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Tanney, Dzewit, Headline Football All-Conference Awards

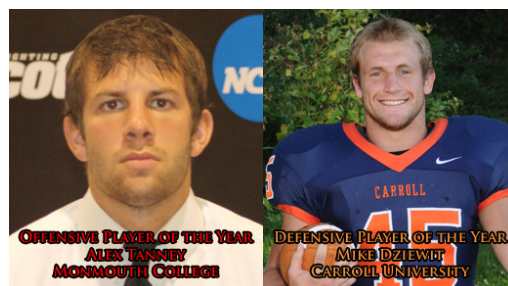
RIPON, Wis. – Monmouth was rewarded after winning its 11th MWC Championship, and third in the last four years, with a league-high 15 players named on the 2011 Midwest Conference All-Conference Football team. For the third time in his career Monmouth quarterback Alex Tanney earned high honors as the 2011 Offensive Player of the Year while Carroll linebacker Mike Dzewit was named the 2011 Defensive Player of the Year. Monmouth head coach Steve Bell earned the 2011 Coach of the Year award after leading the Fighting Scots to the MWC Championship.

Every team was represented on the 2011 All-Conference list led by Monmouth's 15 selections (nine first team) with Carroll earning 11 overall selections (four first team). Illinois C. earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history and claimed 10 selections (four first team) while St. Norbert also had 10 selections (six first team). Lake Forest had six overall selections (two first team) with Beloit earning five and Knox (one first team) and Ripon (two first team) each placing four players. Grinnell and Lawrence round out the award winners three and one honoree, respectively.

This year was the third time that Tanney has been recognized as the Offensive Player of the Year after winning the award in both the 2008 and 2009 seasons. Tanney led a potent Monmouth offense that averaged over 49 points per contest, scoring 60 or more points in seven contests. He finished the season with the MWC lead in pass efficiency (193.3), touchdown passes (35), passing yards (3,304) and completion percentage (73%). Tanney also broke two NCAA records during the year including the all-divisions record for career touchdown passes (154) and career passing yards by a Division-III quarterback with 13,686.

Dzewit is the third Pioneer to win the Defensive Player of the Year award and the first to do so since Jeremy Winter in the 2008 season. Dzewit led a defense that finished tops in the league in total defense (205 ypg) and second against the run (135 ypg). He finished second in the league with 10.9 tackles per game and was tied for second in sacks (8.0) while having 12.5 tackles for loss. Dzewit had seven games this season with 10 or more tackles while also forcing three fumbles and intercepting three passes.

Bell wins the Coach of the Year award for the fifth time overall and third time in the last four years after leading his Fighting Scots to a 9-1 overall mark and a perfect 9-0 record in conference play. Under Bell Monmouth finished first in the conference in total offense (557 ypg) and third in total defense (367 ypg) earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in school history.



2011 MWC Offensive Player of the Year

Alex Tanney, Senior, Quarterback, Monmouth College

2011 MWC Defensive Player of the Year

Mike Dzewit, Senior, Linebacker, Carroll University

2011 MWC Coach of the Year

Steve Bell, Monmouth College

--2011 MWC Football First Team All-Conference--

OFFENSE

QB	Alex Tanney	Sr.	Monmouth College
RB	Joe Beckstrand	Sr.	Carroll University
RB	Trey Yocum	So.	Monmouth College
RB	Cecil Brimmage	So.	Illinois College
TE	David Milroy	Sr.	Monmouth College
WR	Derek Carrier	Sr.	Beloit College
WR	Kevin Davis	Sr.	Lake Forest College
WR	Mike Blodgett	Sr.	Monmouth College
OL	Aaron Walsh	Sr.	Carroll University
OL	Keith Lane	So.	Illinois College
OL	James Allen	Sr.	Monmouth College
OL	Kyle Srnka	Sr.	Ripon College
OL	Tyler Kuehl	Sr.	St. Norbert College
K	Jake Gahart	Jr.	Ripon College
RS	Keith Hunter	Jr.	Illinois College

DEFENSE

DL	Josh Zank	Jr.	Carroll University
DL	Mike Kettmann	Sr.	Monmouth College
DL	Dan Hansmann	Sr.	St. Norbert College
DL	John Troyer	Sr.	St. Norbert College
LB	Mike Dzewit	Sr.	Carroll University
LB	Mike Hendrick	Jr.	Knox College
LB	Adam Hoste	Sr.	Monmouth College
LB	Ben Nantell	Sr.	St. Norbert College
DB	Luke Butts	Sr.	Lake Forest College
DB	Shane Reschke	Sr.	Monmouth College
DB	Austin Arts	Jr.	St. Norbert College
DB	Eric Fisher	Sr.	Illinois College
P	Brik Wedekind	So.	Monmouth College
ST	Logan Krueger	Sr.	St. Norbert College

--2011 MWC Football Second Team All-Conference--

OFFENSE

QB	Pete Scaffidi	Jr.	Lake Forest College
RB	Terence Steward	Sr.	Beloit College
RB	Al Mitchell	Jr.	Lake Forest College
RB	T.J. Pierce	Sr.	Ripon College
TE	Beau LeFevre	Sr.	Carroll University
WR	Robert Seer	Sr.	Grinnell College
WR	Brock Thompson	Sr.	Illinois College
WR	Joe Green	Jr.	St. Norbert College
OL	Hayden Simonis	So.	Beloit College
OL	Joe Evanchik	Sr.	Carroll University
OL	Chris Jarmon	Sr.	Grinnell College
OL	Jordan Willits	So.	Knox College
OL	Gil Munoz	Sr.	Lake Forest College
K	Matt Batton	Jr.	Monmouth College
RS	Joe Green	Jr.	St. Norbert College

DEFENSE

DL	Brian Taylor	Jr.	Grinnell College
DL	Michael Ray	So.	Illinois College
DL	Casey Flynn	Sr.	Lake Forest College
DL	Matt Switzler	Sr.	Ripon College
LB	Dave Paczkowski	Sr.	Carroll University
LB	Jake DeFauw	Sr.	Illinois College
LB	Rod Ojong	Sr.	Monmouth College
LB	Adam Nitsche	Jr.	St. Norbert College
DB	Vince Salucci	Sr.	Beloit College
DB	Shaun Banta	Sr.	Carroll University
DB	Dylan DeFauw	Jr.	Illinois College
DB	Josh Vanden Heuvel	Jr.	St. Norbert College
P	Doug Lillibridge	Jr.	Knox College
ST	Nick Law	Sr.	Monmouth College

--2011 MWC Football Honorable Mention All-Conference--

OFFENSE

RB	Derek Mortensen	So.	Knox College
WR	Tyler Mazur	Jr.	Lawrence University
OL	John Fink	Jr.	Illinois College
OL	Todd Groth	Jr.	Monmouth College
OL	Matt Wright	Sr.	Monmouth College

DEFENSE

DL	Bryan Larson	So.	Carroll University
DL	Stephen Odarczenko	Sr.	Illinois College
LB	Zach Bock	Jr.	Beloit College
LB	Preston Lumzy	Fr.	Monmouth College
DB	Neal Layng	Jr.	Carroll University
P	Andrew Volkmann	Sr.	Carroll University