



D3football.com 2014 All-West Region Team

Brinkmeier, Zilbar highlight 10th annual D3football.com All-Region team

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MINNEAPOLIS – Wartburg tackle Chris Brinkmeier and UW-Platteville linebacker Jacob Zilbar lead the D3football.com 2014 All-West Region team. Zilbar was named West Region Defensive Player of the Year, while Brinkmeier was named West Region Offensive Player of the Year.

Wartburg coach Rick Willis, whose Knights reached the national quarterfinals for the second time in program history before falling to UW-Whitewater, is the D3football.com 2014 West Region Coach of the Year.

Brinkmeier, a senior, did not allow a sack from his tackle position in the regular season in helping pave the way for a Wartburg offense that ran for 216.7 yards per game. Coaches from across multiple conferences in the West Region identified Brinkmeier as the best lineman they'd faced all season.

He is the first offensive lineman to garner regional offensive player of the year honors in any region in the 10-year history of the D3football.com All-Region team.

Zilbar led the UW-Platteville defense from his linebacker spot and was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference defensive player of the year. He had 78 total tackles, four interceptions and five pass breakups for the 7-3 Pioneers.

The teams, selected in balloting by West Region sports information directors and D3football.com staff, were chosen from 228 nominations by Division III member schools. A total of 77 players were chosen.

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Year-by-year award highlights

Year Offensive POY

2005 Brett Elliott, QB, Linfield
2006 Justin Beaver, RB, UW-Whitewater
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2008 Royce Winford, WR, Augsburg
2009 Levell Coppage, RB, UW-Whitewater
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Michael Zweifel, WR, Dubuque
2012 Nate Wara, QB, UW-Oshkosh
2013 John Kelly, QB, UW-Platteville
2014 Chris Brinkmeier, T, Wartburg

Defensive POY

Damien Dumonceaux, DE, St. John's
Ryan Kleppe, DT, UW-Whitewater
Ryan Ogrizovich, DT, UW-Whitewater
Brad Vickroy, DT, UW-Stevens Point
Marcus Ball, DE, UW-Stout
Eric Hedin, DE, Linfield
Tony Danna, LB, St. Thomas
Dom Forrest, LB, Linfield
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Jacob Zilbar, LB, UW-Platteville

Coach of the Year

Bob Berezowitz, UW-Whitewater
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Steve Johnson, Bethel
Mark Speckman, Willamette
Joe Smith, Linfield
Steve Johnson, Bethel
Chris Sulages, Lewis and Clark
Pat Cerroni, UW-Oshkosh
Lance Leipold, UW-Whitewater
Rick Willis, Wartburg

The teams follow:



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Offensive Player of the Year: Chris Brinkmeier, T, Wartburg
Defensive Player of the Year: Jacob Zilbar, LB, UW-Platteville
Coach of the Year: Rick Willis, Wartburg

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First Team Offense

Pos.Player	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB Matt Behrendt	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Westchester, Ill.
RB Sam Sura	St. John's	Jr.	South St. Paul, Minn.
RB Dylan Jones	Willamette	Sr.	Santa Maria, Calif.
WR Jake Kumerow	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Bartlett, Ill.
WR Matt Boyce	Gustavus Adolphus	Jr.	Excelsior, Minn.
TE Joe Sommers	UW-Oshkosh	Jr.	Hortonville, Wis.
T Chris Brinkmeier	Wartburg	Sr.	Orangeville, Ill.
G Conner Peters	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Springfield, Ill.
C T.J. Woodrow	St. Thomas	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
G Jason Eddy	UW-Platteville	Sr.	Aurora, Ill.
T Bubba Friedlund	Bethel	Sr.	Farmington, Minn.
K Mike Theismann	St. Scholastica	Sr.	St. Cloud, Minn.
RET Brandon Marquardt	Bethel	Sr.	Champlin, Minn.

Second Team Offense

QB Logan Schrader	Wartburg	Jr.	Kildeer, Ill.
RB Josh Osborn	Central	Sr.	Burlington, Iowa
RB Andy Puccini	UW-Platteville	Sr.	Bartlett, Ill.
WR Joey Sonnenfeld	Augsburg	Jr.	Maple Grove, Minn.
WR Charlie Poppen	Linfield	Sr.	Oregon City, Ore.
TE Charlie Dowdle	St. Thomas	Jr.	Glenview, Ill.
T Steven Schultz	Linfield	Sr.	Tacoma, Wash.
G Ross Carlson	St. John's	Sr.	Farwell, Minn.
C Jeremy Patrick	Linfield	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
G Eric Pitassi	Linfield	Jr.	West Linn, Ore.
T Alex Jarosz	St. John's	Sr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
K Kevin Sheldon	Central	Sr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
RET Evan Clark	St. John's	So.	Phoenix, Ariz.

Third Team Offense

QB Ayrton Scott	Augsburg	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
QB Mitch Hendricks	Gustavus Adolphus	Jr.	Bemidji, Minn.
RB Austin Duncan	Hamline	Jr.	New Orleans, La.
RB Brandon Domeyer	Wartburg	Jr.	Manchester, Iowa
WR Gunner Gilland	Buena Vista	Sr.	Shelby, Iowa
WR Gabriel Boyce	Gustavus Adolphus	Jr.	Excelsior, Minn.
TE Shane Finnegan	St. Scholastica	So.	Woodbury, Minn.
T Ryan Ramczyk	UW-Stevens Point	So.	Stevens Point, Wis.
G Dillon Brown	Bethel	Jr.	Kirkland, Wash.
C Bryan Lurquin	UW-Platteville	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
G Tevon Stephens-Brown	Pacific Lutheran	Sr.	Tacoma, Wash.
T Sam Cluck	Cornell	Sr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla.
K Alexi Johnson	St. John's	So.	Shakopee, Minn.
RET Marcus McLin	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Delavan, Wis.

There was a tie for the final quarterback slot.

First Team Defense

Pos.Player	School	Yr.	Hometown
DE Alex Hoff	Linfield	Jr.	Lebanon, Ore.
DT Zach Franz	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	DeForest, Wis.
DT Matt Schmitz	Coe	Sr.	Jesup, Iowa
DE Aaron Karlen	UW-Stevens Point	Jr.	Edgar, Wis.
LB Jacob Zilbar	UW-Platteville	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.
LB Jack Nelson	Willamette	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
LB Justin Dischler	UW-Whitewater	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
CB Brady Grayvold	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Norway, Mich.
S Zach Vallafskey	UW-Stevens Point	Sr.	Hortonville, Wis.
S Jacob Edleman	Central	Sr.	Mechanicsville, Iowa
CB Spencer Capitani	Wartburg	Sr.	Northwood, Iowa
P Nate Ray	UW-Oshkosh	Sr.	Verona, Wis.

Second Team Defense

DE Andrew Robinson	UW-Platteville	Jr.	Arcadia, Wis.
DT Jeremy Girod	Linfield	Sr.	Vancouver, Wash.
DT Sam Pokornowski	St. Thomas	Sr.	Cokato, Minn.
DE James Dambacher	Illinois College	Sr.	Auburn, Ill.
LB Carter Hanson	St. John's	So.	Blue Earth, Minn.
LB Luke Bakkum	UW-Stout	Sr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
LB David Ternes	Grinnell	Sr.	Oakley, Calif.
CB Josh Treimer	Bethel	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn.
S Pat Clark	Lake Forest	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
S Jordan Giza	Linfield	Sr.	Salem, Ore.
CB Marcus McLin	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Delavan, Wis.
P Kevin Krueger	St. Norbert	Sr.	Seminole, Fla.
ST Nick Nasse	Claremont-M-S	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.

Third Team Defense

DE Nate Adams	Concordia-M'head	Sr.	Litchfield, Minn.
DT Jamie Rohrig	UW-Stout	Sr.	Owatonna, Minn.
DT Dallas Gosselin	Occidental	Sr.	Bothel, Wash.
DE Chris DeVet	Augsburg	Sr.	Shoreview, Minn.
LB Cody Hickman	Minnesota-Morris	Sr.	Morris, Minn.
LB Landon Mathis	Bethel	Jr.	Anoka, Minn.
LB Will Janssen	Wartburg	Jr.	Mediapolis, Iowa
CB Jacob Wilson	Monmouth	Sr.	Mount Sterling, Ill.
S David Morgan	Bethel	Sr.	Rosemount, Minn.
S Joe Lorenz	St. Norbert	Sr.	Elk Mound, Wis.
CB Deion Jones	UW-Stevens Point	So.	Racine, Wis.
P Kevin McLean	Linfield	So.	Beaverton, Ore.

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