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WLU Footballer First "U"

Player Signed by New League

The Toronto Northmen of the fledgling World Football
Association have signed the first player to be acquired by the
new league from a Canadian university.

He is Wally Parker, a 23-year-old, 6'1", 225 pound defensive linebacker from Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo. A native of Geneseo, New York, Wally was ineligible for the Canadian Football League draft because he is a U.S. citizen. He could not be drafted by the National Football League because he played for a Canadian university.

while at Wilfrid Laurier University, Wally was twice named an All Canadian and three times selected to the Ontario Universities All Star team,

He kicked field goals and converts, was in the top four in interceptions and called all defensive signals, As a member of the WLU Golden Hawks he won two Ontario chanpionships, the Atlantic Bowl and was a finalist in the 1972 Canadian College Bowl.

When asked to comment on his latest signing, Northmen Head Coach John McVay said, "We were impressed by Wally's play in films. We've seen what he has done in college. He is aggressive with good movement and reacts very quickly. We think he'll do well."