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## NCAA 1-AA NORTHWEST

## All-Region Team

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## Eastern Washington's Meyer and Cal Poly's Gocong and Shotwell Highlight 2005 *Football Gazette* Northwest All-Region Team

**WESTMONT, Illinois** ~~ Peyton Award winner, **Erik Meyer** from Eastern Washington, Buck Buchanan Award winner, **Chris Gocong** from Cal Poly along with record-setting teammate, **Kyle Shotwell** headline a talented 2005 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NCAA 1-AA Northwest All-Region team. Northern Iowa's, **Mark Farley**, who led the Panthers to the NCAA Division 1-AA national championship game, including an 11-4 record, was named Regional Coach of the Year.

Meyer earned Offensive Back of the Year while Gocong claimed the Defensive Lineman of the Year Award and Shotwell is the Linebacker of the Year. Senior **Laurent Robinson** from Illinois State University earned Offensive Receiver of the Year honors, while **Jeff Bolton** from Montana State claimed Offensive Lineman of the Year honors. Northern Colorado's **Reed Doughty** is the Defensive Back of the year and Special Teams Player of the Year honors go to **Jaret Johnson** from Idaho State.

**Meyer**, a senior, from La Mirada, California, completed 269 of 410 passes (.656) for 4,003 yards and 30 TDs with 5 interceptions... carried the ball 92 times for 221 yards (2.4 ypc) and two TDs... Named as the recipient of the 2005 Payton Award. Meyer is a Two-time Big Sky Conference Offensive MVP and first team All-Big Sky QB. Ranked second in I-AA in total offense (352.0) and 5th in efficiency (168.9). Set I-AA career passing efficiency record (at least 400 completions) with a 166.5 rating, and ranks in the top 16 in I-AA history in career passing yards (10,261), career touchdown passes (84) and career total offense (10,942).

**Gocong**, a senior, from Santa Barbara, California, is the 2005 Great West Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Chris Gocong is the winner of the 2005 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the nation's defensive player of the year in Division I-AA. This season, Gocong finished first in the nation in sacks per game (1.81), second in tackles for lost yardage (2.35 per game) and 23rd in forced fumbles (.31). He recorded 98 total tackles (46 solo), including a school-record 23.5 sacks and 31.0 tackles for lost yardage, leading the Mustangs to a 9-4 record, a second straight Great West Football Conference championship and the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. He recovered a Montana State fumble in the end zone on Sept. 17 for his first career Mustang touchdown.

**Shotwell**, a junior, from Goleta, California, Shotwell (6-1, 235, Goleta, CA) raised the school record for total tackles in a season to 158, breaking the old mark of 135 established by Jordan Beck in 2004. Shotwell finished second in the Great West and fourth in the nation in total tackles per game and also finished fifth in the nation in solo tackles with 6.46 per contest. He has four career interceptions and has played in all 35 games in his Mustang career, including starts in his last 22 games. Shotwell's career high for tackles in a game is 20 set in the quarterfinal-round playoff loss to Texas State on Dec. 3. For the 2005 season he had 71 solo hits, 13.5 tackles for loss (-63 yards), including five sacks (-43 yards), two forced fumble, three pass breakups and two interceptions (+5 yards). First-team Great West Football Conference linebacker.

**Robinson**, a junior, from Rockledge, Florida, is a three-time Gateway Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week selection. He ranks No. 1 nationally in yards per game (133.2) and No. 2 in catches per contest (7.8). He set league and school season marks with 1,465 receiving yards on a conference-tying best 86 catches. He posted six 100-yard receiving games, including two games of 200 yards or more, highlighted by his 292 receiving yards on 14 catches against Indiana State in the season finale. He finished with 12 touchdown catches.

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**Bolton**, a senior, from Phoenix, Arizona, a three-year starter, played every offensive line position during his Bobcat career, most recently he was the offensive center. He earned First Team All-Big Sky honors as a junior and senior. In a question and answer session, one of the questions he was asked after the big win over the University of Montana was, "Q: You were so emotional after the Grizzly game, what was going through your mind that got to you? JB: I was holding it together until Travis' (Lulay) dad found me and gave me a hug, and he had tears in his eyes. That got to me, how much this place means to me. I'm sure me and Travis were the worst. It's an emotional game."

**Johnson**, a senior, from Phoenix, Arizona, rebounded from a poor 2004 campaign in which he struggled with injuries to become one of the best kickers in the nation. Johnson was 17-for-19 on field goals, including 2-for-3 from 50 yards or more. He twice during the season tied the ISU record with eight consecutive made field goals, and he finished the season 16-for-17, missing only from 53 yards. He was perfect on the road this season, but his defining moment came against Portland State, when he kicked a 54-yard field goal with one second left for a 36-34 Bengal win. It was tied for the eighth-longest kick in school history, and it was the longest game-winner ever for ISU.

**Doughty**, a senior, from Johnstown, Colorado, capped a stellar career by leading all of I-AA in tackles in 2005, registering 159 stops (14.45/game) during the season, including a season-high 19 against 2005 NCAA Playoff participant Cal Poly. Doughty had double-digit tackles in 10 of 11 games during the year and ranked in the top-10 in the Great West Football Conference in forced fumbles (3), fumbles recovered (3), passes defended (8) and interceptions (4). He capped his career by ranking third in school history in career tackles (466), fifth in career interceptions (14) and eighth in career fumbles recoveries (6). The epitome of a student-athlete, Doughty compiled a perfect 4.0 GPA, was the top vote-getter on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American team in 2005

**Mark Farley**, led the University of Northern Iowa to the NCAA 1-AA National Championship game in 2005. Unfortunately in UNI's first national title game appearance, the Appalachian State University Mountaineers scored a 21-16 victory. Once known as the "walk on from Waukon" (hometown is Waukon, Iowa) when he wore a Panther football uniform, Mark Farley returned to his alma mater as its head football coach when his appointment was announced in a press conference held April 3, 2001. In Farley's five years at the helm, UNI has advanced three times to post-season play and has won at least a share of three Gateway crowns. His overall record at UNI stands at 44-20-0.

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### ***FIRST TEAM OFFENSE***

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	ERIK MEYER (Eastern Washington University)	Senior	6'2	210	La Mirada, Calif.
RB	JAMES NOBLE (Cal Poly State University)	Frosh.	5'6	180	Barstow, Calif.
RB	JOE RUBIN (Portland State University)	Senior	5'11	230	Tacoma, WA/Foss
RB	ARKEE WHITLOCK (Southern Illinois University)	Junior	5'10	200	Rock Hill, SC
TE	A.J. COOPER (North Dakota State University)	Senior	6'1	239	Phoenix, Ariz./Sunnyslope
WR	RICK GATEWOOD (Montana State University)	Senior	6'0	185	Richmond, Calif.
WR	ERIC KIMBLE (Eastern Washington University)	Senior	5'11	200	Tacoma, Wash./Franklin Pierce
WR	LAURENT ROBINSON (Illinois State University)	Junior	6'2	193	Rockledge, Fla.
OT	PAUL McQUISTAN (Weber State University)	Senior	6'6	315	Lebanon, OR
OG	MATT ALFRED (Eastern Washington University)	Soph..	6'3	290	Gig Harbor, Wash.
OC	JEFF BOLTON (Montana State University)	Senior	6'4	302	Haley, Idaho/Wood River
OG	BRENNAN CARVALHO (Portland State University)	Senior	6'1	310	Kapea, Hawaii/Kamehameha
OT	BRAD RHODES (University of Montana)	Senior	6'5	285	Bellingham, Wash./Sehome
PK	JARET JOHNSON (Idaho State University)	Senior	5'10	200	Phoenix, Ariz./Arcadia
KR	CHRIS DANIELS (Sacramento State University)	Junior	5'8	175	South San Francisco, Calif.
AP	ARKEE WHITLOCK (Southern Illinois University)	Junior	5'10	200	Rock Hill, SC

### ***FIRST TEAM DEFENSE***

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	CHRIS GOCONG (Cal Poly State University)	Senior	6'3	265	Santa Barbara, Calif./Carpinteria
DE	BRENT HAWKINS (Illinois State University)	Senior	6'3	244	Godfrey, Ill./Jersey-Purdue
DE	JEFF CHARLESTON (Idaho State University)	Senior	6'4	260	Monmouth, Oregon/Central
DT	JUSTIN FRICK (North Dakota State University)	Junior	6'3	292	Yankton, SD
DT	ALLEN SAENZ (University of Montana)	Senior	6'2	295	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
LB	WYATT GREEN (Western Illinois University)	Senior	6'1	225	Burnside, Ill./Carthage
LB	JOHN HERMANN (University of Northern Iowa)	Senior	6'3	240	Clive, Iowa/West Des Moines Dowling
LB	MATT LOGUE (Sacramento State University)	Senior	6'2	235	Grass Valley, Calif./Bear River
LB	KYLE SHOTWELL (Cal Poly State University)	Junior	6'1	235	Goleta, Calif./Dos Pueblos
LB	CAMERON SISKOWIC (Illinois State University)	Junior	6'2	226	San Diego, Calif./Clairmont
DB	KENNY CHICOINE (Cal Poly State University)	Junior	6'1	205	Huntington Beach, Calif./Mater Dei
DB	DOMINIC DIXON (Portland State University)	Junior	5'11	185	Seattle, Wash./O'Dea
DB	REED DOUGHTY (University of Northern Colorado)	Senior	6'1	210	Johnston, Colo./Roosevelt
DB	ANTONIO THOMAS (Western Kentucky University)	Senior	6'2	200	Louisville, Ky./Fiardale
DB	TANNER VARNER (University of Northern Iowa)	Senior	6'1	198	Ottumwa, Iowa
P	MIKE DRAGOSAVICH (North Dakota State University)	Soph..	6'5	196	Oak Lawn, Ill./Richards

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POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	TRAVIS LULAY (Montana State University)	Senior	6'2	205	Aumsville, OR/Regis
RB	LEX HILLIARD (University of Montana)	Junior	6'0	225	Kalispell, MT/Flathead
RB	JEFF HORTON (Valparaiso University)	Junior	6-2	185	St. Louis, Mo./Lutheran North
RB	SCOTT PHAYDAVONG (Drake University)	Soph..	5'6	161	Des Moines, Iowa/East
TE	JAMIE PETROWSKI (Indiana State University)	Senior	6'4	240	Terre Haute, Ind./North Vigo
WR	ANDY BIRKEL (University of Northern Colorado)	Junior	6'2	180	Lincoln, Nebr./Southeast
WR	TONY KAYS (University of California at Davis)	Junior	6'1	188	Elk Grove, Calif.
WR	RAUL VIJIL (Eastern Washington University)	Senior	5'9	185	Pasco, Wash.
OT	TIM POPOWSKI (North Dakota State University)	Senior	6'2	310	Brookings, SD
OG	BEAU FINATO (Cal Poly State University)	Senior	6'0	260	Cupertino, Calif./Henry Gunn
OC	STAFFORD DAVIS (Illinois State University)	Senior	6'2	302	Orange Park, Fla./Clay
OG	MIKE STEGEMAN (Illinois State University)	Senior	6'5	302	Chatham, IL/Glenwood
OT	CHAD RINEHART (University of Northern Iowa)	Soph..	6'5	301	Boone, Iowa
PK	PARKER DOUGLASS (South Dakota State University)	Soph..	5'8	170	Columbus, Nebr.
KR	NICK FELDMAN (Morehead State University)	Frosh.	5'9	175	Oconto, Wisc.
AP	ERIC KIMBLE (Eastern Washington University)	Senior	5'11	200	Tacoma, Wash./Franklin Pierce

### THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	JOSH JOHNSON (University of San Diego)	Soph..	6'3	180	Oakland, Calif./Oakland Tech
RB	TRAVIS GLASFORD (Western Illinois University)	Senior	5'11	190	Miami, Fla./Southridge
RB	LERRON MOORE (Western Kentucky University)	Senior	5'10	200	Columbus, Ohio/Bishop Watterson
RB	KYLE STEFFES (North Dakota State University)	Junior	5'11	206	Dickinson, ND/Trinity
TE	CHRIS KUPEC (Southern Illinois University)	Senior	6'2	235	Columbia, Mo./River Hill
WR	BRENT LITTLE (Southern Illinois University)	Senior	6'0	185	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
WR	SAM LOGAN (Indiana State University)	Junior	6'1	205	Kentland, Ind./South Newton
WR	MARCO THOMAS (Western Illinois University)	Junior	6'1	175	Chicago, Ill./Bogan
OT	CHAD WALKER (Western Illinois University)	Junior	6'5	315	Peoria, Ill./Woodruff
OL	MITCH ERICKSON (South Dakota State University)	Soph..	6'6	290	Hutchison, Minn.
OC	RYAN JEWELL (Youngstown State University)	Junior	6'4	290	Warren, Ohio/Warren Harding
OL	ERIK LOSEY (Western Kentucky University)	Senior	6'2	290	Hixson, Tenn./Soddy-Daisy
OT	RYAN WINNER (University of Dayton)	Soph..	6'1	180	Cedar Falls, IA
PK	CHRIS JAMES (Western Kentucky University)	Soph..	6'1	185	Fayetteville, Ga./Starr's Mill
KR	SHAMEN WASHINGTON (North Dakota State University)	Soph..	5'6	143	Petersburg, Fla./Boca Ciega
AP	ANDRE FORTE (Indiana State University)	Senior	5'8	205	Indianapolis, Ind./Pike

### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	JAMES AMOS (University of California at Davis)	Soph..	6'3	245	Galt, California
DE	BRADY FOSMARK (Weber State University)	Senior	6'3	260	Clearfield, Utah
DE	KYLE MITCHEL (Indiana State University)	Senior	6'2	260	East Chicago, Ind./Central
DT	JOHN FALETOESE (University of California at Davis)	Frosh.	6'2	260	Carmichael, Calif./Jesuit
DT	LIONEL WILLIAMS (Southern Illinois University)	Senior	6'2	265	Addison, Ill./Addison Trail
LB	JOEY CWIK (Eastern Washington University)	Senior	6'1	235	Spokane, Wash./Mead
LB	DARIN HEIDEMAN (University of Northern Iowa)	Senior	6'0	227	Council Bluffs, Iowa/St. Albert's
LB	JOEY KING (Portland State University)	Senior	5'10	205	Spokane, Wash./Ferris
LB	JOE MAYS (North Dakota State University)	Soph..	5'11	242	Chicago, Ill./Hyde Park
LB	STEVE SMITH (Southern Utah University)	Senior	6'1	235	Lake City, Utah/Highland
DB	NEVAN BERGAN (University of California at Davis)	Junior	5'11	170	San Diego, Calif./Hoover
DB	CODERA JACKSON (Youngstown State University)	Junior	5'11	175	Rochester, NY/East
DB	FRANK JOHNSON (Southern Illinois University)	Senior	6'0	205	Wabasso, Fla./Sebastian River
DB	JASON PERRY (Youngstown State University)	Junior	5'8	160	Warrensville Heights, Ohio/St. Peter Chanel
DB	MARION RUMPH (Western Kentucky University)	Soph..	6'2	190	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee
P	RHIAN MADRID (Northern Arizona University)	Junior	5'11	208	El Paso, Texas/Cathedral

### THIRD TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	BRANDON BROWN (Youngstown State University)	Senior	6'1	252	Youngstown, Ohio/Ursuline
DE	MIKE MURPHY (University of Montana)	Junior	6'3	240	Great Falls, Montana/C.M. Russell
DE	JUSTIN SCHOLES (Youngstown State University)	Senior	6'1	240	Mentor, Ohio/Lake Catholic
DT	SHANE BARKDULL (Weber State University)	Senior	6'3	275	Kaysville, Utah/Davis H.S.
DT	LINTON BROWN (Southern Illinois University)	Senior	6'4	325	Eustis, Fla.
LB	TYLER JOYCE (University of Montana)	Soph..	6'5	225	Aurora, Colo./Overland
LB	BRETT KOEBCKE (University of Northern Iowa)	Senior	6'1	236	Rensselaer, Ind./Central
LB	JAMES TERRY (Youngstown State University)	Soph..	6'2	220	Stafford, Va./Woodbridge
LB	PAGO TOGAFAU (Idaho State University)	Junior	5'10	210	Long Beach, Calif./Poly H.S.
LB	ROYAL WHITAKER (Southern Illinois University)	Senior	6'0	230	Lenexa, Kans./Olathe North
DB	JONATHAN BARSII (University of California at Davis)	Junior	6'0	195	Los Altos, Ca.lif./St. Francis
DB	COURTNEY BROWN (Cal Poly State University)	Junior	6'2	205	Oakland, Calif./St. Mary's College H.S.,
DB	DALLAS DRECKSEL (Weber State University)	Senior	6'1	230	Salt Lake City, Utah/West
DB	DENNIS MITCHELL (Western Kentucky University)	Senior	5'8	185	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central
DB	BRETT SHELTON (Sacramento State University)	Soph..	6'1	200	Bakersfield, Calif./Stockdale
P	RYAN HOFFMAN (Illinois State University)	Senior	6'2	195	Stevens Point, Wisc./Area H.S.