

FRED MITCHELL AWARD RECOGNIZES PLACE-KICKERS FOR EXCELLENCE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD AND IN THE COMMUNITY IN OCTOBER



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October 30, 2012 – The Fred Mitchell Award recognizes 31 place-kickers for their excellence on the football field and in the community during the month of October. “October was a terrific month for place-kickers. There were notable records set and game-winning field goals. Heading into the last month of the regular season, we are delighted to recognize these place-kickers that were nominated by their schools for extraordinary performance,” said Fred Mitchell. The Award’s Selection Committee Chairman Chris Kearney added, “These place-kickers had a wonderful month on the football field. Their community service accomplishments are also impressive. We are pleased to salute this group of fine student-athletes.”

The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be announced in mid-December based on performance on the field and in the community. Details are provided at www.fredmitchellaward.com.

The breakdown of the 31 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 8 FCS, 12 Division II, 8 Division III, 1 NAIA, 2 NJCAA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 22 different states with 3 place-kickers at schools in both Pennsylvania and Minnesota
- Year – 12 Seniors, 10 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, 4 Freshmen

In alphabetical order, the Fred Mitchell Award honorees for October 2012 are listed below.

TODD ADOLF

Northwest Missouri State University – Division II

Senior from Omaha, NE....leads the Bearcats in scoring with 78 points from 9 of 11 FG’s and 51 of 51 PAT’s....scored 33 points in October when the team was 4-0 and 8-1 on the season by making both FG’s and all 27 PAT’s....made career-long 48-yard FG in 48-10 win over Fort Hays State on September 15....has made 249 of 253 career PAT’s....340 career points ranks 6th in school history....averaging 61 yards on 71 kickoffs....Habitat for Humanity volunteer....participates in the team’s annual cleanup efforts to help the elderly in Maryville

FAFA ASANTE

Rochester Community and Technical College (Minnesota) – NJCAA

Freshman from Brooklyn Park, MN....scored 32 points in October from 3 of 3 FG’s and 23 of 25 PAT’s....three-time Special Teams Players of the Week for the team this season....averaged 55 yards per kickoff in October....joined several teammates at a Halloween party on October 25 for children of those in the military....visits local elementary schools to mentor children

SAM BROCKSHUS

Minnesota State University – Division II

Junior from Spencer, IA....leads the Mavericks in scoring with 83 points from 15 of 19 FG’s and 38 of 39 PAT’s....currently ranks 6th in MSU’s single season scoring with 83 points and 14 points shy of school record....active leading scorer on the team with 225 career points...has scored at least 10 points in 4 games this season....tied career-high with 12 points in 30-20 win over Winona State on October 20 including career-long 47-yard FG....4 of 4 in 40+ yard FG’s....tied for 1st in Division II with 1.67 FG’s per game and 21st in scoring with 9.22 points per game....averaging 59 yards on 59 kickoffs....member of MSU’s and NSIC’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee....raised funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation....volunteers at youth and varsity football camps in his hometown....Fellowship of Christian Athletes....Kids Against Hunger volunteer....People and Christ Together food drive volunteer

CHASE CARPENTER - Northwest Mississippi Community College – NJCAA

Sophomore from Slayden, MS....second on the team in scoring with 56 points from 7 of 12 FG's and 35 of 39 PAT's....scored 22 points in October for the 7-1 Rangers....scored 8 points in 32-20 win over Holmes on October 11....averaging 56 yards on 57 kickoffs....exceeded 50 hours in community service including helping to cut and maintain three football fields

ERNIE COLLINS - University of San Diego – FCS

Senior from San Ramon, CA....leads the Toreros in scoring with 58 points from 11 of 13 FG's and 25 of 26 PAT's....scored 30 points in October....named Pioneer Football League Special Teams Player of the Week following the 24-7 win at Jacksonville on October 20 scoring 6 points including a 43-yard fourth quarter FG to put the team ahead by three scores....5 FG's of 40+ yards this season....scored 9 points in 44-0 win over Campbell on October 13....tied for 2nd longest FG in school history with 51-yard FG against Western New Mexico....has made two 48-yard FG's this season which is tied for 4th longest FG in school history....averaging 61 yards on 39 kickoffs....Autism Tree Project Foundation volunteer....promotes autism advocacy with rest of football team....participates in Toreros Linking the Community events including the Donate-a-Dollar and Toy Drive program which helped support 30 local families by collecting hundreds of unwrapped gifts and more than \$2,500

ZACH CZAP - Lycoming College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

Junior from Philipsburg, PA ... second on the Warriors in scoring with 36 points from 4 of 9 FG's and 24 of 27 PAT's....scored 19 points in October....scored 8 points in 38-7 win over Wilkes on October 27 to help the team go to 6-2 on the season....Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after the win over Wilkes where he made a season-long 37-yard FG....averaging 57 yards on 41 kickoffs....helped with flood cleanup along the Loyalsock Creek with the football team ... helped a local church with a basketball open gym last spring ... participated in the Student Senate of Lycoming College's haunted house ... active in youth work at his hometown YMCA

RAINER DUZAN - Morehead State University (Kentucky) - FCS

Senior from Dublin, OH....leads the team in scoring with 51 points from 6 of 7 FG's and 33 of 35 PAT's....scored 23 points in October from 1 of 1 FG's and 20 of 21 PAT's....scored career-high 10 points in 70-28 win over Campbell on October 27....owns school records for points by a kicker (237), FG's made (36) and PAT's made (129) where he ranks as the Pioneer Football League's active career leader in all three categories....Morehead State Student-Athlete Advisory Committee....Freshman Move-In Day volunteer....Earth Week Clean-Up volunteer

EVAN FINCH - Hope College (Michigan) – Division III

Junior from Ann Arbor, MI....leads the team in scoring with 41 points from 4 of 4 FG's and 29 of 31 PAT's....scored 24 points in October from 4 of 4 FG's and 12 of 12 PAT's....scored 10 points against Trine on October 27 including FG's of 40, 32 and 28 yards....made all 7 PAT's against Alma College on October 13 despite cold and wet conditions....works with Special Education students as a swimming teacher....Bible Study leader on campus....volunteers to help Ann Arbor Pioneer High School track team

DILLAN FONTAINE - Albany State University (Georgia) – Division II

Freshman from Deltona, FL....2nd on the Golden Rams in scoring with 27 points from 6 of 7 FG's and 9 of 10 PAT's....scored 10 points in 36-9 win over Clark Atlanta on October 20 including career-long 39-yard FG....recorded 3 tackles this season....averaging 54 yards on 33 kickoffs....visits local elementary schools to encourage them to stay in school...visits patients in local nursing homes

JASON FOWLER - Ouachita Baptist University (Arkansas) – Division II

Senior from Mesquite, TX....leads the team in scoring with 54 points from 7 of 8 FG's and 33 of 35 PAT's....scored 10 points in 58-7 win at Arkansas-Monticello on October 13....broke the school's career scoring record on October 27 against East Central University....has made 160 of 165 PAT's in career....volunteered at various soccer camps in the Dallas area...performs community service projects for the school's bi-annual Tiger Serve Day

JAMES GISH - Southwestern Assemblies of God University (Texas) – NAIA

Junior from Waxahachie, TX....made season-long 41-yard FG to secure the 27-17 win at Howard Payne University....made game-winning kick in 28-27 win over Oklahoma Panhandle State on October 27....scored all 12 of the team's points in a 13-12 loss to then-#18 Bethany College....volunteers with football and soccer camps that allow low-income children to attend sports camps

TAYLOR GROFF - East Stroudsburg University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

Junior from Manheim, PA....leads the team in scoring with 70 points from 12 of 19 FG's and 34 of 34 PAT's....scored 38 points in October from 7 of 10 FG's and 17 of 17 PAT's....has made last 7 FG's including 52-yard FG in 48-27 loss Bloomsburg on October 13 where he scored 9 points....scored 15 points in 59-33 loss to Kutztown on October 20....scored 9 points in 45-37 win over LIU Post on October 27....holds school records for career FG % and 14 career FG's of 40+ yards only kicker in PSAC history with multiple FG of 51+ yards (has 3) ... ranks 3rd in ESU history with 207 kicking points....averaging 61 yards on 53 kickoffs....volunteer for children's programs at local church....participates in school's Breakfast with the Warriors during preseason camp...volunteers at Kohl's Kicking Camps and Special Teams Solutions Camps

STEPHEN GRZYWACZ - Stonehill College (Massachusetts) – Division II

Freshman from Manchester, NH...leads the Skyhawks with 49 points from 10 of 15 FG's and 19 of 22 PAT's....scored 24 points in October from 6 of 7 FG's and 6 of 8 PAT's....leads the NE-10 and set school record with 10 FG's in a season to break the previous record of 8 FG's in a season....scored 8 points in October 5 game against American International....scored 8 points in 45-41 loss against #3 New Haven on October 18....participated in school's Into the Streets campaign by volunteering at a local unemployment office....volunteers at a local soup kitchen in his hometown

AARON JAMIESON - University of Central Missouri – Division II

Senior from Cassville, MO....leads the Mules in scoring with 56 points from 8 of 13 FG's and 32 of 34 PAT's....scored 29 points in October from 6 of 9 FG's and 11 of 12 PAT's....scored 17 points in 47-17 win over Central Oklahoma on October 14 including 3 FG's of 40+ yards....became the school's all-time leading scorer for a kicker on September 20....Literacy Team volunteer where student-athletes read to local elementary school students....Veteran's Home volunteer in Warrensburg....Fellowship of Christian Athletes....leads worship services....collaborated with his father at his high school alma mater to start The Character Project where students participate in regular community service

JOSH KAY - Linfield College (Oregon) – Division III

Senior from Salem, OR....leads the team in scoring with 57 points from 6 of 13 FG's and 39 of 41....scored 24 points in October for the 7-0 Wildcats....scored 9 points in 45-10 win over Willamette on October 27....averaging 61 yards on 53 kickoffs... football camp volunteer for the "See Ya Later" Foundation...works with the Foundation's director on developing and managing a Kids Golf Camp for the spring of 2012 with the goal of reaching 150 local youth ...competed in golf at Linfield where he helped the school capture the 2011 Northwest Conference championship...competed at the 2011 NCAA Division III Championships....volunteer coach at South Salem High School summer football camp....served as mentor and role model to young athletes in youth development program at Courthouse Athletic Club including assuming a leadership role while teaching specialized performance training

ADAM KELLER - North Dakota State University – FCS

Sophomore from Lewisberry, PA....leads the #3 ranked Bison in scoring with 74 points from 13 of 17 FG's and 35 of 38 PAT's....scored 29 points in October....scored 12 points in 48-7 win over then #3 Youngstown State....tied for 4th in FCS with 1.62 FG's per game and 12th in scoring....first year as full-time starting kicker.... averaging 61 yards on 37 kickoffs....volunteer coach for Tri-City seventh grade soccer team...Rosewood Nursing Home volunteer

JOSEPH MALLOCK - Williams College (Massachusetts) – Division III

Junior from West Orange, NJ....leads the team in scoring with 35 points from 8 of 12 FG's and 11 of 13 PAT's....scored 18 points in October....scored 4 points in 34-26 win over Hamilton on October 27....named NESCAC Special Teams Player of the Week in two consecutive weeks following wins over Colby and Trinity....volunteered with teammates for Habitat for Humanity, cleaning up debris in local trailer park after Hurricane Irene and served food at the Berkshire Food Project....note taker on campus for students who are unable to take their own notes....contributing writer for the Williams Record covering the men's golf team....volunteer caddie instructor at golf club in hometown

ANTONIO MAYO - Fayetteville State University (North Carolina) – Division II

Sophomore from Jacksonville, NC....2nd on the Broncos in scoring with 51 points from 9 of 15 FG's and 24 of 25 PAT's....scored 27 points in October....recorded 11 points in 47-29 win over Livingstone on October 27 including a career-high 5 PAT's made....made career-long 45-yard FG earlier this season against Chowan....averaging 51 yards on 42 kickoffs....member of school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee....participated in the announcement of the SAAC essay contest with local elementary schools about anti-bullying in schools

JAMES MCFADDEN - Widener University (Pennsylvania) – Division III

Senior from Warminster, PA....2nd on the team in scoring with 61 points from 3 of 3 FG's and 52 of 54 PAT's....scored 22 points in October for the 8-0 squad....scored 10 points in 34-29 win over Albright on October 27....12 of 12 PAT's against Wilkes set the Conference record and nearly tied the NCAA record of 13 PAT's....two-time Conference Special Teams Player of the Week....averaging 61 yards on 69 kickoffs....participates in football team community events including drunk driving awareness, Sun Hill clean-up near campus, Relay for Life and Special Olympics

PATRICK MURRAY - Fordham University (New York) – FCS

Senior from Mahwah, NJ....leads the Rams in scoring with 76 points from 18 of 21 FG's and 22 of 22 PAT's....ranks 10th in the FCS in scoring with 9.5 points per game....has already tied the school's single season record with 18 FG's....scored 12 points in 38-31 win over Georgetown on October 6....scored 10 points against the University of Cincinnati from FBS on October 13 including school-record 55-yard FG.... scored 12 points at Holy Cross on October 27 in a 36-32 win....named CFPA National Placekicker of the Week four times this season including twice in October....Patriot League Special Teams Player of the Week four times including twice in October...averaging 65 yards on 50 kickoffs...volunteers with the football team in a reading program where players read to elementary school children in the Bronx...Part of the Solution program volunteer via the school at a local food shelter...volunteer assistant coach with the school's men's intramural soccer program...has volunteered for various food drives and toy drives at Fordham

THOMAS OBARSKI - Concordia University (Minnesota) – Division II

Sophomore from Burnsville, MN....leads the Golden Bears in scoring with 53 points from 9 of 11 FG's and 26 of 28 PAT's....scored 22 points in October and earned his 2nd NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week honor of the season in October....scored 9 points against Augustana on October 27 including a Division II season-long and NSIC record-long 59-yard FG which also broke his own school record of 56 yards set in his first collegiate game....scored 5 points against Sioux Falls on October 13 including 52-yard FG which was the 3rd longest in school history....owns the longest three FG's in school history and three of the five longest in NSIC history since 1998....has made the longest kick in the NSIC in back-to-back seasons....11 of 11 in career on FG's up to 40 yards....averaging 58 yards on 40 kickoffs....drug education mentor/teacher to middle school children....high school camp volunteer....Feed My Starving Children volunteer....church student leader....volunteer church work for small group activities....Bible Study leader....served on overseas missions trip....helped raise over \$6,000 for the tsunami relief fund in Japan....supported and raised funds for Project Rescue

GREG O'DONNELL - Colorado State University-Pueblo – Division II

Freshman from Monument, CO....leads the #1 ranked ThunderWolves in scoring with 77 points from 12 of 15 FG's and 41 of 45 PAT's....set school records this season for most points (77) and FG's (12) by a freshman....has made his last 9 FG's which is the 2nd longest streak in school history....Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week three times including on October 29....visits sick children with football teammates at the St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo

NATE RAY - University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh – Division III

Sophomore from Verona, WI....scored 27 points in October from 3 of 3 FG's and 18 of 21 PAT's as the team won all four of its games during the month....scored 8 points in 50-13 win over UW-Eau Claire on October 6....scored 10 points in 34-13 win over then-#14 UW-Platteville on October 13....scored 4 points in 28-13 win over then-#5 UW-Whitewater on October 20....leads Division III in FG accuracy with 100% (10 of 10) and he is the leading kick scorer in the WIAC....Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh volunteer....Wisconsin Special Olympics volunteer....Oshkosh YMCA volunteer

TYLER SIEVERTSEN - University of Northern Iowa – FCS

Junior from Cedar Rapids, IA....2nd on the Panthers in scoring with 49 points from 7 of 10 FG's and 28 of 28 PAT's....scored 19 points in October....scored 9 points in 27-6 win over South Dakota State on October 20....active leader in career FG % in FCS....averaging 62 yards on 40 kickoffs....Just Read program volunteer to connect UNI student-athletes with elementary school students....Special Olympics volunteer....Kickers in the Midwest mentor...high school football camp volunteer....Salvation Army bell ringer

WESLEY SKIFFINGTON - Stony Brook University (New York) - FCS

Senior from Brandon, FL....3rd on the team in scoring with 64 points from 8 of 10 FG's and 40 of 41 PAT's....scored 29 points in October for the 8-1 Seawolves....scored 11 points in 41-10 win over Gardner-Webb on October 20....most prolific kicker in school history....all-time leading scorer in school history and 1st among active FCS kickers with 293 career points....1st among active FCS kickers in PAT's attempted and made....4th Big South player to make 40 FG's....Friends of Jaclyn Program volunteer....Sunrise Fund volunteer at Stony Brook University Medical Center

PAT SMITH - Western Illinois University - FCS

Junior from Quincy, IL....leads the Leathernecks in scoring with 40 points from 10 of 10 FG's and 10 of 10 PAT's....scored 6 points in 24-17 win over South Dakota on October 6....has made 11 straight FG's dating to last season taking sole possession of 2nd place in school history and one shy of the school record....made career-long 46-yard FG in 27-17 win over Indianapolis....surpassed 100 career points in October....100% FG % ranks 1st in FCS....accumulated 46 rushing yards on three attempts and completed an 11-yard pass off a punt....averaging 59 yards on 28 kickoffs....Sammy Fund volunteer with his family for a fundraiser in his hometown....Relay for Life volunteer....Special Olympics volunteer...Rocky's Reach volunteer helping elementary school children during recess and reading...Jump Rope for Heart volunteer

STEFAN TERLECKYJ - Wayne State University (Michigan) – Division II

Junior from Warren, MI....2nd on the team in scoring with 41 points from 6 of 9 FG's and 23 of 23 PAT's....scored 21 points in October from 3 of 3 FG's and 12 of 12 PAT's....scored 6 points in 24-21 win over Hillsdale on October 6....school's all-time leader in PATs made (137) and attempted (139) in just his third season ... 3rd in school history in FG's made with 29 ... scored 9 points in 35-31 win over Lake Erie on September 15....averaging 57 yards on 37 kickoffs...helped sell merchandise for breast cancer awareness at the WSU women's basketball game ... collected small toiletry items to make basic needs bags for the Covenant House Michigan as part of the Wayne Cares program ... participated in United Way's Martin Luther King Day of Service by assisting the Motor City Blight Busters with a renovation project in metropolitan Detroit

DAN TRYON - Wesley College (Delaware) – Division III

Senior from Wilmington, DE....2nd on the Wolverines in scoring with 35 points with 6 of 7 FG's and 17 of 23 PAT's....scored 20 points in October....scored 8 points in 26-17 win over Birmingham-Southern on October 6....made 31-yard FG as time expired to beat #25 Louisiana College 25-22 on September 22....named NCAA.com Special Teams of the Week on September 28....Team Captain and MVP of the 2012 lacrosse team....Special Olympics volunteer....Jumpstart's Read for the Record program

BRADEN WIEKING - University of Sioux Falls (South Dakota) – Division II

Senior from Sioux Falls, SD....2nd on the team in scoring with 71 points from 13 of 15 FG's and 32 of 34 PAT's....scored 28 points in October from 5 of 6 FG's and 13 of 14 PAT's for the 8-1 Cougars....scored 12 points in 54-41 win over Upper Iowa on October 26...entered 2012 season with 309 points ranking 2nd in school history among kickers and 7th overall... averaging 64 yards on 61 kickoffs....team's nomination for Allstate Good Hands Team....Sioux Falls Fellowship of Christian Athletes volunteer and Group Huddle Leader on campus....Habitat for Humanity volunteer....Vacation Bible Study volunteer

ANDY WILDER - Northern Arizona University – FCS

Junior from Scottsdale, AZ....2nd on the team in scoring with 45 points from 7 of 9 FG's and 24 of 24 PAT's....scored 9 points in 45-38 win at North Dakota on October 13....made game-winning 33-yard FG against UNLV to upset the FBS Rebels 17-14....game-winner was the first FG of his college career....Welcome Back Jacks event volunteer helping students move into on-campus housing in the fall....represented football team in Flagstaff Fourth of July parade

SEAN WILLIAMS - Wittenberg University (Ohio) – Division III

Senior from Plainfield, IN....2nd on the team in scoring with 50 points from 5 of 7 and 35 of 37 PAT's....scored 25 points in October for the 7-1 Tigers....207 career kicking points is 4th in school history surpassing Fred Mitchell in the first game of the 2012 season....holds school records for consecutive FG's (19) and PAT's made (50)....has made 117 of 122 PAT's in his career for school best 96% among kickers with at least 40 attempts....averaging 56 yards on 47 kickoffs....youth football camp volunteer in hometown and at Wittenberg....volunteered at Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Springfield....Springfield Regional Medical Center volunteer....Rocking Horse Community Health Center intern

About the Fred Mitchell Award

The annual Fred Mitchell Outstanding Place-Kicker Award (also known as the Fred Mitchell Award, www.fredmitchellaward.com) is provided to the nation's top collegiate place-kicker among more than 750 FCS, Division II, III, NAIA and NJCAA football teams. The Award is named for Fred Mitchell, the record-setting place-kicker, Wittenberg University Athletic Hall of Famer, author, philanthropist and *Chicago Tribune* sports columnist. The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be chosen based on excellence on the football field and in the community. The Award's Watch List is released each August, top performers are recognized monthly during the college football season, and the winner (who is not required to be on the Watch List) is announced in mid-December. The school of the Award winner receives scholarship funds and the Fred Mitchell Award trophy will be presented on February 18, 2013 at the National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter Awards Ceremony at Halas Hall (details for this event are at www.nffchicagoawards.eventbrite.com).

A blue-ribbon Selection Committee (listed at www.fredmitchellaward.com) evaluates place-kickers that are nominated by their schools. Members of the Pro and/or College Football Hall of Fame on the Selection Committee include Tom Beck, Kevin Butler, Paul Hornung, Marv Levy, Steve McMichael, Don Pierson and Gale Sayers. Former football players and others that are active in their communities are also on the Selection Committee including Carl Allegretti, Sean Gothier, Teddy Greenstein, Michael Husted, Dan Jiggetts, Rick Kolaczewski, Connie Kowal, Greg Loberg, Tom Lynch, Carol Monroe, Jeff Michalczyk, Mark Murphy, Rob Perry, Jeff Schebler, Caroline Schrenker, Jay Sebben, Bob Thomas, Wolfe Tone, Todd Wilkins, Gary Zauner and Rob Zvonar. There are 10 former college or NFL place-kickers on the Selection Committee, including Schebler (the inaugural Fred Mitchell Award recipient in 2009 and the highest-scoring place-kicker in NCAA history at any level) and Lynch (two-time recipient of the Award and the kicker on the 2011 NAIA National Champion Saint Xavier University Cougars).