



2007 Daktronics, Inc. Division II Football All-Northwest Region Team

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Daktronics Division II Football All-Northwest Region Teams Announced Nebraska-Omaha Has Five First-Team Honorees; Grand Valley State, North Dakota Land Four on First Team

ELLENSBURG, Wash. -- (Nov. 28) A total of 53 student-athletes from 22 institutions have been named to either the first or second team of the 2007 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-Northwest Region Football Team, announced Wednesday.

Two institutions -- Central Washington and Nebraska-Omaha -- have a total of six student-athletes represented, with UNO leading all institutions with five first-team selections. Grand Valley State (Mich.) and North Dakota have four first-team players each, while Hillsdale (Mich.) has three.

Both of the Northwest Region's national finalists for the Harlon Hill Trophy are on the Daktronics all-region team, although only one -- wide receiver **Weston Dressler** of North Dakota -- is on the first team. The region's other Hill finalist, Grand Valley State quarterback **Brad Iciek**, ended up on the second team in a closely-contested battle for the top quarterback spot. **Mark Nicolet** of Hillsdale edged out Iciek and Central Washington's **Mike Reilly** for the first team spot at quarterback.

The top vote-getter at any position was Grand Valley State offensive tackle **Brandon Barnes**, who received votes on all but one of the 23 ballots submitted by sports information directors from the Northwest Region. Four other players -- Dressler, South Dakota running back **Amos Allen**, Nebraska-Omaha offensive tackle **Ben Hochstein**, and UNO safety **Randy Kush** -- were also near unanimous picks with votes on 20 of 23 ballots.

First team all-region honorees are now eligible for Daktronics, Inc. Division II Football All-American selection. The announcement of those All-American teams is expected in mid-December, preceding the NCAA Division II Football Championship, which takes place Dec. 15 in Florence, Ala.

Eleven of the Daktronics all-region players will be competing in the Northwest Region championship (and NCAA Division II national quarterfinal) this Saturday at Allendale, Mich., as fourth-seeded Central Washington (10-2) takes on the region's number two seed, two-time defending national champion Grand Valley State (11-0).

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FIRST TEAM

Quarterback: Mark Nicolet, Sr., Hillsdale (Mich.)

Running Back: *Amos Allen, Sr., South Dakota; +Joiqie Bell, So., Wayne State (Mich.); +Brian McNeill, Jr., Nebraska-Omaha

Wide Receiver: *Weston Dressler, Sr., North Dakota; Scott Peters, Sr., Winona State (Minn.)

Tight End: Jared Bronson, Jr., Central Washington

Offensive Line: *Brandon Barnes, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.); Mitch Braegelmann, Jr., North Dakota; Vince Cashdollar, Sr., Ashland (Ohio); Ben Hochstein, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha; Christian Morton, Sr., South Dakota

Defensive Line: *Rob Lewis, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha; *Dan Skuta, Jr., Grand Valley State (Mich.); *Jake Visser, Jr., Ferris State (Mich.)

Linebacker: *Anthony Adams, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.); Tom Korte, Jr., Hillsdale (Mich.); Shane Simmons, Sr., Western Washington; Jeff Souder, Jr., Nebraska-Omaha

Cornerback: *Brandon Carr, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.); Dustin Rice, Sr., Augustana (S.D.)

Safety: *Randy Kush, Jr., Nebraska-Omaha; Tyler Reed, Jr., Southwest Minnesota State

Kicker: Brandon Hellevang, So., North Dakota

Punter: Matt Vanover, Sr., Hillsdale (Mich.)

All-Purpose Back: Ryan Chappell, So., North Dakota

SECOND TEAM

Quarterback: +Brad Iciek, So., Grand Valley State (Mich.); +Mike Reilly, Jr., Central Washington

Running Back: Alex Wiese, Sr., Winona State (Minn.)

Wide Receiver: Johnny Spevak, So., Central Washington; Aaron Waldie, Jr., Hillsdale (Mich.)

Tight End: Brandon Hill, Sr., Mercyhurst (Pa.)

Offensive Line: Bill Bourdlais, Sr., Ferris State (Mich.); Sam Himmelman, Sr., Central Washington; Jake Krause, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha; Nick Urban, Jr., Winona State (Minn.); +Brian Okonofua, Jr., Wayne State (Mich.); +Tim Schneider, Sr., South Dakota; +Jared Veldheer, So., Hillsdale (Mich.)

Defensive Line: Randy Earl, So., Minnesota State Mankato; Ryan Kees, Jr., Saint Cloud State (Minn.); Troy Pribnow, Jr., Wayne State (Neb.)

Linebacker: Nick Baldetti, Sr., Wayne State (Neb.); Dion Harvey, Sr., Findlay (Ohio); Buddy Wood, So., Central Washington; Steven Yarbrough, Sr., Tiffin (Ohio)

Cornerback: Shawn Cunningham, Sr., Winona State (Minn.); DeQwan Young, Sr., Saint Joseph's (Ind.)

Safety: Chris Hemphill, Sr., Central Washington; Cheyne Nelson, Sr., Michigan Tech

Kicker: Paul Potemra, Fr., Bemidji State (Minn.)

Punter: Paul Potemra, Fr., Bemidji State (Minn.)

All-Purpose Back: Anthony Schreiber, Sr., Bemidji State (Minn.)

* Top vote-getter at position (where multiple players are selected) ... + Tied for final spot at position on that team

Breakdown by School (first team/second team in parenthesis)

Ashland 1 (1/0), Augustana 1 (1/0); Bemidji State 3 (0/3); Central Washington 6 (1/5); Ferris State 2 (1/1); Findlay 2 (1/1); Grand Valley State 5 (4/1); Hillsdale 5 (3/2); Mercyhurst 1 (0/1); Michigan Tech 1 (0/1); Minnesota State Mankato 1 (0/1); Nebraska-Omaha 6 (5/1); North Dakota 4 (4/0); Saint Cloud State 1 (0/1); Saint Joseph's 1 (0/1); South Dakota 3 (2/1); Southwest Minnesota State 1 (1/0); Tiffin 1 (0/1); Wayne State (Mich.) 1 (1/0); Wayne State (Neb.) 3 (0/3); Western Washington 1 (1/0); Winona State 4 (1/3)

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