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**HARTWICK'S JASON BOLTUS WINS 2007 MELBERGER AWARD**

SCRANTON, Pa.–December 10, 2007– Jason Boltus, junior quarterback for the Hartwick College Hawks, has been named the 2007 winner of the Melberger Award, representing the top player nationwide in NCAA Division III Football. The award is presented by Diversified Information Technologies in honor of its founder and chairman, Clifford K. Melberger, captain of the 1960 Bucknell University Lambert Cup-winning football team.

A pre-med major, Boltus led Division III in Total Offense with an average of 399.7 yards per game, Passing with a total of 3,986 yards and Passing Yards per game with 362.4. Boltus goes into his senior year ranked second in Hartwick's history with a total of 9,342 passing yards and 88 touchdown passes.

Jason was a unanimous Empire 8 Conference Offensive Player of the Year, garnered League Player of the Week awards four times and ECAC Northwest Player of the Week three times, and was twice recognized by Don Hansen's *Football Gazette* as a National Player of the Week. Boltus has also been announced as a 2007 Gagliardi Trophy finalist, and as D3football.com's All-East Region Offensive Player of the Year. He led Hartwick to its first-ever E8 title (shared with St. John Fisher) and its first-ever NCAA Division III playoff berth.

Boltus started all 10 games as a freshman and was named 2005 ECAC Northwestern Rookie of the Year, Empire 8 Rookie of the Year, and an E8 and Don Hansen All-East Regional Honorable Mention selection, completing 181 of 353 passes for 2,948 yards and 34 touchdowns.

Jason, from Baldwinsville, NY, is the son of Greg and Maryann Boltus, and a graduate of C. W. Baker High School. He is an active member of the Student Athlete Advisory Board, has participated in the Empire 8 Conference Leadership Workshop and works with incoming freshman.

Off campus, Boltus assisted victims during the February, 2007 blizzard, as well as the flood in New York's Southern Tier in the summer of 2006. He has volunteered as a QB coach at the Northeast Sports Group Elite Camp and served as a volunteer coach at Christian Brothers Academy Youth Football Camp.

Boltus is the second Hartwick College player to be selected for the Melberger Award—Daniel Pincelli was the 2002 recipient of the trophy.

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