HCAC Places Four Players on D3football.com All-North Region First Team

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference placed four athletes on the D3football.com All-North Region first-team. Franklin College’s Kyle Ray (Trafalgar, Ind./Indian Creek) and Chad Schenkel (Carmel, Ind./H.S.) were selected as members of the first team offense. Anderson’s Jared Millikan (New Castle, Ind./H.S.) and Defiance’s Kyle Longsdorf (London, Ohio/H.S.) earned a spot on the first team defense.

Ray and Schenkel guided the Grizzlies to an 8-0 conference record during the regular season and earned a spot on the All-HCAC first-team. Ray, a senior quarterback for FC, finished the year completing 69.9% of his passes for 3,104 yards and 35 touchdowns to earn the HCAC Offensive Most Valuable Player award. Schenkel, a senior center for the Grizzlies, anchored the Franklin offensive line as FC led the HCAC with 474.3 yards and 45.6 points per game.

Anderson junior defensive back Jared Millikan guided the Ravens to a 3-5 conference record during the regular season and earned a spot on the All-HCAC first-team. Millikan finished the season with 34 tackles, 11 interceptions and 10 pass breakups, including three touchdowns on returns. He led the nation in interceptions and interception returns for touchdowns.

Defiance senior safety Kyle Longsdorf led the Yellow Jackets defensive unit as the purple and gold placed second in the conference standings. The senior was named the HCAC Defensive Most Valuable Player this season and led all NCAA Division III defensive backs with 139 tackles during the regular season. Along with setting a career high in stops, Longsdorf added 4.5 sacks, four interceptions and eight passes defended to anchor the Yellow Jacket defensive unit.

Two HCAC athletes were named second-team D3football.com All-North Region. Bluffton University’s Justin Crosier (Jr., DT, Columbus, Ohio/Hamilton Township) and Defiance College’s Tom Foos (Sr., P, Helena, Ohio/Lakota) were named members of the second-team defense.

Five other HCAC players earned selections to the third-team D3football.com All-North Region squad. Rose-Hulman’s Kyle Kovach (So., RB, Munster, Ind./Andrean) and Hanover’s Daniel Passafiume (Jr., WR, Louisville, Ky/St. Xavier) earned third-team offense honors, while Defiance’s Austin Hedderly (Sr., DT, Dublin, Ohio/Coffman), Franklin’s David O’Rourke (Jr., LB, Evansville, Ind./Memorial), and Hanover’s Andy Dalton (So., LB, Guilford, Ind./East Central) earned a spot on the third-team defense.

The three All-North Region teams are selected by North Region sports information directors and D3football.com staff. The selections were made from 204 nominations from the Division III member schools of the region.

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