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Pioneer Football League announces, postseason honors, 14th All-PFL squad

ST. LOUIS – Pioneer Football League officials announced today the winners of its postseason honors and the All-Pioneer Football League first and second teams. All selections were made by the league's coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own players.

San Diego had a piece of each of the league's four year-end awards. USD junior quarterback Josh Johnson was the PFL's unanimous Offensive Player of the Year selection. San Diego junior defensive lineman Eric Bakhtiari and Drake senior linebacker James Adams were each named PFL Defensive Player of the Year. San Diego freshman defensive back Gabe Derricks earned PFL Freshman of the Year accolades. San Diego head coach Jim Harbaugh and Davidson head coach Tripp Merritt were each named PFL Coach of the Year.

Johnson helped lead San Diego to an 11-0 overall mark, an unblemished 7-0 PFL mark and the school's second consecutive PFL crown. He completed 209-of-302 passes (69.2 percent) for 2,796 yards, 32 touchdowns and four interceptions. He leads I-AA in total offense (3,381 yards) and pass efficiency (179.3), pass completion percentage, pass completions and passing touchdowns.

Adams was the top tackler for a Drake squad which finished with a 9-2 overall mark and a 6-1 second-place PFL mark. He finished second in the league's tackling statistics with 93 tackles (8.5 per game), including a league-best 60 solo tackles. Adams also led the PFL with three fumbles recovered while finishing third in fumbles forced with three.

Bakhtiari anchored the San Diego defense, leading the league and finishing eighth in I-AA with 17.5 tackles for loss (1.75 per game). He recorded five solo sacks on the season, finishing sixth among league leaders. Bakhtiari finished 27th among the league's tackle leaders, but was the top tackler among defensive linemen with 48 tackles (4.8 per game).

Derricks, a true freshman, was San Diego's fifth-leading tackler while playing defensive back. He finished second among the league's freshman in tackles and 30th overall with 41 tackles (4.6 per game).

Harbaugh wins Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his three-year career, capturing last season's PFL North Division honor. He has led the Toreros to 18 consecutive victories, back-to-back conference crowns and the team's first-ever national ranking. Currently, San Diego is the only I-AA team without a loss. The Toreros ranked as the league leader in 11 of 14 statistical categories.

Merritt led Davidson to a 6-4 overall mark and a 5-2, third-place PFL finish. The Wildcats were picked to finish sixth in the preseason poll. Davidson's offense finished second in passing and scoring behind San Diego while the defensive unit led the league with 22 sacks (2.2 per game).

The 14th All-PFL squads are highlighted by four unanimous selections: Johnson, Bakhtiari, San Diego junior offensive lineman Jordan PaoPao and Dayton senior linebacker John Hoppe.

Additionally, the All-PFL first team selections include 12 repeat honorees from the 2005 All-PFL first team, denoted with an asterisk after their name in the following listing.

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2006 Pioneer Football League Postseason Awards

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	JOSH JOHNSON, San Diego
CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR	JAMES ADAMS, Drake ERIC BAKHTIARI, San Diego
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR	GABE DERRICKS, San Diego
CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR	JIM HARBAUGH, San Diego TRIPP MERRITT, Davidson

2006 All-Pioneer Football League First Team

as selected by the league's coaches

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
OFFENSE						
WR	Brett Dioguardi*	Davidson	6-1	186	Sr.	Tequesta, Fla. (Jupiter Community HS)
WR	Nick Ruhe	Dayton	5-10	182	Sr.	Ottawa, Ohio (Ottawa Glandorf HS)
TE	Chris Ramsey	San Diego	6-3	244	Jr.	Calexico, Calif. (Calexico HS)
QB	Josh Johnson*	San Diego	6-3	195	Jr.	Oakland, Calif. (Oakland Tech HS)
FB	Willie Cashmore	Drake	6-1	237	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (St. Pius X)
RB	JT Rogan	San Diego	5-10	190	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Coronado HS)
RB	Scott Phaydavong*	Drake	5-7	165	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa (Des Moines East HS)
OL	Jordan PaoPao*	San Diego	5-11	292	Jr.	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino HS)
OL	Grant Jennings*	Morehead State	6-4	270	Jr.	Lakeside Park, Ky. (Dixie Heights HS)
OL	Mike Iafrate*	Davidson	6-1	285	Sr.	Weston, Fla. (American Heritage HS)
OL	Matt Haas	Drake	6-1	240	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa (Iowa City West HS)
OL	Gabe DeAnda	San Diego	6-0	275	Jr.	Lakewood, Colo. (J.K. Mullen HS)
DEFENSE						
DL	Eric Bakhtiari*	San Diego	6-4	255	Jr.	Burlingame, Calif. (Burlingame HS)
DL	Kevin Jennings	Drake	6-2	240	Sr.	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport HS)
DL	Jimmy Riker	Valparaiso	6-2	250	Sr.	Tekonsha, Mich. (Tekonsha HS)
DL	Chris Marzotto*	Butler	6-2	235	Jr.	Hebron, Ind. (Lowell HS)
LB	John Hoppe	Dayton	6-0	210	Sr.	Northbrook, Ill. (Glenbrook North HS)
LB	James Adams	Drake	6-1	226	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill HS)
LB	Kyson Hawkins	San Diego	6-1	235	Sr.	Fallbrook. Calif. (Fallbrook Union HS)
LB	Niel Andrews	Davidson	6-1	230	Sr.	Chapel Hill, N.C. (Orange HS)
DB	Josh Brisco	San Diego	6-2	200	Sr.	Tuscon, Ariz. (Catalina Foothills HS)
DB	Chase McBride	San Diego	6-2	210	Sr.	Solana Beach, Calif. (USC)
DB	Patrick FitzGerald	Davidson	5-9	185	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Central Catholic HS)
DB	Jacob Craig	Drake	5-9	197	Jr.	Mount Vernon, Iowa (Mt. Vernon HS)
DB	Andy Green	Drake	6-3	198	So.	Atlantic, Iowa (Atlantic HS)
DB	Robeson Noel	Jacksonville	5-8	160	So.	Pampano Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)
DB	David Hyland	Morehead State	6-1	185	So.	Woodstock, Ga. (Etowah HS)
SPECIAL TEAMS						
PK	Brad Smith	Davidson	6-0	170	Sr.	Danville, Pa. (Bloomsburg Area HS)
P	Cyrus Maddox	Davidson	6-3	215	Sr.	Spartanburg, S.C. (Deerfield Academy [Mass.])
RS	Nick Feldman*	Morehead State	5-9	185	So.	Oconto, Wisc. (Oconto HS)

2006 All-Pioneer Football League Second Team

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
OFFENSE						
WR	Wes Doyle	San Diego	6-4	205	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista HS)
WR	Ben Hannula	San Diego	6-2	205	So.	Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine HS)
TE	Dan Marx	Drake	6-4	230	Jr.	Maple Grove, Minn. (Benilde-St. Margaret's)
QB	Ryan Alexander	Davidson	6-3	205	Jr.	Lynchburg, Va. (Virginia Episcopal HS)
FB	Jon Polk	San Diego	6-0	230	Sr.	Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)
RB	Jerry Brant	Jacksonville	5-6	175	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Raines HS)
RB	Jabari McGee	Morehead State	5-10	225	Sr.	Evansville, Ind. (Harrison HS)
OL	Pat Rich	Jacksonville	6-3	260	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla. (Sarasota HS)
OL	Mike Schilling	Valparaiso	6-5	290	Sr.	Wauwatosa, Wisc. (Wauwatosa East HS)
OL	Matt Huber	Drake	6-3	276	Jr.	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (St. Viator HS)
OL	Anthony Swope	Drake	6-2	306	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech HS)
OL	Josue Sanchez	Jacksonville	6-2	275	Sr.	Middleburg, Fla. (Middleburg HS)
OL	Spencer Hollison	San Diego	6-6	300	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif. (Washington State)
DEFENSE						
DL	Jim Walter	Davidson	6-2	245	Sr.	Solon, Ohio (Sloan HS)
DL	Kyle Sand	Morehead State	6-1	250	Jr.	Seminole, Fla. (Seminole HS)
DL	Ryan Young	Jacksonville	6-0	270	Sr.	Plantation, Fla. (Plantation HS)
DL	Jake Ramos	Drake	6-3	275	Jr.	Waterloo, Neb. (Waterloo HS)
DL	Eric Stern	San Diego	6-3	258	Jr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Desert Mountain HS)
LB	Nick Ross	Drake	6-2	222	Sr.	Atlantic, Iowa (Atlantic HS)
LB	Mike Marzotto	Butler	6-2	235	Jr.	Hebron, Ind. (Lowell HS)
LB	Brian Kelly	Dayton	6-2	225	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin HS)
LB	Brian Conway	Drake	6-1	240	Sr.	Waukee, Iowa (Waukee HS)
DB	Charlie Thompson	Valparaiso	6-0	190	Jr.	Sheboygan, Wisc. (Sheboygan North HS)
DB	Patrick O'Neill	San Diego	5-11	200	So.	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Dartmouth)
DB	Matt Easton	Davidson	6-2	210	So.	Birmingham, Mich. (Birmingham Seaholm HS)
DB	Tyler Marley	Drake	5-11	186	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill HS)
SPECIAL TEAMS						
PK	Logan Rees	Drake	5-8	156	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley HS)
P	Mason Webb	Morehead State	6-0	220	So.	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton HS)
RS	Nick Ruhe	Dayton	5-10	182	Sr.	Ottawa, Ohio (Ottawa Glandorf HS)

2006 All-Pioneer Football League Honorable Mention

WIDE RECEIVER: Nate Miller (Jr., Butler); Steve Ogden (So., Valparaiso); **TIGHT END:** Daniel Vagni (Sr., Morehead State); **OFFENSIVE LINE:** George Zoeckler (Jr., Davidson); John Wilson (Sr., Davidson); Nick Schoenfeld (So., Morehead State); **DEFENSIVE LINE:** Kiel Pierce (Jr., Jacksonville); Chris Gianelli (So., San Diego); **LINEBACKER:** Tyler Evans (Jr., San Diego); **PLACEKICKER:** Jordan Quiroz (So., Butler); **PUNTER:** Phil Buchanan (Sr., Butler); **RETURN SPECIALIST:** Nate Connor (Jr., Jacksonville).