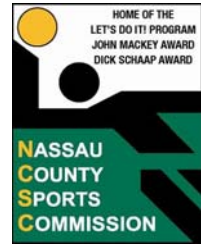




JOHN MACKEY AWARD BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END



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CHRIS HOPKINS OF TOLEDO NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK

Manhasset, N.Y. (September 6, 2006) – Chris Hopkins of Toledo was named John Mackey Tight End of the Week by the Nassau County Sports Commission. The Mid-American West Conference senior recorded 13 receptions for 139 yards and 3 touchdowns in a thrilling triple overtime loss to Iowa State, 45-43.

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 in “America’s First Playground” 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 mid-December and presented at the annual awards dinner on April 30, 2007.

For additional information, please visit www.johnmackeyaward.org or 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

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