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## South of the Border

The 21 seniors on this year's AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team earned invitations to play on the AFCA's Division III all-star team that met a team of Mexican college all-stars in the Aztec Bowl on December 17 in Toluca.

Eighteen of those players will be on the field in Saturday's game.

## Team Background

The AFCA has selected an All-America team every year since 1945.

The four teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945.

From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams, University Division and College Division, were selected.

In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams — Division I-A and Division I-AA.

In 1996 the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III respectively.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and place-kicker were added to the team. In 1997 a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team.

## The Award

Members of the AFCA Coaches' All-America Team receive a plaque commemorating their selection to the team.

## LINFIELD'S BRETT ELLIOTT AND NORTH CENTRAL'S LENNY RADTKE HEADLINE THE 2005 AFCA DIVISION III COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM

**WACO, TEX.** — Linfield quarterback Brett Elliott and North Central linebacker Lenny Radtke, headline the 2005 AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team is made up of players from NCAA Division III institutions.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all four of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

## THE OFFENSE

Linfield's **Brett Elliott**, a senior from Lake Oswego, Ore., ended his brief but prolific two-year career at Linfield in 2005. Elliott threw for 4,019 yards and 49 touchdowns in 11 games this season.

Elliott, the lone returnee from the 2004 team, is joined in the backfield by Wisconsin-Whitewater's **Justin Beaver** and Bridgewater State's (Mass.) **Brenden Kavey**.

Beaver leads Division III in rushing this season with 2,295 yards and 23 touchdowns as he has helped the Warhawks advance to the school's first Stagg Bowl appearance this weekend. Kavey rushed for 1,400 yards and 20 touchdowns for the Bears as they won the New England Football Conference title.

Rounding out the offensive skill positions are wide receivers **Aaron Krepps** of Washington & Jefferson and **Nick Bublavi** of Catholic and tight end **Michael Allan** of Whitworth.

Krepps caught 75 passes for 1,100 yards and 15 touchdowns. Krepps also ended his career as Washington & Jefferson's all-time leader in kickoff return and punt return yardage. Bublavi led Division III in receiving yardage and receptions per game this season. He caught 101 passes for 1,797 yards and 15 touchdowns to average 10.1 catches and 179.7 yards per game. Allan was one of the top tight ends in the country this season. The junior from Bellevue, Wash. caught 36 passes for 693 yards and a school record 15 touchdowns. Allan also led the Northwest Conference in yards per catch with a 19.2 average.

The offensive linemen on this year's AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team are Augustana's (Ill.) **Mike Zeifert**, Thiel's **Dave Hendricks**, Ithaca's **Joe Scalice**, Salisbury's **Brett Wehnert** and Hardin-Simmon's **Tye Conry**.

Zeifert was a three-time all-conference selection for the Vikings and helped pave the way for a rushing attack that averaged 346.3 yards per game and rushed for 49 touchdowns in 2005. Hendricks anchored an offensive line that averaged 32.9 points and 402.8 yards in total offense per game this season. Scalice started every game at offensive guard this season, extending his consecutive starts streak to 30. Wehnert was a four-year starter for the Gulls and was the cornerstone of an offensive line that led the Gulls to an average of 350 yards on the ground. Conry was a three-year starter for the Cowboys.

## THE DEFENSE

The defense is led by North Central linebacker **Lenny Radtke**. A three-time all-conference selection, Radtke will end his career as North Central's all-time leader in tackles as well as its single-season leader.

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Radtke is joined at linebacker by **Brenton Brady** of Alfred and **Justin Wood** of Christopher Newport.

Brady led the Saxons in tackles with 98, including 61 solo along with 12.5 tackles for loss and six sacks. He also saw time as Alfred's short yardage runningback and led the team with 10 touchdowns. Wood led the Captains with 91 tackles this season including eight tackles for loss.

East Texas Baptist's **Chad Glover**, Trinity's (Conn.) **Michael Blair**, St. John's (Minn.) **Damien Dumonceaux** and Rowan's **Brian Bond** are the defensive linemen on this year's AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team.

Glover ended the season with 77 tackles that included 20 tackles for loss and 11 sacks. Blair led Trinity with 34 tackles, including eight for a loss and 5.5 sacks as the Bantams extended their winning streak to 30 consecutive games this year. Dumonceaux led the Johnnies with 78 tackles along with 17.5 tackles for loss and nine sacks. Bond finished the season with 33 tackles.

Wisconsin-Stout's **Joe Seep**, Wesley's **Mario Harris**, Grove City's **Aaron Margo** and Mount Union's **Ross Watson** make up the secondary on this year's AFCA All-America Team.

Seep led Stout in interceptions this season while Harris was the top tackler for Wesley. Margo had a team-high 96 stops for Grove City. Watson is one interception shy of the Mount Union single-season record.

### THE SPECIALISTS

Wittenberg's **Jacob Thomas** averaged 41 yards per punt for the Tigers. Wheaton's **Andrew Day** finished his career as Wheaton's all-time field goal leader with 32. Ohio Northern's **Wes Hostetler** averaged 15.6 yards per punt return and returned two for touchdowns. He also averaged 31.5 yards per kick return with one touchdown.

### 2005 AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team

#### Offense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Aaron Krepps	6-0	205	Sr.	Wash. & Jeff.	Mike Sirianni	Belle Vernon, Pa. (Belle Vernon)
WR	Nick Bublavi	6-2	201	Sr.	Catholic	Tom Clark	Norwood, Pa. (Interboro)
TE	Michael Allan	6-6	242	Jr.	Whitworth	John Tully	Bellevue, Wash. (Interlake)
OL	Mike Zeifert	6-1	235	Sr.	Augustana (Ill.)	Jim Barnes	Waukegan, Ill. (Carmel)
OL	Dave Hendricks	6-2	270	Sr.	Thiel	Jack Leipheimer	Rockton, Pa. (DuBois)
OL	Joe Scalice	6-1	305	Sr.	Ithaca	Mike Welch	North Tonawanda, N.Y. (North Tonawanda)
OL	Brett Wehnert	6-1	270	Sr.	Salisbury	Sherman Wood	Freeland, Md. (Hereford)
OL	Tye Conry	6-0	270	Sr.	Hardin-Simmons	Jimmie Keeling	Round Rock, Texas (Round Rock)
QB	Brett Elliott*	6-3	205	Sr.	Linfield	Jay Locey	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lake Oswego)
RB	Justin Beaver	5-8	196	So.	Wis.-Whitewater	Bob Berezowitz	Palmyra, Wis. (Palmyra-Eagle)
RB	Brenden Kavey	5-10	190	Sr.	Bridgewater St.	Chuck Denune	Pittsfield, Mass. (Taconic)

#### Defense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Chad Glover	6-0	215	Jr.	East Texas Baptist	Ralph Harris	Whitehouse, Texas (Whitehouse)
DL	Michael Blair	6-2	260	Sr.	Trinity (Conn.)	Chuck Priore	Plymouth, N.H. (Plymouth)
DL	Damien Dumonceaux	6-1	240	Sr.	St. John's (Minn.)	John Gagliardi	St. Joseph, Minn. (St. John's Prep)
DL	Brian Bond	6-2	240	Sr.	Rowan	Jay Accorsi	Long Valley, N.J. (West Morris Central)
LB	Brenton Brady	6-0	240	Sr.	Alfred	Dave Murray	Rochester, N.Y. (Marshall)
LB	Lenny Radtke	6-2	225	Sr.	North Central	John Thorne	Carol Stream, Ill. (Glenbard North)
LB	Justin Wood	5-10	224	Sr.	Christopher Newport	Matt Kelchner	Hampton, Va. (Bethel)
DB	Joe Seep	5-11	195	Sr.	Wis.-Stout	Todd Strop	Reedsburg, Wis. (Reedsburg)
DB	Mario Harris	5-8	180	Jr.	Wesley	Mike Drass	Annapolis, Md. (Annapolis)
DB	Aaron Margo	6-3	205	Sr.	Grove City	Chris Smith	Dover, Ohio (Dover)
DB	Ross Watson	6-0	181	Sr.	Mount Union	Larry Kehres	Austintown, Ohio (Fitch)

#### Specialists

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	Jacob Thomas	6-2	205	Sr.	Wittenberg	Joe Fincham	New Albany, Ohio (New Albany)
PK	Andrew Day	5-10	160	Sr.	Wheaton	Mike Swider	Shoreview, Minn. (Moundsview)
RS	Wes Hostetler	5-9	185	Sr.	Ohio Northern	Dean Paul	Strasburg, Ohio (Strasburg-Franklin)

\*-2004 AFCA All-American

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**Top Teams:** The leaders are Wittenberg and Augustana (Ill.), which have both been represented a total of 17 times by 16 players chosen since 1972. The Tigers and Vikings are followed by Mount Union (15 appearances/14 players), Wisconsin-La Crosse (14/14), Central (Iowa) (14/13), Emory & Henry (12/12), Widener (13/10), Ithaca (12/12), Mississippi College (12/11), Washington & Jefferson (12/11), Montclair State (12/10), Frostburg State (11/10), Linfield (11/10), Springfield (Mass.) (11/10), St. John's (Minn.) (10/10), Westminster (Pa.) (10/10) and Millsaps (10/7).

**Consecutive Years:** Emory & Henry had at least one player chosen for eight straight seasons from 1985-1992. Mount Union had one player chosen for six consecutive seasons from 1993-1998. Augustana (Ill.) has had a player selected each of the last six years.

**Repeat After Me:** Five players have earned AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team honors three times. They are: DB **Tom Deery**, Widener, 1979-80-81, RB **Scott Reppert**, Lawrence 1980-81-82; RB **Joe Dudek**, Plymouth State 1983-84-85; DL **Sean Brewer**, Millsaps 1990-91-92 and P **Jeff Shea**, California Lutheran 1995-96-97.

**Class Distinction:** This year's AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 21 seniors, 3 juniors and 1 sophomore.

**First Time Schools:** Bridgewater State's (Mass.) **Brenden Kavey** and Thiel's **Dave Hendricks** are the first players from their schools to be selected as an AFCA Coaches' All-American.

**Back-to-Back:** **Brett Elliott** earned AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America honors for the second consecutive season in 2005.

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