# News Release

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## ECAC Announces 2009 Division III Northwest Football All-Stars

CAPE COD, Mass. -- Jared Manzer, senior wide receiver from Alfred University, has been chosen as the 2009 ECAC Divsion III Northwest Football Player of the Year. Within the Empire 8, Manzer earned first team all-conference honors as a wide receiver, all-purpose player, and defensive back and was named to the second team as a kick return specialist. He set single-season school records for touchdown receptions and holds the school career marks for receiving yards, touchdown catches, and total receptions. Manzer entered NCAA play averaging seven catches per game and totaling 1,007 receiving yards in nine games. He averages 211.3 yards per game all-purpose, 21.3 yards per kick return, and 10.4 yards per punt return. Manzer leads the Saxons with seven pass break-ups and five interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns, including a school-record 98-yarder.

Freshman quarterback Andrew Benkwitt from Utica College has been chosen as the 2009 ECAC Division III Northwest Rookie of the Year. During his 2009 campaign, Benkwitt broke nearly every single-season school record, including completions, yards, attempts, touchdowns, completion percentage, and passing yards per game. Benkwitt completed 60.8 percent of his passes for 2,375 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Union led all teams with five players receiving recognition. Alfred and St. John Fisher had four players honored on the ECAC Northwest All-Star team.

The ECAC will honor the players and rookies of the year in each division and region in February at the annual Eastern College Football Awards Banquet presented by FieldTurf, an event held in the Pegasus Restaurant at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, N.J.

**2009 ECAC Division III Northwest Football All-Stars**

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| **Player of the Year** | | | |
| Jared Manzer | Sr. | WR | Alfred |
| **Rookie of the Year** | | | |
| Andrew Benkwitt | Fr. | QB | Utica |
| **Offense** | | | |
| Tom Secky | So. | QB | Alfred |
| Clarence Onyiruka | Jr. | RB | Rochester |
| Vinson Hendrix | Sr. | RB | Alfred |
| Jared Manzer | Sr. | WR | Alfred |
| Noah Koreman | Sr. | WR | Hartwick |
| Pedro Sosa | Sr. | TE | Rochester |
| Tim Furcillo | Sr. | OL | Union |
| Colin Berry | Sr. | OL | Union |
| P.J. Columbo | Sr. | OL | St. John Fisher |
| Pete Soehner | Jr. | OL | St. John Fisher |
| Jake Queener | Sr. | OL | Ithaca |
| **Defense** | | | |
| Cody Flannigan | Sr. | DL | Springfield |
| Gerard Bryant | Sr. | DL | St. Lawrence |
| Chris Brickford | So. | DL | Rochester |
| Calder Kaatz | Sr. | LB | Merchant Marine |
| John Peters | Sr. | LB | Union |
| Andy Episcopo | Sr. | LB | St. John Fisher |
| Nick Clark | So. | LB | Alfred |
| Cam Johnson | So. | DB | Union |
| Tim Acker | Sr. | DB | RPI |
| John Sheridan | Sr. | DB | St. John Fisher |
| Jared Burrell | Sr. | DB | Springfield |
| **Special Teams** | | | |
| Andrew Rogolski | So. | K | Ithaca |
| Blaise Ancona | Jr. | P | Union |
| Jared Burrell | Sr. | RS | Springfield |

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To view other ECAC football all-star teams, the football news archive, or results from ECAC Football bowl games, please visit the ECAC's fan-friendly website at www.ecacsports.com/sports/fall/fball/index.