



# Don Hansen's Football Gazette

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## NCAA Division II

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### All-West Region Team

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## Conference Champion Representatives Highlight 2002 *Football Gazette* All-West Region Team

Alamosa, Colo. — West Region Conference Champions Central Washington University (Great Northwest Athletic), University of Nebraska-Kearney (Rocky Mountain Athletic) and Texas A&M University-Kingsville (Lone Star) and independent University of California-Davis each placed three or more players on the first team squad of a talent-rich series of 2002 All-West Region Teams selected by *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*. Coincidentally, those four schools were the regions' four representatives in the recently completed NCAA Division II Playoffs.

CWU led all schools with four selections including senior defensive lineman Lance Gibson, who was the GNAC's Defensive Player of the Year after recording 20 tackles for a loss, including 11 sacks for the 11-1 Wildcats, who won their first outright conference title since 1998.

UNK sophomore running back Mike Miller was one of three Lopers on the first team. The Littleton, Colo. native rushed for 1,600 yards and 13 touchdowns en-route to RMAC Offensive Player of the Year honors.

TAMUK's Walter Wigfall, a senior offensive tackle from Katy, Texas, was one of the Javelinas' three selections and was named the LSC-South Division's Offensive Lineman of the Year while blocking for a solid offensive attack that racked 214.1 yards of rushing per game en-route to a 10-3 record and a West Region Championship.

This marks the first year *Football Gazette* has selected NCAA Division II All-Region teams. The national publication has selected NCAA Division II All-America teams since 1988. The first-team and second-team All-Region selections advance to a national ballot from which the 2002 NCAA Division II *Football Gazette* All-America team will be selected in early January.

UC-D's Michael Oliva, a Harlon Hill National Finalist, made 66 catches for 1,091 yards and 11 touchdowns and became the Aggies' career leader in receiving yards and touchdowns in this his senior year.

A total of 81 players earned some form of *Football Gazette* All-West Region honors. Players from 19 of the 29 football-playing schools in the West Region earned All-West Region accolades.

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## First Team Offense

| <u>POS</u> | <u>NAME</u>            | <u>HT</u> | <u>WT</u> | <u>YR</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u>              | <u>HOMETOWN</u>      | <u>HIGH SCHOOL</u> |
|------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| QB         | Zak Hill               | 6-0       | 185       | JR        | Central Washington         | Battle Ground, Wash. | Prairie            |
| RB         | Mike Miller            | 5-10      | 190       | SO        | Nebraska-Kearney           | Littleton, Colo.     | Littleton          |
| RB         | Larry Williams         | 5-9       | 208       | JR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville       | San Antonio, Texas   | Brackenridge       |
| WR         | Michael Oliva          | 6-2       | 199       | SR        | UC-Davis                   | Tuolumne, Calif.     | Summerville        |
| WR         | Chris Brewer           | 6-4       | 185       | FR        | Fort Lewis                 | Denver, Colo.        | Denver South       |
| TE         | Adam Snel              | 6-2       | 245       | SR        | Western Washington         | Everett, Wash.       | Cascade            |
| C          | Rob Williams           | 6-3       | 280       | SR        | Central Washington         | Tacoma, Wash.        | Wilson             |
| OG         | Cody Beguin            | 6-4       | 280       | SR        | Chadron State              | Rushville, Neb.      | Rushville          |
| OG         | Micah Lomas            | 6-2       | 285       | SR        | Northeastern State (Okla.) | Broken Arrow, Okla.  | Broken Arrow       |
| OT         | Joaquin Paratore-McNab | 6-2       | 250       | SR        | Western Washington         | Davis, Calif.        | Davis              |
| OT         | Walter Wigfall         | 6-6       | 365       | SR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville       | Katy, Texas          | Katy               |
| AP         | Brian Sump             | 6-0       | 188       | SR        | Colorado Mines             | Denver, Colo.        | Thomas Jefferson   |
| PK         | Henrik Juul-Nielsen    | 6-4       | 225       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney           | Hvidovre, Denmark    | Trenton (Neb.)     |

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|------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| DL         | B.J. Brust         | 6-4       | 255       | SR        | UC-Davis             | San Jose, Calif.    | Bellarmino Prep    |
| DL         | Michael Cunningham | 6-3       | 290       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney     | Bakersfield, Calif. | Bakersfield        |
| DL         | Lance Gibson       | 6-5       | 247       | SR        | Central Washington   | Rupert, Idaho       | Minico             |
| DL         | Danny Nephew       | 6-1       | 255       | JR        | Central Oklahoma     | Willis, Texas       | Willis             |
| LB         | Kwame Ferguson     | 6-0       | 212       | JR        | East Central (Okla.) | Paris, Texas        | —                  |
| LB         | Aric Lopez         | 5-11      | 195       | SR        | Chadron State        | Gillette, Wyo.      | Campbell County    |
| LB         | Davylyn Nelson     | 6-0       | 218       | SR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville | Freeport, Texas     | Brazosport         |
| DB         | Ejiro Evero        | 6-0       | 195       | JR        | UC-Davis             | Alta Lomas, Calif.  | Alta Lomas         |
| DB         | Jeremy Jacobs      | 6-2       | 190       | SR        | Central Washington   | Lakewood, Wash.     | Lakes              |
| DB         | Ty Touchstone      | 5-11      | 180       | SO        | Eastern New Mexico   | Lubbock, Texas      | Monterey           |
| DB         | Brandon Young      | 6-0       | 208       | SR        | Tarleton State       | Athens, Texas       | Athens             |
| P          | Michael Koenen     | 5-10      | 180       | SO        | Western Washington   | Ferndale, Wash.     | Ferndale           |
| RS         | DaRay Sims         | 6-1       | 195       | JR        | Abilene Christian    | Corsicana, Texas    | Corsicana          |

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| QB         | Abel Gonzalez      | 5-10      | 180       | SR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville | Rio Grande City, Texas  | Rio Grande         |
| RB         | Gerome Castleberry | 5-11      | 215       | SR        | East Central (Okla.) | Winnsboro, Texas        | —                  |
| RB         | Matt Massari       | 5-8       | 183       | SO        | UC-Davis             | Grass Valley, Calif.    | Nevada Union       |
| WR         | Dee Dee Carter     | 6-2       | 186       | JR        | Central Oklahoma     | El Reno, Okla.          | El Reno            |
| WR         | Brian Potucek      | 6-0       | 185       | SO        | Central Washington   | Tacoma, Wash.           | Clover Park        |
| TE         | Brandon Whiteley   | 6-2       | 231       | JR        | Central Oklahoma     | Yukon, Okla.            | Yukon              |
| C          | Steve Vecchio      | 6-0       | 270       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney     | Fort Collins, Colo.     | Fort Collins       |
| OG         | Jose Martinez      | 6-2       | 345       | SR        | Eastern New Mexico   | Artesia, N.M.           | Artesia            |
| OG         | Kert Terner        | 6-4       | 298       | JR        | Tarleton State       | Hamshire-Fannett, Texas | Hamshire-Fannett   |
| OT         | Michael Gross      | 6-5       | 307       | SR        | UC-Davis             | Sunnyvale, Calif.       | St. Francis        |
| OT         | Max Lederhos       | 6-5       | 280       | SR        | Chadron State        | Parker, Colo.           | Ponderosa          |
| OT         | Evan Picton        | 6-3       | 291       | SO        | Central Washington   | Manson, Wash.           | Manson             |
| AP         | Mike Hinshaw       | 6-0       | 185       | JR        | Western Oregon       | Scappoose, Ore.         | Scappoose          |
| K          | J.W. Boren         | 5-9       | 185       | SR        | Tarleton State       | Stephenville, Texas     | Stephenville       |

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| DL         | Mike Clay       | 6-3       | 275       | SR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville | Houston, Texas          | Nimitz             |
| DL         | Casey Halderman | 6-2       | 250       | SO        | Chadron State        | Douglas, Wyo.           | Converse County    |
| DL         | Cory Hegwer     | 6-2       | 275       | SR        | Chadron State        | Colorado Springs, Colo. | Wasson             |
| DL         | Kevin Mohr      | 6-3       | 245       | SR        | Tarleton State       | Houston, Texas          | Cypress Creek      |
| DL         | Charles Stemler | 6-3       | 265       | SR        | Adams State          | Colorado Springs, Colo. | Widefield          |
| LB         | Chaun Thompson  | 6-2       | 228       | SR        | West Texas A&M       | Mt. Pleasant, Texas     | Mt. Pleasant       |
| LB         | Mike Cordes     | 6-2       | 230       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney     | York, Neb.              | York               |
| LB         | Bill Teerlinck  | 5-11      | 185       | SR        | Chadron State        | Detroit, Mich.          | St. Mary's Prep    |
| DB         | Charles Davis   | 6-0       | 185       | SR        | Tarleton State       | Waxahachie, Texas       | Waxahachie         |
| DB         | Nicholas Davis  | 5-10      | 170       | SR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville | Pompano Beach, Fla.     | Ely                |
| DB         | Marvin Jackson  | 6-0       | 180       | JR        | Chadron State        | Cheyenne, Wyo.          | East               |
| DB         | Nick Prior      | 5-9       | 195       | SR        | Adams State          | Mosca, Colo.            | Sangre de Cristo   |
| P          | Joe Smith       | 6-1       | 190       | JR        | Central Washington   | Enumclaw, Wash.         | Enumclaw           |
| RS         | Jonny Chan      | 6-0       | 180       | SO        | Colorado Mines       | Aurora, Colo.           | Rangeview          |

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| QB         | Andrew Webb    | 6-2       | 190       | JR        | Fort Lewis               | Boise, Idaho        | Capital            |
| RB         | Willie Johnson | 5-11      | 220       | SO        | Central Washington       | Sarasota, Fla.      | Booker             |
| RB         | Eric Polk      | 5-11      | 195       | SR        | Abilene Christian        | Baytown, Texas      | Sterling           |
| WR         | Romar Crenshaw | 6-0       | 185       | JR        | Southeastern Okla. State | Broken Bow, Okla.   | Broken Bow         |
| WR         | Richey Ross    | 6-4       | 205       | FR-RS     | Nebraska-Kearney         | Lincoln, Neb.       | Lincoln            |
| TE         | Joel Jacobs    | 6-5       | 245       | JR        | Nebraska-Kearney         | Mullen, Neb.        | Mullen             |
| C          | Kevin Palmer   | 6-3       | 250       | JR        | Texas A&M-Kingsville     | Pleasanton, Texas   | Pleasanton         |
| OG         | Chris Blair    | 6-3       | 280       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney         | Urbandale, Iowa     | Urbandale          |
| OG         | Matt Smith     | 6-2       | 295       | JR        | Adams State              | Meridian, Idaho     | Meridian           |
| OT         | John Donatto   | 6-3       | 340       | JR        | Midwestern State         | Houston, Texas      | Dulles             |
| OT         | Ben Needham    | 6-5       | 280       | SR        | Tarleton State           | Hico, Texas         | Hico               |
| AP         | Olan Coleman   | 5-9       | 165       | SR        | Tarleton State           | Waco, Texas         | Waco               |
| K          | Eben Nelson    | 5-10      | 175       | SO        | Abilene Christian        | Stephenville, Texas | Stephenville       |

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| DL         | Barrett Allen   | 6-3       | 290       | SR        | Abilene Christian        | Sweeney, Texas      | Sweeney            |
| DL         | Bryan Eakin     | 6-3       | 240       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney         | Bakersfield, Calif. | Bakersfield        |
| DL         | Reggie Johnson  | 5-11      | 285       | SO        | Southeastern Okla. State | Dallas, Texas       | South Oak Cliff    |
| DL         | John Quinn      | 6-0       | 220       | SO        | Adams State              | Aurora, Colo.       | Overland           |
| LB         | Darryl Gallegos | 5-10      | 185       | FR        | Fort Lewis               | Littleton, Colo.    | Chatfield          |
| LB         | Dave Morrill    | 6-3       | 255       | SR        | Western Oregon           | Warren, Ore.        | Scapposse          |
| LB         | Bashiri Turner  | 6-1       | 210       | JR        | Southeastern Okla. State | Denison, Texas      | Denison            |
| DB         | Anthony Dalton  | 5-9       | 190       | SR        | Western Washington       | Olympia, Wash.      | River Ridge        |
| DB         | John English    | 5-11      | 165       | SR        | Nebraska-Kearney         | Aurora, Neb.        | Aurora             |
| DB         | Sean Haines     | 6-2       | 185       | JR        | Nebraska-Kearney         | Fort Collins, Colo. | Rocky Mountain     |
| DB         | Grant Newton    | 6-2       | 203       | SO        | Colorado Mines           | Castle Rock, Colo.  | Douglas County     |
| P          | Jeff Williams   | 6-4       | 205       | FR-RS     | Adams State              | Mead, Colo.         | Skyline            |
| RS         | Tracon Adler    | 5-11      | 165       | SR        | Adams State              | Longmont, Colo.     | Skyline            |
| RS         | Dexter Daniels  | 5-9       | 170       | SR        | Southeastern Okla. State | Lonview, Texas      | Longview           |