

# 2009 Football Gazette All-Super Region One Team

**Clarion, Pa.:** 2009 Harlon Hill Trophy runner-up **Zach Amedro** (West Liberty) and Gene Upshaw Award winner **Ben Staggs** (West Liberty) headline a talented 2009 All-Super Region 1 Team selected by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

This marks the eighth 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 and second team selections advance to a national ballot from which the 2009 NCAA Division II Football Gazette All-America team will be selected in early February.

Amedro, a junior, completed 343 of 526 passes (65.2%) for 4,945 yards and 49 td's that led West Liberty to the D-II semi-final game and an 11-2 record. His 49 td's and 4,945 yards led all D-II qb's. He has tossed 88 career td's and passed for 10,675 yards.

Staggs, a 6-4, 275-pound senior, offensive tackle, won the prestigious Gene Upshaw Award earlier this year, signifying the Division II "Lineman of the Year".

Concord's **Brian Kennedy** (1,505 yds., 17 td's) and West Liberty's **Kevon Calhoun** (1,529 yards, 22 td's) lead the running backs, while West Liberty's **Kashif Walls** (1,321 receiving yards, 21 td's), Cal's **A.J. Jackson** (1,424 yds, 18 td's), and Shipp's **Mike Harris** (1,018 yds, 10 td's) are the top receivers.

Clarion's **Alfonso Hoggard**, who led the PSAC with 1,046 rushing yards and 17 td's, averaged 179.80 all-purpose yards, and ranked #6 in D-II in scoring, was the leader at All-Purpose back.

Leading the defensive team were Gene Upshaw Award finalist **Willie Walker** (California) and **Chris Almonte** (Charleston) on the d-line, with **Matt Freed** (E. Stroudsburg) the top linebacker, **Derrick Evans** (West Liberty) the top corner and **Nick Sipes** (Clarion) the top safety.

Shippensburg's punter **Kyler Ford** (41.85 per punt), ranked #3 in the nation, while **Deante Steele** (Shepherd), ranked #3 in punt returns and #9 in kickoff returns is the first team return specialist.

Unanimous choices were **Zach Amedro**, **Alfonso Hoggard**, tight end **Ryan Travis** (West Liberty), fullback **Kevin Herod** (Shippensburg) and punter **Kyler Ford** (Shipp).

West Liberty led with 10 players on the team, while NCAA Division II semifinalist California had 9, Merrimack and Bloomsburg 6 each, and Shippensburg and Clarion 5.

The Super Region 1 (formerly Northeast Region) is compiled of universities from four conferences including the PSAC, WVIAC, NE10 and the CIAA. A total of 108 players representing 38 universities are represented on this team.

## First Team Offense

| POS | NAME            | HT.  | WT. | YR. | SCHOOL        | HOMETOWN           | HIGH SCHOOL     |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| QB  | Zach Amedro     | 6-0  | 190 | Jr. | West Liberty  | Moundsville, WV.   | John Marshall   |
| RB  | Brian Kennedy   | 5-8  | 170 | So. | Concord       | Centreville, Va.   | Westfield       |
| RB  | Kevon Calhoun   | 5-10 | 185 | Jr. | West Liberty  | Rockville, Md.     | Montgomery      |
| FB  | Kevin Herod     | 6-1  | 224 | Fr. | Shippensburg  | Allentown          | Parkland        |
| WR  | Mike Harris     | 6-1  | 192 | Sr. | Shippensburg  | East Earl          | Garden Spot     |
| WR  | A.J. Jackson    | 6-6  | 230 | Sr. | California    | Lehigh Acres, Fl.  | Lehigh          |
| WR  | Kashif Walls    | 6-3  | 205 | Jr. | West Liberty  | Camden, N.J.       | Sicklerville    |
| TE  | Ryan Travis     | 6-3  | 245 | Jr. | West Liberty  | Massillon, Oh.     | Tuslaw          |
| OC  | Brandon Fusco   | 6-5  | 300 | Jr. | Slippery Rock | Cranberry Twp. Pa. | Seneca Valley   |
| OG  | Dan Jordan      | 6-3  | 305 | Jr. | California    | Tionesta           | Redbank Valley  |
| OG  | Tim Ickes       | 6-3  | 280 | Sr. | West Liberty  | Wooster, Oh.       | Northwestern    |
| OT  | ChaMar Jones    | 6-2  | 275 | Gr. | California    | Aliquippa          | Aliquippa       |
| OT  | Ben Staggs      | 6-4  | 275 | Sr. | West Liberty  | Wooster, Oh.       | Northwestern    |
| AP  | Alfonso Hoggard | 5-4  | 150 | Jr. | Clarion       | Philadelphia       | Caravel Academy |
| PK  | Craig Burgess   | 5-11 | 215 | Jr. | Indiana       | Medina, Oh.        | Highland        |

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|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| DL  | Chris Almonte    | 6-4  | 265 | Sr. | Charleston       | Miami, Fl.         | Jackson        |
| DL  | Daryl Laforest   | 6-3  | 280 | Sr. | Bentley          | Roslindale, Mass   | Belmont        |
| DE  | Willie Walker    | 6-3  | 250 | Sr. | California       | Aliquippa          | Aliquippa      |
| DE  | Jashawn Williams | 6-2  | 230 | Sr. | AIC              | Roosevelt, N.Y.    | Roosevelt      |
| LB  | Dontay Brown     | 6-2  | 235 | Gr. | California       | McKeesport         | McKeesport     |
| LB  | Andrew Eggleton  | 5-11 | 215 | Sr. | WV State         | St. Albans, WV.    | St. Albans     |
| LB  | Matt Freed       | 5-10 | 210 | Jr. | E.Stroudsburg    | Souderton          | Souderton      |
| LB  | Anthony Smith    | 5-9  | 227 | Sr. | Bloomsburg       | Pottstown, Pa.     | Potstown       |
| CB  | Derrick Evans    | 5-10 | 180 | Sr. | West Liberty     | Prichard, WV.      | Tolsia         |
| CB  | Terrence Johnson | 6-0  | 190 | Sr. | California       | Braddock           | Woodland Hills |
| CB  | Quintez Smith    | 6-1  | 195 | Sr. | Shaw             | Dublin, Ga.        | UT. Chatt.     |
| SAF | Jeff Gowdy       | 5-10 | 175 | Sr. | Fayetteville St. | Jacksonville, N.C. | Northside      |
| SAF | Nick Sipes       | 5-11 | 215 | Jr. | Clarion          | Curwensville       | Curwensville   |
| P   | Kyler Ford       | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. | Shippensburg     | Bedford            | Bedford        |
| RS  | Deante Steele    | 5-9  | 185 | Jr. | Shepherd         | Woodbridge, Va.    | Potomac        |

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|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| QB  | Trevor Harris    | 6-3  | 225 | Sr. | Edinboro       | Waldo, Oh.        | Marion Pleasant |
| RB  | Anthony Smalls   | 5-8  | 170 | So. | Merrimack      | Dorchester, Mass. | Natick          |
| RB  | Herbert Woodard  | 5-8  | 175 | Jr. | Assumption     | Bridgton, N.J.    | Salem           |
| FB  | Stefan Adams     | 5-10 | 230 | Sr. | Bloomsburg     | West Chester, Pa. | Henderson       |
| WR  | Chris Laham      | 5-10 | 180 | Sr. | Merrimack      | Westwood, Mass.   | Westwood        |
| WR  | Jacques Robinson | 6-3  | 180 | Jr. | Clarion        | Pittsburgh        | Oliver          |
| WR  | Thomas Mayo      | 6-2  | 190 | So. | Concord        | South Lakes, Va.  | South Lakes     |
| TE  | Matt Foradora    | 6-5  | 250 | Sr. | Clarion        | Falls Creek, Pa.  | Brockway        |
| OC  | Nick Madia       | 6-0  | 285 | Jr. | West Liberty   | Valencia, Ca.     | Canyon          |
| OG  | Josh Harvey      | 6-2  | 275 | Jr. | Charleston     | St. Albans, W.V.  | St. Albans      |
| OG  | Rob Stoner       | 6-2  | 293 | Jr. | Edinboro       | Edinboro, Pa.     | General McLane  |
| OT  | Morgan Thomas    | 6-3  | 300 | Sr. | E. Stroudsburg | Allentown         | Parkland        |
| OT  | Greg Tuba        | 6-3  | 300 | Sr. | So. Conn. St.  | Monroe, Ct.       | Masuk           |
| AP  | Aaron Higdon     | 5-8  | 185 | Sr. | Charleston     | Palmetto. Fl.     | Southeast       |
| PK  | Tyler McNamara   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | Bentley        | Medway, Mass.     | Medway          |

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|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| DL  | Chad Brooks        | 6-1  | 260 | Sr. | Edinboro       | Brockport, N.Y.   | Albion            |
| DL  | Randy Colling      | 6-5  | 300 | So. | Gannon         | Arcade, N.Y.      | Pioneer           |
| DL  | Dan Stone          | 6-4  | 295 | Sr. | Concord        | Finksburg, Md.    | Westminster       |
| DE  | Marcus Crump       | 6-6  | 240 | Sr. | St. Augustines | Pittsboro, N.C.   |                   |
| DE  | Justin Presley     | 6-3  | 243 | Sr. | Bloomsburg     | Philadelphia, Pa. | George Washington |
| LB  | Clay Beeler        | 6-1  | 230 | Jr. | West Liberty   | Chillicothe, Oh.  | Chillicothe       |
| LB  | Mike Dell          | 6-3  | 245 | Sr. | West Chester   | Hummelstown, PA.  | Lower Dauphin     |
| LB  | Matt Zahoruiko     | 6-0  | 240 | Sr. | Bentley        | N. Andover, Mass  | N. Andover        |
| CB  | Akwasi Owusu-Ansah | 6-1  | 2-5 | Sr. | Indiana        | Columbus, Oh.     | Whetstone         |
| CB  | Deante Steele      | 5-9  | 185 | Jr. | Shepherd       | Woodbridge, Va.   | Potomac           |
| SAF | Chris Carroll      | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | Bentley        | Lynn, Mass.       | Lynn English      |
| SAF | Dewey McDonald     | 6-1  | 190 | Fr. | Fairmont St.   | Ranson, WV.       | Jefferson         |
| P   | Derek Fiorenza     | 5-8  | 185 | Gr. | California     | Downingtown       | Bishop Shanahan   |
| RS  | Akwasi Owusu-Ansah | 6-1  | 2-5 | Sr. | Indiana        | Columbus, Oh.     | Whetstone         |

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|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| QB  | Josh Portis        | 6-4  | 205 | Sr. | California     | Woodland Hills, Ca.  | Taft             |
| QB  | Dan Latorre        | 6-0  | 207 | Gr. | Bloomsburg     | Elysburg, Pa.        | So. Columbia     |
| QB  | James Suozzo       | 6-3  | 210 | So. | Merrimack      | Everett, Mass.       | Bridgeton Acad.  |
| RB  | Thomas Beverly     | 6-1  | 195 | Fr. | C.W. Post      | Wyandanch, N.Y.      | St. John Baptist |
| RB  | Jarom Freeman      | 6-1  | 185 | Sr. | So. Conn. St.  | Peekskill, N.Y.      | Peekskill        |
| RB  | Jon Richardson     | 5-11 | 205 | Sr. | Gannon         | Warren, Oh.          | Warren Harding   |
| RB  | Raymond Williams   | 6-0  | 190 | Jr. | Shaw           | Cleveland, Oh.       |                  |
| FB  | Bobby Humphries    | 6-4  | 243 | Jr. | Shepherd       | Frederick, Md.       | Thomas Johnson   |
| FB  | John Weichman      | 5-8  | 195 | Jr. | So. Conn. St.  | Buxton, Maine        | Bonny Eagle      |
| WR  | Xavier Glenn       | 5-8  | 185 | Sr. | Glenville St.  | Atlanta, Ga.         |                  |
| WR  | Eddie Hills        | 5-10 | 175 | Sr. | West Liberty   | Palmetto, Fl.        | Palmetto         |
| WR  | Robert Holland     | 6-2  | 175 | Fr. | Chowan         | Newport News, Va.    | Woodside         |
| WR  | Jeremiah Watts     | 6-3  | 210 | Sr. | Merrimack      | Clovis, Ca.          | Maine            |
| WR  | Marc Wilson        | 5-11 | 185 | So. | Saint Anselm   | Farmington, Ct.      | Bridgton Acad.   |
| TE  | Josh Szeluga       | 6-2  | 212 | Sr. | Mercyhurst     | Cheektowaga, N.Y.    | W. Seneca East   |
| TE  | Andrew Kulak       | 6-3  | 240 | Sr. | Pace           | Wolcott, Ct.         | Wolcott          |
| OC  | Brandon Link       | 6-1  | 259 | So. | Concord        | Cumberland, Md.      | Allegany         |
| OG  | Pat Casey          | 6-0  | 272 | Jr. | Bloomsburg     | Matamoras, Pa.       | Del. Valley      |
| OG  | Gabe Johnson-Siano | 6-3  | 303 | Jr. | Cheyney        | Harrisburg           | Central Dauphin  |
| OG  | Melvin Rogers      | 6-3  | 330 | Sr. | Chowan         | Margaretsville, N.C. | Northampton E.   |
| OG  | Bobby Mullen       | 6-2  | 246 | Fr. | Shippensburg   | Philadelphia         | North Catholic   |
| OT  | David Bellmont     | 6-5  | 275 | Jr. | Merrimack      | Melrose, Mass.       | Melrose          |
| OT  | Joe Charles        | 6-6  | 330 | Sr. | Glenville St.  | Clinton, Md.         | Surrattsville    |
| OT  | Dave Hetrick       | 6-3  | 270 | Sr. | Mercyhurst     | Northfield, Oh.      | Brecksville      |
| OT  | Dylan Stivers      | 6-6  | 305 | Sr. | Elizabeth City | Guerneville, Ca.     | Santa Rosa       |
| AP  | Sharrief Hall      | 5-9  | 160 | So. | New Haven      | Brockton, Mass       | Brockton         |
| AP  | Kertis Hussey      | 6-0  | 190 | Sr. | AIC            | Paterson, N.J.       | Paterson         |
| PK  | Matt Dineen        | 6-0  | 195 | Jr. | Kutztown       | Wilmington, De.      | Concord          |
| PK  | C.J. Bahr          | 5-10 | 165 | Jr. | Slippery Rock  | Boalsburg, Pa.       | State College    |

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| DL  | Brandon Fortune | 6-4  | 265 | Sr. | Virginia St.     | Fredericksburg, Va. | Massaponax        |
| DL  | Eric Holter     | 6-4  | 255 | Sr. | So. Conn. St.    | Milford, Ct.        | N.D.              |
| DL  | Chad Miller     | 6-0  | 275 | Jr. | Millersville     | Denver, Pa.         | Cocalico          |
| DL  | Ted Schiable    | 6-4  | 265 | Sr. | Charleston       | Cincinnati, Oh.     | Roger Bacon       |
| DE  | Luke Black      | 6-5  | 260 | So. | Fairmont St.     | Marietta, Oh.       | Parkersburg Cath. |
| DE  | Xavier Brown    | 6-5  | 245 | Jr. | C.W.Post         | Bay Shire, N.Y.     | Brentwood         |
| DE  | Tyton Bruner    | 6-3  | 268 | Sr. | Shippensburg     | Camp Hill           | Camp Hill         |
| DE  | Malcolm Jenkins | 6-5  | 235 | Jr. | Elizabeth City   | Florence, N.J.      | Florence          |
| DE  | Nate Thompson   | 6-1  | 236 | Sr. | AIC              | Elizabeth, N.J.     | Elizabeth         |
| DE  | James Thorpe    | 5-10 | 285 | Sr. | West Chester     | Malvern, PA.        | Great Valley      |
| LB  | Nate Black      | 6-1  | 235 | Sr. | Fairmont St.     | Marietta, Oh.       | Parkersburg Cath. |
| LB  | Brett Diamond   | 6-2  | 230 | So. | California       | Chesterfield, Va.   | Matoaca           |
| LB  | Marcos Esquivel | 6-2  | 235 | Sr. | Fayetteville St. | Mesa, Az.           | Ray               |
| LB  | Tony Johnson    | 6-3  | 225 | So. | Merrimack        | Lynn, Mass.         | Lynn Classical    |
| LB  | Kaleb Lawrence  | 6-2  | 240 | Sr. | Glenville St.    | McLouth, KS.        | Saline            |
| LB  | Sam Scott       | 6-5  | 215 | Sr. | West Chester     | Bear, De.           | Middletown        |
| LB  | Dustin Zitzmann | 5-11 | 215 | Sr. | Assumption       | Pinellas Park, Fl.  | Dixie Hollins     |
| CB  | A.D. Hale       | 6-2  | 180 | Sr. | Glenville St.    | Belle, WV.          | Riverside         |
| CB  | Stephan Neville | 5-8  | 168 | So. | Stonehill        | Foxborough, Mass.   | Foxborough        |

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|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| CB  | Daily Whitten    | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | Clarion        | Darlington, S.C.  | Darlington    |
| CB  | Branden Williams | 5-10 | 182 | So. | Edinboro       | Eastlake, Oh.     | St. Edward    |
| CB  | Justin Hamilton  | 5-10 | 170 | Sr. | Elizabeth City | Washington, D.C.  | T. Roosevelt  |
| SAF | Julius Carter    | 5-10 | 195 | Sr. | Millersville   | Philadelphia, Pa. | Bartram       |
| SAF | Demel Chambers   | 6-1  | 223 | Sr. | Cheyney        | Philadelphia, Pa. | Southern      |
| SAF | Terence Peete    | 6-4  | 237 | Jr. | Bowie State    | Memphis, Tn.      | Northwest     |
| SAF | Domenique Price  | 6-1  | 195 | Sr. | Bloomsburg     | Easton            | Easton        |
| P   | Matt Martin      | 5-10 | 210 | Jr. | Shepherd       | Martinsburg, WV.  | Martinsburg   |
| P   | Kyle Witman      | 6-0  | 200 | Sr. | Slippery Rock  | Harrisburg        | Trinity       |
| RS  | Alfonso Hoggard  | 5-4  | 150 | Jr. | Clarion        | Philadelphia, Pa. | Caravel Aced. |
| RS  | Stephan Neville  | 5-8  | 168 | So. | Stonehill      | Foxborough, Mass. | Foxborough    |