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Gateway Football Announces 1995 All-Conference Squad

ST. LOUIS — Last year's runners-up highlight the 1995 Gateway All-Conference football team, announced today by the league office. WR Detric Ward of Northern Iowa and LB Tim Carver of Eastern Illinois were named the 1995 Gateway Offensive and Defensive players of the year, respectively, after finishing second in the balloting in 1994. Carver's selection as Defensive Player of the Year breaks a four-year stint in which Northern Iowa linebackers were selected. He is the first Eastern Illinois player to win the honor since DB Tim Lance was tabbed the league's best defensive player in 1990. Meanwhile, Ward is the first Northern Iowa player to win Gateway Offensive Player of the Year honors since QB Kurt Warner won the honor in 1993.

Eastern Illinois' Bob Spoo was named the 'Bruce Craddock' Gateway Coach of the Year after leading the Panthers to wins in 14 of their past 15 games, a 10-1 regular-season record, a 5-1 league record and Gateway co-championship and a 1995 NCAA I-AA playoff berth. Spoo is the second Eastern Illinois coach to win league coach of the year plaudits. He joins EIU's Al Molde, who won the award in 1986 - EIU's only other Gateway championship season.

Ward, a junior, already holds Gateway and Northern Iowa records for receiving with 2,707 career yards. He is the all-time leader in league history with 27 touchdown receptions, and he is the only player in league annals to record two 1,000-yard receiving seasons. Ward led the nation this year with 116.4 receiving yards per game, and his 1,164 yards set a new school record and rank second on the all-time Gateway single-season charts.

Carver, a senior, is the all-time leader at EIU and in the Gateway with 565 career tackles. He ranked third in the conference this season with 138 tackles, which included a league-best 87 solo stops. His five interceptions were one behind the league leader and were the most by a league linebacker in 1995. He was also among the league leaders with two fumble recoveries. His 165 tackles last season led the league.

1995 all-Gateway Football Conference Team *(selected by coaches, sports information directors and media panel)*

FIRST TEAM						
OFFENSE	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	
QB — Chris Berg	Northern Iowa	6-1	196	Sr.	Fargo (N.D.) South High	
RB — *Willie High	Eastern Illinois	6-0	219	Sr.	Mattoon (Ill.) High	
	David Wright	5-7	170	Sr.	Harvey (Ill.) Thornton High	
TE — Damon Jones	Southern Illinois	6-6	276	Jr.	Evanston (Ill.) High	
WR — Gunnard Twynier	Western Illinois	5-11	175	Sr.	Bettendorf (Iowa) Pleasant Valley High	
	*Detric Ward	Northern Iowa	5-9	Jr.	Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Washington High	
OL — Chris Anderson	Eastern Illinois	6-5	281	Sr.	Kaukauna (Wisc.) High	
	Dan Bower	Northern Iowa	6-4	Sr.	Sigourney (Iowa) High	
	*Luke Hake	SW Missouri State	6-2	Sr.	St. Louis (Mo.) Oakville High	
	David Papp	Indiana State	6-4	Sr.	Akron (Ohio) Garfield High	
	Willie Ross	Illinois State	6-5	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) Hillcrest High	
PK — Todd Kurz	Illinois State	6-4	205	Jr.	Bloomington (Ill.) Central Catholic High	
DEFENSE						
DL — Marc Afoa	Western Illinois	6-5	245	Sr.	Gardena (Calif.) High	
	*Dan Brandenburg	Indiana State	6-3	Sr.	Rensselaer (Ind.) Central High	
	Eric Johnson	Illinois State	6-1	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) St. Rita High	
	*Brian Moretz	Northern Iowa	6-0	Sr.	Northwood (Iowa) Kensett High	
LB — Tim Carver	Eastern Illinois	6-0	212	Sr.	Des Moines (Iowa) Urbandale High	
	DeLaun Fowler	SW Missouri State	6-1	Sr.	Belleville (Ill.) East High	
	Chris Stevens	Illinois State	5-10	Sr.	Indianapolis (Ind.) Ben Davis High	
DB — Darnell Hendricks	Southern Illinois	6-3	200	Sr.	Los Angeles (Calif.) William Taft High	
	Buck Phillips	Western Illinois	5-8	Sr.	North Chicago (Ill.) High	
	Bill Randles	Illinois State	6-0	Sr.	Oswego (Ill.) High	
	Tyree Talton	Northern Iowa	6-0	Fr.	Beloit (Wisc.) Memorial High	
P — Chris Hurst	SW Missouri State	5-10	190	Sr.	Boone (Iowa) High	
RS — Buck Phillips	Western Illinois	5-8	160	Sr.	North Chicago (Ill.) High	

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		SECOND TEAM				
OFFENSE	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	
QB — Pete Mauch	Eastern Illinois	5-10	185	Sr.	Naperville (Ill.) Wheaton St. Francis High	
RB — Keith Goodnight	Illinois State	5-9	181	Sr.	Bloomington (Ill.) High	
	Jeff Stovall	Northern Iowa	5-10	Jr.	Beloit (Wisc.) Memorial High	
TE — Tim Achterberg	Illinois State	6-5	244	Sr.	Edgerton (Wisc.) High	
WR — Jason Cannon	SW Missouri State	6-1	180	So.	St. Louis (Mo.) Webster Groves High	
	Kyle Robinson	Illinois State	5-10	Sr.	Florissant (Mo.) Hazelwood East High	
OL — Brad Kubik	SW Missouri State	6-4	270	So.	Springfield (Mo.) Kickapoo High	
	Bob Mehorczyk	Western Illinois	6-2	Sr.	Dolton (Ill.) Thornton High	
	Jon Pilcher	Northern Iowa	6-2	Sr.	Fort Dodge (Iowa) Senior High	
	Gil Plasencia	Western Illinois	6-5	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.) Stranahan High	
	Andy Ziebarth	Illinois State	6-3	Jr.	Normal (Ill.) Normal Community High	
PK — Tom Allison	Indiana State	5-11	199	Sr.	Auburn (Ind.) DeKalb High	
DEFENSE						
DL— Ryan Behr	Northern Iowa	6-3	271	Sr.	Rockwell (Iowa) Newman High	
	Larry Langlois	Illinois State	6-2	Sr.	Indianapolis (Ind.) Ben Davis High	
	Brian McGavock	Eastern Illinois	6-1	Jr.	Bridgeton (Mo.) Pattonville High	
	Mike Miano	SW Missouri State	6-3	Jr.	St. Louis (Mo.) Affton High	
LB — Kevin Hammond	Northern Iowa	6-2	220	Sr.	Eagan (Minn.) Burnsville High	
	Chris Libaire	Indiana State	6-2	Jr.	Ft. Walton Beach (Fla.) Choctawhatchee High	
	Tim Miller	Northern Iowa	6-3	Jr.	Carol Stream (Ill.) Glenbard North High	
DB — Duane Butler	Illinois State	6-2	198	Jr.	Trotwood (Ohio) Madison High	
	James Dorsey	Eastern Illinois	6-0	Sr.	Addison (Ill.) Addison Trail High	
	Willie Parks	SW Missouri State	5-10	Sr.	Kirkwood (Mo.) High	
	Frank Spraggins	Western Illinois	5-11	So.	East St. Louis (Ill.) Senior High	
P — Todd Kurz	Illinois State	6-4	205	Jr.	Bloomington (Ill.) Central Catholic High	
RS— Karlton Carpenter	Southern Illinois	5-9	195	Fr.	Chicago (Ill.) Dunbar High	

Honorable Mention

QB Jeff Hecklinski (Western Illinois); RB Chris Hicks (Eastern Illinois); RB Brian Knuckles (Western Illinois); WR Jarrett Jackson (Illinois State); WR Phil Perkins (Southwest Missouri State); WR Chris Sabino (Western Illinois); TE Matt Harken (Northern Iowa); TE Charlie Roche (Eastern Illinois); OL Larry Mullins (Southern Illinois); PK Steve Largent (Eastern Illinois); DL Ryan Culver (Western Illinois); DL Mike Likens (Indiana State); DL Curtis Price (Eastern Illinois); LB Bennie McLin (Southwest Missouri State); LB Don Martin (Illinois State); LB Dannie Spann (Northern Iowa); LB Brian Tranchitella (Southern Illinois); DB Jerry Creer (Illinois State); DB Branyon Davis (Southwest Missouri State); DB Robert High (Indiana State); DB Dre' Knox (Indiana State); P Mark Gagliano (Southern Illinois); RS Anthony Taylor (Northern Iowa).

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: WR Detric Ward, Northern Iowa

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: LB Tim Carver, Eastern Illinois

BRUCE CRADDOCK GATEWAY COACH OF THE YEAR: Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois

*denotes unanimous first-team selection

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