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EAST STROUDSBURG QUARTERBACK JIMMY TERWILLIGER TAKES 2005 HARLON HILL TROPHY AS DIVISION II FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FLORENCE, Ala. -- East Stroudsburg University quarterback Jimmy Terwilliger claimed the Harlon Hill Trophy Friday as the Division II College Football Player of the Year.

Terwilliger received 121 total points in the voting and held a 14 point margin over the second-place finisher.

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 20th annual Harlon Hill Trophy award banquet at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center.

The Harlon Hill Trophy is sponsored by the City of Florence, Coca-Cola, Trustmark Construction, TNT Fireworks, and Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa.

Terwilliger, a junior from East Stroudsburg, Penn., has set Division II records for career games with at least 300 yards passing (22) and consecutive games with a touchdown pass (36). This season he completed 262 of 424 passes for 4,571 yards and 50 touchdowns - including nine in one game. He has already topped the 10,000 career passing yard plateau as a junior. He helped lead East Stroudsburg into the semifinals of the Division II playoffs.

South Dakota senior quarterback **Wesley Beschorner** was second with 107 points and 22 first-place votes, and Bloomsburg sophomore running back **Jamar Brittingham** was third with 96 points and 18 first-place votes.

Following that trio in the voting were Pittsburg State junior tailback **Germaine Race** at 67, North Dakota senior linebacker **Digger Anderson** at 47, North Alabama junior wide receiver **Anthony Merritt** at 29, West Texas A&M junior quarterback **Dalton Bell** at 24, and Delta State junior quarterback **Scott Eyster** at 19.

A total of 36 players were initially nominated for the 2005 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.

Beschorner, a senior from Lohrville, Iowa, tied or set 29 school records this season and was named North Central Conference Back of the Year. He threw for 39 touchdowns this season, accounted for 3,500 yards of total offense and became just the second quarterback in Division II history to record at least a 215 passing efficiency rating.

Brittingham, a sophomore from Levittown, Pa., was named Pennsylvania

State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Player of the Year after rushing for 187.5 yards per game to lead Division II. He set school and conference records with 2,060 rushing yards and 32 touchdowns and helped lead Bloomsburg to a perfect 11-0 regular-season record and into the second round of the 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. Colorado-Mines quarterback Chad Frieauf took the trophy in 2004, and Terwilliger in 2005.

2005 HILL VOTE TOTALS

| TOTAL | | | | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---------------|-------------------|----|----|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Points | Player | | | | Place | Place | Place |
| 121 | Jimmy Terwilliger | QB | JR | East Stroudsburg | 22 | 22 | 11 |
| 107 | Wesley Beschorner | QB | SR | South Dakota | 22 | 10 | 21 |
| 96 | Jamar Brittingham | RB | SO | Bloomsburg | 18 | 14 | 14 |
| 67 | Germaine Race | TB | JR | Pittsburg State | 9 | 15 | 10 |
| 47 | Digger Anderson | LB | SR | North Dakota | 8 | 6 | 11 |
| 29 | Anthony Merritt | WR | JR | North Alabama | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 24 | Dalton Bell | QB | JR | West Texas A&M | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| 19 | Scott Eyster | QB | JR | Delta State | 2 | 4 | 5 |

ALI-TIME 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 |

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|------|-------------------|----|-------------------------------|-----|
| 2002 | Curt Anes | QB | Grand Valley State University | 271 |
| 2003 | Will Hall | QB | University of North Alabama | 150 |
| 2004 | Chad Friehauf | QB | Colorado School of Mines | 194 |
| 2005 | Jimmy Terwilliger | QB | East Stroudsburg University | 121 |

QUARTERBACKS, RUNNING BACKS AND RECEIVERS

Top three finishers by positions from 1986-2004

| | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Quarterbacks | 30 | 10 | 11 | 9 |
| Running Backs | 24 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| 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 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 22 |
| Pennsylvania | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 22 |
| Gulf South | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 21 |
| Lone Star | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 18 |
| Great Lakes Intercollegiate | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| Mid-America Int. | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| 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, 1986-05

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 |
| 156 | 2000 | Dusty Bonner | Valdosta State |
| 209 | 2001 | Dusty Bonner | Valdosta State |
| 271 | 2002 | Curt Anes | Grand Valley State |
| 150 | 2003 | Will Hall | North Alabama |
| 194 | 2004 | Chad Frieauf | Colorado-Mines |
| 121 | 2005 | Jimmy Terwilliger | East Stroudsburg |

Most Points

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| 148 | 1992 | Ronald Moore | Pittsburg State |
| 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 |
| 121 | 2005 | Jimmy Terwilliger | East Stroudsburg |
| *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

Most Total Points: 303

1998 Brian Shay Emporia State

Most First Place Votes: 88

1998 Brian Shay Emporia State

Most Ballots Appeared On: 110

1998 Brian Shay Emporia State

Least Points by Winner: 106

1987 Johnny Bailey Texas A&M-Kingsville

Least First Place Votes by Winner: 17

1991 Ronnie West Pittsburg State

Most Points by a Runner-up: 201

2001 Curt Anes Grand Valley State

Highest Finish by a Defensive Player: 1st

1995 Ronald McKinnon North Alabama

Highest Finish by an Offensive Lineman: 7th

1992 Earl Dotson Texas A&M-Kingsville

Best Finish by a Freshman: 2nd

1986 Johnny Bailey Texas A&M-Kingsville

Best Finish by a Sophomore: 1st

1987 Johnny Bailey Texas A&M-Kingsville

Best Finish by a Junior: 1st

1988 Johnny Bailey Texas A&M-Kingsville

1993 Roger Graham New Haven

2000 Dusty Bonner Valdosta State

Largest Margin of Victory: 185 (303-118)

1998 Brian Shay Emporia State

Corte McGuffey Northern Colorado

Smallest Margin of Victory: 8 (209-201)

2001 Dusty Bonner Valdosta State

Curt Anes Grand Valley State

Schools with a Hill Finalist: 63

School with the Most Hill Winners: 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

School with the Most Different Hill Winners: 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.