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**Football Team**

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National finalist Northwest Missouri State and two-time defending champion Grand Valley State each placed three players on the first-team to lead the 2007 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-America Football team.

This is the 15th year the Daktronics All-America team has been selected by a vote of sports information directors from NCAA Division II football playing members. The team is sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition.

National finalist Valdosta State (Ga.) had one first-team selection and a second-teamer in the vote.

Northwest Missouri had the top-vote getter at running back in senior Xavier Omon, who has collected 2,274 yards to lead Division II and is the second-highest ground gainer in NCAA football. Omon has tallied 601 yards in the national semifinal and Southwest Region final the last two weeks.

Omon joins senior offensive lineman Reid Kirby and senior line-backer Jared Erspamer as first-team selections. Kirby was a first-team pick in 2006.

Junior safety Sherard Reynolds of national finalist Valdosta led the voting at safety and is VSU's only first-team pick. The Blazers also are represented by second-team receiver sophomore Cedric Jones.

Abilene Christian (Texas) had the most selections of any school, with five, including first-team picks in junior running back Bernard Scott and senior offensive lineman Nathan Young.

Scott rushed for a Lone Star Conference record 2,193 yards this season, with 39 touchdowns in leading ACU to the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

**SELECTIONS BY TEAM**

Team .....	1st	2nd	Total
Abilene Christian (Texas) .....	2	3	5
Arkansas Tech .....	1	0	1
California (Pa.) .....	1	3	4
Central Oklahoma .....	1	0	1
Central Missouri .....	0	1	1
Chadron State (Neb.) .....	0	2	2
Clark Atlanta (Ga.) .....	0	1	1
Delta State (Miss.) .....	1	0	1
Ferris State (Mich.) .....	0	1	1
Grand Valley State (Mich.) .....	3	1	4
Hillsdale (Mich.) .....	0	1	1
Indiana (Pa.) .....	1	0	1
Kutztown (Pa.) .....	0	1	1
Mesa State (Colo.) .....	2	0	2
Midwestern State (Texas) .....	1	1	2
Missouri-Rolla .....	0	1	1
Nebraska-Omaha .....	1	1	2
Newberry (S.C.) .....	0	1	1
North Dakota .....	2	1	3
Northwest Missouri State .....	3	0	3
Shepherd (W.Va.) .....	0	1	1
Slippery Rock (Pa.) .....	0	1	1
Southwest Baptist (Mo.) .....	0	1	1
Tarleton State (Texas) .....	1	0	1
Texas A&M-Kingsville .....	0	1	1
Valdosta State (Ga.) .....	1	1	2
Washburn (Kan.) .....	1	0	1
West Chester (Pa.) .....	0	1	1
West Liberty State (W.Va.) .....	2	0	2
West Texas A&M .....	2	1	3

**Selected by sports information directors of NCAA Division II member institutions**

The two-time defending national champion Lakers, who fell in the semifinals at Northwest Missouri last week, had it's contingent led by senior Brandon Barnes who was tops in voting for offensive linemen for the second straight year. GVSU had senior linebacker Anthony Adams repeat as a first-team selection, and junior defensive lineman Dan Skuta on the first unit along with a second team pick for a total of four on the squad.

National semifinalist California (Pa.) also had four selections, led by first-team senior offensive lineman Tim McCutcheon.

Darren Banks of West Liberty State (W.Va.) joined Barnes in being a two-time leading vote-getter. Banks led all cornerbacks after snaring 13 interceptions this season.

Chadron State (Neb.) senior running back Danny Woodhead became a three-time honoree on the squad as he was chosen to the second-team by a narrow margin.

Woodhead rushed for 1,597 yards this season on his way to becoming the NCAA's all-time all-divisions leading rusher with 7,962 yards.

Delta State (Miss.) senior Michael Eubanks led all players in votes at linebacker. Eubanks, who recorded 90 tackles and 12 sacks this year, joins Scott and Woodhead as finalists for the Harlon Hill Award to be presented Friday night.

Midwestern State senior Daniel Polk was named the first-team quarterback. Polk, the only 2000-1000 collegian this season, passed for 2,487 yards and rushed for 1,089 in 11 games this season, while accounting for 35 touchdowns.

West Texas A&M senior Kolo Kapanui led the balloting at tight end, while Mesa State senior Kurt Kissner was the top balloter in the defensive line with junior teammate Jared Keating tabbed as the top kicker. West Liberty's Almonzo Banks led the wide receivers and North Dakota sophomore Ryan Chappell was the top all-purpose back.

There are a total of 14 players from the 2006 Daktronics, Inc., Division II All-America team.

North Dakota senior receiver Weston Dressler joined Adams, Banks, Barnes, Eubanks and Kirby as repeat first-team selections.

Reynolds led 2006 second-teamers to the first-team, joining Nebraska-Omaha senior offensive lineman Ben Hochstein and Central Oklahoma senior linebacker Will Clewis making the jump.

Midwestern State senior offensive lineman Tony Burson and Newberry (N.C.) senior offensive lineman Heath Benedict repeated as second-team choices. Woodhead, West Texas A&M junior linebacker Jared Brock and Grand Valley State senior cornerback Brandon Carr were 2006 first-teamer who garnered second-team honors in 2007.

In all 52 players were selected ( ties at second-team receiver and safety) with 36 of them seniors, 13 juniors, and three sophomores.

++ Daktronics, Inc. Division II Football All-American Team ++



# 2007 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-America Football Team

Selected by Division II Sports Information Directors

## OFFENSE

### TIGHT END

#### First Team

+Kolo Kapanui, 6-5, 255, Sr., West Texas A&M

#### Second Team

Dan Pickens, 6-4, 240, Sr., Indiana (Pa.)

### WIDE RECEIVER

#### First Team

+Almonzo Banks, 6-2, 220, Sr., West Liberty State (W.Va.)

Weston Dressler, 5-8, 165, Sr., North Dakota

#### Second Team

Cedric Jones, 6-0, 180, So., Valdosta State (Ga.)

Johnny Knox, 6-0, 180, Jr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

Nick Smart, 6-1, 185, Sr., Southwest Baptist (Mo.)

### OFFENSIVE LINE

#### First Team

+Brandon Barnes, 6-2, 315, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.)

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

Reid Kirby, 6-4, 300, Sr., Northwest Missouri State

Tim McCutcheon, 6-4, 305, Sr., California (Pa.)

Nathan Young, 6-3, 300, Sr., Abilene Christian

#### Second Team

Heath Benedict, 6-6, 335, Sr., Newberry (S.C.)

Tony Burson, 6-4, 280, Sr., Midwestern State (Texas)

Mike Butterworth, 6-7, 330, Sr., Slippery Rock (Pa.)

Sam Collins, 6-2, 270, Jr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

John Strand, 6-8, 280, Sr., Chadron State (Neb.)

### QUARTERBACK

#### First Team

+Daniel Polk, 6-2, 202, Sr., Midwestern State (Texas)

#### Second Team

Mark Nicolet, 6-2, 220, Sr., Hillsdale (Mich.)

### RUNNING BACK

#### First Team

+Xavier Omon, 5-11, 220, Sr., Northwest Missouri State

Bernard Scott, 5-11, 220, Jr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

#### Second Team

Dervon Wallace, 5-6, 177, Sr., Shepherd (W.Va.)

Danny Woodhead, 5-9, 200, Sr., Chadron State (Neb.)

### ALL-PURPOSE BACK

#### First Team

+Ryan Chappell, 5-11, 193, So., North Dakota

#### Second Team

Ashton Gronewold, 5-10, 190, Sr., Missouri-Rolla

### PLACE KICKER

#### First Team

+Jared Keating, 6-0, 185, Jr., Mesa State (Colo.)

#### Second Team

Brandon Hellevang, 5-9, 189, So., North Dakota

## DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE LINE

#### First Team

+Kurt Kissner, 6-3, 245, Sr., Mesa State (Colo.)

Dan Skuta, 6-3, 255, Jr., Grand Valley State (Mich.)

Brandon Swain, 6-4, 255, Jr., West Texas A&M

#### Second Team

Kirby Griffin, 6-2, 275, Jr., California (Pa.)

Curtis Johnson, 6-4, 245, Sr., Clark Atlanta (Ga.)

Jake Visser, 6-2, 275, Jr., Ferris State (Mich.)

### LINEBACKER

#### First Team

Anthony Adams, 6-1, 232, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.)

Will Clewis, 6-1, 225, Sr., Central Oklahoma

Jared Erspamer, 6-0, 235, Sr., Northwest Missouri State

+Michael Eubanks, 6-2, 225, Sr., Delta State (Miss.)

#### Second Team

Jared Brock, 6-1, 232, Jr., West Texas A&M

Gary Butler, 6-1, 230, Sr., California (Pa.)

Lateef Ferguson, 6-1, 220, Sr., West Chester (Pa.)

Cody Stutts, 6-0, 230, Sr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

### CORNERBACK

#### First Team

+Darren Banks, 5-11, 180, Jr., West Liberty State (W.Va.)

Cary Williams, 6-2, 190, Sr., Washburn (Kan.)

#### Second Team

Brandon Carr, 6-1, 206, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.)

Rod Mosley, 5-10, 175, Sr., Texas A&M-Kingsville

### SAFETY

#### First Team

Ranardrick Phillips, 5-10, 202, Sr., Tarleton State (Texas)

+Sherard Reynolds, 5-10, 175, Jr., Valdosta State (Ga.)

#### Second Team

Brian Bingnear, 6-0, 200, Sr., Kutztown (Pa.)

Randy Kush, 5-11, 200, Jr., Nebraska-Omaha

Kendall Ricketts, 5-10, 190, Sr., Central Missouri

### PUNTER

#### First Team

+Michael Podobnik, 6-0, 230, Jr., Arkansas Tech

#### Second Team

Jace Amore, 6-0, 230, Sr., California (Pa.)

+ indicates top vote getter at a position