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NCAA Division II

All-Northwest Region Team

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Gene Upshaw Award Winner Finalists Barnes and Hochstein Headline
2007 Football Gazette All-Northwest Region Team

WINONA, MN -- Gene Upshaw Award Winner finalists, offensive tackles, Brandon Barnes of Grand Valley State University and Ben Hochstein of the University of Nebraska at Omaha headline a talented 2007 All-Northwest Region Team selected by *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*.

This marks the sixth year *Football Gazette* has selected NCAA Division II All-Region teams. The national publication, an authority on small college football, has selected NCAA Division II All-America teams since 1998.

The first-team and second-team All-Region selections advance to a national ballot from which the 2007 NCAA Division II *Football Gazette* All-America team will be named.

Barnes and Hochstein helped their respective teams into the NCAA Division II Northwest Region playoffs. Barnes' team, was the No. 2 seed coming into the playoff round and was a two-time defending national champion, while Hochstein's team posted its first undefeated regular season and held the No. 1 seed to start the playoffs.

There were 23 players who were repeat selections to the All-Region team, 18 were on the offensive team and 8 on the defensive team.

Grand Valley State and the University of North Dakota led the way with nine selections each to the All-Region squads. Nebraska-Omaha had seven selections and the University of South Dakota and Bemidji State University each had six selections.

A total of 78 players from 28 teams earned some form of *Football Gazette* All-Northwest Region honors.

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OFFENSE

FIRST TEAM

Quarterback

Mark Nicolet, Hillsdale, Sr, 6-1, 220

Fullback

Scott Blasko, Grand Valley State, Jr, 6-4, 265

Tailback

Amos Allen, South Dakota, Sr, 5-8, 180

Alex Weise, Winona State, Sr, 6-0, 235

Wide Receiver

Scott Peters, Winona State, Sr, 6-2, 190

Jabari Taylor, MSU Moorhead, So, 6-1, 175

Antione Trent, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 198

Tight End

Jared Bronson, Central Washington, Jr, 6-4, 260

Center

Mitch Braegelmann, North Dakota, Jr, 6-1, 280 ^

Guard

Jake Krause, Nebraska-Omaha, Sr, 6-4, 270

Bill Bourdlais, Ferris State, Sr, 6-4, 290 ^

Tackle

Brandon Barnes, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 315 ^

Ben Hochstein, Nebraska-Omaha, Sr, 6-4, 268 ^

All-Purpose

Weston Dressler, North Dakota, Sr, 5-7, 165 ^

Placekicker

Greg Zuerlein, Nebraska-Omaha, Fr, 6-0, 168

SECOND TEAM

Quarterback

Zach Miller, Nebraska-Omaha, Jr, 6-4, 222 ^

Fullback

Brandon Hill, Mercyhurst, Sr, 6-3, 231

Tailback

Ryan Chappell, North Dakota, So, 5-11, 193 ^

Torris Childs, Northwood, So, 5-9, 215 ^

Wide Receiver

Nick Gurica, Hillsdale, Sr, 5-8, 167

Brooks Little, South Dakota, Sr, 6-3, 215

Johnny Spevak, Central Washington, So, 6-3, 200 ^

Tight End

Todd Burkoth, Winona State, Jr, 6-4, 265

Center

Chris Morton, South Dakota, Sr, 6-5, 290 ^

Guard

John Keaveny, Bemidji State, Jr, 6-2, 310 ^

Brian Troen, North Dakota, Jr, 6-3, 287

Tackle

Tim Schneider, South Dakota, Sr, 6-7, 295

Nick Urban, Winona State, Jr, 6-5, 300 ^

All-Purpose

Joiqee Bell, Wayne State, MI, So, 6-0, 215 ^

Placekicker

Jeremy Burr, Saginaw Valley State, Jr, 6-0, 190

THIRD TEAM

Quarterback

Mike Reilly, Central Washington, Jr, 6-4, 212 ^

Tailback

Mark Bossuah, Northern Michigan, So, 5-11, 190

T.C. Hicks, Upper Iowa, Sr, 5-6, 174

Wide Receiver

Ric Cottengim, Saginaw Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 195 ^

Dyshaun Edwards, Tiffin, Jr, 5-10, 186

Dan Paulsen, St. Joseph's, Sr, 6-0, 205 ^

Tight End

Sean Ostrowski, Tiffin, Sr, 6-3, 237

Center

Billy Eisenhardt, Grand Valley State, Jr, 6-3, 270

Guard

Nick Walters, South Dakota, Sr, 6-4, 285

John Brasch, St. Joseph's, Fr, 6-2, 285

Tackle

Pete Moyryla, Michigan Tech, Sr, 6-3, 195

Dan Marshall, Northwood, Sr, 6-4, 298 ^

Justin Guy, Bemidji State, Jr, 6-3, 290 ^

All-Purpose

Brian McNeill, Nebraska-Omaha, Jr, 5-9, 180

Placekicker

Paul Potemra, Bemidji State, Fr, 5-1, 170

DEFENSE

FIRST TEAM

End

Alex Cadwell, North Dakota, Sr, 6-3, 225

Ryan Kees, St. Cloud State, Jr, 6-5, 270

Guard/Tackle

Dan Skuta, Grand Valley State, Jr, 6-3, 255

Jake Visser, Ferris State, Jr, 6-2, 275 ^

Linebacker

Kirk Carruth, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-0, 230

Tom Korte, Hillsdale, Jr, 6-0, 239 ^

Anthony Adams, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 234%

Cornerback

Brandon Carr, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-1, 206 ^

Shawn Cunningham, Winona State, 5-11, 195 ^

Safety

Tyler Yelk, Minnesota Duluth, Jr, 6-0, 200

Tyler Reed, Southwest Minnesota State, Jr, 6-2, 210

Return Specialist

Weston Dressler, North Dakota, Sr, 5-7, 165

Punter

Matt Vanover, Hillsdale, Sr, 5-10, 195

SECOND TEAM

End

Randy Earl, Minnesota State Mankato, So, 6-5, 270

Troy Pribnow, Wayne State, NE, Jr, 6-3, 285

Guard/Tackle

Kyle Clement, Northwood, Jr, 6-4, 266

Rob Lewis, Nebraska-Omaha, Sr, 6-5, 286

Linebacker

Buddy Wood, Central Washington, So, 6-3, 205

Justiss Scales, South Dakota, Sr, 6-3, 225

Derek Volmering, Saginaw Valley State, Sr, 5-11, 230

Cornerback

Bill Brechin, Grand Valley State, Sr, 5-10, 180

Donovan Alexander, North Dakota, Sr, 6-0, 180

Safety

Deshon McClendon, St. Joseph's, Fr, 5-7, 190

Jeff Franklin, Central State, Jr, 5-9, 185

Return Specialist

Dawon Harvey, Ashland, So, 5-5, 190

Punter

Brent Halfmann, North Dakota, Sr, 6-4, 224

THIRD TEAM

End

Jimmy Fleshman, Indianapolis, Sr, 6-2, 295

Seth Iverson, Bemidji State, Jr, 6-2, 245

Guard/Tackle

Josh Miller, Saginaw Valley State, Sr, 6-4, 298

Zach Stafford, Bemidji State, Jr, 6-1, 270^

Linebacker

Nick Baldetti, Wayne State, NE, Sr, 6-1, 220

Jeff Souder, Nebraska-Omaha, Jr, 6-0, 200

Shane Simmons, Western Washington, Sr, 6-1, 230

Cornerback

DeVaughn Dixon, Michigan Tech, Sr, 5-8, 165

Devon Jones, University of Mary, Sr, 6-1, 200

Safety

Rory Manke, North Dakota, Jr, 6-1, 200

Marquice Williams, University of Mary, Sr, 5-11, 205

Return Specialist

Dante Dunn, Wayne State, MI, Jr, 5-10, 181

Punter

Paul Potemra, Bemidji State, Fr, 5-1, 170

^ Repeat selection 2006

% 2006 1st team selection, 2005 3rd team selection