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All-Region Team

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Belhaven's Thompson, Virginia-Wise Morgan and the University of the Cumberland's Wesley, Highlight the 2006 *Football Gazette* South All-Region Team

NORTH AURORA, Illinois ~~**Phoenix Thompson** the NAIA leader in several receiving categories, Record setting running back **Ra'Shad Morgan** and team leading tackler, **Marcus Wesley** headline a talented 2006 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NAIA South All-Region team. Virginia-Wise **Bruce Wasem**, who led the Cavaliers to their best record in a decade, while finishing the season with an 8-3 record, was named Regional Coach of the Year.

Thompson was announced the Receiver of the Year, while Morgan was deemed Offensive Back of the Year, and Wesley was declared Linebacker of the Year. **Hunter Pingston** from Bethel (TN) College receives the Defensive Back of the year award. Southern Nazarene's **Darrell Whitaker**, won the Offensive Lineman of the year award, while **Clay Hamblin**, from Georgetown (KY) College, earned Special Teams Player of the Year honors, and **Ryan Miller**, from Texas College was affirmed the Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Thompson, a senior, from Columbia, Mississippi, led the nation in receiving yards per game (114.5) and total receiving yards (1,259). His 1,259 yards set a new school record for most receiving yards in a season. He caught 78 passes and scored 13 touchdowns averaging 16.1 yards per reception. Thompson is also a First Team American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) selection.

Morgan, a junior, from Chesterfield, Virginia, ran his way to the best season by a UVA-Wise running back to earn Mid-South East Division "Offensive Player of the Year" recognition. The junior also was selected to the All-Mid-South First Team at running back. Morgan set 11 Highland Cavalier season and single game records while leading the NAIA in two offensive categories and second in another. The Chesterfield, VA product rushed for 1,657 yards on 306 attempts with 25 touchdowns, all school season records. Morgan out of Meadowbrook High was second in the national and had a new Cavs' record of 150.6 rushing yards per contest. He also led the NAIA in all-purpose yards (178.3 yds/gm) and scoring per game (13.6 ppg), both UVA-Wise records. Other Cavs' season marks set by the running back included 1,961 all-purpose yards, 25 scoring touchdowns and 152 points scored. He also caught 35 passes for 304 yards (8.3 yards per receptions).

Wesley, a junior, from Tampa, Florida, was the Patriots leading tackler with 92 tackles, 45 of which were unassisted. He had 14.5 tackles for a loss of 67 yards, four sacks for 40 yards, three interceptions, forced four fumbles and was the only one to block a kick for the Patriots. He was also a First Team All-Conference choice on defense.

Pingston, a senior, from Rockridge, Florida, is a two-time Defensive Player of the Year in the Mid-South Conference-West Division. He totaled 95 tackles, including 3.5 tackles for loss (-10 yards). Pingston also tallied two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries with 31 return yards, including one for a touchdown, broke up four passes, intercepted four passes with 110 return yards and one score, while he also registering one blocked punt and one blocked field goal attempt.

Hamblin, a junior, from Danville, Indiana, had a total of 880 all purpose yards in 11 games for the Tigers. He averaged 15.3 yards in 31 punt returns for a total of 473 yards, scoring two touchdowns, and 25.7 yards in 12 kickoff returns for 308 yards on the year. Defensively, he tallied 32 total tackles, six interceptions and eight pass breakups. He was also chosen for the AFCA First Team All-American squad.

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Miles, a sophomore, from Livingston, Texas, led the Steers in tackles (77), tackles for loss (16.5 for minus 92 yards) and sacks (8.5 for minus 53 yards) in 2006. He also totaled one fumble recovery for 10 yards, forced a fumble, batted down four passes and blocked a kick. He was named to the First Team All-Central States Football Conference team.

Whitaker, a senior, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, helped pave the way for an offense that averaged 292.9 yards per game, earning him Central States Football League first-team honors. Whitaker has been a four year starter for Southern Nazarene on the offensive line and was a three-time First Team All-Central States Football League selection for the Crimson Storm. Whitaker started all ten games for SNU this season and helped lead the Storm to a 6-4 record.

Bruce Wasem, in his fifth year at the helm, looks to have laid the groundwork for the future in earning his first "Coach of the Year" honors. Wasem, who has been with the Highland Cavaliers' program since its inception 16 years ago, guided the team to the best record, 8-3, in a decade and posted one more victory than the previous two seasons together. The Cavs were ranked 20th in the final Football Gazette national rankings and tied their best placing in tying for second in the Mid-South East Division since joining the league before the 2002 season. UVA-Wise also broke 11 school records during the 2006 season.

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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	RANDY HIPPEARD (University of Virginia-Wise)	Soph..	6'3	202	Stafford, VA/Colonial Forge
RB	BEAU COX (Bethel (KS) College)	Soph..	5'9	180	Weskan, KS
RB	RA'SHAD MORGAN (University of Virginia-Wise)	Junior	5'10	208	Chesterfield, VA/Meadowbrook
RB	ADRIAN SMITH (Bethel (TN) College)	Junior	5'11	201	Ocala, FL
TE	JUSTIN CARTER (Texas College)	Senior	6'5	255	Dickinson, TX
WR	GRAYLIN ALLISON (Belhaven College)	Senior	6'1	185	Florence, MS/McLaurin
WR	ARIC EVANS (University of Virginia-Wise)	Frosh.	6'3	160	Cincinnati, OH/Taft..
WR	PHOENIX THOMPSON (Belhaven College)	Senior	6'2	195	Columbia, MS/West Marion
OT	DUKE BARKER (Langston University)	Senior	6'3	275	Gloster, MS
OG	GARRETT DONLEY (Friends University)	Senior	6'2	290	Mooreland, OK
OC	ZACH MORRISON (Shorter College)	Junior	6'0	265	Forsyth, GA
OG	MIKE POLLY (Georgetown (KY) College)	Senior	6'2	270	Erlanger, KY/Dixie Heights
OT	DARNELL WHITAKER (Southern Nazarene University)	Senior	6'2	290	Tulsa, OK/East Central
PK	DEMPSEY SCHLUETER (Georgetown (KY) College)	Soph..	6'0	165	Dry Ridge, KY/Grant County
KR	FABIAN DANIEL (Shorter College)	Junior	5'9	170	Fitzgerald, GA
PR	CLAY HERSHBERGER (Georgetown (KY) College)	Junior	6'0	185	Danville, IN
AP	TRAVIS CARTER (Cumberland (TN) University)	Frosh.	5'8	170	Nashville, TN

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	REGGIE DORSAINVIL (University of Virginia-Wise)	Junior	6'4	250	Virginia Beach, VA/Salem
DE	RYAN MILLER (Texas College)	Soph..	6'2	238	Livingston, TX
DE	ERIC WILLIAMS (Kansas Wesleyan University)	Senior	6'3	275	Red Bluff, CA/Shasta
DT	RYAN BROWN (Pikeville College)	Junior	6'3	270	Paintsville, TX
DT	JAKE LANDOLL (University of St. Mary KS)	Senior	5'7	250	Wichita, KS
LB	ANTHONY BYRD (Belhaven College)	Senior	5'7	160	Dundee, MS
LB	JASON HOATH (Lambuth University)	Junior	6'1	205	Spring Hill, TN
LB	ERIC POTOCHNEY (Weber International University)	Senior	6'0	227	Thonotossa, FL/Tampa Tech
LB	BRANDON WEBB (Union (KY) College)	Senior	5'9	204	Cincinnati, OH/Purcell Marion
LB	MARCUS WESLEY (University of the Cumberland)	Junior	6'1	215	Tampa, FL
DB	BRANDON GOSS (University of the Cumberland)	Frosh.	6'0	180	Bowman, GA/Elbert County
DB	BRANDON KAUFMAN (Bethel (KS) College)	Junior	6'0	180	Moundridge, KS
DB	DAN KONTZ (Friends University)	Senior	6'1	205	Derby, KS
DB	ANTAW NICOLAS (Edward Waters College)	Senior	5'10	200	Jacksonville, FL/Lee
DB	HUNTER PINGSTON (Bethel (TN) College)	Senior	5'11	212	Rockledge, FL
P	DERIK MARTINEZ (Tabor College)	Junior	6'0	190	Foothill Ranch, CA

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SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	RYAN HENRY (Belhaven College)	Soph..	6'1	190	Sulphur Springs, TX
RB	DARELL GRAMES (Kansas Wesleyan University)	Junior	6'1	215	Red Bluff, CA/Shasta
RB	DE'VON JOSEPH (Pikeville College)	Frosh.	5'7	187	Ladson, SC
RB	THEZ ROBINSON (Northwestern Oklahoma State University)	Junior	6'1	205	Lyons, GA
TE	KYLE ZAHARIAS (Georgetown (KY) College)	Senior	6'9	275	Richmond, VA
WR	KENDON DOE (University of Virginia-Wise)	Soph..	5'10	165	Reidsville, NC
WR	JIMMY EARLY (Langston University)	Senior	6'2	194	Detroit, MI/Denby Tech HS
WR	ALLEN. STOKES (Sterling College)	Senior	5'9	178	Chicago, IL
OT	JON MULLINS (University of Virginia-Wise)	Senior	6'4	294	Rosedale, VA/Honaker
OG	CHASE HANSEN (Bethel (KS) College)	Junior	5'10	240	Mulvane, KS
OL	GRANT MYERS (Tabor College)	Senior	6'1	280	Bakersfield, CA
OL	HENRY POTTER (University of Virginia-Wise)	Junior	6'1	292	Virginia Beach, VA/Salem
OT	IRA WATLEY (Cumberland (TN) University)	Senior	6'6	295	Tulare, CA/Union
PK	KYLE CHILTON (Pikeville College)	Frosh.	5'11	167	Clearwater, FL
KR	CLAY HAMBLIN (Georgetown (KY) College)	Junior	6'0	185	Danville, IN
PR	ZACH EDWARDS (Northwestern Oklahoma State University)	Senior	6'0	215	Yankton, SD
AP	FABIAN DANIEL (Shorter College)	Junior	5'9	170	Fitzgerald, GA

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	JEFF SMITH (Georgetown (KY) College)	Senior	6'6	245	Fort Thomas, KY/Newport Catholic
RB	GREG FOUNTAIN (Campbellsville University)	Soph..	5'11	228	Owensboro, KY
RB	JIMMY SCALES (Langston University)	Senior	6'1	245	Dallas, TX/A&M Consolidated HS
RB	MONTRELL VANN (Friends University)	Soph..	5'9	205	Wichita, KS
TE	GARRETT WHORTON (Bethel (KS) College)	Senior	6'3	225	Little River, KS
WR	ROBERT BIEGER (Bethany (KS) College)	Soph..	5'10	200	Hollywood, FL
WR	RYAN PAUL HARRIS (Lambuth University)	Senior	6'4	220	Nashville, TN
WR	COREY SAMUELS (Langston University)	Senior	6'4	190	Abbeville, LA
OT	JERRE FLY (Campbellsville University)	Senior	6'3	290	Franklin, KY
OL	JERMAINE HAMPTON (Pikeville College)	Senior	6'4	300	Naples, FL
OL	RUSSELL SIMON (Kansas Wesleyan University)	Senior	6'3	300	Redding, CA/Shasta
OL	BRUCE SLUSSER (Bethel (TN) College)	Junior			
OL	BRUCE WEISS (Bethel (TN) College)	Senior			
PK	LUKAS GONZALES (Shorter College)	Junior	5'11	190	Model, GA
KR	CHAD HERSHBERGER (Bethel (KS) College)	Junior	5'9	170	Hesston, KS

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	EDDIE BROWN (Bethel (TN) College)	Senior	6'3	251	Knoxville, TN
DS	MATT HUTCHINGS (University of Virginia-Wise)	Senior	6'0	225	Midlothian, VA/Clover Hill
DE	ALLEN WALLACE (Tabor College)	Senior	6'3	265	Houston, TX
DT	OMAR HUMPHREY (Friends University)	Senior	6'3	280	Ardmore, OK
DT	COURTNEY WHITE (Georgetown (KY) College)	Junior	5'10	255	Perham, MN
LB	JUSTIN FICKLIN (Bacone College)	Junior			Morton, OK
LB	ADAM GABRIEL (Bethel (KS) College)	Junior	5'10	220	West Covina, CA
LB	OSCAR GUERRERO (Southwestern (KS) College)	Junior	6'0	220	Atlanta, GA
LB	PATRICK O'NEAL (Union (KY) College)	Junior	6'2	225	West Hall, GA
LB	BEN ROBERTSON (University of Virginia-Wise)	Junior	6'0	225	Morehead City, NC/West Carteret
DB	BRANDON BLACKERBY (Georgetown (KY) College)	Senior	6'3	220	Louisville, KY/Male
DB	DATHAN BROWN (Texas College)	Junior	6'2	201	LaMarque, TX
DB	RAY GARCIA (University of St. Mary KS)	Senior	5'10	180	Las Vegas, NV
DB	CLAY HAMBLIN (Georgetown (KY) College)	Junior	6'0	185	Danville, IN
DB	WILLIE JOHNSON (Kansas Wesleyan University)	Junior	6-1	190	Redding, CA/Shasta
P	MIKE COX (Georgetown (KY) College)	Soph..	5'11	197	Talbot, TN Jefferson County

THIRD TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	JOSH PIDGEON (Shorter College)	Soph..	6'3	220	Jackson, GA
DE	JOHN PRAEUNER (Southern Nazarene University)	Senior	6'2		Olathe, KS/South
DE	RYAN WHALEN (Georgetown (KY) College)	Senior	6'3	245	Florence, KY/Boone County
DT	NONE				
	CHOSEN				
DT	NONE				
	CHOSEN				
LB	DARREN ADDERLY (Bethel (TN) College)	Senior	5'10	213	Rockledge, FL
LB	COLTON CAMPBELL (Kansas Wesleyan University)	Junior	6'1	205	Amarillo, TX
LB	B.J. HODSHIRE (Northwestern Oklahoma State University)	Junior	6'3	225	Pawnee, OK
LB	LOGAN LOLLIS (Shorter College)	Senior	6'3	210	Toombs, GA/Toombs County
LB	NOAH MORFORD (Friends University)	Senior	6'0	245	Winfield, KS
DB	BUD KEITH (Shorter College)	Junior	5'11	193	Stephens, GA/Stephens County
DB	BRANDON MOORE (University of Virginia-Wise)	Junior	6'0	205	Bristow, VA/Stonewall Jackson
DB	DANIEL PACHECO (SW Assemblies of God University)	Junior	5'10	185	Cleburne, TX
DB	DAVID TERRALL (Bacone College)	Senior			Oklahoma City, OK/NW Classen
DB	Eric Tisdol (University of the Cumberland)	Soph..	6'1	175	Eastman, GA

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PR JOHN KEENE (Georgetown (KY) College)
 Soph.. 5'10 185 Franklin, KY/Western Hills
 AP ALLEN STOKES (Sterling College)
 Senior 5'9 178 Chicago, IL

P JORDAN BROWN (University of the Cumberlands)
 Senior 5'11 205 London, KS

HONORABLE MENTION TEAM OFFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	JAKE BUCHANAN (Sterling College)	Junior	6'5	210	Vancouver, WA
QB	BRENT DEARMON (Bethel (TN) College)	Senior	6'1	212	Saraland, AL
QB	KENDRICK DORIER (Langston University)	Senior	6'1	215	Dallas, TX/H.G. Spruce
QB	TYLER SCHNEIDER (Southern Nazarene University)	Junior	6'1		Weatherford, OK
RB	JAMES BROWN (Georgetown (KY) College)	Junior	5'11	230	Erlanger, KY/Boone County
RB	FABIAN DANIEL (Shorter College)	Senior	5'9	170	Fitzgerald, GA
RB	ADAM LANGVARDT (Sterling College)	Junior	5'10	185	Buhler, KS
TE	QUINCEY McNAIR (University of the Cumberlands)	Senior	6'3	215	Cochran, GA
TE	BUCK REED (Bethel (KY) College)	Senior			
WR	BRETT ARMSTRONG (Southern Nazarene University)	Senior	6'1		Guyman, OK
WR	MATT BARBOUR (University of Virginia-Wise)	Frosh.	5'11		Brookneal, VA/William Campbell
WR	CHAD HERSHBERGER (Bethel (KS) College)	Junior	5'9	170	Hesston, KS
WR	JOHN KEENE (Georgetown (KY) College)	Soph..	5'10	185	Frankfort, KY/Western Hills
WR	ABE KERSTING (Friends University)	Soph..	6'3	200	Douglass, KS
WR	A.J. MERTENS (Peru State College)	Senior			Hastings, NE
OL	JORY GILSDORF (Sterling College)	Junior	6'4	290	Providence, UT
OL	PATRICK KELLENDORF (Union (KY) College)	Soph..	6'1	257	Dayton, KY/Newport Central Cath
PK	RAY DAMM (University of Virginia-Wise)	Junior	6'0	180	Fredericksburg, VA/Stafford

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
LB	MIKE BATTIST (Lambuth University)	Frosh.	6'3	225	Hesperia, CA
LB	TERRANCE CHEATHAM (Bethel (TN) College)	Senior	6'3	248	Hope, AR
LB	GABE GUTHRIE (Georgetown (KY) College)	Junior	6'2	230	Xenia, OH
LB	DERRICK HIGHTOWER (University of the Cumberlands)	Junior	6'5	285	Dothan, AL
LB	LEMUEL HOLIFIELD (University of the Cumberlands)	Senior	6'1	190	Johnson City, TN
LB	WILLIE MITCHELL (SW Assemblies of God University)	Soph..	6'0	210	Elysian Fields, TX
LB	ANGEL MOULTAIR (Edward Waters College)	Junior	6'1	240	Philadelphia, PA
LB	PATRICK ORTH (Southern Nazarene University)	Junior	5-10		Bethany, OK
LB	MATT SHANSKY (Georgetown (KY) College)	Senior	6'2	195	Memphis, TN/Harding Academy
DB	TY HARRIS (Union (KY) College)	Frosh.	5'11	155	Monroe, GA/Monroe Area
DB	WILL OLIVER (Shorter College)		6'1	180	Stephens, GA/Stephens County
DB	GREG POGUE (Belhaven College)	Senior	6'1	180	Baton Rouge, LA/Central Private
DB	JONATHAN REED (Belhaven College)	Frosh.	5'10	180	Pineville, LA
P	MICHAEL McNAY (Union (KY) College)	Frosh.	6-3	217	California KY/Pendleton County
P	PETER ORTH (Southern Nazarene University)	Soph..	5'10		Bethany, OK
P	TRAVIS TUBBS (Webber International University)	Soph..	6'3	180	Hardee, FL
P	MICHAEL WILSON (Belhaven College)	Frosh.	5'10	165	Madison, MS/Madison-Ridgeland Academy