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Pioneer Football League Announces 16th Annual Academic All-PFL Teams

SAINT LOUIS, Mo. – The Pioneer Football League announced today its 16th annual Academic All-PFL squads. Forty-nine student-athletes were named to the two squads, Dayton landing a league-best 16 student-athletes on the two teams.

The Pioneer Football League saw five student-athletes receive 2008 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America® recognition. Dayton's Bart Bergfield and Brandon Wingeier received first-team recognition. In addition, Dayton's Patrick McCormick and Sean Heenan joined Valparaiso's Adam Rundh as second-team honorees. The Academic All-America process began with 22 PFL student-athletes, including 16 first-team selections, receiving recognition for their classroom accomplishments by being named to their respective 2008 University Division *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District Teams.

Pioneer Football League athletic directors established the Academic All-PFL squads in 1993 as a way to recognize the league's outstanding student-athletes. To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.00 cumulative grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his career. No athlete is eligible until he has reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his institution.

2008 Academic All-Pioneer Football League Squads

(as selected by PFL sports information directors)

Student-Athlete	Class	School	Major (Minor)	GPA	Cum. Hometown
First Team – Offense					
Bart Bergfeld †	Senior	Dayton	Philosophy & Religion	3.95	Delphos, Ohio
Nick Feldman	Senior	Morehead State	Sport Management	3.26	Oconto, Wis.
Rob Florian	Senior	Dayton	Sport Management (Finance)	3.24	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ben Hannula	Senior	San Diego	Business Administration	3.51	Tacoma, Wash.
Ryan Kozey +	Senior	Valparaiso	Civil Engineering	3.75	Waterford, Wis.
Patrick McCormick † +	Senior	Dayton	Pre-Med	3.66	Louisville, Ky.
Robert Noel	Senior	Butler	Secondary Education	3.54	Westerville, Ohio
Ryan Pollock	Senior	Dayton	Philosophy & Spanish	3.63	West Chester, Ohio
Myles Potter †	Senior	Davidson	Chemistry	3.61	North Augusta, S.C.
Ben Shappie	Senior	Dayton	Mechanical Engineering (Business)	3.29	Versailles, Ohio
Alex White †	Senior	Butler	Finance	3.61	Westfield, Ind.

First Team – Defense					
Peter Bakke †	Senior	Davidson	Biology	3.34	Arlington, Va.
Charles Fiore †	Junior	Campbell	Religion	3.45	Kernersville, N.C.
Christopher Gianelli † +	Senior	San Diego	Electrical Engineering	3.57	Palos Verdes, Calif.
Sean Heenan †	Senior	Dayton	Pre-Med	3.44	St. Joseph, Mich.
Steve McDonald †	Senior	Dayton	Adolescence to Young Adult Education	3.67	Newark, Ohio
Patrick O'Neill +	Senior	San Diego	Business & Marketing	3.82	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Joe Ries †	Junior	Dayton	Sport Management	3.87	Cincinnati, Ohio
Adam Rundh †	Junior	Valparaiso	International Business & Finance	3.92	Aalborg, Denmark
Spencer Summerville †	Junior	Butler	Secondary Education	3.43	Indianapolis, Ind.
Corey Vossler † +	Senior	Dayton	Mechanical Engineering	3.47	St. Marys, Ohio
Brandon Wingeier †	Junior	Dayton	Mechanical Engineering	3.76	Newark, Ohio

First Team – Special Teams					
Nick Glavin	Junior	Dayton	Chemical Engineering	3.03	Kettering, Ohio
Nick Feldman	Senior	Morehead State	Sport Management	3.26	Oconto, Wis.
Kirk Konert †	Senior	Davidson	Economics	3.42	Bolivar, N.Y.

+ Repeat First-Team Academic All-PFL selection, † *ESPN The Magazine* First-Team Academic All-America Selection

Second Team – Offense					
Mike Bialas	Senior	Drake	Finance	3.71	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Jeremy Brown	Senior	Jacksonville	Geography	3.67	Radford, Fla.
Chris Collins	Junior	Morehead State	Physics & Pre-Engineering	3.47	London, Ky.
Tim Kratz	Junior	Valparaiso	Civil Engineering	3.58	Macomb, Mich.
Mike Lahart	Sophomore	Drake	Pharmacy	3.75	Chariton, Iowa
John Matthews	Senior	San Diego	Business Administration	3.07	Littleton, Colo.
Marcus Overman	Senior	Dayton	Middle Childhood Education	3.41	New Bremen, Ohio
Conrad Smith	Junior	San Diego	Business Administration	3.11	Long Beach, Calif.
Geavon Tribble	Senior	Jacksonville	Business	3.12	Weston, Fla.
Steve Valentino	Sophomore (RS)	Dayton	Entrepreneurship	3.33	Solon, Ohio
James Ward	Sophomore	Dayton	Entrepreneurship & Leadership	3.53	Pataskala, Ohio

Second Team – Defense					
Mike Bennett	Senior	Butler	Finance	3.22	Elmhurst, Ill.
Derek Guggenberger	Junior	Butler	Economics	3.15	Haymarket, Va.
Cale Hunt	Senior	Drake	Management & Marketing	3.48	Littleton, Colo.
Ryan Koepke	Senior (RS)	Valparaiso	Mechanical Engineering	3.64	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Sean Kitts	Junior	Drake	Finance & Entrepreneurial Management	3.78	Leawood, Kan.
Matt Mancl	Senior (RS)	Valparaiso	Mechanical Engineering	3.74	Neenah, Wis.
Wes McDermott	Junior	Morehead State	Business Administration & Marketing	3.46	Louisville, Ky.
Caleb Meenach	Senior	Morehead State	Biology/Pre-Med	3.32	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Ryan Schmitz	Senior	Butler	Biology	3.74	Fairfield, Ohio
Matt Smyth	Senior	Dayton	Economics	3.37	Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Scott Vossler	Senior	Dayton	Middle Childhood Education	3.31	St. Marys, Ohio

Second Team – Special Teams					
Logan Rees	Senior	Drake	Management	3.14	West Des Moines, Iowa
Brandon Wubs	Junior	Drake	Management & Marketing	3.08	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.