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JONAS RANDOLPH WINS 2011 HILL TROPHY AS DIVISION II FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FLORENCE, Ala. -- Mars Hill College senior running back **Jonas Randolph** claimed the Harlon Hill Trophy Friday as the 2011 Division II College Football Player of the Year.

Randolph received 120 total points and held a slim three-point margin over Washburn (Kan.) University's **Dane Simoneau** in the closest voting in the 26-year history of the award.

Delta State University senior quarterback **Micah Davis** was third with 101 points.

The award winner is determined in voting by the Division II sports information directors and was presented in front of a crowd of 400 at the 26th annual Harlon Hill Trophy award banquet at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center.

The Harlon Hill Trophy is sponsored by the **City of Florence, Florence-Lauderdale Tourism, Opti-Net, Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa** and **Herff Jones**.

Randolph, a senior from Daleville, Ala., received 19 first-place votes in the balloting as a record six players were first on 10 or more ballots.

Randolph is the fifth running back to win the award in the last six years and is the first winner in the award's history from the South Atlantic Conference.

He led Mars Hill to its first post season game since becoming an NCAA Division II member while also re-writing the Lions' record books. He became the South Atlantic Conference's career rushing leader with 5,608 yards and led all NCAA divisions this season in rushing yards per game (197.27).

The SAC Offensive Player of the Year, Randolph's 2,170 yards in 2011 also set new SAC and school marks. He also had six games of 200 or more rushing yards and nine games of over 100 rushing yards this season. He is a three-time first team All-Super Region 2 honoree and was the Super Region 2 Offensive Player of the Year this season.

Randolph finished the year with 2,170 yards rushing on a Division II-leading 366 carries and scored 18 touchdowns. He averaged more than 37 yards per game more than the next closest Division II rusher.

Following Randolph, Simoneau and Davis in the voting were junior quarterback Brandon Kelsey of Midwestern (Texas) State (88 points), senior quarterback Adam Neugebauer of West Virginia Wesleyan (78), senior quarterback Adam Spitzlberger of Nebraska-Kearney (65), junior running back Joe Glendening of Hillsdale (29), senior running back Rashaad Slowley of Southern Connecticut State (25) and senior quarterback Lee Chapple of North Alabama (15).

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, East Stroudsburg's Jimmy Terwilliger in 2005, Chadron State's Danny Woodhead in 2006 and 2007 and Abilene Christian's Bernard Scott in 2008. Wayne State (Mich.) running back Joique Bell won the 2009 Hill Trophy.

2011 HILL VOTE TOTALS

TOTAL					1st	2nd	3rd
Points	Player				Place	Place	Place
120	Jonas Randolph	RB	SR	Mars Hill	19	21	21
117	Dane Simoneau	QB	SR	Washburn	15	28	16
101	Micah Davis	QB	SR	Delta State	16	19	15
88	Brandon Kelsey	QB	JR	Midwestern State	18	11	12
78	Adam Neugebauer	QB	SR	West Virginia Wesleyan	18	7	10
65	Jake Spitzlberger	QB	SR	Nebraska-Kearney	12	8	13
29	Joe Glendening	RB	JR	Hillsdale	4	4	9
25	Rashaad Slowley	RB	SR	Southern Connecticut State	3	4	6
15	Lee Chapple	QB	SR	North Alabama	1	4	4

* 106 total ballots cast

ALL-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
2002	Curt Anes	QB	Grand Valley State University	271
2003	Will Hall	QB	University of North Alabama	150
2004	Chad Frieauf	QB	Colorado School of Mines	194
2005	Jimmy Terwilliger	QB	East Stroudsburg University	121
2006	Danny Woodhead	RB	Chadron State	187
2007	Danny Woodhead	RB	Chadron State	175
2008	Bernard Scott	RB	Abilene Christian	253
2009	Joiqie Bell	RB	Wayne State (Mich.)	138
2010	Eric Czerniewski	QB	Central Missouri	164
2011	Jonas Randolph	RB	Mars Hill	120

QUARTERBACKS, RUNNING BACKS AND RECEIVERS

Top three finishers by positions from 1986-2011

		1st	2nd	3rd
Quarterbacks	40	11	17	12
Running Backs	30	13	8	10
Receivers	5	1	2	2
Linebackers	1	1	0	1

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN OF HILL FINALISTS

Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	Total
Gulf South	5	4	4	1	3	5	3	3	4	32
Pennsylvania State	2	2	3	3	5	5	3	3	2	28
North Central	3	3	6	3	3	2	2	2	0	24
Lone Star	4	2	2	1	4	2	5	2	1	23
Great Lakes Intercollegiate	2	3	1	0	5	1	6	2	0	20
Mid-America Int.	5	2	2	1	0	2	1	3	1	17
Western Football	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	9
South Atlantic	1	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	0	9
Rocky Mountain	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	8
Southern Intercollegiate	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	6
Central Intercollegiate	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
W. Virginia Intercollegiate	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	6
Northern Sun	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
Northeast 10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Eastern Football	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Great Northwest	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

SCHOOLS WITH MULTIPLE HILL WINNERS

Texas A&M-Kingsville (3)

1987 Johnny Bailey
1988 Johnny Bailey
1989 Johnny Bailey

Valdosta State (3)

1994 Chris Hatcher
2000 Dusty Bonner
2001 Dusty Bonner

Chadron State (2)

2006 Danny Woodhead
2007 Danny Woodhead

Pittsburg State (2)

1991 Ronnie West
1992 Ronald Moore

North Alabama (2)

1995 Ronald McKinnon
2003 Will Hall

North Dakota State (2)

1986 Jeff Bentrin
1990 Chris Simdorn

Hill Voting and Records, 1986-11

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
187	2006	Danny Woodhead	Chadron State
175	2007	Danny Woodhead	Chadron State
253	2008	Bernard Scott	Abilene Christian
138	2009	Joiqie Bell	Wayne State
164	2010	Eric Czerniewski	Central Missouri
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Most Points

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303	1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State
271	2002	Curt Anes	Grand Valley State
253	2008	Bernard Scott	Abilene Christian
209	1994	Chris Hatcher	Valdosta State
209	2001	Dusty Bonner	Valdosta State
208	1997	Irvin Sigler	Bloomsburg
207	1996	Jarrett Anderson	Truman State
205	1999	Corte McGuffey	Northern Colorado
*201	2001	Curt Anes	Grand Valley State
194	2004	Chad Frieauf	Colorado-Mines
188	1995	Ronald McKinnon	North Alabama
187	2006	Danny Woodhead	Chadron State
182	1989	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
175	2007	Danny Woodhead	Chadron State
164	2010	Eric Czerniewski	Central Missouri
160	1993	Roger Graham	New Haven
158	2010	Zach Amedro	West Liberty
158	1988	Johnny Bailey	Texas A&M-Kingsville
156	2000	Dusty Bonner	Valdosta State
150	2003	Will Hall	North Alabama
148	1992	Ronald Moore	Pittsburg State
138	2009	Joiqie Bell	Wayne 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
*122	2007	Bernard Scott	Abilene Christian
*121	1992	Shawn Graves	Wofford Collge
121	2005	Jimmy Terwilliger	East Stroudsburg
120	2011	Jonas Randolph	Mars Hill
*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	
2006	Danny Woodhead	Chadron State	
Largest Margin of Victory: 185 (303-118)			
1998	Brian Shay	Emporia State	
	Corte McGuffey	Northern Colorado	
Smallest Margins of Victory: 3 (120-117)			
2011	Jonas Randolph	Mars Hill	
	Dane Simoneau	Washburn	
Previous Closest: 6 (164-158)			
2010	Eric Czerniewski	Central Missouri	
	Zach Amedro	West Liberty	
Previous Closest: 8 (209-201)			
2001	Dusty Bonner	Valdosta State	
	Curt Anes	Grand Valley State	

Schools with a Hill Finalist: 92
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.