



**Daktronics, Inc.
Division II
All-America
Football Team**

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National finalist Northwest Missouri State placed four players on the first-team, while semifinalists Abilene Christian and North Alabama each had three first-team selections to lead the 2008 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-America Football team.

This is the 16th 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.

The team is headlined by Abilene Christian running back Bernard Scott and Northwest Missouri State safety Myles Burnsidies who were voted the Ron Lenz Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively. Lenz, the retired sports information director at South Dakota State, was the first national coordinator of the program.

Scott, a 5-11, 200 pound senior, is a finalist for the Harlon Hill Award. He rushed for 2,156 yards this season and 34 touchdowns in leading ACU to the Super Region 4 championship game.

Burnsidies, a 5-11, 195 pound junior, led the Northwest Missouri defense as the Bearcats earned a spot in the National Championship Game for the fourth consecutive season. Burnsidies also has collected 65 tackles with 2.5 tackles for losses this season.

Burnsidies joins senior offensive lineman Jeremy Davis (the top vote-getter in the o-line), junior running back LaRon Council, and junior defensive lineman Sean Paddock on the first-team for the Bearcats. Northwest is also represented by second-team return specialist Kendall Wright for a total of five players honored.

Scott is one of six ACU players selected to the 2008 squads, the most by any school this season. He's joined on the first team by offensive linemen senior Sam Collins and junior Tony Washington.

SELECTIONS BY TEAM

Team	1st	2nd	Total
Abilene Christian (Texas)	3	3	6
California (Pa.)	0	1	1
Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	1	0	1
Central Washington	1	1	2
Delta State (Miss.)	1	0	1
East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	2	0	2
Ferris State (Mich.)	1	0	1
Glenville State (W.Va.)	0	1	1
Grand Valley State (Mich.)	2	1	3
Henderson State (Ark.)	0	2	2
Mesa State (Colo.)	0	1	1
Minnesota-Duluth	0	2	2
Missouri Southern	0	1	1
Morehouse (Ga.)	0	1	1
North Alabama	3	2	5
Northwest Missouri State	4	1	5
Pittsburg State (Kan.)	0	1	1
Saginaw Valley State (Mich.)	0	1	1
Shaw (N.C.)	0	1	1
Shepherd (W.Va.)	1	0	1
Tusculum (Tenn.)	1	1	2
Texas A&M-Commerce	0	1	1
Texas A&M-Kingsville	0	1	1
Valdosta State (Ga.)	1	0	1
Wayne State (Neb.)	0	1	1
West Alabama	0	1	1
West Chester (Pa.)	1	0	1
West Liberty State (W.Va.)	1	0	1
West Texas A&M	2	0	2

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Semifinalist North Alabama also placed five players on the combined teams, with first-team selections in senior kicker Tom Schneider, senior cornerback David Raymond, and junior linebacker Mike Johnson.

National finalist Minnesota-Duluth was represented by two second-team selections, senior offensive lineman Nate Baier and senior safety Tyler Yelk.

Harlon Hill finalist Mike Reilly, the senior quarterback from Central Washington, narrowly earned first-team honors as the signal caller. Reilly, who threw for 3,706 yards and 37 touchdowns this season, set an NCAA All-Divisions record with a touchdown pass in all 46 of his career games. Reilly edged out Tusculum (Tenn.) senior Corey Russell who threw for 4,097 yards and 37 TDs, while racking up 4,907 yards of total offense.

West Liberty State (W.Va.) senior Darren Banks was selected as the top vote-getter at cornerback for the third straight season. The 5-10, 188 pounder snared seven interceptions this season on his way to his third straight first-team selection.

West Texas A&M senior receiver Charly Martin was the top vote-getter at wide receiver. Injured midway through last season, Martin did not make the team last season after earning second-team honors in 2006.

Grand Valley State (Mich.) senior defensive lineman Dan Skuta received the most votes in the defensive line, and joined senior offensive lineman Billy Eisenhardt as a first-team pick.

Junior Lardester Hicks-Green of Delta State (Miss.) was the leading vote-getter at linebacker.

East Stroudsburg (Pa.) had two first-team selections, with senior punter Nick Krut and sophomore linebacker Matt Freed collecting the honor.

In addition to Banks, two other players make their third appearance on the team. Valdosta State (Ga.) senior safety Sherard Reynolds repeats as a first-team selection and was a second-team honoree in 2006. West Texas A&M senior linebacker Jared Brock returns to the first-team after earning second-team honors in 2007 and leading the linebackers in votes in 2006.

A total of eight players return to the team from the 2007 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-America team.

GVSU's Skuta joins Scott, Banks, and Reynolds as repeat first-team selections.

Ferris State (Mich.) senior Jake Visser joins Brock and Collins in moving to the first-team in 2008 from the second-team. Knox repeated as a second-team selection.

In all 50 players were selected with 35 of them seniors, 13 juniors, and two sophomores.

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



2008 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-America Football Team

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OFFENSE

TIGHT END

First Team

+Jarrell NeSmith, 6-2, 215, Jr, Tusculum (Tenn.)

Second Team

Jared Bronson, 6-4, 255, Sr, Central Washington

WIDE RECEIVER

First Team

+Charly Martin, 6-2, 210, Sr, West Texas A&M

Mike Washington, 6-0, 190, Sr, West Chester (Pa.)

Second Team

Johnny Knox, 6-1, 190, Sr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

Garrett Manning, 6-4, 210, Sr, Henderson State (Ark.)

OFFENSIVE LINE

First Team

Thomas Battle, 6-3, 315, Sr, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

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

+Jeremy Davis, 6-3, 300, Sr, Northwest Missouri State

Billy Eisenhardt, 6-2, 275, Sr, Grand Valley State (Mich.)

Tony Washington, 6-7, 300, Jr, Abilene Christian (Texas)

Second Team

Sam Allen, 6-5, 305, Sr, Grand Valley State (Mich.)

Nate Baier, 6-3, 290, Sr, Minnesota-Duluth

Sam Hathorn, 6-2, 255, Jr, North Alabama

Kendall Molz, 6-4, 275, Sr, Pittsburg State (Kan.)

Joseph Thompson, 6-3, 315, Sr, Abilene Christian (Texas)

QUARTERBACK

First Team

+Mike Reilly, 6-3, 212, Sr, Central Washington

Second Team

Corey Russell, 6-4, 190, Sr, Tusculum (Tenn.)

RUNNING BACK

First Team

LaRon Council, 5-10, 210, Jr, Northwest Missouri State

+Bernard Scott, 5-11, 200, Sr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

Second Team

Bobby Coy, 5-10, 205, Jr, Mesa State (Colo.)

Jerry Seymour, 5-7, 205, Sr, Glenville State (W.Va.)

RETURN SPECIALIST

First Team

+Deante Steele, 5-7, 175, So, Shepherd (W.Va.)

Second Team

Kendall Wright, 5-11, 175, Sr, Northwest Missouri State

PLACE KICKER

First Team

+Tom Schneider, 6-0, 195, Sr, North Alabama

Second Team

Matt Adams, 5-10, 180, Sr, Abilene Christian (Texas)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

First Team

Sean Paddock, 6-2, 255, Jr, Northwest Missouri State

+Dan Skuta, 6-3, 265, Sr, Grand Valley State (Mich.)

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

Second Team

Louis Ellis, 6-3, 312, Sr, Shaw (N.C.)

Ricky Hope, 6-1, 250, Sr, Texas A&M-Commerce

Troy Pribnow, 6-3, 250, Sr, Wayne State (Neb.)

LINEBACKER

First Team

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

Matt Freed, 5-10, 205, So, East Stroudsburg (Pa.)

+Lardester Hicks-Green, 6-1, 235, Jr, Delta State (Miss.)

Mike Johnson, 6-4, 250, Jr, North Alabama

Second Team

Jared Brawner, 6-1, 237, Jr, Missouri Southern

Jeffrey Cargile, 5-9, 200, Sr, Morehouse (Ga.)

John Jacobs, 6-2, 225, Jr, Saginaw Valley State (Mich.)

Gary Pack, 6-1, 230, Sr, West Alabama

CORNERBACK

First Team

+Darren Banks, 5-10, 188, Sr, West Liberty State (W.Va.)

David Raymond, 5-11, 190, Sr, North Alabama

Second Team

Devon Hughes, 5-11, 180, Sr, Henderson State (Ark.)

Terrence Johnson, 6-0, 195, Jr, California (Pa.)

SAFETY

First Team

+Myles Burnsidess, 5-11, 195, Jr, Northwest Missouri State

Sherard Reynolds, 5-10, 182, Sr, Valdosta State (Ga.)

Second Team

Jabir Perkins, 6-0, 200, Sr, Texas A&M-Kingsville

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

PUNTER

First Team

+Nick Krut, 5-11, 185, Sr, East Stroudsburg (Pa.)

Second Team

Will Batson, 6-4, 210, Jr, North Alabama

+ indicates top vote getter at a position

RON LENZ OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Bernard Scott, RB, 5-11, 200, Sr, Abilene Christian (Texas)

RON LENZ DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Myles Burnsidess, S, 5-11, 195, Jr, Northwest Missouri State