



So. Dakota's Beschorner , No. Dakota's Anderson Headline 2005 Football Gazette NCAA II Northwest All America Team

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This marks the fourth year Football Gazette has selected NCAA Division II All-Region Teams. The national publication has selected NCAA Division II All-America teams since 1988.

The first-team and second-team All-Region selections advance to a national ballot from which the 2005 NCAA Division II Football Gazette All-America team will be selected in early January.

Beschorner, a senior from Lohrville, Iowa, passed for 3,049 yards and 30 touchdowns in leading the Coyotes to a 9-2 record and a share of the North Central Conference title. Beschorner, who finished second in the Hill Trophy voting, tied or set 29 USD records during the 2005 season, directing a Coyotes offense that led the nation in scoring (49.7 ppg) and total offense (583.3 ypg). Individually, he led NCAA-II in passing efficiency (215.2 rating) and ranked fifth in total offense (318.2 ypg).

Anderson, a senior from Coon Rapids, Minn., earned first-team All-Region honors for a third straight season, helping the Fighting Sioux to a 10-3 record, a share of the 2005 NCC title and a repeat trip to the NCAA-II national playoffs. Anderson, who finished fifth in the Hill Trophy voting, recorded a team-leading 99 tackles (54 solo) with 12 TFLs, 4.0 quarterback sacks and five interceptions.

Grand Valley State, which completed a perfect 13-0 season with a 21-17 victory over Northwest Missouri State University in the National Championship game on Dec. 10, placed 12 players on the All-Region squad, along with North Dakota.

A total of 82 players earned some form of Football Gazette All-Northwest Region honors. Players from 23 of the 37 football-playing schools in the Northwest Region earned All-Northwest Region accolades.

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