back and linebacker.

Unanimous selections: DL - Jared Crick (NU) and Jeremy Beal (OU); LB - Travis Lewis (OU)

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Thoughts on the All-Big 12 team

By David Ubben
ESPN.com

The Big 12 announced its preseason award winners and All-Big 12 team on Thursday. Here's who's on the list:

Offensive Player of the Year: [Jerrod Johnson](#), QB, Texas A&M

Co-Defensive Players of the Year: Jared Crick, DT, Nebraska; and Von Miller, LB, Texas A&M

Newcomer of the Year: [Toney Clemons](#), WR, Colorado

Offense

QB: Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M

RB: [DeMarco Murray](#), Oklahoma

RB: [Daniel Thomas](#), Kansas State

WR: [Ryan Broyles](#), Oklahoma

WR: [Jeff Fuller](#), Texas A&M

TE: [Mike McNeill](#), Nebraska

OL: Ryan Miller, Colorado

OL: Nate Solder, Colorado

OL: Tim Barnes, Missouri

OL: Tanner Hawkinson, Kansas

OL: Stephen Good, Oklahoma

OL: Kyle Hix, Texas

PK: Alex Henery, Nebraska

KR: [Cyrus Gray](#), Texas A&M

DEFENSE

DL: Aldon Smith, Missouri

DL: Jared Crick, Nebraska

DL: Jeremy Beal, Oklahoma

DL: Sam Acho, Texas

LB: Travis Lewis, Oklahoma

LB: Von Miller, Texas A&M

LB: Keenan Robinson, Texas

LB: Brian Duncan, Texas Tech

DB: Prince Amukamara, Nebraska

DB: Aaron Williams, Texas

DB: Quinton Carter, Oklahoma

DB: Blake Gideon, Texas

DB: Curtis Brown, Texas

P: Derek Epperson, Baylor

PR: Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma

A few notes/thoughts from the team:

- Only three players were unanimous selections: Jared Crick, Travis Lewis and Jeremy Beal. Other guys I'm surprised didn't earn that distinction: Ryan Broyles at receiver, Aaron Williams, Von Miller and Nate Solder.
- Ties at linebacker, defensive back and offensive line forced the conference to make room for an extra spot.
- The media's opinion of DeMarco Murray is somewhat divided, so I was a little unsure who would nab the second spot on the ballot. I'd be interested to see how close it was between him, Roy Helu, [Kendall Hunter](#) and [Alexander Robinson](#).
- Home run selection of Toney Clemons as Newcomer of the Year. If I'm guessing, the fact that he was the No. 1 pick in Colorado's spring game helped him earn this honor. An action like that by players speaks pretty loudly.
- I definitely prefer football over basketball in these situations, which doesn't have to deal with freshmen on the preseason all-conference team.
- I'm interested in how close the vote was between Missouri's Grant Ressel and Nebraska's Alex Henery. Henery's punting skills make him the clearly more valuable player, but talking strictly place-kicking, it's pretty close, and Ressel's additional accuracy is quantifiable.

Here's the list breakdown by team:

1. Oklahoma - 7
2. Texas - 6
3. Nebraska - 4
3. Texas A&M - 4
5. Missouri - 2
5. Colorado - 2
7. Baylor - 1
7. Kansas - 1
7. Kansas State - 1
7. Texas Tech - 1
11. Oklahoma State - 0
11. Iowa State - 0

Bufs tabbed fifth in Big 12 North

Media unanimously votes Nebraska No. 1 in division

By Kyle Ringo Camera Sports Writer
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Media members who regularly cover the Big 12 Conference don't believe a more experienced roster is going to lead to better results on the football field this fall at Colorado.

The Buffs were picked to finish fifth in the Big 12 North Division this season in the annual preseason media poll released today by the league. CU finished fifth last year in a disappointing 3-9 season.

Colorado's archrival Nebraska was a unanimous selection as the favorite in the north. The Cornhuskers fielded perhaps the nation's best defense last season and came within 1 second of upsetting Texas in the conference championship game.

Missouri is picked second in the north followed by Kansas State, Kansas, CU and Iowa State.

Oklahoma was picked to win the south ahead of defending champion Texas. Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Baylor round out the voting in the south division.

Colorado hasn't been picked to finish higher than third in the north division in any of the four previous media polls in coach Dan Hawkins' tenure at the school. The last time the Buffs were selected as the favorite in the north was 2005, former coach Gary Barnett's final season.

Barnett guided the Buffs to the conference championship game for the fourth time in five years that season, but was fired after being walloped by Texas for the title 70-3.

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Klatt, Charles Johnson joining forces on radio

By Kyle Ringo Camera Sports Writer
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Former Colorado quarterbacks Charles Johnson and Joel Klatt are teaming up for a sports talk radio show that should begin airing next week on KCUV (102.3 FM) weekdays from noon to 3 p.m.

Both of the former Buffs have experience in talk radio. Johnson worked previously with the late-Thierry Smith on a midday show and for KOA (850 AM). Johnson also has served as the sideline reporter for CU football games and color commentator for men's basketball games for KOA, the Buffs' flagship station.

Johnson won a national title with the Buffs as a member of the 1989 and 1990 teams.

Klatt has teamed with Nate Kreckman on a successful afternoon drive-time show on KCKK (1510 AM). Both are moving to KCUV but they will no longer share a show.

Klatt played for the Buffs from 2002 to 2005 and led the Buffs to two appearances in the Big 12 Conference championship game as the starting quarterback.

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