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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

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### COLORADO- MINES QUARTERBACK CHAD FRIEHAUF TAKES 2004 HARLON HILL TROPHY AS DIVISION II FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FLORENCE, Ala. -- Colorado School of Mines quarterback Chad Frieauf claimed the Harlon Hill Trophy Friday as the Division II College Football Player of the Year.

Frieauf received 194 total points in the voting and 45 first-place votes, with a 106-point margin over the second place finisher. He received votes on 83 percent of the national ballots that were cast.

The award winner is determined in voting by the Division II sports information directors and was presented in front of a crowd of almost 500 at the nineteenth annual Harlon Hill Trophy award banquet at the Florence Conference Center.

The Harlon Hill Trophy is sponsored by Coca-Cola, the City of Florence, and Trustmark Construction.

**Frieauf**, a senior from Brush, Colorado, led the Colorado School of Mines to an 11-0 regular-season record and to the second round of the Division II playoffs, recording the first playoff win in school history.

He leads Division II in total offense, with 412.5 yards per game, and is second in passing efficiency with a 170.7 rating. He had a streak of 180 consecutive passes this season without an interception and completed 384 of 516 passes for 4,646 yards and 39 touchdowns in 2004. During his career, Frieauf threw for 9,873 yards and 84 touchdowns.

His 412.5 yards per game of total offense is the best in Division II history and his 5,363 total yards also set a Division II record. His 4,646 passing yards broke the Division II single-season passing record

He was first-team All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and was the RMAC Offensive Player of the Year.

Fort Valley State senior halfback **Derrick Wimbush** was second with 88 points and 11 first-place votes, and SE Oklahoma State quarterback **Drew Beard** was third with 68 points and 13 first-place votes.

Following that trio in the voting were Winona State senior wide receiver **Chris Samp** at 62, East Stroudsburg sophomore quarterback **Jimmy Terwilliger** at 51, Arkansas-Monticello senior quarterback **Cory Allred** at 34, Michigan Tech sophomore tailback **Lee Marana** at 32, and Bentley senior quarterback **Marc Eddy** at 29.

A total of 40 players were initially nominated for the 2004 Harlon Hill Trophy in their respective NCAA regions, with the top two players from each of the

Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest regions advancing to national voting.

**Wimbush**, a senior from Mauk, Ga., is third in the nation in rushing with a 167.3-yard average and is fifth in scoring with 12.2 points per game. He rushed for 1,840 yards on 247 carries and averaged 7.4 yards per carry. He led the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards and was a five-time SIAC Offensive Player of the Week this season. He rushed for more than 100 yards in 13 consecutive games during his career at Fort Valley State and had four 200-yard rushing games this season. He has been selected to play in the 59th Hula Bowl All-Star Game in Maui, Hawaii in January.

**Beard**, a senior from Rush Springs, Okla., who was also a finalist in 2003, had 3,613 yards of total offense this season, passing for 2,945 and rushing for 668. He became the Lone Star Conference's all-time leader in career total offense with more than 9,400 yards and is ranked among the Division II national leaders in total offense (sixth) and passing efficiency (20th). He led SOSU to an 8-3 record and into the Division II playoffs.

The Hill Trophy is named for a former UNA player - Harlon Hill - who was a standout with the Lions from 1950-53 before going on to fame in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

North Dakota State quarterback Jeff Bentrin won the initial Hill Trophy in 1986, before Texas A&M-Kingsville running back Johnny Bailey won three straight Hill trophies from 1987-89.

Another North Dakota State quarterback, Chris Simdorn, claimed the 1990 award, followed by Pittsburg State's Ronnie West in 1991 and Ronald Moore in 1992, New Haven running back Roger Graham in 1993, Valdosta State quarterback Chris Hatcher in 1994, North Alabama linebacker Ronald McKinnon in 1995, Truman State running back Jarrett Anderson in 1996, Bloomsburg running back Irvin Sigler in 1997, Emporia State running back Brian Shay in 1998, Northern Colorado quarterback Corte McGuffey in 1999, Valdosta State quarterback Dusty Bonner in 2000 and 2001, and Grand Valley State quarterback Curt Anes in 2002. University of North Alabama senior quarterback Will Hall claimed the trophy in 2003 and Frieauf in 2004.

## 2004 HILL VOTE TOTALS

<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Points</b>	<b>Player</b>				<b>Place</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Place</b>
194	Chad Frieauf	SR	QB	Colorado - Mines	45	27	5
88	Derrick Wimbush	SR	HB	Fort Valley State	11	17	21
68	Drew Beard	SR	QB	SE Oklahoma State	13	10	9
62	Chris Samp	SR	WR	Winona State	6	11	22
51	Jimmy Terwilliger	SO	QB	East Stroudsburg	5	10	16
34	Cory Allred	SR	QB	Arkansas - Monticello	4	8	6
32	Lee Marana	SO	TB	Michigan Tech	4	6	8
29	Marc Eddy	SR	QB	Bentley	5	4	6

## HARLON HILL WINNERS

Year	Player	Pos.	School	Point Total
1986	Jeff Bentrin	QB	North Dakota State University	133
1987	Johnny Bailey	RB	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	106
1988	Johnny Bailey	RB	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	158
1989	Johnny Bailey	RB	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	182
1990	Chris Simdorn	QB	North Dakota State University	123
1991	Ronnie West	WR	Pittsburg State University	109
1992	Ronald Moore	RB	Pittsburg State University	148
1993	Roger Graham	RB	University of New Haven	160
1994	Chris Hatcher	QB	Valdosta State University	209
1995	Ronald McKinnon	LB	University of North Alabama	188
1996	Jarrett Anderson	TB	Truman State University	207
1997	Irvin Sigler	TB	Bloomsburg University	208
1998	Brian Shay	RB	Emporia State University	303
1999	Corte McGuffey	QB	Northern Colorado	205
2000	Dusty Bonner	QB	Valdosta State University	156
2001	Dusty Bonner	QB	Valdosta State University	209
2002	Curt Anes	QB	Grand Valley State University	271
2003	Will Hall	QB	University of North Alabama	150

## QUARTERBACKS, RUNNING BACKS AND RECEIVERS

Top three finishers by positions from 1986-2004

		1st	2nd	3rd
Quarterbacks	28	9	10	9
Running Backs	23	8	7	8
Receivers	5	1	2	2
Linebackers	1	1	0	0

## FIVE SCHOOLS HAVE MULTIPLE HILL WINNERS

With Will Hall winning the 2003 Hill Trophy, North Alabama became the fifth school to have won multiple Harlon Hill Trophies. In 1995, Ronald McKinnon of North Alabama claimed the trophy followed by Hall in 2003. From Valdosta State the 1994 winner was Chris Hatcher and Dusty Bonner won the trophy in 2000 and 2001. The 1986 and 1990 winners were Jeff Bentrin and Chris Simdorn of North Dakota State, the 1987-89 winner was Johnny Bailey of Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville), the 1991 and 1992 winners were Ronnie West and Ronald Moore of Pittsburg State.

## ALL-TIME CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN OF HILL FINALISTS

Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	Total
North Central	3	2	6	3	1	1	2	2	0	20
Pennsylvania	1	2	2	2	5	3	2	2	1	20
Gulf South	5	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	0	19
Lone Star	3	1	2	0	3	2	3	2	1	17
Great Lakes Intercollegiate	1	2	1	0	3	1	3	2	0	13
Mid-America Int.	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	11
Western Football	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	9
South Atlantic	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	6
Central Intercollegiate	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
Southern Intercollegiate	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5
Rocky Mountain	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
W. Virginia Intercollegiate	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Northern Sun	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Northeast 10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Eastern Football	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Independent	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	1	0	15

# Hill Voting and Records, 1986-04

## Winning Vote Totals

<i>Pts</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>
133	1986	Jeff Bentrin	North Dakota State
106	1987	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
158	1988	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
182	1989	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
123	1990	Chris Simdorn	North Dakota State
109	1991	Ronnie West	Pittsburg State
148	1992	Ronald Moore	Pittsburg State
160	1993	Roger Graham	New Haven
209	1994	Chris Hatcher	Valdosta State
188	1995	Ronald McKinnon	North Alabama
207	1996	Jarrett Anderson	Truman State
208	1997	Irvin Sigler	Bloomsburg
303	1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State
205	1999	Corte McGuffey	Northern Colorado
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133	1986	Jeff Bentrin	North Dakota State
*125	1988	Chris Crawford	Portland State
123	1990	Chris Simdorn	North Dakota State
*123	1994	Roger Graham	New Haven
*121	1992	Shawn Graves	Wofford Collge
*118	1998	Corte McGuffey	Northern Colorado
*112	1993	Tyrone Rush	North Alabama
109	1991	Ronnie West	Pittsburg State
*107	2000	Justin Coleman	Nebraska-Kearney
*106	1986	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
106	1987	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
#106	1992	John Charles	Portland State

\* Finished Second

# Finished Third

## Hill Voting Superlatives

<b>Most Total Points:</b> 303	1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State
<b>Most First Place Votes:</b> 88	1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State
<b>Most Ballots Appeared On:</b> 110	1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State
<b>Least Points by Winner:</b> 106	1987	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
<b>Least First Place Votes by Winner:</b> 17	1991	Ronnie West	Pittsburg State
<b>Most Points by a Runner-up:</b> 201	2001	Curt Anes	Grand Valley State
<b>Highest Finish by a Defensive Player:</b> 1st	1995	Ronald McKinnon	North Alabama
<b>Highest Finish by an Offensive Lineman:</b> 7th	1992	Earl Dotson	Texas A&M-Kingsville
<b>Best Finish by a Freshman:</b> 2nd	1986	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
<b>Best Finish by a Sophomore:</b> 1st	1987	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
<b>Best Finish by a Junior:</b> 1st	1988	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
	1993	Roger Graham	New Haven
	2000	Dusty Bonner	Valdosta State
<b>Largest Margin of Victory:</b> 185 (303-118)	1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State
		Corte McGuffey	Northern Colorado
<b>Smallest Margin of Victory:</b> 8 (209-201)	2001	Dusty Bonner	Valdosta State
		Curt Anes	Grand Valley State
<b>Schools with a Hill Finalist:</b> 63			
<b>School with the Most Hill Winners:</b> Texas A&M-Kingsville (formerly Texas A&I) with 3. Johnny Bailey in 1987, 1988 and 1989; Valdosta State with 3. Chris Hatcher in 1994 and Dusty Bonner in 2000 and 2001			
<b>School with the Most Different Hill Winners:</b> North Alabama, North Dakota State, Pittsburg State, and Valdosta State with two each. UNA- Ronald McKinnon 1995 and Will Hall 2003; NDSU - Jeff Bentrin 1986, Chris Simdorn 1990; PSU - Ronnie West 1991, Ronald Moore 1992; VSU - Chris Hatcher, 1994, Dusty Bonner, 2000, 2001.			