



NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

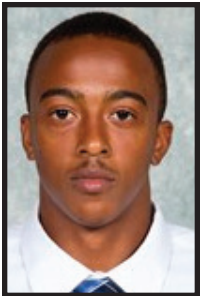
WEEK ENDING 9/9/17



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

GRAYSON BOYCE • Frostburg State University
Junior • Running Back • Poquoson, VA/Poquoson

Boyce earns NJAC Offensive Player of the Week honors after helping the #11 ranked Bobcats improve to 2-0 with a 49-14 NJAC victory over TCNJ. He averaged 8.7 yards per carry in the victory, finishing the game with 122 yards on just 14 attempts. He also registered two first half rushing touchdowns, including a 49-yard score just before intermission which helped Frostburg build a 35-7 halftime lead. With a combined five touchdowns scored in his first two games of the season, Boyce currently leads the NJAC in scoring (15.0 points per game).



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JUSTUS DRAKEFORD • Christopher Newport University
Senior • Defensive Back • Warrenton, VA/Kettle Run

Drakeford earns NJAC Defensive Player of the Week honors after helping the Captains improve to 2-0 with a 20-7 victory over non-conference rival Hampden-Sydney. He tallied seven total tackles in the win, including four solo. He also registered an interception and established a new school-record with five passes defended in a defensive performance which held Hampden-Sydney scoreless until late in the fourth quarter. Drakeford currently leads the NJAC in passes defended (3.00 per game).



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BLAKE JOPPY • Salisbury University
Senior • Wide Receiver • Clarksburg, MD/Proctor Academy

Joppy earns NJAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors after playing a key role in Salisbury's 63-7 NJAC victory over William Paterson. He excelled on both of the Sea Gulls return units, recording three punt returns for a combined 108 yards (36.0 average). He also returned the opening kickoff 59 yards to set up the game's first touchdown. Joppy currently leads the NJAC in both punt return average (28.8) and kickoff return average (34.8).



OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

TAIGE BROWN • Christopher Newport University
Freshman • Running Back • Gloucester, VA/Gloucester

Brown earns NJAC Offensive Rookie of the Week honors for the second consecutive week after helping CNU improve to 2-0 with a 20-7 victory over non-conference rival Hampden-Sydney. In his first career game played at Pomoco Stadium, he carried 19 times for 57 yards and a touchdown. Brown, who has registered a rushing touchdown in each of the first two games of his collegiate career, currently ranks 10th in the NJAC in rushing (64.0 yards per game).



DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

XAVIER HARKUM • Salisbury University
Freshman • Defensive Back • Washington, DC/Anacostia

Harkum earns NJAC Defensive Rookie of the Week honors after contributing in the Sea Gulls first victory of the season – a 63-7 NJAC victory over William Paterson. In the first NJAC league contest of his collegiate career, he registered three total tackles, including one solo stop. He also notched his first career interception which he returned 19 yards in the third quarter. Harkum is the only freshman to record an INT in an NJAC conference game this season.