

WELCOME TO THE  
**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL**  
**NAIA SENIOR CLASSIC**



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**SENIOR CLASSIC**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 **2009** PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI

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NEBRASKA WESLEYAN'S **ZAC RABE** HAS THE HIGHEST PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE IN THE NAIA SENIOR CLASSIC.



DOANE COLLEGE'S **JUSTIN NELSON** IS THE ALL-TIME RUSHING LEADER IN THE NAIA SENIOR GAME.



WILLIAM JEWELL'S **BENNY PALMER** IN THE 2008 SENIOR CLASSIC.

# 3RD ANNUAL SENIOR CLASSIC

BY JASON DANNELLY, DIRECTOR OF NAIA RELATIONS

This year's NAIA Senior Classic is likely the most talented from top to bottom. The game is littered with All-Americans from around the country and a few players with legit arguments on why they should have also made the squad.

It is amazing to think that just four years ago this game did not exist and seniors in the NAIA were done playing football as soon as their final snap of the fall season was played. Now, the Senior Classic enters its third year of existence and players from across the country have flocked to this game.

The first season of the game I think we were met with a few sideways glances and thoughts of "how the heck will they pull this off". We had about 115 applications and nearly everyone was invited to play in the game. I will admit we got lucky that some of the best players in the NAIA decided to give the "Senior Classic" a shot. The result was not an offensive explosion by any means but instead a very memorable game.

Players appreciate the relaxed atmosphere of these games. Sure they want to win, but at the end of the day they just want to have fun and play

one more game before they hang up the pads and go into the real world.

There will be a few guys in today's game that will get a shot at a professional team. A few will even get sniffed by the NFL. But that is not the focus of this game and will never be the focus of this game. This game exists so players in the NAIA can be put on the big stage, in the spotlight for one final game.

## AMERICANS

### RUNNING BACK

This unit is highlighted by first team All-American **Nick Banks** of Minot State. Banks rushed for 1438 yards last season for the Beavers and found the end zone 17 times for touchdowns. **Jordan Stutzman** of Nebraska Wesleyan who rushed for 634 yards and 7 TDs for the Prairie Wolves adds to an impressive backfield. **Brad Cintas** of Kansas Wesleyan and **Kyle Howe** of Georgetown will provide needed blocking as fullbacks while **Brentd Winn** of Southwestern and **Demetrious Cox** of Tabor will also try to pick up some rushing yards.

### QUARTERBACK

Two of the most efficient quarterbacks in all of the NAIA lead the Americans as signal callers this weekend. **Ian Gilworth** of Morningside was a second team All-American throwing 41 touchdown passes and only two interceptions. **Billy Bob Orsagh** of Malone was an honorable mention All-American who threw 29 touchdown passes last season with a completion percentage of 60.4.

### WIDE RECEIVER

**Josh Smart** of Ohio Dominican was one of the best wide receivers in the NAIA prior to getting injured his senior season. Prior to ending his season on October 4, Smart was the top receiver in the NAIA and a returning All-American. Last fall against McKendree, Smart caught 9 balls for 173 yards for one of the top individual performances of the season. **Alexas Grevas** of Montana Tech had 56 receptions for 775 yards last season as he is joined by teammate **Cal McQueary** who finished the season with 34 grabs for 394 yards. **Marcus Lowe** of Kansas Wesleyan totaled 406 yards and 9 TDs last fall as well.

### TIGHT ENDS

**Joe Farsing** of Ohio Dominican comes into the Senior Classic as a decorated All-American. Farsing has been one of the best receiving tight ends in the country since his sophomore year. **Donald Morris** of Minot State adds depth and athleticism to the position as he can also play fullback.

### OFFENSIVE LINE

**Andrew Dean** of William Penn garnered honorable mention All-American honors last season for the Statesmen to lead the Americans up front. The offensive line for the Americans represents what some of the best lines in the NAIA currently are; players that are trim and quick. There are no monsters on this line size wise which should prove to be a strength given their running backs ability to get outside.

### DEFENSIVE LINE

**Nick Yanko** of Ohio Dominican has proven to be one of the most consistent linemen in the NAIA over the last three years. He is partnered with

**Scott Moore** of Kansas Wesleyan who garnered KCAC honors.

#### LINEBACKERS

**Tyler Newman** and **Demetrious Washington** of Sioux Falls bring their national championship hardware to the Senior Classic. Washington was a first team All-American while Newman proved to be an unsung hero for the Cougars title team.

**Nathan Jansen** of Northwestern was also a first team All-American while **Clayton Norberg** of St. Francis (Ill.) was honorable mention.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS & SAFETIES

**Nick Benedetto** of Sioux Falls and **Gannon Novak** of St. Francis (Ill.) lead a slough of talented defenders for the Americans. Novak helped to lead his USF squad to one of their best seasons in school history while Benedetto helped his USF squad win a national title.

#### KICKERS & PUNTERS

**Bryan Quackenbush** of Marian University was 6/9 last season with a long of 49 yards for the Crusaders. **Tyler Parry** of Malone and **Michael Fox** of Minot State will handle the majority of the punting

## NATIONALS

#### RUNNING BACK

**Greg Fountain** of Campbellsville was a first team All-American last season as he led the NAIA in rushing with 1732 yards. Fountain also rushed for 1511 yards his junior year to be among the best in the NAIA. **Ricky Walker** of the University of the Cumberland and **Robert Holmes**

of Missouri Valley will also help to shoulder the load on the ground.

#### QUARTERBACK

**Ben Kisner** of Lindenwood and **Brett Clow** of Bethel College (KS) will be the signal callers for the Nationals. Kisner led Lindenwood to their best finish ever as the Lions were seconds away from making the NAIA national championship. Kisner was a four year starter for the Lions as he threw for 281 yards per game in his senior year. Clow averaged 246 yards per game and threw 21 touchdowns for the Threshers.

#### WIDE RECEIVER

**Tyrell Spain** of Baker leads the way after grabbing 11 TDs last season for the Wildcats. Spain hauled in 62 catches for 813 yards to be one of the NAIA's top targets. **Javion Jones** of Missouri Valley had 694 yards and 9 TDs with the Vikings in 2008. **Sean Mounts** of Cumberland is the only receiver on this squad not from the Heart of America Conference.

#### TIGHT ENDS

Two very solid tight ends anchor the corners of the Nationals line. **Drew Dukeshire** of Southern Oregon had 231 yards receiving last year while **Nic Bearden** of Shorter College helped to block for one of the best running games in the NAIA.

#### OFFENSIVE LINE

**Zach Morrison** of Shorter College proved to be one of the best offensive linemen in the country last season as he is the only All-American offensive lineman in the "Senior Classic" for the Nationals. This is a lean and quick group of

offensive linemen with no one on the squad currently over 300 lbs.

#### DEFENSIVE LINE

This is probably the most talented group in this year's Senior Classic. First team All-American **Robbie Schultz** of Benedictine leads the squad along side **Larry Wentzel** of Missouri Valley who was a second team All-American. **Jesse Montoya** of Cumberland (TN) was an honorable mention All-American last season. **Mike Deavours** of MidAmerican Nazarene has also proven to be a big time player and **Anthony Collins Jr.** played a part on one of the best defenses in the NAIA.

#### LINEBACKERS

**Travis Thurmond** of Cumberlands (Ky.) and **Brian Casey** of Azusa Pacific were honorable mention All-Americans as they lead the Nationals at linebacker. These two linebackers have proven they can play with some of the best in the small college football.

#### DEFENSIVE BACK

**Jahmar Reynolds** of NW Oklahoma State was an honorable mention All-American last year for the Rangers along with **Eric Allen** of Baker University. **Shea Owens** of Southern Virginia was a top NAIA Independent defensive back and flew into this weekend's game from Utah where he is currently in law school.

#### KICKERS & PUNTERS

**Lukas Gonzales** of Shorter College was 9/16 last season on field goals with a long of 47. **Colby Segraves** of Southwestern, **Sean Mounts** of Cumberland as well as **Gonzales** will all handle punting duties. ¶

## 2009 HEAD COACHES

### AMERICANS

**Lance Hinson** has been the head coach of the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kan. since 2005. He was an assistant coach with USM from 2002 through 2004.

In his first season as head coach in 2005, Hinson was named KCAC Co-Coach of the Year, leading the Spires to the teams first ever four-game winning streak and a 5-5 record. The 2005 season featured a defense that posted three shutouts and finished nationally ranked in the top 10 in eight different categories. In 1993, Hinson began his coaching career at the University of Northern Texas (UNT) in Denton, Texas as an undergraduate assistant coaching the defensive line and linebackers. In 1994, he was part of the UNT Southland Conference Championship and Division-I AA playoff run. Last season Hinson's squad at USM finished 5-5

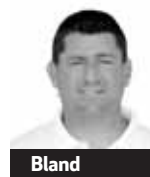
### NATIONALS

**John Bland** is now entering his fourth season as the head coach for the Patriots having finished the 2008 campaign 10-2 overall, tying the best record in school history, and 6-0 in the Mid-South Conference East Division. Last fall the Patriots qualified for the NAIA Championship Series and defeated Shorter College before their season ended against the University of Saint Francis (Ind.). Cumberland had never made it to the second round of the NAIA playoffs until last season. Bland's overall record is now 24-9 as a head coach.

Bland came to the Patriots after spending five years as the quarterback coach at NCAA Division I-A Rice University in Houston, Texas. Prior to Rice, Bland coached at NCAA Division II Southern Arkansas University. Bland served as an assistant coach from 1994-1999 and was promoted to head coach in 2000. ¶



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## QUICK FACTS

- **Marcus Manning** of Tabor College died in a single car accident on February 22, 2009. Manning had been selected to play in the "Senior Classic". His game jersey will be given to his parents upon conclusion of the game.
- **Jake Landoll** of the University of Saint Mary is currently the linebackers coach for the Americans as well as the Spires. Landoll is the first person to play and coach in the "Senior Classic". Landoll was a member of the inaugural "Senior Classic" in 2007 finishing the game with four tackles and two tackles for loss.
- **Brentd Winn** of Southwestern College was unable to play his senior season for the Moundbuilders. Despite being academically eligible, Winn was out of semesters and credit hours to play. Upon review of his character and his individual situation he was allowed to play in this year's game.
- **Shea Owens** and **Ben Burningham** of Southern Virginia will both be attending law school this fall.
- **Joey Waters**, last year's offensive MVP for the Nationals and current "Senior Classic" passing leader, will join a U.S. military service later this year.
- The first touchdown of the "Senior Classic" was a 28 yard pass from **Jason Shoulders** of Missouri Valley to **Gabe Hatchett** of Southern Oregon. Hatchett went onto make summer camp with the Miami Dolphins.
- The longest run in the history of the "Senior Classic" is just 30 yards. The record is held by Hayes Page of Southern Virginia.
- **Andrew Baeza** of Bethel (KS) has the longest reception of the "Senior Classic" at 60 yards. The play came on a halfback pass by **Jeff Neujahr** of Concordia (Neb.)
- The first offensive play of the 2008 "Senior Classic" went for a touchdown as Mathew Middleton of Ottawa caught a 35 yard touchdown pass from **Ronnie Jankovich**. The play was set up off of a flea-flicker.
- **Ricky Lebeda** of Dana College kicked the longest field goal ever in the "Senior Classic" by nailing a 60 yarder in the inaugural game. Lebeda kicked for both the Americans and Nationals on that day, due to an injury to the Americans kicker.
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was declared "College Fanz Senior Classic Day" by Mayor Frank Offutt of Platte City. ¶

# AMERICANS ROSTER

## COACHES

**Lance Hinson** University of Saint Mary Head Coach  
**Jason Shumaker** Offensive Coordinator  
**Larry Ruston** Defensive Coordinator  
**Taylor Calvert**  
**Jamar Kearney**

**Jeremiah Stokka**

**Rance Holt**  
**Jhon Haehn**  
**Jake Landoll**  
**CJ Harris**

NO.	PLAYER NAME	SCHOOL	POS.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	HT.	WT.
1	Nick Banks	Minot State University	RB-IB	San Diego, CA	Kearny High	6'0	205
2	Evander Williams	Ottawa University	SS	San Diego, CA	Chula Vista	6"	205
3	Brad Cintas	Kansas Wesleyan University	FB	Santa Clara, CA	Santa Clara High	5'11	220
4	Robert Bieger	Bethany College	WR	Hollywood, FL	Hollywood Hills High School	5'11	200
5	Nana Ansah	Ohio Dominican University	DB	Silver Spring, MD	Springbrook High School	6'0	195
6	Cal McQueary	Montana Tech	WR	Butte, MT	Butte High School	175	510
7	Tyler Newman	University of Sioux Falls	LB	Aberdeen, SD	Aberdeen Central High School	6'	210
8	Nick Benedetto	University of Sioux Falls	DB/CB	Crystal Lake, IL	Crystal Lake South	5'11	200
9	Dennis Thornton	Malone University	SS/CB	Cleveland, OH	Shaker Hts. High	5'11	190
10	Andrew Pfeifer	Nebraska Wesleyan	SS	Lindsay, NE	Lindsay Holy Family	5'11"	200
11	Ian Gilworth	Morningside College	QB	Unionville, MO	Putnam Co. R-1	6'3"	215
12	Clayton Norberg	University of St. Francis (IL)	OLB	Sterling, IL	Sterling Newman Central Catholic	6'1"	225
13	Brandon Terry	Dana College	DB/CB	Omaha, NE	Omaha North High	5'10	180
14	Tyler Parry	Malone University	P	Loxahatchee, FL	Palm Beach Gardens High School	6'1"	200
15	Bill Dragonetti	University of St. Francis (IL)	LB	Glen Ellyn, IL	Kettle Moraine (WI)	6'0	210
16	Billy Bob Orsagh	Malone University	QB	Eastland, TX	Eastland HS	6'	200
17	Bryan Quackenbush	Marian College	K/P	Indianapolis, IN	Perry Meridian	5'11"	180
18	Patrick Spangler	Doane College	SS	Lincoln, NE	Lincoln East	6'3	220
20	Brentd Winn	Southwestern (KS)	RB	Mexia, TX	Mexia High School	5'7	185
21	Tyler Green	Mayville State University	LB	Denver, CO	Ranum High School	6'2"	215
22	Jordan J. Stutzman	Nebraska Wesleyan	RB-IB	Friend, NE	Friend High School	5'11"	205
23	Alex Grevas	Montana Tech	WR	Clancy, MT	Helena High School	6'5	210
24	Christopher Hurd	Ottawa University	FS	Grandview, MO	Grandview High School	6'0	195
25	Ryan Muhlman	Southwestern Assembly Of God	FS	Robinson, TX.	Robinson High School	6'1"	185
30	Demetrius Cox	Tabor College	RB	Orlando, FL	Oak Ridge High	5'7	205
31	Seth Hastings	Nebraska Wesleyan	SS/LB	Colorado Springs, CO	William J. Palmer	6'0	190
33	Demetrius Washington	University of Sioux Falls	LB	Detroit, MI	Crockett High School	6'0	245
34	Kyle Howe	Georgetown College	FB	Lawrenceburg, IN	East Central	6'	228
35	Paul Seger	Nebraska Wesleyan	DB/CB	Atkinson, NE	West Holt High School	5'10"	195
43	Gannon Novak	University of St. Francis (IL)	SS	New Lenox, IL	Providence Catholic	5'10	195
44	Thomas Pearson	Ottawa University	DE/LB	Baldwin Park, CA	Los Altos	6	232
47	Donald Morris	Minot State University	TE/FB	Compton, CA	Valencia High School	6'0	235
49	Cody Capps	University of Saint Francis (IN)	OLB	Indianapolis, IN	Decatur Central High School	6'1"	227
51	Kyle Kimbrough	Minot State University	NG	Marina, CA	Seaside High School	5'11	285
52	Mark Robinson	Kansas Wesleyan University	OL	Gardena, CA	Gardena High School	6'1"	290
54	Nathan Jansen	Northwestern College (IA)	LB	Orange City, IA	MOC-FV	6'2"	240
55	Bill Jones II	Malone University	OL-C	Canton, OH	Canton McKinley	5'10"	285
56	Jacob McCullough	William Penn University	OL	Conesville, IA	Columbus Community High School	6'4"	295
58	Randy Knipfel	Marian College	OL-C	Crystal Lake, IL	Prarie Ridge HS	6'0	275
60	Daniel Lemos	Haskell Indian Nations	OL	Oxnard, CA	Rio Mesa High School	6'0	260
62	Carlos Navarro	Saint Mary (KS)	OL	Laredo, TX	United High School	6	280
64	Jordan Menning	Northwestern College (IA)	OL	Edgerton, MN	Edgerton Public High School	6;4"	270
65	Chea Taylor	Nebraska Wesleyan	OL-C	Hampton, NE	Hampton High School	6'1"	265
66	William Sonnemaker	Midland Lutheran College	OL	Aurora, CO	Smoky Hill High School	6'1"	300
72	Nick Yanko	Ohio Dominican University	DT	Akron, OH	Walsh Jesuit	6'2	290
74	Andrew Dean	William Penn University	OL-G	Newton, IA	Newton senior high school	6'2"	295
75	Jermaine Thomas	Ottawa University	DT	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Dillard High School	6'2	317
79	John Duff	Nebraska Wesleyan	OL-T	Denver, CO	J.K. Mullen High School	6'2	254
81	Jamie January	Black Hills State University	WR	Stockton, CA	Johanson High School	6'2 1/2"	210
82	Steven Valliere	Kansas Wesleyan University	WR	Redding CA	Enterprise High School	5'11	205
84	Marcus Lowe	Kansas Wesleyan University	WR	Orlando, FL	Oak Ridge High School	6'0	186
87	Josh Smart	Ohio Dominican University	WR	Dayton, OH	Northmont High School	5'11"	187
88	Michael Fox	Minot State University	P	Calgary, Alberta	Lord Beaverbrook HS	6'0	185
89	Joe Farfsing	Ohio Dominican University	TE	Cincinnati, Ohio	Archbishop Moeller High School	6-2	255
93	Stephen Elkins	Mayville State University	DT	Corona, CA	Centennial High School	6'2"	250
95	Brennan White	Briar Cliff University	DE	McCool Jct., NE	McCool Jct. High School	6'1"	225
96	Scott Moore	Kansas Wesleyan University	DT	Chicago, IL	De La Salle High School	6'4	260
97	Dustin Trimble	Kansas Wesleyan University	DE	Hopland, CA	Ukiah High School	6'0"	240
98	David Duff	Nebraska Wesleyan	DE	Clearwater, NE	Clearwater High School	6'4	265



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY'S JEFF NEUJAHR.

## 2007 GAME RECAP

AMERICANS 16, NATIONALS 6

Platte City, MO - Defense and special teams dominated the first ever Victory Sports Network Senior Classic in Platte City, Missouri as the Americans defeated the Nationals, 16-6.

Highlighting the contest was **Ricky Lebeda's** 60 yard field goal to end the first half of play in front of a crowd of 1014 at Pirate Stadium. Lebeda played his college career at Dana College.

120 total players took part in the first ever event that showcased the best football players from across the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

"The entire event was an overwhelming success," said **Jason Dannelly** of the Victory Sports Network. "The community and fans of NAIA football came to show their support for these fine athletes."

**Gabriel Hatchett** (Southern Oregon) led the way for the Americans' offense on just two catches for 53 yards and one touchdown. Hatchett was named his teams MVP in post game ceremonies. His lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter to break a 6-6 tie. **Jason Shoulders** (Missouri Valley) led the way under center with 71 yards passing on just nine attempts for the Americans. He completed five on the day.

**Eric Hooks** (St. Francis IN) was 8-18 passing on the day for 78 yards leading the Nationals while rushing 6 times for 17 yards in the loss. **Neal Graham** (Minot State) led the Nationals with 24 yards on six carries.

The story of the game was definitely the special teams performance of Ricky Lebeda of Dana College. Due to the lack of kickers in the contest, Lebeda drew the kicking duties for both the Nationals and the Americans. Lebeda was 5-6 on the day connecting from 46, 60, 38, 40 and 21 while missing once from 45 yards. He was also 1/1 on PATS for a total of 16 points on the day.

Defensively the Americans were led by **Hunter Pingston** (Bethel College TN) who took defensive MVP honors by finishing the day with four tackles and one interception which was returned for 22 yards. He also broke up one pass.

Pingston's performance narrowly edged the efforts of **Jason Glasco** (Sioux Falls) and **Kyle Dreckman** (Sioux Falls). Glasco had three tackles on the day and one interception while Dreckman finished with three tackles and 1 TFL.

**Blaine Wise** (Haskell Indian Nations) garnered the Nationals defensive player of the game award.

The Americans were coached by **Dino Kaklis** of Bethel College TN and the Nationals were coached by **Andy Lambert** of Sterling College. Players for both teams spent one full day together before playing in the Saturday contest only practicing two times before the game. Many of the participants spent Friday morning talking with students from the Platte County R3 School District.

The 2008 VSN Senior Classic is tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2008 in Platte City, MO.

## AMERICANS ALL-TIME STATISTICS

RUSHING	COLLEGE	YEAR	ATTEMPT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LONG
Justin Nelson	Doane College	2007	7	55	0	55	0	16
Ryan Grosulak	Carroll College	2007	9	27	1	26	0	10
Thez Robinson	NW Oklahoma State	2008	3	17	0	17	0	11
Adam Gabriel	Bethel College (KS)	2008	6	13	0	13	0	9
Clinton Thomas	Bacone College	2007	3	12	0	12	0	0
Michael Steen	Benedictine College	2007	4	10	1	9	0	5
JaMaine Lewis	Concordia (NE)	2008	3	5	0	5	0	3
Kieth Siestra	Northwestern College	2007	1	5	0	5	0	5
Ronnie Jankovich	Bethel College (TN)	2008	2	5	1	4	0	5
Jeff Neujahr	Concordia (NE)	2008	1	3	0	3	0	3
Rod Gray	NW Oklahoma State	2008	4	4	3	1	0	3
Carlos Cuellar	Benedictine College	2007	1	0	0	0	0	0
Damon Brown	Southwestern	2008	1	0	3	-3	0	0
Brandon Kaufman	Bethel College (KS)	2008	1	0	9	-9	0	0
Zac Rabe	Nebraska Wesleyan	2008	5	8	18	-10	0	7
Brent Dearmon	Bethel College (TN)	2007	6	5	17	-12	0	5
Marcus Lampkin	Azusa Pacific	2007	3	4	16	-12	0	4
Bryan Burkley	Bacone College	2007	2	0	18	-18	0	-9
			62	173	87	86	0	

PASSING	COLLEGE	YEAR	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LONG	SACK
Ronnie Jankovich	Bethel College (TN)	2008	22	11	0	120	1	35	1
Zac Rabe	Nebraska Wesleyan	2008	12	7	1	95	0	36	1
Jason Shoulders	Mo. Valley	2007	10	5	1	79	1	28	0
Jeff Neujahr	Concordia (NE)	2008	1	1	0	60	1	60	0
Brent Dearmon	Bethel College (TN)	2007	11	3	0	35	0	21	0
Justin Nelson	Doane College	2007	1	1	0	32	0	32	0
Michael Brown	Bacone College	2007	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
			58	28	2	421	3		

PASS RECEIVING	COLLEGE	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
Andrew Baeza	Bethel College (KS)	2008	3	77	1	60
Gabe Hatchett	Southern Oregon	2007	2	53	1	28
Mathew Middleton	Ottawa (KS)	2008	2	39	1	35
Adam Gabriel	Bethel College (KS)	2008	4	37	0	18
Zach Jiru	Benedictine College	2008	1	36	0	36
Eric Dirk	Jamestown College	2007	1	32	0	32
Dequinn Watford	St. Ambrose	2007	2	28	0	21
Eli Brown	Peru State	2008	2	26	0	22
Jeff Neujahr	Concordia (NE)	2008	2	23	0	18
JaMaine Lewis	Concordia (NE)	2008	1	14	0	14
Carlos Cuellar	Benedictine College	2007	1	12	0	12
Greg Enns	Eastern Oregon	2008	2	10	0	8
Janos Serfozo	Avila	2008	1	9	0	9
Jeff Martin	Langston	2007	1	9	0	9
David Penland	Georgetown College	2007	1	7	0	7
Clinton Thomas	Bacone	2007	1	5	0	5
Willie Johnson	Kansas Wesleyan	2008	1	4	0	4
			28	421	3	

PLAYER NAME	YEAR	UT	AT	TOT	TFL/YDS	FR/YDS	INT/YDS	PASS BRUP	QB SACKS/YDS	
Shane Ryan	Peru State	2008	4	3	7	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Damon Brown	Southwestern	2008	3	3	6	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Jeremy Robinson	Olivet Nazarene	2008	1	4	5	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Landon Ellis	Avila	2008	3	1	4	1.0/4.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Damien Kennedy	Benedictine College	2008	3	1	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Daniel Hawkins III	Southwestern	2008	2	2	4	1.0/7.0	0/0	0/0	0	1.0/7.0
Benjamin Ali	Benedictine College	2007	4	0	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Billy Pytel	Benedictine College	2007	4	0	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Kyle Dreckman	Sioux Falls	2007	3	1	4	5.4/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Jeff Butler	Bethel College (KS)	2008	3	0	3	3.0/12.0	0/0	0/0	0	1.0/8.0
Jeremy Kidd	Cumberland (KY)	2008	2	1	3	2.0/6.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Ryan Johnson	Bethany College (KS)	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Kevin Nielson	Taylor University	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Jeremy Hall	Mo. Valley College	2007	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Eddie Lamb	Benedictine College	2007	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Jason Glasco	Sioux Falls	2007	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	1/0.0	1	0.0/0.0
Willis Cooley	Southern Oregon	2007	3	0	3	1/1.0	1/1.0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Antuan Nichols	Edward Waters	2007	3	0	3	1/1.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Hunter Pingston	Bethel College (TN)	2007	2	1	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	1.0/22	0	0.0/0.0
Mason Putoff	Benedictine College	2008	0	0	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	1.0/18	0	0.0/0.0

PUNTING	COLLEGE	YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	I20	LONG
Mark Gronizalski	William Penn	2008	3	130	43.3	0	1	51
Aaron Vermillion	NW Oklahoma State	2008	2	80	40	0	0	42
Tyler Fennwald	Mo. Valley	2007	3	113	37.7	0	3	43
Sean Collins	Saint Xavier	2007	2	59	29.5	0	0	35

PUNT RETURNS	SCHOOL	YEAR	NO	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Moore	Virginia-Wise	2008	1	9	9
Carlos Cuellar	Benedictine College	2007	1	7	7
Brandon Kaufmann	Bethel College (KS)	2008	2	4	2

KICK RETURNS	SCHOOL	YEAR	NO	TOTAL	LONG
Jonathan Laster	Cumberland (TN)	2008	1	8	8
Carlos Cuellar	Benedictine College	2007	1	6	6

FIELD GOALS	SCHOOL	YEAR	NO	ATT	LONG
Ricky Lebeda	Dana College	2007	3	3	60
Michael Montez	Bethel College (KS)	2008	1	1	40

# NATIONALS ROSTER

## COACHES

**John Bland** Univ. of the Cumberlands Head Coach  
**Michael Collins** Defensive Coordinator  
**Edgar Weiser** Offensive Coordinator

**Matt Rhymer**  
**Jamie Smiddy**  
**Russ Shearer**  
**Robert Chester**

NO.	PLAYER NAME	SCHOOL	POS.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	HT.	WT.
1	Cody Alexander	Southern Nazarene University	DB/CB	Liberty, MO	Liberty H. S.	5'11"	175
2	Jason Young	Southern Oregon University	DB	Los Angeles, CA	Antelope Valley High	5'9	185
3	CJ Taylor	Eastern Oregon University	RB	Kansas City, MO	Shasta Junior College	5'11	220
4	Colby Seagraves	Southwestern College	P	Parsons, KS	Parsons High	6'2	200
5	J. Shea Owens	Southern Virginia University	SS	Alpine UT	Lone Peak H. S.	6'	200
6	Gregory Fountain	Campbellsville	RB	Owensboro, KY	Apollo High	6'0	231
7	Brennan Smith	Trinity International University	SS/LB	Lake Worth, FL	Santaluces H. S.	5'10	210
8	Tyrell Spain	Baker University	WR	San Diego, CA	Hoover H. S.	6'3	200
9	Eric Allen	Baker University	FS	San Diego, CA	Mission Bay	5'11	175
10	Lin Roberts	Southwestern College	SS	Dallas, TX	JJ Pearce	5'8	190
11	Mike Deavours	MidAmerica Nazarene	DE/OLB	Loveland, CO	Mountain View H. S.	6'5	260
12	Seth Bauman	Central Methodist University	WR	Warsaw, MO	Warsaw H. S.	6'3"	210
13	Brett Clow	Bethel College (KS)	QB	Rockwall, TX	Rockwall H. S.	6'0	180
14	Ryan Boyer	Central Methodist University	LB-O	Warsaw, MO	Warsaw H. S.	6'1	220
15	Herbert Askew	Baker University	DB	Kingman, AZ	Kingman H. S. North	5'8	180
16	Ben Kisner	Lindenwood University	QB	Independence, MO	William Christman	6'	200
17	Tyler Grey	NW Oklahoma State	SS	Enid, OK	Enid H. S.	6'1"	215
18	Jon Nunez	Missouri Valley College	WR	Bakersfield, CA	Liberty H. S.	6'2	190
19	Jahmar Reynolds	NW Oklahoma State	DB	Paterson, NJ	Paterson Eastside H.S.	5'8"	165
20	Robert Holmes	Missouri Valley College	RB	Kansas City, MO	Park Hill	6'0	200
21	Nic Bearden	Shorter College	TE	Boaz, AL	Boaz H. S.	6'1	240
22	Victor Gray	Avila University	DB	Nixa, MO	Nixa H. S.	6'0	180
23	Correy Webb	Missouri Valley College	DB	Rohner Park, CA	Rancho Cotate	5'10	170
24	Alexx Gauthier	Southern Oregon University	SS	Portland, OR	Reynolds H. S.	6'3"	195
25	Drew Reno	Benedictine College	FS	Atchison, KS	Atchison H. S.	6'2	195
26	Darrell G.L. Tupuola-Poloa	Azusa Pacific University	NG/TE	Long Beach, CA	Long Beach Polytechnic	6'1	300
27	Lukas Gonzalez	Shorter College	K/P	Rome GA	Model H. S.	5,11	190
28	Zach Towns	Bethel College (KS)	LB	Mt. Hope, KS	Haven H. S.	6'1	230
31	Drew Dukeshire	Southern Oregon University	TE	Portland, OR	Benson	6'4	255
32	Jordan Fyelling	Valley City State University	FB/J	Souris, ND	Westhope H. S.	6'	225
34	Aaron Askew	Univ. of Virginia's College at Wise	FB	St.Louis, MO/Suffolk, VA	Granite City H. S.	5'10	230
35	Trey Neal	Central Methodist University	LB-O	Warrensburg, MO	Warrensburg H. S.	5'9"	210
38	Ricky Walker	University of the Cumberlands	RB	Thomasville, GA	Thomasville H. S.	5'8	210
40	Spencer Curran	Baker University	LB	Kansas City, KS	Blue Valley North	5'10	215
42	Scotty Yerges	Bethel College (KS)	FS/SS	Medford, OR	South Medford	5'11"	200
44	Brian Casey	Azusa Pacific University	LB	Fresno, CA	Fresno Christian	6'0	215
46	Matthew Yarbrough	Shorter College	DE	LaFayette, GA	LaFayette H. S.	6'4"	245
47	Nick Silcock	MSU-Northern	DE	Spokane, WA	University H. S.	6'3	260
48	Garret Glasrud	MSU-Northern	DL	Shaunavon Saskatchewan	Shaunavon H. S.	6'1	280
49	Robbie Schultz	Benedictine College	DE/OLB	Atchison, KS	Atchison H. S.	6'1"	225
50	Joshua Frosch	University of the Cumberlands	OL-T	Williamsburg, KY	Whitley County H. S.	6'3	230
51	Joshua Pidgeon	Shorter College	DE/LB	Jackson, GA	Jackson H. S.	6'3	240
52	Kevin Jenkins	Univ. of Virginia's College at Wise	OL-G	Vinton, VA	William Byrd	6'2	285
54	Travis Thurmond	University of the Cumberlands	LB-I	Statham, GA	Winder-Barrow H. S.	6	225
55	Joseph Ramirez	Trinity International University	OL-T/G	Colton, CA	Colton H. S.	6'0"	270
57	Ben Burningham	Southern Virginia University	OL	Richmond, UT	Richmond	6'2	275
58	Zach Morrison	Shorter College	OL-C	Cumming, GA	Forsyth Central H. S.	6'0	265
59	Desmond Cruver	University of the Cumberlands	LB-O	Newnan, GA	Northgate H. S.	5'11"	220
65	Anthony Collins Jr.	Missouri Valley College	DE	Warrensburg, MO	Warrensburg H. S.	6'6"	240
68	Clint Klemisch	Valley City State University	OL-C/FB	Devils Lake ND	Devils Lake High	5'10	215
69	Andy Bibb	Baker University	OL-RG	Springdale, AR	Springdale	6'2	295
70	Bryce King	Lambuth University	OL	Milan, TN	Milan H. S.	6'3	265
71	Nick Pekar	Missouri Valley College	OL	Eureka, MO	Eureka H. S.	6'3	280
72	Randy Hjort	Valley City State University	OL-LT	Milaca, MN	Milaca H. S.	6'6"	275
75	Dustin Brandt	Valley City State University	OL-G	Maxbass, ND	Newburg United	6'	270
76	Ronnie Bowling	University of the Cumberlands	OL	Corbin, KY	Corbin	6'	280
80	T.J. McBroom	Central Methodist University	WR	West Monroe, LA	West Monroe	5'9	200
82	Otis Taylor III	MidAmerica Nazarene	WR	Kansas City MO	Raytown MO	6'2	215
84	Javion Jones	Missouri Valley College	WR & PR	Dallas, TX	Wilmer-Hutchins	5'8	165
89	Sean Mounts	University of the Cumberlands	WR/P/RB	Caryville, TN	Anderson Co.	5-11	210
92	Larry Wentzel	Missouri Valley College	DE/LB	St.Louis, MO	St. Marys H. S.	6'2	245
97	Jesse Montoya	Cumberland University (TN)	DT	Atlanta, GA	Pebblebrook	6'2	295



UNION'S JOEY WATERS, 2008'S MVP OF THE NATIONALS.

## 2008 GAME RECAP

NATIONALS 29, AMERICANS 21

Platte City, Mo. – The second annual Victory Sports Network Senior Classic saw plenty of offense as the Nationals downed the Americans, 29-21. The win by the Nationals evens the all-time record at one win a piece for each team in the game.

Americans quarterback **Ron Jankovich** (Bethel College TN) led his team down the field in the final minutes of play trying to create an opportunity for a tie ball game. On fourth and long a Jankovich pass fell incomplete but a penalty by the Nationals gave the Americans one last try for the win. The ensuing effort on fourth and five would also fail and the Americans would advance on with the victory.

“This year’s game was tremendous,” said **Jason Dannelly** of the Victory Sports Network. “Considering these players had only two practices to put in the offense it is amazing to see how quickly they were able to learn it and perfect it.”

The scoring got started early as Ron Jankovich connected with **Matthew Middleton** (Ottawa University) for a 35 yard touchdown pass at the 13:11 mark of the first quarter. The Nationals would answer on their ensuing drive as **Benny Palmer** (William Jewell) would scamper in from the 16 yard line. The PAT was no good giving the Americans the advantage, 7-6.

Americans kicker **Michael Montez** (Bethel College KS) would hit a 40 yard field goal for the only points of the second quarter sending the Americans into the locker room with a 10-6 advantage. However they would not leave the locker room with the lead as their special team’s participants would lose the half-time punting and kicking competition. Points were awarded to each team for punting distance, coffin corner punt, field goal accuracy and field goal distance. The Nationals won three of the four contests resulting in nine points while the Americans only gained three points during the exhibition. The halftime contest gave the Nationals the lead going into the second half, 15-13. They would never trail again.

Benny Palmer of the Nationals added a touchdown pass in the third quarter to college teammate **Evan Adams** while teammate **Joey Waters** (Union College) connected with **Jared Stace** (Ohio Dominican) for a 59 yard pass. Waters would finish the day with 226 yards through the air.

The Americans scored on a halfback pass from **Jeff Neujahr** (Concordia University Nebr.) to **Andrew Baeza** with 10:56 left to play for their only touchdown of the second half. The catch was Baeza’s third of day for 77 yards. The two point conversion was good, making the score 29-21. Neither team would get on the scoreboard again.

The Nationals offensive MVP was **Joey Waters** while their defensive MVP was **Lakaito Barr-Miller** (University of Saint Mary). The Americans offensive MVP was **Andrew Baeza** and their defensive MVP was **Shane Ryan** (Peru State)

Attendance for the event was 1133. The Victory Sports Network will return to Platte City on August 30<sup>th</sup> for the “First Down Classic” between William Jewell and Doane College. Kick-off is set for 7:00 p.m. 📺

## NATIONALS ALL-TIME STATISTICS

RUSHING	COLLEGE	YEAR	ATTEMPT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LONG
Benny Palmer	William Jewell	2008	6	39	8	31	1	16
Neal Graham	Minot State	2007	6	24	0	24	0	6
Hayes Page	Southern Virginia	2008	6	27	4	23	0	20
Dominique Jones	McKendree	2007	6	24	1	23	0	12
Sir Donovan Palmer	University of Saint Mary	2007	3	17	0	17	0	8
Eric Hooks	St. Francis (IN)	2007	6	17	1	16	0	6
DeShawn Goldsmith	MidAmerica Nazarene	2007	4	15	1	14	0	9
James Jackson	William Penn	2007	4	9	1	8	0	7
Kaleo Igarta	Montana Western	2008	1	4	0	4	0	4
Michael Hahn	Sterling College	2007	1	3	0	3	0	3
Frank Owens	Baker	2008	1	2	0	2	0	2
Clint Franklin	Rocky Mountain	2007	1	2	0	2	0	2
Leon Wiggins	William Jewell	2008	2	2	1	1	0	2
Adam Radno	McKendree	2007	1	1	0	1	0	1
Ted Telemaque	Malone	2008	2	0	4	-4	0	0
Bernard Payton II	Malone	2008	3	0	6	-6	0	0
Joey Waters	Union (Ky.)	2008	6	13	23	-10	0	8
Tom Lensch	Dana College	2007	2	0	10	-10	0	-5
			61	199	60	139	1	

PASSING	COLLEGE	YEAR	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LONG	SACKS
Joey Waters	Union (Ky.)	2008	30	19	0	226	1	59	3
Eric Hooks	St. Francis (IN)	2007	18	8	1	78	0	23	0
Benny Palmer	William Jewell	2008	14	9	1	50	1	15	1
Tom Lensch	Dana College	2007	7	1	0	10	0	10	0
Michael Hahn	Sterling	2007	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
			73	37	3	364	2	59	4

PASS RECEIVING	COLLEGE	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
Jared Stace	Ohio Dominican	2008	3	86	1	59
McKay Dunn	Southern Virginia	2008	4	48	0	29
LaRoi Johnson	Malone	2008	4	36	0	15
Calvin Davenport	Ottawa	2007	2	25	0	23
Garret Whorton	Bethel (KS)	2007	1	22	0	22
Kaleo Igarta	Montana Western	2008	2	16	0	13
James Jackson	William Penn	2007	1	16	0	16
Michael Wilder	Mo. Valley	2008	2	15	0	8
Evan Adams	William Jewell	2008	2	15	1	11
Ted Telemaque	Malone	2008	1	13	0	13
AB Stokes	Sterling	2007	2	12	0	9
Marcus Nolan	Baker	2008	3	10	0	8
Nathan Soliz	NW Oklahoma State	2007	1	10	0	10
Rob Lash	Walsh	2008	1	9	0	9
Brandon Siverson	Valley City State	2008	1	8	0	8
Frank Owens	Baker	2008	1	7	0	7
Eric Brown	Mo. Valley	2008	1	6	0	6
Jerrold Jones	Langston	2008	1	5	0	5
Clint Franklin	Rocky Mountain	2007	1	4	0	4
Chris DiChiara	Lambuth	2008	1	3	0	3
Leon Wiggins	William Jewell	2008	1	-1	0	0
DeShawn Goldsmith	MidAmerica Nazarene	2007	1	-1	0	0
			37	364	2	

PLAYER NAME	COLLEGE	YEAR	UT	AT	TOT	TFL/ YDS	FR/ YDS	INT/ YDS	PASS BRUP	QB SACKS/ YDS
LaKaito Barr-Miller	University of Saint Mary	2008	4	2	6	1.0/1.0	0/0	0/0	0	1.0/1.0
Blaine Wise	Haskell	2007	5	1	6	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Anthony Fitzgerald	Texas College	2008	3	1	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Jake Landolf	University of Saint Mary	2007	4	0	4	2.0/8.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Darren Quail	Sioux Falls	2008	2	1	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Reggie Singletary	Mo. Valley	2008	2	1	3	1.0/3.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Matthew Hickman	Cumberland (TN)	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Curtis Johnson	Bacone College	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	1	0.0/0.0
Jeremy New	Shorter College	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Andre Shaw	MidAmerica Nazarene	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Karson Storey	Mayville State	2008	1	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Rich Beltram	Mo. Valley	2008	0	3	3	0.5/4.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.5/4.0
Rusty Fuller	Peru State	2007	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Chris Bjorkland	Olivet Nazarene	2007	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	1.0/0	1	0.0/0.0
Mike Rose	Culver-Stockton	2007	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	0	0.0/0.0
Albert Distajo	Montana Western	2008	1	1	2	0.0/0.0	1/0.0	1.0/15	0	0.0/0.0
Rayshaun Kizer	Walsh	2007	1	0	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0/0	3	0.0/0.0

PUNTING	SCHOOL	YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	I20	LONG
Mitch Bowhay	Dana College	2007	4	194	48.5	0	1	76
Robert Stevens	Mayville State	2008	3	124	41.3	0	0	47
Clint Bontempo	St. Francis (IN)	2007	4	146	36.5	0	0	45
Ryan Smith	Baker	2008	3	101	33.7	0	1	35

### PUNT RETURNS

Rob Lash	Walsh	2008	2	4	4
Chris DiChara	Lambuth	2008	1	4	4

### KICK RETURNS

SCHOOL	YEAR	NO	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Moore	MidAmerica Nazarene	2007	1	29
Eric Brown	Mo. Valley	2008	1	27
Rob Lash	Walsh	2008	1	21
Dominique Jones	McKendree	2007	1	18
Bernard Payton	Malone	2008	2	18

### FIELD GOALS

SCHOOL	YEAR	NO	ATT	LONG
Ricky Lebeda	Dana College	2007	2	3

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