



## 2010 NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL RECRUITS

|     | <b>Name</b>           | <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Hgt.</b> | <b>Wgt.</b> | <b>Cl.</b> | <b>Hometown (High School/Junior College)</b>      |
|-----|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---|
| 1.  | Tyler Anderson        | P/K         | 5-11        | 186         | Fr.        | Rockford, Ill. (Guilford)                         |
| 2.  | Greg Barksdale        | LB          | 6-2         | 210         | Fr.        | University Park, Ill. (Crete-Monee)               |
| 3.  | Jamaal Bass           | LB          | 6-0         | 210         | Fr.        | Miramar, Fla. (Miramar)                           |
| 4.  | Matt Battaglia        | OL          | 6-4         | 270         | So.        | Chicago, Ill. (Marist HS/Harper JC)               |
| 5.  | Frank Boenzi          | DL          | 6-3         | 305         | Fr.        | Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)                             |
| 6.  | Da'Ron Brown          | WR          | 6-1         | 185         | Fr.        | Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)                       |
| 7.  | C.J. Compher          | TE          | 6-1         | 230         | Fr.        | Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore)                         |
| 8.  | *Akeem Daniels        | ATH         | 5-7         | 170         | Fr.        | Kissimmee, Fla. (Osceola)                         |
| 9.  | Dechane Durante       | S           | 6-2         | 195         | Fr.        | Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)                           |
| 10. | Luke Eakes            | TE          | 6-4         | 230         | Fr.        | St. Marys, Kans. (St. Marys)                      |
| 11. | Michael Gegner        | OL          | 6-3         | 265         | Fr.        | Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)               |
| 12. | Zak Giller            | DB          | 6-2         | 195         | Fr.        | Gregory, Mich. (Chelsea)                          |
| 13. | Blake Goodell         | OL          | 6-3         | 265         | Fr.        | Traverse City, Mich. (Traverse City West)         |
| 14. | Marckie Hayes         | DB          | 5-8         | 180         | Fr.        | Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore)                         |
| 15. | Mike Hellams          | LB          | 6-1         | 220         | Fr.        | Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)                   |
| 16. | *Jasmin Hopkins       | RB          | 5-9         | 185         | Jr.        | Stanley, N.C. [East Gaston/Fort Scott CC (KS)]    |
| 17. | Tyler Loos            | OL          | 6-6         | 270         | Fr.        | Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)                         |
| 18. | Tyler Pitt            | OL          | 6-6         | 278         | Fr.        | McRae, Ga. (Telfair County)                       |
| 19. | Michael Santacaterina | S           | 6-0         | 205         | Fr.        | Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)                             |
| 20. | Mathew Sims           | K           | 5-11        | 180         | Fr.        | Hannibal, Mo. (Hannibal)                          |
| 21. | Cameron Stingily      | LB          | 6-2         | 240         | Fr.        | Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)                     |
| 22. | *Demetrius Stone      | DB          | 5-11        | 190         | So.        | Miami, Fla. [American Senior/Coffeyville CC (KS)] |
| 23. | Jimmie Ward           | DB          | 6-0         | 180         | Fr.        | Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)                           |
| 24. | ^Jamison Wells        | WR          | 5-11        | 185         | Fr.-R      | Combined Locks, Wisc. (Kimberly HS)               |
| 25. | Casey Weston          | QB          | 6-2         | 215         | Jr.        | Prattville, Ala. (Prattville/NW Mississippi JC)   |
| 26. | Joe Windsor           | DE          | 6-1         | 225         | Fr.        | Kearney, Mo. (Kearney)                            |

*\*Enrolled at NIU in January. ^Member of NIU Baseball team in 2009-10; will be on football scholarship in 2010-11.*

### **CLASS BREAKDOWN**

#### **By Position**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Defensive Back.....  | 6 |
| Offensive Line ..... | 5 |
| Linebacker.....      | 4 |
| Wide Receiver .....  | 2 |
| Tight End .....      | 2 |
| Kicker/Punter .....  | 2 |
| Defensive Line.....  | 2 |
| Quarterback.....     | 1 |
| Running Back .....   | 1 |
| Athlete .....        | 1 |

#### **By State**

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Illinois .....       | 11 |
| Florida.....         | 3  |
| Alabama.....         | 2  |
| North Carolina ..... | 2  |
| Michigan .....       | 2  |
| Missouri.....        | 2  |
| Kansas.....          | 1  |
| Indiana.....         | 1  |
| Wisconsin .....      | 1  |
| Georgia .....        | 1  |

## 2010 NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL RECRUIT BIOS

### **Tyler Anderson, P/K, 5-11, 186, Fr., Rockford, Ill. (Guilford)**

All-NIC 10 Conference punter and kicker for Guilford High School in Rockford...three-year starter and four-year letterwinner who played in 31 games over the last three seasons...as a senior, punted 26 times for a 42-yard average...had a long punt of 78 yards...made five-of-six field goals in his career with a long of 37...hit at least 93 percent of his PATs in each of the last three years...recorded three tackles on special teams and forced a fumble over the last two years...the Vikings posted a 5-5 record in each of the last two seasons and were 8-3 Anderson's sophomore season...served as Student Council President...National Honor Society member...four-year Scholar-Athlete who will earn a Scholar's Diploma.

### **Greg Barksdale, LB, 6-2, 210, Fr., University Park, Ill. (Crete-Monee)**

An Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) 6A first team All-State honoree in 2009...2009 *Chicago Tribune* second team All-State selection and *Chicago Sun-Times* All-Area special mention as a senior...earned all-area recognition in 2008 and 2009...a three-time all-conference selection...MVP of his high school team as a senior...served as team captain his last two seasons...three-year starter for Crete-Monee, helped lead the Warriors to a 10-2 record and the school's first-ever trip to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs in 2009...recorded 96 tackles, 60 solo, three sacks, made three interceptions, recovered two fumbles (including one for touchdown) and caused five fumbles at linebacker his senior year...rushed for 350 yards and scored 16 touchdowns...the Warriors won or shared the SICA South title each of his three years...all-conference selection in baseball who hit .380 with three home runs and was 15-for-15 on stolen bases as a designated hitter.

### **Jamaal Bass, LB, 6-0, 210, Fr., Miramar, Fla. (Miramar)**

An All-Broward County first team selection at linebacker as a senior after making 165 tackles for the Miramar team that won the 6A state title in 2009...tallied 90 solo stops and 75 assists, forced three fumbles and recovered two, and broke up three passes...four-year varsity letterwinner served as team captain as a senior...invited to play in the Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game in Hawaii...credited with 105 tackles, 65 solo, his junior year...forced one fumble, recovered three and broke up two passes...also reached the 100-tackle mark in his sophomore year with 75 solo stops...in his prep career, totaled 450 tackles, 260 total, six forced fumbles, seven fumble recoveries and five pass break-ups...Miramar went 14-1 and won the state title in 2009 and took home the regional crown in 2008 with an 11-3 mark...during Bass' prep career, the Patriots went 43-9...earned the Monsignor Pace 3.0 GPA award in 2007-08.

### **Matt Battaglia, OL, 6-4, 270, So., Chicago, Ill. (Marist HS/Harper JC) Pronunciation: Buh-TAG-LEE-uh**

JuCo: Earned a varsity letter playing offensive lineman for Harper College during the 2009 season ... the Hawks averaged 253.1 yards of total offense a game with 88.4 yards rushing and 164.7 yards passing. High School: Three-year letterwinner at Marist High School...helped lead the Red Hawks to a 9-3 record and the Illinois 8A quarterfinals his senior year...served as team captain...named the team's offensive lineman of the year as a senior...earned all-conference and all-area honors in 2008...high school teammate of current Huskie Nabal Jefferson.

### **Frank Boenzi, DL, 6-3, 305, Fr., Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)**

First team All-State honoree by the *Chicago Tribune* as a senior...named to the Illinois all-state squad by EdgyTim and MaxPreps...selected as the *Aurora Beacon News* Defensive Player of the Year...earned all-area recognition from the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Daily Herald*, *Kane County Chronicle* and *Aurora Beacon News* following his junior and senior years...voted Western Sun Conference co-Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...Geneva's top defensive tackle in each of the last three seasons...three-year starter at defensive tackle also saw action at fullback for the Vikings...ranked fourth on the team with 73 tackles, 20 solo, in 10 games as a senior...added five quarterback sacks and two fumble recoveries...in 11 games as a junior, compiled 61 tackles with two fumble recoveries and two sacks...totaled 58 tackles, recovered three fumbles and collected six quarterback sacks his sophomore year...career totals include 192 tackles, seven fumbles recovered and 14 sacks in 33 games...Geneva won the conference title in each of the last three years, two with an undefeated 9-0 record, and his Viking teams went 33-4 overall...made a season-high 10 stops versus Wheaton Warrenville South in the 7A state quarterfinal game...2008 squad advanced to the state title game...as a sophomore, GHS went to the quarterfinals...also

competed in wrestling and qualified for state his sophomore season and was a member of the track and field team...took sixth in the state meet in the shot put as a sophomore and junior.

**Da’Ron Brown, WR, 6-1, 185, Fr., Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)**

**Pronunciation: Duh-RON**

Quarterback and wide receiver at Morgan Park was a first team All-City selection his junior and senior years...Special Mention *Chicago Tribune* All-State quarterback as a senior...first team all-area and all-conference selection in 2008 and 2009 and also picked up all-Illini Prairie first team honors as a sophomore...team MVP and captain his final two years...named an Old Spice RedZone Player of the Year as a junior...averaged 12.2 yards per carry with 1,800 yards on 147 carries as a senior...scored 23 rushing touchdowns in 2009 while setting the Morgan Park record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 41 for his career...also set the career record for rushing yards by a QB with 1,900 yards on 213 carries and 18 scores as a junior...totaled 3,700 rushing yards on 360 carries in 22 games his final two seasons...in the air, completed 115-of-172 passes for 1,200 yards with four interceptions and 13 touchdown passes his senior season...in 2008, threw 300 times and completed 214 for 1,400 yards and a 71.3 completion percentage with 16 scores...caught 15 passes for 415 yards and four TDs as a senior to average 27 yards per catch...did the bulk of his damage at receiver his sophomore season with 45 grabs for 789 yards and 12 scores...also returned four kickoffs for 78 yards that season and made 10 tackles...Mustangs won conference championships each of his three seasons and were the city champions and state quarterfinalists his sophomore year...with Brown under center, Morgan Park posted a 9-3 record in 2009 and an 8-5 mark in 2008...also an All-State hurdler who contended for the state championship in the 110 high hurdles.

**C.J. Compher, TE, 6-1, 230, Fr., Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore)**

Named to the All-Western Sun first team as a tight end in each of his last two prep seasons...first team all-area selection by the *Daily Chronicle* as a senior and earned second team all-area recognition following his junior season...caught 17 passes for 250 yards and six touchdowns in 12 games as a senior...two of his touchdown catches came in the playoffs...made 10 receptions for 146 yards and one score in nine games in 2008...defensively, picked off two career passes, including one his senior year...invited to play in the Illinois Shrine All-Star Game...served as the Spartans’ team captain while seeing action at linebacker, tight end and quarterback as a senior...helped lead the Spartans to 5A state quarterfinals and an 8-4 record in 2009...member of the honor roll all four years of high school.

**Akeem Daniels, ATH, 5-7, 170, Fr., Kissimmee, Fla. (Osceola)**

Recorded 12 rushing touchdowns and four scores on kick (three punt, one kickoff) returns at Osceola High while playing tailback, defensive back and returning kicks...in 12 games in 2009, gained 845 rushing yards on 122 carries to average 6.9 yards per carry...defensively, totaled 35 tackles, 21 solo, intercepted three passes and broke up three as a senior...as a sophomore in 2007, made 55 tackles for 14-1 Osceola team that played in the state 5A title game...intercepted a pass and broke up three that season...played in just four games his junior year as team went 8-4...older brother, Kiaree, currently plays for the Huskies...enrolled at NIU for the Spring 2010 semester and will participate in spring drills.

**Dechane Durante, S, 6-2, 195, Fr., Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)**

**Pronunciation: D-Shawn Durr-ANT**

All-Area selection by the *Charlotte Observer* and *Daily Herald* (North Carolina) in 2009...first team I-Meck Conference choice as a senior...defensive MVP of his high school team as a junior and senior...two-way player made 59 tackles, 34 solo, forced two fumbles and intercepted four with one returned for a score, as a senior...caught 32 passes for 582 yards and seven touchdowns at wide receiver and returned 13 punts for 217 yards...had a 99-yard touchdown catch, the longest in school history...his junior season, recorded 42 tackles, 27 solo, and intercepted four while catching 22 passes for 490 yards and five scores... also returned eight kickoffs for 180 yards...totaled 128 tackles and 11 interceptions on defense in three varsity seasons...caught 66 career passes for 1,214 yards and 13 touchdowns... team qualified for the playoffs his junior and senior years.

**Luke Eakes, TE, 6-4, 230, Fr., Kinsley, Kans. (St. Marys)**

**Pronunciation: EE-kess**

Tight end, defensive end and linebacker at St. Marys High School who will leave high school with 14 letters in football (four), basketball (four), track and field (four), baseball (one) and wrestling (one)... all-state choice in football as a senior and junior...also a third-team all-state selection in basketball as a junior...earned all-conference honors in football in each of his last three years and in basketball his junior season...captained St.

Marys football, basketball and track and field teams as a senior...at tight end, caught 14 passes for 312 yards and five touchdowns as a senior for a 22.3-yard average in 2009...also carried the ball six times for a 14.3-yard average...had nine career carries for 145 yards and two scores...on defense, made 47 tackles with five pass break-ups, an interception and five quarterback sacks as a senior...his junior season, totaled 68 stops, forced two fumbles, broke up four passes, blocked a kick and tallied two sacks...had a career high six sacks his sophomore year with 67 tackles...career totals include 212 tackles...St. Marys finished 2009 as the sub-state runner-up with an 11-2 record, advanced to the sectional championship with a 9-3 record his junior year and went 9-4 as the sub-state runners-up his junior season...in four years, his St. Marys teams went 38-14 as he played in 47 games...played on St. Marys team that won the state basketball title in 2009...four-year member of the honor roll.

**Michael Gegner, OL, 6-3, 265, Fr., Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)**

**Pronunciation: GEG-ner**

Named a first team All-State offensive lineman by Associated Press and the Indiana Football Coaches' Association as a senior as Warren Central went 13-2 en route to the 2009 5A State Championship...earned first team all-county honors and was a member of the *Indianapolis Star* Super Team...runner-up for the Offensive Line Mr. Football Award in Indiana...a first-team All-Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference selection at center...team captain as a senior and three-year varsity starter...selected as Most Valuable Offensive Lineman on the 2009 Warriors' team...Warren Central won the MIC title his sophomore year, earned the sectional crown and were regional runners-up his junior season with a 10-3 record and won the sectional and regional titles in 2009...made seven tackles on special teams as the long snapper...follows 2009 Huskie senior offensive lineman Jason Onyebuagu from Warren Central to NIU.

**Zak Giller, DB, 6-2, 195, Fr., Gregory, Mich. (Chelsea)**

All-conference and all-area choice as a safety at Chelsea High...won two varsity letters in football and one in track and field...helped lead team to an 8-3 record and district runner-up spot in 2009...Chelsea posted a 9-3 record and finished as regional runners-up his junior season...qualified for the school's honor roll all four years.

**Blake Goodell, OL, 6-3, 265, Fr., Traverse City, Mich. (Traverse City West)**

**Pronunciation: GUH-dell**

Three-year letterwinner at center and guard for Traverse City West...served as team captain his senior season...Titans went 6-4 his junior season and were 4-5 in 2009...third offensive lineman from Traverse City West to earn a Division I scholarship in the past two years...father, Terry, was a four-year starter at Central Michigan (1981-84).

**Marckie Hayes, DB, 5-8, 180, Fr., Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore)**

**Pronunciation: MAR-kee**

A 2009 first team Illinois High School Football Coaches Association 5A All-State and *Chicago Tribune* All-State special mention honoree...2009 *Daily Chronicle* Player of the Year and Walter Payton Roundhouse Conference Player of the Year...named Western Sun Conference Offensive Most Valuable Player and Sycamore MVP as a senior...a three-year all-conference honoree in the Western Sun Conference at three positions; defensive back, kick returner and running back...second-leading rusher in Sycamore history...rushed for 1,792 yards and 17 touchdowns during the 2009 campaign...totaled 136 yards on 19 carries with two scores in state quarterfinal game...carried the ball 22 times and gained 174 yards in Sycamore's playoff win over Kaneland...led the Spartans to the state quarterfinals for the first time since 1978...Academic All-State...National Honor Society member.

**Mike Hellams, LB, 6-1, 220, Fr., Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)**

All-area choice in 2008 who missed much of his senior year due to a shoulder injury...played in 11 games as a junior and made 79 tackles, 30 solo...forced three fumbles and compiled six tackles for loss, a sack and an interception...Bolingbrook defense allowed just 18 touchdowns in 11 games and 11.7 points per game... three-year varsity letterwinner who served as team captain his final two seasons...an all-area choice as a junior...Bolingbrook won the Blue Division of the Southwest Suburban Conference each of his three seasons and compiled a 28-5 record in that time...Raiders were 9-2 in 2009 and posted a 10-1 record his junior season.

**Jasmin Hopkins, RB, 5-9, 185, Jr., Stanley, N.C. (East Gaston/Fort Scott C.C.)**

JUCO: Named National Junior College Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Year after leading the NJCAA in rushing with 1,931 yards and helping lead the Fort Scott Greyhounds to their first Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference title in 35 years and the first Region 6 title in school history...led the nation in rushing yards

per game with 160.9, while his 16 rushing touchdowns were tied for fifth...also garnered KJCCC Offensive Player of the Year honors, leading the league in rushing yards, all-purpose yards, scoring and touchdowns...averaged 25 carries per game, posting 11 straight 100 games, including four 200-yard rushing games...in two seasons, totaled 3,158 rushing yards – second highest total in school history – while helping the Greyhounds to 20 victories...rushed for a season-high 267 yards on 35 carries and scored two touchdowns against Garden City (Kan.) on Sept. 19, 2009...gained 188 rushing yards on 35 carries in national championship game against Blinn JC. High School: A 2007 graduate of East Gaston high School, Hopkins set the Warrior's single season rushing record in 2006 with 1,901 yards while earning *All-Gaston Gazette* honors...led East Gaston to a co-Big South Conference title and a school-record 11 victories.

**Tyler Loos, OL, 6-6, 270, Fr., Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)**

**Pronunciation: LOOSE**

First team Class 5A All-State selection by the IHSFCA in 2008 and 2009...also a *Chicago Tribune* Special Mention All-State choice as a junior and senior...earned first team All-Area honors from the *Sauk Valley News* and *Quad City Times* in each of his last two seasons and was a second team selection by the *Times* his sophomore year ...on the *Champaign News-Gazette* Special Mention Top 100 list each of his last two seasons...unanimous first team All-NCIC Reagan Conference in 2008 and 2009 and a second team selection his sophomore season...two-time first team Academic All-Conference choice and earned first team Academic All-State honors from the IHSFCA as a senior...team advanced to the IHSA Playoffs each of his three seasons while posting a 23-9 cumulative record, including a 9-2 mark in 2008 and an 8-3 record his senior year...invited to play in the ICA East-West Shrine Game...placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the IHSA State Track Meet in the discus with a throw of 151-3 after winning the sectional title in the event...has thrown the shot put 50-2...owns a 4.0-plus grade point average.

**Tyler Pitt, OL, 6-6, 278, Fr., McRae, Ga. (Telfair County)**

Second team all-state selection as a senior at Telfair County HS...four-year letterwinner who earned first team all-area and all-conference honors as a junior and senior...second team all-area and all-conference offensive lineman as a sophomore...three-year team captain who earned the award as best offensive lineman for the Trojans his final two seasons...played in every game from his sophomore through senior years...saw action at center, guard and tackle on the offensive line and at defensive tackle and defensive end...posted a 169-24 record as a four-year letterwinner in wrestling, setting school records for most wins and most career pins...wrestling team MVP all four years of high school...invited to compete in wrestling on the national level...also played tennis for his high school team...on Telfair County's honor roll as a senior with a 3.2 GPA.

**Michael Santacaterina, S, 6-0, 210, Fr., Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)**

Named to the IHSFCA 7A All-State team as a senior...earned special mention All-State recognition from the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times* in 2009...running back and safety was named honorary captain of the *Daily Herald* Tri-Cities 2009 All-Area Football Team...honored by the *Kane County Chronicle* and *Daily Herald* as Player of the Year...unanimous selection to the All-Western Sun Conference first team his senior season...earned team MVP and best offensive back honors...led Geneva to the Class 7A quarterfinals in 2009 while serving as team captain...gained 802 rushing yards on 166 carries to average 4.8 yards per carry...scored 23 touchdowns to rank sixth in the state...made 70 tackles, including 36 solo, as a senior...recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pair of passes...returned 24 punts for 249 yards to average 10.4 yards per return...intercepted five passes over his final two seasons...Geneva went to the playoffs in each of his four seasons...also a member of the Vikings' basketball team who started every game at point guard as a sophomore.

**Mathew Sims, K, 5-11, 180, Fr., Hannibal, Mo. (Hannibal)**

Earned first team all-state honors as a placekicker three times during his prep career and was the second team all-state kicker his sophomore season...also on the 4A all-state team at wide receiver as a senior and at defensive back his junior year...selected to the all-area first team as a kicker, defensive back and wide receiver in 2009 after earning all-area recognition at kicker and defensive back as a junior...was the all-district placekicker his freshman season...on the all-North Central Missouri Conference first team as a kicker, DB and receiver in both 2008 and 2009 and added second team all-conference punter honors as a senior...was the league's second team placekicker as a freshman and sophomore...selected as Hannibal's team MVP his final two seasons and served as team captain as a senior...as a senior in 2009, made six field goals, went 44-of-45 on PAT attempts and had 44

touchbacks on kickoffs in 12 games...for his career, made 23 field goals with a long of 46 yards, kicked 158 extra points and had 121 touchbacks...his Hannibal team won conference championships in three of his four years (freshman, junior, senior) and advanced to the state playoffs...team went 9-3 his senior season, advanced to the state title game his freshman year and went 31-16 during his four-year career....honor roll member.

**Cameron Stingily, LB, 6-2, 240, Fr., Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)**

**Pronunciation: STING-lee**

Honorable mention IHSFCA 6A All-State player at running back and linebacker for Romeoville High as a senior...was a second team All-State selection by the *Chicago Tribune*...earned first team all-area and all-conference honors as a running back in 2009 and at linebacker as a junior...named the Spartans' offensive MVP for 2009 and was the defensive MVP in 2008...team captain both years...made 47 tackles in nine games as a senior to average 5.2 tackles per game...caused one fumble and blocked a field goal...gained 1,007 yards on 147 carries to average 6.85 yards per tote... scored 13 rushing touchdowns and had a long run of at least 44 yards in five different games...as a junior, made 58 tackles with three quarterback sacks and 10 tackles for loss...caused three fumbles...also participated in wrestling...his older brother, Byron, is an offensive lineman at Louisville. Romeoville went 5-4 his senior season.

**Demetrius Stone, DB, 5-11, 190, So., Miami, Fla. (American Senior/Coffeyville C.C.)**

In one year at Coffeyville, racked up 51 total tackles with 17 solo tackles, 34 assists, and 1.5 tackles for loss...played in 10 games...picked off a pair of passes and returned them for 30 yards... Coffeyville posted a 7-4 record in his one season there, including a 5-2 mark in the Jayhawk Conference... team won the North Star Bowl...earned the Ethean Johnson Memorial Award in his one season at Coffeyville...award is presented to a player that has great moral character and demonstrates an outstanding pride in being a Raven...honorable mention All-Dade County defensive back by the *Miami Herald* as a senior at American Senior High...enrolled at NIU for the Spring 2010 semester and will participate in spring drills.

**Jimmie Ward, DB, 6-0, 180, Fr., Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)**

Honorable mention 6A All-State defensive back by the Alabama Sportswriters Association as a senior...*Mobile Press Register* named him to their All-Region 4A-6A team following his junior and senior years...three year starter for Davidson served as team captain in 2009...earned team Defensive MVP honors...led the Warriors in tackles as a senior with 101 tackles, 73 solo, as Davidson went 10-3 and advanced to the state quarterfinals...also recorded eight pass break-ups, an interception, forced a pair of fumbles and recovered three...added three blocked kicks and three quarterback sacks...named the city's Defensive Back of the Week by the Crichton Optimist Club on Sept. 24...as a junior, made 93 tackles with 55 solo, broke up seven passes and intercepted five...also caused a pair of fumbles and blocked two kicks...three-year totals included 253 tackles, 164 solo, with 16 pass break-ups, six interceptions, five blocked kicks, four fumbles forced and four recovered...also had four quarterback sacks... defensive standout with seven tackles, a pair of blocked punts and two pass break ups while holding Williamson HS to 131 total yards in a 24-0 victory in 2009...picked off two passes to help lead the Warriors to an upset win over No. 6 McGill-Toolen in 2008...prep team compiled a 27-10 record in his three seasons, including an 11-3 mark in 2008 when the Warriors advanced to the state semifinals.

**Jamison Wells, WR, 5-11, 185, Fr.-R, Combined Locks, Wisc. (Kimberly)**

**Pronunciation: JAY-mee**

Three-year letterwinner at Kimberly High School, earning two-way Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFC) first team all-state, two-way WFC A all-region, and 2008 WFC A Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...named to the Associated Press' 2008 Wisconsin all-state football team at both wide receiver and defensive back...named the 2008 AP Player of the Year following his senior season...two-way *Appleton Post-Crescent* first team all-area, and unanimous first team all-conference at wide receiver, defensive back and return specialist in 2008...also named 2008 Fox Valley Association Receiver of the Year and Defensive Back of the Year after scoring 23 touchdowns, and making 48 receptions for 1,061 yards at wide receiver, while recording 34 tackles, 19 solo, and four interceptions... earned first team all-conference and all-region accolades as a defensive back his junior year...lettered in baseball his final three years and in basketball as a sophomore...helped lead Kimberly to a state baseball championship as a sophomore and a second-place finish his junior year, batting .419 with 10 steals en route to first team all-conference honors...signed with the Huskie baseball team for 2009-10 and is currently an infielder for the NIU baseball team.

**Casey Weston, QB, 6-2, 215, Jr., Prattville, Ala. (Prattville/NW Mississippi JC)**

JUCO: Played two years at Northwest Mississippi Community College where he holds the school records for career passing yards (4,943), completions (394) and attempts (695)...he threw 42 touchdowns and averaged 260.1 passing yards per game during his career at NWMJC...in nine games during the 2009 season, passed for 2,871 yards and 27 touchdowns, completing 190-of-341 attempts to lead the NJCAA in yards per game with an average of 319...second team MACJC All-State selection...played for the south team in the MACJC All-Star Football Classic...passed for 300 or more yards in a game six times during the 2009 campaign, including a career-high 421 yard-effort versus Pearl River C. C. (Sept. 10)...threw a career high five touchdown passes against East Mississippi C.C. (Sept. 24)...completed 204-of-354 passes for 2,072 yards and 15 touchdowns in 10 games as a freshman. High School: Began his high school playing career at Greenville High School in Alabama where he earned a varsity letter in 2006, before transferring to Prattville in 2007...helped lead Prattville to an undefeated 15-0 season and the Class 6A title during his season with the Lions...threw for 1,767 yards and 20 touchdowns, earning Montgomery Quarterback Club Player of the Year honors...earned 6A honorable mention accolades ... starting quarterback in the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star Game...at Greenville, threw for 1,385 and 10 touchdowns, while rushing for 18...earned all-state honorable mention honors and was named Butler County Player of the Year while at Greenville.

**Joe Windsor, DE, 6-1, 225, Fr., Kearney, Mo. (Kearney)**

Selected as Missouri's 4A Defensive Player of the Year by the Missouri Football Coaches Association after leading Kearney to a 13-2 record and the Class 4A title in 2009...first team member of the Missouri All-State football squad (all classes) in 2008 and 2009...earned the Bobby Bell Award as Kansas City area's top small [school] class defensive player while playing defensive end...also an all-Northland and All-Suburban Small Six Conference choice both years...named player of the year for the league...MVP of his high school squad and team captain as a senior...made 51 tackles with 15.5 quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and six pass break ups as a senior...registered a pair of sacks in the state championship game...finished his career as school record holder for sacks in a season (15.5) and in a career (32.5)...three-year varsity letterwinner made 52 tackles, 32 solo, as a junior...forced three fumbles, recovered one, broke up two passes and had 10 quarterback sacks in 2008...in on 22 tackles, 17 solo, as a sophomore...team compiled a 36-5 record in his three varsity seasons.