



D3football.com 2009 All-North Region Team

Shorts, Vallery highlight 2009 D3football.com All-Region team

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MINNEAPOLIS – Mount Union wide receiver Cecil Shorts and Wittenberg defensive end Eddie Vallery lead the D3football.com 2009 All-North Region team. Vallery was named North Region Defensive Player of the Year, while Shorts was named the North Region Offensive Player of the Year.

Wittenberg coach Joe Fincham, whose team posted a 10-0 regular season for the first time since 2000, led his Tigers to a 12-1 mark, falling to UW-Whitewater in the national quarterfinals. The Tigers defense, statistically the best in Division III in total yards allowed, held the Warhawks to a season-low 31 points.

Vallery, a junior from South Solon, Ohio, accounted for 16 and a half sacks for a total of 126 yards of lost yardage, along with 22 tackles for loss. He had 73 tackles, 43 solo, broke up five passes, forced two fumbles and blocked two kicks.

Shorts, a senior from Cleveland, has caught 88 passes for 1,525 yards and 16 touchdowns, while rushing for six more TDs on 15 carries. He averages 117.3 receiving yards per game and 17.3 yards per reception for the undefeated Purple Raiders. He is the fourth consecutive Mount Union player to be named the D3football.com North Region Offensive Player of the Year.

The teams, selected in balloting by North Region sports information directors and D3football.com staff, were chosen from 184 nominations by Division III member schools. A total of 76 players were chosen.

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Year-by-year award highlights

Year Offensive POY

2005 Denny Kimmel, RB, Anderson

2006 Nate Kmic, RB, Mount Union

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2009 Cecil Shorts, WR, Mount Union

Defensive POY

Mike Gibbons, LB, Mount Union

Kyle Hausler, S, Capital

Andy Studebaker, DE, Wheaton (Ill.)

Pat McCullough, DT, Mount Union

Pete Ittersagen, CB, Wheaton (Ill.)

Eddie Vallery, DE, Wittenberg

Coach of the Year

Jim Collins, Capital

Larry Kehres, Mount Union

Mike Hallett, Heidelberg

Matt Land, Trine

Joe Fincham, Wittenberg

The teams follow:



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Offensive Player of the Year: Cecil Shorts III, WR, Mount Union

Defensive Player of the Year: Eddie Vallery, DE, Wittenberg

Coach of the Year: Joe Fincham, Wittenberg

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First Team Offense

Pos. Player	School	Yr. Hometown
QB Dan Whalen	Case	Sr. Willoughby, Ohio
RB Brent Donley	Ohio Northern	Jr. Southfield, Mich.
RB Corey Weber	Wittenberg	Jr. Pataskala, Ohio
WR Cecil Shorts III	Mount Union	Sr. Cleveland, Ohio
WR Jeff Koeneman	Carthage	Sr. Barrington, Ill.
T Caleb Crowl	Mount Union	Sr. Lisbon, Ohio
G Andrew Benchic	Ohio Northern	Sr. Englewood, Ohio
C Dillon Hollin	Wittenberg	Sr. Prospect, Ky.
G Tony Opperman	Case	So. Pickerington, Ohio
T Blaine Westemeyer	Augustana	Sr. Overland Park, Kan.
TE Kyle Miller	Mount Union	Sr. Elida, Ohio

RET Wes Chamblee	Wabash	Jr. South Bend, Ind.
K Dan Winsey	Concordia (Wis.)	Jr. Tampa, Fla.

Second Team Offense

QB Kurt Rocco	Mount Union	Sr. Cincinnati, Ohio
RB Colton Coy	Otterbein	Jr. Frankfort, Ohio
RB Lamar Hunter	Marietta	Sr. South Euclid, Ohio
WR Jimmy Semelsberger	Kalamazoo	Sr. Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
WR Daniel Passafiume	Hanover	So. Louisville, Ky.
T Josh Delancy	North Central	Sr. Stuart, Fla.
G Kyle Antos	North Central	Jr. Warrenville, Ill.
C Chad Schenkel	Franklin	Jr. Carmel, Ind.
G Anthony Walsh	Mount St. Joseph	Sr. Cincinnati, Ohio
T Evan Isaacs	Wabash	Sr. Indianapolis, Ind.
TE Zach Friedrich	Greenville	Sr. Selah, Wash.

RET Brandyn Brown	Wittenberg	Sr. Louisville, Ky.
K Max Crumley-Effinger	Earlham	Sr. Richmond, Ind.

Third Team Offense

QB Aaron Fanthorpe	North Central	Sr. Naperville, Ill.
RB Kent Biller	Trine	So. Nappanee, Ind.
RB Khyree Copeland	Concordia (Ill.)	Jr. Jacksonville, Fla.
WR Nick Merchut	Carthage	Sr. Bartlett, Ill.
WR Kody LeMond	Wabash	Jr. Pendleton, Ind.
T Travis Boothe	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr. Villa Park, Ill.
G Chase Estep	Manchester	Jr. Nappanee, Ind.
C Keely Flood	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr. Lombard, Ill.
G Storm Tropea	Wooster	Sr. Hollywood, Fla.
G Nathan Kater	Heidelberg	Jr. Villa Hills, Ky.
T Justin Carpenter	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr. Tulsa, Okla.
TE Kyle Fiedorowicz	North Central	Jr. Johnsburg, Ill.

RET Bryan Albani	Wooster	Sr. Warren, Ohio
K Josh Heaphy	Ohio Northern	Sr. Dublin, Ohio

First Team Defense

Pos. Player	School	Yr. Hometown
DE Eddie Vallery	Wittenberg	Jr. South Solon, Ohio
DT Matt Grieves	Heidelberg	Sr. Huron, Ohio
DT Matt Williamson	Mount Union	Sr. Columbus, Ohio
DE Joe Millings	Mount Union	Sr. Copley, Ohio
LB Nick Nikolich	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr. Libertyville, Ill.
LB Sam Kershaw	Mount Union	Jr. West Jefferson, Ohio
LB Mike Budzinski	Aurora	Sr. Minooka, Ill.
CB Corry Stewart	Hanover	Sr. Nashville, Tenn.
S Drew McClain	Mount Union	Sr. Newark, Ohio
S Addrian Frederick	Wabash	Sr. Rensselaer, Ind.
CB Chris Greenwood	Albion	So. Detroit, Mich.

P Tyler Funk	Carthage	Sr. Racine, Wisconsin
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Second Team Defense

DE James Herbert	Mount Union	Sr. Sagamore Hills, Ohio
DT Gino Panza	Adrian	Sr. Monroe, Mich.
DT Adam Kattoua	Wittenberg	Jr. Upper Arlington, Ohio
DE Pat Funk	Aurora	Sr. Morris, Ill.
LB Randy Wright	Elmhurst	Jr. Bellwood, Ill.
LB Judd Lutz	Mount Union	Sr. Tiffin, Ohio
LB Erik Prosser	Mount St. Joseph	Jr. Cincinnati, Ohio
CB Chad Woodfork	Otterbein	Sr. Columbus, Ohio
S Brian Hollett	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr. Rochester Hills, Mich.
S Jarin Davis	Concordia (Ill.)	Sr. Jacksonville, Fla.
CB Ronnie Smith	Capital	Sr. Westerville, Ohio

P Ryan Patten	Olivet	Sr. Charlotte, Mich.
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Third Team Defense

DE Josh Horn	Ohio Northern	Sr. Franklin, Ohio
DT Robert Champion	North Central	Jr. Wauconda, Ill.
DE Eddie Hill Jr.	Benedictine	Sr. Chicago Heights, Ill.
LB Matt DeGrand	Wooster	Sr. Stow, Ohio
LB Ryan Hoyt	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr. Broken Arrow, Okla.
LB Scott Eaton	Rose-Hulman	Jr. Fishers, Ind.
CB Mike Pelyak	Case	Sr. Newton Falls, Ohio
S Aaron Shoemaker	Trine	So. Onsted, Mich.
S Kyle Longsdorf	Defiance	Jr. London, Ohio
S Rylan Mitter-Burke	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr. Marlborough, Mass.
CB Roman Hunter	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr. Chicago, Ill.

P Dennis Zic	Illinois Wesleyan	Jr. Wood Dale, Ill.
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There was a tie for the last guard spot.