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WR John Jiles nominated for 2023 Harlon Hill DII College Football Player of the Year Trophy

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University of West Florida Wide Receiver, **John Jiles** has been nominated for the **2023 Harlon Hill DII College Football Player of the Year** Trophy. Jiles is *one of 38 nominees*, and *one of only 2 wide receivers* announced on Tuesday, November 22. The Harlon Hill Trophy is the **Division II equivalent to the Heisman Trophy**. Named for the late Harlon Hill, the former University of North Alabama wide receiver who excelled in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears from 1954-1961. The 2023 list of 38 players is compiled of 19 seniors, 11 juniors and 8 sophomores. Jiles is one of eight nominees from Super Region 2.

The First Team All-Gulf South Conference and Wake Forest, NC native is one of the most electrifying and overlooked wideouts in the country. **Jiles is second in the NCAA this season with 16 Touchdowns, 66 receptions** totaling **1255 receiving yards**, averaging **109.9 yards per game**. He boasted **six – 100 yard receiving games**, and caught **at least one touchdown in 9 games**.

Since transferring to UWF from Virginia Union in the summer of 2023, Jiles has doubled his season profile and stats. John Jiles is **officially the greatest receiver in UWF football history**. The **single-game record** holder put up an astonishing **11 catches** for **277 yards** and **3 TDs** in a road game win over North Greenville. He is also the **school record holder** for receiving yards in a single-season with **1,209 yards**, and surpasses the 254 receiving yards produced by Quentin Randolph in the 2019 national championship game.



He was named "Offensive Player of the Week" the first week of October 2023 and the senior caught the fourth-most yards in GSC history and **holds the second-best single-game performance at any NCAA level**. Jiles finished the season with four catches of 30 yards or more including a long of 51.

Sports Information Directors at 161 NCAA Division II football institutions nominate and vote on the award. The initial 38 nominees are placed on regional ballots and the top 2 players from each of the four NCAA regions will advance to the national ballot. The SIDs in those Super Regions vote for their top five candidates. The winner is then determined in a nation-wide vote of the Division II sports information directors.

The 2024 winner will be announced on **Friday, Dec 15, 2023**, and awarded to the top college football player in Division II on **Friday, Jan. 12, 2024** in Little Rock, AR. The eight finalists are expected to be announced early next week after regional voting concludes on Monday, Nov. 27. Should Jiles win, he would be added as the second wide receiver to win the award since its inception in 1986. Ronnie West, of Pittsburg State is the singular wide receiver to win the trophy, in 1991. The Hill Trophy is named for the late Harlon Hill, the former University of North Alabama wide receiver, who excelled in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears from 1954-1961.

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