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Pat Fischer To Receive “The Jet” Return Specialist Legacy Award Former Husker and Westside Warrior held UN-L punt return record for 11 seasons.

Omaha, Neb. – March 10, 2014 -- The 2013 Jet Legacy Award for a return specialist from the 1960s will be given to Pat Fischer, a University of Nebraska Lincoln player from 1958-1960 held the school’s punt return record for eleven seasons.

As a senior Fischer led the Huskers in scoring and was an “electrifying return man”. According to Huskers.com he returned 13 punts for 276 yards, a 21.2 yards-per punt return average. Fischer ran an 84-yard return against Oklahoma State on November 12, 1960. In addition to the punt returns he ran back 13 kickoff returns for 296 yards, a 22.8-yard kick-off return average. He was Husker team captain in 1960 and won the Nebraska Tom Novak Trophy in 1960.

Born in St. Edward, Nebraska, Fischer graduated from Omaha Westside High School. He played for the Cardinals and Redskins from 1961 to 1977, was a three-time NFL Pro Bowl selection, on the First All-Pro team in 1964 and 1969 and on the Second All-Pro Team in 1965 and 1972. Fischer spent 17 years in the NFL and helped the Redskins to Super Bowl VII in 1972. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1974.

Former LSU Tiger and 1959 Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon was awarded the 2012 Legacy award.

The Johnny “The Jet” Rodgers National College Football Return Specialist Award honors the best return specialist in college football. Drawing its name from 1972 Heisman trophy winner Johnny “The Jet” Rodgers. The Jet Legacy Award winner is selected by Coach William Reed, John M. Heisman and Johnny “the Jet” Rodgers.

The award ceremony will take place Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Ralston Arena, 73rd and Q Streets, Omaha. The keynote speaker will be Jay Harris of ESPN. The award event funds the Johnny Rodgers Career and Technical Education Scholarship at Metropolitan Community College.

The 2013 Jet Award will be given to Stanford's Ty Montgomery. West Virginia's Tavon Austin won the award in 2012. Joe Adams of Arkansas won the inaugural award in 2011.

For more information about the Jet Award, the award program and the scholarships, please visit www.thejetaward.com.