



ANDREW WINGARD

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE

Strong Safety, 6-0, 209, Junior
 Arvada, Colo.
 (Ralston Valley)

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Pronunciation: WING-urd

HONORS

- 2017 Preseason Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year
- 2017 Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
- 2017 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- 2017 Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- 2016 One of 16 Semifinalists for Jim Thorpe Award
- 2016 First Team All-Mountain West Conference
- 2016 MW Defensive Player of the Week vs. Colorado State
- 2015 First Team FWAA Freshman All-American
- 2015 Second Team All-Mountain West

UW This Season: Andrew Wingard has established himself as one of the nation's elite defensive backs in his first two seasons at Wyoming. Entering his junior season of 2017, he has been named to the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List, the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List and the Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List. He was one of only 16 national semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award as a sophomore last season. He will enter his junior season with 253 career tackles and has a streak of starting 25 consecutive games. **2016:** Wingard helped lead Wyoming to the 2016 Mountain Division title and a spot in the Mountain West Conference Championship Game. Wyoming hosted that championship game as the highest ranked team in the conference. The Cowboys went on to earn a berth in the 2016 San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl. He was a key player in Wyoming's win over two Top 25 ranked teams in 2016, as the Cowboys also earned votes in the national polls. Wyoming's defense led the Mountain West and ranked No. 3 nationally in defensive touchdowns, with five. UW's defense led the league and ranked 15th in the NCAA in fumbles recovered (12), was No. 2 in the MW and No. 22 in the nation in interceptions (15) and was No. 2 in the conference and No. 10 in the nation in turnovers gained (27). He was a First Team All-Mountain West selection as a sophomore in 2016 in addition to being named a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award. He ranked No. 5 in the MW and No. 22 in the NCAA in total tackles in 2016, averaging 9.4 per game, and ranked No. 4 in the league and No. 26 in the NCAA in solo tackles, averaging 5.4 per game. Wingard ended his sophomore season ranked No. 1 among all current active NCAA FBS players in career solo tackles, averaging 6.08 per game, and he ranked No. 2 among all current active FBS players in career total tackles, averaging 9.73 per game. His 131 total tackles in 2016 ranks as the 10th best single season in Wyoming history. Wingard had two interceptions on the season, including one at Nebraska and one in the Poinsettia Bowl versus BYU. He recorded seven double-figure tackle games in 2016, including: a career high 17 tackles at Colorado State, 13 at Nebraska, 12 vs. Northern Illinois and 11 in four other games. **2015:** His true freshman season, Wingard was named a First Team Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), and was one of only 29 freshmen in the nation selected to the team. He also earned Second Team All-Mountain West Conference honors as a true freshman. Wingard led the Cowboys in tackles, with 122, becoming the only freshman in school history to record 100 or more tackles in a single season. Wingard played in all 12 games for the Cowboys with 11 starts. He ranked No. 1 in the Mountain West and No. 4 in the NCAA among all players at all positions in solo tackles in 2015 (6.9 solo tackles per game). Wingard ranked No. 2 in the Mountain West and No. 12 in the nation among all players at all positions in total tackles in 2015 (10.2 tackles per game). He also led all MW defensive backs in tackles. His 122 total tackles in 2015 ranked as the 15th best single season in school history. Wingard recorded seven double-figure tackle games as a freshman. He had a single-season best 16 tackles at San Diego State, 15 tackles at Utah State, 12 against Washington State and Eastern Michigan, 11 against Boise State and Colorado State and 10 at Air Force. **High School:** Wingard was named to the 2014 All-Colorado Team as a running back by The Denver Post. The All-Colorado team consisted of the Top 32 players in the state of Colorado in 2014 and included all classifications. He was selected as the 2014 Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Colorado. Wingard also earned First Team All-State Class 5A honors at running back from The Denver Post in 2014. He was named First Team All-State Class 5A as a running back, defensive back and return specialist as presented by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAANow.com). The CHSAA team was selected by Colorado high school coaches. Class 5A is the largest classification in the state of Colorado. Wingard was ranked as the 15th best overall recruit in the state of Colorado by 247Sports.com. His senior season, he recorded 96 tackles, including 52 solo tackles, intercepted three passes, recovered two fumbles and forced one fumble. He rushed for 1,653 yards on 190 carries his senior season and averaged 127.2 yards per game and 8.7 yards per carry, while recording 10, 100-yard rushing games and scoring 28 rushing touchdowns. Wingard also caught 37 passes for 393 yards and scored five receiving TDs. He added 414 yards in kickoff returns and 235 yards in punt returns. Wingard concluded his senior season with 2,702 all-purpose yards and averaged 207.8 all-purpose yards per game. For his career, Wingard accumulated: 3,251 total rushing yards on 414 carries and 52 rushing TDs; 810 receiving yards on 81 receptions and 12 receiving TDs; 1,331 kickoff return yards; 323 punt return yards; and 5,722 all-purpose yards. He helped lead Ralston Valley High to a 12-1 record and the Semifinals of the Class 5A State Playoffs. He played for head coach Matt Loyd. His father, Dan, was a three-year letterman as a punter at the University of Nebraska from 1983-85. Andrew Wingard was also recruited by Colorado and Washington. **Personal:** He is the son of Missy and Dan Wingard, and is majoring in management.



SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

- Solo Tackles: 12 (San Diego State 2015)
- Assisted Tackles: 8 (Eastern Michigan 2016)
- Total tackles: 17 (Colorado State 2016)
- Interceptions: 1, two times (last: BYU 2016)

ANDREW WINGARD CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UT	AT	TT	SACKS/ YDS	TFL/ YDS	FF	FR/ YDS	PBU	INT/ YDS
2015	12	83	39	122	0.0/ 0	7.0/18	1	0/0	2	1/ 0
2016	14	75	56	131	2.0/25	7.5/36	2	0/0	4	2/33
Totals	26	158	95	253	2.0/25	14.5/54	3	0/0	6	3/33