



Don Hansen's Football Gazette

2007 NCAA Division II All-America Team

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Record-Breaking Running Backs, Hill Trophy Finalist Eubanks Headline 2007 *Football Gazette* All-America Team

PITTSBURG, Kan. — A trio of record-breaking running backs – Harlon Hill Trophy winner **Danny Woodhead** of Chadron State College, Hill Trophy runner-up **Bernard Scott** of Abilene Christian and NCAA-II single-season scoring leader **Xavier Omon** of Northwest Missouri State University – and Hill Trophy finalist linebacker **Michael Eubanks** from Delta State University headline a talented 2007 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NCAA Division II All-America team.

Omon, who was bypassed in the Hill Trophy balloting, garnered Offensive Back of the Year honors. **Cedric Jones** of NCAA-II national champion Valdosta State University was named the Receiver of the Year, while **Heith Benedict** of Newberry College garnered Offensive Lineman of the Year accolades. **Ryan Pope** of Shepherd College received the fifth annual Division II Rimington Award as the division's top offensive center. †

On defense, **Kurt Kissner** of Mesa State College claimed Lineman of the Year honors, while **Eubanks** earned Linebacker of the Year. **Darren Banks** of West Liberty State University earned Defensive Back of the Year. Place kicker **Tyler Lorenz** of California University of Pennsylvania was named the Specialist of the Year.

Tuskegee's **Willie Slater**, who led the Golden Tigers to an unblemished 12-0 record and helped the historically black school record its 600th all-time victory in a triple overtime win over Alabama State in the 84th Annual Turkey Day Classic, and CUP's **John Luckhardt**, who led the Vulcans to a 13-1 record and national semifinal appearance, shared National Coach of the Year honors.

Omon, a senior from Beatrice, Neb., led the Bearcats to their third straight trip to the NCAA-II National Championship Game in 2007, rushing for 2,337 yards and an NCAA-II record TDs. Woodhead, a senior from North Platte, Neb., captured the Harlon Hill Trophy as the National Player of the Year for a second straight season. He became the NCAA all-time all-division rushing leader, while helping the Eagles to a second straight 12-1 season. Scott, a junior from Vernon, Texas, rushed for 2,165 yards and 35 TDs, while guiding the Wildcats to a 10-3 season and an NCAA-II playoff berth.

Eubanks, a senior from Cleveland, Miss., became just the second defensive player in NCAA-II history to advance to the finals of the Hill Trophy vote. He recorded 90 tackles (48 solo) with 27.0 tackles-for-loss and 12.0 quarterback sacks for the top statistical defense in NCAA-II in 2007, helping the Statesmen to a 10-2 record.

This marks the 20th year *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*, a recognized authority on small college football, has selected an NCAA Division II All-America team. The national publication selected All-Region teams with the first-team and second-team All-Region players from each of the four geographic regions (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest) comprising the national ballot, which was voted upon by a select national panel.

A total of 146 players earned some form of *Football Gazette* All-America honors. Players from 72 of the 150 football-playing schools in Division II earned *Football Gazette* All-America accolades. National runner-up NW Missouri State led the way by placing four players on the first-team All-America squad.

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† The Boomer Esiason Foundation, which established the Dave Rimington Trophy in 2000 to honor the outstanding Division I-A center, expanded that award in 2003 to include the top center on each of the Don Hansen's Football Gazette Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA All-America squads. The Rimington Trophy web site is located at www.rimingtontrophy.com. Esiason, a high-octane Maryland quarterback, and Rimington, a nonpareil center for Nebraska, were NFL teammates at Cincinnati in the mid-1980s.

In 1993, Esiason created the New York City based foundation that bears his name to raise funds for the treatment and research of cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease his son Gunnar has battled since infancy.

First Team Offense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Mark Nicolet	6-1	220	SR	Hillsdale	Zionsville, Ind.
RB	Xavier Omon	5-11	220	SR	NW Missouri State	Beatrice, Neb.
RB	Bernard Scott	5-11	190	JR	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas
RB	Danny Woodhead	5-9	200	SR	Chadron State	North Platte, Neb.
FB	Aaron Dykes	5-11	237	SR	Shippensburg	West Chester, Pa.
WR	Cedric Jones	6-0	180	SO	Valdosta State	Waycross, Ga.
WR	Nick Smart	6-1	185	SR	Southwest Baptist	Marionville, Mo.
TE	Mike Peterson	6-3	250	SR	NW Missouri State	Atlantic City, Iowa
C	Ryan Pope	6-4	297	SR	Shepherd	Elkridge, Md.
OG	Heath Benedict	6-6	335	SR	Newberry	Greer, S.C.
OG	Jeremy Davis	6-3	300	JR	NW Missouri State	Port Neches, Texas
OT	Brandon Barnes	6-2	315	SR	Grand Valley State	Detroit, Mich.
OT	Reid Kirby	6-4	300	SR	NW Missouri State	Gladstone, Mo.
AP	Dervon Wallace	5-6	175	SR	Shepherd	Lusby, Md.
PK	Tyler Lorenz	5-11	175	SO	California (Pa.)	Savannah, Tenn.

First Team Defense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DE	Kurt Kissner	6-3	255	SR	Mesa State	Cedaredge, Colo.
DE	Brandon Swain	6-4	255	JR	West Texas A&M	Tulsa, Okla.
DG/DT	Dan Skuta	6-3	255	JR	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.
DG/DT	Jake Visser	6-2	275	JR	Ferris State	Coopersville, Mich.
LB	Anthony Adams	6-2	234	SR	Grand Valley State	Troy, Mich.
LB	Gary Butler	6-1	235	SR	California (Pa.)	Pittsburgh, Pa.
LB	Michael Eubanks	6-2	225	SR	Delta State	Cleveland, Miss.
CB	Darren Banks	5-10	185	SR	West Liberty State	Collingswood, N.J.
CB	Rod Mosely	5-10	175	SR	A&M-Kingsville	Austin, Texas
S	Brian Bingnear	6-0	200	SR	Kutztown	Boothwyn, Pa.
S	Paul Tetzl	5-10	195	SR	Bentley	Millbury, Mass.
P	Wayne Durham	6-4	195	SR	Adams State	Sierra Vista, Ariz.
RS	Greg Godfrey	5-10	175	JR	Henderson State	Houston, Texas

Second Team Offense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Jacary Atkins	6-3	210	JR	Tuskegee	Valley, Ala.
RB	Jaron Freeman	6-1	185	SO	So. Connecticut State	Peekskill, N.Y.
FB	Ben Stallings	6-0	240	SO	Delta State	Boyle, Miss.
WR	Almonzo Banks	6-2	220	SR	West Liberty State	Washington, D.C.
WR	Jabari Taylor	6-1	175	SO	Minnesota State-Moorhead	Hollywood, Fla.
TE	Chris Conklin	6-5	255	SR	Wingate	Snow Camp, N.C.
C	Mitch Braegelmann	6-1	273	JR	North Dakota	Racine, Wis.
OG	Mackenzey Bernadeau	6-4	303	SR	Bentley	Waltham, Mass.
OG	Jake Krause	6-4	270	SR	Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, Neb.
OT	Eric Eisenbarth	6-2	285	SR	Washburn	Holton, Kan.
OT	Mark Ellis	6-5	345	JR	Delta State	New York, N.Y.
AP	Ashton Gronewold	5-10	190	SR	Missouri S&T	Carthage, Ill.
PK	Jared Guberman	5-9	197	JR	West Georgia	Boca Raton, Fla.

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POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DE	Kenwin Cummings	6-3	270	SR	Wingate	Maxton, N.C.
DE	Randy Earl	6-5	280	SO	Minnesota State	Racine, Wis.
DG/DT	Terry Bilbro	6-2	295	SR	NW Missouri State	Eagan, Minn.
DG/DT	Louis Ellis	6-4	295	JR	Shaw	Jackson, Miss.
LB	Will Clewis	6-1	240	SR	Central Oklahoma	Fort Worth, Texas
LB	Lateef Ferguson	6-0	245	SR	West Chester	Philadelphia, Pa.
LB	William Montford	5-11	215	SR	Valdosta State	Cordelle, Ga.
CB	Sherard Reynolds	5-10	175	JR	Valdosta State	Moultrie, Ga.
CB	Cary Williams	6-2	190	SR	Washburn	Miami, Fla.
S	Devon Hughes	5-10	175	JR	Henderson State	Marlin, Texas
S	Ranardrick Phillips	5-10	202	SR	Tarleton State	Madison, Fla.
P	Brandon Larkin	6-2	195	SR	Clark Atlanta	Richmond, Va.
RS	De'Audra Dix	6-1	180	SR	Johnson C. Smith	Merrit Island, Fla.

Third Team Offense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Daniel Polk	6-2	202	SR	Midwestern State	Dallas, Texas
RB	Amos Allen	5-8	180	SR	South Dakota	Miami, Fla.
RB	Jamar Brittingham	5-9	180	SR	Bloomsburg	Levittown, Pa.
FB	Brandon Hill	6-3	231	SR	Mercyhurst	Timberlake, Ohio
WR	Jason English	6-1	195	JR	Tuskegee	Mobile, Ala.
WR	Scott Peters	6-2	190	SR	Winona State	Neenah, Wis.
WR	Johnny Spevak	6-3	200	SO	Central Washington	Edgewood, Wash.
TE	Dan Pickens	6-4	240	SR	Indiana (Pa.)	Bridgeville, Pa.
C	Tony Burson	6-4	280	SR	Midwestern State	Denton, Texas
OG	Chris Goff	6-3	305	SR	Delta State	Gulfport, Miss.
OG	John Strand	6-8	280	SO	Chadron State	Imperial, Neb.
OT	Bubba Brady	6-2	295	SR	Shepherd	Frederick, Md.
OT	Kurt Kutscher	6-7	315	SR	Henderon State	Navarro, Texas
AP	Weston Dressler	5-8	164	SR	North Dakota	Bismarck, N.D.
PK	Matt Adams	5-11	185	JR	Abilene Christian	Abilene, Texas

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POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DE	Dallas Flynn	6-5	28	SR	NW Missouri State	Blair, Neb.
DE	Curtis Johnson	6-4	245	SR	Clark Atlanta	Lauderhill, Fla.
DG/DT	Ron Ellington	6-5	215	SR	Catawba	Charlotte, N.C.
DG/DT	Tim Hunt	6-5	274	SR	North Alabama	Mobile, Ala.
LB	Jerad Brock	6-1	235	JR	West Texas A&M	Abernathy, Texas
LB	Jared Erspamer	6-0	235	SR	NW Missouri State	Omaha, Neb.
LB	Tom Korte	6-0	239	JR	Hillsdale	Grand Rapids, Mich.
CB	Monterio James	6-1	195	JR	Delta State	Starkville, Miss.
CB	Brandon Shelton	6-1	200	SR	Millersville	Gettysburg, Pa.
S	Craig Fox	6-0	185	SR	North Alabama	Kentwood, La.
S	Kendall Ricketts	5-10	182	SR	Central Missouri	Raytown, Mo.
P	Michael Podobnick	6-0	230	JR	Arkansas Tech	Frankfort, Ill.
RS	Jermaine Moye	6-3	215	SR	California (Pa.)	Rochester, Pa.

Honorable Mention

ALPHABETICAL, BY SCHOOL — Abilene Christian: Jerale Badon, WR; Johnny Knox, WR; Billy Malone, QB; Nathan Young OG; **Albany State:** Terrance McGhee, S; **Arkansas-Monticello:** Andrew Martin, FB; **Bentley:** Scott Miller, DG/DT; **California (Pa.):** Jace Amore, P; Kirby Griffin, DE; Tim McCutcheon, OT; **Carson-Newman:** Eric Rice, LB; **Catawba:** Terence Crosby, OG; Kory Fisher, RB; **Chadron State:** Aaron Ide, DG/DT; **Clarion:** Alfonso Hoggard, AP; **Edinboro:** Chris Amico, DG/DT; **Fort Valley State:** Jake Grubbs, PK; **Glennville State:** Jerry Seymour, RB; **Grand Valley State:** Brandon Carr, CB; **Harding:** Ross Conn, OG; David Knighton, QB; **Henderson State:** Sam Carter, DG/DT; **Hillsdale:** Nick Gurcia, WR; Matt Vanover, P; **Kutztown:** Elfren Quiles, WR; **Mars Hill:** Rashawn Champion, CB; **Mesa State:** Brandon Charles, S; Jared Keating, PK; **Missouri Western:** Roger Allen, OG; **Morehouse:** Micah Streiff, P; **Nebraska-Omaha:** Ben Hochstein, OT; **North Alabama:** Sam Hathorn, C; A.J. Milwee, QB; J.D. Whited, OT; **North Greenville:** Rashad Cummings, RB; Travis Talbert, WR; **Ouachita Baptist:** Willie Hopson, AP; **Panhandle State:** Matt Warner, LB; **Pittsburg State:** Caleb Farabi, RB; Zac Robinson, OT; Mark Smith, QB; **St. Augustine's:** Alex Hall, DE; **Saginaw Valley State:** Jeremy Burr, PK; **Seton Hill:** Samuel Tranks, RS; **Shepherd:** Mike Spiegelberg, DG/DT; **Slippery Rock:** Mike Butterworth, OT; Bron Clouser, OG; **Southern Arkansas:** Johnny Fields, TE; **So. Connecticut State:** Steve Armstrong, QB; **South Dakota:** Chris Morton, C; **Southwestern Oklahoma:** Josh Postin, FB; **Tarleton State:** Nathan Robinson, RS; **Virginia Union:** Brandon Smith, LB; **Washburn:** Zach Watkins, LB; **West Alabama:** Terry Allen AP; **West Chester:** Vlad Garbovsky, DE; Michael Washington, WR; **West Liberty State:** Zach Amedro, QB; **West Texas A&M:** Keithon Flemming, AP; Kolo Kapanui, TE; Cashmin Thomas, CB; **Western New Mexico:** Christian Serena, LB; **Winona State:** Nick Urban, OT; Alex Weise, RB.