

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

**ATHLETICS**

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## **THREE WONDER BOYS NAMED TO DON HANSEN'S FOOTBALL GAZETTE ALL-SUPER REGION TWO TEAMS**

**RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas** – Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys **Torrence Wright**, **Jeremy Ashcraft** and **Michael Podobnik** have been named *Don Hansen Football Gazette* All-Super Region Two Team selections released on Wednesday.

This marks the seventh consecutive year that *Don Hansen Football Gazette* has selected NCAA Division II All-Region team. The national publication has selected Division II All-America teams since 1988. The first and second-team All-Region selections advance to a national ballot from which the 2008 NCAA Division II *Football Gazette* All-America team will be selected.

Wright was a First-Team selection, while Ashcraft earned repeat Second-Team honors from last season and Podobnik earned Third-Team honors this year after being a second team selection in 2007.

Super Two Region champion North Alabama leads all schools with 13 all-region selections, including six first-team honorees, while South Atlantic Conference champion Tusculum placed eight players on one of the three teams and Delta State, the Gulf South Conference champion had six players chosen to one of the three teams. The GSC had 38 players chosen overall from nine different schools for the Super Region Two teams. The SAC had 32 players chosen and the SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) had 13 players selected.

**Wright**, a 6-3, 280-pound center from Sulphur Springs, Texas, earns First-Team honors on the offensive line after starting and playing in all 10 games for the Wonder Boys at center. On the season Wright, who was a First-Team All-GSC selection and a Second-Team Daktronics All-Super Two Region selection, had an average grade of 85 and recorded 53 knockdown blocks and had 10 pancake blocks. In addition, he helped anchor a Tech offensive line that allowed just eight sacks in 10 games, which was tied for fourth in all of NCAA Division II Football. Wright was also a candidate from the Super Two Region for the Gene Upshaw Award.

**Ashcraft**, a 6-foot-7, 335-pound offensive tackle from Dickinson, Texas, earned repeat Second-Team honors on the offensive line this season after finishing with an average grade of 81 percent in 10 games. In addition, Ashcraft, who was named a First-Team All-GSC selection and a Second-Team Daktronics All-Super Region Two honoree, led Tech with 78 knockdown blocks and had 13 pancake blocks on the season and helped Tech's offensive line just allow eight sacks in 10 games. Ashcraft was also recently named the Outstanding Offensive Lineman at the 2009 Valero Cactus Bowl D-II All-Star Game.

**Podobnik**, a 6-foot, 244-pound punter, earned Third-Team honors as a punter after finishing the season second in the GSC with a 44 yard punting average. In 10 games, Podobnik, who was a First-Team All-GSC selection this season, punted 24 times for 1,057 yards and had four touchbacks and downed five punts inside the 20-yard line.

In addition, he had five punts travel more than 50 yards, including a season-high 60 yard punt against Central Missouri. In his two years at Tech, Podobnik set a new career punting mark with a 44.8 yard average, which bettered the old mark of 39.7 held by former Wonder Boy **Tommy Edwards** (2000-03). That 44.8 yard average also set a new GSC career punting mark. Along with his punting this season, Podobnik was also 30-for-31 on extra point attempts and was 3-for-4 on field goals, including hitting game-winning field goals in back-to-back games against West Alabama and Arkansas-Monticello.

# Don Hansen's Football Gazette

## 2008 NCAA Division II All-Super Region 2 Team

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### *First Team Offense*

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Corey Russell	6-4	190	SR	Tusculum	Speedwell, Tenn.
RB	Jamelle Cuthbertson	5-8	185	SR	Catawba	Charlotte, N.C.
RB	Buck Wakefield	5-9	265	JR	Carson-Newman	Drummonds, Tenn.
FB	Ben Stallings	6-1	245	JR	Delta State	Cleveland, Miss.
WR	Garett Manning	6-3	210	SR	Henderson State	Hallettsville, Texas
WR	Julius Pruitt	6-3	210	SR	Ouachita Baptist	Newport, Ark.
TE	Jerrell NeSmith	6-2	215	JR	Tusculum	Russellville, Ala.
C	Torrence Wright	6-3	280	JR	Arkansas Tech	Sulphur Springs, Texas
OG	Thomas Battle	6-3	320	SR	Carson-Newman	Chattanooga, Tenn.
OG	Sam Hathorn	6-3	275	SR	North Alabama	Corinth, Miss.
OT	Mark Ellis	6-5	355	SR	Delta State	New York, N.Y.
OT	Terence Crosby	6-3	195	JR	Catawba	Winston-Salem, N.C.
AP	Trevar Deed	5-11	205	SO	Delta State	Phoenix, Ariz.
PK	Tom Schneider	6-0	195	SR	North Alabama	Walnut Creek, Calif.

### *First Team Defense*

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DE	David Harris	6-1	265	SR	Newberry	Ninety Six, S.C.
DE	Montrell Craft	6-2	250	JR	North Alabama	Memphis, Tenn.
DG/DT	Derrick Chatman	6-1	245	SR	North Alabama	Clarksdale, Miss.
DG/DT	Melquan Fair	6-1	260	JR	Catawba	Raleigh, N.C.
LB	Lardester Hicks-Green	6-1	235	JR	Delta State	Chicago, Ill.
LB	Mike Johnson	6-4	250	JR	North Alabama	Panama City, Fla.
LB	Justin Scott	6-3	235	SR	Tusculum	Jamestown, S.C.
CB	Devon Hughes	5-11	180	SR	Henderson State	Marlin, Texas
CB	David Raymond	5-11	190	SR	North Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.
S	Sherard Reynolds	5-10	185	SR	Valdosta State	Moultrie, Ga.
S	Jeremy Thompson	6-0	200	SR	Tusculum	Rome, Ga.
P	John Gregory	6-2	210	JR	Tusculum	Ooltewah, Tenn.
RS	Greg Godfrey	5-10	175	SR	Henderson State	Houston, Texas

### *Second Team Offense*

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	A.J. Milwee	5-10	175	SR	North Alabama	Boaz, Ala.
RB	Mike McClendon	5-10	200	SR	North Alabama	Quitman, Miss.
RB	Winston Thompson	5-9	195	SO	Clark-Atlanta	Miami, Fla.
FB	Anthony Silvers	6-1	225	JR	Lenoir-Rhyne	Burnsville, N.C.
WR	Ryan Tallent	5-10	200	JR	Tusculum	Maryville, Tenn.
WR	Kurt Adams	6-5	195	JR	Harding	Searcy, Ark.

TE	Bob Ruffing	6-5	250	SR	Ouachita Baptist	Chico, Calif.
C	Michael Stevens	6-6	380	JR	Tuskegee	Montgomery, Ala.
OG	Ross Conn	6-3	265	SR	Harding	Ann Arbor, Mich.
OG	Stanley Wright	6-3	350	SR	Benedict	Holy Hill, S.C.
OT	Jeremy Ashcraft	6-7	335	SR	Arkansas Tech	Marshall, Texas
OT	Sam McNaulty	6-4	320	SR	Clark-Atlanta	Oakland, Calif.
AP	Greg Godfrey	5-10	175	SR	Henderson State	Houston, Texas
PK	Colin Corpe	6-2	180	FR	Lenoir-Rhyne	Ocala, Fla.

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POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DE	David Williams	6-3	240	SR	Kentucky State	Detroit, Mich.
DE	Andre Bernardi	6-3	265	SR	North Greenville	Marietta, Ga.
DG/DT	Demario Jones	5-10	300	SO	Valdosta State	Jacksonville, Fla.
DG/DT	Chris Dowdell	6-4	265	SR	Mars Hill	Riverdale, Ga.
LB	Jeffrey Cargile	5-9	200	SR	Morehouse	Cincinnati, Tenn.
LB	Garry Pack	6-1	230	SR	West Alabama	Hattiesburg, Miss.
LB	Will Newell	6-2	250	SR	Newberry	Irmo, S.C.
CB	Kamal McIlwain	5-10	175	SO	Newberry	Fort Mill, S.C.
CB	Dominic Spinks	6-2	195	SR	Delta State	Meridian, Miss.
S	Caylon Hann	5-10	170	SO	UNC Pembroke	Homestead, Fla.
S	Bobby Brooks	6-0	190	SR	North Alabama	Hoover, Ala.
P	Will Batson	6-4	210	JR	North Alabama	Killen, Ala.
RS	Chad Schroeder	5-11	180	SR	Delta State	Demopolis, Ala.

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POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Scott Buisson	5-10	175	SO	Arkansas-Monticello	Metairie, La.
RB	Michael Wright	5-10	195	SR	Kentucky State	Knoxville, Tenn.
RB	Nelson Woods	5-8	190	SO	Wingate	Charlotte, N.C.
FB	Elroy Harris	5-11	240	SR	Mars Hill	Orlando, Fla.
FB	Pernez Pinkney	5-10	225	JR	Morehouse	Atlanta, Ga.
WR	Kelton Tindal	6-3	195	JR	Newberry	Sumter, S.C.
WR	Rocky Coleman	6-3	220	SR	North Alabama	Clarksdale, Miss.
TE	Robert Smith	6-4	220	JR	Lane	St. Louis, Mo.
C	Danny Partida	6-2	270	SR	Tusculum	Tujunga, Calif.
OG	Jon Weinreich	6-5	345	JR	West Alabama	Pismo Beach, Calif.
OG	Joe Wilson	6-1	305	SR	Arkansas-Monticello	West Memphis, Ark.
OT	Micheal Hathorn	6-4	280	SR	North Alabama	Corinth, Miss.
OT	Marchent Faustin	6-5	290	SR	Newberry	Summersville, S.C.
AP	Buck Wakefield	5-9	265	JR	Carson-Newman	Drummonds, Tenn.
PK	Ryan Ferrell	6-1	210	SR	Harding	Houston, Texas

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POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DE	Darius Wrentz	6-3	220	SR	Carson-Newman	Miami, Fla.
DE	Joshua Ingram	6-6	305	SO	Albany State	Milledgeville, Ga.
DE	Danny Anderson	5-10	225	JR	Tuskegee	Butler, Ala.
DG/DT	Jarvis DeVaughn	6-0	245	SR	Tuskegee	Katy, Texas
DG/DT	Brandon Sutton	6-3	245	SO	Catawba	Snow Hill, N.C.
LB	Jarvis Littlejohn	5-11	240	SR	Tusculum	Gaffney, S.C.
LB	Sevohn Greer	5-9	180	SR	Harding	Vellejo, Calif.
LB	Charles McAfee	5-10	210	SR	Catawba	Charlotte, N.C.
CB	Deshun Nesbitt	5-10	190	JR	Mars Hill	Asheville, N.C.
CB	Darron Dampier	5-10	185	JR	North Alabama	Mendenhall, Miss.
S	Dre'Mail Hardin	6-1	195	SR	Stillman	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
S	Mario Russell	6-1	180	SO	Carson-Newman	Columbus, Ohio
P	Michael Podobnik	6-0	245	SR	Arkansas Tech	Frankfort, Ill.
RS	Patrick Pinchinat	6-1	220	SO	Wingate	Rockville, Md.