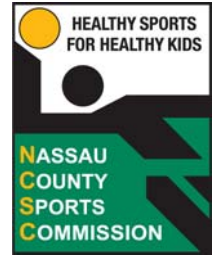




# **JOHN MACKEY AWARD** BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END



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## **MARTIN RUCKER OF MISSOURI NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK**

**Manhasset, N.Y. (October 10, 2007)** – Martin Rucker of Missouri was named John Mackey Tight End of the Week by the Nassau County Sports Commission. The Big 12 senior recorded nine receptions for 109 yards and one touchdown as undefeated Missouri defeated Nebraska 41-6.

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>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Week 1	Kory Sperry	Colorado State University	2006	Matt Spaeth	University of Minnesota
Week 2	Tony Moeaki	University of Iowa	2005	Marcedes Lewis	UCLA
Week 3	Cody Slate	Marshall University	2004	Heath Miller	University of Virginia
Week 4	Fred Davis	USC	2003	Kellen Winslow II	University of Miami
Week 5	Travis Beckum	University of Wisconsin	2002	Dallas Clark	University of Iowa
Week 6	Martin Rucker	University of Missouri	2001	Daniel Graham	University of Colorado
			2000	Tim Stratton	Purdue University

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