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## NCAA Division II

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### All-Midwest Region Team

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## St. Cloud's Heckendorf, North Dakota's Anderson Headline 2003 *Football Gazette* All-Midwest Region Team

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Harlon Hill Trophy finalist quarterback Keith Heckendorf from St. Cloud State University and linebacker Digger Anderson from Midwest Region champion University of North Dakota highlight a talented 2003 All-Midwest Region Team selected by *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*.

This marks the second 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 2003 NCAA Division II *Football Gazette* All-America team will be selected later this month.

Heckendorf, a senior from Mosinee, Wis., passed for 2,905 yards and 30 touchdowns in leading St. Cloud State to a 7-4 overall record. Heckendorf, who finished third in the 2002 Harlon Hill Trophy balloting, is one of three finalists for the 2003 Harlon Hill Trophy, whose winner will be announced tonight (Dec. 12) at Florence, Ala. Heckendorf was a first-team All-North Central Conference selection for a second straight year.

Anderson, a sophomore from Coon Rapids, Minn., has recorded 108 tackles (86 solo) with 10 tackles-for-loss and 2.0 quarterback sacks in leading the North Dakota to its second Division II National Championship Game appearance in three years. The Fighting Sioux (12-1) will meet defending NCAA-II champion Grand Valley State (13-1) for the national championship Saturday (Dec. 13) at Braly Field in Florence, Ala. Anderson was a first-team All-NCC selection and was tabbed the NCC Most Valuable Linebacker.

A total of 81 players earned some form of *Football Gazette* All-Midwest Region honors. Players from 24 of the 28 football-playing schools in the Midwest Region earned All-Midwest Region accolades.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** please contact *Football Gazette* Midwest Region Chair Dan Wilkes, Sports Information Director at Pittsburg State University, at 620-235-4147 ([dwilkes@pittstate.edu](mailto:dwilkes@pittstate.edu)). The *Football Gazette* website is located at <http://www.donhansen.com>. The 2003 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* All-Region Teams and the 2003 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* All-America Team also will be available at <http://www.pittstate.edu/athletics/footballgazette>.

## 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         | Keith Heckendorf ^  | 6-0       | 205       | SR        | St. Cloud State   | Mosinee, Wis.        | Mosinee            |
| RB         | Justin Kamrad       | 6-0       | 205       | SR        | Nebraska-Omaha    | Council Bluffs, Iowa | Thomas Jefferson   |
| RB         | Tyler Paul *        | 5-10      | 200       | SR        | Emporia State     | Enterprise, Kan.     | Chapman            |
| WR         | Ryan Krause         | 6-3       | 225       | SR        | Nebraska-Omaha    | Omaha, Neb.          | Millard South      |
| WR         | Chris Samp ^        | 6-3       | 215       | SR        | Winona State      | Green Bay, Wis.      | Preble             |
| TE         | Cole Drussa         | 6-2       | 230       | JR        | Missouri-Rolla    | Springfield, Mo.     | Glendale           |
| C          | Andy Bandstra       | 6-1       | 265       | SR        | Emporia State     | Belton, Mo.          | Belton             |
| OG         | Tyronne Armstrong # | 6-4       | 318       | SR        | Pittsburg State   | Chetopa, Kan.        | Chetopa            |
| OG         | Bryan Stoffel       | 6-2       | 296       | SR        | Bemidji State     | St. Paul, Minn.      | Humboldt           |
| OT         | Darryl Grace        | 6-2       | 277       | JR        | Central Mo. State | Captain Hook, Hawaii | Konawaena          |
| OT         | Ben Olson           | 6-7       | 320       | SR        | North Dakota      | Windom, Minn.        | Windom             |
| AP         | Kevin Curtin ^      | 5-8       | 185       | SR        | Winona State      | Midlothian, Ill.     | Bremen             |
| PK         | Jeff Glas           | 5-11      | 183       | JR        | North Dakota      | Grand Forks, N.D.    | Red River          |

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|------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| DG/DT      | Ty Breitlow          | 6-3       | 255       | SR        | Winona State       | Wauwatosa, Wis.     | West               |
| DG/DT      | Aaron McConnell ^    | 6-3       | 294       | SR        | Pittsburg State    | Midwest City, Okla. | Midwest City       |
| DE         | Eric McDowell        | 6-1       | 229       | SR        | Missouri Western   | Savannah, Mo.       | Savannah           |
| DE         | Russ Rabe            | 6-3       | 235       | JR        | Minnesota Duluth   | Lake Holcombe, Wis. | Lake Holcombe      |
| LB         | Digger Anderson      | 6-0       | 222       | SO        | North Dakota       | Coon Rapids, Minn.  | Coon Rapids        |
| LB         | Taiwo Onatolu        | 6-1       | 215       | SO        | Nebraska-Omaha     | Omaha, Neb.         | Papillion-LaVista  |
| LB         | Deric Sieck ^        | 6-3       | 235       | SR        | Winona State       | Fayette, Iowa       | Fayette            |
| CB         | Steven Koehler ^     | 6-1       | 190       | SR        | Winona State       | Cresco, Iowa        | Crestwood          |
| CB         | Brandon Pinderhughes | 5-11      | 195       | SR        | Nebraska-Omaha     | St. Paul Minn.      | Central            |
| S          | Scott Connot         | 6-2       | 210       | SR        | South Dakota State | Spencer, Neb.       | Spencer-Naper      |
| S          | Pierre Thomas        | 5-11      | 175       | SR        | Missouri Western   | Lee's Summit, Mo.   | Lee's Summit North |
| P          | John Bonicelli       | 6-3       | 207       | SR        | North Dakota State | Dickinson, N.D.     | Dickinson          |
| RS         | Joseph Mapson *      | 5-10      | 175       | SR        | Concordia-St. Paul | Champaign, Ill.     | Centennial         |

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|------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| QB         | Neal Philpot     | 6-4       | 237       | JR        | Pittsburg State    | Norton, Kan.        | Norton Community   |
| RB         | Ronnie Cruz      | 6-1       | 235       | SR        | Northern State     | Kelseyville, Calif. | Clear Lake         |
| RB         | Chris Washington | 5-9       | 195       | SR        | Concordia-St. Paul | Minneapolis, Minn.  | North              |
| WR         | Tim Battaglia *  | 6-3       | 205       | SR        | Minnesota Duluth   | Cloquet, Minn.      | Cloquet            |
| WR         | Joseph Mapson    | 5-10      | 175       | SR        | Concordia-St. Paul | Champaign, Ill.     | Centennial         |
| TE         | Mike Wieser      | 6-4       | 228       | SR        | North Dakota State | LaCrescent, Minn.   | LaCrescent         |
| C          | Adam Fechhelm    | 6-1       | 275       | JR        | Minnesota Duluth   | Wausau, Wis.        | West               |
| OG         | Dan Soldner      | 6-5       | 300       | SR        | Minnesota Duluth   | Cold Spring, Minn.  | Rocori             |
| OG         | Nick Sundsmo     | 6-5       | 310       | JR        | Concordia-St. Paul | St. Paul, Minn.     | Highland Park      |
| OT         | David Blaskowski | 6-2       | 295       | SR        | Winona State       | Ringle, Wis.        | D.C. Everest       |
| OT         | Casey Knutson    | 6-4       | 290       | SR        | Northern State     | Shakopee, Minn.     | Shakopee           |
| AP         | Kegan Coleman %  | 5-8       | 195       | JR        | Central Mo. State  | Lee's Summit, Mo.   | Lee's Summit North |
| PK         | Steve Opgenorth  | 5-10      | 200       | SR        | Winona State       | Green Bay, Wis.     | Southwest          |

^ repeat selection from 2002 all-region first-team

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|------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| DG/DT      | Jeff Momerak     | 6-2       | 249       | SR        | North Dakota            | Edinburg, N.D.          | Edinburg                     |
| DG/DT      | Mark Stephen     | 6-3       | 288       | SR        | Pittsburg State         | Wichita, Kan.           | Bishop Carroll               |
| DE         | Roderick Green % | 6-3       | 243       | SR        | Central Mo. State       | Brenham, Texas          | Brenham                      |
| DE         | Joe Peters *     | 6-5       | 260       | SR        | Concordia-St. Paul      | Kimball, Minn.          | Rocori                       |
| LB         | Brian Doyle      | 6-0       | 230       | JR        | Concordia-St. Paul      | Cottage Grove, Minn.    | Park                         |
| LB         | Adam Stroik      | 5-11      | 190       | JR        | Minnesota State-Mankato | Marshfield, Wis.        | Marshfield                   |
| LB         | Tameem Yehyaw    | 6-1       | 229       | SR        | Truman                  | Keokuk, Iowa            | Keokuk                       |
| CB         | Jordan Malone    | 5-11      | 179       | JR        | Minnesota State-Mankato | Racine, Wis.            | J.I. Case                    |
| CB         | John McPherson   | 5-8       | 192       | JR        | Central Mo. State       | Kansas City, Mo.        | Schlagle                     |
| S          | Brad Johnson     | 6-0       | 197       | SR        | Emporia State           | Minneapolis, Kan.       | Minneapolis                  |
| S          | Jared Ziemke %   | 6-4       | 238       | SR        | Minnesota State-Mankato | Janesville, Minn.       | Waterville-Elysian-Morritown |
| P          | Jarroed Edelen * | 6-0       | 213       | SR        | South Dakota            | Vermillion, S.D.        | Vermillion                   |
| RS         | Travis Lueck     | 6-4       | 207       | SR        | North Dakota            | East Grand Forks, Minn. | East Grand Forks             |

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| QB         | James McNear       | 6-3       | 175       | SO        | Concordia-St. Paul       | Des Moines, Iowa      | Roosevelt                    |
| RB         | Rod Malone         | 6-1       | 211       | SR        | North Dakota State       | St. Paul, Minn.       | De La Salle                  |
| RB         | Germaine Race      | 5-11      | 203       | FR        | Pittsburg State          | Warrensburg, Mo.      | Warrensburg                  |
| WR         | Jamaica Rector @   | 5-10      | 182       | JR        | Northwest Mo. State      | Celeste, Texas        | Celeste                      |
| WR         | Willis Stattelmann | 6-3       | 222       | SR        | North Dakota             | Clinton, Minn.        | Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley |
| TE         | Alan Hartung       | 6-1       | 230       | SR        | Winona State             | Menomonie, Wis.       | Menomonie                    |
| C          | Andrew Kaczor      | 6-3       | 305       | SR        | St. Cloud State          | St. Cloud, Minn.      | Tech                         |
| OG         | Cory Becker        | 6-3       | 298       | SR        | Minnesota State Moorhead | New York Mills, Minn. | New York Mills               |
| OG         | Aubrin Rhem        | 6-2       | 300       | JR        | Southwest Baptist        | Patterson, Ga.        | Pierce County                |
| OG         | Chad Weeks         | 6-3       | 323       | SO        | Pittsburg State          | Claremore, Okla.      | Oolagah                      |
| OT         | Nathan Baker       | 6-4       | 313       | JR        | Pittsburg State          | Parsons, Kan.         | Parsons                      |
| OT         | Kenneth Eboh       | 6-3       | 290       | SR        | Northwest Mo. State      | Des Moines, Iowa      | Roosevelt                    |
| OT         | Ben Studer         | 6-6       | 310       | SR        | South Dakota State       | Wesley, Iowa          | Algona Garrigan              |
| AP         | Luon Spearman      | 5-8       | 205       | SR        | Minnesota-Crookston      | Fort Wayne, Ind.      | South Side                   |
| PK         | Justin Gray        | 5-8       | 185       | JR        | Emporia State            | Liberal, Kan.         | Liberal                      |

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| DG/DT      | Thomas Cole      | 6-7       | 270       | SR        | Minnesota Duluth    | Chicago, Ill.            | Walker                  |
| DG/DT      | Ben Jacobson     | 5-11      | 295       | SR        | Bemidji State       | Walker, Minn.            | O'Gorman                |
| DE         | Austin Flyger    | 6-1       | 247       | SR        | Augustana           | Sioux Falls, S.D.        | Batesville              |
| DE         | Travis Ware      | 5-11      | 256       | JR        | North Dakota State  | Batesville, Miss.        | Batesville              |
| LB         | Jason Carson *   | 5-10      | 205       | SR        | Northern State      | Hacienda Heights, Calif. | Glen A. Wilson          |
| LB         | Mark Henderson   | 5-10      | 235       | SO        | St. Cloud State     | Madison, Wis.            | LaFollette              |
| LB         | Jason Vanloo     | 6-3       | 249       | JR        | Central Mo. State   | Jefferson City, Mo.      | Helias                  |
| CB         | Darryl Ridley %  | 5-9       | 180       | SR        | Northwest Mo. State | Omaha, Neb.              | Bryan                   |
| CB         | Jay Schreiber    | 5-8       | 180       | SO        | Minnesota-Crookston | Glyndon, Minn.           | Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton |
| S          | Marty Humeniuk   | 5-10      | 244       | SR        | Bemidji State       | Baudette, Minn.          | Lake of the Woods       |
| S          | Nick Jaeger #    | 6-1       | 210       | SR        | Winona State        | Lake Geneva, Wis.        | Badger                  |
| S          | Terek Wilson     | 6-0       | 192       | SR        | Pittsburg State     | Liberal, Kan.            | Liberal                 |
| P          | Scott Dirkes     | 6-2       | 210       | JR        | St. Cloud State     | Albany, Minn.            | Albanye                 |
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