

Football Distributes Team Awards

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - UW-Eau Claire head football coach Todd Glaser recently announced the 2007 team award winners at the team's end-of-season banquet.

Inside linebacker **Sam Cummings** (*Sr.-Rochester, Minn./John Marshall*) was named the team Defensive MVP for the second year in a row. Cummings led the team with 109 tackles this season, including 53 solos and 56 assists in 12 games. His average of 9.1 tackles per game was third in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). Cummings also accumulated 10 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks, two broken up passes, two quarterback hurries and two fumble recoveries. He also received first team All-WIAC defensive honors.

Wide receiver **Tony Hull** (*Sr.-Blaine, Minn./Spring Lake Park*) was named the team Offensive MVP. Hull started 11 games this season, 10 at wide receiver and one at quarterback. He led the team with 40 catches for 628 yards (15.7 yards per catch) and had four touchdowns. He also added 104 rushing yards and 118 kick return yards for 850 all-purpose yards. Hull earned All-WIAC honors as a first team all-purpose player for his efforts. In the final game of the season, the playoff game against Bethel, Hull started at quarterback for the first time in his collegiate career. Hull ended his career as a Blugold fifth on the team's all-time receiving list with 2,066 yards.

Cornerback **Craig Polifka** (*So.-Kewaunee, Wis.*) was named the team Special Teams MVP for the second year in a row. Polifka played in all 12 games this season and led the team with 28 punt returns for 283 yards and 32 kick returns for 722 yards, both of which led the conference. He also led the team with seven interceptions for 109 yards. His average of 0.58 interceptions per game was second best in the WIAC. Polifka was selected as a second team All-WIAC return specialist this season.

Outside linebacker **Nate Stemper** (*Sr.-St. Anthony Village, Minn.*) received the team's Defensive Newcomer of the Year award. After playing in only two games during the 2006 season, Stemper played in 11 games this season and accumulated 22 tackles (nine solo, 13 assists), including five tackles for loss. He was also fourth on the team with 4.5 sacks and also had one broken up pass.

Quarterback and punter **Mitch Schaeuble** (*Sr.-Wrightstown, Wis.*) was named team Offensive Newcomer of the Year. After not taking a snap in a game at quarterback since high school, Schaeuble was asked to play quarterback after a number of injuries occurred to quarterbacks above him. Schaeuble essentially played the role of fourth string quarterback, but in his first game against Oshkosh he threw for 348 yards, completing 17-of-27 passes. He was named the WIAC's offensive player of the week following his impressive performance. Schaeuble led the team this season with 1,404 passing yards, throwing 12 touchdowns. He also had a good year punting and received a first team All-WIAC honors as a punter.

Tailback **Matt Olson** (*Fr.-Stratford, Wis.*) was named the team's Special Teams Newcomer of the Year. Olson played in nine games this season. Olson had a big impact on the special teams by always playing tough and being in the correct spot on kickoff returns to provide great coverage. He had some big hits this season and also helped make the team better, always giving everything he had during practice.

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