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## **WWU ALL-CENTURY FOOTBALL TEAM**

BELLINGHAM, Wash. --- Football has been played at Western Washington University off and on for nearly 100 years, but the school's glory years can be compressed into five seasons: 1992 through 1996.

It was during that time that the Vikings qualified for all four of their national playoff appearances, including the run to the national championship game in 1996.

And it is from that five-year era that nearly half of Western's all-century (1900-99) football team comes from.

Led by all-time passer Jason Stiles (1992-95) at quarterback and all-time receiver Chris Nicholl (1993-96), the all-century first team offense has six players from the mid-1990s. Also from those teams are running back Jon Brunaugh (1992-95), tackles Travis Cruse (1992-95) and Todd Walcker (1994-97) and kicker Wade Gebers (1993-96).

The all-century first team defense has four players from the mid-1990s, including Orlando Steinauer (1992-95), the only player named to two first-team positions, at cornerback and punt returner.

Two other eras had their share of all-time players.

Four players from the 1976 NAIA District 1 championship team were named to the first-team offense - wide receiver Hoyt Gier (1975-78), center Andy Harlin (1973-76), guard Scott Stokes (1974-77) and running back Pat Locker (1976-79), who also was named the Western football player of the century. Locker was the first player in northwest collegiate history to reach the 4,000-yard mark in career rushing.

Four players from the mid- to late 1960s were named to the first-team defense - end Dave Weedman (1965-67), tackle Butts Giraud (1968-69), free safety Vic Randall (1967-70) and cornerback Steve Richardson (1963-66).

Randall and Peter LaBarge (1985-88) join Steinauer as the players on both the all-century offense and all-century defense. Randall also was the second-team punt returner, and LaBarge was the first-team punter and the second-team place kicker.

## **WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - ALL-CENTURY (1900-1999) FOOTBALL TEAM**

### **First Team - Offense**

**WR - Chris Nicholl (Mercer Island), 1993-96**

First-team NAIA All-American, holds every school season and career receiving record. Set Columbia Football Association record with 1,584 yards receiving in 1996 and established Northwest small college career mark with 3,268 yards receiving.

**WR - Hoyt Gier (Ferndale), 1975-78**

Caught at least one pass in all 37 games of his four-year career. Honorable mention NAIA All-American.

**RB - Pat Locker (Ferndale), 1976-79**

First-team NAIA All-American. First player in northwest collegiate history to run for 4,000 career yards (4,049). Set 12 school records. Twice WWU Athlete of the Year. Four-times Little All-Northwest, all-district and all-conference selection.

**RB - Jon Brunaugh (Vancouver/Columbia River), 1992-95**

Four-time, first-team Little All-Northwest and Columbia Football Association all-star. Ran for school-record 4,073 career yards. Honorable mention NAIA All-American.

**FB - Norm Hash (Enumclaw), 1948-51**

Second-team Associated Press All-American, twice honorable mention. UPI All-Coast choice.

**QB - Jason Stiles (Federal Way/Decator), 1992-95**

WWU's career leader in yards passing (7,854) and touchdowns (67), 30-9 record as starter, honorable mention NAIA All-American.

**TE - Ken Sager (Goldendale), 1982-85**

His 92 career catches are tops for WWU tight end. Offensive tackle his first two seasons. Played for Seattle Seahawks during NFL's strike season. Honorable mention NAIA All-American.

**C - Andy Harlin (Seattle/Ingraham), 1973-76**

Three-time all-Evergreen Conference pick. Honorable mention NAIA All-American.

**G - Jon Garber (Bellevue/Interlake), 1992**

Second-team NAIA All-American. Transfer from Brigham Young University. Played in Arena Football League.

**G - Scott Stokes (Sumas/Nooksack Valley), 1974-77**

Honorable mention NAIA All-American. Twice named all-district and all-league.

**T - Travis Cruse (Everett/Cascade), 1992-95**

Three-times named Little All-Northwest. Twice honorable mention NAIA All-American.

**T - Todd Walcker (Redmond), 1994-97**

Second-team NAIA All-American and twice honorable mention. Three times named all-CFA and twice Little All-Northwest.

**K - Wade Gebers (Quincy), 1993-96**

WWU's only two-time, first-team football NAIA All-American, school's career scoring leader (267 points), tied for national kick-scoring lead in 1995.

### **First Team - Defense**

- E - **Dave Weedman (Woodland), 1965-67**  
Only WWU player selected in NFL draft (12th round, 1968, Washington Redskins).  
Second-team NAIA All-American.
- E - **Chad Rorabaugh (Battle Ground), 1994-97**  
Second-team NAIA All-American. Set CFA and school career marks for quarterback  
sacks and tackles for losses.
- T - **Butts Giraud (West Vancouver, B.C./Sentinel), 1968-69**  
Twice honorable mention NAIA All-American. Three times all-league and all-district  
choice. Played in Canadian Football League.
- T - **Willis Ball (Bremerton), 1954-55**  
Honorable mention Associated Press All-American. Honorable mention UPI All-Coast.  
Western's first African-American graduate.
- LB - **Mark Spencer (Elma), 1994-97**  
First-team NAIA All-American. Credited with 400 career tackles. CFA Defensive  
Player of the Year in 1996.
- LB - **Bill Christensen (Seattle/Shorewood), 1993-94**  
First-team NAIA All-American. CFA Defensive Player of the Year in 1994,  
helping WWU lead nation in scoring defense (12.5).
- LB - **Everett Tiland (Arlington), 1947-50**  
Second-team Associated Press All-American.
- CB - **Orlando Steinauer (Lynnwood), 1992-95**  
Consensus first-team All-American and CFA Defensive Player of the Year in 1995.  
Led nation in pass interceptions with 10. CFL all-star, playing in 1998 Grey Cup.
- FS - **Vic Randall (Burlington/Burlington-Edison), 1967-70**  
Holds school career interception record of 26. Honorable mention NAIA All-American.
- CB - **Steve Richardson (Kent/Kent-Meridian), 1963-66**  
First-team NAIA All-American. Three-time, first-team all-Evergreen Conference pick  
both ways.
- SS - **Kelly Susee (Puyallup), 1986-89**  
Second-team NAIA All-American. Twice Little All-Northwest choice.
- P - **Peter LaBarge (Woodinville), 1985-88**  
First-team NAIA All-American. Led nation with 42.5 average in 1988.
- PR - **Orlando Steinauer (Lynnwood), 1992-95**  
Ranked ninth nationally in 1995 with 11.6 average.
- KR - **Shane Volkmann (Lake Stevens), 1989-92**  
Second-team NAIA All-American. Set school records for career kickoff return yards  
(1,297) and blocked kicks (8).

## **Second Team - Offense**

- WR - **Steve Jasmer (Spanaway/Bethel), 1969-72**
- WR - **Bill Handy (Everson/Nooksack Valley), 1979-82**
- RB - **Scott Lohr (Olympia), 1986-89**
- RB - **Fred Emerson (Kent), 1957-58**
- RB - **Dick Bruland (Blaine), 1923-24**
- FB - **Tom Wigg (Issaquah), 1970-73**
- QB - **Glenn Hadland (Tacoma/Franklin Pierce), 1968-71**
- TE - **Kirk Schneider (Woodinville/Bothell), 1988-89**
- C - **Matt Cross (Coupeville), 1993-96**
- G - **Russ Davis (Mount Vernon), 1936-39**
- G - **Al Cornett (Anacortes), 1950-52**
- T - **Mike Knutsen (Bothell), 1970-71**
- T - **Jack Dolan (Yokohomo, Japan/Nile C. Kinnick), 1966-67, 73-74**

K - Peter LaBarge (Woodinville), 1985-88

## **Second Team - Defense**

E - Coley Beaman (Vancouver/Hudson's Bay), 1992, 94-96

E - Cory Heins (Leavenworth/Cascade), 1987-90

T - Ed Melbourne (Seattle/Queen Anne), 1955-58

T - Artis Larsson (Anacortes), 1949-52

LB - Wayne Lewis (Federal Way/Decatur), 1984-87

LB - Lynton Hyde (Seattle/Ingraham), 1989-92

LB - Dick Pangelo (Seattle/Cleveland), 1951-52

LB - Frank Chorvat (Bellingham), 1935-38

CB - Kevin Halliburton (Tacoma/Mount Tahoma), 1970-73

FS - Howard Jones (Bellingham), 1937-39

CB - Boyd Staggs (Whatcom), 1921-24

SS - Randy Carter (Prosser), 1993-96

P - Erik Morin (Gig Harbor/Peninsula) 1994-97

PR - Vic Randall (Burlington/Burlington-Edison), 1967-70

KR - Jody Miller (Tacoma/Bethel), 1970-71

**Honorable mention:** DE Gary Axtell (Seattle/Lincoln), DT Dann DeBellis (Snohomish), RB Chuck Erickson, C Jack Frazier (Bellingham), LB Dan Grimshaw (Tacoma/Lakes), DE Doug Groves (Everson/Nooksack Valley), DT Ken Knuckey (Kirkland/Redmond), DT Lance Massey (Everson/Nooksack Valley), WR Eric Meek (Bellevue/Newport), OG Jeff Michaelson (Bellingham), FB Al Munkres (Bellingham), OG Marv Nelson (Bellingham/Sehome), TE Bob Plotts, OLB Bruce Randall (Sequim), OC Harold Ruthruff (Arlington), LB Mark Venn (North Bend/Mount Si), K Lance Wilson (Bellingham).