

Football Hands Out Team Awards

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire football team recently handed out its team awards from the 2005 season.

Quarterback **Jesse Krzyzanowski** (Sr.-Thorp, WI) was named the team's Offensive Player of the Year. Jesse Krzyzanowski was named to the second team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) this past year and broke numerous Blugold records. He now holds the record for pass completions in a season with 214 and pass completion percentage in a season at 64.7%. He also broke the record for most touchdown passes in a game this season with six.

Jesse Krzyzanowski was also named the Tailback/Quarterback of the year.

Safety **Brent Tieri** (Sr.-Rockford, MN) was named Defensive Player of the Year. Tieri was a first team All-conference selection and a D3football.com All-West Region first team selection at defensive back. He was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V first team and was one of 47 division III athletes to be selected to play in the Aztec Bowl, which will take place tomorrow in Toluca, Mexico.

Derek Sikora (Sr.-Neillsville, WI) took home three team award. He was named Special Teams Player of the Year. Sikora was named to both the first team All-WIAC team and the D3football.com All-West Region third team as a return specialist.

Sikora was also named the team's Defensive Back of the Year. He was named to the All-WIAC second team as a defensive back. Sikora also won the Justin Greenwood Award for being the hardest worker over the off-season.

Darin Krzyzanowski (Sr.-Thorp, WI) was named Wide Receiver of the Year. Darin Krzyzanowski was an All-WIAC honorable mention at receiver and was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V second team. He broke the school record for receptions in a season with 61.

Others receiving offensive player awards were **Brandon Basken** (Sr.-Manitowoc, WI/Lincoln), who took home the Offensive Lineman of the Year award. Basken was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American second team. **Garett Pankratz** (Sr.-Milladore, WI/Auburndale) was the Tight End of the Year, while **Mike Hennessey** (Sr.-Somerset, WI) was the Fullback of the Year.

The Defensive Lineman of the Year award went to **Nate Jahn** (So.-Alma Center, WI/Lincoln). Jahn was a second team All-WIAC selection. **Dan Rogney** (Jr.-Auburndale, WI) was named the Linebacker of the Year.

Kicker **Mitch Schaeuble** (So.-Wrightstown, WI) was named the Specialist of the Year. Schaeuble was an All-WIAC second team selection as a punter and received honorable mention as a kicker. He also made the D3football.com All-West Region third team as a punter. Schaeuble broke the school record this past season for field goals in a season with 10.

Offensive Newcomer of the Year was **Matt Day** (Fr.-Austin, MN). Defensive Newcomer of the Year was **Tom Dohr** (Fr.-Neeenah, WI) and Special Team Newcomer of the Year was **Paul Bielmeier** (Fr.-Edgar, WI). Scout Players of the Year were **Ryan Darley** (Jr.-Chippewa Falls, WI/Chi.Hi.) on offense, **Nate Stemper** (So.-St. Anthony, MN) on defense, and **Craig Polifka** (Fr.-Kewaunee, WI) on special teams.

Kicker **Andy Schneider** (Sr.-Green Bay/Ashwaubenon) took home the A.C.E Award for his attitude, commitment, effort, and enthusiasm.

The captains for the 2006 season will be Dan Rogney, **Matt Evensen** (Jr.-Junction City/Auburndale), and **Brad Alexejun** (Jr.-Green Bay WI/Ashwaubenon).

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