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 where 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, Sr, 6-1, 220
- **Fullback**
  - Scott Blasko, Grand Valley State, Jr, 6-4, 265
- **Tailback**
  - Amos Allen, South Dakota, Sr, 5-8, 180
  - Alex Weise, Winona State, Sr, 6-0, 235
- **Wide Receiver**
  - Scott Peters, Winona State, Sr, 6-2, 190
  - Jabari Taylor, MSU Moorhead, So, 6-1, 175
  - Antione Trent, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 198
- **Tight End**
  - Jared Bronson, Central Washington, Jr, 6-0, 260
- **Center**
  - Mitch Braegelmann, North Dakota, Jr, 6-1, 280
- **Guard**
  - Jake Krause, Nebraska-Omaha, Sr, 6-4, 270
  - Bill Bourdlais, Ferris State, Sr, 6-4, 290
- **Tackle**
  - Brandon Barnes, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 315
  - Ben Hochstein, Nebraska-Omaha, Sr, 6-4, 268
- **All-Purpose**
  - Weston Dressler, North Dakota, Sr, 5-7, 165
  - Joique Bell, Wayne State, MI, So, 6-0, 215
- **Placekicker**
  - Greg Zuerlein, Nebraska-Omaha, Fr, 6-0, 168

#### SECOND TEAM
- **Quarterback**
  - Zach Miller, Nebraska-Omaha, Jr, 6-4, 222
- **Fullback**
  - Brandon Hill, Mercyhurst, Sr, 6-3, 231
- **Tailback**
  - Ryan Chappell, North Dakota, So, 5-11, 193
  - Torris Childs, Northwood, So, 5-9, 215
- **Wide Receiver**
  - Nick Gurica, Hillsdale, Sr, 5-8, 167
  - Brooks Little, South Dakota, Sr, 6-3, 215
  - Johnny Spevak, Central Washington, So, 6-3, 200
- **Tight End**
  - Todd Burkoth, Winona State, Jr, 6-4, 265
- **Center**
  - Chris Morton, South Dakota, Sr, 6-5, 290
- **Guard**
  - John Keaveny, Bemidji State, Jr, 6-2, 310
  - Brian Troen, North Dakota, Jr, 6-3, 287
- **Tackle**
  - Tim Schneider, South Dakota, Sr, 6-7, 295
  - Nick Urban, Winona State, Jr, 6-5, 300
- **All-Purpose**
  - Joique Bell, Wayne State, MI, So, 6-0, 215
  - Jeremy Burr, Saginaw Valley State, Jr, 6-0, 190
- **Placekicker**
  - Jeremy Burr, Saginaw Valley State, Jr, 6-0, 190

#### THIRD TEAM
- **Quarterback**
  - Mike Reilly, Central Washington, Jr, 6-4, 212
- **Fullback**
  - Mark Bossuah, Northern Michigan, So, 5-11, 190
  - T.C. Hicks, Upper Iowa, Sr, 5-6, 174
- **Wide Receiver**
  - Ric Cottengim, Saginaw Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 195
  - Dyshaun Edwards, Tiffin, Jr, 5-10, 186
  - Dan Paulsen, St. Joseph’s, Sr, 6-0, 205
- **Tight End**
  - Sean Ostrowski, Tiffin, Sr, 6-3, 237
- **Center**
  - Billy Eisenhardt, Grand Valley State, Jr, 6-3, 270
- **Guard**
  - Nick Walters, South Dakota, Sr, 6-4, 285
  - John Brasch, St. Jospeh’s, Fr, 6-2, 285
- **Tackle**
  - Pete Moyryla, Michigan Tech, Sr, 6-3, 195
  - Dan Marshall, Northwood, Sr, 6-4, 298
  - Justin Guy, Bemidji State, Jr, 6-3, 290
- **All-Purpose**
  - Brian McNeill, Nebraska-Omaha, Jr, 5-9, 180
  - Paul Potemra, Bemidji State, Fr, 5-1, 170

### DEFENSE

#### FIRST TEAM
- **End**
  - Alex Cadwell, North Dakota, Sr, 6-3, 225
  - Ryan Kees, St. Cloud State, Jr, 6-5, 270
- **Guard/Tackle**
  - Dan Skuta, Grand Valley State, Jr, 6-3, 255
  - Jake Visser, Ferris State, Jr, 6-2, 275
- **Linebacker**
  - Kirk Carruth, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-0, 230
  - Tom Korte, Hillsdale, Jr, 6-0, 239
- **Cornerback**
  - Anthony Adams, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-2, 234%
- **Safety**
  - Tyler Yelk, Minnesota State Mankato, So, 6-5, 270
  - Shawn Cunningham, Winona State, 5-11, 195
- **Tight End**
  - Brandon Carr, Grand Valley State, Sr, 6-1, 206
  - Shawon Cunningham, Winona State, 5-11, 195
- **Linebacker**
  - Nick Baldetti, Wayne State, NE, Sr, 6-1, 220
  - Jeff Souder, Nebraska-Omaha, Jr, 6-0, 200
- **Cornerback**
  - Jeff Volmering, Saginaw Valley State, Jr, 5-11, 230
- **Safety**
  - Deshon McClendon, St. Joseph’s, Fr, 5-7, 190
  - Rory Manke, North Dakota, Jr, 5-9, 185
- **Cornerback**
  - DeVaughn Dixon, Michigan Tech, Sr, 5-8, 165
  - Devon Jones, University of Mary, Sr, 6-1, 200
- **Return Specialist**
  - Dante Dunn, Wayne State, MI, Jr, 5-10, 181
- **Punter**
  - Paul Potemra, Bemidji State, Fr, 5-1, 170

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