



Baldwin-Wallace College Junior Punter Kevin Soflkiancs Given 2006 Gilburg Award as Best Punter in Division III

LANCASTER, Pa. -- Junior punter, **Kevin Soflkiancs, of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio,** was named the recipient of the 2006 Gilburg Award by the Franklin & Marshall Football Association.

The Gilburg Award is presented to the consensus All-America punter compiled from the American Football Coaches Association, D3football.com and Associated Press Little All-America teams each season. It is named in honor of retired Franklin & Marshall football coach and former NCAA Division I and NFL punter, Tom Gilburg.

The head football coach at Franklin & Marshall from 1975-2002, Gilburg was a standout punter first at Syracuse and later in the National Football League with the Baltimore Colts. A native of Chappaqua, N.Y., he compiled a 160-112-2 record in football over 28 seasons on the sidelines at F&M, the most wins by a coach in the program's history.

A native of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Soflkiancs was named a D3football.com First Team All-America, and was named to the Associated Press Little All-America Second Team. Soflkiancs punted 44 times for 1,875 yards. He averaged 42.6 yards per punt in 2006, dropping 14 punts inside opponents' 20-yardlines. Baldwin-Wallace compiled a 7-3 record this past season.

Soflkiancs is a member of the Dean's List and the Alpha Lamda Honor Society carrying a 3.6 grade point average. In addition to his All-America honors, Soflkiancs was named a CoSIDA / ESPN THE MAGAZINE Academic All-American in 2006. He has also received numerous other honors and accolades, including being a seven-time Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Special Teams Player of the Week.

In his three seasons at B-W, Soflkiancs has led the OAC in punting each season and has been the first-team All-OAC punter each year. In 30 career games, he is averaging 41.7 yards per punt in 152 attempts with a career-long punt of 70 yards and 45 punts that have landed inside the opponents 20-yard line.

"Kevin is very deserving of this honor and is an outstanding young man and punter," said Baldwin-Wallace College fifth-year Head Coach John Snell. "He is an excellent student in the classroom and of the game of football. Kevin is an asset to our defense with his punting and to the younger players in our program with his leadership. We are very pleased for Kevin and his family."

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Previous Tom Gilburg Division III Punter of the Year Recipients

2004: Dan Eggertsson, Franklin & Marshall College (Pa.)

2005: Hunter Hamrick, Mary Hardin-Baylor University (Texas)