



Don Hansen's Football Gazette

2007 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 (GLIAC 1st)

Fullback

Scott Blasko, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Tailback

Amos Allen, South Dakota (NCC 1st)

Alex Weise, Winona State (NSIC 1st)

Wide Receiver

Scott Peters, Winona State (NSIC 1st)

Jabari Taylor, MSU Moorhead (NSIC 1st)

Antione Trent, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Tight End

Jared Bronson, Central Washington (NCC 1st)

Center

Mitch Braegelmann, North Dakota (NCC 1st) ^

Guard

Jake Krause, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st)

Bill Bourdlais, Ferris State (GLIAC 1st) ^

Tackle

Brandon Barnes, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st) ^

Ben Hochstein, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st) ^

All-Purpose

Weston Dressler, North Dakota (NCC 1st) ^

Placekicker

Greg Zuerlein, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st)

SECOND TEAM

Quarterback

Zach Miller, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st) ^

Fullback

Brandon Hill, Mercyhurst (GLIAC 2nd)

Tailback

Ryan Chappell, North Dakota (NCC 1st) ^

Torris Childs, Northwood (GLIAC 1st) ^

Wide Receiver

Nick Gurica, Hillsdale (GLIAC 1st)

Brooks Little, South Dakota (NCC 1st)

Johnny Spevak, Central Washington (NCC 1st) ^

Tight End

Todd Burkoth, Winona State (NSIC 1st)

Center

Chris Morton, South Dakota (NCC 1st) ^

Guard

John Keaveny, Bemidji State (NSIC 1st) ^

Brian Troen, North Dakota (NCC 2nd)

Tackle

Tim Schneider, South Dakota (NCC 1st)

Nick Urban, Winona State (NSIC 1st) ^

All-Purpose

Joiqie Bell, Wayne State, MI (GLIAC 1st) ^

Placekicker

Jeremy Burr, Saginaw Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

THIRD TEAM

Quarterback

Mike Reilly, Central Washington (NCC 2nd) ^

Tailback

Mark Bossuah, Northern Michigan (GLIAC 1st)

T.C. Hicks, Upper Iowa (NSIC 1st)

Wide Receiver

Ric Cottengim, Saginaw Valley State (GLIAC 1st) ^

Dyshaun Edwards, Tiffin (GLF 1st)

Dan Paulsen, St. Joseph's (GLF 1st) ^

Tight End

Sean Ostrowski, Tiffin (GLF 1st)

Center

Billy Eisenhardt, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Guard

Nick Walters, South Dakota (NCC 2nd)

John Brasch, St. Joseph's (GLF 1st)

Tackle

Pete Moyryla, Michigan Tech (GLIAC 1st)

Dan Marshall, Northwood (GLIAC 1st) ^

Justin Guy, Bemidji State (NSIC 1st) ^

All-Purpose

Brian McNeill, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st)

Placekicker

Paul Potemra, Bemidji State (NSIC 1st)

DEFENSE

FIRST TEAM

End

Alex Cadwell, North Dakota (NCC 1st)

Ryan Kees, St. Cloud State (NCC 1st)

Guard/Tackle

Dan Skuta, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Jake Visser, Ferris State (GLIAC 1st) ^

Linebacker

Kirk Carruth, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Tom Korte, Hillsdale (GLIAC 1st) ^

Anthony Adams, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st) %

Cornerback

Brandon Carr, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st) ^

Shawn Cunningham, Winona State (NSIC 1st) ^

Safety

Tyler Yelk, Minnesota Duluth (NCC 1st)

Tyler Reed, Southwest Minnesota State (NSIC 1st)

Return Specialist

Weston Dressler, North Dakota (NCC 1st)

Punter

Matt Vanover, Hillsdale (GLIAC 1st)

SECOND TEAM

End

Randy Earl, Minnesota State Mankato (NCC 1st)

Troy Pribnow, Wayne State, NE (NSIC 1st)

Guard/Tackle

Kyle Clement, Northwood (GLIAC 1st)

Rob Lewis, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st)

Linebacker

Buddy Wood, Central Washington (NCC 1st)

Justiss Scales, South Dakota (NCC 1st)

Derek Volmering, Saginaw Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Cornerback

Bill Brechin, Grand Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Donovan Alexander, North Dakota (NCC 1st)

Safety

Deshon McClendon, St. Joseph's (GLF 1st)

Jeff Franklin, Central State (GLF 1st)

Return Specialist

Dawon Harvey, Ashland (GLIAC 2nd)

Punter

Brent Halfmann, North Dakota (NCC 1st)

THIRD TEAM

End

Jimmy Fleshman, Indianapolis (GLIAC 1st)

Seth Iverson, Bemidji State (NSIC 1st)

Guard/Tackle

Josh Miller, Saginaw Valley State (GLIAC 1st)

Zach Stafford, Bemidji State (NSIC 1st) ^

Linebacker

Nick Baldetti, Wayne State, NE (NSIC 1st)

Jeff Souder, Nebraska-Omaha (NCC 1st)

Shane Simmons, Western Washington (NCC 1st)

Cornerback

DeVaughn Dixon, Michigan Tech (GLIAC 1st)

Devon Jones, University of Mary (NSIC 1st)

Safety

Rory Manke, North Dakota (NCC 2nd)

Marquice Williams, University of Mary (NSIC 1st)

Return Specialist

Dante Dunn, Wayne State, MI (GLIAC 1st)

Punter

Paul Potemra, Bemidji State (NSIC 1st)

^ Repeat selection 2006

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