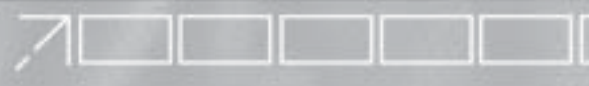


# 2002 REVIEW



**2003 BEARCAT FOOTBALL**





## 'CAT TRACKS

- Northwest has not lost a non-conference game to an opponent other than Nebraska-Omaha since 1995, when Minnesota State-Mankato and South Dakota State both topped the Bearcats.
- Northwest's 42-point output against Minnesota State-Mankato was the highest total in a non-conference game since a 51-2 win over Wayne (Neb.) State in 1998.
- Gabriel Helms' 94-yard kickoff return to open the season against UNO helped him average 27.4 yards per return, tops in the MIAA.

### NO. 23 NEBRASKA-OMAHA ..... 10 NO. 14 NORTHWEST ..... 23

SEPTEMBER 7, 2002  
RICKENBRODE STADIUM • MARVILLE, MO.

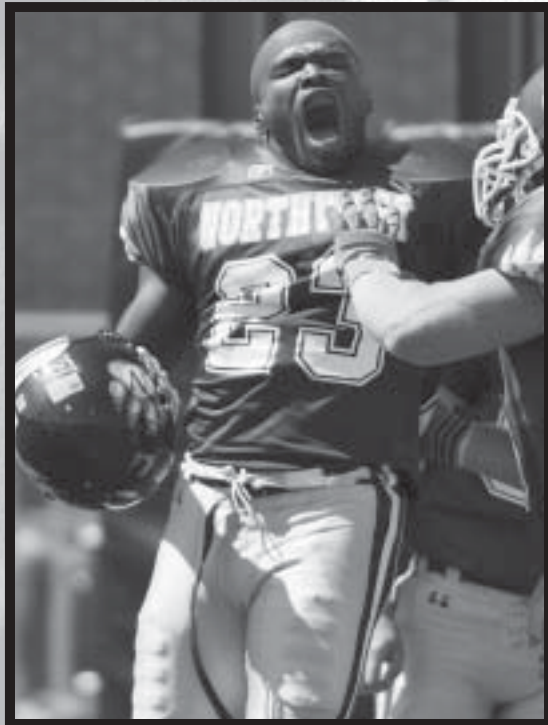
Northwest started the season with a bang. Gabriel Helms returned the season-opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown, putting the Bearcats on top 6-0.

Nebraska-Omaha took a 7-6 lead on its first possession. But the Bearcats went back on top 9-7 after a 20-yard Eddie Ibarra field goal midway through the first quarter. Northwest would never trail again.

A Geromy Scaggs touchdown plunge in the second quarter made it 16-7. The Mavericks pulled within six early in the fourth quarter on a field goal. But a 15-yard TD pass from John McMenamin to Scaggs put the game away late in the fourth quarter.

Scaggs rushed for 75 yards in the season-opener, while also hauling in five exceptions for 39 yards.

First Quarter	
14:44 NWM Helms 94-yd kickoff return (kick failed)	6-0
12:51 UNO Nolen 4-yd run (Severson kick)	6-7
6:11 NWM Ibarra 20-yd field goal	9-7
Second Quarter	
10:33 NWM Scaggs 1-yd run (Ibarra kick)	16-7
Fourth Quarter	
11:24 UNO Severson 42-yd field goal	16-10
1:30 NWM Scaggs 15-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	23-10



Gabriel Helms returned the opening kickoff of the 2002 season 94 yards for a TD against Nebraska-Omaha.

### NO. 9 NORTHWEST ..... 42 MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO ..... 31

SEPTEMBER 14, 2002  
BLAKESLEE STADIUM • MANKATO, MINN.

Northwest held a 42-19 lead going into the fourth quarter against Minnesota State-Mankato. The Mavericks refused to give up, closing the gap late in the ballgame. But Northwest was able to hold on for the nine-point victory.

The Bearcats trailed 7-0 after the opening possession of the game. Northwest then rattled off 35 unanswered points to take control, 35-7. MSU-Mankato outscored the 'Cats 24-7 over the remainder of the contest, but couldn't overcome the large, early deficit.

John McMenamin passed for 294 yards and three touchdowns in the Bearcat victory. Ryan Miller led the way defensively with eight tackles.

First Quarter	
12:16 MSU Weldon 33-yd pass from Metelak (Schotzko kick)	0-7
5:56 NWM Ibarra 22-yd field goal	3-7
5:28 NWM Ibarra 40-yd field goal	6-7
1:41 NWM Scaggs 14-yd run (Ibarra kick)	13-7
Second Quarter	
3:13 NWM J. Otte 26-yd pass from McMenamin (Scaggs run)	21-7
0:17 NWM Stewart 7-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	28-7
Third Quarter	
13:59 NWM J. Otte 20-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	35-7
12:26 MSU Fonoimoana 17-yd pass from Metelak (kick failed)	35-13
5:27 MSU Slayton 2-yd run (pass failed)	35-19
1:02 NWM Roberts 2-yd run (Ibarra kick)	42-19
Fourth Quarter	
12:58 MSU Barenz 33-yd field goal	42-22
6:00 MSU Slayton 3-yd run (Barenz kick)	42-29
1:47 MSU Safety	42-31

### MISSOURI-ROLLA ..... 9 NO. 7 NORTHWEST ..... 34

SEPTEMBER 21, 2002  
RICKENBRODE STADIUM • MARVILLE, MO.

Northwest opened MIAA play with a victory over Missouri-Rolla. Mitch Hering scored his first two collegiate touchdowns in the victory. His scores opened a 13-3 game up to a 27-3 advantage for Northwest.

The Bearcat defense limited Missouri-Rolla to just 187 yards (66 yards rushing and 76 passing). Adam Crowe led the defensive charge with 10 tackles, including two tackles for loss of yardage.

First Quarter	
11:08 NWM Scaggs 5-yd run (Ibarra kick)	7-0
Second Quarter	
14:52 NWM Ibarra 21-yd field goal	10-0
9:14 NWM Ibarra 27-yd field goal	13-0
Third Quarter	
4:19 UMR Mendrygal 37-yd field goal	13-3
1:45 NWM Herring 10-yd run (Ibarra kick)	20-3
Fourth Quarter	
11:27 NWM Herring 6-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	27-3
8:06 NWM J. Otte 15-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	34-3
0:46 UMR Criss 40-yd pass from Brown (kick blocked)	34-9



## 'CAT TRACKS

- The Bearcats' 2002 victory over Southwest Baptist was their eighth straight. Northwest has won those eight meetings by an average tally of 50.6-7.8.
- John McMenamin's five-touchdown day against Washburn was the first time that feat has been accomplished since Northwest's 58-52, quadruple-overtime victory over Carson-Newman in the 1998 NCAA Division II Championship game.
- Jamaica Rector has a career total of 114 points heading into the 2003 season. He needs just 36 points to crack the Northwest top 10 in career scoring.

### NO. 7 NORTHWEST ..... 28

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST ..... 7

SEPTEMBER 28, 2002  
PLASTER STADIUM • BOLIAR, MO.

The Northwest Missouri State defense came within one play of pitching a shutout at Southwest Baptist. Meanwhile, the Bearcat offense did enough to run Northwest's record to 4-0.

The 'Cats led 14-0 after one quarter. Mark Stewart and Andre Rector each hauled in touchdown passes from John McMenamin. Mitch Herring's two-yard run made it 21-0 early in the second quarter. Southwest Baptist finally got on the scoreboard with no time left in the first half on a three-yard TD pass.

Nick Glasnapp's first career touchdown came in the fourth quarter and secured the 21-point victory for Northwest.

Herring went over 100 yads rushing for the first time in his career, carrying 23 times for 133 yads. McMenamin threw three touchdown passes, but also had two passes intercepted. Andre Rector pulled in six passes for 107 yads.

First Quarter			
4:16	NWM	Stewart 12-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	7-0
1:10	NWM	A. Rector 52-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	14-0
Second Quarter			
9:29	NWM	Herring 2-yd run (Ibarra kick)	21-0
0:00	SBU	Hill 3-yd pass from Schuck (Mattson kick)	21-7
Fourth Quarter			
9:46	NWM	Glasnapp 16-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	28-7

### NO. 6 NORTHWEST ..... 48

### WASHBURN ..... 13

OCTOBER 5, 2002  
MOORE BOWL • TOPEKA, KAN.

John McMenamin tied a Northwest record with five touchdown passes, leading the Bearcats to a romp over Washburn. McMenamin was 32-of-45 for 358 yads and five scores, throwing scoring strikes to five different receivers.

Mitch Herring also went over the century mark for a second consecutive week, rushing for 103 yads on 22 carries. The Bearcat offense racked up a total of 530 yads in the contest. Mike Tehen forced two fumbles for the Bearcat defense, while also making six tackles.

First Quarter			
5:52	NWM	Stewart 13-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	7-0
2:08	NWM	J. Otte 18-yd pass from McMenamin (kick blocked)	13-0
Second Quarter			
12:03	WU	Odupitan 23-yd pass from Hickel (kick blocked)	13-6
7:48	NWM	Shafar 1-yd run (Ibarra kick)	20-6
1:13	NWM	A. Rector 13-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	27-6
Third Quarter			
8:58	NWM	Froehlich 14-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	34-6
5:42	WU	Hickel 16-yd run (DeKosky kick)	34-13
2:16	NWM	J. Rector 8-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	41-13
Fourth Quarter			
12:55	NWM	Buie 10-yd run (Ibarra kick)	48-13

### MISSOURI SOUTHERN ..... 3

### NO. 6 NORTHWEST ..... 47

OCTOBER 12, 2002  
RICKENBRODE STADIUM • MARVILLE, MO.

It was the Jamaica Rector Show against Missouri Southern. Rector scored four touchdowns in three different ways against the Lions, en route to a 44-point Northwest victory.

Rector got things started on the first possession of the game with a 28-yad TD reception from John McMenamin. His three-yard TD catch late in the first quarter put the 'Cats on top 14-3.

An 87-yad punt return from Rector made it 21-3 early in the second quarter. Some other Bearcats then got into the act. McMenamin's one-yard run was his first rushing touchdown of the season. Mitch Herring hit paydirt from four yads out. Gabriel Helms got the defense on the board with a safety late in the third quarter to make it 40-3.

Rector completed his day with a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter. For the day Rector put together 224 all-purpose yads.

The Bearcat defense allowed just 118 yads of total offense to the Lions. John Edmonds led the way with seven tackles, including one for loss.

First Quarter			
14:12	NWM	J. Rector 28-yd pass from McMenamin (kick blocked)	6-0
9:12	MSS	Minard 32-yd field goal	6-3
2:00	NWM	J. Rector 3-yd pass from McMenamin (Stewart reception)	14-3
Second Quarter			
14:14	NWM	J. Rector 87-yd punt return (Ibarra kick)	21-3
7:10	NWM	McMenamin 1-yd run (Ibarra kick)	28-3
0:59	NWM	Ibarra 54-yd field goal	31-3
Third Quarter			
5:55	NWM	Herring 4-yd run (Ibarra kick)	38-3
4:15	NWM	Safety	40-3
Fourth Quarter			
14:53	NWM	J. Rector 4-yd run (Ibarra kick)	47-3



Raymond Fonoti helped lead the Northwest offense to 47 points and a big victory over Missouri Southern State.



## 'CAT TRACKS

- The 26,695 fans at the Clash of the Champions is believed to be an NCAA Division II single-game attendance record.
- The 22-point win over Pittsburg State in 2002 was the largest margin of victory for the Bearcats over the Gorillas since 1976, when Jim Redd's Bearcat squad defeated Pitt State 24-0.

**NO. 11 PITTSBURG STATE** ..... 7  
**NO. 5 NORTHWEST** ..... 29

OCTOBER 17, 2002  
 ARROWHEAD STADIUM • KANSAS CITY, MO.

The annual Northwest Missouri State University-Pittsburg State University clash is always an important game in the MIAA and NCAA Division II. But the 2002 version of this rivalry took on an added significance, as Northwest officials moved the game to Arrowhead Stadium, home of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. The game was dubbed "Clash of the Champions."

An NCAA Division II single-game record crowd of 26,695 poured into Arrowhead and watched Northwest dominate the Gorillas. The Bearcats took control early in the "Clash" and overpowered Pittsburg State for their sixth straight victory over PSU.

The first possession of the game set the tone. Northwest drove to the Pittsburg State 28-yard line. On the ninth play of the drive, facing a third-and-two situation, Mitch Herring took a toss play over the right side. Herring did more than pick up the first down. He ran over one Pittsburg State defender, broke another tackle and dug a third would-be tackler the last seven yards for a touchdown.

The Bearcats extended their 6-0 lead to 12-0 when John McMenamin scored on a two-yard run midway through the second quarter. A McMenamin 12-yard scoring strike to Adam Otte made it 19-0 at halftime. Herring reached paydirt again, this time from one yard out, early in the third quarter and Northwest was in control, 26-0. Eddie Ibarra stretched the Bearcats' advantage to 29 points late in the third with a 40-yard field goal.

The Bearcats nearly shut Pittsburg State out. But the Gorillas picked up a score on a 47-yard interception return that was too little, too late.

The Bearcat defense held the vaunted Pittsburg State rushing attack to just 87 yards. The Gorillas fared no better through the air, managing only 52 yards passing. Meanwhile, Northwest rolled up 467 yards of offense, including 154 on the ground and 313 in the air.

Herring cracked the century mark for the third time, rushing for 109 yards and two scores. McMenamin had another 300-yard performance, passing for 313 yards and one TD. Jamaica Rector pulled in nine receptions for 143 yards. Ryan Miller paced the defense with two interceptions.

First Quarter		
11:12	NWM Herring 28-yd run (kick blocked)	6-0
Second Quarter		
7:11	NWM McMenamin 2-yd run (run failed)	12-0
1:15	NWM A. Otte 12-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	19-0
Third Quarter		
10:20	NWM Herring 1-yd run (Ibarra kick)	26-0
3:32	NWM Ibarra 40-yd field goal	29-0
Fourth Quarter		
2:41	PSU Hight 47-yd interception return (Chappell kick)	29-7



A record 26,695 fans saw Northwest totally dominate Pitt State at Clash of the Champions.



## 'CAT TRACKS

- Northwest and Truman State square off every year for the Old Hickory Stick. The Old Hickory Stick Game is the longest-running trophy game in NCAA Division II.
- In 1930, Northwest President U.W. Lamkin found a 30-inch piece of hickory on a farm in the Northwest district. The farm just happened to be the birthplace of Truman President Dr. Eugene Fair. Lamkin sent the "coveted trophy" to Fair and the two teams began playing for the Stick in 1931.
- Truman has a decided edge in the "Stick Series" with a 42-22-4 mark. The Bulldogs lead the overall series with Northwest 54-24-4. But the Bearcats have owned the Stick for six of the past seven years.

**NO. 4 NORTHWEST ..... 31**  
**TRUMAN STATE ..... 24**

OCTOBER 26, 2002  
 STOKES STADIUM • KIRKSVILLE, MO.

Northwest led Truman State 21-3 in the second quarter. It looked as though the Bearcats would cruise to victory. But the Bulldogs weren't going to let go of the Old Hickory Stick that easily.

Truman scored three unanswered touchdowns -- one at the end of the first half and two in the third quarter -- to take a 24-21 lead into the fourth quarter.

Northwest tied it up 24-24 with 3:59 remaining when Eddie Ibarra hit a 31-yard field goal. The Bearcat defense held and the Bulldogs' 25-yard punt gave Northwest possession at the Truman 42 with 2:06 left. Seven plays later John McMenamin hit Mark Stewart with an eight-yard touchdown pass to make it 31-24.

Northwest picked up a total of 509 yards of offense in the victory, while Truman tallied 432. McMenamin passed for 409 yards and four scores. Jamaica Rector caught 11 passes for 157 yards and a TD, while younger brother Andre pulled down five aerials for 93 yards and a score.

First Quarter			
11:09	TSU	Lepper 37-yd field goal	0-3
3:39	NWM	Shafar 16-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	7-3
0:122	NWM	J. Rector 12-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	14-3
Second Quarter			
5:20	NWM	A. Rector 25-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	21-3
0:37	TSU	Burk 3-yd run (Lepper kick)	21-10
Third Quarter			
8:20	TSU	Burk 46-yd run (Lepper kick)	21-17
6:45	TSU	Blakley 5-yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick)	21-24
Fourth Quarter			
3:59	NWM	Ibarra 31-yd field goal	24-24
0:29	NWM	Stewart 8-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	31-24



John Edmonds' blocked field goal preserved a 13-10 win over Missouri Western State College.

**NO. 6 CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE ..... 7**  
**NO. 4 NORTHWEST ..... 10**

NOVEMBER 2, 2002  
 RICKENBRODE STADIUM • MARVILLE, MO.

Central brought the MIAAs top offense into Rickenbrode in a showdown for the MIAA lead. The Bearcats' top-ranked MIAA defense was up to the task and led Northwest to a three-point win and sole possession of first place in the MIAA.

Neither team mustered a score in the first half. The Bearcats finally got on the board late in the third quarter when Eddie Ibarra hit a 38-yard field goal. The Bearcats had plenty of scoring opportunities, but Ibarra had one field goal blocked and missed three others in the game.

Northwest eventually found the end zone when Mark Stewart got free in the CMSU secondary and hauled in a 51-yard touchdown pass from John McMenamin to put the 'Cats up 10-0. The Mules answered with a 15-play, 69-yard drive to pull within three, 10-7. But Northwest interceptions on the Mules' final two possessions preserved the Homecoming/Senior Day victory.

Third Quarter			
3:18	NWM	Ibarra 38-yd field goal	3-0
Fourth Quarter			
14:16	NWM	Stewart 51-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	10-0
10:23	CMS	Coleman 16-yd run (Starks kick)	10-7

**NO. 4 NORTHWEST ..... 13**  
**MISSOURI WESTERN ..... 10**

NOVEMBER 9, 2002  
 SPRATT STADIUM • ST. JOSEPH, MO.

For the second consecutive week, it would be up to the Bearcat defense to hold on to a three-point lead late in the ballgame. The Northwest defenders were again equal to the task.

Northwest took a 13-7 lead late in the second quarter when Jamaica Rector caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from John McMenamin. Western pulled within three in the third quarter on a field goal.

The Griffons drove to the Northwest 16-yard line, but had to settle for a field goal attempt. The Bearcats' John Edmonds broke through the line and blocked the potential game-tying field goal to chalk up another Northwest victory.

First Quarter			
10:47	MWS	Pitts 8-yd pass from Cooper (Broadie kick)	0-7
7:30	NWM	Ibarra 39-yd field goal	3-7
0:03	NWM	Ibarra 36-yd field goal	6-7
Second Quarter			
2:54	NWM	J. Rector 30-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)	13-7
Third Quarter			
8:10	MWS	Broadie 24-yd field goal	13-10



## 'CAT TRACKS

- Northwest's victory over Emporia State gave the Bearcats their 18th MIAA Championship and their 12th outright MIAA Title.
- Northwest and Northern Colorado have met five times in NCAA Division II Playoff action. The Bears took a 3-2 lead in that series last season. The series is likely over, at least in the playoffs, as UNC is making the move to NCAA Division I-AA in football. Prior to last season, the winner of each of the four previous Northwest-UNC matchups won the NCAA Division II Championship. The Bears won it in 1996 and 1997, while the Bearcats were national champions in 1998 and 1999.

### NO. 4 NORTHWEST ..... 34 NO. 23 EMPORIA STATE ..... 5

NOVEMBER 16, 2002  
WELCH STADIUM • EMPORIA, KAN.

Northwest had to face a nationally-ranked opponent in the Emporia State Hornets in a bid to go 11-0 in the regular season and win the MIAA Championship outright. No problem.

The Bearcats were up 21-0 before ESU got out of the gate. Daren Roberts took a seven-yard TD pass from John McMenamin just before the first-half gun to make it 28-5. Two fourth-quarter field goals accounted for the final score.

During the game, McMenamin broke the Northwest single-season and career passing records.

First Quarter		
5:45	NWM	McMenamin 2-yd run (Ibarra kick) 7-0
2:03	NWM	Herring 3-yd run (Ibarra kick) 14-0
Second Quarter		
11:45	NWM	Stewart 8-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick) 21-0
8:58	ESU	Gray 41-yd field goal 21-3
8:01	ESU	Safety 21-5
0:09	NWM	Roberts 7-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick) 28-5
Fourth Quarter		
13:26	NWM	Ibarra 20-yd field goal 31-5
6:23	NWM	Ibarra 38-yd field goal 34-5

### NO. 11 MINNESOTA-DULUTH ..... 41 NO. 4 NORTHWEST ..... 45

NOVEMBER 23, 2002  
RICKENBRODE STADIUM • MARVILLE, MO.

A shootout at Rickenbrode wasn't settled until the final minute of the contest in the Bearcats' return to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. Geromy Scaggs capped a six-play 61-yard drive from three yards out with 31 seconds remaining to give Northwest the win.

Northwest led most of the day. But a UMD field goal early in the fourth quarter and a 66-yard touchdown pass with just more than three minutes remaining put the Bulldogs up 41-38, setting up Scaggs' game-winner.

The teams combined for more than 1,000 yards. Jamaica Rector recorded 217 receiving yards.

First Quarter		
10:31	UMD	Kuhl 16-yd pass from Fritz (Gerlach kick) 0-7
2:16	NWM	Ibarra 34-yd field goal 3-7
Second Quarter		
10:55	NWM	J. Rector 45-yd punt return (Ibarra kick) 10-7
4:33	NWM	Roberts 2-yd run (Ibarra kick) 17-7
0:19	UMD	Gerlach 47-yd field goal 17-10
Third Quarter		
14:42	UMD	T. Battaglia 34-yd pass from Fritz (Gerlach kick) 17-17
12:41	NWM	Roberts 5-yd run (Ibarra kick) 24-17
10:44	UMD	Langeness 55-yd fumble return (Gerlach kick) 24-24
7:17	NWM	Roberts 1-yd run (Ibarra kick) 31-24
3:49	UMD	S. Battaglia 35-yd pass from Fritz (kick failed) 31-30
1:14	NWM	J. Rector 64-yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick) 38-30
Fourth Quarter		
12:26	UMD	Gerlach 37-yd field goal 38-33
3:02	UMD	T. Battaglia 66-yd pass from Fritz (T Battaglia exception) 38-41
0:31	NWM	Scaggs 3-yd run (Ibarra kick) 45-41

### NO. 7 NORTHERN COLORADO ..... 23 NO. 4 NORTHWEST ..... 12

NOVEMBER 30, 2002  
RICKENBRODE STADIUM • MARVILLE, MO.

For the fifth time in seven years, Northwest and Northern Colorado met in the NCAA Division II Quarterfinals. Northern Colorado dominated much of the contest and ended the Bearcats' season with an 11-point win.

After a UNC TD early Northwest answered late in the first quarter with a John McMenamin touchdown pass to Chris Burke. But the PAT failed and the 'Cats trailed 7-6. Northwest would never get closer

UNC scored 16 unanswered points to go up 23-6 late in the game. But the Bearcats refused to roll over. McMenamin found Mark Stewart for a 10-yard scoring strike as the clock ran out, accounting for the final score.

Northwest managed just 123 yards of total offense against a stingy Bears defense. Daryl Ridley recorded 12 tackles in the defeat, while Andy Creger notched 11 stops.

First Quarter		
11:18	UNC	Pyatt 27-yd pass from Passard (Swim kick) 0-7
3:21	NWM	Burke 5-yd pass from McMenamin (kick failed) 6-7
Second Quarter		
2:14	UNC	Swim 20-yd field goal 6-10
Third Quarter		
10:28	UNC	Pyatt 40-yd pass from Passard (Swim kick) 6-17
Fourth Quarter		
0:28	UNC	Matthews 5-yd run (kick failed) 6-23
0:00	NWM	Stewart 10-yd pass (no conversion attempt) 12-23



Troy Tysdahl pressures Minnesota-Duluth quarterback Ricky Fritz during the first round of the 2002 Playoffs.



# 2002 IN REVIEW STATISTICS

## 'CAT TRACKS

- Gabriel Helms led the MIAA in kick-return average last season. His average of 27.4 yards per game was just better than teammate Morris White, who was second in the MIAA at 27.1 yards per return. While Helms didn't qualify for NCAA ranking, White did. He had the 12th-best kick-return average.
- Jamaica Rector has been in the top 10 in NCAA Division II in receiving yards per game in each of his two seasons. He ranked fifth as a freshman in 2001 and was 10th last year averaging 103.5 yards per catch.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NWMSU	OPP
Scoring per game.....	30.5	14.6
First Downs.....	283	213
Rushing per game.....	96.2	98.7
Passing per game.....	284.3	190.4
Total offense per game ....	380.5	289.1
Kick return avg. ....	23.6	20.0
Punt return avg. ....	12.9	5.4
Interceptions-returns .....	20-147	14-156
Fumbles-lost.....	20-10	25-9
Penalties-avg. per game....	108-73.7	100-68.2
Punting avg. ....	38.7	36.2
Time of Possession .....	30:22	29:34
3rd down pct.....	42%	33%
4th down pct.....	38%	36%
Field goals.....	14-26	10-15
PATs .....	42-47	16-20
Attendance avg.....	7,033	4,295

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Lg	Avg/Gm
Mitch Herring	190	778	4.1	6	28	59.8
Geromy Scaggs	95	357	3.8	4	21	32.5
Sean Shafar	17	61	3.6	1	20	5.1
Josh Lamberson	7	56	8.0	0	54	4.5
Jamaica Rector	14	54	3.9	1	23	4.5

Passing	Att.-Cmp.	Int.	Pct	TD	Avg/G
John McMenamin	491-296-12	60.3	28	275.6	
Andy Hampton	7-3-1	42.9	0	10.2	
Mitch Herring	3-2-0	66.7	0	4.9	

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Lg	Avg/G
Jamaica Rector	78	1242	15.9	6	85	103.5
Andre Rector	42	562	13.4	3	52	43.2
Mitch Herring	42	217	5.2	1	23	16.7
Mark Stewart	41	562	13.7	7	51	46.8
John Otte	22	360	16.4	4	37	36.0
Geromy Scaggs	17	149	8.8	1	45	13.5
Chris Burke	14	117	8.4	1	22	10.6
Adam Otte	12	128	10.7	1	28	11.6
Sean Shafar	11	71	6.5	1	16	5.9

Total Offense	Plys	Rsh	Pass	Tot	Avg/G
John McMenamin	525	-160	3583	3423	263.3
Mitch Herring	193	778	64	842	64.8
Geromy Scaggs	95	357	0	357	32.5
Sean Shafar	17	61	0	61	5.1
Jamaica Rector	14	54	0	54	4.5

All-Purpose Yardage	Rsh	Rcv	PR	KOR	Avg/G
Jamaica Rector	54	1242	514	18	152.3
Mitch Herring	778	217	0	0	76.5
Andre Rector	29	562	3	0	45.7

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS CONTINUED

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Jamaica Rector	36	514	14.3	2	87
Nick Glasnapp	6	43	7.2	0	16

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Morris White	16	434	27.1	0	58
Gabriel Helms	12	329	27.4	1	94
Josh Lamberson	2	29	14.5	0	17
Daren Roberts	2	13	6.5	0	7

Scoring	TD	FG	PAT	Pts
Eddie Ibarra	0	14	42	84
Jamaica Rector	9	0	0	54
Mark Stewart	7	0	1	44
Mitch Herring	7	0	0	42
Geromy Scaggs	5	0	1	32
Daren Roberts	5	0	0	30
John Otte	4	0	0	24
John McMenamin	3	0	0	18

Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
Andy Cregger	31	46	77	7	2
Darryl Ridley	51	26	77	3	0
John Edmonds	38	28	66	12	3
Damienn Chumley	28	36	64	3	0
Ryan Miller	29	25	54	1	0
Adam Crowe	18	30	48	8	1
Seth Giddings	22	25	47	10	2
Troy Tysdahl	20	20	40	12	4
Justin Bowser	14	25	39	7	3
Grant Sutton	20	15	35	9	4
Heath Finch	19	15	34	8	0.5
Mike Tiehen	18	16	34	6	3
Marcel Smith	28	6	34	0	0
Josh Honey	18	19	29	7	5
Mike Sundeman	13	13	26	4	2
Chad Bostwick	7	16	23	3	1.5
Gabriel Helms	10	13	23	2	1
Justin Lacy	7	8	15	5	2

Passes Defended	Int.	Yds	BrUp
Darryl Ridley	1	0	13
Ryan Miller	6	29	8
Marcel Smith	0	0	10
Damienn Chumley	4	27	5
Troy Tysdahl	1	0	5

Miscellaneous Defensive Statistics	FR	FF	BK	Sfty
John Edmonds	1	2	1	0
Justin Bowser	1	2	0	0
Mike Tiehen	0	2	0	0
Heath Finch	1	1	0	0
Gabriel Helms	0	0	0	1
Andy Cregger	1	0	0	0



# 2002 IN REVIEW

# AWARD-WINNERS

## ALL-AMERICA

Northwest has had football players honored with All-America status 24 times since head coach Mel Tjeerdsma took over in 1994.

## TEAM AWARDS

Offense MVP ..... Jamaica Rector  
 Defense MVP..... John Edmonds  
 Special Teams MVP ..... Morris White  
 Scout Team Offense MVP ..... Jared Meyerkorth  
 Scout Team Defense MVP ..... Ben Harness  
 Bearcat Spirit Award . Chris Burke/Mike Sundeman  
 Don Black Award (Homecoming).. Damienn Chumley  
 Kermie Schneider Award ..... Diezeas Calbert  
 Phil Voge Award ..... Andre Rector

## ALL-MIAA

First Team ..... QB John McMenamin  
 WR\*/KR Jamaica Rector  
 OL Seth Wand\*  
 OL Alex Tuttle  
 DL Justin Bowser  
 LB John Edmonds\*  
 DB Darryl Ridley

Second Team..... DL Seth Giddings  
 K Eddie Ibarra  
 P Joel Mathews  
 DB Marcel Smith  
 LB Troy Tysdahl

Honorable Mention ..... OL Geoff Bollinger  
 LB Adam Crowe  
 DE Josh Honey  
 DB Ryan Miller  
 WR Mark Stewart  
 DE Mike Sundeman

\* = Unanimous First-Team Selection

## ALL-AMERICA

AFCA All-America..... OL Seth Wand  
 Daktronics All-America.... OL Seth Wand (2nd team)  
 AP Little All-America..... OL Seth Wand  
 d2football.com ..... OL Seth Wand  
 WR Jamaica Rector (2nd Team)  
 LB John Edmonds (Hon. Ment.)  
 OL Alex Tuttle (Hon. Ment.)

## ALL-REGION

Daktronics All-Midwest Region..... OL Seth Wand  
 DB Darryl Ridley  
 WR Jamaica Rector (2nd team)  
 LB John Edmonds (2nd team)  
 OL Alex Tuttle (2nd team)

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic All-District..... WR John Otte  
 LB John Edmonds (Second Team)

MIAA Academic Honor Roll..... LB John Edmonds  
 TE Jared Findley  
 TE Aaron Froehlich  
 WR Nick Glasnapp  
 DE Eric Goudge  
 FB Bart Hardy  
 P Joel Mathews  
 DB Gabe Middleton  
 DB Ryan Miller  
 DL Mike Nanninga  
 WR Adam Otte  
 WR John Otte  
 WR Mark Stewart  
 LB Grant Sutton  
 LB Troy Tysdahl  
 WR Morris White



Jamaica Rector earned All-MIAA and All-America honors as a sophomore in 2002.



# 2002 IN REVIEW

# ALL-MIAA TEAMS

## ALL-MIAA

- Since 1971, Northwest has had at least one first-team All-MIAA selection every year except 1994, when the Bearcats were 0-11.
- Last season, Jamaica Rector joined Tony Miles and Leon Muff as the only Bearcats in history to be named first-team All-MIAA at two different positions. Rector was a first-team wide receiver and kick returner in 2002, as was Tony Miles in 2000. Muff was a first-team selection at tight end and punter in 1967.

## 2002 ALL-MIAA FIRST TEAM

Offense	
QB .....	<b>John McMemmanin, Northwest</b>
QB .....	Josh Chapman, Missouri Southern
RB .....	Kegan Coleman, Central Missouri
<b>WR .....</b>	<b>Jamaica Rector, Northwest</b>
WR .....	Todd Devoe, Central Missouri
WR .....	Andrew Blakley Truman
TE .....	Louis Lamb, Emporia State
TE .....	Jeff Untereker, Pittsburg State
<b>OL .....</b>	<b>Seth Wand, Northwest</b>
<b>OL .....</b>	<b>Alex Tuttle, Northwest</b>
OL .....	Dan Joiner, Central Missouri
OL .....	Eric Johnson, Pittsburg State
OL .....	Eric Martin, Emporia State
K .....	Daniel Chappell, Pittsburg State
<b>KR .....</b>	<b>Jamaica Rector, Northwest</b>
Defense	
<b>DL .....</b>	<b>Justin Bowser, Northwest</b>
DL .....	Roderick Green, Central Missouri
DL .....	Jason Chancellor, Missouri Western
DL .....	Aaron McConnell, Pittsburg State
<b>LB .....</b>	<b>John Edmonds, Northwest</b>
LB .....	Eric Walker, Missouri Western
LB .....	Chris Lutz, Pittsburg State
<b>DB .....</b>	<b>Darryl Ridley, Northwest</b>
DB .....	Dontaye McCoy Emporia State
DB .....	Aaron Hight, Pittsburg State
DB .....	Brian Riley, Central Missouri
P .....	Eric Roth, Washburn

## 2002 ALL-MIAA SECOND TEAM

Offense	
QB .....	Dennis Gile, Central Missouri
RB .....	Tyler Paul, Emporia State
WR .....	Marc Green, Southwest Baptist
WR .....	Ryan Johnson, Emporia State
WR .....	Adam Ziesel, Missouri Western
TE .....	Mike Carter, Central Missouri
OL .....	Tyrone Armstrong, Pittsburg State
OL .....	Andy Minfod, Central Missouri
OL .....	Brett Minge, Missouri Western
OL .....	Nick Ruud, Truman
OL .....	Tim Watts, Washburn
<b>K .....</b>	<b>Eddie Ibarra, Northwest</b>
KR .....	Ryan Johnson, Emporia State
Defense	
<b>DL .....</b>	<b>Seth Giddings, Northwest</b>
DL .....	Phillip Mabion, Emporia State
DL .....	Eric McDowell, Missouri Western
DL .....	Shawn Linder, Southwest Baptist
<b>LB .....</b>	<b>Troy Tysdahl, Northwest</b>
LB .....	Judd Lienhard, Truman
LB .....	Jason Vanloo, Central Missouri
<b>DB .....</b>	<b>Marcel Smith, Northwest</b>
DB .....	Ryan Burpo, Missouri Southern
DB .....	Desmond Polk, Missouri Western
DB .....	Joey Robinson, Central Missouri
DB .....	Jake Willrich, Truman
P .....	<b>Joel Mathews, Northwest</b>

Northwest Honorable Mentions - WR Mark Stewart, OL Geoff Bollinger, DL Mike Sundeman, DL Josh Honey, LB Adam Crowe, DB Ryan Miller

# 2002 IN REVIEW

# FINAL MIAA STANDINGS

## HISTORY

Northwest ranks second all-time in MIAA Football Championships. The Bearcats have won 18 conference titles, while Truman State has 26. However, the Bulldogs have not won an MIAA Title since 1988.

	MIAA					Overall				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Northwest	9	0	1.00	274	85	12	1	.923	396	190
Central Missouri State	8	1	.889	296	122	10	2	.833	459	190
Emporia State	6	3	.667	215	179	9	3	.750	304	222
Pittsburg State	6	3	.667	297	174	8	3	.727	408	177
Missouri Western State	4	5	.444	201	151	6	5	.545	242	184
Truman State	4	5	.444	256	254	6	5	.545	363	282
Missouri Southern State	3	6	.333	214	320	5	6	.455	315	327
Washburn	3	6	.333	233	304	3	8	.273	279	372
Southwest Baptist	2	7	.222	139	271	3	8	.273	192	297
Missouri-Rolla	0	9	.000	113	378	0	11	.000	153	429



## 'CAT TRACKS

- Ryan Miller's six interceptions tied for the MIAA lead in 2002. He recorded two of those picks against Pittsburg State during the Clash of the Champions.
- 2002 marked the first time in five years that Northwest did not lead the MIAA in total offense.
- Northwest not only led the MIAA in scoring defense, but was also ranked No. 7 in all of NCAA Division II.

### TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense	
1. Central Missouri State.....	38.2
4. Northwest.....	30.5
Scoring Defense	
1. Northwest.....	14.6
2. Central Missouri State.....	15.8
Passing Offense	
1. Northwest.....	284.3
2. Truman.....	253.3
Passing Efficiency Defense	
1. Pittsburg State.....	94.1
2. Northwest.....	96.7
Rushing Offense	
1. Pittsburg State.....	248.5
10. Northwest.....	96.2
Rushing Defense	
1. Pittsburg State.....	91.7
2. Northwest.....	98.7
Total Offense	
1. Missouri Southern.....	440.4
5. Northwest.....	380.5
Total Defense	
1. Pittsburg State.....	264.7
2. Northwest.....	289.1
Kick Returns	
1. Truman State.....	26.1
4. Northwest.....	23.6
Punt Returns	
1. Truman State.....	16.9
3. Northwest.....	12.9
Net Punting	
1. Northwest.....	37.2
1. Washburn.....	37.2
Turnover Margin	
1. Missouri Western.....	+11
4. Northwest.....	+5
First Downs	
1. Northwest.....	283
2. Missouri Southern.....	256
Third-Down Conversions	
1. Pittsburg State.....	47.3%
3. Northwest.....	41.6%
Time of Possession	
1. Emporia State.....	31:47
3. Northwest.....	30:22

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing Yards	
1. Tyler Paul, Emporia State.....	119.5
8. Mitch Hering, Northwest.....	59.8
Passing Efficiency	
1. Dennis Gile, Central Missouri State.....	145.8
2. John McMenamin, Northwest.....	135.5
Total Offense	
1. Dusty Burk, Truman State.....	312.8
3. John McMenamin, Northwest.....	263.3
Receptions per Game	
1. Andrew Blakley Truman.....	8.73
3. Jamaica Rector, Northwest.....	6.5
Receiving Yards	
1. Jamaica Rector, Northwest.....	103.5
2. Marc Green, Southwest Baptist.....	92.2
All-Purpose Yards	
1. Jamaica Rector, Northwest.....	152.3
2. Ryan Johnson, Emporia State.....	147.5
Interceptions	
1. Levi Neville, Pittsburg State.....	6
1. Ryan Miller, Northwest.....	6
Passing Yards	
1. John McMenamin, Northwest.....	275.6
2. Dusty Burk, Truman.....	238.3
Punt Returns	
1. Alfonso Pugh, Truman State.....	16.3
2. Jamaica Rector, Northwest.....	14.3
Kickoff Returns	
1. Gabriel Helms, Northwest.....	27.4
2. Morris White, Northwest.....	27.1
Punting	
1. Eric Roth, Washburn.....	42.5
4. Joel Mathews, Northwest.....	39.3
Scoring	
1. Kegan Coleman, Central Missouri State.....	12.0
7. Eddie Ibarra, Northwest.....	6.5
Tackles	
1. Joe Corcoran, Washburn.....	11.4
2. Ryan Burpo, Missouri Southern.....	10.0
Sacks	
1. Phillip Mabion, Emporia State.....	10.5
6. Josh Honey, Northwest.....	5.0
Tackles for Loss	
1. Phillip Mabion, Emporia State.....	22
2. Roderick Green, Central Missouri.....	19