

# 2009 FRED MITCHELL AWARD PRESENTED TO WISCONSIN- WHITEWATER'S JEFF SCHEBLER



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December 17, 2009 – University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Senior place-kicker Jeff Schebler is the recipient of the 2009 Fred Mitchell Award. Schebler was chosen from nearly 400 eligible place-kickers in Division II and III for excellence on the football field and in the community. Schebler's 462 career points is the most of any place-kicker in NCAA history at any level, and a more detailed list of his accomplishments is included below. The Warhawks are playing Mount Union College on Saturday in the Division III National Championship Game, known as the Stagg Bowl.

“It is an honor to be nominated then selected for the Fred Mitchell Award,” Schebler said. “This is truly a team accomplishment. The offense, defense and everyone on special teams have helped me win this Award.”

The Award is named for Fred Mitchell, the All-American place-kicker from Wittenberg University and longtime sports columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*. “Jeff is a wonderful person and we are delighted to honor him with the 2009 Fred Mitchell Award. His results on the football field are extraordinary, and he has proactively volunteered his time in the community as well,” Mitchell said. Warhawks Head Coach Lance Leipold added, “I am extremely happy and proud of Jeff for receiving the first-ever Fred Mitchell Award. Jeff is extremely deserving of this Award, and he fits the criteria on and off the football field. His achievements speak for themselves.”

The Award's Selection Committee Chairman, Chris Kearney, said, “There were dozens of terrific candidates for this Award. Jeff was on the Award's Watch List in August and he also received our monthly recognition for outstanding performance during the college football season. We are looking forward to honoring Jeff on February 22, 2010 at Halas Hall at the National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter Awards Ceremony.” Details for the Awards Ceremony are at [www.nffchicagoawards.eventbrite.com](http://www.nffchicagoawards.eventbrite.com).

A blue-ribbon Selection Committee evaluated place-kickers that were nominated by Division II and III schools. There are nine members of the Pro and/or College Football Hall of Fame on the Selection Committee including Tom Beck, George Blanda, Kevin Butler, Lou Holtz, Paul Hornung, Marv Levy, Steve McMichael, Don Pierson and Gale Sayers. Several former football players that are active in their communities are also on the Selection Committee including Carl Allegretti, Sean Gothier, Jeff Michalczyk, Mark Murphy, Rob Perry, Bob Thomas, Todd Wilkins and Rob Zvonar. There are eight former college or NFL place-kickers on the Selection Committee.

**JEFF SCHEBLER**

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Senior from Davenport, IA....unanimous First Team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 2009 for the fourth straight year....2009 AFCA First Team All-American....117 points (2<sup>nd</sup> on the #2 nationally ranked Warhawks) from 78 of 80 PAT's and 13 of 16 FG's with the playoffs in progress....462 career points is the most of any place-kicker in NCAA history at any level....scored 10 points in November 21 Division III playoff win over Lakeland to become the NCAA's all-time point leader among place-kickers....scored 9 points in November 28 Division III playoff win over Illinois Wesleyan from 6 of 6 PAT's and 1 of 1 FG's (46-yard FG) and averaged 58 yards on 7 kickoffs....scored 40 points in October from 25 of 25 PAT's and 5 of 6 FG's including a 45-yard FG against UW-Stout on October 17 when Schebler broke the Division III scoring record for place-kickers....averaged 60 yards on 85 kickoffs....holds the school career records for PAT's made (232), PAT's attempted (243), FG's made (80) and FG's attempted (93)....set virtually all single season place-kicking records for the Warhawks....Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership team...visits the Hadley School for the Blind in Janesville....Kohl's Kicking Camp counselor and mentor