

Six Football Members Receive All-WIAC Honors, Evensen Makes First Team

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MADISON? The UW-Eau Claire football team had six players selected to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic (WIAC) All-Conference teams, it was announced by conference sports information director Matt Stanek.

The only Blugold member to receive first team accolades was wide receiver **Matt Evensen** (*Sr.-Junction City, WI/Auburndale*). Evensen finished career as a Blugold as the school record holder in pass receptions in a career (176), receiving yards in a career (2,293), and receiving touchdowns in a career (20). Evensen finished third in the WIAC with 50 receptions, averaging 12.8 yards per reception this season after sitting out the entire 2005 season. He had four touchdowns on the season and had over 100 yards receiving in his last two games. Evensen was a first team all-conference selection in 2004, and was an honorable mention in 2003.

The only other offensive player to get recognition was senior center **Drew Rekuski** (*Sr.-St. Anthony, MN*). Rekuski was named an honorable mention selection for the second consecutive year. Rekuski started every game for the Blugolds in 2006 and has started 19 of the last 20 games.

The Blugolds had four selections on the defensive side. Receiving second team All-WIAC honors was senior linebacker **Dan Rogney** (*Sr.-Auburndale, WI*). Rogney led the conference with 15 tackles for a loss and finished third in the WIAC with six sacks. He also finished third on the team with 61 tackles. Rogney was an honorable mention selection in 2005.

Senior Defensive back **Ryan Schulz** (*Sr.-Maple Grove, MN*) was also named to the All-WIAC second team. Schulz tied with Rogney in tackles with 61. He had four pass breakups and one forced fumble this season.

Junior linebacker **Sam Cummings** (*Jr.-Rochester, MN/John Marshall*) was an honorable mention selection. Cummings had an all-around year in 2006, finishing fifth on the team in tackles (57), finishing third on the team in sacks (3.5), one interception, two forced fumbles, and two blocked kicks. Cummings was a second team All-WIAC selection in 2005.

Joining Cummings as an honorable mention selection is linebacker **Jared Roeker** (*Sr.-Mauston, WI*). Roeker led the team with 66 tackles in 2006 after sitting out the entire 2005 season. Roeker was a second team All-WIAC selection in 2004.

Running back Justin Jacobs of UW-Whitewater was named the conference's Player of the Year and his coach Bob Berezowitz was named the George Chryst Coach of the Year. Ryan Kleppe also of UW-Whitewater received the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete award.

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