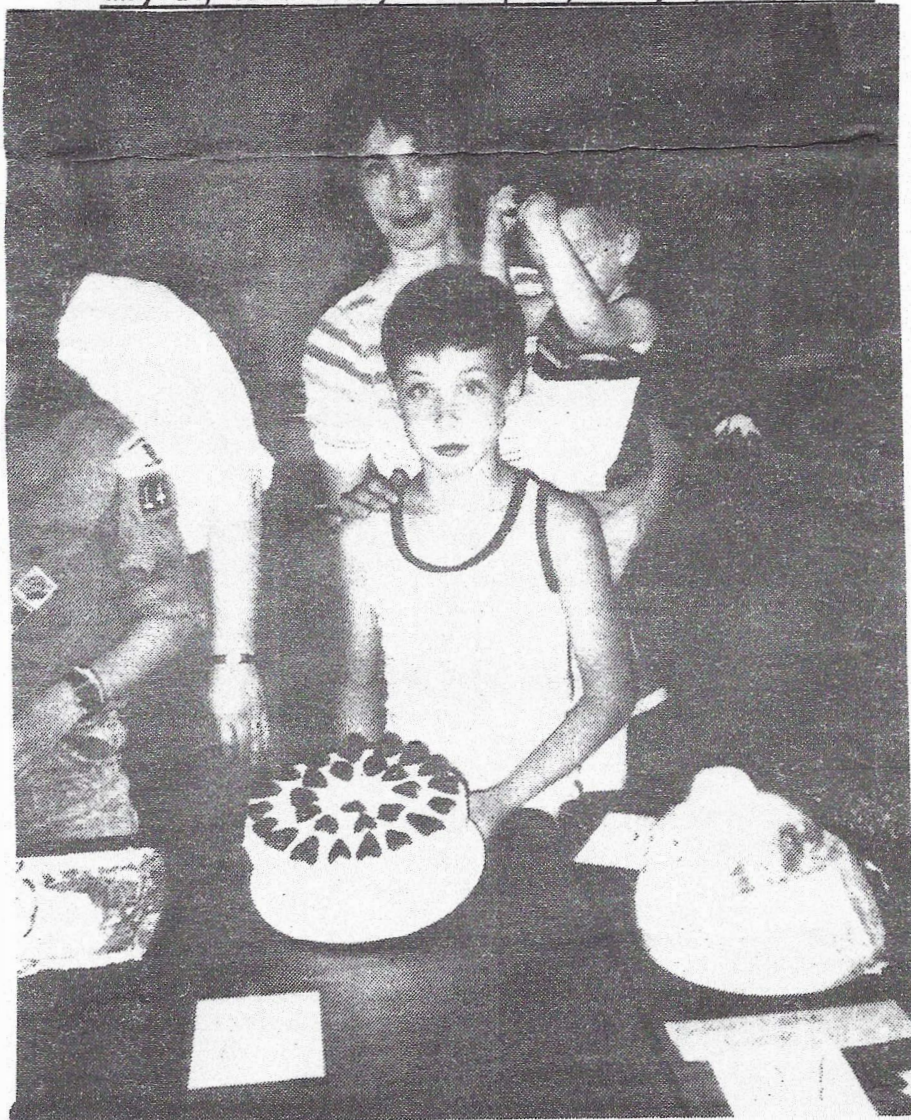


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Josh Beaver and dad, Don, created "The Yummiest Looking Cake" with their strawberry-topped angel food. Mom, Barb, pictured here, looking proud.



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# Beaver, Allen, Farley honored

## Whitewater trio on All-America football team

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Six University of Wisconsin-Whitewater football players, including three from Waukesha County, have been named to the D3football.com All-America team.

The team is headed by Offensive Player of the Year Justin Beaver from Palmyra-Eagle High School. Whitewater's Lance Leipold was named Coach of the Year for guiding the team to the NCAA Division III championship.

Beaver was a first-team pick on offense, end Ryan Ogrizovich was named to the defensive first team, and placekicker Jeff Schebler rounded out Whitewater's first-team selections.

Center Brent Allen from Mukwonago was named to the second team, as were linebacker A.J. Raebel and cornerback Ben Farley from Brookfield East High School.

Beaver broke the Division III record, which he had established in 2005, with 2,455 yards rushing this season. He was first-team all-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, WIAC Most Valuable Player and first-team American Football Coaches Association Division III All-America. He also holds school and WIAC single-season and career rushing records.

Beaver added the WIAC's Max Sparger Scholar Athlete Award for football, and earned ESPN The Magazine second-team Academic All-American honors from

the College Sports Information Directors of America.

He added the Gagliardi Trophy as the outstanding player in Division III football.

Allen anchored the Whitewater offensive line. Twice first-team all-WIAC, he was also first-team D3football.com all-West Region in 2007.

Farley tied the school record with eight interceptions in 2007, and his career total of 17 is second on Whitewater's list. He helped Whitewater lead Division III in interceptions. Farley was also named first-team D3football.com all-West Region and second-team all-WIAC.

Ogrizovich set the UW-Whitewater record with 16 quarterback sacks this season. Fourth in Whitewater career sacks with 23, he finished among the top 10 in WIAC history in career sacks (eighth) and tackles for a loss (tenth, 41.5). Ogrizovich was a unanimous first-team all-WIAC pick as well as first-team D3football.com All-West Region.

Schebler repeated the D3football.com first-team All-America honors he earned in 2006. He broke the Whitewater record with 20 field goals this season, and improved his school career record to 38. He also tied the school record with a 52-yard field goal, and led Division III in field goals made per game.

Just a sophomore, Schebler is already second on the WIAC career field-goal list. He was also a first-team all-WIAC and first-team D3football.com all-West Region pick.

Raebel, Whitewater's leading tackler despite missing two games, set school records for career solo tackles (193) and total tackles (359).

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# Beaver in the running

## Whitewater back dazzles at pro day

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**Madison** — The thought of donning a National Football League uniform has driven Justin Beaver for years.

"I've been thinking about that my whole life," the UW-Whitewater senior said. "I've been told it's not possible 1,000 times.

"But that is what pushes me to keep going and try even harder. Ever since I was a little kid I dreamed about playing in the NFL."



*"I don't want to be done yet."*

**Justin Beaver,** Division III standout running back, on his bid to play in the NFL.

That dream, admittedly still a long shot, grew surprisingly closer to reality Wednesday when the gifted tailback fashioned an impressive workout for NFL scouts who attended the University of Wisconsin's pro timing day at the McClain Center.

Beaver, who last fall was named the Division III player of the year and led Whitewater to its first national title, was among a handful of Division III players who tested for the scouts after UW's players finished

The Palmyra native put together the best all-around performance of all the players and spoke at length with scouts from the Indianapolis Colts and New England Patriots.

Officials from both teams told Beaver they expected delivery of any pertinent film sometime today, a message Beaver relayed to one of his agents.

"I just drove in and hoped for the best," Beaver said. "I think the best pretty much happened."

Beaver was measured at 5-foot-8 and 192 pounds.

His best time in the 40-yard dash was 4.41 seconds. That would have put him among the top 10 running backs who performed at the NFL Scouting Combine last month in Indianapolis.

His time in the 20-yard shuttle was 3.96 seconds, better than any of the backs at the combine.

His time in the three-cone drill was 6.72 seconds, which would have put him in the top 10 among the backs at the combine.

Also, he bench-pressed 225 pounds 24 times. That would have been the 10th-best effort among the backs at the combine.

"Things went my way today," Beaver said.

Beaver rushed 444 times for 2,455 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior and finished with 6,584 yards and 44 touchdowns. In his final game at Whitewater, Beaver rushed 31 times for 249 yards (8.0 yards per carry) and a touchdown to lead Whitewater to a 31-21 victory over two-time defending champion Mount Union.

The Patriots and Colts appear intrigued by Beaver's speed and quickness and his ability to make plays in the open field.

Although he wasn't used on returns at Whitewater and caught only three passes his senior season, Beaver could return kickoffs or could be used as a slot receiver if his hands prove dependable.

Beaver doesn't care what his role might be. The thought that the Colts and Patriots like what they've seen so far is more than he could have imagined.

"I love the game," he said. "I want to find a home, somewhere to play. I don't want to be done yet."



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# RUNNING MAN

## Palmyra-Eagle graduate makes most of NFL tryout in Green Bay

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Palmyra-Eagle graduate Justin Beaver recently had an opportunity most people in the state could only dream of.

Over the weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater record-setting tailback was one of about 20 players invited to try out at the Green Bay Packers rookie mini-camp.

Beaver hopes it was the first step of a long journey.

"The experience was hard to describe, other than overwhelming," Beaver said. "First, there is the tradition of the organization and the facilities, and then the thought of how many people would love to have the opportunity I had."

To add to the highly stressful situation, Beaver interacted with Packers coaches, including Packers legend and Super Bowl champion Edgar Bennett, who serves as the team's running backs coach.

"He was one of the best running backs to ever play in the NFL, so that added some stress, but everyone - from the coaches, to the trainers, to the equipment managers - was very nice," Beaver said.

Any nerves Beaver had didn't show on the practice field, as he made a solid impression on many, including Packers head coach Mike McCarthy.

In his post-camp press conference, McCarthy had nothing but good things to say about Beaver.

"I'll tell you what, he's been very impressive. He's done a very nice job," McCarthy told reporters. "He plays with a lot of energy, very quick, explosive. As far as, does he have a shot, that's something actually we'll discuss when we get back upstairs. But I would love for him to have an opportunity, because he's been impressive."

Beaver said McCarthy's words serve as proof that his hard work is

paying off.

At just 5-8 and 191 pounds, Beaver has relied on his heart and dedication to overcome his lack of NFL size.

"His size and stature will make his journey an upward battle," said UW-Whitewater head football coach Lance Leipold. "But one

thing everyone knows is, 'Don't bet against him.'"

Late Monday evening, Beaver was informed that he will not be receiving a contract from the Packers.

"I know I did everything I could," Beaver said. "And who knows? Some guys that are cut are brought back three or four months down the line because of injuries or to fill out the practice squad."

Beaver said his agent has sent his updated bio out to every NFL team, hoping another squad will give him a shot.

Throughout the tryout process, Beaver has also been the recipient of overwhelming fan support on Web sites and Internet blogs, something he doesn't overlook.

"It's very heartwarming," he said. "It helped me all through college, and it's nice to know there are so many loving friends and fans out there, and I thank them for the support."

Beaver's successful camp was just another feather in the cap of a brilliant career.

He holds seven UW-Whitewater rushing records, including most rushing yards in a career (6,584), yards in a season (2,455), touchdowns in a career (44), touchdowns in a season (24) and rushing attempts in a season (444).

He also holds the school record for yards in a game (286 on Oct. 14, 2006, against UW-La Crosse).

### RECORD-SETTER

Career yards	6,584
Career TD	44
Career rushes	1,118
Season yards	2,455 (2007); 2,420 (2005)
Season TD	24
Season rushes	444 (2007); 428 (2005)
Single-game yards	286

\*All records at UW-Whitewater



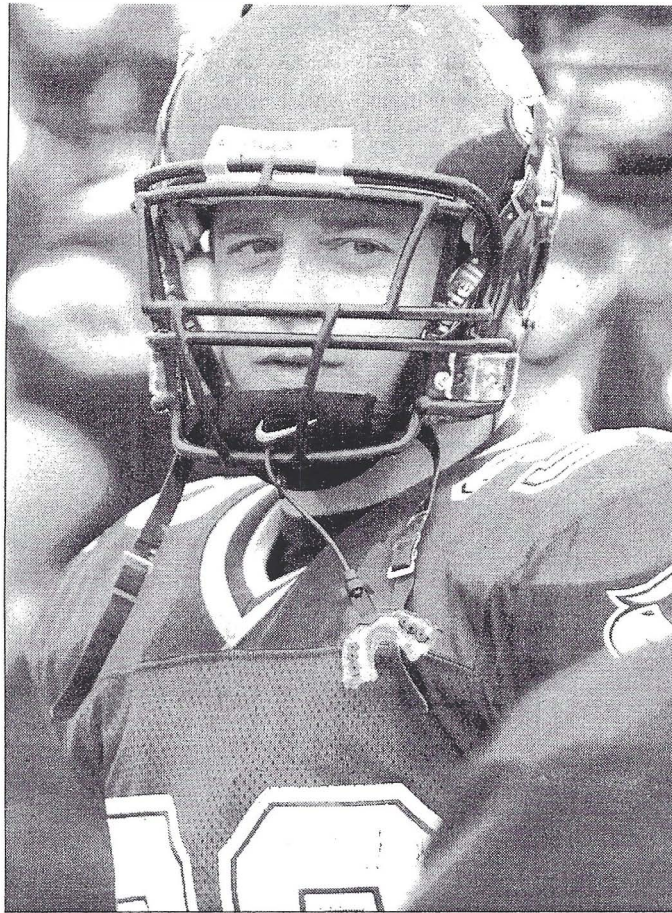
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**MAKING AN IMPACT** – Justin Beaver impressed coaches at Green Bay's rookie mini-camp over the weekend. Beaver still hopes to latch on with a professional team.

## Beaver makes his mark at mini-camp

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Oh, and don't forget his three Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles, All-American honors, a national championship this past season in addition to winning the Gagliardi Trophy (Division 3's equivalent to the Heisman Trophy).

Despite all the success, Beaver remains humble, calling the national title win his favorite moment because he got to share it with friends, family and teammates.

"You notice his humbleness first," said Leipold. "He's one of those guys that continually battles and just keeps on coming. We had a special group that was led by him."

Athletics Director Paul Plinske echoed Leipold's statements.

"Justin literally carried UW-Whitewater football to its first national title in school history," Plinske said. "He was the leader of a program that went 49-6 in four years, but never once did he take credit for his individual successes.

He became an inspiration to many and will leave his legacy on War-

hawk athletics forever."

If things don't work out in the NFL, Beaver is prepared to leave his legacy a different way.

This fall, he is scheduled to begin student-teaching and said he looks forward to being able to share his stories and be a role model to his students.

Fans of the former Panther and Warhawk, however, still hold out hope he will be schooling NFL defenses on Sunday afternoons this fall.

**"I know I did everything I could."**

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## STATE DRAFT PROSPECTS

Players from Wisconsin colleges or high schools who have been evaluated by NFL teams and have a legitimate chance of being drafted or signed as free agents:

**Justin Beaver, RB, UW-Whitewater: 5 feet 7 inches, 191 pounds.** Played in high



**Beaver**

school at Palmyra-Eagle. . . The Colts, Chiefs, Bills and Packers have contacted Warhawks coach Lance Leipold since Beaver ran 40 yards in 4.49 seconds and put up 225 pounds a whopping 25 times March 5 at UW pro day. . . "He just wants a shot at a camp," Leipold said. . . Broke WIAC rushing record with 6,584 yards, including 249 in 31 carries (8.0 average) in DIII national championship game victory over Mount Union. . . Scored 18 on the Wonderlic intelligence test. . . Didn't return kicks and had just seven receptions in final two seasons. . . Possible free agent.

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**NUMBER RETIRED** - Former Palmyra-Eagle standout football player Justin Beaver (center) stands with grandparents (from left) Joanna Beaver, Kathy Kelln, Donald Beaver and Fred Kelln. The school retired Beaver's number during Friday's football game. Beaver finished a decorated career with the 2007 NCAA Division 3 national champion University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, earning the Gagliardi Trophy for most outstanding player in Division 3 college football last year. Beaver finished his career with the second-most rushing yards in Division 3 history and the single-season record for yards gained. Beaver was a three-sport athlete at Palmyra-Eagle, also participating in basketball and track.