

10 FINALISTS NAMED FOR 2011 FRED MITCHELL AWARD

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December 5, 2011 – Ten finalists have been named for the 2011 Fred Mitchell Award, which is provided to the Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III, NAIA or NJCAA place-kicker that excels on the football field and in the community. The place-kicker chosen for this Award will be announced by December 15, and he will be honored on February 20, 2012 at the National Football Foundation Chicago Chapter Awards Ceremony at Halas Hall. Details about the Award and the Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee are provided at www.fredmitchellaward.com.

There were 44 place-kickers nominated for this Award. The breakdown of the 10 finalists is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 4 FCS, 1 Division II, 5 Division III, 1 NAIA, 0 NJCAA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 7 different states
- Year – 5 Seniors, 4 Juniors, 1 Sophomore, 0 Freshmen
- Included on the Preseason Watch List for the 2011 Fred Mitchell Award - 7

In alphabetical order, the finalists for the 2011 Fred Mitchell Award are listed below.

GREGG BERKSHIRE

Ashland University (Ohio) – Division II

Senior from Ashland, OH...leads the team in scoring with 85 points from 16 of 28 FG's and 37 of 38 PAT's...owns school kicking records for career PAT's (155), FG's (56) and points (323)...led the Conference in kick scoring, FG's per game and 2nd in PAT %...All-GLIAC Second Team Place-Kicker...GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week six times in his career including after making the game-winning FG as time expired to beat Wayne State 20-17 on October 15...d2football.com National Special Teams Player of the Week two times in his career including after October 15 win over Wayne State...GLIAC career leader in FG's...was kicker on summer 2011 United States team that won the Gold Medal at the International Federation of American Football Senior World Championship... filmed a television spot for Ashland County United Way to promote the United Drive program to collect canned goods from local residents...volunteered for United Drive collection campaign...spoke to Ashland Middle School students about the importance of goal setting and he also read them books...guest speaker at several Sunday School classes at local church...involved in community drive to upgrade Ashland City Schools where he distributed literature, posted signs in the community and sent letters to support the initiative...joined teammates at campus bookstore to read stories to area children

ZACH BROWN

Portland State University (Oregon) – FCS

Junior from Keizer, OR...led the Vikings in scoring with 101 points from 24 of 27 FG's, 27 of 29 PAT's and one 2-point conversion rush...led the Big Sky Conference in FG % and only FG misses were from 46+ yards...led FCS in FG's made per game...holds school record for most career FG's with 60 and with one season yet to play...set school record for most FG's in a season...All-Big Sky Conference First Team...set school record with 16 consecutive FG's made dating to last season before missing a 53-yard FG...has made 6 of the school's 10 all-time FG's over 50 yards including 53-yard FG against Montana on October 15...tied career record with 44 consecutive PAT's made...scored 10 points in 38-36 loss against then-#3 Montana State on October 8...scored 13 points in 43-26 win over defending National Champions Eastern Washington on October 29...averaged 61 yards on 70 kickoffs...volunteer at McLaren Juvenile Detention Center...participated in Male Involvement Night at River Road Head Start which is a child development program for low-income and special needs children...participated in the Walk to D'Feet ALS in memory of longtime school booster Elinore Nudelman

ALLEN CAIN

Texas Lutheran University – Division III

Junior from San Antonio, TX...led the team the team in scoring with 83 points from 17 of 21 FG's and 32 of 32 PAT's...led Division III in FG's made...set American Southwest Conference and school records for FG's in a season...made 53-yard FG to tie school record...five-time ASC Special Teams Player of the Week in 2011...three-time D3football.com Team of the Week selection in 2011...tied for 4th in Division III kick scoring with 83 points...averaged 64 yards on 58 kickoffs...involved in campus community and Seguin community as math grader, resident hall assistant, Student Government Senator, Team Captain, Provost's List, FCA Member, SAAC football team representative...Seguin Youth Services math tutor...youth football coach

JACOB GAHART

Ripon College (Wisconsin) – Division III

Junior from Elkhorn, WI... led the Red Hawks in scoring with 77 points from 15 of 16 FG's, 30 of 33 PAT's and one 2-point conversion...his 15 FG's breaks the single season school record...his 31 career FG's breaks the school record of 25, with one year left of eligibility...converted a school-record 54-yard FG in season finale against Lawrence on November 5, breaking the previous mark by seven yards...54-yard FG ranks second in Midwest Conference history... converted all three of his field goals against Lawrence on November 5, tying the school record for most FG's in a single game...scored a season-high 14 points against Lawrence on November 5...five-time Midwest Conference Special Teams Performer of the Week this season out of 10 possible weeks...named All-Conference for the third consecutive season and All-Conference First Team for the second straight year...15 FG's this season led the MWC and is nearly double the second-highest total (8)...ranks 7th in school history for career points (215), making him the only kicker to rank in the top 10...has made 11 consecutive FG's...11-for-11 on FG's less than 42 yards this season...scored 38 points in October from 8 of 8 FG's, 12 of 13 PAT's and one 2-point conversion... made his second 45-yard FG of the season against St. Norbert on October 29 which is his 3rd longest FG and 7th longest in school history...averaged 53 yards on 60 kickoffs...has one reception for 9 yards this season...career development department volunteer at Ripon College...mentor to students at Ripon Middle School...assisted with research to establish an improved test for freshmen during Summer orientation

BRAD GREENWAY

Cornell University (New York) - FCS

Senior from Encinitas, CA...led team in scoring with 75 points from 13 of 15 FG's and 36 of 36 PAT's....Team Captain....All-Ivy League First Team....first player in school history to lead the team in scoring four straight seasons....led Conference in scoring....set school's career kick scoring record (189 points), season scoring (75 points), career FG's (34) and career PAT's (87)....two-time Ivy League Special Teams Player of the Week....set school record with 14 kicking points in a game against Columbia....gathered school supplies, cleats and jerseys to bring to children in Ghana as part of community service initiative...visited an Agent Orange community in Vietnam that has disabled children whose parents were impacted during the Vietnam War where he visited several schools to play with children...reads to elementary school students as a volunteer in a local program...volunteer coach in the Challenger Soccer Camps for special needs children...volunteers at Ithaca's Salvation Army by helping organize clothes and goods throughout the store...Boys and Girls Club of San Diego volunteer

BILLY JANSEN

Drake University (Iowa) – FCS

Senior from Round Lake Beach, IL....led the Bulldogs in scoring with 70 points from 12 of 16 FG's and 34 of 37 PAT'sscored 15 points in 41-26 win over Morehead State on October 8....scored 9 points in 27-23 win over Missouri S&T on September 17....tied for 2nd in PFL in FG's made and 6th in PFL scoring....69 of 72 in career PAT's....averaged 55 yards on 33 kickoffs....instrumental leader on the team's May 2011 trip to Tanzania, Africa to perform service projects and climb Mt. Kilimanjaro as extensions of the Bulldogs' Global Kilimanjaro Bowl game...helped build an addition on a school and make significant repairs to orphanages and schools in Moshi and Arusha...helped organize his teammates for their participation in the program's annual Youth Day where area school children are invited to come to Drake Stadium for an afternoon of football-related fun and games...volunteers with the football team at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Des Moines....visited youth at the Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines....packed meals for "Meals from the Heartland"

JOSH KAY

Linfield College (Oregon) – Division III

Junior from Salem, OR....led the team in scoring with 93 points from 14 of 17 FG's and 51 of 52 PAT's....First Team Northwest Conference All-Star...ranks 2nd in school history with 14 FG's in a season....longest FG of the season was 49 yards...4 of 5 FG's from 40+ yards...ranks 3rd on Linfield's single-season list for FG % (82.4%)...made all 10 PATs in 73-7 win over Puget Sound on October 8...made all 4 FG's in 47-14 win over Lewis & Clark on November 12...made the first 35 PAT's without a miss this season before suffering his first miscue...ranks 5th in school history for PATs made in one season...two-time NWC Special Teams Player of the Week....averaged 62 yards on 30 kickoffs... football camp volunteer for the "See Ya Later" Foundation...works with the Foundation's director on developing and managing a Kids Golf Camp for the spring of 2012 with the goal of reaching 150 local youth ...competes in golf at Linfield where he helped the school capture the 2011 Northwest Conference championship...competed at the 2011 NCAA Division III Championships

TOM LYNCH

Saint Xavier University (Illinois) - NAIA

Senior from Frankfort, IL....2nd in the nation among all place-kickers at all levels in scoring this season (NCAA, NAIA, NCJAA) trailing only Quinn Sharp from Oklahoma State with 120 points....leads the #5 ranked Cougars with 117 points from 17 of 23 FG's and 66 of 70 PAT's....had career-long and tied school record with a 55-yard FG in playoff win over #13 Bethel on November 19....scored 64 points during October from 10 of 13 FG's and 34 of 35 PAT's....set NAIA single-game record with 21 points in 75-33 win over Taylor University on October 22....scored 18 points in 42-31 win over St. Francis on October 1....set school record for career points on October 22 with 322 points surpassing previous record of 317 points....named NAIA National Special Teams Player of the Week on both October 3 and October 24....honored by Beyond Sports Network as a NAIA National Special Teams Player of the Week for the weeks of October 3 and October 24....set NAIA record for career PAT's (225 currently) on October 29 with 6 PAT's in 63-3 win over Concordia (Michigan)...averaged 57 yards on 68 kickoffs....participated in the school's annual Service Day where students do community service projects....volunteers at Misericordia in Chicago which is a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities....Vice President of school's Criminal Justice Club....South Bridge Community Church summer day camp volunteer and provides complimentary maintenance....place-kicker tutor to kicker at his high school alma mater and other high schools....volunteers at Kids Enjoy Exercise Now to support a not-for-profit volunteer-led organization that provides one-on-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with mental and physical disabilities

SCOTT ROCHE

Wheaton College (Illinois) – Division III

Senior from Evergreen, CO...led the team in scoring with 74 points from 13 of 16 FG's and 35 of 42 PAT's....scored 13 points in 49-21 win over Elmhurst College on October 8....First Team All-Conference...averaged 60 yards on 70 kickoffs....works with area youths as a leader in the Young Life program at a nearby high school for three nights each week....volunteered for Feed My Starving Children by packaging approximately 1,000 meals for those in need....actively participates in the football program's ministry project each year during Spring Break, most recently in Senegal to help missionaries with work projects and building churches, playgrounds, lodging and other necessities....in his 4th year as a leader of a small group of football players as a part of ministry

TYLER SIEVERTSEN

University of Northern Iowa – FCS

Sophomore from Cedar Rapids, IA....led the team in scoring with 85 points from 17 of 18 FG's and 34 of 34 PAT's....leads Conference kickers in scoring...ranks 2nd in FCS in FG% among kickers with 12+ attempts and ranks 16th in FG's made...made 8 FG's from 40+ yards...made season-long 48-yard FG's three times....has made 40 straight kicks including FG's and PAT's....made 40-yard game-tying FG with 5 seconds left to force OT and made 36-yard FG in double OT to beat Illinois State on November 19....scored 10+ points against three ranked opponents including Illinois State (11 points), Indiana State (11 points) and Stephen F. Austin (10 points)....has participated in the Just Read program that connects school student-athletes with elementary school students....Special Olympics volunteer...Kickers in the Midwest mentor...high school football camp volunteer....Salvation Army bell ringer