The Wolverine football team, the Wolverines team up with United Way

The Wolverine Football Team.

Honor Roll

Several Grove City College Wolverine football standout

were given All-Conference honors after the 2006 season:

First Team

Matt Gregg '07 (C) is a two-year starter at center. He

started all 10 games, helping anchor an offensive line. He also

earned Second Team All-PAC in 2006.

Henry Johnston '07 (P) led the PAC in punting, aver-

aging 38.6 yards per punt. He also led the league in net

punting, averaging 33.8 yards net. He placed 14 of his 51 punts inside the oppo-

tents' 20-yard line and had just one touchback.

Secondary

Bob Perri '07 (OT) is a three-year starter at right tack-

le. Like Gregg, he started all 10 games and earned All-PAC

Honorable Mention in 2006. Justin Fowler '08 (DT)

started nine games at defensive tackle and finished with

42 total tackles. He also had three sacks and forced

three fumbles. In addition, he also blocked seven extra-

point attempts.

Chris Schwamberger '07 (CB) led the PAC lead with a career-high five inter-

ceptions this season. His five picks were the most for a

Grove City player since Gene Iannuzzi had five inter-

ceptions in 2002. Schwamberger also broke up eight passes.

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Matt Rice '07 (G) finished his career as a four-year

starter at right guard. He started the final seven games

of 2006 after missing the early portion of the season due to injury.

Scott Fichter '07 (SE) started nine games at split end and

caught a team-leading 39 passes. Fichter also led Grove City with 443 receiving yards

and six touchdown catches. Matt Weil '08 (TB) led

Grove City in rushing with 591 rushing yards, including a 4.9 yards per carry average.

Weil also caught nine passes and scored three touchdowns. He is also an Academic

All-District selection.

Andrew DiDonato '10 (QB) set new Grove City sin-

gle-season records for pass completions (151) and

attempts (275). He threw for 1,554 yards and 13 touch-

downs. DiDonato also ran for 178 yards and scored a
team-leading seven touch-
downs.

Jordan Johnston '07 (N) started all 10 games at nose tackle and tallied 32 total

tackles. He had two quarter-

back sacks and forced one

fumble. He is an Academic

All-District selection.

Bill Waugh '08 (LB) led Grove City with 103 total tackles this year, including 59 solo hits. Waugh led Grove City in tackles for loss (15) and sacks (four). He had one interception and five pass breakups.

Shane Coughlin '09 (SS) moved to strong safety prior to the season and finished with 90 tackles. He started nine games and had seven tackles for loss.

DiDonato sets records in debut season

Freshman QB DiDonato

started all 10 games and was a key element in a rejuvenated passing game.

DiDonato’s records set this

past season include most pass-

es in a game (47), completions in a game (27), pass completions in a sea-

son (275) and completions in a season (151). His 1.554 yards is the third highest for a sea-

son in Wolverine football his-

tory.

DiDonato was also recog-

nized by the Associated Press as one of the Top Five

Performances nationally for the weekend of Nov. 5. In that game, a 40-33 win over

Western State University, DiDonato threw for 236 yards and three touch-

downs. He had a 3-yard run for a touchdown and capped the day by catching a touchdown pass from senior split end Scott Fichter. His involvement in five TDs on the afternoon caught the eyes of the national media.

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once again helped the Grove City United Way reach its fundraising goal. This year’s goal of $220,000 was met. This marks the 15th year that the players have gone door-to-

door in the community, asking res-

dents to contribute to the fund.

This canvassing of the city is done during the College’s fall break. To date, this joint effort between the Wolverines and the United Way of Grove City has raised a total $25,000 for the United Way since the team became involved in 1992.

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Four Wolverine players receive Academic All-District honors

Four Grove City College football players earned ESPN The Magazine/College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) College Division Academic All-District II honors.

Senior linebacker Garret Choby (North Huntingdon, Pa./Norwin) and junior tailback Matt Weil (Fombell, Pa./Riverside) each earned First Team All-District honors; Choby for the second year in a row, while senior defensive lineman Jordan Johnston (Clanton, Ala./Clanton-Laneston) and Richard Welch (Dryden, N.Y./Dryden) received Second Team recognition.

It is the second straight year that four players have earned Academic All-District honors.

A team co-captain, Choby is a four-year letterman and two-year starter at middle linebacker for Grove City. He is currently fifth on the team with 50 total tackles, including 23 for a loss. As a junior, he had 73 total tackles and helped the Wolverines limit opponents to 2.9 yards per carry.

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Fowler breaks Weary’s 2005 season mark for blocked kicks; NCAA record possible

Setting an NCAA record is not a common occurrence. It is also something that usually exists for an extended period of time. That was not the case for Steve Weary.

During Weary’s senior season, he blocked six kicks for the Wolverines, a statistic not being kept by the NCAA, but believed to be the highest number of blocked kicks by an individual in a season.

But then Justin Fowler took over for Weary as the designated rusher on the Grove City College extra-point/field goal black unit in 2006 and preceded to block seven of the Wolverines opponents’ attempts.

Fowler, a junior engineering major, will look to add to his total this fall.

Ten Wolverine players receive Academic All-District honors

In all, 10 Wolverine players earned Academic All-District honors in 2006.

Strong end to season promises bright future

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Highlights from 2006 include the 21-20 victory over archrival Westminster. The Wolverines faced the Titans in the friendly confines of newly renovated Thorn Field.

The contest was close from start to finish. The fourth quarter began with the score knotted at seven. Each team added one TD in the fourth with the Wolverines finally taking a 21-14 lead with 2:50 left.

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A Parents’ Day victory over Case Western Reserve by a score of 40-33 and a season-ending road win against the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy were victories that made for the strong finish and bright future scenario.

Players selected by their teammates for special recognition were: MVP senior Henry Johnston, Defensive Player of the Year (Jim Keeler Award) junior Bill Waugh, Offensive Player of the Year (Tom Miles Award) senior Scott Fichter; Junior of the Year Award (Mike Kirsch Award) Bill Waugh and Matt Greg; Rookie of the Year Award Andrew DiDonato; and the Jim Cross Homecoming Award went to senior running back Matt Weil.

Team leaders for the 2006 season were: Rushing – Matt Weil, 591 yards; Passing – Andrew DiDonato, 1,554 yards; Receiving – Scott Fichter, 39 receptions for 443 yards; Interceptions – Chris Schwannberger five; Scoring – Andrew DiDonato with 42 points; Punting – Henry Johnston, 38.6 yard average; Tackles – Bill Waugh 103; Sacks – Bill Waugh, four; Tackles for a loss – Bill Waugh, 15, and Blocked Kicks – Justin Fowler, seven.

The Wolverine underclassmen are hard at work preparing for what promises to be a very exciting 2007 season.

The seniors are all finding that their time here at Grove City College went by in an amazingly fast manner. They are also finding that a degree from Grove City College is opening many doors of opportunity.

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Choby, majoring in biology, has been named to the Presidents’ Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll three times and has also been inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa and Muottar Delta Board honoraries. A six-year Dean’s List student, Choby is president of Grove City’s Student Government Association and a member of the College’s Disciplinary Appeals board.

Weil also led Grove City in rushing as a sophomore, gaining 410 yards in six games in 2005. A mechanical engineering major, he is a three-year letterman and two-year starter at defensive end for Grove City. In 2006, he had 23 total tackles and two sacks. He has nine career sacks.

A Dean’s List student in business management, he studied in Namibia during the spring 2006 semester and is also involved with the theater department’s technical crew. In 2005, he earned First Team Academic All-District honors.

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