

ANDY AVGI *Western Oregon* **6-6 270 TE**

Closed out a stellar athletic career at Western Oregon with a All-GNAC Second Team nod after earning First Team honors in 2015. The tight end made 16 grabs for 198 yards with five touchdowns. Went to Oregon State as a football walk-on didn't want to let go of basketball. Transferred to WOU and is considered one of the best athletes in school history as a forward on the men's basketball team. Two-time GNAC Basketball Player of the Year; Football — 2015 First-Team All-GNAC at tight end; Overall — 2015-16 GNAC Male Athlete of the Year.

JONATHAN BADYNA *New Haven* **6-3 240 TE**

Second Team All-Conference. Hauled in 14 passes, including two touchdowns, for 135 receiving yards.

JAKE BARTSCHER *Augustana* **6-5 253 TE**

Played in all 11 games. Started five games at tight end. Caught 15 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown. caught three passes for 32 yards at U-Mary on Sept. 10. Hauled in five passes for 53 yards and a touchdown against Winona State on Oct. 29.

COLLIN BRICKER *S.W. Oklahoma* **6-3 240 TE**

Earned his first all-conference honor following a steady senior season for the Bulldogs. He ranked fifth on the team with 21 receptions for 343 yards, an average of 16.3 yards per catch, with two touchdowns on the year, including a game-winning touchdown grab on the final play of SWOSU's victory over Oklahoma Baptist.

TRENT BRODBECK *Wayne State (MI)* **6-4 255 TE ST**

Played in 46 career games (a school record for tight ends), making 27 starts. tied-for-25th in school history with 65 career receptions and 31st with 713 receiving yards. His 1.41 receptions per game ranks 41st among those with at least 20 games played. Both his receptions and receiving yards totals are second among all tight ends in school history. One of 12 non-Division 1 players (Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA) nationally to be selected to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team®. Named a national semifinalist for the 2016 William Campbell Trophy by the National Football Foundation. earned Second Team All-GLIAC honors. Received the squad's Randy Guzowski Award, which goes to the individual who has demonstrated team leadership and shown exemplary school and community citizenship. Played in all 11 games, making 10 starts. Finished second on the squad in receptions. saw action on the PAT team in all 11 games, and the punt coverage team in 10 contests .

DERRICK BROWN *Dixie State* **6-3 250 TE**

Transfer from University of Washington & Humboldt State. Appeared in only two games at Dixie, but at Humboldt State in 2015, he appeared in 12 games as a junior. caught 19 passes for 253 yards and two touchdowns.

PAUL BUTLER *California University of Pennsylvania* 6-6 255 TE

After playing only one game in 2015 due to injury, Butler has posted 173 receiving yards and 3 touchdowns on 15 catches; while earning 1st Team All-PSAC West honors.

ANTHONY CASTILLO *East Stroudsburg* 6-4 240 TE

Transfer from Kutztown. Deceptive speed, ability to get downfield. Averaged 25.1 yds/catch on 8 receptions for 2 TDs.

CHRIS CHUMLEY *Texas A&M-Commerce* 6-4 250 TE

2016: All-Conference Honorable Mention. Played in 12 games at tight end as a senior. Had 12 catches for 174 yards on the season. Had five catches for 92 yards, including a 25-yard catch against UT Permian Basin. Finished his A&M-Commerce career with 27 catches for 331 yards and two touchdowns in 23 games. Averaged 12.3 yards per catch in his career over his two seasons.

JAMIE DEASON *Shepherd* 6-3 253 TE

2016 All-MEC 1st team. 2015 All-MEC 2nd team. Has 15 catches for 216 yards and is a key blocker for the Rams.

ADDISON DELLINGER *St. Joseph's (IN)* 6-4 241 TE

A solid TE with good blocking and receiving skills. Two-year starter and All-Academic GLVC. 2016 Stats: 14 rec, 151 yds, 10.79 avg, TD.

CONNER DOHERTY *Northern State* 6-3 250 TE

2016 Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-Super Region Three squad. Started all 11 games for the Wolves at tight end, leading the team with 543 yards receiving. The senior and previous 3-time all-conference honoree averaged 49.4 yards per game with eight touchdowns. Doherty averaged 14.7 yards per reception, and surpassed the 2,000 yard career receiving mark this season. He also tallied 12 yards on kick returns for the Wolves. Doherty was also named first team All-NSIC and a CoSIDA Academic All-American.

KEVIN EDWARDS *IUP* 6-2 240 TE

Chosen All-PSAC West 2nd Team based mostly on his excellent run blocking ability. Used as a traditional tight end, as a wing, lined up at fullback and in the slot.

RYAN EDWARDS *Morehouse* 6-3 250 TE

A real go-to guy. Nice hands, able to get down field. Suffered from a so-so passing game. Solid blocker. Tied for second in team receptions. 2016 Stats: 22 rec, 353 yds, 16.05 avg.

JORDAN GARRISON *Bowie State* **6-2 229 TE WR**
All-CIAA - 2nd Team (2016). Teams #2 receiver. Has lined-up as a WR and at TE. 2016 Stats: 43 rec, 503 yds, 11.7 avg, 2 TDs.

NICK HELMICK *Edinboro* **6-4 248 TE**
Has started games since his freshman year. Good size, solid blocker. Had 7 catches for 73 yards and a TD.

KENNY JOHNSON *Florida Tech* **6-4 225 TE**
Three All-American nods following the 2016 season, and the fifth for his career. Ranked fifth in the Gulf South Conference in receiving yards per game at 70.6, while his 21.6 yards per catch were a league high. Johnston's seven receiving touchdowns tied for fifth most in the GSC.

ANTHONY KUKWA *Lake Erie* **6-3 221 TE WR**
All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team. Completed his senior season with the Storm, earning his second straight All-GLIAC Honorable Mention honor. Kukwa played in ten games, catching 22 passes for a total of 197 yards with two touchdowns. He also had 55 rushing yards during the season. As a special teams player, Kukwa also made ten tackles. Coach Hazzard's Take: "Played almost every skill position on the offense, great blocker, route runner, and outstanding special teams' player."

NICK MARGIOTTA *Winona State* **6-4 265 TE**
Two-year starter but saw action since freshman year. Good target and tough to bring down. 2016 Stats: 13 rec, 187 yds, 14.38 avg, 3 TDs.

RYAN MEDIANO *North Alabama* **6-3 248 TE**
Had a good season in his first as a starter. Showed good blocking and receiving skills. Transfer from Allan Hancock Collegewhere he earned all-conference honors in 2014 and was team Offensive Player of the Year. 2016 Stats: 7 rec, 120 yds, 17.14 avg, TD.

HARRISON MURPHY *Assumption College* **6-6 245 TE**
Transfer from Bates where he was a WR. Solid blocker, great target. 2016 Stats: 11 rec, 83 yds, 7.5 avg.

TJ SCHIEBER *N.W. Missouri* **6-3 260 TE**
All-MIAA honorable mention, had seven catches for 54 yards and one score.

DUSTIN SCHINDLER *Missouri S&T* **6-3 235 TE**
1st Team All-GLVC. Two-year starter. Caught 11 balls for 126 yards and a touchdown

ADAM SHAHEEN *Ashland University* **6-6 277 TE**

All-American TE who declared early for the draft. Great size, uses it well in traffic. Great hands and surprising speed for his size. In 2016, caught 57 passes for 867 yards and 16 touchdowns. The 16 touchdown catches set a new Ashland program single-season record, as well as a new NCAA Division II single-season record for tight ends.

MATT SHARP *Slippery Rock* 6-6 255 TE

Interesting player from Great Britain. Spent some time at DE before moving to TE. Played in Europe at OLB. A team who can wait and develop a tight end could benefit.

MATT SHARP *West Chester University* 6-6 255 TE DE

Big converted defensive end from Great Britain. Played in European League prior to WCU. A great project on a team that can wait for a TE to develop.

LARRY SOUTHALL *Urbana University* 6-2 253 TE FB

Completed a solid campaign in his final year on the field for Urbana this fall. He registered career highs in receptions (30) and receiving yards (297), while hauling a career-best five catches in three different games. Southall wrapped up his collegiate playing career with three receiving touchdowns, including one this season against West Liberty.

LUKE STARKS *Arkansas Tech* 6-6 248 TE

Was expected to move to DE. Team does not feature TE as a receiver. Great size for TE position. 2016 Stats: 3 rec, 24 yds, 8.00 avg, TD.

AARON STEPHENS *Ohio Dominican* 6-3 215 TE LS

Honorable Mention All-GIAC. Started all 11 games at tight end and also served as ODU's long snapper. He caught 25 passes for 267 yards and five touchdowns, with all of his touchdown grabs coming in the last six weeks of the season. He had two TDs against Northern Michigan and 86 yards and a TD at Walsh.

KYLE SWARTZ *Pittsburg State* 6-2 248 TE

Two-year captain. Third-team All-MIAA squad. Excellent blocker who caught 13 passes for 187 yards (14.4 ypc) and two touchdowns.

VICTOR TABBS *Elizabeth City* 6-4 230 TE

Named to the 2016 HBCU Gameday Division II All-America team. Ranked first amongst all Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association tight ends and sixth overall in receptions with 39 for 639 yards; while averaging 3.9 per contest during his senior campaign. He also finished the season with three touchdowns and averaged 16.4 yards per catch.

JOHN THOMAS *Texas A&M-Commerce* 6-6 255 TE

2016: Second Team All-Conference. Played in 10 games as a senior. Caught eight passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns. Had an 11-yard touchdown against Eastern New Mexico.. Had a touchdown catch against Colorado Mesa in the Lions' postseason win. Finished his A&M-Commerce career with 12 catches for 128 yards and four touchdown catches. JUCO transfer.

JOSIAH THROPAY *Azusa Pacific* **6-4 260 TE**

All-GNAC first team offense. Saw action in all 11 games, finishing with 16 catches for 211 yards and four touchdowns.

BLAKE VANDENBERG *Missouri Western* **6-6 225 TE**

Honorable Mention All-MIAA. Has big hands and catches the ball well. A project who needs bulk and reps. 2016 Stats: 10 rec, 98 yds, 9.8 avg.

IAN WIENKE *Michigan Tech* **6-5 260 TE**

2016 saw his receptions drop. This big TE looked like he would be a big part of the offense after his 4 TDs in 2013 but that was his best scoring year, while 2015 saw his stats rise to a career high 30 catches and 290 yards. In 2016, he had 19 rec, 175 yds, 17.5 avg, TD.