



Iowa Barnstormers coach and Director of Football Operations John Gregory announced today that the team from the Arena Football League has reached an agreement with free agent receiver Jesse Schmidt. The 2011 season will be Schmidt's second season as a member of the Barnstormers, and fifth overall to play arena football. The Laurens, IA native and former Buena Vista has been voted the Barnstormers 'offense' MVP after a stellar 2010 campaign.

Schmidt (6-3, 220) began his career in Arena Football Steamwheelers Quad City (AF2) in 2007. Despite appearing in only three games, has been able to find the end zone 3 times, make an impression with the coaching staff. He returned to the Steamwheelers in 2008, recording 131 receptions for 1,799 yards in the direction of the league and 47 touchdowns. Their efforts were rewarded by being named af2 team all conference first.

The 2009 season was better than Schmidt, when he finished the season with a remarkable 172 passes for 2,390 yards and 58 affected.

He was rewarded by being named first-team all af2 and was named Offensive Player of the Week five times.

In 2010, Schmidt joined the Barnstormers to their first year in the AFL, where he continued to impress.

In 16 games that recorded 116 receptions for 1,621 yards and 28 touchdowns.

When asked to comment on his latest signing, Coach Gregory said: "I am very happy to have Jesse back to the 2011 season. There is no doubt that will continue to perform to a very high level, and I'm eager to see further improvement as a player. "

With the addition of Schmidt, the Barnstormers have eight players under contract for the 2011 season. Expect more announcements of coach Gregorio and the Barnstormers in the coming days. Do not forget that 2011 Iowa Barnstormers tickets remain on sale for only \$

117.00 per seat! Enjoy the nine home games since the very start of this great start in March. Do not miss a minute of action this season. Call 515-633-2255 or visit www.theiowabarnstormers.com for more information.

Jesse Schmidt Arena Football career receiving statistics:

GP Rec. Yards TD.

2007 (quality control - AF2) 3 1 13 1

2008 (quality control - AF2) 16 131 1799 47

2009 (quality control - AF2) 16 172 2390 58

2010 (OIA - AFL) 16 116 1621 28

Career totals: 51 427 5941 136