

# Bemidji State Football



Running back **Eddie Acosta** (1999-03), Don Hansen's All-America (2000 - 2nd, 2001 - 3rd), d2football.com All-America (2001), NSIC Player of the Year (2001).

## NFL Draft Selections

1946 T Dean Widseth	Chicago Bears	21st rd/194th
1970 TE John Redebaugh	Cleveland Browns	16th rd/411th

## NFL Undrafted Free Agent Signees

2013 TE Brian Leonhardt	Oakland Raiders	Practice Team
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## NFL Players

1987 RB Al Wolden	Chicago Bears	3 Games
2014-15 TE Brian Leonhardt	Oakland Raiders	12 Games
	San Francisco 49ers	2 Games

## AFL Draft Selections (AFL Draft Held 1960-69)

1966 C Dave Odegaard	Houston Oilers	20th rd/176th
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## All-America Selections (1976-1999)

### First Team

1976 RB Ed Acosta (NAIA)

### Second Team

1986 RB Al Wolden (NAIA)  
1965 David Odegaard (NAIA)  
1977 WR Dave Patten (NAIA)  
1985 DB Rich Schwartz (NAIA)

### Third Team

1959 RB Dennis Price (NAIA)

### Honorable Mention

1956 Harold Drescher (NAIA)  
1958 FB Guy Vena (NAIA)  
1966 RB Ron Diagiacommo (NAIA)  
1986 DT Matt Wellumson (NAIA)  
1987 OT Brett Kasak (NAIA)  
1989 RB John Gronski (NAIA)  
OL Dan Soltau (NAIA)  
1990 RB Ray Betton (NAIA)  
LB Larry Filippi (NAIA)

## NAIA All-District

1964 HB Don Thompson  
1970 OL Dave Rose  
1985 DL Trent Baalke  
1985 P Dan Kraus  
1985 DB Rich Schwartz



Linebacker **Jake Anderson** (2005-09), Daktronics Inc., All-America (2009 - 2nd), Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-America (2009 - 3rd).

1985 OL Gary Spierling  
1985 DL Matt Wellumson

## Associated Press Little All-America

1983 TE Bruce Ecklund	1st Team
2013 P Zach Pulkinen	2nd Team

## American Football Coaches Association All-America

2013 P Zach Pulkinen	1st Team
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## d2football.com All-America

2001 RB Eddie Acosta	Hon. mention
2011 TE Brian Leonhardt	Hon. mention

## d2football.com All-Region

2002 WR Ryan Welle	Hon. Mention
2003 OL Bryan Stoffel	1st Team
2003 S Marty Humeniuk	2nd Team
2004 OT Blaine Thomas	2nd Team
2004 CB Torry Joubert	Hon. Mention
2004 WR/KR Michael Nordyke	Hon. Mention
2005 DE James Midboe	Hon. Mention
2005 QB Nathan Sannes	Hon. Mention
2006 OT Justin Guy	2nd Team

## Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-America

2000 RB Eddie Acosta	2nd Team
2001 RB Eddie Acosta	3rd Team
2003 OL Bryan Stoffel	3rd Team
2006 OL John Keaveney	3rd Team
2006 DT Zach Stafford	Hon. Mention
2008 CB Terrell Phelps	Hon. Mention
2009 LB Jake Anderson	3rd Team
2013 P Zach Pulkinen	Hon. Mention
2016 DB Damon Benham	3rd Team
2016 OL Jesse Hein	Hon. Mention

## Football Gazette All-Midwest/Super Region 3

2002 LB Jon Aamot	3rd Team
2006 LB Zach Christ	3rd Team
2006 OL Justin Guy	3rd Team
2006 OL John Keaveney	1st Team
2006 DT Zach Stafford	2nd Team
2006 WR Anthony Schreiber	2nd Team
2007 DT Zach Stafford	3rd Team
2007 OL John Keaveney	2nd Team
2007 OL Justin Guy	3rd Team
2007 P/K Paul Potemra	2nd Team
2008 CB Terrell Phelps	2nd Team
2009 LB Jake Anderson	1st Team
2009 CB Tiger Ellison	3rd Team

2010 DE Rob Wills	3rd Team
2010 WR Andrew Schultz	3rd Team
2011 NG Matthew Shaver	3rd Team
2012 ILB Cory Crosby	3rd Team
2012 C Brett DeLange	3rd Team
2013 P Zach Pulkinen	2nd Team
2013 RB Avery Walker	3rd Team
2015 OL Jesse Hein	3rd Team
2016 DB Damon Benham	1st Team
2016 OL Jesse Hein	2nd Team
<b>2016 QB Jordan Hein</b>	<b>3rd Team</b>
<b>2016 OL Brandon Schindler</b>	<b>3rd Team</b>

## Daktronics, Inc. All-America

2009 LB Jake Anderson	2nd Team
2011 S Brody Scheff	1st Team
2011 TE Brian Leonhardt	2nd Team

## Daktronics, Inc. All-Region/Super Region 3

2000 RB Eddie Acosta	2nd Team
2001 RB Eddie Acosta	1st Team
2002 LB Jon Aamot	2nd Team
2006 OL Justin Guy	2nd Team
2006 OL John Keaveney	2nd Team
2007 WR/PR Anthony Schreiber	2nd Team
2007 K/P Paul Potemra	2nd Team
2008 Terrell Phelps	1st Team
2009 Jake Anderson	1st Team
2010 DB Brody Scheff	2nd Team
2010 DE Rob Wills	2nd Team
2011 S Brody Scheff	1st Team
2011 TE Brian Leonhardt	1st Team
2011 C Cory Immerman	2nd Team
2012 ILB Cory Crosby	1st Team
2013 P Zach Pulkinen	1st Team

## Beyond College Sports Network All-America

2012 TE Brian Leonhardt	1st Team
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## All-Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC)

### First Team

1934 FB Walter Krueger  
1935 Norman Nelson  
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1938 Leroy Maas  
1941 Dick Otterstad  
1942 Dick Otterstad  
1943 Dick Otterstad  
1946 Dick Otterstad; Leo Hoosline  
1949 Jim Richmire; Jack Vinjij; Bill Robertson  
1950 Earl Perkins  
1952 Hubert Howland  
1953 Les Dreschel; Jim Henkes  
1954 Les Dreschel; Jim Henkes  
1955 Dwaine Marten; Harold Drescher  
1956 Dwaine Marten; Harold Drescher  
1957 Dwaine Marten; FB Guy Vena; QB Dale Hartje; RB Dennis Price  
1958 FB Guy Vena; LH Dennis Price; QB Ken Hendrickson; LT Dale Hartje; C Ron Phillips;  
1959 RB Dennis Price; Dale Hartje; Al Toriseva  
1960 Dale Hartje; Al Toriseva  
1961 Lowell Nomeland  
1962 QB Jack Brandt; Lowell Nomeland  
1963 Lowell Nomeland  
1964 HB Don Thompson  
1965 David Odegaard; Dick Werner  
1966 DE Dennis Black;  
RB Ron Diagiacommo  
1968 DB Tom Weiser; FB Ed Treska

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- 1970 LB Ginto Navjokas; C Dave Rose  
 1971 OT Chuck Knott; SE Lee Patten; DB Mark Peterson  
 1972 OT Chuck Knott; SE Lee Patten  
 1973 DB Jim Swanson; LB Bob Whelan  
 1974 LB Bob Whelan  
 1975 DE Bryan Westerman  
 1976 RB Ed Acosta  
 1977 OT Scott LaCoursiere; WR Dave Patten; QB Scott Longenecker  
 1978 OT Scott LaCoursiere  
 1979 K Mike Guzzo  
 1980 DL Jeff Kiehl  
 1981 TE Bruce Ecklund  
 1982 TE Bruce Ecklund; LB Dale Graff; LB Billy Bryant  
 1983 TE Bruce Ecklund  
 1984 WR Brent Jeffers; OG John Pullia; DB Rich Schwartz; DL Danny Woods  
 1985 DL Trent Baalke; OL Gary Spiering; DB Rich Schwartz  
 1986 OG Jeff Dunlap; RB Al Wolden; DT Matt Wellumson; LB Chris Holgard  
 1987 OG Bret Kasak  
 1988 LB William Kullolia  
 1989 OL Dan Soltau; RB John Gronski  
 1990 RB Ray Betton  
 1991 RB Mike Bakke; DB Brad Surina; WR Chad Postal  
 1992 DB Dana Gravesen; LB Matt Juhl  
 1993 DB Jim Carlson  
 1994 OL Matt Gay; LB Rich Twaroski

## Second Team

- 1935 Ted Schmeekpepper  
 1936 G Miles Nelson  
 1954 QB Charles Broekmeir  
 1958 LE Jim Lawrence  
 1992 QB Marty Follis  
 WR Chad Postal  
 1993 OL Jim Templin  
 PK Matt Wallace

## Honorable Mention

- 1971 DE Steve Collins; TB Tom Enger; LB Bill Zavoral  
 1972 OC Joel Hoiland; DB Jim Swanson  
 1973 RB John Backes; OT Al Helgemo  
 1978 DE Martin Campbell; DB Tony Weber  
 1979 DT Kevin Ham; DE Tom Jacobsen; RB Ron Johnson; LB Jeff Kulovitz; OG Stan Reedy  
 1980 WR Carl Parker  
 1981 DB Dave Beaupre; FB Kevin Bethany; OT Pat Beigert; OG Stan Reedy  
 1982 OG Pat Beigert; C Wyatt Bienfang; WR Wayne Fussy; LB Bob Stakenas; DB Larry Winston  
 1983 C Wyatt Bienfang; LB Billy Byrand; DE Ron Holm; WR Brent Jeffers; P Danny Kraus; DB Rich Schwartz; RB John Stifter  
 1984 DE Trent Baalke; P Danny Kraus; MG Jeff Moore; DB Dan Murray; QB Tom Peterson; OT Gary Spiering; DT Jim Taray; K Charlie Warring  
 1985 DT Bart Bodway; DB Jeff Buerkle; OG Jeff Dunlap; P Danny Kraus; LB Steve Neiman; QB Tom Peterson; DB AJ Ritacco; DT Matt Wellumson; TB Al Wolden



**Dick Otterstad** was a four-time First-Team All-Northern Intercollegiate Conference selection from 1941-46.

## All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)

### First Team

- 1995 OL Matt Gay; DL Fred Miller; LB Tom Andree  
 1996 DB Rich Carlson; DB Joe Olson  
 1997 OL Randy Qual  
 1998 RB Chris Meyer; WR Jason Leden; DL Jay Hanson; DL Ben McAninch  
 2000 C Jerry Dagele; RB Eddie Acosta; KR Jason Leden  
 2001 OG Bryan Stoffel; C Jerry Dagele; QB Geoff Martinson; RB Eddie Acosta; DE Wallie Kuchinski; LB Pat Engleright; PR Jason Leden  
 2002 OT Brandon Pink; WR Ryan Welle  
 2003 OL Bryan Stoffel; S Marty Humeniuk; P Jason Baez  
 2004 OT Blaine Thomas; DE James Midboe; CB Torry Joubert  
 2005 DE James Midboe  
 2006 OT Justin Guy; OG John Keaveney; DT Zach Stafford; KR Johnathan Hawks; PR Anthony Schreiber  
 2007 LB Zach Christ; OT Justin Guy; OG John Keaveney; DE Seth Iverson; K/P Paul Potemra; WR/KR/PR Anthony Schreiber; DT Zach Stafford  
 2008 CB Terrell Phelps  
 2009 QB Derek Edholm; LB Jake Anderson; CB Tiger Ellison; DE Jordan Lardinois; DT Bryan Wick  
 2010 TE Brian Leonhardt; WR Andrew Schultz; DE Rob Wills  
 2011 C Cory Immerman; TE Brian Leonhardt; S Brody Scheff; NG Matthew Shaver; P Jesse Sundby  
 2012 C Brett DeLange; TE Brian Leonhardt; ILB Cory Crosby  
 2013 P Zach Pulkinen; RB Avery Walker; LB Buckley Wright  
 2014 WR Blake Holder; DB Scott Christensen  
 2015 LB Colton Blascyk; LB Greg Button; OL Jesse Hein; QB Jordan Hein; DB Gunner Olszewski; WR Juwaan Richard  
 2016 **RB Gena Adams; DB Damon Benham; DL Alex Burgess; LB Jamison Evan; OL Jesse Hein; DB Gunner Olszewski; LB Trysten Ross; OL Brandon Schindler**



Defensive tackle **Zach Stafford** (2003-07), Don Hanson All-American (2006 - HM), NSIC Defensive Player of the Year (2007), First-Team All-NSIC (2006, 2007).

## Second Team

- 1995 DB Rich Carlson, RB Brad Prigge, OL Randy Qual, TE Steve Smuk  
 1996 OL Randy Qual; TE Steve Smuk  
 1997 DB Joe Olsen; DE Ben McAninch  
 1998 OL Jim McKeon; QB Ben Morie; LB Ben Hudson; DB Rob Sutera  
 1999 QB Ben Morie; WR Jason Leden; DE Jay Hanson; LB Terrence Wilcox; DB Rob Sutera  
 2000 OG Brad Borkhuis; WR Jason Leden  
 2002 LB Jon Aamot; S Marty Humeniuk  
 2003 DE Adam Coughlin; DT Ben Jacobson; LB Jon Aamot  
 2004 C Brice Vollbrecht; RB Tyler Olson; WR Adam Noble; DT Gabe Rodriguez; LB Mitch Feierabend; PR Michael Nordyke  
 2005 RB Alvaro Carvajal; S Jeremiah Johnson; QB Nathan Sannes; OL Rob Selb  
 2006 DE Robert Molstad; LB Zach Christ; LB Matt Heber; CB Willy Plancher; S Jeremiah Johnson  
 2007 S Jeremiah Johnson; C Chase Pearson; CB Terrell Phelps  
 2008 LB Jake Anderson; DE Rob Wills; QB Derek Edholm; OT Nathan Mahlik  
 2009 LB Andrew Eagan; C Cory Immerman; OT Davis Mickelson; WR Andrew Schultz; K/P Jesse Sundby  
 2010 C Cory Immerman; RB Dustin Kroepelin; LB Andrew Eagan; LB Cory Crosby; DT Jordan Lardinois; DB Brody Scheff; P/K Jesse Sundby  
 2011 WR Justin Lee; LB Cory Crosby; DB Dusty Sluzewicz  
 2012 WR Justin Lee; CB Charles Hrdlicka; OLB Connor Quinn  
 2013 S Scott Christensen; DL Dan Kiebler; OL Jordan Oien  
 2014 OL Jesse Hein; OL Matthew Valentine; DB Troy Beckett; LB Colton Blascyk; DL Dan Kiebler; DL J.J. Reinke; LB Connor Quinn  
 2015 DB Damon Benham; WR Vince Dinkel; RB Tahi Nomane; DL Mario Stephens; OL Matthew Valentine  
 2016 **QB Jordan Hein; WR Blake Holder; OL Jake Krause; WR Juwaan Richard; OL Matthew Valentine; DL Jake Wirsching**

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Tight end **Brian Leonhardt** (2008-12), Daktronics Inc., All-America (2011 - 2nd), BSN All-America (2012 - 1st), Academic All-America (2011 - 2nd and 2012 - 1st).

## All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Honorable Mention

- 1995 WR John Kostynick, LB Jay Nelson, RB Eric Skaare  
 1996 CB Cullen Garrity; LB Eric Zajkowski  
 1997 RB Chris Meyer
- 1998 OG Brad Borkhuis; LB Terrence Wilcox; WR Ben Woodford  
 1999 OG Brad Borkhuis; WR Drew Wilson; RB Chris Meyer; DB Ryan Fritts  
 2000 QB Geoff Martinson; LB Pat Engleright; DE Wes Ehlers; WR Ben Woodford  
 2001 OT Brandon Pink; LB Jon Aamot  
 2002 PK Neil Collier; DT Mitch Hecker; CB Tom Maus; LB John Roscoe; OG Bryan Stoffel; C Bryce Vollbrecht  
 2003 RB Eddie Acosta; WR/KR Michael Nordyke; S Kurtis Woodard  
 2004 OT Rob Selb; OG Cole Scott; QB Nathan Sannes; WR Michael Nordyke; KR Michael Nordyke  
 2005 LB Ben Baratto; LB Zach Christ; OG John Keaveny; RB Tyler Olson; WR Anthony Schreiber; DT Zach Stafford  
 2006 C Chase Peterson; WR Anthony Schreiber; P Michael McDonald; LB Ben Baratto; OL Brian Volbrecht; WR Chad Christianson  
 2007 DE Robert Molstad  
 2008 LB Andrew Eagan; WR George Kadlec; LB Luke Knutson; S Jason Kunz; WR Andrew Schultz  
 2009 RB Dustin Kroeplin; TE Brian Leonhardt; S Brody Scheff  
 2010 QB Derek Edholm; OL Davis Mickelson; FB Nate Solors; OL Brett DeLange; DL Jake Zimmerman; LB Buckley Wright  
 2011 OG Brett DeLange; RB Dustin Kroeplin; OT Davis Mickelson; QB Lance Rongstad  
 2012 OL Alonzo Melton; RB Dustin Kroeplin; QB Lance Rongstad; DL Bryan Syrstad  
 2013 OL Tyler Abrahamson; DL J.J. Reinke; NT Matthew Shaver  
 2014 DB Dylan Valentine  
 2015 WR Jordan Noskowiak; DL Chris Ostby; DL Jake Wirsching  
 2016 **DB Kameel-Al-Khoury; WR Vince Dinkel; FB Blake Petrich**



Safety **Brody Scheff** (2007-11), Daktronics Inc., All-America (2011 - 1st), NSIC Defensive Player of the Year (2011), CoSIDA Academic All-America (2011).

## NSIC Player of the Year

2001 RB Eddie Acosta	Offense
2007 DT Zach Stafford	Defense
2011 S Brody Scheff	Defense

## NSIC Coach of the Year

1989 Kris Diaz
1995 Kris Diaz
1998 Jeff Tesch
2006 Jeff Tesch

## NSIC Newcomer of the Year

2015 Gunner Olszewski	Defense
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## NSIC Glen Galligan Award (4+ seasons, positive athletic, academic, community contributions)

1949 RB Jim Richmire (co)
1951 RB Jack Buckley
1956 T Harold Drescher
1964 HB Don Thompson
1986 DT Matt Wellumson (co)
1992 QB Marty Follis
1993 LB Matt Juhl (co)
2004 OT Blaine Thomas
2005 QB Nathan Sannes

## NAIA Academic All-American

1984 WR Brent Jeffers
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## CoSIDA Academic All-America (3.3+ GPA)

1998 Ben McAninch	2nd Team
2011 S Brody Scheff	2nd Team
2011 TE Brian Leonhardt	2nd Team
2012 TE Brian Leonhardt	1st Team
2016 RB Gena Adams	1st Team

## CoSIDA Academic All-District V (3.3+ GPA)

2002 DE Mike Thomas	2nd Team
2003 OL Blaine Thomas	3rd Team
2004 OT Blaine Thomas	2nd Team
2004 LB Mitch Feierabend	3rd Team
2007 LB Zach Christ	1st Team
2011 S Brody Scheff	1st Team
2011 TE Brian Leonhardt	1st Team
2012 TE Brian Leonhardt	1st Team
2016 RB Gena Adams	1st Team
2016 DL Mitchell Elbe	1st Team

## NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award (seniors - 3.75+ GPA)

2012 WR Christian Metz

## Academic All-NSIC (sophomore+, 3.2+ GPA)

- 1998 Matt Biever; Brad Borkhuis; Ryan Fritts; Ben McAninch; Matt Mattson  
 1999 Matt Biever; Brad Borkhuis; Ryan Fritts; Geoff Martinson; Ben Noonan; Ben Woodford  
 2000 Bayard Black; Brad Borkhuis; Pat Engleright  
 2001 Bayard Black; Pat Engleright; Brian Johnson; Scott Nichols; Jon Roscoe; Mike Thomas  
 2002 Mitch Feierabend; Jon Roscoe; Jason Smith; Blaine Thomas; Mike Thomas  
 2003 Justin Brink; Chad Christianson; Lucas Doppler; Mitch Feierabend; Brian Johnson; Joe Mack; Gregg Olson; Preston Pettis; Nathan Sannes; Jason Smith; Blaine Thomas  
 2004 Chad Christianson; Mitch Feierabend; Bill Rodgers; Nathan Sannes; Blaine Thomas  
 2005 Zach Christ; Chad Christianson; Thomas "Ed" Henry; Dan Nagengast; Nathan Sannes  
 2006 Zach Christ; Kyle Jorgenson; Jason Kunz; Kyle McMartin; Dan Nagengast; Zach Stafford  
 2007 Zach Christ; Adrian Dunn; Jared Dunn; Jeremy Gettel; Kyle Jorgenson; Joshua Karch; Kyle McMartin; Daniel Nagengast; Zachary Stafford  
 2008 Jeremy Gettel; Josh Karch; Jason Kunz; Kyle McMartin; Paul Potemra; Bryan Wick  
 2009 Jordan Anderson; Joshua Beste; George Percak-Dennett; Brody Scheff; Jacob Schmidt; Dusty Sluzewicz; Nathan Solors; Jesse Sundby; Bryan Wick  
 2010 Jordan Anderson; Josh Beste; Cory Crosby; Matt Gandrud; Brian Leonhardt; Christian Metz; George Percak-Dennett; Lance Rongstad; Brody Scheff; Dusty Sluzewicz; Nate Solors; Bryan Syrstad  
 2011 Tyler Abrahamson; Jordan Anderson; Josh Beste; Isaac Carlson; Cory Crosby; Matt Gandrud; Brian Leonhardt; Christian Metz; Lance Rongstad; Brody Scheff; Bryan Syrstad; Dusty Sluzewicz; Buckley Wright  
 2012 Nathan Adams; Matthew Coen-Tuff; Cory Crosby; Matthew Gandrud; Brian Leonhardt; Christian Metz; Lance Rongstad; Bryan Syrstad; Buckley Wright  
 2013 Tyler Abrahamson; Kevin Longtin; Tony Peterson; Jared Roelofs; Buckley Wright  
 2014 Mitchell Elbe; Jesse Hein; Anthony Peterson; Zachary Rynning  
 2015 Mitchell Elbe, Jake Krause, Nick Moore, Tony Peterson, Evan Tompkins, Eric Wunrow  
 2016 **Gena Adams, Mitchell Elbe, Nick Mehlum, Jake Krause, Evan Tompkins, Eric Wunrow, Brady Youngberg**

## NFF Hampshire Honor Society Members (seniors, 3.2+ GPA)

- 2008 Zach Christ  
 2009 Jeremy Gettel; Josh Karch; Jason Kunz  
 2010 Kyle McMartin; Bryan Wick  
 2012 Josh Beste; Brody Scheff; Dusty Sluzewicz  
 2013 Cory Crosby; Matt Gandrud; Brian Leonhardt; Christian Metz; Lance Rongstad  
 2014 Tyler Abrahamson; Buckley Wright  
 2015 Tony Peterson