

2007 HARLON HILL AWARD CANDIDATE



#24 Ashton Gronewold

WR, 5-10, 190, Sr. (3L) — Carthage, Ill./Carthage HS

2007 SEASON: Recorded a career-high 357 all-purpose yards against Tiffin...broke an NCAA-II record with 295 kickoff returns and tied another mark with two returns for touchdowns in that game...also had 329 yards against Arkansas-Monticello...had 12 catches against Central State and two other games this season with 11...has a season-high 181 receiving yards vs. UAM...has five games with over 200 all-purpose yards this season...had a career-high 102 yards rushing against Truman State, including the longest play from scrimmage of 57 yards...broke the school record for all-purpose yards in the opener and recently broke the mark for career kickoff return yards...is the holder of 26 school records at UMR.

CAREER: Pre-season All-America selection by Lindy's Football...named to three All-America teams following a junior year in which he set or tied 12 school records...was chosen to the Associated Press Little All-America team as a second-team selection and to the third team by Football Gazette and D2Football.com...shared the Great Lakes Football Conference's "Offensive Player of the Year" honor with Central State's Derrick Moss in 2006 and was a first-team all-league selection...finished the year with a school record 78 receptions for 1,120 yards and 15 touchdowns...also scored touchdowns on a kickoff return (94 yards vs. Saint Joseph's) and a punt return (69 yards vs. Butler)...broke the UMR single-game record for receiving yards with 229 on nine catches in the comeback victory at Morehead State...set a new mark for all-purpose yards with 294 a week later against Saint Joseph's, one of three games where he eclipsed the 200-yard mark in that category...finished the year with a UMR record 1,788 all-purpose yards...posted a season-best 11 catches at Southwestern Oklahoma State...scored touchdowns in nine of UMR's 11 games in 2006...named to the all-region team by Football Gazette and Daktronics and to the academic all-district second team...earned honorable mention All-America honors from Football Gazette after a record-setting sophomore year...was named second-team all-region by Football Gazette and Daktronics in the southwest region...was also named first-team All-IFA for the 2005 season...posted then school record totals of 75 receptions for 1,080 yards and a record 17 touchdowns...also had a kickoff return of 95 yards for a score, giving him a UMR record 18 touchdowns and 108 points on the season...became the first UMR player in history to eclipse the 100-point mark for a season...had three games with at least 10 catches, hauling in 12 for 127 yards and three scores against Morehead State including the longest touchdown reception of the year of 80 yards...had 11 catches and two scores against Saint Joseph's, while catching 10 for a career-high 174 yards and three touchdowns against Butler...caught scoring passes with a second left against Southwest Baptist and with eight seconds left against Morehead State to give UMR a chance to tie or win the game...caught scoring passes in seven of UMR's 11 games last season and in 12 of the 19 games he has played for the Miners...caught 38 passes for 499 yards and seven touchdowns (tied for the team lead), despite playing in just eight of the Miners' 11 games in the 2004 season...caught at least two passes in every game he appeared in and posted single-game highs of seven catches for 118 yards against Truman...had two touchdowns in that game as well as in the victory over No. 23-ranked Central Missouri State...also returned nine kickoffs for an average of nearly 16 yards per return and had six rushes for 24 yards...was selected as the player of the year by the Macomb Journal-Star and Quincy Herald-Whig last season and also earned all-state and all-conference honors in each of the last two seasons...was an academic all-state selection who was ranked first in his graduating class. **Personal:** Attended Carthage High School, where his coach was Jim Unruh...born Dec. 24, 1985 in Carthage, Ill....son of Merlin and Jolene Gronewold...majoring in engineering management.

Ashton Gronewold: Career Game-by-Game

2004	REC-YDS	KR	PR	TD	AP YDS
Upper Iowa	DNP				
Colorado Mines	DNP				
Mo. Southern	DNP				
Northwest Mo. St.	4-79	22	0	0	95
Pittsburg State	5-26	26	0	1	52
Southwest Baptist	6-83	95	0	1	178
Central Missouri	6-68	0	0	2	68
Washburn	3-44	0	0	0	44
Emporia State	2-39	0	0	1	43
Truman State	7-118	0	0	2	125
Missouri Western	5-42	0	0	0	52
TOTALS	38-499	143	0	7	666
2005	REC-YDS	KR	PR	TD	AP YDS
Upper Iowa	6-56	0	0	0	56
Central Methodist	7-112	0	0	1	112
Wayne St. (Neb.)	3-39	0	0	0	39
Peru State	6-92	0	0	0	92
Saint Joseph's	11-126	0	0	2	126
Southwest Baptist	8-110	0	0	4	116
SW Oklahoma St.	1-11	0	0	0	11
South Dakota St.	5-111	103	0	2	214
Austin Peay	6-122	0	0	2	122
Morehead State	12-127	99	0	4	226
Butler	10-174	0	0	3	174
TOTALS	75-1080	202	0	18	1288
2006	REC-YDS	KR	PR	TD	AP YDS
Tiffin	5-82	84	0	2	162
Southeast Mo. St.	8-71	67	0	1	138
Lincoln	4-52	0	11	1	63
Morehead State	9-229	0	0	3	229
Saint Joseph's	6-111	174	9	3	294
SW Oklahoma St.	11-121	0	5	2	126
Austin Peay	7-28	57	10	0	100
Southern Nazarene	9-122	38	0	0	160
Butler	6-77	84	81	2	242
Wayne St. (Neb.)	7-125	26	21	1	172
Ky. Wesleyan	6-102	0	0	2	102
TOTALS	78-1120	530	137	17	1788
2007	REC-YDS	KR	PR	TD	AP YDS
Truman State	9-84	103	0	0	289
Missouri State	3-26	64	0	0	90
Wisconsin-Stout	8-135	39	45	1	231
Butler	7-56	63	4	1	126
Arkansas-Monticello	11-181	154	-1	3	329
Saint Joseph's	6-77	0	4	0	81
Southern Nazarene	11-105	99	11	2	215
Central State	12-154	28	23	3	220
Lincoln	5-39	99	0	1	139
Tiffin	5-64	295	-2	2	357
TOTALS	77-922	944	84	13	2088
CAREER	268-3621	1819	221	55	5830*

*Includes 158 yards rushing

ASHTON GRONEWOLD'S SCHOOL RECORDS:

Single game:

Receiving yards: 229 (vs. Morehead State, 9/23/06)
 Receiving touchdowns: 4 (vs. Southwest Baptist, 10/1/05)
 Touchdowns scored: 4 (vs. Southwest Baptist, 10/1/05; vs. Morehead State, 11/5/05)
 All-purpose yards: 357 (vs. Tiffin, 11/3/07)
 Points scored: 24 (vs. Southwest Baptist, 10/1/05; vs. Morehead State, 11/5/05)
 Kickoff return yards: 295 (vs. Tiffin, 11/3/07)
 Kickoff returns for touchdowns: 2 (vs. Tiffin, 11/3/07)

Single season:

Receptions: 78, 2006
 Receiving yards: 1,120, 2006
 Receiving touchdowns: 17, 2005
 Touchdowns scored: 18, 2005
 All-purpose yards: 2,088, 2007
 Points scored: 108, 2005
 Kickoff returns: 33, 2007
 Kickoff returns for touchdowns: 2, 2007

Consecutive seasons:

Receptions: 155, 2006-07
 Receiving yards: 2,200, 2005-06
 All-purpose yards: 3,876, 2006-07

Career (2004-present):

Receptions: 268
 Receiving yards: 3,621
 Receiving touchdowns: 50
 Touchdowns scored: 55
 All-purpose yards: 5,830
 Points scored: 330
 Kickoff return yards, 1,819
 Kickoff returns for touchdowns: 4