

## FRED MITCHELL AWARD CELEBRATES PLACE-KICKERS FOR EXCELLENCE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD AND IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE 2017 "KICK-OFF" WATCH LIST

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August 14, 2017 – The Fred Mitchell Award recognizes 36 place-kickers for their excellence on the football field during the 2016 season and for continued community service during their off-season. "I am looking forward to the 2017 college football season with much anticipation as another group of outstanding candidates for our annual national kicking award display their talents on and off the field," Mitchell said. "We have had a number of previous winners and Top 10 finalists kick in the NFL and the Canadian Football League. More importantly, members of our esteemed selection committee are proud of the community-minded young men that are recognized and continue to make positive contributions throughout the country." The Award's Selection Committee Chairman Rob Perry added, "The quality of person that the Fred Mitchell Award continues to attract and celebrate remains high. We're all very excited to see the on and off-field accomplishments of the fine young men on this list throughout the 2017 season and beyond."

The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be announced in mid-December based on performance on the football field and in the community. Details are provided at [www.fredmitchellaward.com](http://www.fredmitchellaward.com). The season's watch lists and updates may also be found on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/132497086863493>), and on Twitter at [@kickeruww](https://twitter.com/kickeruww).

The breakdown of the 35 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 6 FCS, 12 Division II, 11 Division III, 2 NAIA, and 4 NJCAA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 23 different states (AL, AR, CA (2), CT, GA, IL (3), IN (2), KS (4), KY, MA (2), MD, MI (2), MN, MS, NJ, NY, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN (2), TX (2), and WI (2))
- Year – 14 Seniors, 9 Juniors, 11 Sophomores, and 1 Freshman

In alphabetical order, the Fred Mitchell Award Watch List honorees for 2017 are listed below.

## 2017 Fred Mitchell Award Season Opening Watch List

### **NINO ALIBEGIC**

Independence Community College (Kan.) - NJCAA

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
9	12	75%	1-1	6-7	2-3	0-1	0-0	35	55	59	62

Sophomore from Meridian, Ida.: Transfer played 9 of 11 games as primary place-kicker ... Led team in scoring, helping #2 ranked Arizona Western to NJCAA berth in the El Toro Bowl ... Nino is active in his school and offers time and mentoring in anti-bullying and suicide prevention campaigns.

### **COLE ANTLEY**

Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, Ark.) – D-II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
19	24	79%	1-1	10-12	4-6	4-4	0-1	49	46	47	103

Junior from Atlanta, Ga.: 2016 Associated Press Little All-America Third Team ... 2016 AFCA All-America First Team ... 2016 Fred Mitchell All-America ... 2016 Fred Mitchell Top-10 finalist ... 2016 Don Hansen All-Super Region 3 Second Team ... 2016 D2CCA All-Super Region 3 Second Team ... Set Great American Conference single-season record with 19 made field goals in 2016 ... 2016 All-GAC Second Team selection ... Named 2016 GAC Special Teams Player of the Week after kicking game-tying (49-yard FG at the end of regulation) and game-winning field goals in 4OT win versus Southern Arkansas University ... Ranked third in Division II with 1.73 field goals per game ... Ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in Division II in field goal percentage ... Ranked third in the GAC and 27<sup>th</sup> in Division II in scoring with 9.4 points per game ... Participated in mentoring program with local elementary schools during scheduled recess times ... Regular participant in Tiger Serve Day, a bi-annual event that allows students to provide assistance to Arkadelphia and Clark County families in need ... Regular participant in the Elrod Center delivery of food baskets to area families in need during Thanksgiving.

### **TRISTAN BAILEY**

Coffeyville Community College (Kan.) - NJCAA

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	12	83%	0-0	2-2	4-4	3-4	1-2	53	35	38	65

Freshman from Colorado Springs, Col.: Battling for the starting position, in HS, was first in scoring with 65 points, going 10-12 with a long of 53 yards ... Had a 73% touchback percentage on kickoffs ... Senior year awards: All-League Specialist MVP, 1st Team All-Conference, 2nd Team All-State, Denver Post 1st Team All-State, Gazette 5A/4A All Area Team Kicker ... Volunteers with former coaches helping their teams kickers understand the position and get better at kicking and punting.

**BRADLY BATES**

Campbellsville University (Ky.) - NAIA

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
14	17	82.3%	0-0	10-10	3-5	1-2	0-0	42	43	47	85

Senior from Campbellsville, Ky.: Bates nailed 14 field goals last season ... hit 43 of 45 PATs ... He also accumulated 85 points through CU's 10 games last season ... The 85 points eclipsed NAIA All-American kicker and CU Hall of Fame inductee (2016) Donnie Johnson's single-season mark ... The 14 field goals also tied Johnson's mark set in 2003 ... In addition, Bates made 43 PATs – the second-most in a single-season ... Overall, Bates' 14 field goals ranked No. 2 in the NAIA as did his 1.4 field goals per game and 8.5 points per game ... Bates also ranked No. 7 with the 85 points and No. 8 by hitting 82.4 percent of his field goals (14-of-17) ... Averaged 54 yards per kick-off with a net kick average of 31.7 (73 attempts, 3940 yards) ... With his success on the field, Bates was named the program's fourth NAIA First-Team All-American ... In addition to his on the field success, Bates was named a 2017 Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame All-Commonwealth Team ... NAIA Scholar-Athlete ... Academic All-Conference ... Named College Football America NAIA Starting Lineup for 2017 ... Active member of Campbellsville FCA ... Traveled to Florida with football team during spring break to play softball and minister to inmates in medium security prisons.

**ALEX BEEKMAN**

Pacific University (Ore.) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	14	71.4%	0-0	6-7	3-6	1-1	0-0	42	30	33	60

Senior from Beaverton, Ore.: Serves as a representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee ... Named Northwest Conference Special Teams Student-Athlete of the Week (November 14, 2016) ... As a junior, he made 10 of 14 field-goal attempts with a season-long of 42 against Puget Sound (November 12) ... Connected on a field goal in six games including a season-high and career-high four against Puget Sound (November 12) ... Twice, he had eight kickoffs in a game ... Four of his kickoffs resulted in a touchback for the opposing team.

**JORDAN BENNETT**

University of West Alabama – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	14	71%	1-1	5-5	1-4	3-3	0-1	48	32	35	62

Junior from Tallahassee, Fla.: 2016 All-Gulf South Conference selection and 2017 preseason All-GSC ... Led Tigers in scoring with 62 points ... Made 10-of-14 field goals (71%) ... Long field goal of 48 yards at Stephen F. Austin ... Converted 32-of-35 extra-point kicks ... Kicked four field goals against Delta State ... Kicked off 71 times for 4,269 yards ... Averaged 60.1 yards per kickoff.

**MATT BLAIR**

University of California – Davis - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
11	16	69%	0-0	5-7	3-5	3-3	0-1	48	33	39	66

Sophomore from Moraga, Cal.: Big Sky Conference Player of the Week (10/17) ... Held the following NCAA FCS rankings: No. 36 in field goals per game (1.00), No. 45 in field goal percentage (.688), No. 87 in scoring (6.0 per game), and No. 183 in points responsible for (66). Held the following NCAA rankings: No. 36 in field goals per game (1.00), No. 45 in field goal percentage (.688), No. 87 in scoring (6.0 per game), and No. 183 in points responsible for (66) ... Finished 33-39 in PATs and 11-16 in field goals ... Made two 48-yard field goals, one against Weber State on September 24 and Montana State on November 12, that are tied for second in conference for longest field goals made ... Racked up a career-high 550 yards versus Southern Oregon ... Kicked 300 or more yards in six games of the season ... Recorded a season-high ten points twice this season, once against Southern Oregon and another versus Southern Oregon.

**WILL BRAZILL**

California (Penn.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
11	14	79%	0-0	7-7	3-5	1-2	0-0	44	78	80	111

Senior from Kansas City, Mo.: returning All-PSAC West First-Team selection ... Consensus first-team all-region as a junior ... Selected a 2016 CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-American ... Ranked fourth in PSAC and No. 24 in country with 111 points ... Led PSAC kickers in points ... Set single-season school records with 78 PAT made and 80 PAT attempts ... ranked second in PSAC with 11 field-goals made and a .786 field-goal percentage ... Averaged 61.8 yards on 101 kickoffs with 21 touchbacks ... Scored double-digit points in seven games ... Converted go-ahead, 39-yard field goal in final minute against nationally-ranked IUP during regular season ... Assisted football program with various community engagement programs, including bone marrow drive, improving youth baseball field and area Lenten fish fry ... Helped organize fishing festival for local youth ... volunteered at local Special Needs Family Fun Days ... Interned with Buffalo Niagara River Keeper; helped improve water quality and habitat and shore resiliency.

**LANE CLARK**

Tennessee State – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
17	25	68%	0-0	4-4	4-5	5-11	4-5	57	38	42	89

Senior from Hays, Kan.: Led the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring with 89 points (second best in a single season at TSU) and 8.1 points per game ... One of three players in the four levels of NCAA to kick at least four field goals of over 50 yards... Added five field goals ranging from 40–49 yards ... Connected on more field goals (9) from 40-plus yards than 120 of the other 124 FCS teams attempted from same distance ... North Dakota matched by attempting nine ... The nine field goals from 40-plus yards were tops in FCS play, two better than three programs which tied for second (Mercer, Texas Southern and Wofford) ... Had four of the five longest distances in the FCS ... Set the school record for longest field

goal twice on the same day ... Hit from 54 yards to break a 17-year-old record against UT Martin (10/1), only to reset the record to 57 yards two quarters later ... Teaches kicking to kids ... Used as inspirational speaker at his high school ... Part of reading program to local schools.

**LIAM CROTTY**

North Central College (Ill.) - Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	12	67%	1-1	5-6	2-4	0-1	0-0	33	59	61	85

Senior from Sandwich, Ill.: North Central's leading scorer in 2016, running for a two-point conversion Oct. 29 vs. Carroll in addition to his kicking output ... Led College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) in points scored by kicking ... Scored season-high 11 points in back-to-back games Nov. 12 vs. Elmhurst and Nov. 19 in first-round playoff win over Rose-Hulman ... Made his first 36 extra-point kicks of the season and connected on a perfect 8 of 8 against Elmhurst ... Diagnosed with high-functioning autism at age 6 ... Involved with campus radio station as on-air broadcaster for basketball and baseball games ... Has volunteered with the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation for the past ten years ... Has also done volunteer work with Special Olympics, Relay for Life and Feed My Starving Children.

**DARREN FORD**

Hope College (Mich.) - Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
14	22	65%	1-1	5-5	5-9	3-5	0-2	46	26	28	68

Senior from Howell, Mich.: Set Flying Dutchmen single-season record with 14 field goals during 2016 season. Second on the team in scoring with a school-record 68 points as a junior ... Tied a Michigan Intercollegiate Association record with 11 field goals in 16 attempts over six league games ... Also converted all 16 of his PATs in MIAA competition and averaged 38.2 yards over 29 punts against MIAA foes ... Tied single-game MIAA record with four made goals in an Oct. 15 win at Adrian ... Kicked three longest field goals in Flying Dutchmen history as a junior with makes of 46 yards twice and 45 yards ... Volunteers on student group that raised \$275,000 at a 2016 event for DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids through a dance marathon.

**WYATT FORD**

Ferris State University (Mich.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
17	21	81%	0-0	12-14	4-6	1-1	0-0	46	69	73	117

Junior from Montague, Mich.: Helped lead Bulldogs to a third-straight NCAA Playoff appearance last year ... 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-District Team honoree ... GLIAC All-Academic Team pick ... Key part of team that reached the 2016 NCAA Division II National Semifinals ... Helped team to a second-straight GLIAC Championship in 2015 ... Tallied 40 points in month of October last year with six field goals and 22 extra points ... Ranked among league & national leaders in field goals per game ... Made three field goals and had 11 points at nationally second-ranked Grand Valley State (10/8/16) ... Closed the month of October last fall with 21 points in the last three outings ... Drilled two field goals and accounted for eight points in a 20-17 road win at Findlay (10/1/16) ... Converted a game-winning field

goal with seven seconds remaining on the road in last year's victory at Michigan Tech (9/10/16) ... Converted three-of-three field goals in win over Michigan Tech, including two in the final eight minutes of the game ... Was nearly perfect on PAT kicks last season ... Made 17-of-21 field goals overall last year to rank among D2 leaders .... First-year as the team's primary placekicker last fall ... Tallied 117 points overall last season ... Three-year letter winner ... Ranked as team's top scorer in 2016 ... Active in various team community service projects ... Part of program's reading to children effort ... Joined football team in helping freshmen students move into residence halls.

**MATTHEW HAITE**

Stonehill College (Mass.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	14	71%	0-0	2-2	6-7	2-5	0-0	47	24	25	54

Sophomore from Kingston, Mass.: 2016 Northeast-10 All-Rookie Team ... The Fred Mitchell Award September "Watch List"... NE10 Special Teams Player of the Week (9/5) ... Led Skyhawks in scoring with 54 points ... Averaged 60.2 yards on 49 kickoffs, with eight touchbacks, for a net of 38 yards per kickoff and an average opponent starting position of the 27 yard line ... Ranked third in NE10 for FG made and PAT%, fourth in FG%. His freshman year stats have him ranked second on Stonehill's single-season list for PAT% (96%), FGs made (10) and FG attempts (14), third for FG% (71.4%) and eighth for PATs (24) ... Finished season having converted his last four FG attempts, including three from 35-yards+ ... His season-best 47-yard field goal in win at Saint Anselm (9/24) is the program's longest since 2003, and was the second-longest FG in the NE10 in 2016 ... Already ranks sixth on Stonehill's career list for FGs made and attempted, and eighth for PATs ... Coaches Silver Lake High School 7 on 7 football summer league and recreational basketball in his home town ... Volunteers at Boston Higashi School, assisting kids and young adults with autism, in Randolph, Mass. ... Volunteers at the annual National Night Out event in Kingston ... Cleanup day at Angelo Elementary School in Brockton, Mass.

**NATHAN HIERLIHY**

University of Redlands (Calif.) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
4	5	80%	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	48	18	18	30

Junior from Redondo Beach, Calif.: Only competed in four games due to injury last season ... Ranked fifth on the team in scoring ... Split the uprights on a 48-yard field goal in the Bulldogs' 34-30 win over Cal Lutheran in the final game of the regular season for the SCIAC title ... Dedicated May Term break to volunteering at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times® by providing physical labor with fellow teammates ... Involved with several Christian organizations on campus including Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Intervarsity, and Young Life ... Outdoor Programs guide and Intramural sports referee.

**CHRISTIAN KAPP**

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (N.Y.) – DIVISION III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
9	12	75%	0-0	3-4	5-6	1-2	0-0	47	32	32	59

Senior from Amawalk, N.Y.: Nine for 12 as placekicker ... Long of 47 yards ... Perfect 32 for 32 on extra points ... First on team in scoring ... All-Liberty League Second Team kicker ... Liberty League Special Teams Performer of the Week twice (Sept. 19, Nov. 21) ... Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Fellowship of Christian Athlete, Co-Founder of Students for Service, volunteer organization that assists Troy community on weekly basis.

**TYLER KNIGHTON**

Rowan University (N.J.) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	13	77%	0-0	4-5	5-6	1-2	0-0	40	21	22	51

Senior from Gibbstown, N.J.: Led the team in scoring with 51 points from 10 of 13 FG's and 21 of 22 PAT's ... Made at least one field goal in eight games ... Hit two field goals at Widener University (Sept. 3) and versus Salisbury University (Oct. 8) ... Kicked four extra points against William Paterson University (Sept. 16) and versus Salisbury ... Ranked first in the New Jersey Athletic Conference in field goal percentage (76.9), third in field goals, fourth in kick scoring (5.1), PAT kicking percentage (95.5), and 11th in overall scoring ... Tied for 19th in field goal percentage and tied for 29th in field goals per game in NCAA Division III ... Named first team All-Conference in 2014 ... Participates in the football team's annual Get in the Game, Save A Life, and "Be The Match" Marrow Registry drive.

**COOPER LEE**

Coffeyville Community College (Kan.) - NJCAA

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	12	67%	1-1	3-4	4-5	0-2	0-0	37	40	45	64

Sophomore from Desoto, Kan.: Was named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Conference kicker as a true freshman. Also named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-region kicker ... Also named NJCAA player of the week one and KJCCC player of the week over 5 times.

**NICK MADONIA**

Tennessee Tech – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
13	16	81%	0-0	5-6	3-3	4-6	1-1	57	33	35	72

Sophomore from Arrington, Tenn.: Season-long was 57 at Tennessee State, tied for the longest in the Ohio Valley Conference and second-longest in the FCS ... Twice named the OVC co-Specialist of the Week ... Named the HERO Sports FCS Defensive/Special Teams Hero of the Week (11/18).

**ABDUL MAHDI**

Saint Xavier University (Ill.) – NAIA

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	13	62%	0-0	3-4	3-4	2-5	0-0	45	44	44	68

Senior from Chicago, Ill.: Second on the team in scoring with 68 points from 8 of 13 FG's and a perfect 44 of 44 PAT's ... Scored 7 points with a 40-yard FG and four PATs in a 46-3 win over Ave Maria University (Fla.) on September 10 ... Has been named the Mid-States Football Association Midwest League Special Teams Player of the Week four times this season (Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31) ... Averaging 57.6 yards on 62 kickoffs ... Volunteered to help paint his high school alma mater in Chicago, Bogdan High School ... Spent a day volunteering to clean up Marquette Park, the largest park on the Southwest side of Chicago at 323 acres ... Along with some of his teammates helped raise monetary donations for Misericordia by offering candy on their annual Candy Days drive at 95<sup>th</sup> and Cicero in Chicago this past April.

**DRAKE McCARTER**

Northwest Mississippi CC – NJCAA

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
16	27	59%	0-0	6-10	7-9	3-8	0-0	47	40	45	88

Sophomore from Saltillo, Miss.: ... Second Team All-MACJC kicker, First Team All-MACJC punter ... Dean's List selection ... led the No. 6-ranked Rangers in scoring with 88 points from 16 of 27 FG's and 40 of 45 PAT's ... Four-time MACJC Special Teams Player of the Week selection ... Scored a season-high 12 points in a 48-6 win over #10 Northeast on Oct. 27 and 10 points in 40-17 win over #19 Hinds in season-opener on September 1 ... Kicked a career-long 47-yard FG vs Holmes ... Was 3-for-3 in the MACJC Semifinals at East Central ... Also averaged 58.4 yards on 73 kickoffs with 12 touchbacks ... Reads to 1st-2nd graders at Saltillo Elementary School twice a month ... Volunteers in the community and helped with church events at Macedonia Baptist Church.

**JERRY NUNEZ**

Indiana State – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
15	18	83.3%	0-0	4-6	4-4	7-8	0-0	46	29	31	74

Sophomore from Naples, Fla., Played in all 11 games ... Was 15-of-18 in field goals and 29-of-31 in PAT ... Started the season 7-of-7 in field goals, was one of nine kickers in the nation to remain perfect at that point ... Led the Valley in FG percentage (83.3) and tied for the lead with 15 made field goals ... 9th nationally in field goals per game (1.36) and FG made, 11th in percentage ... Career-long of 46 yards ... Was 7-of-8 from 40-plus yards and 4-of-4 from 30-39 yards out.



## DREW PEARSON

University of Wisconsin - Stout – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
16	19	.842	0-0	5-5	2-4	7-7	2-2	52	27	27	75

Sophomore from Wausau, Wis.: First team all-WIAC ... WIAC special teams co-player of the year ... Set school record for most field goals made in a single season with 16 ... Made 14 consecutive field goals from Sept. 10-Nov. 12. was 16-of-19 in field goals, 27-of-27 in PATs ... Kicked three field goals against Mayville State, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater. has made all 27 PAT attempts on the season, has twice gone 3-for-3 and twice gone 2-for-2 in field goals made in a single game ... Is the only Stout kicker to ever make two 50-plus yard field goals in a single season ... Led the Blue Devils in scoring with 75 points, the most by a Stout player in a single season since 2000 ... The 16 field goals made tops the WIAC during the regular season and only one other WIAC kicker hit 100 percent of his PATs ... Nationally at the completion of the regular season, Pearson was ranked 12th in field goal percentage (.842) and fourth in field goals made per game (1.60) ... Only one kicker nationally has made more field goals than Pearson this season ... Pearson made 14 consecutive field goals, with the streak coming to an end when his potential school and conference record 56 yard kick was blocked with two second remaining in first half against UW-Whitewater ... His 16 field goals breaks the school mark of 15 set by Kevin McCulley in 2000 ... After kicking three field goals and an extra point, selected WIAC special teams player of the week for third time this season ... After kicking two 48-yard field goals and making all three extra point attempts, named WIAC special teams player for the second time this season ... After kicking field goals of 44-, 52- and 42-yards against Mayville State, named UW-Stout/DigiCopy Athlete of the Week, WIAC special team player of the week, and [D3football.com](http://D3football.com) Team of the Week, also added two PATs to tally 11 points in 23-13 win, his 52-yarder was first 50-plus yard field goal by a Stout player since 2007 ... Was 6-6 in PATs in season-opening 45-30 win over Simpson College, added 26 yard field goal for nine points ... Currently leads team in scoring with 25 points in month of September ... Volunteer at for campus Residence Hall move-in day ... Within the community, Pearson has volunteered with Arbor Place with the Football Friends 4 Life program, has participated in volunteer work at the Mountain Terrace Senior Living Facility, the Wausau Manor Nursing Home, the Sunshine Home of Wausau, the Feed My Starving Children program, worked the C3 Center Choices Program, has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and has worked with the Stevens Point Hope Center ... has also worked with his high school football team training kickers and punters on the field and in the weight room during the summer.

## SHEA RODGERS

Newberry (S.C.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
5	5	100%	0-0	4-4	1-1	0-0	0-0	32	42	48	57

Junior from Indian Land, S.C.: Second on the team in scoring with 57 points ... 42-for-48 on PAT's and 5-for-5 on field goal attempts ... Finished the season with 20 straight PAT's made ... Preseason second team all-South Atlantic Conference placekicker ... Kicked off 58 times for a 54.8-yard average and 9 touchbacks.

**ELIJAH "STORM" RUIZ**

Stephen F. Austin (Texas) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
13	17	76.5%	0-0	6-6	4-7	3-4	0-0	44	41	41	80

Sophomore from League City, Texas: Ruiz was SFA's primary place kicker as a true freshman in 2016...He led the Southland Conference in points per game (7.3), kicking points per game (7.3), field goal percentage (76.5%) and PAT percentage (100%) ... Ruiz ranked 27th nationally in field goal percentage and 34th in points per game ... Also led the team in scoring as his 80 points were 18 more than starting quarterback Zach Conque ... He had three field goals of 40 yards or longer, including a season-long 44-yarder in the win against West Alabama in the home opener ... Hit a 43-yard field goal in his collegiate debut at FBS Texas Tech...Also hit a 40-yard field goal in the upset win at 13th-ranked McNeese State...Ruiz hit his first six field goal attempts of the season, followed by his final four ... He went 3-for-3 on field goals in the wins against West Alabama and at Northwestern State ... Registered a season-high 13 points against the Demons and 12 points against the Tigers, while finishing with 11 points in a conference road win at Abilene Christian ... Helped with the Big Event project this past April, an annual campus-wide community service project where members of the football program cleanup the local community by doing work on houses for in-need families ... Will participate in SFA football's Read to Succeed reading program this fall, where he will read to elementary-age school children on Fridays.

**ERIC SACHSE**

Trinity College (Conn.) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
13	13	100%	0-0	8-8	4-4	1-1	0-0	40	37	37	76

Junior from Jefferson, Mass.: New England Football Writers Division II/III All-Star Team, [D3Football.com](http://D3Football.com) All-East Region First Team, All-NESCAC First Team in 2016 ... Went 13-for-13 on field goals, leading the nation in field-goal percentage and finishing second in field goals made per game, and 37-for-37 on PAT's ... Also rushed for a seven-yard touchdown on a fake field goal against Wesleyan ... Averaged 56.3 yards on 20 kickoffs in 2015 ... All-league selection in high school ... Prepped for a year at Cheshire Academy in Connecticut gaining athletic honors.

**JONAS SCHENDERLEIN**

Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
7	11	64%	0-0	0-0	2-2	4-4	1-5	52	28	28	49

Sophomore from Jena, Germany: All-NSIC South Division First Team selection as placekicker ... Ranks eighth in the 16-team NSIC in placekicker scoring (4.5) and fifth for most field goals made (7) ... Only kicker in NSIC perfect in PAT on the season (28-28) ... Made the fifth longest field goal in DII in 2016, the longest in the NSIC and only FG in the league longer than 47 yards (52, week 2 at UMC) ... Had streak of seven consecutive FG made including his first five in 2016 and last two of 2015, streak ended in week six at Minnesota State on a 55-yard attempt off the cross bar ... Only missed FG on the season were from

50-plus yards (55, 58, 51, 50) ... Has made 38 consecutive PAT dating back to week six of 2015 in his freshman year ... Named NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week (9/10), producing an NSIC single-game high through the first four weeks with 11 points including the longest field goal in Division II through four weeks of 52 yards, also adding a 42 yard field goal while converting a career-high 5-of-5 PATs in a 41-18 win at Minnesota Crookston ... His 52 yard field goal is tied for the fourth longest in school history with 2014 Mitchell Award winner Tom Obarski with Obarski holding the top three distances ... In week one, Schenderlein converted from 43 yards in a 17-0 win over U-Mary ... made a new career high 7-of-7 PATs against Minnesota Duluth in week three, topping the previous week's mark ... A career 11-of-18 kicker on field goal attempts, delivering on 50-of-51 PAT ... Feed My Starving Children volunteer ... Community Clean Up volunteer ... Assisted with campus move-in for general student population ... Volunteers to take down the dome following spring football season ... Assists with lining up chairs for commencement ceremony ... Helped build the Church Garden ... Took shifts at concession stands on campus for high school tournament games.

**BRAD SCHICKEL**

University of Indianapolis – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
15	19	79%	1-1	7-9	5-7	2-2	0-0	43	33	36	78

Senior from Louisville, Ky.: Two-time All-GLVC 2nd Team honoree ... Voted the team’s Special Teams MVP for a second consecutive season ... Ranked first in the GLVC and 13th in Division II in FG percentage (.789) ... Also first in GLVC and 10th in D-II in FG per game (1.4) ... Ranked 3rd among all GLVC players in points scored (78) ... connected on a season-long 43-yard FG vs Lincoln in week 8 ... thrice scored 10 points in a game this year . also handled punting duties for the Greyhounds, averaging 39.3 yards per punt while dropping nearly 1/3 of his punts (19) inside the 20 ... Moved into the program's all-time top 10 with 180 career points . UIndy's all-time most accurate FG kicker at 84.6% for his career ... Set school’s single-season records for field goals and points scored by a kicker in 2015 ... Provided support and encouragement for Special Olympics athletes during events hosted on campus ... Volunteered multiple times at Gleaners Food bank in Indianapolis, sorting over 27,000 pounds of food for people in need on one occasion ... Helped plant over 150 trees at a local park.

**PERRY SCHMIEDELER**

Washburn University (Kansas) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long	PATM	PATA	PTS
19	24	79%	0-0	6-7	7-8	5-7	1-2	50	35	36	92

Junior from Topeka, Kan.: Named second team all-MIAA offense as a placekicker ... Hit 19 of 24 field goals including a career-long 50-yard attempt against Missouri Western ... The 19 field goals led the MIAA and tied for most on the IChabod single-season chart ... Led IChabods in scoring with 92 points this season hitting 35 of 36 extra points ... Finished third in the MIAA in scoring overall and third in kick scoring ... Set a school postseason record with three field goals against Bemidji State in the Mineral Water Bowl ... Named MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week after the Central Oklahoma game ... A first team CoSIDA Academic all-district selection ... A MIAA Academic Honor Roll selection and an MIAA Scholar Athlete Award winner ... Volunteer with an organization called Doxazo which helps restore houses in the Hi-Crest neighborhood area of Topeka ... Also volunteers with YoungLife

volunteering as a high school leader reaching out to high school kids in Topeka to share the Gospel of Jesus working as a mentor with high school aged students.

**JUAN SERNA**

Fort Valley State University (Georgia) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long	PATM	PATA	PTS
7	11	64%	0-0	1-2	3-6	3-3	0-0	48	25	27	46

Senior from Douglasville, Ga.: 2<sup>nd</sup> on the team in scoring with 46 points on 7-of-11 FG's and 25-of-27 PAT's ... 2016 SIAC Championship game Serna tied the game 24-24 with a 37-yard FG to send the game to first OT ... made a 43-yard FG in the first OT for a 27-24 lead and a win in double OT 33-30 ... Serna had 43 kickoffs for 2,395 yards and averaged 55.7 yards per kick.

**NATHAN SHAW**

Northern State University (S.D.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long	PATM	PATA	PTS
9	11	82%	0-0	7-8	2-3	0-0	0-0	34	40	42	67

Senior from Acworth, Ga.: Appeared in ten games for the Wolves as their primary kicker ... Notched a league third best nine made field goals with a 34 yard long versus Minnesota Crookston ... He was twice named the NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week this season ... Added 40 made PATs this season, and broke the single game school record with nine made against Minnesota Crookston ... Tallied 3,159 yards kicking, averaging 57.4 yards per kickoff ... Ranked first on the team in scoring with 67 total points this season ... Named to the All-Conference First Team.

**SEAN SLATTERY**

Illinois State University – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
15	19	79%	0-0	10-10	2-1	2-5	1-1	50	33	35	78

Junior from Rockford, Ill.: Handled all kickoff and placekicking duties for the Redbirds ... Made 15-of-19 field goal attempts on the season, with a long of 50 yards, a difference maker at Southern Illinois ... Also kicked the 33-yard game-winner as time expired against Northwestern ... Was 33-of-35 on extra point attempts ... Made a career-best three field goals, all coming from 40 yards or more, in the home-opening win over Morgan State ... Averaged 61.7 yards per kickoff, with 18 touchbacks ... Led the team with 78 total points ... Also recorded three tackles – two unassisted - in kickoff coverage ... Is involved in ISU Student Council efforts to better the university, different agriculture organizations to promote efficiencies in agriculture production, and remains involved with his high school football development through advising and mentoring.

## JAMIE SULLIVAN

Johns Hopkins (Maryland) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
9	12	75%	1-1	3-3	3-4	1-3	1-1	50	42	43	69

Senior from Thousand Oaks, Cal.: 2<sup>nd</sup> on the team in points with 69 points on 9-12 field goals (two were blocked) and 42-43 PATS ... Scored 12 points in 30-24 win over Centennial foe Muhlenberg connecting on 3-4 field goals ... Named Centennial Conference Special Teams Player of the Week on September 18<sup>th</sup> after connecting on 50-yard field goal (3<sup>rd</sup> longest in Hopkins history) ... 18-of-24 on career field goals at Johns Hopkins and also averaged 58 yards per kickoff on 89 kickoffs in 2016 ... Has helped JHU to a 33-3 record, three Centennial Conference titles and three trips to the second round of the NCAA Playoffs ... Helped coordinate the Johns Hopkins football Be the Match drive in 2015 and 2016 by packaging and administering cheek swabs ... Helped plan Alpha Delta Phi's Stop Soldier Suicide golf outing to raise awareness for veterans battling PTSD.

## COLE TRACY

Assumption College (Mass.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
19	29	66%	0-0	10-11	3-3	6-15	0-0	49	51	54	108

Senior from Camarillo, Cal.: Only kicker in NCAA Division II history and one of two in all of NCAA history to made six field goals in a game on two separate occasions (10/14/16, 9/12/15) ... Tied an NCAA Division II record with 21 points on 6 FG & 3 PAT in win over St. Anselm (10/14/16) ... Named 216 Worcester All-Area Special Teams Player of the Year ... Ranked third in all of Division II with 19 field goals ... Has made 13 consecutive field goals under 40 yards ... Scored 12 points on three field goals and three extra points against Stonehill ... Scored 11 points on three field goals and two extra points against nationally ranked LIU Post (11/12/16) ... In 2015 honored as a [D2Football.com](#) Second-Team All-American ... In 2015 Named CCA First-Team All-American, CCA First-Team All-Region and First-Team All-Conference ... Currently the vice president of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

## ELI WETTSTEIN

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh - Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
16	22	73%	0-0	4-5	10-13	1-2	1-2	50	63	68	111

Junior from De Pere, Wis.: 2016 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference First Team ... 2016 [D3football.com](#) All-West Region Third Team ... Ranked second in the conference and 38th in the country in field goal percentage during the 2016 season ... Ranked third in the conference and 28th in the country in field goals per game during the 2016 season ... Ranked second in the conference and 17th in the country in scoring during the 2016 season ... Kicked a 50-yard field goal during team's 33-14 win over John Carroll University on Sept. 3 (2016) ... Kicked three field goals during team's 22-13 win over University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Oct. 22 (2016) ... Kicked a pair of 36-yard field goals during team's 34-31 win over University of St. Thomas in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III Championship on Dec. 3 (2016) ... Went 9-for-9 on extra points during team's 77-0 win over Morthland College on Sept. 24 (2016) ... 2016 team compiled a 13-2 record and lost a 10-7 decision to University of Mary Hardin-

Baylor in the title game of the 2016 NCAA Division III Championship ... Majoring in communications ... Volunteer with Feeding America.

**TANNER WRIGHT**

McMurry University (Texas) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	10	80%	0-0	3-4	2-2	3-4	0-0	45	35	35	59

Sophomore from Ft. Worth, Texas ... As a freshman, tied school game record by going 9-9 on PAT kicks versus Texas College ... Led team in scoring with 59 points ... Has an on-going school record of 35-consecutive PAT kicks made (went 35-for-35 in 2016) ... 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American Southwest Conference and first team All-National Christian College Athletic Association as a freshman ... 8-for-10 in field goals ... Averaged 58.3 y.p.k. on 51 kickoff attempts ... Wright is a Paralympic athlete, suffering from a condition called Arthrogyrosis, which shrunk his joints when he was in the womb and his left arm did not fully develop, and he has gone through minor issues with his ribcage and left leg, as well ... He was selected to represent the United States at the World Para Athletics Championships in London last July ... Wright volunteers his time at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas (where he underwent several surgeries) and hopes for a career as a caregiver for those with similar afflictions.