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HCAC Football All-Conference

Mount's Prosser and Rose-Hulman's Eitel Headline All-HCAC Football Selections

GREENWOOD, IN – The College of Mount St. Joseph placed eleven players on the 2009 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team, including the conference's defensive Most Valuable Player. Mount St. Joseph's **Erik Prosser (Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills)** has been named the HCAC Defensive Most Valuable Player for the first time. Lions' head coach **Rod Huber** garnered Coach of the Year honors for the third time in his career.

Rose-Hulman's **Derek Eitel (Marshall, Ill./H.S.)** was honored as Offensive Most Valuable Player for 2009, while his teammate **Kyle Kovach (Munster, Ind./Andean)** picked up the Freshman of the Year award. Manchester College's **Chris Cecil (Indianapolis, Ind./Franklin Central)** was selected as Special Teams Most Valuable Player this fall.

Prosser, a junior linebacker for the Lions, led the Mount defense that helped propel MSJ to a conference championship. The junior led the Lions with 103 tackles, and added 5.5 tackles for loss, one sack, two fumble recoveries (1st HCAC), and three forced fumbles (2nd HCAC). As a team, Mount St. Joseph ranked fourth in the conference in team defense (331.7 ypg) and led the conference in scoring defense (21.5 ppg).

Eitel, a senior quarterback for Rose-Hulman, threw for 2,723 yards this season and helped his team to four consecutive seasons of six or more wins for the first time in school history. The senior set single-season school records for passing yards (2,723), efficiency (152.8), and touchdown passes (24) during the 2009 season. He also established career school records for career passing yards (7,507) and touchdowns (52) during his time in Terre Haute. Eitel crossed the 300 yard mark passing four times during the season, including a 422 yard effort against Franklin (2nd in school history).

Cecil, a senior return specialist for Manchester, returned a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown for the Spartans this season. The senior totaled 439 yards and averaged 20.0 yards per kickoff return this season, highlighted by an 89 yard return for a score against Anderson. He added a league-best 14.7 yards per punt return this fall, including an 88 yard return for a touchdown against Mount St. Joseph.

Kovach, a freshman running back for Rose-Hulman, started the last seven games of the season after Calvin Bueltel ended his season with a knee injury in week three. The freshman was instrumental in the Engineer running game, finishing the season with 736 yards and nine touchdowns. His 736 yards and nine rushing touchdowns ranked second in the HCAC in both categories.

Mount St. Joseph head coach Rod Huber has been selected as the HCAC Coach of the Year for the third time in his career. He guided the Lions to their fourth conference title and a 9-1 overall record. The Mount finished alone in first place in the HCAC with a perfect 7-0 mark. The only loss this season for MSJ was a 42-17 defeat to rival Thomas More in the final game of the regular season. The Lions open the NCAA Playoffs Saturday at Wittenberg.

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Offensive Most Valuable Player: Derek Eitel, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Defensive Most Valuable Player: Erik Prosser, College of Mount St. Joseph

Special Teams Most Valuable Player: Chris Cecil, Manchester College

Freshman of the Year: Kyle Kovach, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Coach of the Year: Rod Huber, College of Mount St. Joseph

First Team All-HCAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Derek Eitel	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	QB	Marshall, Ill./H.S.
Noah Joseph	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	RB	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity
Brandon Wells	Manchester	Sr.	RB	Woodburn, Ind./Woodlan
Ben Hopf	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	TE	Huntingburg, Ind./Jasper
Bobby Smart	Hanover	Sr.	TE	Coral Springs, Fla./H.S.
Dante Dinkins	Manchester	So.	TE	Hammond, Ind./East Chicago Central
Derick Tabar	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	WR	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain
Daniel Passafiume	Hanover	So.	WR	Louisville, Ky./St. Xavier
Adam Mellencamp	Franklin	Sr.	WR	Freetown, Ind./Brownstown Central
Reed Eason	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	WR	St. Louis, Mo./Parkway North
Anthony Walsh	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	OL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Moeller
Seth Qualls	Franklin	Sr.	OL	Evansville, Ind./Reitz
Chase Estep	Manchester	Jr.	OL	Nappanee, Ind./Northwood
Joe Noble	Mount St. Joseph	So.	OL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain
Chad Schenkel	Franklin	Jr.	OL	Carmel, Ind./H.S.
Robbie McKerr	Manchester	Sr.	OL	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Carroll
Alex Harbin	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	DL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
Brett Hambrick	Mount St. Joseph	So.	DL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
Rob Fox	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	DL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain
Leonard Wells	Anderson	So.	DL	Warsaw, Ind./H.S.
Austin Hedderly	Defiance	Jr.	DL	Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Coffman
Erik Prosser	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	LB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills
Mike DePoy	Manchester	Sr.	LB	South Bend, Ind./Clay
Ryan Hildenbrand	Anderson	Jr.	LB	Goshen, Ind./Fairfield
Joe Rush	Franklin	Sr.	LB	Speedway, Ind./H.S.
Dan Cornely	Hanover	Sr.	LB	Palmetto Bay, Fla./H.S.
Scott Eaton	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	LB	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern
Corry Stewart	Hanover	Sr.	DB	Nashville, Tenn./Ryan
Jeremiah Jones	Manchester	Sr.	DB	East Chicago, Ind./E. Chicago Central
Tony Sierra	Defiance	Fr.	DB	Warren, Mich./Cousino
Ryan Smithmeyer	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
Jerrick Boykin	Mount St. Joseph	Fr.	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio/Glen Este
Brian Weimer	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	K	Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills
Max Woodbury	Franklin	So.	P	Morgantown, Ind./Indian Creek
Chris Cecil	Manchester	Sr.	Ret.	Indianapolis, Ind./Franklin Central
Thomas Reives	Rose-Hulman	Gr.	Ret.	Indianapolis, Ind./Tech
Todd Trotter	Bluffton	So.	Specialist	Cincinnati, Ohio/Aiken Uni. H.S.

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Second Team All-HCAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Craig Mustard	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	QB	Mason, Ohio/H.S.
Rick Powell	Defiance	So.	QB	Rochester, Mich./Cousino
C.J. Croft	Hanover	Fr.	QB	Fort Campbell, Ky./H.S.
Kyle Kovach	Rose-Hulman	Fr.	RB/Ret.	Munster, Ind./Andrean
Jason Johnson	Bluffton	So.	RB	Lansing, Mich./Lansing Eastern
Thomas Reives	Rose-Hulman	Gr.	WR	Indianapolis, Ind./Tech
Jeremy Brinck	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	WR	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
Mitch Deffner	Franklin	So.	WR	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
Adam Miller	Hanover	Sr.	WR/Ret.	Franklin, Ind./H.S.
Matt Baber	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	OL	Galveston, Ind./Lewis Cass
Pat Hillenburg	Franklin	Sr.	OL	Bloomington, Ind./South
Jeff Ketchum	Rose-Hulman	So.	OL	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore
Nick Nicol	Defiance	Sr.	OL	Temperance, Mich./Bedford
Joe Zimmerman	Anderson	So.	OL	Lebanon, Ind./Western Boone
Joe Vormohr	Hanover	Sr.	OL	Portland, Ind./Jay Co.
Pat Duncan	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	DL	Terre Haute, Ind./South
Andre Osby	Defiance	Jr.	DL	Benton Harbor, Mich./Rainy River
Jathan Wilsey	Anderson	So.	DL	Fishers, Ind./Heritage Christian
Joel Billings	Defiance	Sr.	DL	Waynesfield, Ohio/Goshen
David O'Rourke	Franklin	So.	DL	Evansville, Ind./Memorial
Nick Cochran	Franklin	Jr.	LB	Plainfield, Ind./H.S.
Vince Smith	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	LB	Middletown, Ohio/H.S.
Josh Kapla	Manchester	Sr.	LB	Holland, Mich./H.S.
Mark Sudhoff	Manchester	Sr.	LB	Warsaw, Ind./H.S.
Beau Fulk	Manchester	Sr.	LB	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Carroll
Kyle Longsdorf	Defiance	Jr.	DB	London, Ohio/H.S.
Rory Mannering	Hanover	So.	DB	Walton, Ind./Lewis Cass
Luke Hurst	Anderson	Jr.	DB	Clayton, Ohio/Northmont
Brecken Kennedy	Manchester	So.	DB	N. Manchester, Ind./Manchester
Ross Tierney	Franklin	Sr.	DB	Logansport, Ind./H.S.
Tristan Cork	Anderson	Sr.	K	Indianapolis, Ind./Heritage Christian
Tom Foos	Defiance	Jr.	P	Helena, Ohio/Lakota
Nic Jackson	Anderson	Fr.	Specialist	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove

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Honorable Mention All-HCAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Tristan Cork	Anderson	Sr.	P	Indianapolis, Ind./Heritage Christian
Kaleb Donahue	Anderson	So.	LB	Carmel, Ind./Heritage Christian
Mitch Tuttle	Anderson	Fr.	DB	Greensburg, Ind./H.S.
David Mango	Bluffton	So.	OL	Fishers, Ind./H.S.
Ross Shoup	Bluffton	So.	WR	Apple Creek, Ohio/Waynedale
Stephen Miller	Bluffton	Fr.	DL	Logan, Ohio/H.S.
Justin Crosier	Bluffton	So.	DL	Columbus, Ohio/Hamilton Township
Shane Hubbard	Bluffton	So.	LB	Johnstown, Ohio/Big Walnut
Steve Sealscott	Bluffton	So.	DB	Van Wert, Ohio/H.S.
Brandon Herr	Bluffton	Sr.	DB	Bluffton, Ohio/H.S.
Mike Szuma	Defiance	Sr.	DL	Brownstown, Mich./Gabriel Richard
Ryan Momberger	Franklin	Jr.	WR	Franklin, Ind./Frankfort
Matt Zmich	Franklin	Jr.	WR	Noblesville, Ind./Westfield Washington
Adam Wheat	Franklin	Jr.	LB	Aurora, Ind./South Dearborn
Bruce Whitehead	Hanover	Jr.	OL	Petersburg, Ind./Pike Central
Andy Dalton	Hanover	Fr.	LB	Guilford, Ind./East Central
Ryan McKee	Manchester	So.	LB	Elkhart, Ind./Concord
David Davis	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	DB	Longwood, Fla./Lake Mary
Reed Eason	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	P	St. Louis, Mo./Parkway North
Kyle Stevens	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	DB	Santa Cruz, Cali./Harbor
Robby Alumbaugh	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	DB	Mooresville, Ind./H.S.

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