



## **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 14, 2007)** – Branden Ledbetter of Western Michigan was named John Mackey Tight End of the Week by the Nassau County Sports Commission. The Mid American West junior recorded five receptions for 124 yards and a touchdown as Western Michigan was edged 34-31 by Central Michigan. This marks the second time in Ledbetter's career that he has been named John Mackey Tight End of the Week.

The John Mackey Tight End of the Week 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 2007 recipient of "The Mackey" will be announced on December 6, 2007 at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show live on ESPN and presented at the Nassau County Sports Commission Annual Awards Dinner on April 28, 2008.

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

### **2007 John Mackey Tight End of the Week Recipients**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Week 1	Kory Sperry	Colorado State University
Week 2	Tony Moeaki	University of Iowa
Week 3	Cody Slate	Marshall University
Week 4	Fred Davis	USC
Week 5	Travis Beckum	University of Wisconsin
Week 6	Martin Rucker	University of Missouri
Week 7	Chase Coffman	University of Missouri
Week 8	Darius Hill	Ball State University
Week 9	Zeek Zacharie	ULM
Wk 10	Jermaine Gresham	University of Oklahoma
Wk 11	Branden Ledbetter	Western Michigan University

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

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
2006	Matt Spaeth	University of Minnesota
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