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Stecker Heads 1997 Gateway Football Conference All-Newcomer Team

ST. LOUIS — The league's Offensive Player of the Year has earned his second league individual postseason honor, as Aaron Stecker of Western Illinois has today been named Gateway Newcomer of the Year. He heads a list of 26 student-athletes named to the 1997 Gateway Football Conference All-Newcomer Team. Gateway coaches, sports information directors and a media panel selected the team.

The Gateway "Newcomer of the Year," who was last week named Gateway "Offensive Player of the Year," Stecker is a transfer from the University of Wisconsin. He led the I-AA nation in total rush yards (1,957) and in scoring (150 points), setting 13 school records and seven Gateway records in the process.

Stecker is one of six Western Illinois players named to the Gateway All-Newcomer team. Southwest Missouri State had five selections, while Illinois State and Northern Iowa each had four. Indiana State (1), Southern Illinois (3) and Youngstown State (3) also were represented on the squad. The top 11 vote-getters (plus ties) on offense and defense were named to the team, which appears below.

OFFENSE	School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
Eddie Berlin	Northern Iowa	SE	6-0	186	Fr.	Urbandale (Iowa) High
Travis Brawner	Southwest Mo. State	P/PK	6-0	184	So.	Branson (Mo.) High/University of Arkansas
Jim Farrell	Western Illinois	WR	6-2	205	Sr.	Palatine (Ill.) Fremd High/Eastern Illinois University
Shane Fortney	Northern Iowa	QB	6-3	225	Sr.	Mukilteo (Wash.) Mariner High/University of Washington
Mike Furrey	Northern Iowa	WR	5-10	177	So.	Hilliard (Ohio) High/Ohio State University
Kevin Glenn	Illinois State	QB	6-0	180	Fr.	Detroit (Mich.) DePorres High
Terry Hollimon	Northern Iowa	RB	5-8	205	Sr.	Bothell (Wash.) Cascade High/University of Washington
Corey McGriff	Southwest Mo. State	RB	6-1	227	Jr.	Boynton Beach (Fla.) Pope John Paul II/Ft. Scott Community
Marquis Mosely	Illinois State	WR/RS	6-1	195	Sr.	Bloomington (Ill.) High/University of Illinois
Frank Rutherford	Youngstown State	OG	6-2	283	So.	Brownsville (Pa.) High/Temple University
Kent Skornia	Southern Illinois	QB	6-4	200	Jr.	Washington (Mo.) St. Francis Borgia/University of Missouri
Aaron Stecker	Western Illinois	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	Green Bay (Wis.) Ashwaubenow High/Univ. of Wisconsin
Anthony Williams	Indiana State	WR/RS	5-10	182	Sr.	North (Ind.) High/University of Michigan
DEFENSE						
John Amitrano	Southern Illinois	P	6-0	200	Jr.	Valley Stream (N.Y.) Nassau Community College
Jake Anderson	Youngstown State	FS	5-11	195	Jr.	Mission Viejo (Calif.) Saddleback Junior College
Cyron Brown	Western Illinois	DE	6-1	230	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) Lane Tech/University of Illinois
Donnie Caldwell	Western Illinois	DB	5-11	188	Jr.	Lawton (Okla.) High/Northeast Oklahoma A&M
Chris Glantzis	Youngstown State	DT	6-5	225	Fr.	Mentor (Ohio) High
Shawn Lockhart	Southwest Mo. State	DB	6-0	218	So.	Aurora (Colo.) Montbello High/Fort Scott Community College
Corky Martin	Southwest Mo. State	LB	5-10	205	Fr.	Claremore (Okla.) Sequoyah High
Mitch Minick	Southwest Mo. State	DL	6-3	290	Sr.	Bixby (Okla.) High/Northeastern A&M Junior College
James Milton	Western Illinois	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Miami (Fla.) Hialeah Lakes/Garden City (Kan.) Community
Galen Scott	Illinois State	OLB	5-10	215	Fr.	Orlando (Fla.) Evans High
Jake Strader	Illinois State	P	6-0	190	Fr.	Danville (Ill.) High
Tavita Tovia	Southern Illinois	DL	6-1	260	Fr.	Honolulu (Hawaii) Farrington High
Dave Watson	Western Illinois	DT	6-5	245	Jr.	Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High/University of Minnesota