



# *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NCAA Division III All-North Region Teams

## No. 1 Ranked Mount Union's Pugh and Kern Top the 2002 *Football Gazette* All-North Region Team;

*The team is selected by North Region Sports Information Directors for the 13th straight year*

(COLUMBUS, OHIO)----No. 1 in the nation Mount Union (Ohio) College placed running back **Dan Pugh (Norwalk, Ohio)** and defensive back **Chris Kern (Fairbault, Minn.)** as the 2002 Division III North Region Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year on the 2002 *Football Gazette* All-North Region Teams. Alma (Mich.) College placekicker **Matt Piccirilli (Macomb, Mich.)** and Wabash (Ind.) College head coach **Chris Creighton** were awarded North Region Special Teams and Coach of the Year honors respectively. To access the entire North Region team, please go to the internet and log onto <http://capitalcrusaders.net/footballgazette>. You can also call or FAX at the numbers listed below in this release.

A total of 75 players were chosen for the *Football Gazette* All-North Region team by sports information directors from the 58 schools that sponsor football in the North Region. This year marks the 13th straight year that the region's sports information directors have selected an All-North Region team. The All-North Region first and second team selections will now be on a national ballot used to choose the 2002 *Football Gazette* All-American Team.

**Pugh**, a senior, was named as a first-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) selection and the OAC's Mike Gregory Award winner as its top offensive back. A finalist for the Gagliardi Award as the nation's best player, Pugh set OAC and school records for rushing touchdowns. **Kern**, a senior All-OAC First Team pick at defensive back, earned the OAC's Lee Tressel Award as the league's top defensive back for a second straight year. The duo led Mount Union (Ohio) to its eighth straight undefeated regular season and are attempting to claim a seventh national championship.

**Piccirilli** was the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (MIAA) first team placekicker. The three-time MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week set school records for PAT's in a game (8), season (46) and career (108). His 51-yard field goal against Adrian (Mich.) College was the second longest in league history.

In just his second season as head coach at Wabash, **Creighton**, led the Little Giants to an undefeated regular season (10-0), the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Championship and to the NCAA North Region championship game, where they fell to Mount Union (45-16).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on the 2002 *Football Gazette* All-North Region 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, at (614) 581-8098, via FAX and at [lreich@capital.edu](mailto:lreich@capital.edu) via e-mail. The *Football Gazette* website is at <http://www.donhansen.com>.

# 2002 *Football Gazette* Division III All-North Region Football Team

## First-Team Offense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Tom Arth	John Carroll (Ohio)	Sr.	Westlake, Ohio
RB	Dan Pugh	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Norwalk, Ohio
RB	Randall Baker	Carthage (Wis.)	Sr.	Evansville, Ind.
WR	Mark Boehms	Alma (Mich.)	Sr.	Troy, Mich.
WR	Brad Musso	Wheaton (Ill.)	So.	Hinsdale, Ill.
OL	J.D. Sheldon	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Harvard, Ill.
OL	Bob Paulin	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
OL	James Hoxworth	Wheaton (Ill.)	Jr.	Bridgeport, Neb.
OL	Jeff Hollway	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	Lewis Center, Ohio
OL	Matt Payne	John Carroll (Ohio)	Sr.	Lisle, Ill.
TE	Ryan Short	Wabash (Ind.)	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
PK	Matt Piccirilli	Alma (Mich.)	Sr.	Macomb, Mich.

## First-Team Defense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Pat McAtee	Mount St. Joseph (Ohio)	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
DL	Joe Inriolo	John Carroll (Ohio)	Sr.	Moreland Hills, Ohio
DL	Dane Lundgren	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr.	Arden Hills, Minn.
DL	Matt Campbell	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Massillon, Ohio
LB	Ron Swearinigin	Capital (Ohio)	Jr.	Kings Mills, Ohio
LB	Chris Cubero	John Carroll (Ohio)	Sr.	Akron, Ohio
LB	Stan Watson	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Austintown, Ohio
DB	David Simpson	Alma (Mich.)	Sr.	Sheridan, Mich.
DB	Chris Kern	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Fairbault, Minn.
DB	Greg Koch	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Jr.	Olmsted Falls, Ohio
DB	Kyle Hausler	Capital (Ohio)	Fr.	Hilliard, Ohio
Ret.	Josh Bronaugh	Wabash (Ind.)	Jr.	Crawfordsville, Ind.
P	Adam Hicks	Capital (Ohio)	Sr.	Westerville, Ohio

## Second-Team Offense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Eli Grant	Case Western Reserve (Ohio)	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
RB	Tony Sutton	Wooster (Ohio)	So.	Akron, Ohio
RB	Kevin Bostelman	Adrian (Mich.)	Sr.	Archbold, Ohio
WR	T.J. Thayer	Kalamazoo (Mich.)	Sr.	Lowell, Mich.
WR	Jeffery Jourdan	Hanover (Ind.)	Sr.	Greenwood, Ind.
OL	Bill Crane	Hope (Mich.)	Sr.	Cedar Springs, Mich.
OL	Josh Peters	Alma (Mich.)	Jr.	Shepherd, Mich.
OL	Lee Mateer	Millikin (Ill.)	Sr.	Taylorville, Ill.
OL	Chad Thompson	Wittenberg (Ohio)	Jr.	Fort Thomas, Ky.
OL	Adam Miller	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr.	Elgin, Ill.
TE	Chad Brent	Albion (Mich.)	Jr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
PK	Andy Cline	Albion (Mich.)	So.	Perrysburg, Ohio

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Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Pat Ryan	Benedictine (Ill.)	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
DL	Brandon Tisdale	Wilmington (Ohio)	So.	Xenia, Ohio
DL	Rob Wittenoldner	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Sr.	Alliance, Ohio
DL	Tim Williams	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Richton Park, Ill.
LB	Justin Knapp	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr.	Ames, Iowa
LB	Nate Boulais	Wabash (Ind.)	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
LB	Dustin Goldsbury	Wittenberg (Ohio)	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio
DB	John Hauser	Wittenberg (Ohio)	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio
DB	Matt Louis	Muskingum (Ohio)	Sr.	Mason, Ohio
DB	Mike Linhardt	Westminster (Mo.)	Sr.	Owensville, Mo.
DB	Kevin Kaplan	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr.	Cary, Ill.
Ret.	Dan Pugh	Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.	Norwalk, Ohio
P	Rob Becker	Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	Jr.	Dover, Ohio

### Third-Team Offense

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
QB	Jake Knott	Wabash (Ind.)	Sr.	Lafayette, Ind.
RB	Cedric Simmons	Concordia (Wis.)	So.	Ft. Meade, Fla.
RB	Daniel Grove	Wittenberg (Ohio)	Sr.	Uhrichsville, Ohio
WR	Skip Ivery	Wittenberg (Ohio)	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio
WR	Eric White	Illinois Wesleyan	So.	Antioch, Ill.
WR	Jeff Lerner	John Carroll (Ohio)	Sr.	North Olmsted, Ohio
OL	Dock Davis	Olivet (Mich.)	Sr.	Battle Creek, Mich.
OL	Kevin Baumann	Defiance (Ohio)	Sr.	Flint, Mich.
OL	Drew DaRonco	Adrian (Mich.)	Sr.	Allen Park, Mich.
OL	Jon Spragg	Wooster (Ohio)	Sr.	Collins, Ohio
OL	Sherm Sackett	Capital (Ohio)	Sr.	Bellevue, Ohio
PK	Bo Comer	Capital (Ohio)	Sr.	Mainesville, Ohio

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Pos	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Paul Jacobson	Concordia (Wis.)	Sr.	Grafton, Wis.
DL	Drew Fay	Wooster (Ohio)	Sr.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
DL	Greg Liggins	Wilmington (Ohio)	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio
DL	John Loveland	Alma (Mich.)	Jr.	Ypsilanti, Mich.
LB	Josh Funsch	Alma (Mich.)	Sr.	West Branch, Mich.
LB	Ray Hartmann	Carthage (Wis.)	Sr.	Des Plaines, Ill.
LB	Billy Chrisovergia	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
DB	Travis Lehman	Olivet (Mich.)	Sr.	Lakewood, Mich.
DB	Ron Shiels	Adrian (Mich.)	Jr.	Britton, Mich.
DB	Nick Hajjar	Wooster (Ohio)	Sr.	Prospect, Ohio
DB	B.J. Edwards	Manchester (Ind.)	Jr.	Mexico, Ind.
Ret.	Kevin Kaplan	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr.	Cary, Ill.
P	Vince Scheffler	Hope (Mich.)	Sr.	Chelsea, Mich.

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