

# 2006 WIAC Football Headlines

## USA Tops Japan To Win World Championship

RELEASED: Tuesday, July 17, 2007

**Kawasaki, Japan**--Nebraska-Omaha's Kyle Kasperbauer rushed for two touchdowns and Southern Illinois' Craig Coffin kicked three field goals, including a game-winning 23-yarder in double overtime as the United States rallied to defeat Japan, 23-20 in the title game of the 2007 World Championship of American Football at Todoroki Stadium Sunday. Kasperbauer rushed for 41 yards on the day and was named the MVP of the tournament. In three games he rushed for 168 yards and three touchdowns.

Former UW-La Crosse cornerback Steve Teeples (Black River Falls, Wis.), UW-Stevens Point running back Cody Childs (Poynette, Wis.) and UW-Whitewater defensive lineman Ryan Kleppe (Mount Horeb, Wis.) played for Team USA, while former UW-Whitewater head coach Bob Berezowitz and current UW-Stout defensive coordinator (and former UW-Stevens Point player) Clayt Birmingham were members of the Team USA coaching staff.

United States defeated Korea, 77-0, on July 10 and then upended Germany, 33-7, on July 12. The tournament victory is the first for the United States, which made its first appearance in the world championship. Japan had won the previous two tournaments in 1999 and 2003.

In Sunday's gold medal contest, Kasperbauer staked Team USA to a 7-0 lead with a five-yard touchdown run with 9:03 left in the first quarter. The four-play, 15-yard drive was set up by a Kenny Chicoine interception on Japan's opening possession of the game. But Japan found its tempo offensively following that series and ran off 10 unanswered points to close the half. After forcing a U.S. three-and-out deep in its own territory, Japan engineered a six-play 45-yard drive that culminated in a two-yard touchdown pass from Yuichi Tomizawa to Mitsunori Kihira to tie the score at 7-7 with just over eight minutes left in the half. Kasperbauer made his only gaffe of the day on the next possession when he fumbled after a short run to set Japan up at the U.S. 36-yard line. Six plays later Yosuke Kaneoya drilled a 49-yard field goal to Japan a 10-7 lead that held up through halftime.

Team USA found its offensive groove in the third quarter as Arizona's Adam Austin engineered a short 17-yard scoring drive that culminated in a 35-yard field goal by Coffin to knot the score at 10-10. The United States appeared to have swung the momentum in its favor late in the fourth quarter when Cal Poly's Chicoine blocked 40-yard field goal attempt by Kaneoya with just over eight minutes to go in the game. But the officials ruled that Team USA gained possession of the ball after the block then fumbled the ball back to Japan. Team Japan was given a first down on the U.S. 46-yard line and five plays later Tomizawa found Takuro Mayuzumi from six yards out for a 17-10 lead.

Austin led the Americans on an 11-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a five-yard run by Kasperbauer to tie the score at 17-17 with 2:51 to go. After holding Japan on its final possession of regulation Coffin was perfect a 43-yard field goal to open the first overtime. Japan answered with a field goal of its own to push the score to 20-20 and send the game to a second overtime. Team USA's defense kept Japan out of the end zone again in the second overtime and its field goal attempt was deflected by Syracuse's Chris Thorner, giving the Americans a chance to win the game on the next possession. Kasperbauer and Hobart's Doug Blakowski split six carries and pushed the ball down to the six-yard line to set up Coffin's game winner.

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## Three to Participate in World Championship of American Football; Berezowitz to Serve as Coach

RELEASED: Tuesday, June 5, 2007

**Madison, Wis.**--Three former Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) student-athletes will participate in the inaugural World Championship of American Football, which will take place July 7-15 in Kawasaki, Japan.

UW-La Crosse's Steve Teeples, UW-Stevens Point's Cody Childs and UW-Whitewater's Ryan Kleppe are three of 45 players named to the team. Former Warhawk head coach Bob Berezowitz will serve as a member of the

coaching staff for the squad, along with UW-Stout defensive coordinator (and former UW-Stevens Point player) Clayt Birmingham.

The 45 players were selected from a pool of college seniors and represent all levels of college football. The Team USA coaching staff made the final roster selections through film evaluation. Former Kansas City Chiefs and Illinois, Arizona and Texas coach John Mackovic will serve as head coach of the squad.

The team has nine Division III players, 25 Division I individuals, 10 Division II athletes and one NAIA player.

The United States team will take on five other countries in the event staged by the International Federation of American Football. Team USA will face Germany and Korea in pool play, while the other pool features two-time defending champion Japan along with Sweden and France. The team will train at San Jose State University from June 20-July 4 prior to departure.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Schmitt Signs with Washington Redskins**

RELEASED: Thursday, May 10, 2007

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater tight end Pete Schmitt has been signed by the Washington Redskins. He was invited to last week's Redskins' free agent tryout camp and was signed to a contract on May 9.

Schmitt, a native of Mount Horeb, Wis., will move to the Washington D.C. area and report for organized team activities (OTA) beginning Wednesday, May 16. The OTA will prepare Schmitt and other team members, rookies and veterans, for a mini-camp June 17-19 and the start of training camp the third week of July."

Schmitt caught 47 and 44 passes, respectively, the last two seasons for 14 touchdowns. In 2006, he was named Second Team All-America by D3football.com and Football Gazette All-America Third Team.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Stanley Drafted by St. Louis Rams; Four Earn Free Agent Tryout**

RELEASED: Monday, April 30, 2007

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater wide receiver Derek Stanley was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the 2007 National Football League draft on April 29. In addition, UW-La Crosse's Joe Werner, UW-Stout's Jesse Wendt and Ryan Englebert, along with the Warhawks' Pete Schmitt have earned invitations to attend free agent tryouts.

Stanley, a native of Verona, Wis., was the 39th pick in the seventh round (249th overall) and is the first player in UW-Whitewater selected in the NFL draft. He is the first player from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) to get picked in the NFL draft since UW-Stout defensive back Tony Beckham was selected by the Tennessee Titans in the fourth round (115th overall) of the 2002 draft.

Stanley is UW-Whitewater's career record holder in receiving yards (2,621) and receiving touchdowns (35). His 35 career touchdown receptions are also a WIAC record. He established school single-season records with 17 touchdown receptions in 2006 and 1,328 receiving yards in 2005.

He earned All-American honors as both a wide receiver and kick returner at UW-Whitewater. Stanley was a Football Gazette All-America First Team and D3football.com All-America Second Team kick returner as a freshman. During his senior season, he was a first team selection from Football Gazette and third team choice from D3football.com as a wide receiver.

Wendt, a wide receiver from New Auburn, Wis. (Chetek H.S.), and Schmitt, a tight end from Mount Horeb, Wis., will attend free agent camp with the Washington Redskins, while Englebert, a running back from Sturgeon Bay,

Wis. (Southern Door H.S.), will have an opportunity with the Cincinnati Bengals. Werner, a native of Chippewa Falls, Wis., will participate in the Green Bay Packers rookie orientation camp.

Wendt set a UW-Stout record in kickoff returns in 2006, averaging 27.9 yards per return on 11 returns. He also caught 35 passes for 403 yards and three touchdowns. Wendt compiled 1,782 receiving yards in his career and totaled 126 points.

Schmitt caught 47 and 44 passes, respectively, the last two seasons and compiled 14 touchdowns. He finished his career with 107 receptions, second among tight ends in the UW-Whitewater record book.

Englebert rushed for 913 yards this season and scored seven touchdowns. He finished his career third on the Blue Devil rushing chart with 2,620 yards.

Werner hasn't played organized football since his sophomore year in high school.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Jacobs Named College Male Athlete of the Year by Inside Wisconsin Sports Magazine**

RELEASED: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

**Whitewater, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater senior quarterback Justin Jacobs has been named College Male Athlete of the Year by Inside Wisconsin Sports Magazine.

Jacobs, a native of Sun Prairie, Wis., was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Player of the Year for the second straight season in 2006. He became the fourth player in WIAC history to win the player of the year honor in back-to-back seasons. Jacobs ranked fifth in the final NCAA Division III statistics for passing yards (2,980) and 17th for passing efficiency (149.8) during the 2006 season. He completed 215-of-382 passes (58.3 percent) and had a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 36-6. Jacobs also threw five touchdown passes in a game, equaling the school record, three times this season.

In addition to his WIAC Player of the Year Award in 2005, Jacobs was named honorable mention All-American by D3football.com and Football Gazette. He led the WIAC in passing average per game, total offense, yards, touchdowns, efficiency, completions, and attempts his junior year.

Jacobs tops UW-Whitewater's career passing list with 7,862 yards, 539 completions, 1,024 attempts and 80 touchdowns. He also holds the school single season records, all set in 2005, in the same categories.

UW-Whitewater won the WIAC title, went undefeated in the regular season, tied the school record for the most wins in a season by finishing 14-1, and ended the season as the NCAA Division III runner-up in 2005 and 2006.

Inside Wisconsin Sports Magazine is a monthly publication that covers sports in Wisconsin. The runner-up for the College Male Athlete of the Year Award was University of Wisconsin men's basketball senior forward Alando Tucker.

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## **Five Named to Football Gazette All-America First Team**

RELEASED: Wednesday, January 31, 2007

**Madison, Wis.**--Five Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 Football Gazette NCAA Division III All-America First Team.

UW-La Crosse's Steve Teeple (Sr., DB) and UW-Whitewater's Max Saxellaris (Sr., OL), Ryan Kleppe (Sr., DL), Jeff Schebler (Fr., K) and Derek Stanley (Sr., WR) were recognized on the first team.

Saxellaris was also chosen the Offensive Lineman of the Year. He was a third team selection from the publication a year ago, while Kleppe also secured third team status.

UW-La Crosse's Jakob Martell (Sr., OL) earned second team recognition this season and UW-Whitewater's Pete Schmitt (Sr., TE) was a third team selection.

Honorable mention choices included UW-Platteville's Joe Danielson (Sr., WR), UW-River Falls' Jovin Kroll (Sr., P), UW-Stout's Jay Runk (Sr., OL) and UW-Whitewater's Justin Beaver (Jr., RB). Beaver was a first team selection in 2005.

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## **Cerroni Named UW-Oshkosh's Interim Head Football Coach**

RELEASED: Thursday, January 25, 2007

**Oshkosh, Wis.**--UW-Oshkosh defensive coordinator Pat Cerroni was named Thursday (Jan. 25) as the school's interim head football coach for the 2007 season.

Cerroni's appointment comes two days after Phil Meyer resigned as UW-Oshkosh's head football coach to become the offensive line coach at the University of Minnesota. Meyer had been the head football coach at UW-Oshkosh since the 2000 campaign.

A national search to fill UW-Oshkosh's permanent head coaching position will be launched this fall and concluded by the end of the 2007 football season.

"We're pleased to have Pat leading us for the upcoming 2007 season," said UW-Oshkosh Director of Athletics Allen Ackerman. "He will provide stability and consistency for our players and for our football program. This is an outstanding opportunity for Pat and we're all looking forward to a successful and exciting 2007 experience."

Cerroni, 41, has been UW-Oshkosh's defensive coordinator since the 2000 season. His position also included the supervision and guidance of all recruiting and summer camp activities related to the school's football program.

During the past seven seasons, especially the last five, Cerroni directed a UW-Oshkosh defense that ranked among the finest in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). Last fall, the Titans led the WIAC in red zone defense while ranking second in scoring defense and total defense. UW-Oshkosh also ranked second in the WIAC in total defense in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and third in 2002.

"I'm excited about this chance to lead the UW-Oshkosh football program," said Cerroni. "We all have worked hard to lay the foundation for this program the past seven years. My goal, and the goal of this staff, is to build on this foundation and keep it consistent. Our staff is committed to our players and we want all of them to be proud to be a Titan."

Cerroni came to UW-Oshkosh following three seasons as the head football coach at Menomonee Falls High School. In 1997, Cerroni guided the Indians to a 7-4 record and an upset of defending state champion Hartland Arrowhead High School in the first round of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Division 1 Playoffs.

Prior to his head coaching stint at Menomonee Falls High School, Cerroni was as an assistant football coach at Hartland Arrowhead and Waukesha Catholic Memorial high schools. During his four seasons at Waukesha Catholic Memorial High School, Cerroni helped the Crusaders to Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association (WISAA) Division 1 state titles in 1993 and 1996.

Cerroni is a 1992 graduate of Carroll College, where he was a member of the school's 1988 football team that shared the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) title with Augustana College (Ill.). The Johnson Creek native earned his master's degree from UW-Oshkosh in 2004.

Cerroni and his wife, Tammy, are the parents of two children, daughter Kali and son Kyle.

UW-Oshkosh posted a 5-5 record last fall and finished fourth in the WIAC with a 3-4 mark. The Titans have won 17 games over the past three seasons for their third-highest, three-year total in the 112-year history of the school's football program. UW-Oshkosh has registered a non-losing record in each of the past three seasons for a feat last accomplished with the conclusion of the 1970 campaign.

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## **UW-Oshkosh Head Football Coach Going To University of Minnesota**

RELEASED: Tuesday, January 23, 2007

**Oshkosh, Wis.**--The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will search for its 21st head football coach following the resignation of Phil Meyer on Tuesday (Jan. 23).

Meyer relinquished his UW-Oshkosh position of seven years to become the offensive line coach at the University of Minnesota. Meyer joins the staff of Tim Brewster, who recently assumed the University of Minnesota's head coaching position after spending the past two seasons as the tight ends coach with the National Football League's Denver Broncos.

Meyer helped restore pride in UW-Oshkosh's NCAA Division III football program during his tenure as head coach. The Titans won 17 games over the past three seasons for their third-highest, three-year total in the 112-year history of the program. UW-Oshkosh registered a non-losing record in each of the past three seasons for a feat last accomplished with the conclusion of the 1970 campaign.

Meyer, 50, compiled a 31-38 coaching record at UW-Oshkosh, including a 16-4 record in non-conference games. Prior to his appointment on April 20, 2000, it took the Titans 10 seasons (1990-99) to surpass 30 victories.

"I'm very excited to join Tim Brewster's staff at the University of Minnesota," said Meyer. "To coach again in the Big Ten Conference will be very a challenging and rewarding experience."

Last fall, UW-Oshkosh posted a 5-5 record and finished fourth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) with a 3-4 mark. Among the setbacks were losses of 33-22 to NCAA Division II Minnesota State University, 17-3 to eventual WIAC champion UW-Whitewater and 31-20 to UW-La Crosse. UW-Whitewater was ranked second in the NCAA Division III when it battled UW-Oshkosh and UW-La Crosse eighth.

In 2005, Meyer guided the Titans to a 7-3 record, including a third-place 4-3 mark in the WIAC. UW-Oshkosh's overall victory total was its highest since 1976, while its WIAC victory count was its best since 1991. UW-Oshkosh began the year with a 6-1 record for its best start to a season since 1935.

In 2004, Meyer coached UW-Oshkosh to a 5-5 overall record and the school's first non-losing football season since 1995. In 2003, highlighted by a 15-7 win over 11th-ranked UW-Stout, Meyer led the Titans to a 4-6 overall record. Meyer guided the Titans to a 4-6 overall record in 2002.

During his first two seasons at UW-Oshkosh, Meyer led the Titans to wins over the defending WIAC champion. UW-Oshkosh accomplished that feat with victories of 38-31 over UW-Stevens Point in 2000 and 19-7 over UW-Stout in 2001. The Titans posted a 3-6 overall record in 2001 and a 3-7 overall mark in 2000.

"My seven years as UW-Oshkosh's head football coach have been very special to me and my family. I thank the Oshkosh community for their support of the UW-Oshkosh football program."

Meyer came to UW-Oshkosh from Iowa State University, where he tutored the quarterbacks for two seasons and the tight ends and special teams for three. In 1998, Meyer coached Todd Bandhauer, the first quarterback in Iowa State University history to notch a pair of 2,000-yard passing seasons.

Meyer attended Milwaukee Pius XI High School (Wis.), where he was a starter on the Popes' 1972 Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association (WISAA) state championship football team. He went on to play one season of college football at UW-Milwaukee and three at Illinois State University. In all, Meyer started 44 straight games in the defensive secondary for the two schools.

Following free agent tryouts with the National Football League's Chicago Bears and the Canadian Football League's Montreal Allouettes, Meyer returned to Illinois State University in 1980 to take a graduate assistant football coaching position.

Meyer served as an assistant football coach at New Berlin Eisenhower High School (Wis.) in 1981. Meyer then went on to help coach the offensive line for University of Illinois teams that participated in the Liberty Bowl in 1983 and the Rose Bowl in 1984. Among the players on the University of Illinois squad was Brewster, a two-time All-Big Ten Conference selection at tight end.

Meyer then moved on to Southeast Missouri State University, where he coached football from 1984 to 1988, including three years as the Indians' offensive coordinator. Among his coaching associates at Southeast Missouri University was Jon Gruden, the current head coach of the National Football League's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Following his tenancy at Southeast Missouri State University, Meyer went on to become the offensive coordinator at Southern Illinois University from 1989 to 1993 and Illinois State University in 1994.

Meyer received a pair of academic degrees from Illinois State University, a bachelor's degree in 1979 and a master's degree in 1980.

Meyer and his wife, Brandi, and have two daughters, Miranda and Madison.

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## **Seven Earn Football Gazette All-West Region First Team Honors; Berezowitz Named Coach of the Year**

RELEASED: Friday, January 18, 2007

**Madison, Wis.**--Seven Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 Football Gazette All-West Region First Team, while UW-Whitewater's Bob Berezowitz was named the West Region Coach of the Year.

Individuals receiving recognition included: UW-Whitewater's Ryan Kleppe (Sr., DL), Max Sakellaris (Sr., OL), Jeff Schebler (Fr., K), Derek Stanley (Sr., WR) and Justin Beaver (Jr., RB), along with UW-La Crosse's Jakob Martell (Sr., OL) and Steve Teeples (Sr., DB).

Kleppe also captured the Defensive Lineman of the Year honor, while Schebler was named the Offensive Special Teams Player of the Year, Stanley the Receiver of the Year and Sakellaris the Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Receiving second team status were: UW-Platteville's Joe Danielson (Sr., WR), UW-River Falls' Jovin Kroll (Sr., P), UW-Stout's Jay Runk (Sr., OL) and UW-Whitewater's Brady Ramseier (Jr., OL) and Pete Schmitt (Sr., TE).

Third team selections included: UW-La Crosse's Jeff Kratcha (Sr., DL) and Adam Neitzel (Jr., LB), UW-Oshkosh's Andy Moriarty (Jr., RB) and Ryan Radtke (Sr., DB), UW-River Falls' Gregg Neumann (Jr., DL), UW-Stevens Point's Cody Childs (Sr., RB) and Brandon Czys (Sr., LB), UW-Stout's Bill Bellingham (Sr., OL) and UW-Whitewater's Justin Jacobs (Sr., QB) and A.J. Raebel (Jr., LB).

Named to the honorable mention squad were: UW-Eau Claire's Matt Evensen (Sr., WR), UW-La Crosse's Dustin Esser (Sr., TE), Dan Hall (Jr., PR), Ken Halvorson (Sr., DB) and John Schumann (Sr., QB), UW-Oshkosh's Ryan Neff (Sr., DL), UW-Platteville's Corey Darmody (Jr., OL) and Mike Genslinger (So., RB), UW-Stevens Point's Dale Bratz (Jr., OL) and UW-Whitewater's Brent Allen (Jr., OL) and Robb Widuch (Sr., DB).

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## **Naatz Tabbed Interim Head Football Coach at UW-Stout**

RELEASED: Friday, January 12, 2007

**Menomonie, Wis.--**Duey Naatz, an assistant head coach at University of Wisconsin-Stout, who has worked with the offensive line and as the offensive coordinator, has been named interim head coach for the 2007 season. He replaces Todd Strop who resigned.

Naatz came to UW-Stout in 1990 and has completed 17 years as a Blue Devil assistant, the last eight as assistant head coach and offensive line coach. He has assisted three UW-Stout head coaches with a variety of assignments including running backs, defensive backs, offensive line and offensive coordinator.

A graduate of Moorhead (Minn.) State and a varsity football letterwinner, Naatz is UW-Stout's strength and conditioning coordinator for all sports. He has served as an assistant track coach where he worked with the weight events, producing a national champion and numerous All-America winners. His weight programs consistently produce National Strength and Conditioning Association All-Americans.

Naatz came to Menomonie from the University of North Dakota where he served as a graduate assistant for the NCAA Division II Fighting Sioux football team.

Naatz and his wife, Kay, have two sons, Tyler and Adam. He is active in the community.

A national search will be conducted to fill the head coaching position permanently.

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## **Leipold Named UW-Whitewater Head Football Coach**

RELEASED: Wednesday, January 3, 2007

**Whitewater, Wis.--**Former University of Wisconsin-Whitewater standout quarterback and assistant coach Lance Leipold is the new Warhawk football coach.

UW-Whitewater Chancellor Martha Saunders and Director of Athletics Paul Plinske introduced Leipold at a press conference in the Williams Center Wednesday.

Leipold, a quarterback for the Warhawks in the mid-1980s and former Warhawk assistant coach, was associate head coach and offensive coordinator for the University of Nebraska-Omaha since 2004.

"I am pleased that Lance Leipold has decided to return to UW-Whitewater as the Warhawk's new head football coach," Saunders said. "Coach Leipold brings a wealth of experience to the position along with a clear understanding of the long, proud history of Whitewater football. I am confident he will continue the legacy of producing winning teams while also making sure his scholar/athletes reach the ultimate goal of graduation."

"This is home" Leipold said. "This is a place where I have a lot of fond memories, a place where I was able to obtain my bachelor's and my master's degree, and a place where I was able to begin my coaching career. That opportunity in itself was very attractive for me and my family, and anyone who knows Division III football, and college football as a whole, knows that this is one of the premier jobs in college football, especially at the Division III level."

"Lance Leipold brings a unique dynamic to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, its athletic department and Warhawk football," Plinske said. "Not only will his temperament and background help him funnel the gifts and abilities of a highly successful program, but they will bring us new ideas and a different perspective."

"There is no doubt that Lance has a strong mind for the game of football," Plinske said. "He also has fervor for people that will endear him to our community. We are excited to begin the next chapter of Warhawk football with Lance Leipold as our next head coach."

UW-Whitewater won 28 out of 30 games in the last two years. The Warhawks went undefeated in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, undefeated in regular season play, and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championship game, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

"The bar has been raised here the last couple of years." Leipold said. "No matter what those last couple of seasons have been, my goal within the program is that we improve daily. We try to get better every day in every little thing that we do, then those other things will take care of themselves. We have to start with the immediate goal of winning the conference championship, being a consistent playoff participant, and then winning that national championship."

"My goal is to be the third best football program in this state year in and year out," Leipold added. "One plays on Sunday in Lambeau, one plays in Camp Randall, and the third plays in Perkins Stadium."

Leipold, of Jefferson, Wis., played four years for the Warhawks (1983-1986). The 1984 team won the WIAC title, and the teams he played on were a combined 20-10-2.

He is still second all-time in the Warhawk record books for career pass attempts (647), third in yards (4277), fifth in completions (303) and tied for ninth with 27 touchdowns. He is also among the top 10 in those same categories in the UW-Whitewater records for a single season, all in his junior year in 1985. In a game against UW-River Falls in 1985 Leipold completed 37-57 for 494 yards -- all among the top 20 individual games in WIAC history. He was the team MVP in 1986, and was elected to the UW-Whitewater Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003.

Leipold's coaching career began where he played, at UW-Whitewater. He coached quarterbacks in 1987 and wide receivers in 1988, helping both teams win WIAC (then WSUC) championships. After one year at Doane College in Nebraska, he returned to UW-Whitewater in 1990 to coach and work on a master's degree. He helped the Warhawks win another WIAC title while serving as Berezowitz's offensive coordinator. Leipold moved on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the 1991, '92 and '93 seasons, serving as a graduate assistant all three years, he worked with the offense. The 1993 Badgers won the Big Ten and the Rose Bowl, going 10-1-1. His first stint at Division II Nebraska-Omaha covered 1994-2000, where he was part of a staff that turned UNO from a 1-10 team (1994) to North Central Conference champions in 1996, 1998 and 2000. He was UNO's offensive coordinator in 2000. He moved to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2001, serving as an administrative assistant the same year Cornhuskers won the national championship. In 2002 and 2003 Nebraska also went to bowl games with Leipold as a member of the staff. He returned to UN-Omaha in 2004 as the associate head coach and offensive coordinator, where he contributed to three consecutive 8-3 seasons and three straight conference championships.

Leipold takes over for his former coach Bob Berezowitz. Berezowitz announced his retirement before the 2006 season, ending a 22-year career. That span included 158 wins, third most in the history of the WIAC, a .680 winning percentage, eight conference championships, and five NCAA III playoff appearances. Berezowitz, also an instructor in health, physical education, recreation and coaching and the outdoor facilities coordinator at UW-Whitewater, will continue those duties until he retires in June.

Leipold and his wife Kelly have a six-year old daughter, Lindsey, and a son, Landon, who was born in July.

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## **Four Earn D3football.com All-America First Team Honors**

RELEASED: Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Four Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 D3football.com All-America First Team.

Named to the squad were: UW-La Crosse's Steve Teeples and UW-Whitewater's Justin Beaver, Ryan Kleppe and Max Sakellaris. Kleppe was also recognized as the Defensive Player of the Year.

Teeples, a senior defensive back from Black River Falls, Wis., ranked second in the league with seven interceptions and finishing his career with 20 interceptions, tied for second in school history. He had a school single-game record three interceptions against South Dakota State on Sept. 2. Teeples also registered three interceptions on Oct. 2, 2004 at UW-Stevens Point. He and Mark Gruen are the only players in school history to have two different games with three interceptions.

Beaver, a junior running back from Palmyra, Wis. (Palmyra-Eagle H.S.), earned first team all-america status for the second straight year. This season, he amassed 1,369 rushing yards on 266 attempts and had four rushing

touchdowns despite missing five games due to an injury. Beaver had a 97-yard touchdown run against UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 23, which is the second-longest in WIAC history. He compiled a conference season-best 43 carries against the Titans and 286 rushing yards against UW-La Crosse on Oct. 14.

Earlier this season, Beaver was recognized as D3football.com's West Region Offensive Player of the Year.

A native of Mount Horeb, Wis., Kleppe was a third team all-america selection a year ago. This season, the senior defensive lineman registered a WIAC single-season record 14.5 quarterback sack and also led the league with 24 tackles for loss. He was one of four finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, an award given to the NCAA Division III player of the year. Kleppe ranked fifth on the team with 61 total tackles and anchored a defensive unit that allowed 12.1 points per game and 61.0 rushing yards per contest.

He was named the West Region Defensive Player of the Year by D3football.com earlier this year.

Sakellaris, a senior from Oak Park, Ill., anchored an offensive line that allowed just 11 quarterback sacks and helped the Warhawks accumulate a league-leading 403.2 total yards of offense per game. UW-Whitewater averaged 177.7 rushing yards per contest in 2006. He was a third team all-america selection during the 2005 campaign.

D3football.com also recognized a second team, third team and honorable mention squad for the 2006 season. Individuals from the WIAC receiving second team accolades included: UW-Whitewater's A.J. Raebel, Jeff Schebler and Pete Schmitt, while the Warhawks' Derek Stanley was a third team honoree.

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### **Three Named to AP Little All-America Team**

RELEASED: Monday, December 18, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Three Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 Associated Press (AP) Little All-America Team.

UW-La Crosse's Steve Teeples and UW-Whitewater's Jeff Schebler were named to the second team, while the Warhawks' Ryan Kleppe was a third team choice.

Teeples, a senior defensive back from Black River Falls, Wis., ranked second in the league with seven interceptions and finishing his career with 20 interceptions, tied for second in school history. He had a school single-game record three interceptions against South Dakota State on Sept. 2. Teeples also registered three interceptions on Oct. 2, 2004 at UW-Stevens Point. He and Mark Gruen are the only players in school history to have two different games with three interceptions.

Schebler, a freshman kicker from Davenport, Iowa, led the conference in scoring with 122 points. He converted 68-of-70 extra point attempts and 18-of-21 field goal tries with a season-best kick of 49 yards. Schebler's 68 extra points and 18 field goals rank second on league's single-season list. He set a Stagg Bowl record with three field goal conversions (25, 24, 36-yards).

A native of Mount Horeb, Wis., Kleppe registered a WIAC single-season record 14.5 quarterback sacks from his defensive line position and also led the league with 24 tackles for loss. He was one of four finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, an award given to the NCAA Division III player of the year. Kleppe ranked fifth on the team with 61 total tackles and anchored a defensive unit that allowed 12.1 points per game and 61.0 rushing yards per contest.

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### **UW-Whitewater Falls Short Against Mount Union**

RELEASED: Saturday, December 16, 2006

**Salem, Va.**--For the second straight season, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater fell short against Mount Union College (Ohio) in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl for the NCAA Division III football national championship.

Pierre Garcon scored two touchdowns in the second half and the Purple Raiders defense held the Warhawks to three second half points as Mount Union emerged with a 35-16 victory in front of 6,051 spectators at Salem Stadium.

Purple Raider signal-caller Greg Micheli was named the game's Most Outstanding Player, having led his squad off the bench in Mount Union's two quarterback system. Micheli set a new NCAA Division III Championship record by completing 18-of-22 passing for an .818 completion percentage. He threw for 202 yards and three scores, and also ran for 42 yards and one more touchdown.

The win for the Raiders marked the program's ninth in 10 total visits to Salem, Virginia. This contest, the 34th Stagg Bowl, marked the only repeat performance in the contest's storied history.

"This was a great football game today," explained Mount Union head coach Larry Kehres. "We played our best game of the season. We played more aggressive. I think we defeated a great team. We felt we had to play that way because Whitewater is a great team and they brought out the best in us."

"First of all I would like to extend on the behalf of my football program congratulations to Mount Union," mentioned UW-Whitewater head coach Bob Berezowitz. "They were a better football team than we were today. Credit goes to Larry (Coach Kehres). He has always had an outstanding program."

"I really feel for our team," Berezowitz continued. "We had a slogan of "Unfinished Business" for this season and we would have liked to complete that, but our players have accomplished something the last two years that no other Whitewater football team in history has done."

UW-Whitewater scored first on a 25-yard field goal with by Jeff Schebler with 2:14 left in the opening quarter. The 3-0 UW-Whitewater lead marked the first time the Purple Raiders trailed in a game since the first quarter of last year's Stagg Bowl, a string of 59 straight quarters.

The deficit didn't last long as Mount Union jumped on the board just 1:10 into the second frame on a two-yard pass from Micheli to Anthony Antonucci. Micheli put the Raiders ahead 14-3 just under seven minutes later with a darting 12-yard scamper in which he broke several Warhawk arm tackles.

"I was known as a runner and the defense is going to adjust to someone that runs more and I think that opened up the passing game today," explained MUC's Micheli.

Just as the game seemed to be getting out of hand, Jordan Wells sparked the Warhawk offense with an 81-yard return on the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, quarterback Justin Jacobs leaned into the end zone on a one-yard push with 5:46 on the clock.

UW-Whitewater pulled to within one with 33 seconds to play when Schebler booted his second field goal of the game, this one from 24 yards out.

The third quarter proved the Warhawks' undoing for the second straight season as Mount Union added two more touchdowns to the scoreboard. Micheli hooked up with receiver Pierre Garcon on 46-yard catch-and-run for the first tally with 5:30 to play in the quarter.

Matt Kostelnik and Matt Rees made amends for Mount Union's earlier special teams with 2:44 on the clock. Kostelnik busted through the middle of UW-Whitewater's line to block a punt and Rees returned it 34 yards for a 28-13 lead going into the final stanza.

Schebler set a new Stagg Bowl record with his third field goal of the game (36 yards) to cut the Mount Union lead to 28-16, but Garcon and Micheli connected on a second scoring pass just four minutes later, this one of 10 yards to complete the game's scoring.

Running back Nate Kmic led the Purple Raiders' running attack with 111 yards on the ground on the way to setting a new NCAA team playoff record with 1,478 yards (1,411 by Mary Hardin-Baylor in 2004). Garcon finished with

eight catches for 116 yards while Justin Wray added five receptions for 43 yards. Defensive end Sam Vucelich led the Raider defense with seven total tackles.

UW-Whitewater's Jacobs finished 12-of-27 for 148 yards. Running back Justin Beaver ran for 87 yards on 23 carries, while receiver Derek Stanley hauled in six passes for 82 yards. Linebacker A.J. Raebel led the Warhawks with 13 total tackles. Ben Farley picked off on pass, his eighth of the season.

The game marked the final contest for UW-Whitewater head coach Bob Berezowitz, who announced his retirement at the beginning of the year. In his 22 seasons, Berezowitz compiled a 158-73-4 record (.681 winning percentage), including eight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles, five NCAA Division III playoff appearances and two trips to the national championship game. His 158 victories rank third on the league's all-time list.

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## **USA Defeats Mexico, 28-7, in 2006 Aztec Bowl**

RELEASED: Monday, December 18, 2006

**Aguascalientes, Mexico**--Occidental quarterback Andy Collins threw for one touchdown and caught a 10-yard touchdown pass to lead the United States to a 28-7 win over Mexico at the 2006 Aztec Bowl at Estadio Victoria.

UW-La Crosse defensive back Steve Teeples, UW-Platteville wide receiver Joe Danielson, UW-River Falls quarterback Jeremy Wolff and UW-Stevens Point running back Cody Childs all participated in the contest.

Childs had four rushes for 14 yards and also had a 10-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. Wolff had one rush for four yards, while Danielson caught three passes for 50 yards and Teeples was credited with one assisted tackle in the event.

On the night, Occidental's Collins completed 7-of-17 passes for 142 yards, including a 54-yard scoring toss to Augustana's Mike Guzman. Collins set a Team USA record for passing attempts and his yardage total was the second highest total in Team USA history. The scoring toss was also the longest pass completion in team history. The performance earned Collins Team USA MVP honors.

"It's exciting when you can have that kind of night playing with this kind of talent," Collins said. "I didn't do this by myself."

Defensively, Team USA limited Mexico to 150 yards in total offense, including just 38 yards in the second half. The total yardage is the third-lowest for Mexico against the U.S. in the series. DePauw's Dustin Hertel led the way with nine tackles, three tackles for loss, two sacks and a forced fumble.

The United States also got second half interceptions from Dubuque's Walner Belleus, Christopher Newport's Rob Rodriguez and Texas Lutheran's Jake Robbins to stifle Mexico's offense.

Team USA now leads the decade-old series 9-1 and has outscored Mexico 101-25 in the last three meetings.

"I think the biggest thing tonight was the fact the defense kept us in the game in the first half," USA Head Coach Bill Manlove said. "Going to the no-huddle to start the second half changed the game for us. The three interceptions and the blocked punt helped too."

After a scoreless first period, Collins hooked up with Guzman on a 54-yard catch and run after the Augustana back looped out of the backfield, hauled the pass in at the Mexico 43 and rumbled the rest of the way for the score.

Mexico answered with just 43 seconds to go before intermission when Alejandro Trejo slipped into the end zone from a yard out to knot the score at 7-7 heading into halftime.

"Mexico changed up and we couldn't get in a rhythm in the first half," Collins said. "We were thinking too much. We all know how to play, we just needed to go out there and do it."

The United States answered that score on the opening series of the second half when North Central's Kam Kniss orchestrated an eight play, 84-yard scoring drive that was capped off by a 35-yard pass from Kniss to John Carroll's Joe Konrad to put the U.S. up 14-7. The no-huddle attack the USA implemented to start the half resulted in 21 points in a little more than one quarter of play.

Four minutes later Muskingum linebacker Jack Junker swooped in and deflected a punt by Mexico's Hector Garza to set Team USA up at Mexico's 26-yard line. Two plays later Union's Tom Arcidiacono scampered 18 yards into the end zone to extend the lead to 21-7 with 6:35 to go in the third.

Mexico's next drive was its best of the second half as Rodrigo Perez, the career passing leader in Mexican college football, led his team 57 yards to the USA 23 before the Team USA defense silenced the predominantly pro-Mexican crowd of 16,000 by forcing Mexico to turn the ball over on downs.

Collins capped the scoring when he hauled in a 10-yard fourth-and-goal pass from UW-Stevens Point running back Cody Childs on a twisting, turning, tumbling dive to give the United States a 28-7 lead with 11:18 to go in the game.

This year's Aztec Bowl was the first since the death of long-time Team USA Head Coach and College Football Hall of Famer Ron Schipper earlier this year. The pregame ceremony included a moment of silence in Schipper's honor.

"We were talking about Skip late in the game," Manlove said. "We were all thinking about him. He was on all of our minds."

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## **UW-La Crosse's Teeples Named to AFCA All-America First Team**

RELEASED: Tuesday, December 12, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's Steve Teeples has been named to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) NCAA Division III All-America First Team.

The senior defensive back from Black River Falls, Wis., becomes the 14th individual in school history, and first since Jeff Kostrewa in 2000, to receive All-America First Team honors from the AFCA.

Teeples secured All-WIAC first team recognition this season after tying for the league lead with seven interceptions and finishing his career with 20 interceptions, tied for second in school history. He had a school single-game record three interceptions against South Dakota State on Sept. 2. Teeples also registered three interceptions on Oct. 2, 2004 at UW-Stevens Point. He and Mark Gruen are the only players in school history to have two different games with three interceptions.

Teeples was recently selected to participate in the Aztec Bowl, which features a group of Division III all-stars from the United States against Mexico in Aguascalientes, Mexico on Dec. 16.

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## **Seven Secure D3football.com All-West Region First Team Honors; UW-Whitewater's Beaver, Kleppe and Berezowitz Capture Awards**

RELEASED: Monday, December 11, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Seven Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 D3football.com All-West Region First Team.

In addition, UW-Whitewater's Justin Beaver (Jr., RB) was named the West Region Offensive Player of the Year, while Ryan Kleppe (Sr., DL) earned the West Region Defensive Player of the Year Award and the Warhawks' Bob Berezowitz was named the West Region Coach of the Year.

The West Region includes individuals representing the WIAC, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Northwest Conference and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Joining Beaver and Kleppe on the first team were teammates A.J. Raebel (Sr., LB), Max Sakellaris (Sr., OL), Jeff Schebler (Fr., K) and Derek Stanley (Sr., WR). UW-La Crosse's Steve Teeples (Sr., DB) also received first team recognition.

D3football.com also recognized a second and third team for the 2006 season. UW-La Crosse's Randy Gyllin (Jr., OL) and UW-Whitewater's Pete Schmitt (Sr., TE) were second team selections.

Named to the third team were: UW-La Crosse's Ken Halvorson (Sr., DB), UW-Platteville's Mike Genslinger (So., RB), UW-Stevens Point's Brandon Czys (Sr., LB) and UW-Whitewater's Justin Jacobs (Sr., QB) and Brady Ramseier (Jr., OL).

The teams, selected in balloting by West Region sports information directors and D3football.com staff, were chosen from 159 nominations by Division III member schools. A total of 76 players were chosen to the three teams.

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## **Warhawks Wallop Wolverines to Earn Trip to National Championship Game**

RELEASED: Saturday, December 9, 2006

**Whitewater, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater defeated Wesley College (Del.), 44-7, on Dec. 9 at Perkins Stadium to earn its second straight trip to the NCAA Division III football national championship game -- the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

The Warhawks (14-0) will face Mt. Union College (Ohio) (14-0) for the second straight year in the title contest, which will be held in Salem, Va. The Purple Raiders defeated the Warhawks 35-28 last season en route to winning the eight national championship in program history.

This will mark the fourth time in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference history a team has appeared in the NCAA Division III football national title contest. UW-La Crosse made trips in 1992 and 1995, winning the national crown both years.

In the triumph over the Wolverines, the scoring opened when Justin Jacobs connected with Derek Stanley on a 20-yard touchdown pass at 10:49 in the first. On UW-Whitewater's next possession, the Warhawks were stopped at the Wesley 32-yard line. When preparing to punt, UW-Whitewater was penalized for delay, hoping to move back to allow more room for punter Mike Croak. Wesley declined the five yard penalty, so UW-W sent in Jeff Schebler to attempt a field goal, which he hit from 49 yards as the ball struck the crossbar and bounced over at the 7:09 mark. UW-Whitewater made it three straight scoring possessions with Jacobs and Stanley hooking up for a 14-yard score to make it 17-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, UW-Whitewater scored for the fourth consecutive time they had the ball when Jacobs hit Neil Mrkvicka for a 17-yard score, to up the lead to 24-0 at 14:10. Wesley's time with the ball was cut short on an interception by Gabe Schultz and returned to the Wesley 30-yard line. Jacobs connected with Pete Schmidt on a 14-yard touchdown toss at 12:47 - making it five consecutive trips down the field and five scores as UW-Whitewater led 31-0. UW-Whitewater added another Jacobs to Stanley touchdown, this time from 29 yards at 3:05, and that is where the half ended.

UW-Whitewater accumulated 226 yards in the first half, compared to 65 for Wesley, and the Warhawks held the Wolverines to a pair of first downs in the half.

Neither team scored in the third, but Gabe Schultz recovered a Wolverine fumble at the 26-yard line and UW-Whitewater handed the ball to Brady Pitz on five consecutive plays, the last a two-yard touchdown run, making it 44-0 (after a blocked extra point). Wesley finally got on the board with 2:19 left in game, going 92 yards in 13 plays, with Chris Warrick hitting Jason Schatz on a 13-yard touchdown strike.

UW-Whitewater out-gained Wesley 347-161 in the game and held the Wolverines to 80 rushing yards, marking the 13th time this season the Warhawks held an opponent under 100 yards rushing.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Kleppe in Final Four for Gagliardi Trophy**

RELEASED: Wednesday, December 6, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Ryan Kleppe has been named one of four finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, emblematic of an outstanding player in Division III who combines excellence in athletics, academics and community service.

Kleppe, a senior defensive lineman from Mount Horeb, Wis., was initially among a group of 10 finalists for the award, but this year, for the first time, the Gagliardi Trophy committee narrowed the selections to four regional finalists. The East Region finalist is Tom Arcidiacono, a running back from Union College (N.Y.); the North Region finalist is Josh Brehm, quarterback from Alma College (Mich.); and the South Region finalist is Jordan Neal, the quarterback from Hardin-Simmons University (Texas). Kleppe represents the West Region.

Kleppe, the defensive captain for UW-Whitewater, has led the team to a 13-0 record and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title. He has accumulated a league-leading 22.5 tackles for loss and 13.5 quarterback sacks, while ranking sixth on the team with 53 total tackles.

Kleppe has been a unanimous All-WIAC pick the last two seasons. He was named third team All-American by both D3football.com and Football Gazette in 2005. Kleppe ranks second in the UW-Whitewater record book in career sacks and sixth in total tackles.

A physical education major, he has a 3.86 grade point average and has been on the Dean's List every semester at UW-Whitewater. He has been elected to the Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Fraternity and the Golden Key International Honor Society. Kleppe received the 2006 WIAC Max Sparger Football Scholar Athlete award. Among activities outside of class, he is active in Campus Crusade for Christ, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the student Wisconsin Education Association.

The Gagliardi Trophy is named for Saint John's University (Minn.) football coach John Gagliardi, the winningest coach in college football history with 443 wins in 58 years, and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. The winner of the Gagliardi Trophy will be announced on Dec. 12.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Berezowitz Named NCAA Division III Region 5 Coach of the Year**

RELEASED: Wednesday, December 6, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater head football coach Bob Berezowitz has been named the NCAA Division III Region 5 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) for the second consecutive season.

This marks the fourth time that Berezowitz has won the honor after receiving the award in 1988 and 1990. The National Division III Coach of the Year will be named at the AFCA Coach of the Year convention January 10, 2007 in San Antonio. Berezowitz was the AFCA Coach of the Year in 2005.

Serving in his 22nd and final season as UW-Whitewater head coach, Berezowitz has led the Warhawks to a 13-0 record and has the team one win shy of the Division III championship game, the Stagg Bowl. The Warhawks went 7-0 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) play for the second straight season. Since the beginning of the 2005 season, the Warhawks are 27-1 with their only loss coming to Mount Union College (Ohio) in the Stagg Bowl last season.

In his 22 years, he has amassed a 157-72-4 record and eight conference titles. His 157 victories rank third on the league's all-time list.

Berezowitz has been named WIAC Coach of the Year seven times, Wisconsin College Coach of the Year twice and coached 17 All-Americans at UW-Whitewater.

He is a member of the UW-Whitewater Athletics Hall of Fame, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 14 Hall of Fame and Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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## Four Named to Aztec Bowl Roster

RELEASED: Tuesday, December 5, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Four Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 Aztec Bowl roster by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Named to the squad were: UW-La Crosse's Steve Teeples, UW-Platteville's Joe Danielson, UW-River Falls' Jeremy Wolff and UW-Stevens Point's Cody Childs.

The four individuals are members of a 48-person roster for the Division III all-star team that will represent the United States against Mexico in the Aztec Bowl in Aguascalientes, Mexico on December 16.

Teeples, a senior defensive back from Black River Falls, Wis., is the seventh UW-La Crosse player since 1997 to be named to the Aztec Bowl squad, joining Ric Mathias (DB, 1997), Brock Ryan (DT, 1999), Jeff Kostrewa (TE, 2000), Thaddeus Rego (DT, 2002), Andrew Moadlo (RB, 2003) and Scott Burnoski (WR, 2004).

Teeples was a 2006 All-WIAC first team selection after leading the conference with seven interceptions and finished his career with 20 interceptions, tied for second in school history. He had a school single-game record three interceptions against South Dakota State on Sept. 2. Teeples also had three interceptions on Oct. 2, 2004 at UW-Stevens Point. He and Mark Gruen are the only players in school history to have two different games with three interceptions.

Danielson, a senior wide receiver from Oregon, Ill., secured All-WIAC first team honors after leading the conference with 96.9 receiving yards per game and placing second with 5.40 receptions per contest. He had seven touchdown receptions this year and registered a league-best 197 receiving yards against Augustana (Ill.) on Sept. 23.

Danielson is the first individual in school history named to the Aztec Bowl squad.

Wolff, a senior quarterback from Janesville, Minn. (Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton H.S.), was an All-WIAC honorable mention choice after completing 65-of-153 passes for 865 yards and four touchdowns. He also added 536 rushing yards and a team-best seven rushing touchdowns.

Wolff rushed for 2,120 yards in his career and joins Joe Green (DE, 1999) as representatives from UW-River Falls on the Aztec Bowl roster.

Childs, a senior running back from Poynette, Wis., was an All-WIAC first team choice. He led the league in all-purpose yards at 134.5 yards per game and his 906 yards rushing was the third-highest single-season total in school history. Childs ranks second in school history with 38 career touchdowns and fourth with 193 career receptions. His 1,929 career rushing yards ranks fifth in Pointers' history.

Childs is the second offensive player in UW-Stevens Point history to play in the game, joining quarterback Scott Krause, who was selected in 2003. The other Pointer Aztec Bowl selections were Clint Kriewaldt (LB, 1998), Mark Fetzer (DL, 1999), Paul Schmitt (DE, 2001), Dillon Maney (DB, 2002) and Clint Bakken (DL, 2004).

The Aztec Bowl is the traditional season-ending game for Mexico's college football schedule. The game has been played 35 times since 1947 with the last nine contests featuring the United States-Mexico match-up. The United States leads the series, 8-1.

This year's game will kick off at 7 p.m. CST on December 16 and will be played at Estadio Victoria. The game can be heard via a webcast that can be accessed on the AFCA's website at [www.afca.com](http://www.afca.com). Results will also be available on the AFCA's website.

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## Warhawks Upend Johnnies in NCAA Football Quarterfinals

RELEASED: Saturday, December 2, 2006

**Whitewater, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater scored 10 points off three turnovers to upend St. John's University (Minn.), 17-14, in a NCAA Division III football quarterfinal contest at Perkins Stadium on Dec. 2.

St. John's (11-2) took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Alex Kofoed to Kyle Gearman. UW-Whitewater (13-0) got on the scoreboard when Jeff Schebler connected on a 23-yard field goal with 14:18 left in the second quarter following a fumble recovery by Eric Kosterman at the St. John's 14-yard line.

With 8:40 left in the second quarter, the Warhawks drove 89 yards for a touchdown as Brady Pittz capped off the drive with a three-yard touchdown run to give UW-Whitewater a 10-7 advantage heading into halftime.

The Johnnies began the second half with a drive lasting more than eight minutes, but on a fourth-down play, Andy Murray intercepted a Kofoed pass at the UW-Whitewater six-yard line and returned it 78 yards to the St. John's 16-yard line. The ball was moved back to the 26-yard line due to a penalty on the return, but the Warhawks were able to complete the 26-yard drive on five plays with a three-yard touchdown run by Justin Beaver to give UW-Whitewater a 17-7 lead.

With 9:01 left in the fourth quarter, St. John's trimmed the deficit to 17-14 on a five-yard touchdown pass from Kofoed to Brian Weber, capping off a 36-yard drive.

UW-Whitewater stopped a late drive by St. John's at the Johnnies' 25-yard line to hold on for the 17-14 victory.

The Warhawks' Justin Jacobs completed 13-of-26 passes for 193 yards in the contest, while Beaver added 93 yards rushing on 24 carries and one touchdown. Matt Blaziewske led UW-Whitewater with 11 tackles, while Ryan Kleppe had 3.5 sacks for 33 yards.

Kofoed completed 21-of-43 passes for 227 and two touchdowns in the game. Gearman caught six passes for 105 yards and one touchdown. Jamie Steffensmeier and Kevin Boegel each had nine tackles.

UW-Whitewater will host Wesley College (De.) in a semifinal contest for the second straight season on Dec. 9 at noon. The Warhawks defeated the Wolverines last season 58-6.

The winner of the UW-Whitewater/Wesley matchup will face the winner of Mount Union College (Ohio)/St. John Fisher College (N.Y.) in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl on Dec. 16 in Salem, Va., for the national championship.

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## UW-River Falls' Kroll Earns Academic All-America Football First Team Honors

RELEASED: Thursday, November 30, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-River Falls' Jovin Kroll has been named to the 2006 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division Football First Team.

The team is comprised of all NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA players throughout the country and is voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Kroll, a senior punter from Poplar, Wis. (Northwestern H.S.), is majoring in English education with a minor in athletic coaching and carries a 3.915 grade point average.

He was a unanimous choice to the All-WIAC first team this year after leading the conference with an average of 40.1 yards on 56 punts and dropping 17 kicks inside the 20-yard line.

Kroll joins linebacker Mike Olson (1991) and offensive lineman Brian Izdepski (1995) as Falcons to receive academic all-america first team honors.

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## **UW-Whitewater Edges UW-La Crosse in NCAA Football Second Round**

RELEASED: Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Whitewater, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater edged conference rival UW-La Crosse with a come-from-behind 24-21 victory in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs at Perkins Stadium on Nov. 25.

The matchup marked the third time in conference history, and first time since 1996 that two league adversaries met in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

UW-Whitewater (12-0) took a 7-0 lead on Justin Jacobs' 20-yard touchdown toss to Derek Stanley at 7:37 of the first quarter. UW-La Crosse (9-2) countered with a 7-play, 68-yard drive on the ensuing possession, scoring on a 10-yard run by Corey Geldernick at 5:23.

Jacobs struck again at 12:44 of the second quarter -- this time hooking up with Lance Douglas on 25-yard toss to give the Warhawks a 14-7 advantage. Jeff Schebler added to the lead with a 24-yard field goal to give UW-Whitewater a 17-7 halftime advantage.

UW-La Crosse cut the deficit to 17-14 at 8:40 in the third quarter when John Schumann hit Jason Wagner on a 28-yard connection. UW-Whitewater botched a field attempt late in the third quarter to give the Eagles excellent field possession at their own 42.

Seven plays later Schumann connected with Mike Schmidt on a four-yard toss to give the Eagles a 21-17 lead.

UW-Whitewater regained a 24-21 advantage when Jacobs found Neil Mrkvicka in the middle of the field and Mrkvicka scampered 53-yards for a touchdown.

Jacobs finished the game 14-24 for 258 yards and three touchdowns, while Schumann was 24-35 for 236 yards and two touchdowns.

UW-Whitewater's Justin Beaver rushed for a game-high 227 yards on 36 carries, while Corey Geldernick led the Eagles with 65 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown.

UW-La Crosse was the first team to rush for more than 100 yards against UW-Whitewater this season, gaining 138 yards on 27 attempts. The Eagles' 363 yards of total offense were the most surrendered by the Warhawks this year.

UW-Whitewater will host St. John's University (Minn.) (11-1) in a NCAA quarterfinal contest on Dec. 2 at noon.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Kleppe Named Finalist For Gagliardi Trophy**

RELEASED: Wednesday, November 22, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater senior defensive lineman Ryan Kleppe has been named a finalist for The Gagliardi Trophy. The recipient is considered the outstanding National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III football player.

The Gagliardi Trophy recipient is determined by a 31-member national selection committee which includes collegiate coaches, administrators, former athletes, business leaders and members of the media. The trophy features a sculpture of Saint John's University (Minn.) football coach John Gagliardi in consultation with a player. The group of 10 will be narrowed to four regional finalists, which will be announced Dec. 5, with the national winner chosen on Dec.12.

This marks the fifth straight year an individual from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) has been a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy. UW-Whitewater's Justin Beaver was finalist last year, UW-La Crosse's Scott Burnoski was a candidate in 2004, UW-Stevens Point's Scott Krause was a contender in 2003 and UW-Stout's Jamie Spielman was an entrant in 2002.

Kleppe, a native of Mount Horeb, Wis., is third in career sacks and seventh in solo tackles in the UW-Whitewater record book. For the 2006 season, he received All-WIAC first team honors for the second straight year after earning second team recognition in 2004. He was also recognized as the 2006 WIAC Max Sparger Scholar Athlete for football. Last year, Kleppe was a Third Team D3football.com All-American and Second Team Football Gazette All-American. Kleppe also volunteers his time for youth sports, Bible camp and cancer fundraising. As a junior, Kleppe helped the Warhawks go 14-1 and advance to the Division III championship game, and UW-Whitewater is 11-0 this season as it enters the second round of the NCAA III playoffs. The Warhawks are ranked No. 2 nationally in all three Division III polls for the 2006 season.

Kleppe has helped the Warhawks lead the WIAC in total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense, while ranking second in passing defense. In the NCAA Division III listings, the Warhawks rank fifth in rushing defense and seventh in scoring defense.

Kleppe is the third Warhawk to be a finalist for the NCAA III football player of the year award. Offensive lineman Derrick LeVake was one of four finalists for the Melberger Trophy in 1997, while running back Justin Beaver was one of the Gagliardi final 10 in 2005.

The other Gagliardi Trophy finalists are Tom Arcidiacono (RB, Union College, NY), Josh Brehm, (QB, Alma College, MI), Tom Brew (LB, Case Western University, OH), Kirby Carr (LB, Bethel University, MN), Adam Haas (DT, New York-Cortland), Kam Kniss (QB, North Central College,IL), Tristan Murray (RB, Wittenberg University, OH), Jordan Neal (QB, Hardin-Simmons, TX), and Chad Otte (S, Wilmington College, OH).

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## **UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater Advance to NCAA Football Second Round**

RELEASED: Saturday, November 18, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Football Playoffs with first round victories on Nov. 18.

UW-La Crosse (9-1) earned a come-from-behind 28-21 victory over Bethel College (Minn.) at Roger Haring Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium, while UW-Whitewater (11-0) cruised to a 59-17 triumph over St. Norbert College at Perkins Stadium.

The Eagles and Warhawks will meet in a second round contest on Nov. 25 in Whitewater. Their matchup will mark the third time in league history, and first time since 1996, that two league schools will meet in the NCAA Division III playoffs. UW-La Crosse and UW-River Falls met in 1995 and 1996.

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## **UW-Whitewater's Jacobs Headlines All-WIAC Football Selections; Berezowitz Named Coach of the Year**

RELEASED: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--For the second consecutive season, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Justin Jacobs was named the Player of the Year to headline the individuals selected to the 2006 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Football Team by the league coaches and UW-Whitewater head coach Bob Berezowitz was recognized as the Coach of the Year.

Jacobs, a senior quarterback, was a unanimous selection at his position for the second straight year. He becomes the fourth player in WIAC history to win the player of the year honor in back-to-back seasons, joining UW-Platteville quarterback Chris Charnish (1969-70) and UW-Stevens Point quarterbacks Reed Giordana (1976-77) and Kirk Baumgartner (1988-89).

Jacobs has completed 155-of-267 passes (58.1 percent) for 1,956 yards and a league-leading 24 touchdowns with only five interceptions. He also leads the WIAC with a 145.5 passing efficiency, while ranking fourth with 195.6 passing yards per game and 202.3 yards of total offense per contest. Jacobs tops UW-Whitewater's career list with 6,842 yards, 479 completions, 909 attempts and 68 touchdowns.

He matched a school record twice this season by recording five touchdown passes against Lakeland on Sept. 2 and against UW-Platteville on Oct. 21. Against the Pioneers, Jacobs also compiled a conference season-best 354 yards of total offense and 342 passing yards.

Repeat selections on the All-WIAC first team on offense include: UW-Eau Claire's Matt Evensen, UW-Oshkosh's Andy Moriarty, UW-Stevens Point's Cody Childs and UW-Whitewater's Justin Beaver and Max Sakellaris.

Evensen, a senior wide receiver, claimed first team recognition in 2004 after receiving honorable mention status in 2003. He was injured all of the 2005 campaign and returned this year to rank third in the conference with 5.00 receptions per game and fifth with 63.8 receiving yards per contest. Evensen holds UW-Eau Claire's career records with 176 receptions, 2,293 yards and 20 touchdown receptions.

Moriarty, a junior running back, was a unanimous choice and captured first team accolades for the second straight year. He ranks second in the WIAC with 97.2 rushing yards per game, third with 68 points, fifth with 110.5 all-purpose yards per contest and 10th with 97.2 yards of total offense per game. Moriarty became the school's all-time leading rusher this season, gaining 2,806 yards in three years.

Childs, a senior all-purpose back, is a two-time first team choice after receiving first team status in 2004 as a running back. He also captured second team recognition in 2003 and 2005. Childs tops the conference with 134.5 all-purpose yards per game and 12 touchdowns (72 points), while ranking fourth with 90.6 rushing yards per game, ninth with 3.70 receptions per game and 10th with 42.4 receiving yards per contest.

Beaver, a junior running back, secured first team laurels for the second consecutive season despite missing the last four games due to injury. He has totaled 896 yards and three touchdowns on 165 carries in his six contests. Beaver had the second-longest touchdown run in WIAC history with a 97-yard scamper against UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 23 and had a conference season-best 286 rushing yards against UW-La Crosse on Oct. 14.

Sakellaris, a senior offensive lineman, is a three-time first team selection, including the last two years as a unanimous choice. He is part of an offensive line that has allowed just six quarterback sacks and helps the Warhawks average a league-leading 410.9 yards of total offense per contest and rank second with 191.4 rushing yards per game.

Also earning first team accolades on offense this season were: UW-La Crosse senior offensive lineman Jakob Martell, UW-Platteville senior wide receiver Joe Danielson, sophomore running back Mike Genslinger and junior offensive lineman Corey Darmody, UW-River Falls senior punter Jovin Kroll (unanimous selection), UW-Stout senior offensive lineman Bill Bellingham and UW-Whitewater junior offensive lineman Brent Allen, freshman kicker Jeff Schebler (unanimous selection), senior tight end Pete Schmitt and senior wide receiver Derek Stanley (unanimous selection).

Repeat choices on the All-WIAC first team on defense include: UW-La Crosse's Ken Halvorson and Steve Teeples, UW-Oshkosh's Ryan Neff and UW-Whitewater's Ryan Kleppe, A.J. Raebel and Robb Widuch.

Halvorson, a senior defensive back, missed all of the 2005 campaign due to injury after earning unanimous first team accolades in 2004 and second team recognition in 2003. He ranks second on the team with 64 tackles and has added two tackles for loss, one quarterback sack, one interception and six pass break-ups.

Teeples, a senior defensive back, was a unanimous choice enroute to capturing first team laurels for the second straight season after earning second team honors in 2004. He leads the league with seven interceptions and has contributed 25 tackles, four tackles for loss, two pass break-ups and two blocked kicks.

Neff, a senior defensive lineman, earned unanimous recognition for the second consecutive year and was a second team pick during the 2004 campaign. He is ninth in the league with 9.5 tackles for loss and places third on the team with 56 tackles. Neff accumulated two quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble.

Kleppe, a senior defensive lineman, claimed unanimous distinction for the second straight season after capturing second team accolades in 2004. He leads the WIAC with eight quarterback sacks, while ranking third with 13 tackles for loss. Kleppe has added 36 tackles, one pass break-up and one fumble recovery. He registered a conference season-best 5.5 tackles for loss and three quarterback sacks against Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) on Oct. 28.

Raebel, a junior linebacker, secured first team recognition for the second consecutive year and ranks second in the conference with 13.5 tackles for loss. He leads the Warhawks with 62 tackles and has registered two quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, one interception and one pass break-up.

Widuch, a senior linebacker, was a unanimous selection for the second straight season enroute to earning his third straight first team award. He is third on the team with 53 tackles and has compiled 5.5 tackles for loss, three pass break-ups and two quarterback sacks.

Additional individuals capturing first team status on defense included: UW-La Crosse senior defensive lineman Jeff Kratcha, UW-Oshkosh senior defensive back Ryan Radtke, UW-River Falls junior defensive lineman Gregg Neumann, UW-Stevens Point senior linebacker Brandon Czys (unanimous selection) and senior defensive lineman Mike Hayes, UW-Stout senior linebacker Luke Steffen and UW-Whitewater junior defensive back Matt Blaziewske.

The league coaches also recognized a second team for the 2006 campaign. Individuals receiving second team status on offense included: UW-La Crosse's Corey Geldernick (Sr., RB), Randy Gyllin (Jr., OL), Dan Hall (Jr., All-Purp.), Eric Kettenhofen (Sr., WR) and Jason Olejniczak (So., OL), UW-Oshkosh's Kyle Kubasa (Sr., TE) and Joe Schmitz (Jr., OL), UW-Platteville's Brent Nelson (Sr., QB), UW-Stevens Point's Dale Bratz (Sr., OL), Jacob Dickert (Sr., WR) and Luke Frisch (So., P), UW-Stout's Ryan Englebert (Sr., RB) and UW-Whitewater's Neil Mrkvicka (Sr., WR), Brady Ramseier (Jr., OL) and Travis Reuland (Sr., RB).

Defensive choices on second team consisted of: UW-Eau Claire's Dan Rogney (Sr., DL) and Ryan Schulz (Sr., DB), UW-La Crosse's Jeff Nondorf (Sr., DL), UW-Oshkosh's Bryan Kent (Jr., DB) and Eric Stenbrotten (Jr., LB), UW-Platteville's Chris Booze (Jr., DL), Hans Christensen (Sr., DB) and Matt Eastlick (Jr., LB), UW-River Falls' Bruce Baillargeon (Jr., DB), UW-Stevens Point's Lincoln Berg (Sr., DB), UW-Stout's Stephen Schils (Jr., LB) and UW-Whitewater's Tristan Borzick (Jr., LB) and Ryan Ogrizovich (So., DL).

Named to the honorable mention team on offense were: UW-Eau Claire's Drew Rekuski (Sr., OL), UW-La Crosse's Adam Armstrong (Sr., OL), Dustin Esser (Sr., TE) and John Schumann (Sr., QB), UW-Oshkosh's Brandon Houle (Sr., OL), Tyler Jandrin (Jr., RB) and Joe Zander (Sr., OL), UW-Platteville's Marcis Davidson (Jr., OL), Brian Gallick (Sr., WR) and Derek Hoff (Sr., WR), UW-River Falls' Spasimir Bodurski (Sr., K), Scott Witte (So., OL) and Jeremy Wolff (Sr., QB), UW-Stevens Point's Brett Borchart (Sr., QB) and Jon Vissers (Sr., OL), UW-Stout's Jay Runk (Sr., OL) and Jesse Wendt (Sr., All-Purp.) and UW-Whitewater's Nick Croak (Jr., P) and Lance Douglas (Sr., WR).

Selections on the honorable mention defensive squad included: UW-Eau Claire's Sam Cummings (Jr., LB) and Jared Roeker (Sr., LB), UW-La Crosse's Adam Neitzel (Jr., LB), UW-Oshkosh's Scott Salvinski (Jr., DB), UW-Stout's Tony Fitts (Sr., DB) and UW-Whitewater's Ben Farley (Jr., DB).

UW-Whitewater head coach Bob Berezowitz was voted the league's George Chryst Coach of the Year for the second straight season and sixth time in his career. He also won the award in 1988, 1990, 1994 and 1997. Berezowitz is in his 22nd, and final season, at the helm of the Warhawks and directed the squad to its second

consecutive league title and a spot in the NCAA Division III playoffs. He owns a 154-72-4 career record (.678 winning percentage) and his 154 victories rank third on the conference's all-time list.

## 2006 All-WIAC Football Team

### First Team Offense

Name, School, Year, Position, Height, Weight, Hometown (High School)  
Brent Allen, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Offensive Line, 5-9, 256, Mukwonago  
Justin Beaver, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Running Back, 5-8, 196, Palmyra (Palmyra-Eagle)  
Bill Bellingham, UW-Stout, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-3, 295, Faribault, Minn.  
Cody Childs, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, All-Purpose Back, 5-11, 228, Poynette  
Joe Danielson, UW-Platteville, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-6, 215, Oregon, Ill.  
Corey Darmody, UW-Platteville, Junior, Offensive Line, 6-2, 250, Allenton (Kewaskum)  
Matt Evensen, UW-Eau Claire, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-3, 200, Junction City (Auburndale)  
Mike Genslinger, UW-Platteville, Sophomore, Running Back, 5-11, 195, Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)  
\*\*Justin Jacobs, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Quarterback, 6-1, 195, Sun Prairie  
\*\*Jovin Kroll, UW-River Falls, Senior, Punter, 6-1, 176, Poplar (Northwestern)  
Jakob Martell, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-2, 300, Hokah, Minn. (La Crescent)  
\*\*Andy Moriarty, UW-Oshkosh, Junior, Running Back, 6-1, 220, Mequon (Homestead)  
\*\*Max Sakellaris, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-2, 285, Oak Park, Ill.  
\*\*Jeff Schebler, UW-Whitewater, Freshman, Kicker, 6-0, 188, Davenport, Iowa  
Pete Schmitt, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Tight End, 6-4, 247, Mount Horeb  
\*\*Derek Stanley, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Wide Receiver, 5-11, 183, Verona

\*\*Unanimous Selection

### Second Team Offense

Dale Bratz, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-7, 302, Lowell (Dodgeland)  
Jacob Dickert, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-0, 193, Kohler  
Ryan Englebert, UW-Stout, Senior, Running Back, 6-0, 225, Sturgeon Bay (Southern Door)  
Luke Frisch, UW-Stevens Point, Sophomore, Punter, 5-11, 189, Nekoosa  
Corey Geldernick, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Running Back, 5-11, 210, Chili (Marshfield)  
Randy Gyllin, UW-La Crosse, Junior, Offensive Line, 6-4, 340, Mauston  
Dan Hall, UW-La Crosse, Junior, All-Purpose Back, 5-10, 195, Valders  
Eric Kettenhofen, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-1, 195, Waukesha (West)  
Kyle Kubasa, UW-Oshkosh, Senior, Tight End, 6-4, 240, West Allis (Milwaukee Pius XI)  
Neil Mrkvicka, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Wide Receiver, 5-10, 186, Greendale  
Brent Nelson, UW-Platteville, Senior, Quarterback, 6-1, 200, Fennimore  
Jason Olejniczak, UW-La Crosse, Sophomore, Offensive Line, 5-10, 270, Germantown  
Brady Ramseier, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Offensive Line, 6-6, 308, Jefferson (Watertown Luther Prep)  
Travis Reuland, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Running Back, 5-9, 225, Palmyra (Palmyra-Eagle)  
Joe Schmitz, UW-Oshkosh, Junior, Offensive Line, 6-1, 305, Menomonee Falls

### Honorable Mention Offense

Adam Armstrong, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-6, 345, Westby  
Spasimir Bodurski, UW-River Falls, Senior, Kicker, 5-11, 215, Cannon Falls, Minn. (Randolph)  
Brett Borchart, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Quarterback, 6-2, 236, Huntley, Ill.  
Nick Croak, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Punter, 5-10, 185, Muskego  
Marcis Davidson, UW-Platteville, Junior, Offensive Line, 6-4, 280, Waunakee  
Lance Douglas, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-4, 206, Brodhead  
Dustin Esser, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Tight End, 6-4, 235, Highland  
Brian Gallick, UW-Platteville, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-3, 220, Gilman  
Derek Hoff, UW-Platteville, Senior, Wide Receiver, 6-2, 205, Merrill  
Brandon Houle, UW-Oshkosh, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-2, 290, Oshkosh (North)  
Tyler Jandrin, UW-Oshkosh, Junior, Running Back, 5-11, 245, Casco (Luxemburg-Casco)  
Drew Rekuski, UW-Eau Claire, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-1, 285, St. Anthony, Minn.  
Jay Runk, UW-Stout, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-5, 330, Scandia, Minn. (Forest Lake)  
John Schumann, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Quarterback, 6-2, 210, Hastings, Minn.  
Jon Vissers, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-4, 289, Schofield (D.C. Everest)  
Jesse Wendt, UW-Stout, Senior, All-Purpose Back, 6-3, 230, New Auburn (Chetek)  
Scott Witte, UW-River Falls, Sophomore, Offensive Line, 6-4, 330, Cedarburg

Jeremy Wolff, UW-River Falls, Senior, Quarterback, 6-1, 225, Janesville, Minn. (Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton)  
Joe Zander, UW-Oshkosh, Senior, Offensive Line, 6-1, 300, Columbus

### **First Team Defense**

Matt Blaziewske, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Defensive Back, 5-11, 190, Kenosha (Tremper)  
\*\*Brandon Czys, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Linebacker, 6-0, 221, Mauston  
Ken Halvorson, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Defensive Back, 5-10, 200, Westby  
Mike Hayes, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Defensive Line, 6-3, 236, Beaver Dam  
\*\*Ryan Kleppe, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Defensive Line, 6-0, 290, Mount Horeb  
Jeff Kratcha, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Defensive Line, 6-1, 240, Highland  
\*\*Ryan Neff, UW-Oshkosh, Senior, Defensive Line, 6-2, 250, Merrill  
Gregg Neumann, UW-River Falls, Junior, Defensive Line, 6-3, 229, Lakeville, Minn.  
Ryan Radtke, UW-Oshkosh, Senior, Defensive Back, 6-0, 190, Peshtigo  
A.J. Raebel, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Linebacker, 6-5, 241, Cary Grove, Ill.  
Luke Steffen, UW-Stout, Senior, Linebacker, 6-2, 240, Greenwood  
\*\*Steve Teeples, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Defensive Back, 6-1, 165, Black River Falls  
\*\*Robb Widuch, UW-Whitewater, Senior, Linebacker, 6-3, 230, Greenfield (Whitnall)

\*\*Unanimous Selection

### **Second Team Defense**

Bruce Baillargeon, UW-River Falls, Junior, Defensive Back, 6-0, 180, Somerset  
Lincoln Berg, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Defensive Back, 6-1, 205, Edgar  
Chris Booze, UW-Platteville, Junior, Defensive Line, 6-2, 265, Bloomingdale, Ill. (Lake Park)  
Tristan Borzick, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Linebacker, 6-0, 237, Kenosha (Tremper)  
Hans Christiansen, UW-Platteville, Senior, Defensive Back, 5-10, 190, Manitowoc (Lincoln)  
Matt Eastlick, UW-Platteville, Junior, Linebacker, 6-2, 225, Belmont  
Bryan Kent, UW-Oshkosh, Junior, Defensive Back, 6-0, 190, Pewaukee (Mequon Homestead)  
Jeff Nondorf, UW-La Crosse, Senior, Defensive Line, 6-1, 225, Highland  
Ryan Ogrizovich, UW-Whitewater, Sophomore, Defensive Line, 6-1, 268, Burlington  
Dan Rogney, UW-Eau Claire, Senior, Defensive Line, 6-2, 215, Auburndale  
Stephen Schils, UW-Stout, Junior, Linebacker, 6-1, 230, Green Bay (Ashwaubenon)  
Ryan Schulz, UW-Eau Claire, Senior, Defensive Back, 6-0, 195, Maple Grove, Minn.  
Eric Stenbrotten, UW-Oshkosh, Junior, Linebacker, 6-0, 220, Monticello

### **Honorable Mention Defense**

Sam Cummings, UW-Eau Claire, Junior, Linebacker, 6-0, 240, Rochester, Minn. (John Marshall)  
Ben Farley, UW-Whitewater, Junior, Defensive Back, 6-4, 195, Brookfield (East)  
Tony Fitts, UW-Stout, Senior, Defensive Back, 6-1, 200, Kewaskum  
Adam Neitzel, UW-La Crosse, Junior, Linebacker, 6-0, 210, Waukesha (Wisconsin Lutheran)  
Jared Roeker, UW-Eau Claire, Senior, Linebacker, 6-0, 220, Mauston  
Scott Salvinski, UW-Oshkosh, Junior, Defensive Back, 6-0, 190, Oshkosh (North)

Player of the Year: Justin Jacobs of UW-Whitewater

George Chryst Coach of the Year: Bob Berezowitz of UW-Whitewater

Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete: Ryan Kleppe of UW-Whitewater

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## **UW-Whitewater's Kleppe Named Football Scholar-Athlete**

RELEASED: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Ryan Kleppe has been named the 2006 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Max Sparger Football Scholar-Athlete.

Kleppe, a senior from Mount Horeb, Wis., boasts a 3.83 grade point average and is majoring in physical education. He was named to the 2005 CoSIDA Academic All-District Five Second Team and is a three-time member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll. Kleppe has been recognized on UW-Whitewater's Dean's List six semesters.

A team captain this season, he was a unanimous choice on the All-WIAC first team for the second straight year after securing second team status in 2004. Kleppe was named to both the Football Gazette and D3football.com All-America Third Team a season ago after helping the Warhawks finish as the national runner-up. He ranks third on UW-Whitewater's all-time list with 23.5 career sacks.

Kleppe is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and the Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Fraternity. He is involved in the campus Crusade for Christ and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Kleppe is active in UW-Whitewater's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Student Wisconsin Education Association.

He becomes the fourth individual from UW-Whitewater to claim the league's scholar-athlete award in football, joining Shawn Eichorst (1990), Scott Hawig (1995) and Peter Katz (2001).

Also nominated for this year's scholar-athlete award were: UW-Eau Claire's Brad Alexejun, Matt Evensen and Edward Kaiser, UW-La Crosse's Jeff Kratcha, UW-Platteville's Brent Nelson and UW-River Falls' Jovin Kroll.

The WIAC Scholar-Athlete Award is named after Max Sparger, who served as commissioner of the Wisconsin State University Conference from July, 1971 - July, 1993.

In order to be nominated for the scholar-athlete award, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average, be in their last year of competition, or on schedule to graduate this academic year, and have competed for a minimum of two years.

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## **UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater Earn NCAA Football Bids**

RELEASED: Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--For the first time since 1999, the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) will have two teams participate in the NCAA Division III Football Championship after UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater received bids into the 32-team field.

UW-La Crosse (8-1) claimed one of seven at-large bids into the tournament and will host Bethel University (Minn.) in a first round game on Nov. 18 at noon. Bethel (9-1) earned an automatic bid into the playoff field after winning the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) title.

UW-La Crosse will be making its 11th appearance in the NCAA Division III Playoffs, winning national titles in 1992 and 1995.

The Eagles and Royals will be meeting for the first time in history.

UW-Whitewater (10-0) earned the WIAC's automatic bid into the championship field after winning the conference title for the second straight season. The Warhawks are making their fifth appearance in the national tournament and finished second a year ago.

The Warhawks will host St. Norbert College (10-0) in a first round game on Nov. 18 at noon. The Green Knights won the Midwest Conference championship.

Saturday's game marks the 29th meeting between UW-Whitewater and St. Norbert in a series begun in 1932. The Warhawks lead the overall series 16-9-3 and are 11-4-1 all-time at home in the series.

The winner of the UW-La Crosse/Bethel contest will play the winner of the UW-Whitewater/St. Norbert matchup in the second round on Nov. 25.

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## **Eight Earn Football Academic All-District Recognition**

RELEASED: Friday, November 10, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Eight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) individuals have been named to the 2006 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Five College Division Football Team. UW-Eau Claire's Matt Evensen, UW-La Crosse's Randy Gyllin, UW-Platteville's Brent Nelson, UW-River Falls' Jovin Kroll and UW-Stevens Point's Mike Hayes were first team choices, while UW-La Crosse's Dustin Esser and Jeff Kratcha and UW-Oshkosh's Shawn Dahlke were second team selections.

The team is comprised of all NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA student-athletes from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota and is voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Evensen, Gyllin, Nelson, Kroll and Hayes are eligible for the Academic All-America team which will be announced on Nov. 30.

Evensen, a senior from Junction City, Wis. (Auburndale H.S.), was an academic all-district second team honoree in 2004. He is majoring in exercise science and carries a 3.68 grade point average. Evensen has caught 43 passes for 523 yards and four touchdowns this season.

Gyllin, a junior from Mauston, Wis., maintains a 3.76 grade point average while majoring in pre-exercise sports science teaching. He is part of an offensive line that helps the Eagles compile 143.1 rushing yards per game and 369.5 yards of total offense per contest.

Nelson, a senior from Fennimore, Wis., sustains a 3.87 grade point average and is majoring in accounting and business with a finance emphasis. He has completed 163-of-280 passes for 1,948 yards and 10 touchdowns this year.

Kroll, a senior from Poplar, Wis. (Northwestern H.S.), boasts a 3.91 grade point average while majoring in English education with a minor in athletic coaching. He has punted 50 times for 2,018 yards (40.3 average) and has downed 14 kicks inside the 20-yard line and a long of 68 yards.

Hayes, a senior defensive lineman from Beaver Dam, Wis., was also an all-district selection in wrestling and earned Academic All-America second team honors. He maintains a 3.71 grade point average and is majoring in biology. Hayes has compiled 40 tackles, including 7.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback sack during the 2006 campaign.

Esser, a senior from Highland, Wis., carries a 3.22 grade point average and is majoring in geography. This season, he has caught 24 passes for 287 yards and one touchdown.

Kratcha, a senior from Highland, Wis., is majoring in geography and carries a 3.64 grade point average. He currently has 31 tackles, including 5.5 tackles for loss and four quarterback sacks with three forced fumbles.

Dahlke, a senior from Appleton, Wis. (Fox Valley Lutheran H.S.), sustains a 3.54 grade point average and is majoring in finance. He leads an offensive line that has helped the Titans lead the WIAC with 197.9 rushing yards per contest and rank third with 374.8 yards of total offense per game.

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## **UW-Whitewater Claims Second Straight Football Championship**

RELEASED: Saturday, November 4, 2006

**Whitewater, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater claimed its second straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) football championship with a 49-0 triumph over UW-Stout at Perkins Stadium on Nov. 4.

The conference title is the 27th in school history and gives the Warhawks the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament. UW-Whitewater's 27 WIAC titles are the second-highest total in league history, trailing only the 33 earned by UW-La Crosse.

UW-La Crosse can earn a share of this year's crown with a victory at UW-Oshkosh next week and a UW-Whitewater loss to UW-River Falls. The Warhawks would still earn the league's automatic bid into the NCAA playoffs due to its 45-10 triumph over the Eagles on Oct. 14.

UW-Whitewater will be making the fifth NCAA tournament appearance in school history, including a second-place finish a year ago.

UW-Whitewater (9-0, 6-0 WIAC) scored at least one touchdown in each quarter and tacked on four in the second quarter in the victory over UW-Stout (3-6, 1-5) as the Warhawks won their 12th straight home contest.

Derek Underwood opened the scoring with two minutes remaining in the first quarter on a three-year run. The Warhawks got two touchdowns from Tristan Borzick and single touchdowns from Brady Pittz and Derek Stanley in the second quarter. Pittz's score came on a 46-yard scamper and Stanley's came on a 42-yard pass from Justin Jacobs.

Jacobs got in on the scoring with a five-yard run early in the third quarter and Pittz added a final score midway through the final stanza.

Pitz was making his first start of the season and tallied collegiate highs of 153 yards and 17 carries.

UW-Whitewater's defense limited UW-Stout to 107 total yards, 60 on the ground and 47 in the air. The Warhawks have not given up a touchdown since the fourth quarter against UW-Platteville on Oct. 21.

A.J. Raebel led UW-Whitewater with 9 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback sack, while Luke Steffen led UW-Stout with 10 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss.

UW-Stout running back Ryan Englebert entered the contest averaging 99.1 yards per game and was held to 33 yards on 14 carries.

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## **Governor Declares Bob Berezowitz Day**

RELEASED: Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Governor, Jim Doyle declared November 4, 2006 as Bob Berezowitz Day for his many accomplishments at UW-Whitewater, including 22 years as the head football coach leading the Warhawks to eight WIAC titles and four NCAA playoff appearances. Saturday, November 4th is the last regular season home game against UW-Stout beginning at 1:00 pm.

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## **WIAC to Receive National Television Exposure on Fox Sports**

RELEASED: Tuesday, September 26, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) announced today that its current broadcast agreement with When We Were Young Productions (WWWYP) has been expanded to include a national audience for its 2006 football broadcast schedule.

This new development will result in all of the WIAC football games scheduled for broadcast on FSN North in Wisconsin to be simultaneously broadcast nationally on Fox College Sports (FCS). The next scheduled football broadcast features the UW-Whitewater vs. UW-Oshkosh game on Wednesday, September 27th at 10:15 p.m. CST.

WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner reported that it is possible that a number of other WIAC events scheduled to be broadcast this fall on FSN may also be shown nationally on FCS.

A listing of those events scheduled to be aired, including the date and time of each broadcast, is posted on the WIAC web site at [www.uwsa.edu/wiac/](http://www.uwsa.edu/wiac/). Viewers are also encouraged to check their local listings for future broadcast dates and times.

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## **NFF Announces 2006 Draddy Trophy Semifinalists**

RELEASED: Tuesday, October 17, 2006

**Morristown, N.J.**--Selected as the best and the brightest from the college gridiron, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) today announced the 148 semifinalists for the 2006 Draddy Trophy, presented by HealthSouth, and the candidates for the NFF 2006 National Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Among the semifinalists were UW-Eau Claire's Matthew Evensen and UW-Stevens Point's Michael Hayes.

One of college football's most sought after and competitive awards, the Draddy Trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership.

"The Draddy epitomizes everything right about college football," said NFF President Steven J. Hatchell. "By recognizing this group, we highlight the countless hours and demands that each college football player must balance as they pursue their dreams of a higher education and their passion for football. The NFF has both the privilege and responsibility to pay tribute to this exceptional group of role models, who truly embody the term student-athlete."

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, semifinalists must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player, and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. Established to honor former NFF Chairman Vincent dePaul Draddy, a Manhattan College quarterback who founded the Izod and Lacoste brands, the award comes with a stunning 24-inch, 25-pound bronze trophy and a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship.

With a 3.51 average GPA and majors such as biochemistry and zoology, the group includes 70 players who have earned all-conference recognition on the field and 94 captains. The offensive line produced the most nominees with 44. Defensive backs came in second with 24 candidates. Offense outscored the defense with 79 to 61 hopefuls. Eight special teams aspirants completed the contingent. Nominees hail from all NCAA divisions and the NAIA, including a record 64 contenders from Division I- A.

The NFF Awards Committee, comprised of former coaches, Hall of Famers and college administrators, will select and announce up to 15 finalists on Oct. 26. The winner, also selected by the committee, will be announced at the 49th NFF Awards Dinner on December 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Each finalist will also be recognized that night as part of the 2006 National Scholar-Athlete Class, receiving an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Launched in 1959, the NFF scholar-athlete program became the first initiative in history to credit a player for both academic and athletic accomplishments. The Draddy, first awarded in 1990, adds to the program's mystique. Past Draddy winners, including two Rhodes Scholars, a Rhodes Scholar finalist, a Heisman winner and a 3.7 average GPA, are: Chris Howard (Air Force, 1990); John B. Culpepper (Florida, 1991); Jim Hansen (Colorado, 1992); Thomas Burns (Virginia, 1993); Robert Zatechka (Nebraska, 1994); Bobby Hoying (Ohio State, 1995); Danny Wuerffel (Florida, 1996); Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997); Matt Stinchcomb (Georgia, 1998); Chad Pennington (Marshall, 1999); Kyle Vanden Bosch (Nebraska, 2000); Joaquin Gonzalez (Miami, 2001); Brandon Roberts (Washington University-Mo., 2002); Craig Krenzler (Ohio State, 2003); Michael Munoz (Tennessee, 2004); and Rudy Niswanger (Louisiana State, 2005).

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## **UW-Whitewater's Berezowitz Announces Retirement**

RELEASED: Tuesday, August 8, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--Bob Berezowitz, entering his twenty-second year as head football coach at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, announced his retirement today at the annual Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Football Media Day. Berezowitz, who also serves as the director of outdoor recreation facilities at UW-Whitewater, will continue his duties at the university through the 2006-2007 school year.

"We want to totally keep the focus on our 2006 football team this entire season," Berezowitz said. "With that in mind, and in fairness to the UW-Whitewater football program, I feel it's necessary to announce so a proper search can be completed before the 2007 recruiting process begins. Good things must come to an end sooner or later, and I'm excited about the upcoming season and the opportunity to coach a great group of young men one last time."

"Retiring from this game of football is not easy," Berezowitz added. "I decided three years ago that 2006 would be my last so I could prepare for this day. I have not lost my enthusiasm or fire to coach this great sport.. For the past thirty-nine years I have been an educator and coach, and can truly say that I have always looked forward to going to work each and every day of my life. Not many people can say that. I honestly never felt that I had a real job."

Berezowitz has headed the UW-Whitewater football program since the 1985 season. In his twenty-one years he has compiled a 144-72-4 record overall (.664 winning percentage). He directed the Warhawks to seven WIAC titles (1987, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2005), and led UW-Whitewater to a first or second place finish eleven times. His tenure includes four NCAA Division III playoff berths (1988, 1990, 1994, 2005).

"Bob Berezowitz has a phenomenal personality and is wonderful person," UW-Whitewater director of athletics Dr. Paul Plinske commented. "Bob has laid the groundwork for a future full of possibilities, and we're about watch Bob him as he finishes his last year and this gives us the opportunity to celebrate his contributions and accomplishments."

"Bob is regarded as a leader on campus and someone that is on the cutting edge of his sport," Plinske added. "Not only was he knowledgeable about his sport but he had a strong amount of passion for what he was doing, but I think more than anything the level of respect he earned was based on his level of integrity, his ability to do things right and with great ethics and moral behavior."

Berezowitz's other contributions on campus should not be overlooked.

"Bob singlehandedly built the Student Athletic Complex, and he saw Forrest Perkins work to build what is now Perkins Stadium, which Bob helps maintain in his present facilities position," said Plinske. "So Bob really helped us lay the groundwork for the new outdoor facility upgrades we are planning (track, soccer, softball, baseball) and his expertise in these areas and his passion for seeing these programs flourish is a real positive."

Berezowitz is the dean of WIAC football coaches, and his career victory total ranks third all-time in the league's history. Ironically, one of the two people ahead of him on that all-time list is Forrest Perkins, Berezowitz's mentor as a player and as a coach. It was Perkins who recruited Berezowitz out of Milwaukee Boys Tech, Perkins who hired Berezowitz as an assistant in 1981, and Berezowitz was became head coach when Perkins retired. Berezowitz earned All-American honors in both football and baseball for Perkins, who also coached baseball at the time.

Berezowitz has the unique distinction of playing in a national championship in two sports for UW-Whitewater (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics baseball 1965, NAIA football 1966) and coaching two teams in the national championship (as an assistant coach under Jim Miller when baseball made the 1990 NCAA III tourney, and last year with the football team).

"It's just time", Berezowitz continued. "My wife has been retired from the Whitewater school district for a couple of years, we have eight grandchildren, and it's time to do some things with our family."

Berezowitz has accumulated a shelf full of honors. He was named Division III Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, Football Gazette magazine, and American Football Monthly for the 2005 season. He has earned WIAC Football Coach of the Year honors six times, and Wisconsin College Coach of the Year by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association in both 1997 and 2005. He has been enshrined in the UW-Whitewater Athletic Hall of Fame, the NAIA District 14 Hall of Fame, and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He has served on the NCAA III Football Committee for a number of years. He is still among the top ten in the Warhawk football record book in career yards passing (9th, 3,649), and career touchdowns (2nd, 48), as well as season yards passing (2nd, 2,254 in 1966), touchdowns (2nd, 27 in 1966) and completions (153 in 1966).

"I have been blessed with the opportunity to coach many outstanding athletes. It has been a highlight for me to see these young men grow up, develop into outstanding athletes, and become successful individuals in our society."

Thirty-four UW-Whitewater players have earned a total of 60 All-American honors under Berezowitz's tutelage.

Berezowitz also has more of those outstanding athletes on hand this fall. Sixteen of twenty-two starters return from the team that went undefeated in the WIAC last year, won four NCAA III playoff games and advanced to the Stagg Bowl, the NCAA III championship in Salem, Virginia. Seven players that have earned All-American honors are included among those sixteen starters.

UW-Whitewater opens the 2006 season Saturday, September 2 at 7:00 with Lakeland College visiting Perkins Stadium.

**Bob Berezowitz's Overall Football Record at UW-Whitewater**

<b>Year</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>WIAC</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>WIAC Finish</b>
1985	3-7-1	0.318	3-4-1	0.438	T-5th
1986	6-4-1	0.591	4-3-1	0.563	4th
1987	7-3-1	0.773	6-2	0.682	T-1st
1988	9-3	0.750	7-1	0.875	1st
1989	4-5-1	0.450	2-5-1	0.312	6th
1990	10-1	0.909	8-0	1.000	1st
1991	6-4	0.600	6-2	0.750	T-2nd
1992	8-2	0.800	5-2	0.714	2nd
1993	6-4	0.600	5-2	0.714	3rd
1994	8-2	0.800	6-1	0.857	1st
1995	7-3	0.700	4-3	0.571	4th
1996	8-2	0.800	5-2	0.714	3rd
1997	9-1	0.900	7-0	1.000	1st
1998	7-2	0.779	5-2	0.714	T-1st
1999	3-7	0.300	3-4	0.428	T-4th
2000	5-5	0.500	3-4	0.428	5th
2001	5-5	0.500	2-5	0.286	T-6th
2002	5-5	0.500	4-3	0.571	T-3rd
2003	7-3	0.700	5-2	0.714	T-2nd
2004	7-3	0.700	5-2	0.714	T-2nd
2005	14-1	0.933	7-0	1.000	1st
<b>Total</b>	<b>144-72-4</b>	<b>0.664</b>	<b>101-50-3</b>	<b>0.665</b>	

WIAC Championships Won: 1987, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2005

NCAA Playoffs: 1988, 1990, 1994, 2005

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**UW-Whitewater Unanimous Pick to Repeat as Conference Champion**

RELEASED: Tuesday, August 8, 2006

**Madison, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the defending conference champion, is a unanimous selection to claim the 2006 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) football championship, according to the league's sports information directors.

The Warhawks have won 26 conference titles in program history and are ranked No. 2 nationally in NCAA Division III preseason polls conducted by D3football.com, Football Gazette and Lindy's National College Preview, while placing No. 3 in Street & Smith's poll.

UW-Whitewater finished the 2005 season with a school-record 14 victories and reached the national championship game, becoming the first team from the league to get to the title contest since UW-La Crosse in 1995.

Running back Justin Beaver led all of college football (all Divisions and NAIA) in rushing a season ago and set a NCAA Division III record with 2,420 rushing yards. He also established a conference record with 24 rushing touchdowns and finished second with 146 points scored. Beaver was a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy as the NCAA Division III Player of the Year.

The Warhawks also return quarterback Justin Jacobs, who secured WIAC Player of the Year honors last season after completing 218 of 422 passes for 3,556 yards and 35 touchdowns. His 3,556 passing yards rank fourth on the conference's single-season chart.

Head Coach Bob Berezowitz returns for his 22nd season and ranks third on the league's all-time list with a 145-71-4 record. He was named WIAC Coach of the Year and received NCAA Division III Coach of the Year honors from the American Football Coaches Association and Football Gazette a season ago.

UW-La Crosse had its string of three consecutive league titles snapped last season and is expected to place second in this year's eight-team league derby. The Eagles have registered a conference-best 33 championships and have recorded a winning season in 34 of the last 36 years. Linebacker Adam Neitzel set a NCAA Division III single-game record with 29 tackles against UW-Eau Claire last season. Of the 171 passes caught last year by UW-La Crosse, 145 return, including the top-four receivers. Defensive back Kenneth Halvorson, who has scored four defensive touchdowns in his career and has seven career fumble recoveries and four interceptions, returns after missing all of the 2005 campaign with an injury.

UW-Stout is expected to place third in the league ledger and has compiled six straight winning seasons. The Blue Devils were the top ranked defensive unit in the conference a year ago (267.7 yd/game), marking the fourth time in the last six seasons the team has led the WIAC in defense. UW-Stout welcomes the return of running back Ryan Englebert and offensive lineman Jay Runk from injuries to highlight a senior class of 16 student-athletes that represents one of the largest in program history.

UW-Oshkosh registered seven wins in 2005, its highest count since posting an 8-2 record in 1976. A winning record in 2006 would give the Titans consecutive winning seasons for the first time since going 8-2 in 1968 and 6-4 in 1969. Running back Andy Moriarty carried the football a NCAA Division III-record 59 times for a school-record 316 yards during UW-Oshkosh's 24-18 overtime win over UW-Eau Claire a year ago. Placekicker Lucas Raschke needs four field goals to break the league's all-time mark of 31 set by UW-La Crosse's Jediah Jensen from 2000-04.

UW-Stevens Point's 4-6 mark a year ago was just the second losing season for the program in 22 years. The Pointers will be playing only three home games in 2006 for the first time since 1947. Head Coach John Miech needs one victory to move into fourth place on the league's all-time wins list. Running back Cody Childs could become a four-time all-WIAC selection after earning second team status in 2003 and 2005 and first team recognition in 2004.

UW-Eau Claire welcomes Todd Glaser back to the program after he served as the head coach at Marietta College (Ohio) for the last three seasons. Glaser worked as an assistant with the Blugolds from 1991-95, 97-03 and played on the team from 1987-90. The Blugolds have recorded six consecutive winning seasons in WIAC games, compiling either a 5-2 or 4-3 record each year. Kicker Mitch Schaeuble broke the school single-season record with 10 field goals in 14 attempts in just five games a season ago. Wide receiver Matt Evensen returns after missing all of the 2005 campaign with an injury.

For the first time since 1973, UW-River Falls will abandon its wishbone attack in favor of a zone offense. The Falcons led the NCAA Division III in rushing offense six seasons (1986, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1998) running the wishbone offense. The 2006 schedule features three teams that participated in national playoffs a year ago (UW-

Whitewater, St. John's (Minn.), St. Francis (Ind.)-NAIA) and had a combined 39-3 record. UW-River Falls' home game against UW-Oshkosh on September 30 will mark the first home night contest since the 1981 season.

UW-Platteville started 40 different players at one time or another last season due to injuries. The Pioneers return nine defensive players who made at least 20 tackles a year ago. Running back Tyson Droessler was the first Pioneer to run for 100 yards in back-to-back games (October 22, 29) since head coach Mike Emendorfer installed the spread offense in 1999.

2006 Preseason Predictions (Voted on by WIAC Sports Information Directors)

1. UW-Whitewater (8)
2. UW-La Crosse
3. UW-Stout
4. UW-Oshkosh
5. UW-Stevens Point
6. UW-Eau Claire
7. UW-River Falls
8. UW-Platteville

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### **2006 Team Vitals**

#### **UW-Eau Claire**

Head Coach: Todd Glaser; 4th season; 0-0 record at UWEC / 13-17 overall

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 14/8

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 19/8

Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 5/6

Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 6/5

WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 23-12

WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 41-29

Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Sam Cummings, Jr., LB (Second); Nate Jahn, Jr., DL (Second); Dan Karcz, Sr., OL (Second); Drew Rekuski, Sr., C (Honorable); Dan Rogney, Sr., LB (Honorable)

#### **UW-La Crosse**

Head Coach: Larry Terry; 13th season; 40-23 record at UWL / 65-52-1 overall

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 22/6

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 18/6

Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 7/4

Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 7/4

WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 24-11

WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 52-18

Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Steve Teeples, Sr., DB (First); Jacob Buswell, Jr., DB (Second); Ted Everson, Jr., WR (Second); Corey Geldernick, Sr., RB (Second); Dan Hall, Jr., All-Purp (Honorable); Adam Neitzel, Jr., LB (Honorable); John Schumann, Sr., QB (Honorable)

#### **UW-Oshkosh**

Head Coach: Phil Meyer; 7th season; 26-33 record at UWO / 26-33 overall

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 18/5

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 19/8

Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 8/3

Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 8/3

WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 11-24

WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 18-52

Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Andy Moriarty, Jr., RB (First); Ryan Neff, Sr., DL (First); Eric Stenbrotten, Jr., DL (First);

Joe Zander, Sr., OL (First); Jason Manikowski, Sr., DB (Second); Joe Schmitz, Jr., C (Second)

#### **UW-Platteville**

Head Coach: Mike Emendorfer; 8th season; 23-46 record at UWP / 23-46 overall

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 18/10

Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 20/7  
Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 9/2  
Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 9/2  
WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 8-27  
WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 12-58  
Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Brian Gallick, Sr., WR (Second); Corey Darmody, Jr., C (Honorable)

#### **UW-River Falls**

Head Coach: John O'Grady; 18th season; 92-75-3 record at UWRF / 92-75-3 overall  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 23/14  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 27/20  
Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 9/2  
Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 7/4  
WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 13-22  
WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 37-33  
Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Nathan Anderson, Jr., FB (First)

#### **UW-Stevens Point**

Head Coach: John Miech; 19th season; 117-62-2 record at UWSP / 117-62-2 overall  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 27/5  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 20/8  
Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 10/1  
Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 7/4  
WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 21-14  
WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 40-30  
Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Dan Robinson, Jr., DL (First); Cody Childs, Sr., RB (Second); Brandon Czys, Sr., LB (Second); Jon Vissers, Sr., OL (Second); Jake Nantell, Sr., C (Honorable)

#### **UW-Stout**

Head Coach: Todd Strop; 3rd season; 11-8 record at UWS / 11-8 overall  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 26/5  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 20/7  
Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 9/2  
Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 8/3  
WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 18-22  
WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 35-35  
Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Travis Hoffmann, Sr., DL (First); Andy Reese, Jr., RB (First); Jesse Wendt, Sr., WR (First);  
Bill Bellingham, Sr., OL (Second); Tony Fitts, Sr., DB (Second); Steve Schils, Jr., LB (Second);  
Luke Steffen, Sr., LB (Second); Rob Weinstein, Sr., DB (Honorable)

#### **UW-Whitewater**

Head Coach: Bob Berezowitz; 22nd season; 145-71-4 record at UWW / 145-71-4 overall  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Offense: 44/4  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost on Defense: 39/4  
Starters Returning/Lost on Offense: 9/2  
Starters Returning/Lost on Defense: 7/4  
WIAC Record in last 5 Years: 22-13  
WIAC Record in last 10 Years: 45-25  
Returning All-WIAC from 2005: Justin Beaver, Jr., RB (First); Justin Jacobs, Sr., QB (First); Ryan Kleppe, Sr., DL (First);  
A.J. Raebel, Jr., LB (First); Brady Ramseier, Jr., OL (First); Max Sakellaris, Sr., OL (First);  
Robb Widuch, Sr., LB (First); Derek Stanley, Sr., WR (Second)

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### **UW-Whitewater's Simpson and Edmonds Receive NCAA Coaching Grants; Simpson Adds Internship With Green Bay Packers**

RELEASED: Thursday, June 8, 2006

**Whitewater, Wis.**--Chris Simpson and Nelson Edmonds, both members of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater football coaching staff, have been selected to participate in the Men's Football Coaching Academy administered by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The NCAA receives support from the American Football Coaches Association, the Black Coaches Association, and the National Football League.

"I am very excited and happy," Edmonds said. "This is an opportunity for me to grow professionally, to develop additional professional relationships and to expand the resources available to allow me to learn."

The Men's Football Academy will be held June 11-13 in Indianapolis. Coaches, athletic administrators and leaders in higher education will serve as faculty for the three day workshop. The Academy is designed to assist minority football coaches to improve and reinforce various aspects of securing, managing and excelling in head football coaching positions at the intercollegiate level.

Among the topics that will be addressed at the Academy are networking, booster relations, budgeting, managing a staff, NCAA compliance, academic support, and community and campus relations.

This is the third year that the Academy has been held, and 15-25 coaches are selected to participate. Nelson and Simpson were alerted to the program by UW-W director of athletics Dr. Paul Plinske, who supported their application along with Warhawk head football coach Bob Berezowitz.

"The participants the past two years seem to have been from Division I schools, so Chris and I were somewhat skeptical, and then adding in the factor that we didn't think they would select two coaches from the same school, so we were both pleasantly surprised," Edmonds noted.

"This is personally rewarding", Edmonds began, "but it is also recognition of our university and our football program. We have received great support here in our work, and it certainly didn't hurt that the team did so well last year."

Simpson has also been selected for a summer internship position with the Green Bay Packers.

"I was aware that the NFL had a minority internship program," Simpson said. "Originally it was intended to help college coaches get in to the league, but recently it seems to have changed the emphasis to former players. Originally Mike Emendorfer mentioned it when I was at UW-Platteville, but I didn't think I was ready for it so I didn't pursue it. But I kept it in the back of my mind and as my professional plans developed and I gained experience."

Simpson credits Eric Studesville, a former UW-W defensive back (1985-88) and current running back coach with the Buffalo Bills, and Jeff Jagodzinski, Packers offensive coordinator and former Warhawk fullback (1981-84), with guiding him through the process and providing encouragement. Studesville is a former participant in the NFL Minority Internship Program.

"Eric emphasized that it was important that every time our UW-W football staff came in to contact with another staff, or went to another college or pro team to watch a practice, for me to get to know people and strive to emphasize my professional goals and willingness to learn. He has been helpful for several years while he coached in the NFL, very good about helping me with that. Our UW-W staff was at a WFCA (Wisconsin Football Coaches Association) clinic where Jeff was speaking, and coach (Bob) Berezowitz introduced me to Jeff, who in turn introduced me to Mike McMarthy. I followed up with a question about the internship, then wrote to them. Since I'm not a former pro player, or a Division I coach, I didn't know what to expect, but I am very grateful for the opportunity."

The internship is officially for July 25-August 12 of the Packers' training camp. That will take Simpson through the first preseason game, and right up to the first day of preseason practice at UW-Whitewater.

"The Packers have been first class, very professional right from the beginning," Simpson explained. "They asked me to help with special teams and the defensive line, and they want me to function as another set of eyes, working with subgroups, really functioning as a part of their coaching staff. They welcomed me to staff meetings, to position meetings, to everything. I can't say enough about the way they have treated me."

Although Simpson's internship has a specified time frame, the Packers have also invited him to participate in their early organized team activity (OTA) days. He was able to attend OTA sessions June 1-2,5, and will participate in others as his Whitewater work schedule allows.

Simpson pointed out several goals for the internship. "First of all, I want to do as good a job for the Packers as I can, to help them any way I can. Second, what I learn will help me in my work at Whitewater, with my coaching abilities and our team. And, it is all part of growing as a professional."

Edmonds and Simpson are both counselors in the Academic Advising and Exploration Center at UW-Whitewater, as well as assistant football coaches. Edmonds, who has completed six years on the football staff after working as a student assistant for five years, works with UW-W's running backs. Simpson, who made stops at Loras College and UW-Platteville after playing for UW-Whitewater, has completed three years at UW-W. He worked with the linebackers in 2005.

Edmonds and Simpson helped UW-W go 14-1 overall, win the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and advance to the NCAA Division III championship game in 2005.

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## **UW-Oshkosh's Docherty Signs Free Agent Contract With NFL's Chiefs**

RELEASED: Tuesday, May 2, 2006

**Oshkosh, Wis.**--University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh tight end Bob Docherty has signed a free agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League (NFL).

Docherty, a six-foot-six, 255-pound Oshkosh native, signed with the Chiefs following the completion of the NFL Draft on Sunday (April 30). He will attend the team's rookie orientation camp this weekend (May 4-7) before participating in several other mini-camps in May and June.

Docherty, who also received interest from the New York Jets and the Washington Redskins, played the 2003 and 2005 seasons at UW-Oshkosh after transferring from NCAA Division I University of Wisconsin.

This past year, Docherty received NCAA Division III All-West Region second team and All-WIAC first team honors after displaying excellent blocking skills and catching 18 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns. He caught five passes for 52 yards in the Titans' 13-10 overtime loss to UW-River Falls.

Docherty participated in two all-star football contests following the 2005 campaign, the Aztec Bowl on Dec. 17 in Toluca, Mexico and the Hula Bowl on Jan. 21 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In 2003, Docherty caught 25 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns, including seven for 62 yards and one score in UW-Oshkosh's 31-21 loss to UW-River Falls.

Docherty played the 2001 and 2002 seasons at the University of Wisconsin.

In 2001, Docherty played in all 12 games for the Badgers, but didn't catch a pass. He appeared in 12 of the Badgers' 14 games in 2002, including the University of Wisconsin's 31-28 victory over the University of Colorado in the Alamo Bowl. Docherty caught 10 passes for 118 yards and one touchdown that season.

Docherty is a 2001 graduate of Oshkosh North High School, where he was a starter on the Spartans' 2000 football team that captured the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Division I state championship.

Docherty is the first UW-Oshkosh football player to sign a professional contract since tight end Tony Church signed a free agent pact with the Tennessee Titans in 1998.

Kansas City compiled a 10-6 record during the 2005 season, finishing second to the Denver Broncos in the American Football Conference (AFC) West Division. The Chiefs, who hold their summer training camp at UW-River Falls, visit the Houston Texans on Aug. 12 for their preseason opener. Kansas City begins its regular season at home against the Cincinnati Bengals on Sept. 10.

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## Glaser Named UW-Eau Claire Head Football Coach

RELEASED: Tuesday, March 21, 2006

**Eau Claire, Wis.**--Todd Glaser has returned to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire ... again. This time as the Blugolds' 15th head football coach.

Director of Athletics Scott Kilgallon announced today that Glaser has signed a contract to replace Todd Hoffner who resigned February 10 after seven years as head coach.

Glaser has been the head coach at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio the past three seasons after serving as Hoffner's defensive coordinator the four seasons prior to that.

Glaser is a Blugold alum who played for current Seattle Seahawks' coach Jim Lind during the 1987, 88, 89 and 90 seasons. He was the first of three brothers to don a blue and gold jersey for their collegiate careers with Tyler and Chad following in his footsteps.

Once his collegiate eligibility was completed, Glaser served as a student assistant for Lind for one season and then assisted Greg Polnasek for three seasons before leaving to become the head coach at Neillsville High School during the 1995 and 1996 campaigns. He returned to UW-Eau Claire during Bob Nielson's final two years as head coach to serve as linebacker coach and strength and conditioning coordinator. He was a staff member when the Blugolds advanced to the NCAA Division III semifinals during the 1998 season.

During his final two years as the defensive coordinator in 2001 and 2002, the Blugolds produced 8-2 season records, shared the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in 2001 and had the second-ranked defense in yardage allowed both years.

In the 10-team Ohio Athletic Conference, which produced this year's Division III national champion Mount Union College, Glaser guided Marietta to its first back-to-back non-losing seasons in 10 years. He was the OAC Coach of the Year in 2004 when Marietta finished with a 6-4 mark. He increased the Pioneers' squad size from 48 to 125 players during his three seasons there. He was also involved in a drive that raised \$2 million for a new football field, new football locker room, new softball field and new soccer field. He was also the assistant director of the M-Team, which is the athletics' fund-raising arm of the college.

Several Blugold coaches followed Glaser to Marietta with Curt Wiese serving as his offensive coordinator and Tony Jennison as his defensive coordinator. In addition, during his three years, former Blugold players and coaches Steve Murray, Dan Larson and Nick Goeser helped coached the Pioneers.

While a Blugold player, Glaser served as a team co-captain during the 1990 season and accumulated 199 career tackles as a defensive lineman.

Glaser described becoming the Blugold head coach as his ultimate career objective and said he was "honored to be back," citing the outstanding reputation of the university and the community.

During both of his forays away from UW-Eau Claire, Glaser said he learned all aspects of the game and directing a football program. He is excited to hit the ground running because of the number of faculty, staff, alumni and community members that he knows from his previous stints at Eau Claire.

He said his leadership style focuses around "hard work, mutual respect and fairness, appropriate delegation and a positive attitude."

In his new position, Glaser will also be involved with Kilgallon in fund-raising for the entire athletics program.

Glaser and his wife Michelle, who is also a UW-Eau Claire alumna, have three children: Sam, age 10, Ella, who will be nine on March 28, and Greta, age five.

Kilgallon credited the search and screen committee for doing a great job. "We knew this position would be very attractive and would be very competitive giving the outstanding ranking of the institution, the facilities and the community," said Kilgallon. He said he was impressed with Glaser's football accomplishments and "equally impressed with his ability to connect with student-athletes, athletics staff, community and alumni." He added, "No

question, Todd Glaser is the person to lead and move the Blugolds' football program forward. I look forward to working with him to continue the great tradition of UW-Eau Claire Blugold football."

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