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UNO's Behrns Named Coach of the Year

Four-Time Selection Stefan Logan Highlights All-NCC Football Team

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Four-year selection Stefan Logan of South Dakota is joined by six other repeat selections on the 31-member All-North Central Conference Football Team selected by the league's coaches and announced today by the conference office. Nebraska-Omaha's Pat Behrns was honored as Coach of the Year by his peers.

Logan becomes only the third player in NCC history to be named to the team all four years of his career and his has been named to the team five times, four times as a running back and as a return specialist in 2005. The only two other players to achieve the feat are Richard Ryan of North Dakota (1951-54) and Vance Lechman of North Colorado (1986-89).

Three-time selections on the team are Nebraska-Omaha teammates Zac Herold (2004, 2005, 2006) and Kenny Onotulo (2003, 2005, 2006) while repeat selections from the 2005 team are Kyle Kasperbauer (UNO), Jordan Davis (USD) and Weston Dressler (UND, as return specialist). Augustana's Craig Bosch is repeating from the 2005 team.

Behrns, in his 13th year as the UNO head coach, guided the Mavericks to a 8-2 overall record and a piece of the NCC crown with a 7-1 mark. Nebraska-Omaha was selected to the NCAA playoffs for the sixth time in his career and received a first-round bye. UNO is scheduled to host North Dakota in the second round of the NCAA competition Saturday.

Offensive awards went to Ben Hochstein of Nebraska-Omaha as the Most Valuable Offensive Linemen, Stefan Logan of South Dakota as the Most Valuable Offensive Back and North Dakota's Weston Dressler as the Most Valuable Receiver.

Defensive awards were: Adam Wolff of North Dakota as the Most Valuable Defensive Lineman, Steve Brennan of North Dakota as the Most Valuable Linebacker and Jordan Davis of South Dakota as the Most Valuable Defensive Back.

Nebraska-Omaha and North Dakota lead the way with nine honorees on the first team followed by South Dakota with five selections.

There are 21 seniors, five juniors and three sophomores and two freshman on the first-team squad. The defensive side was senior dominated with 13 of the 14 spots occupied by seniors.

2006-2007 All-North Central Conference Football Team

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Team	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Line	Mitch Braegelmann	North Dakota	So.	6-1	273	St. Cloud, Minn.
Line	Ben Hochstein	Nebraska-Omaha	Jr.	6-4	286	Hartington, Neb.
Line	Randall Jantzen	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	6-6	310	Plymouth, Neb.
Line	Mark Knudsen	Minnesota Duluth	Sr.	6-3	295	Muskego, Wis.
Line	Chris Morton	South Dakota	Jr.	6-5	290	Norfolk, Neb.
Tight End	^Zac Herold	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	6-6	269	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Quarterback	Zach Miller	Nebraska-Omaha	Jr.	6-4	216	Wahoo, Neb.
Wide Receiver	Greg Aker	Minnesota Duluth	Sr.	5-11	195	Superior, Wis.
Wide Receiver	Weston Dressler	North Dakota	Jr.	5-8	164	Bismarck, N.D.
Wide Receiver	Johnny Spevak	Central Washington	Fr.	6-2	190	Edgewood, Wash.
Running Back	Ryan Chappell	North Dakota	Fr.	5-11	193	Grand Forks, N.D.
Running Back	*Kyle Kasperbauer	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	5-8	180	St. Paul, Neb.
Running Back	&Stefan Logan	South Dakota	Sr.	5-8	185	Miami, Fla.

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: Ben Hochstein, Nebraska-Omaha

Most Valuable Offensive Back: Stefan Logan, South Dakota

Most Valuable Receiver: Weston Dressler, North Dakota

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FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Line	John Barker	South Dakota	Sr.	6-2	280	Sioux City, Iowa
Line	@Craig Bosch	Augustana	Sr.	6-1	290	Luverne, Minn.
Line	Jared Enger	North Dakota	Sr.	6-1	273	St. Paul, Minn.
Line	Adam Wolff	North Dakota	Sr.	6-2	268	Dell Rapids, S.D.
Def. Back	*Jordan Davis	South Dakota	Sr.	5-11	187	San Antonio, Texas
Def. Back	Jason Hoffschneider	North Dakota	Sr.	5-11	202	Denver, Colo.
Def. Back	Chris Reid	South Dakota	Sr.	6-0	200	Hills, Minn.
Def. Back	Reed Taylor	Nebraska-Omaha	So.	5-11	190	Oshkosh, Wis.
ILB	Bobby Danenhauer	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	6-3	230	Omaha, Neb.
ILB	Simon Iniguez	Central Washington	Sr.	5-9	210	Spanaway, Wash.
ILB	Dan Ullsperger	North Dakota	Sr.	6-3	237	Menomonee Falls, Wis.
ILB	Antwain Woods	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	6-0	260	Omaha, Neb.
OLB	Steve Brennan	North Dakota	Sr.	6-2	267	West Fargo, N.D.
OLB	#Kenny Onatolu	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	6-1	218	Papillion, Neb.

Most Valuable Defensive Linemen: Adam Wolff, North Dakota

Most Valuable Linebacker: Steve Brennan, North Dakota

Most Valuable Defensive Back: Jordan Davis, South Dakota

FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

Kicker	Jon Gutierrez	St. Cloud State	So.	5-10	200	Beloit, Wis.
Punter	Coby Sadler	Central Washington	Sr.	5-11	174	Ellensburg, Wash.
Returns	^Weston Dressler	North Dakota	Jr.	5-8	164	Bismarck, N.D.
Utility	Chris Pomerleau	Augustana	Sr.	6-2	200	Council Bluffs, Iowa

Key - *-Two-time first-team selection (2005, 2006), @-Two-time selection (2004, 2006), ^-Three-time selection (2004, 2005, 2006), #-Three-time selection (2003, 2005, 2006), &-Four-time selection (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Line	Russell Foster	Minnesota Duluth	Jr.	6-5	305	San Diego, Calif.
Line	Tim Schneider	South Dakota	Jr.	6-7	286	Adams, Minn.
Line	Brandon Torrey	Western Washington	Sr.	6-2	290	Graham, Wash.
Line	Brian Troen	North Dakota	So.	6-3	281	Racine, Wis.
Line	Nick Walters	South Dakota	Jr.	6-5	290	Parkersburg, Iowa
Tight End	Anders Johnson	St. Cloud State	Sr.	6-4	255	St. Cloud, Minn.
Wide Receiver	Bryan Alberty	Minnesota State	Sr.	5-8	165	Riviera Beach, Fla.
Wide Receiver	Bryan Dalton	Minnesota State	Jr.	5-11	200	Tampa, Fla.
Wide Receiver	Tommy Ellingworth	Augustana	Jr.	5-10	185	Redwood Falls, Minn.
Quarterback	Mike Reilly	Central Washington	So.	6-3	212	Kalispell, Mont.
Running Back	Tyler Evans	South Dakota	Sr.	6-1	235	Stewart, Minn.
Running Back	Craig Garner	Western Washington	Fr.	5-6	165	Tacoma, Wash.
Running Back	Calvin McCarty	Western Washington	Jr.	5-10	220	Surrey, British Columbia

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Line	Tarvis Banks	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	6-2	280	Lincoln, Neb.
Line	Ryan Conwell	Western Washington	Jr.	6-5	230	Kent, Wash.
Line	Jordan Kroll	St. Cloud State	Sr.	6-3	270	Mukwonago, Wis.
Line	Joe Niehaus	St. Cloud State	Sr.	6-2	290	Osakis, Minn.
Def. Back	Donovan Alexander	North Dakota	Jr.	6-0	181	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Def. Back	Allen King	Minnesota State	Sr.	6-0	185	San Diego, Calif.
Def. Back	Randy Kush	Nebraska-Omaha	Jr.	5-10	185	Gretna, Neb.
Def. Back	Tyler Yelk	Minnesota Duluth	So.	6-0	195	Arlington, Wis.
ILB	Blake Hojer	South Dakota	So.	6-2	240	Lake Preston, S.D.
ILB	Nick Ovenden	Augustana	Sr.	6-0	220	Sioux Falls, S.D.
ILB	Shane Simmons	Western Washington	Jr.	6-2	220	Kent, Wash.
OLB	Justiss Scales	South Dakota	Jr.	6-3	218	Columbus, Ohio
OLB	Zachariah Babbington-Johnson	North Dakota	Sr.	6-2	207	Minneapolis, Minn.

SECOND TEAM SPECIALIST

Kicker	Brandon Hellevang	North Dakota	Fr.	5-9	189	Fargo, N.D.
Punter	Brent Halfmann	North Dakota	Jr.	6-4	225	Stephen, Minn.

Honorable Mention: **Augustana:** WR Ryan Rothenberger, QB Tommy Flyger, DB Dustin Rice; **Minnesota Duluth** WR Tony Doherty, K Britt Baumann, DB Tim Garceau, ILB Nate Fears; **Minnesota State:** OL Zach Verdin, QB Ben King, DL Telema Bobmanuel, DL Randy Earl, DB Nick Wilson; **Nebraska-Omaha:** OL Jake Krause, WR Troy Kush, P Don Grafton; **North Dakota:** OL Taylor Murray, WR Brady Trenbeath, QB Reed Manke, DB Tom DeSautel; **St. Cloud State:** OL Matt Plautz, WR Zach Stover, DL Ryan Kees; DB Mitchell Denne, DB Philip Hedlof, DB Tate Wheeler; **South Dakota:** TE Desmond Allison, QB Noah Shepard, P Lucas Mikkelsen; **Western Washington:** QB Robby Smith, DL Junior Aumavae; DB Todd McClellan.

**First Team
By School**

Augustana (2) - Bosch, Pomerleau
Central Washington (3) - Spevak, Iniguez, Sadler
Minnesota Duluth (2) - Knudsen, Aker
Nebraska-Omaha (9) - Hochstein, Jantzen, Herold, Miller, Kasperbauer, Taylor, Danenhauer, Woods, Omatolu
North Dakota (9) - Braegelmann, Dressler (twice), Chappell, Enger, Wolff, Hoffschneider, Ullsperger, Brennan
St. Cloud St. (1) - Gutierrez
South Dakota (5) - Morton, Logan, Barker, Davis, Reed

**First Team
By Class**

Senior - 21
Junior - 5
Sophomore - 3
Freshman - 2

**Coach
of the Year**

Pat Behrns
 Nebraska-Omaha