



# *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NCAA Division III 2003 All-American Team

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## **St. John's Elliott & Gagliardi, Capital's Swearingin and Linfield's Wilson Headline 2003 *Football Gazette* All-American Team;**

*The team is selected by Sports Information Directors for the 14th straight year*

(COLUMBUS, OHIO)----*Don Hansen's Weekly Football Gazette* has selected its 2003 All-American Team and for the 14th consecutive season select sports information directors from across the country have chosen 77 of the nation's best players to the 2003 *Football Gazette* All-American Team.

St. John's University wide receiver **Blake Elliott (Melrose, Minn.)** and head coach **John Gagliardi** have been named 2003 Offensive Player and Coach of the Year. Capital University linebacker **Ron Swearingin (Kings Mills, Ohio)** earned 2003 Defensive Player of the Year honors, while Linfield College punter **James Wilson (Springfield, Ore.)** was tabbed 2003 Special Teams Player of the Year. To access the entire All-American team, go to the internet and log onto [www.capitalcrusaders.net/footballgazette](http://www.capitalcrusaders.net/footballgazette). You can also call or FAX at the numbers listed below in this release.

**Elliott**, a senior, is a three-time All-American and one of the nation's premier offensive players. His 112 catches for 1,268 yards and 13 touchdowns leads the Johnnies and is among the nation's best and he is also St. John's third leading rusher on the season with 497 yards on the ground. Last week, Elliott won the Gagliardi Trophy given to the nation's top NCAA Division III football player. That trophy is named in honor of his coach, St. John's head coach **John Gagliardi**, who in his 55th season as a college football coach, 51st at St. John's, became college football's all-time winningest coach this season and currently sits at 413 as the Johnnies get ready to face No. 1 Mount Union College in this week's Stagg Bowl for the NCAA Division III National Championship.

**Swearingin**, a senior, earned the Bill Edwards Award given to top linebacker in the Ohio Athletic Conference. A three-time All-American, Swearingin, was second in the OAC in stops with 103, the fourth straight season with over 100 tackles. He led a Capital squad that matched a school-record eight wins in 2003, with losses only to playoff participants Mount Union College and Baldwin-Wallace College.

**Wilson**, a junior, ended the regular season as the nation's No. 1 punter averaging 45.4 yards a punt. A two time first team All-Northwest Conference (NWC) selection, with 10 of his 36 kicks inside the opponents 20-yard line, was a four-time NWC and Football Gazette Player of the Week.

For the first time, The Rimington Trophy will present an award to the top center in NCAA Division III. This year the highest rated center in voting was **Tom Doyle (Dayton, Ohio)** of Capital University. **Doyle**, a senior, was the Ohio Athletic Conference's first team center and anchored an offensive line that was the OAC's No. 1 passing offense and nation's No. 5 total offense.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on the 2003 *Football Gazette* All-American team, please call National Chair Leonard Reich, Sports Information Director at Capital (Ohio) University. He can be reached at (614) 236-6174 in the office or at [lreich@capital.edu](mailto:lreich@capital.edu) via e-mail. The Football Gazette website is at [www.donhansen.com](http://www.donhansen.com).

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## First Team Offense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Scott Krause	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Sr.	Waunakee, Wis.
RB	Tony Sutton	Wooster (Ohio)	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
RB	Brett Trichilo	Wilkes (Pa.)	Jr.	Dunmore, Pa.
WR	Blake Elliott	St. John's (Minn.)	Sr.	Melrose, Minn.
WR	Conrad Singh	Hampden-Sydney (Va.)	Sr.	Ft. Washington, Md.
TE	Scott Marek	Lebanon Valley (Pa.)	Sr.	Nesquehoning, Pa.
OL	Robert Bradley	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Fredrickburg, Va.
OL	Adam Hernandez	Hardin-Simmons (Tx.)	Jr.	Victoria, Texas
OL	James Hoxworth	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr.	Bridgeport, Neb.
OL	Larry Kinnard	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Alliance, Ohio
OL	Ben Knepper	Wisconsin-Stout	Sr.	Rice Lake, Wis.
OL	Tom Doyle	Capital (Ohio)	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio
PK	Chad Wurth	Wisconsin-Whitewater	Sr.	Monona, Wis.

## First Team Defense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Brad Keem	St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	Sr.	East Aurora, N.Y.
DL	Nate Mitchell	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Sr.	Butler, Pa.
DL	Jarrod Smith	Trinity (Tx.)	Sr.	Houston, Texas
DL	Michael Sykes	New Jersey	Jr.	Absecon, N.J.
LB	Casey Carlson	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	Sr.	Woodinville, Wash.
LB	Ron Swearingin	Capital (Ohio)	Sr.	Kings Mills, Ohio
LB	Jermaine Taylor	Bridgewater (Va.)	Sr.	Miramar, Fla.
DB	Alex Hansen	Hardin-Simmons (Tx.)	Jr.	Southlake, Texas
DB	Greg Koch	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Sr.	Olmsted Falls, Ohio
DB	Quammie Semper	Oberlin (Ohio)	Sr.	Houston, Tx.
DB	Kyle Westphal	Simpson (Iowa)	Jr.	Fontanelle, Iowa
Ret.	Miguel Concepcion	W.P.I. (Mass.)	Jr.	Fall River, Mass.
P	James Wilson	Linfield (Ore.)	Jr.	Springfield, Ore.

## Second Team Offense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Dan Cole	R.P.I. (N.Y.)	Sr.	Albany, N.Y.
RB	Andrew Mocado	Wisconsin-La Crosse	Sr.	Wis. Rapids, Wis.
RB	Dante Washington	Carthage (Wis.)	Jr.	Glendale Heights, Ill.
WR	Mark Bartosic	Susquehanna (Pa.)	Sr.	Northumberland, Pa.
WR	Randall Knapp	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Kent, Ohio
TE	Seth Schussler	St. Norbert (Wis.)	So.	Wrightstown, Wis.
OL	Jared Carillo	Trinity (Conn.)	Sr.	Windsor, Conn.
OL	Justin Cass	St. John's (Minn.)	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
OL	Matt Mendola	Lycoming (Pa.)	Sr.	Dunmore, Pa.
OL	Ranardo Whitaker	Bridgewater (Va.)	Jr.	Tappahannock, Va.
OL	Chris Dubos	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr.	Sumner, Wash.
PK	Mike Clark	Augustana (Ill.)	Jr.	Bettendorf, Iowa

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Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
DL	David Bleitner	Lake Forest (Ill.)	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
DL	Antoine Dilliard	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio
DL	Jeremy Hood	St. John's (Minn.)	Sr.	Monticello, Minn.
DL	Vince King	Wartburg (Iowa)	Sr.	Burlington, Iowa
LB	Graham Goldwasser	Williams (Mass.)	Sr.	Ballwin, Mo.
LB	Michael Irvin	Buena Vista (Iowa)	Jr.	Bedford, Iowa
LB	Matt O'Bryant	Millsaps (Miss.)	Sr.	Ocean Springs, Miss.
DB	Mike Defilippi	R.P.I. (N.Y.)	Sr.	Smethport, Pa.
DB	Cody Kelley	Wartburg (Iowa)	Sr.	Tipton, Iowa
DB	Seth Kopf	Knox (Ill.)	Sr.	West Lafayette, Ind.
DB	Joe Masciopinto	St. Norbert (Wis.)	Sr.	Harwood Heights, Ill.
Ret.	Jamarcus Shephard	DePauw (Ind.)	Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.
P	Scott Verhalen	East Texas Baptist	Sr.	Marshall, Texas

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Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Tyler Matthews	Linfield (Ore.)	Sr.	Ellensburg, Wash.
QB	Rocky Pentello	Capital (Ohio)	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio
RB	Mark Anders	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Sr.	North Olmsted, Ohio
RB	CW Clemmons	Hampden-Sydney (Va.)	Jr.	Covington, Pa.
WR	Flynn Cochran	R.P.I. (N.Y.)	Sr.	Kent, Wash.
WR	Dustin Kain	Simpson (Iowa)	So.	Prairie City, Iowa
WR	Eric White	Illinois Wesleyan	Jr.	Antioch, Ill.
TE	Nate Wilder	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio
OL	Tariq Ahmad	Ithaca (N.Y.)	Sr.	Holmdel, N.J.
OL	Brian Dewey	Springfield (Mass.)	Jr.	Victory Mills, N.Y.
OL	Matt Weeks	Johns Hopkins (Md.)	Jr.	Landisville, Pa.
OL	Alexander Keel	R.P.I. (N.Y.)	Sr.	New Woodstock, N.Y.
OL	Jeff Voreis	Wartburg (Iowa)	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.
PK	Andy Beals	Millikin (Ill.)	Sr.	Matoon, Ill.

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Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Kevin Culbert	Frostburg State (Md.)	Jr.	Purcellville, Va.
DL	Mike Hansen	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill.
DL	Michael Holbok	Buffalo State (N.Y.)	Jr.	Buffalo, N.Y.
DL	Brandon Tisdale	Wilmington (Ohio)	Jr.	Xenia, Ohio
LB	Mike Dumaw	Brockport (N.Y.)	Sr.	Carthage, N.Y.
LB	Cam McCambridge	St. John's (Minn.)	Sr.	Edina, Minn.
LB	Shaun Spisak	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Sagamore Hills, Ohio
DB	Carlo DeAngelo	Delaware Valley (Pa.)	Sr.	Kaska, Pa.
DB	Mike Miller	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
DB	Rocky Myers	Wesley (Del.)	Jr.	Bowers Beach, Del.
DB	Darren Venable	Ferrum (Va.)	Jr.	Covington, Va.
Ret.	Brian Woods	Allegheny (Pa.)	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
P	Mike Donnenwerth	Simpson (Iowa)	Sr.	Sheffield, Iowa

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