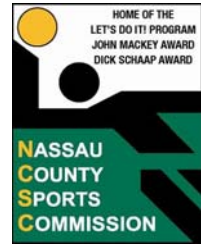




# **JOHN MACKEY AWARD**

BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END



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## **BRANDEN LEDBETTER OF WESTERN MICHIGAN NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK**

**Manhasset, N.Y. (November 8, 2006)** – Branden Ledbetter of Western Michigan was named John Mackey Tight End of the Week by the Nassau County Sports Commission. The Mid American West Conference sophomore recorded nine receptions for 101 yards and two touchdowns as Western Michigan defeated Miami of Ohio, 27-24.

The John Mackey Tight End of the Week, that recognizes solely on-field receiving performance, is an honor distinct and different from the annual John Mackey Award. This weekly honor was started in 2004 to draw attention to individual play by Tight Ends during the active season. The Tight End of the Week acknowledgment does not have a direct bearing on the final John Mackey Award selection process.

The Nassau County Sports Commission, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization created to enhance quality of life of Nassau County residents through sports, is responsible for the administration of the John Mackey Award and the John Mackey Award Selection Committee. The 2006 recipient of “The Mackey” will be announced on December 7, 2006 at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show live on ESPN and presented at the Nassau County Sports Commission Annual Awards Dinner on April 30, 2007.

For additional information, please visit [www.johnmackeyaward.org](http://www.johnmackeyaward.org) or [www.nassausports.org](http://www.nassausports.org).

### **2006 John Mackey Tight End of the Week Recipients**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>
Week 1	Chris Hopkins	University of Toledo
Week 2	Zeek Zacharie	ULM
Week 3	Dustin Keller	Purdue University
Week 4	John Carlson	Notre Dame
Week 5	Martin Rucker	University of Missouri
Week 6	Greg Olsen	University of Miami
Week 7	Travis Beckum	University of Wisconsin
Week 8	Chase Coffman	University of Missouri
Week 9	Martellus Bennett	Texas A&M
Week 10	Branden Ledbetter	Western Michigan

### **Past John Mackey Award Recipients**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>
2005	Mercedes Lewis	UCLA
2004	Heath Miller	University of Virginia
2003	Kellen Winslow II	University of Miami
2002	Dallas Clark	University of Iowa
2001	Daniel Graham	University of Colorado
2000	Tim Stratton	Purdue University