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# NCAA DII SUPER REGION #3 OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



#15 Kelvin Rodgers QB, 6-3, 215, Jr., Rockwall, Texas Heath HS Henderson State

Rodgers, who is a Harlon Hill finalist again this year,

was a unanimous selection as the Great American Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight year. The Reddie signal caller leads the nation in passing yards per game at 400.6, total offense (399.5), third in touchdowns (40) and fourth in efficiency (178.64). This season Rodgers completed 322-of-467 passes for 4,807 yards (8th most in D2 history) and 40 touchdowns. He is the sixth quarterback in Division II history to throw for 4,000 or more yards in back-to-back seasons. The two-time First-Team All-GAC selection has thrown for over 300 yards 10 times, 400 yards five times and 500 yards twice this season. The 2012-13 GAC Male Athlete of the Year, has been named GAC Offensive Player of the Week 12 times and a National Player of the Week pick six times. Rodgers has played in 30 games the last three years, having completed 727 of 1089 passes (67 percent) for 10,079 yards (336.0 vards per game) and 90 touchdowns. He has thrown for 300 yards or more 19 times, 400 yards or more 9 times and 500 yards or more 4 times. Rodgers has a 25-3 record as Henderson's starting guarterback. He holds the HSU single-season and career records for yards passing, touchdowns, completion percentage, and pass efficiency. He helped lead Henderson State to two GAC Championships, back-to-back undefeated regular-seasons and is the only quarterback in Reddie history to throw for 4,000 or more yards in back-to-back seasons.

### **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



#96 Matt Longacre DE, 6-3, 240, Jr., Omaha, Neb. Millard West HS NW Missouri State

Longacre was named the 2013 MIAA Defensive Player of the Year after he earned two MIAA Defensive Athlete of the Week honors. Longacre leads the undefeated Bearcats with 8.5 sacks (2nd MIAA), 13.5 tackles for loss (3rd MIAA) and has forced three fumbles (4th MIAA). He ranks fifth on the team with 53 tackles to go along with 15 quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery that he returned for a touchdown against Nebraska-Kearney on Sept. 28. His 20 career sacks ranks sixth all-time in Northwest history.

# DAKTRONICS SUPER REGION #3 TEAMS ANNOUNCED HENDERSON STATE'S RODGERS NAMED OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR NW MISSOURI STATE'S LONGACRE NAMED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Burnsville, Minn. - Henderson State's Kelvin Rodgers was named the Daktronics Super Region #3 Offensive Player of the Year while Northwest Missouri State's Matt Longacre was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year.

First team all-region honorees are now eligible for Daktronics, Inc. Division II Football All-American selection. The announcement of those All-American teams is expected on December 17th, preceding the NCAA Division II Football Championship, which takes place Dec. 21 in Florence, Ala.

The team is sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition. The team is voted on by the members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) from Super Region #3, made up of football playing institutions in the Great American Conference (GAC), the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC), the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

## DAKTRONICS SUPER REGION #3 FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

# Name	<u>POS</u>	<u> HT</u>	WT	<u> YR</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	SCHOOL	CONF	
21 Joshua Birmingham	RB	5-9	205	Sr.	Luther, Okla.	Central Oklahoma	MIAA	
11 *Marquez Clark	WR	5-11	190	Jr.	Texarkana, Texas	Central Oklahoma	MIAA	
71 Kelton Hays	OL	5-11	284	Sr.	Jonesville, La.	Henderson State	GAC	
15 Kevin Rodgers	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Rockwall, Texas	Henderson State	GAC	
77 Tom Olson	OL	6-6	285	Sr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Minnesota Duluth	NSIC	
18 Sam Brockshus	K	5-11	205	Sr.	Spencer, Iowa	Minnesota State	NSIC	
64 Cole Manhart	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA	
78 *Cody Carlson	OL	6-3	275	Sr.	Eudora, Kan	NW Missouri State	MIAA	
77 Cody Holland	OL	6-6	334	Sr.	Neosho, Mo.	Pittsburg State	MIAA	
5 John Brown	WR	5-11	170	Sr.	Homestead, Fla.	Pittsburg State	MIAA	
5 John Brown	RS	5-11	170	Sr.	Homestead, Fla.	Pittsburg State	MIAA	
22 *Tyler Tonderum	RB	5-10	191	Jr.	Armstrong, Iowa	Southwest Minnesota State	NSIC	
44 Ryan Corbin	TE	6-4	250	Sr.	Newcastle, Okla.	Southwestern Oklahoma St.	GAC	

# **DAKTRONICS SUPER REGION #3 FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**

# Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL		
37 Zach Pulkinen	Р	5-11	200	Sr.	Minot, N.D.	Bemidji State	NSIC	
23 Micheal Jordan	S	5-11	180	Jr.	Kerens, Texas	Fort Hays State	MIAA	
44 Keaton Stigger	LB	6-2	245	Sr.	Collierville, Texas	Henderson State	GAC	
3 *Pierre Desir	CB	6-2	206	Sr.	St. Charles, Mo.	Lindenwood	MIAA	
41 Grant Singer	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Turtle Lake, N.D.	University of Mary	NSIC	
93 Chris Schaudt	DL	6-4	272	Sr.	Slater, Iowa	Minnesota State	NSIC	
1 Brandon Dixon	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	NW Missouri State	MIAA	
96 *Matt Longacre	DL	6-3	240	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	NW Missouri State	MIAA	
11 *Nate Dreiling	LB	6-4	226	Sr.	Hutchinson, Kan.	Pittsburg State	MIAA	
28 *Jack Moro	S	5-11	190	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis.	St. Cloud State	NSIC	
2 Bryce Atagi	LB	5-10	240	Sr.	Shawnee, Kan.	Washburn	MIAA	
90 Cameron Jackson	DL	6-2	265	Sr.	Lawton, Okla,	Washburn	MIAA	

<sup>\*</sup> Top vote-getter at position (where multiple players are selected)

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## **DAKTRONICS SUPER REGION #3 SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**

# Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	Conf
30 Jamie McGee	K	5-9	165	Fr.	Lake Charles, La.	Arkansas at Monticello	GAC
11 Marquez Clark	RS	5-11	190	Jr.	Texarkana, Texas	Central Oklahoma	MIAA
9 Joe Don Duncan	TE	6-4	270	Sr.	Corona, Calif.	Dixie State	GNAC
11 Ray Ray Davis	WR	6-1	205	Sr.	Indian Trail, N.C.	Emporia State	MIAA
64 Jarrett Stastny	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Sanger, Texas	Emporia State	MIAA
76 Doug Despain	OL	6-3	270	Sr.	Austin, Texas	Henderson State	GAC
8 Darius Davis	WR	5-11	212	Jr.	Frisco, Texas	Henderson State	GAC
52 Andrew Essman	OL	6-2	293	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	Minnesota State	NSIC
63 Josh Meeker	OL	6-2	291	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	Minnesota State	NSIC
60 Brandon Puffer	OL	6-1	299	Sr.	Buffalo, Minn.	Southwest Minnesota State	NSIC
16 Phillip Klaphake	QB	6-1	196	Sr.	Princeton, Minn.	St. Cloud State	NSIC
1 Jeff Seybold, Jr.	RB	5-11	208	So.	Lincoln, Neb	Pittsburg State	MIAA
21 Chris Smith	RB	5-8	190	Jr.	Brown Deer, Wis.	Upper lowa	NSIC
84 Tore' Hurst	TE	6-2	255	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Washburn	MIAA
25 Justin Linn	K	6-1	195	Fr.	Abilene, Kan.	Washburn	MIAA
54 Kyle Duncan	OL	6-2	290	Sr.	Topeka, Kan.	Washburn	MIAA
66 Richard Lilla	OL	6-2	290	Sr.	Rochester, Minn.	Winona State	NSIC

## **DAKTRONICS SUPER REGION #3 SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**

# Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	Conf
9 Chris Poston	S	6-1	195	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Emporia State	MIAA
50 Glennon Bobo	DL	5-11	245	Jr.	Ashdown, Ark.	Henderson State	GAC
44 Troy Guptill	DL	6-2	225	Jr.	Quinn, S.D.	University of Mary	NSIC
31 Colby Ring	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Baxter, Minn.	Minnesota Duluth	NSIC
96 Chris Vandervest	DL	6-1	265	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis.	Minnesota Duluth	NSIC
4 Nathan Hancock	CB	6-1	192	Jr.	Independence, Mo.	Minnesota State	NSIC
34 Scott Groner	Ρ	6-4	200	Jr.	Tecoma, Victora Australia	Missouri Western State	MIAA
23 Michael Jordan	CB	6-0	200	So.	Hazelwood, Mo.	Missouri Western State	MIAA
15 Kyler Harris	S	6-0	180	So	Muskogee, Okla.	Northeastern State	MIAA
41 Langston Jones	LB	6-0	205	Sr.	Whitesboro, Texas	Northeastern State	MIAA
51 Eric Reimer	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis.	NW Missouri State	MIAA
36 D.J. Gnader	LB	6-2	225	Jr,.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	NW Missouri State	MIAA
37 Ethan Douglas	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	Brodhead, Wis.	Upper Iowa	NSIC

#### **BREAKDOWN BY SCHOOL**

Arkansas at Monticello: 1 (0/1) Bemidji State: 1 (1/0) Central Oklahoma: 3 (2/1) Dixie State: 1 (0/1) Emporia State: 3 (0/3) Fort Hays State: 1 (1/0) Henderson State: 6 (3/3) Lindenwood: 1 (1/0) University of Mary: 2 (1/1) Minnesota Duluth: 3 (1/2) Minseota State: 5 (2/3) Missouri Western State: 2 (0/2) Nebraska-Kearney: 1 (1/0) Northeastern State: 2 (0/2)

Pittsburg State: 4 (4/1)

Southwest Minnesota State: 2 (1/1) Southwestern Oklahoma State: 1 (1/0)

Northwest Missouri State: 5 (3/2)

St. Cloud State: 2 (1/1) Upper lowa: 2 (0/2) Washburn: 5 (2/3) Winona State: 1 (0/1)

(first team/second team in parenthesis)

#### **BREAKDOWN BY CONFERENCE**

Conf: Overall (1st Team / 2nd Team)

MIAA: 28 (14/14) NSIC: 18 (7/11) GAC: 8 (4/4) GNAC: 1 (0/1)