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2007 HCAC Football All-Conference

Conference Champion Franklin Headlines All-HCAC Football Selections

GREENWOOD, IN – Franklin College placed ten players on the 2007 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team. Franklin's **Chad Rupp (Evansville, Ind./Memorial)** and Defiance's **Luke Dillon (Temperance, Mich./Missouri Military)** have been named the HCAC Co-Offensive Most Valuable Players for 2007. Rose-Hulman's **Paul Spreen (Williams, Ind./Bedford-North Lawrence)** has been selected as the HCAC Defensive Most Valuable Player and his teammate **Reed Eason (St. Louis, Mo./Parkway North)** received Freshman of the Year honors. Rupp's teammate **Machy Magdalinos (Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central)** and Anderson's **Denny Kimmel (Markleville, Ind./Pendleton Heights)** were honored as Co-Special Teams Most Valuable Players for their efforts this season. Grizzlies' head coach Mike Leonard garnered Coach of the Year honors.

Rupp, a junior quarterback for the Grizzlies, threw for 2,850 yards this season, helping his team to its first HCAC football championship and first trip to the postseason since 1972. The junior racked up a conference-best 31 touchdowns and averaged 285.0 yards per game this season. In seven conference games, Rupp led the league in passing with 2,153 yards and 22 touchdowns. His 285.0 yards per game ranks tenth nationally and he ranks third nationally in passing efficiency (192.5). Included among his efforts this season, Rupp was selected three times as the HCAC Offensive Player of the Week and recorded 300 yard passing performances in three of the seven conference games.

Dillon, a senior wide receiver for Defiance, led the Jackets to a third place finish in the conference standings. He was the leading receiver in the HCAC in all categories this fall, catching 93 passes for 1,241 yards and 14 touchdowns. In seven conference games, Dillon caught 57 balls for 740 yards and a conference record 12 touchdowns. Dillon was selected three times as the HCAC Offensive Player of the Week and ranked sixth nationally in receptions per game (9.3 rpg) and yards per game (124.1 ypg).

Spreen, a junior defensive lineman for the Engineers, led the Rose defense and instilled fear in many opposing coaches in the HCAC. He was second on his team with 67 tackles, and led the conference with 19.0 tackles for loss. The junior ranked fourth in the HCAC with 7.5 sacks and also added four pass breakups, two forced fumbles, and one blocked kick this season. As a team, Rose ranked third in the HCAC in team defense, allowing 331.9 ypg.

Magdalinos, a sophomore kicker for Franklin, was nearly perfect this season in splitting the uprights for the Grizzlies. The Indianapolis native converted all seven of his field goal attempts this season and made 56 of his 58 extra point attempts, including a school record 50 straight. Machy ranked fourth in the HCAC with 77 points this season and ranked first among kickers. The sophomore was a two-time HCAC Special Teams Player of the Week.

Kimmel, a senior running back and return specialist for Anderson, set many school records in a Ravens uniform. This season, Kimmel set school records with 216.5 all-purpose yards per game, 821 kickoff return yards, and 25.7 average yards per kickoff return. The senior ranks third nationally in all-purpose yards and 25th nationally in average yards per kickoff return. He was named Special Teams Player of the Week for his effort in the Rose-Hulman game, which included a 79-yard kickoff return for touchdown.

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Eason, a freshman tight end for Rose-Hulman, was an instrumental part of the Engineer offense all season long. The freshman led the Engineers with 47 receptions and five receiving touchdowns this season and ranked second on the squad with 534 yards receiving. Eason ranked third in the HCAC in receptions per game (4.7 rpg) and touchdowns (5), while ranking sixth in receiving yards per game (53.4 ypg).

Franklin head coach Mike Leonard has been selected as the HCAC Coach of the Year for the second straight season. He guided the Grizzlies to a second straight 9-1 overall record and led the team to their first conference championship. Franklin finished alone in first place in the HCAC with a perfect 7-0 record. The only loss this season for Franklin was a 35-33 defeat at nationally ranked Wabash in week number two. Leonard completed his fifth season as Franklin's head coach this season and will guide the Grizzlies into the postseason for the first time since 1972.

Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player: Luke Dillon, Defiance College

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Defensive Most Valuable Player: Paul Spreen, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Co-Special Teams Most Valuable Player: Denny Kimmel, Anderson University

Co-Special Teams Most Valuable Player: Machy Magdalinos, Franklin College

Freshman of the Year: Reed Eason, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Coach of the Year: Mike Leonard, Franklin College

First Team All-HCAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jeremiah Townsell	Anderson	So.	DL	South Bend, Ind./Riley
Cory Boyland	Anderson	Sr.	DL	Frankton, Ind./H.S.
Matt Plessinger	Anderson	Jr.	LB	Greencastle, Ind./H.S.
Sam Weaver	Anderson	Sr.	OL	Warsaw, Ind./H.S.
Denny Kimmel	Anderson	Sr.	RB/Ret.	Markleville, Ind./Pendleton Heights
Taylor Iceman	Bluffton	Sr.	DB	Lucas, Ohio/H.S.
Kyle Rode	Bluffton	Jr.	DE	Delphos, Ohio/Jefferson
Sam McCullough	Bluffton	Sr.	LB	Bluffton, Ohio/H.S.
Luke Dillon	Defiance	Sr.	WR	Temperance, Mich./Missouri Military
Chris Tietje	Defiance	Sr.	LB	Deshler, Ohio/Patrick Henry
Mike Nicol	Defiance	Sr.	OL	Temperance, Mich./Bedford
Keith Snyder	Defiance	Jr.	DB	Martin, Mich./H.S.
Nic Cass	Defiance	Sr.	DB	Roseville, Mich./H.S.
Tom Johns	Defiance	Jr.	FB	Napoleon, Mich./H.S.
Lewis Caralla	Defiance	Jr.	RB	Tampa, Fla./East Lake
Chad Rupp	Franklin	Jr.	QB	Evansville, Ind./Memorial
Machy Magdalinos	Franklin	So.	K	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central
Dan McManus	Franklin	Sr.	DE	Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon
R.J. Hartsfield	Franklin	Sr.	RB	Salem, Ind./H.S.
Austin Gorrell	Franklin	Jr.	WB/Ret.	Franklin, Ind./H.S.
Seth Qualls	Franklin	So.	OL	Evansville, Ind./Reitz
Greg McGing	Franklin	Sr.	OL	Hammond, Ind./Morton
Roshawn Hill	Franklin	Jr.	DB	South Bend, Ind./Adams
Levi Smythe	Franklin	Jr.	DE	Franklin, Ind./H.S.



Lance Pickrell	Franklin	Sr.	LB	Frankfort, Ind./H.S.
Corey Fogle	Hanover	Sr.	RB	St. Joe, Ind./Eastside
Luke Keller	Hanover	Sr.	DL	Jasper, Ind./H.S.
Tyler Thiems	Hanover	Jr.	WR/QB	Indianapolis, Ind./North Central
Brandon Wells	Manchester	So.	RB	Woodburn, Ind./Woodlan
Mike Depoy	Manchester	So.	LB	South Bend, Ind./Clay
Jermiah Jones	Manchester	So.	DB	East Chicago, Ind./Central
Alex Harbin	Mount St. Joseph	So.	DE	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
Nick Yahl	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	LB	St. Mary's, Ohio/Memorial
Ricky Stautberg	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
Brian White	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	OL	Cincinnati, Ohio/LaSalle
Marcus Pryor	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	TE	Wyoming, Ohio/H.S.
Phil Poetter	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson
Marshall Root	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	DL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson
Paul Spreen	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	DL	Williams, Ind./Bedford-North Lawrence
Reed Eason	Rose-Hulman	Fr.	TE	St. Louis, Mo./Parkway North
Thomas Reives	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	WR	Indianapolis, Ind./Arsenal Tech
Alex Dimoff	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	DB	Stow, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
Derek Eitel	Rose-Hulman	So.	QB	Marshall, Ill./H.S.
Bryan Wong	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	RB	Warsaw, Ind./Tippecanoe Valley
Nate Richter	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	WR	Zionsville, Ind./H.S.

Second Team All-HCAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Luke Hurst	Anderson	Fr.	DB	Clayton, Ohio/Northmont
Travon Curry	Anderson	Jr.	LB	Elkhart, Ind./Central
Josh Deeter	Anderson	Sr.	DB	Germantown, Ohio/Valley View
Tom Helms	Anderson	Jr.	DL	Westport, Ind./South Decatur
Erick Buddin	Bluffton	Sr.	DB	Ypsilanti, Mich./H.S.
Mitch Agner	Bluffton	Jr.	DE	Leipsic, Ohio/H.S.
Jason Fisher	Bluffton	So.	OL	Rockford, Ohio/Parkway
Joel Sienicki	Bluffton	Jr.	TE	Goshen, Ind./Northridge
Chris Khoma	Defiance	Jr.	TE	Sheffield Lake, Ohio/Lorain Catholic
D.J. Thornton	Defiance	Fr.	RB	Detroit, Mich./Melvindale
Travis Guisinger	Defiance	So.	DB	Lima, Ohio/Elida
Lance Mayfield	Franklin	Sr.	OL	Winchester, Ind./H.S.
Chris Kramer	Franklin	Sr.	DB	Holland, Ind./Southridge
Chad Schenkel	Franklin	Fr.	OL	Carmel, Ind./H.S.
Michael Spillmann	Hanover	Fr.	LB	Franklin, Ind./H.S.
Dan Cornely	Hanover	So.	LB	Palmetto Bay, Fla./Palmetto
Andrew Houtsch	Hanover	Sr.	DE/P	Otwell, Ind./Pike Central
Matt Herron	Hanover	Sr.	K	Greenwood, Ind./H.S.
Jared Yoder	Manchester	Jr.	WR	Frankfort, Ind./Carroll
Spencer Fulk	Manchester	Jr.	OL	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Carroll
Beau Bradtmiller	Manchester	Jr.	FS	Markle, Ind./Norwell
Sam Kent	Manchester	Sr.	DL	San Pierre, Ind./Kankakee Valley
Vince Palmer	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	QB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson
Rocky Siegal	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	LB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Glen Este
Kyle Prosser	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	LB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills
Steve Hawkins	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	LB	Casey, Ill./Casey-Westfield
Casey Boley	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	LB	Nashville, Ind./Brown County
Matt Behling	Rose-Hulman	Fr.	DL	Columbus, Ind./Columbus North

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Honorable Mention All-HCAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jaren Weldy	Anderson	Jr.	OL	Goshen, Ind./H.S.
Brandon Johnson	Anderson	Sr.	DB	New Castle, Ind./H.S.
Shawn Wedmore	Anderson	So.	OL	Summitville, Ind./Madison-Grant
Jeff Richards	Bluffton	Sr.	OL	Bluffton, Ohio/H.S.
Brandon Herr	Bluffton	So.	DB	Bluffton, Ohio/H.S.
Gordon Hagen	Bluffton	Sr.	LB	Toledo, Ohio/Libbey
Mason Patrick	Defiance	Sr.	OL	Zanesville, Ohio/Benjamin Logan
Jeremy Bayer	Defiance	Sr.	LB	Monroe, Mich./Monroe Jefferson
Teddy Henkle	Franklin	So.	LB	Seymour, Ind./H.S.
Nick Rulon	Franklin	Jr.	DT	Arcadia, Ind./Hamilton Heights
Chan Nelson	Hanover	Sr.	DB	Louisville, Ky./Jeffersontown
Clarke Hall	Hanover	Sr.	OL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Christian Academy
Alex Middendorf	Hanover	Sr.	LB/DE	Hamilton, Ohio/H.S.
Mitch Harnish	Manchester	Sr.	LB	Bluffton, Ind./Norwell
Billy Cardwell	Manchester	Sr.	TE	Kokomo, Ind./Northwestern
Kevin Cocanougher	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	RB	Louisville, Ky./DeSales
Joel Steinmetz	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	DB	Amelia, Ohio/H.S.
Austin Hastings	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	LB	Santa Ana, Cali./Foothill
Jeremy Sharp	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	K	Warsaw, Ind./H.S.
Nick Zee-Chang	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	OL	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Homestead

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