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Senior slot receiver Andrew Blakley (St. Joseph, Mo./Central) received his second all-region recognition today for the 2002 season after being named Daktronics first-team all-region as selected by the sports information directors around the country earlier this month.

Blakley earned first-team all-MIAA recognition for the second straight year in 2002. He completed his career by leaving a nearly indelible mark in the Truman, MIAA and NCAA record books. He finished his career with 300 catches for 3,458 yards and 22 touchdowns. Blakley claimed the MIAA records for career receptions and receiving yards this past season and is second all-time in NCAA Division II and tied for sixth among all-Division leaders (I, I-AA, II, III). He rests just one spot from Jerry Rice on the all-Divisions Central Missouri with 90 catches for the year and claimed the MIAA single season mark of 94 in the final game of his career, ending the season with 96 receptions for 965 yards and six TDs.

Blakley tied the school record for career receiving touchdowns with Lloyd Henry who also had 22 from 1975-77. Blakley had not missed a game since joining the team in 1999 when he began his career as a true freshman. He caught a pass in all 44 career games, which also stands as a school record.

Blakley was a third-team all-America last season, and was one of six candidates from the Midwest region to make the Harlon Hill ballot that recognizes the NCAA Division II player of the year.

He finished the year tied for the lead in NCAA Division II receptions (87.3 pg).

Blakley now advances to the Daktronics all-America ballot.

Lienhard led the team this past season with 98 total tackles and 17 tackles for losses. He tied for second in the MIAA in TFLs (1.55 pg) and forced fumbles (3) and was fourth in total tackles with 8.9 a contest. Lienhard had the best game of his career in the season finale against Missouri Western, leading the team with 18 total tackles and three tackles for losses. For his efforts in that game, Lienhard was named the MIAA's final defensive athlete of the week for 2002. He earned honorable mention all-MIAA status the previous two seasons. After redshirting in 1998, Lienhard saw action in every game as a freshman and earned four starts. The following year, Lienhard finished third on the team in tackles and started every game en route to his first all-conference honors. A year ago, he again finished third in team tackles with 68 and led the team with 10 tackles for losses. For his career, Lienhard has 315 total tackles, including 36 tackles for losses and three sacks, and has six forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and an interception.

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First Team Offense
QB Keith Heckendorf 6-1 200 JR St. Cloud State
RB Kegan Coleman 5-8 190 SO Central Missouri
RB Adam Matthews 5-11 200 JR Northern Colorado
WR Ben Nelson 6-2 180 SR St. Cloud State
WR Chris Samp 6-3 200 JR Winona State
TE Matt Huebner 6-4 265 SR St. Cloud State
C Eric Johnson 6-1 262 SR Pittsburg State Topeka, Kan.
OG Peter Lawton 6-4 315 SR Minnesota-Duluth
OG Eric Martin 6-1 328 JR Emporia State
OT Nate Reimers 6-5 310 SR Northern Colorado
OT Seth Wand 6-7 325 SR Northwest Missouri
AP Kevin Curtin 5-9 185 JR Winona State
PK Daniel Chappell 5-9 167 SR Pittsburg State

First Team Defense
DL Anthony Dunn 6-2 257 SR Northern Colorado
DL Bill Gassen 6-0 290 SR South Dakota Rapid City, S.D.
DL Roderick Green 6-2 235 JR Central Missouri
DL Aaron McConnell 6-3 303 JR Pittsburg State
LB Chris Lutz 6-0 202 SR Pittsburg State
LB Cabel Rohloff 6-4 240 JR Northern Colorado
LB Derek Sieck 6-3 235 JR Winona State
LB Eric Walker 5-9 299 SR Missouri Western
DB Steven Koehler 6-1 190 JR Winona State
DB Darryl Ridley 5-9 180 JR Northwest Missouri
DB Jared Ziemke 6-4 211 JR Minnesota State-Mankato
P Eric Roth 6-3 210 SR Washburn
RS Kevin Brown 5-8 185 JR South Dakota State

Second Team Offense
QB Josh Chapman 6-3 220 SR Missouri Southern
RB Paris Moore 5-11 210 SR Minnesota-Morris
RB Tyler Paul 5-10 189 JR Emporia State
WR Tim Battaglia 6-3 200 JR Minnesota-Duluth
WR Todd DeVoe 6-2 205 SR Central Missouri
TE Jeff Untereker 6-4 258 SR Pittsburg State
C Malachi Johnson 6-1 250 SR Winona State
OG Matt Brown 6-2 310 JR Winona State
OG Conor Riley 6-4 315 SR Nebraska-Omaha
OT Dan Joiner 6-4 295 SR Central Missouri
OT Josh Kayser 6-4 320 SR Augustana
AP Jamaica Rector 5-10 182 SO Northwest Missouri
PK Chad Gerlach 5-9 180 JR Minnesota-Duluth

Second Team Defense
DL Nate Davis 6-2 245 SR Minnesota-Duluth
DL Phillip Mahon 6-4 235 JR Emporia State
DL Joe Peters 6-5 260 JR Concordia-St. Paul
DL Aaron Tippins 6-3 259 JR Minnesota State-Mankato
LB Jason Carson 6-0 210 JR Northern State
LB John Edmonds 6-0 235 JR Northwest Missouri
DB Aaron Hight 6-2 197 JR Pittsburg State
DB Levi Neville 5-11 180 JR Pittsburg State
DB Brian Riley 6-2 215 SR Central Missouri

DB Jake Willrich 6-0 208 SR Truman
P Jarrod Edelen 6-0 213 SR South Dakota
RS Joseph Mapson 5-10 175 JR Concordia-St. Paul

Third Team Offense
QB Bruce Carpenter 6-2 220 SR Winona State
QB John McMenamin 6-4 210 SR Northwest Missouri
RB Matt Birkel 5-10 200 FR St. Cloud State
RB James Johnson 5-9 200 SR Nebraska-Omaha
WR Andrew Blakley 5-9 175 SR Truman
WR Marc Green 6-2 205 JR Southwest Baptists
WR Jesse Smith 6-0 180 SR North Dakota
TE Mike Walker 6-5 240 JR Minnesota-Morris
C Lucas Briman 6-0 300 SR Nebraska-Omaha
OG Tyrone Armstrong 6-4 322 JR Pittsburg State
OG Paul Keller 6-5 300 SR North Dakota State
OT Brandon Pink 6-4 279 SR Bemidji State
OT Alex Tuttle 6-4 306 SR Northwest Missouri
AP Ryan Johnson 6-1 180 SR Emporia State
PK Mike Swim 6-0 185 FR Northern Colorado

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DL Justin Bowser 6-3 295 SR Northwest Missouri
DL Jason Chancellor 6-1 273 SR Missouri Western
DL Tom Farrington 6-7 275 SR Augustana
DL Shawn Linder 6-2 290 SR Southwest Baptist
LB Jon Aamot 6-0 232 JR Bemidji State
LB Billy Erenberg 6-1 214 SR North Dakota State
LB Judd Lienhard 6-2 226 SR Truman
LB Adam Long 6-0 220 SO Wayne State (Neb.)
DB Kevin Brown 5-8 185 JR South Dakota State
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RS Shane Carter 5-11 222 SR Minn. State-Moorhead

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