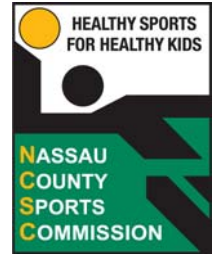




## **JOHN MACKEY AWARD** BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END



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## **KORY SPERRY OF COLORADO STATE NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK**

**Manhasset, N.Y. (September 5, 2007)** – Kory Sperry of Colorado State was named John Mackey Tight End of the Week by the Nassau County Sports Commission. The Mountain West conference senior recorded eight receptions for 103 yards and three touchdowns in a heartbreaking 31-29 overtime loss against Colorado. Sperry, who caught TD strikes of 2 and 6 yards in the first half, hauled in a 37-yard touchdown to put the Rams ahead 21-17 in the third quarter.

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 in early December 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

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

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
2006	Matt Spaeth	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