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## 2003 SCHEDULE

August 28	at Youngstown State	7:30 p.m.
September 6	at Ashland	7:00 p.m.
September 20	TIFFIN	1:00 p.m.
<i>Family Legacy Weekend</i>		
September 27	EAST STROUDSBURG	1:00 p.m.
October 4	SHIPPENSBURG*	2:00 p.m.
<i>Homecoming</i>		
October 11	at Indiana(Pa.)*	2:00 p.m.
October 18	at Clarion*	1:00 p.m.
October 25	SLIPPERY ROCK*	1:00 p.m.
November 1	at Kutztown	1:05 p.m.
November 8	CALIFORNIA(PA.)*	1:00 p.m.
November 15	at Lock Haven*	1:00 p.m.

HEAD COACH: Lou Tepper

\* PSAC West contest

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## ON THE RADIO

Edinboro University football fans can catch all the Fighting Scot gridiron action on WFSE FM 88.9. The Edinboro student radio station will broadcast all ten games, providing valuable broadcasting experience for Edinboro students, along with quality broadcasts of Fighting Scot athletics.

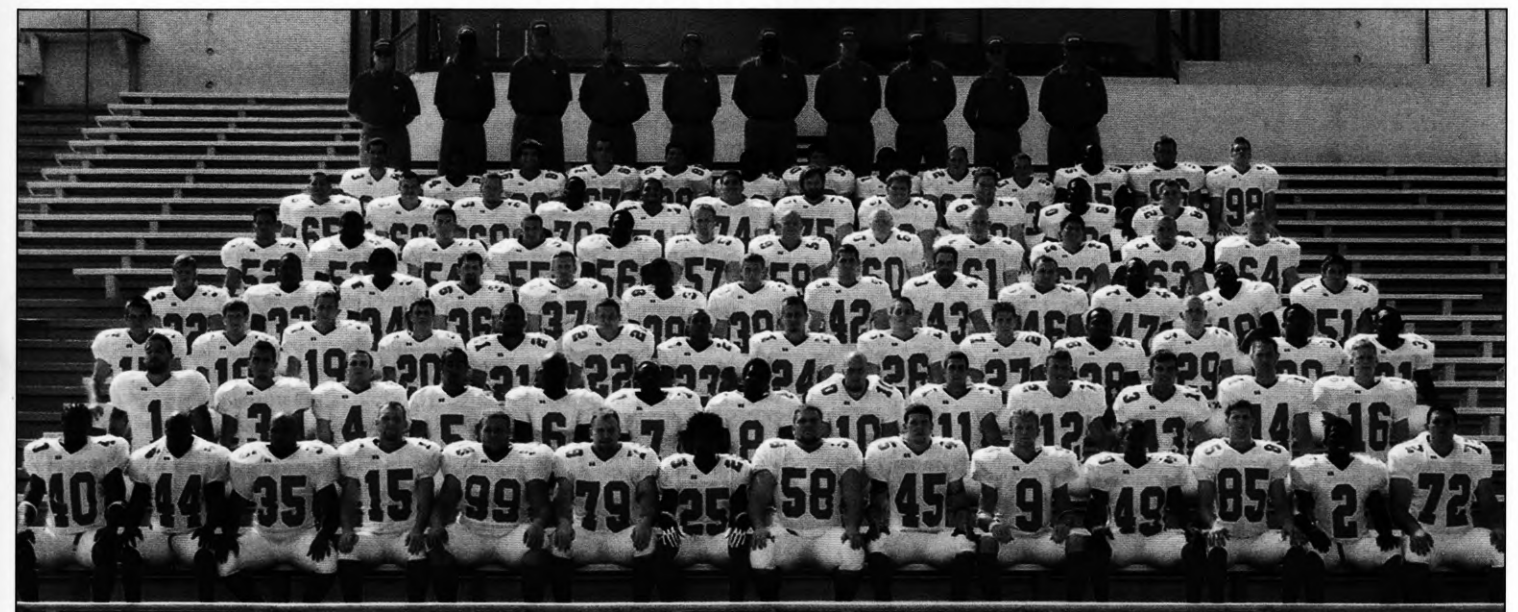
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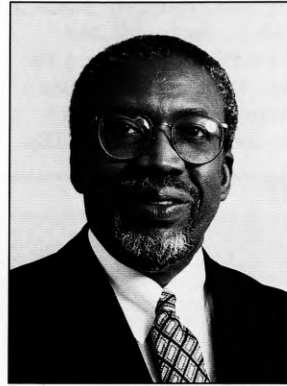
## 2003 EDINBORO FIGHTING SCOTS





# WELCOME TO EDINBORO

Dear Family, Friends and Fans of the Fighting Scots:



Welcome to Edinboro University and thank you for your interest in Fighting Scot Football. We are proud of the spirit of excellence, teamwork and collegiality that is fostered by our men's and women's programs in basketball, cross country, football, soccer, softball, swimming, track, volleyball, wrestling, and wheelchair basketball. Our student-athletes are unique and dedicated individuals who excel both in and out of the classroom. They entertain and inspire us through competition in the PSAC, EWL and NWBA athletic conferences.

The University-wide theme that will guide us through our Sesquicentennial celebration in the year 2006-07 is, "Building a prosperous future through academic excellence and civility." This theme challenges the academic community to consider its role in enabling the success and vitality of our students and the region, state, nation, and world that we serve. Clearly, athletic events and programs enhance the quality of life for the northwestern Pennsylvania region while also providing student-athletes and others with learning experiences that will serve them for a lifetime.

I express appreciation to our coaches and Athletics administration and staff for the excellent leadership and guidance they provide for our student-athletes. It's great to be a Fighting Scot fan! Go Scots!

Sincerely,

Frank G. Pogue  
President

## Dear Fans:

Since arriving in Edinboro in January 2000, I have felt it is essential that we give to the community and vice versa. It has been very gratifying to the response of local organizations in assisting Edinboro football. Three years ago the service organizations proved invaluable working at the Bills - Browns scrimmage, and for the last two years have run our 50/50 raffles. Their assistance was greatly appreciated. Myself and my coaching staff looks forward to working with these organizations once again this year, and thank them for their support of Edinboro Football.

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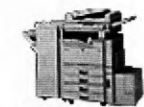
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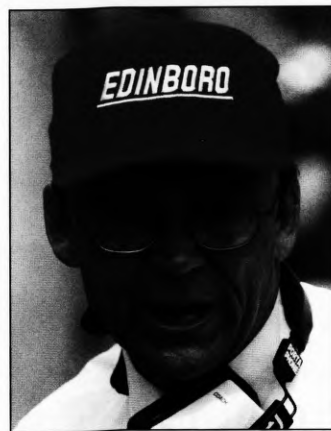
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# HEAD COACH

## Lou Tepper



Veteran Division I mentor Lou Tepper was appointed the 12th head football coach at Edinboro University, officially taking charge of the Fighting Scot program on January 5, 2000.

Tepper inherited an Edinboro program which had won just eleven games in the previous three seasons. The Scots have shown consistent improvement in "Coach Tep's" three years. The 2000 season brought a 5-6 record, matching the Edinboro record for wins by a first-year head coach, and a fifth place PSAC finish. Three of the losses, however, were lopsided. In

2001, Edinboro finished with a deceiving 4-6 record. The Fighting Scots were competitive in every contest and finished third in the PSAC. The victories included a stunning 14-7 upset over 17th-ranked Slippery Rock.

### Background

Tepper, a native of Keystone, PA, returned to the Division II level after coaching at Division I institutions for almost thirty

*"We had an outstanding pool of candidates to choose from, but Lou's integrity, coaching background and national notoriety stood out above the rest. We feel Edinboro provides the opportunity to be one of the top programs in the PSAC, and look at Lou Tepper as the coach to restore our program to that level."*

**Dr. Frank Pogue Jr.**  
President, Edinboro University

MacFarland, and Ken Dilger, all current NFL standouts. In addition, he has worked with some of the top head coaches in the country, including Bill Dooley at Virginia Tech, Bill McCartney at Colorado, John Mackovic at Illinois and Gerry DiNardo at LSU.

"Being a native of western Pennsylvania, it has been neat to be a head coach again and to be a head coach in this environment," Tepper related following his first season at Edinboro. "I've recruited western Pennsylvania for half of my career. It's a joy to be back home."

Tepper completed his second full season as the defensive coordinator at Louisiana State University in 1999. He began his tenure with the Tigers on December 15, 1997, helping LSU to a 27-9 Independence Bowl win over Notre Dame. All told, he has served as a defensive coordinator for 19 of his 36 years in the coaching profession.

### Big Ten Head Coach

The 57-year-old Tepper was appointed the head coach at the University of Illinois on December 13, 1991, just prior to the team's appearance in the John Hancock Sun Bowl. He replaced Mackovic, who left for the head coaching position at the University of Texas. During his five year stint as the Fighting Illini head coach, Tepper compiled a record of 25-31-2, including two more bowl appearances. He guided Illinois to a pair of wins over Ohio State, including one at Columbus; the school's first victory in Ann Arbor against Michigan in 27 years; and three consecutive wins over rival Iowa by a combined score of 122-17. Just as impressive, Tepper graduated 91 percent of his seniors.

Tepper joined the Illinois program in 1988, serving as the defensive coordinator for four seasons and assistant head coach for two years. In his nine seasons at Illinois, he helped the program to six bowl invitations, one Big Ten title and top ten rankings in the AP and UPI polls.

He was honored as the Big Ten's top defensive assistant coach in 1990 by *The Sporting News*. His defensive units annually ranked among the best in the country, finishing 10th in 1989, 14th in 1993, ninth in 1994, and 21st in 1995.

Tepper's 1992 Illini squad finished 6-5-1, suffering a 27-17 defeat to Hawaii in the Holiday Bowl. Illinois went in to Columbus and upset Ohio State, 18-16, and posted a 22-22 tie against Michigan in Ann Arbor.

While his '93 edition finished 5-6, that included a 24-21 win in Ann Arbor against the Wolverines. The Illini made it back to postseason play in 1994, handing East Carolina a 30-0 whitewashing in the Liberty Bowl. The '94 squad finished 7-5, again upsetting one of the elite in the Big Ten. And once again it was on the road, as Illinois shocked Ohio State, 24-10, in Columbus behind Butkus Award winner Dana Howard.

### Linebackers

While Penn State has gained the reputation as "Linebacker U", Illinois could make a good case for that designation as well during Tepper's tenure. He produced consecutive Butkus Award winners in Dana Howard (1994) and Kevin Hardy (1995). Along the way, he also produced Big Ten Defensive Players of the Year in Moe Gardner and Darrick Brownlow (1990), Howard (1993 and '94) and Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year Simeon Rice in 1994. For the only time in Big Ten history, Tepper had four first team All-Big Ten linebackers at his disposal. In all, he has coached over 25 professional linebackers, and recently wrote the book, "Complete Linebacking", a 312-page comprehensive book on linebacker play.

Hardy and Rice became the highest defensive draft duo in the history of the NFL draft in 1996 when Hardy went second to Jacksonville and Rice third to Arizona. That stood until the 2000 NFL Draft when Penn State's Courtney Brown and Lavar Arrington went one-two.

### Personal Data

**Born:** September 7, 1945  
**Hometown:** Keystone, PA  
**College Education:** Rutgers University, B.S. in Physical Education - 1967  
**Playing Experience:** Rutgers University, defensive back - 1965-67  
**Coaching Experience:** University of Pittsburgh - graduate assistant, 1967; University of New Hampshire - running backs/linebackers, 1968-69; defensive coordinator, 1970-71; College of William & Mary - defensive coordinator, 1972-75; assistant head coach/defensive coordinator, 1976-77; Virginia Tech University - linebackers, 1978-82; University of Colorado - defensive coordinator/linebackers, 1983-85; assistant head coach, 1986-87; University of Illinois - defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, 1988-89; assistant head coach, 1990-91; head coach, 1991-96; LSU - defensive coordinator/linebackers, 1998-99  
**Wife:** Karen  
**Children:** Matthew (28), Stacy Ann (26)

# HEAD COACH

### Pittsburgh

Tepper began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Pittsburgh in 1967, then moved on to the University of New Hampshire from 1968-71, coaching the running backs and linebackers before becoming the defensive coordinator. His next stop was the College of William & Mary, where he joined former New Hampshire head coach Jim Root as the defensive coordinator from 1972-77. The 1976 William & Mary squad posted the school's best record in thirty years. He was the assistant head coach his final year at William & Mary.

### Virginia Tech

In 1978, Virginia Tech head coach Bill Dooley hired Tepper as his linebackers coach. Tepper helped build the Hokies into a consistent bowl contender with a defense that annually ranked among the nation's top ten. He stayed at Virginia Tech from 1978-82, working with Outland Trophy winner and Buffalo Bills great Bruce Smith, among others. The 1980 Hokie edition played Miami(FL) in the Peach Bowl.

### Colorado

Tepper joined Bill McCartney's staff at Colorado in 1983, serving as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach until departing for Illinois in 1988. Tepper helped turn around a Buffalo defense which ranked No. 100 nationally in yards allowed prior to his arrival, to one which was as high as 11th in Division I in total defense. He earned the title of assistant head coach to McCartney his final two seasons, and helped the Buffaloes to the 1985 Freedom Bowl and the 1986 Blue Bonnet Bowl. Among the assistant coaches at Colorado was Gerry DiNardo, who would later bring Tepper in to direct his LSU defense.

### Personal Background

Tepper, born September 7, 1945, graduated from Rutgers University in 1967. He enjoyed a standout career as a defensive back at Rutgers from 1965-67. As a player, Tepper led the Scarlet Knights in interceptions as a junior and tackles as a senior. He won the George Cronin Trophy as the Most Improved Player in 1965.

Tepper is an active member of the American Football Coaches Association and presently sits on the All-American committee, and has previously served on the NCAA Ethics Committee. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has spoken for

### TEPPER'S MOST MEMORABLE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	Comments
December 1991	UCLA	L, 3-6	Tommy Maddox-led Bruins win the Sun Bowl in Tepper's first game as head coach
September 1992	Northern Illinois	W, 30-14	Tepper's first win as a head coach
October 10, 1992	at Ohio State	W, 18-16	Tepper's first Big Ten win
October 31, 1992	at Michigan	T, 22-22	Illini come away with a win and a tie in Columbus and Ann Arbor
November 14, 1992	Michigan State	W, 14-10	Victory puts the Illini in Holiday Bowl in San Diego
October 16, 1993	at Iowa	W, 49-3	First victory over Iowa coach Hayden Fry
October 23, 1993	at Michigan	W, 24-21	First victory in Ann Arbor for Illini in 27 years
October 8, 1994	at Ohio State	W, 24-10	National television victory helps Dana Howard win the Butkus Award as Illini win back-to-back games in Columbus
November 12, 1994	Penn State	L, 31-35	Joe Paterno's undefeated Nittany Lions get biggest scare of the year on national television.
December 31, 1994	East Carolina	W, 30-0	Illini post shutout victory in Liberty Bowl
September 16, 1995	Arizona	W, 9-7	Upset of nationally-ranked Wildcats and Desert Swarm defense
November 25, 1995	at Wisconsin	T, 3-3	The last tie in Big Ten history ruins Illinois' fourth bowl bid
October 5, 1996	Indiana	W, 46-43	The first overtime game in Big Ten history

Promise-Keepers, founded by former Colorado coach Bill McCartney. Tepper and his wife, Karen, have two children, Matthew, who recently graduated from Edinboro with a Master's Degree in Counseling, and Stacy Ann, a graduate of LSU who is the grants manager for Meals on Wheels in Columbus, OH.



Lou Tepper brought plenty of intensity and determination, not to mention a winning attitude, to the Edinboro sideline.

### LOU TEPPER'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

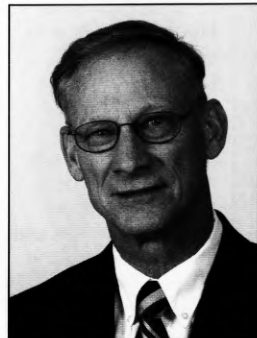
Year	Record	School	Bowl
1991	0-1	Illinois	Sun Bowl
1992	6-5-1	Illinois	Holiday Bowl
1993	5-6	Illinois	
1994	7-5	Illinois	Liberty Bowl
1995	5-5-1	Illinois	
1996	2-9	Illinois	
2000	5-6	Edinboro	
2001	4-6	Edinboro	
2002	5-6	Edinboro	



# ASSISTANT COACHES

## Ray Gilman

### Strong Safeties



Ray Gilman is in his second season as an assistant coach for the Fighting Scots. He will work with the strong safeties. In addition, Gilman will oversee the equipment operations.

Gilman has plenty of experience on the high school level, including serving as

the head coach for the Allegheny-Clarion Valley High School team in 2000 and 2001, after beginning there as an assistant coach in 1997. The team is in a co-op with Cranberry High School, and participated in the Class AAA District IV Playoffs four of the five seasons.

Gilman previously had stints as an assistant coach at Northern High School in Dillsburg, PA and Pittsburgh North Catholic High School. He also served as the head coach at Finley (Pa.) Junior High School, where one of the players on his team was Joe Montana.

In the summer of 2001, Gilman guided the Pennsylvania All-Stars to the gold medal in the Down Under Bowl in Australia.

A 1966 graduate of Lock Haven State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health & Physical Education, Gilman resides in Hilliards, PA with his wife, Kay. His son, Chris, a transfer from Lock Haven, is in his second year as a Fighting Scot defensive back.

## Robin Cole Jr.

### Tight Ends



Robin Cole Jr. is in his first year as an assistant coach with the Fighting Scots. He will work with the tight ends.

Cole originally came to the Edinboro campus a year ago as an instructor in the Health & Physical Education department.

A 2000 graduate of Robert Morris College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a Sport's Management concentration, Cole played for the Colonials then

served as a graduate assistant coach on Joe Walton's staff in 2001. He was a three-year letterwinner and two-year starter at left guard. He coached the tight ends at Robert Morris.

He also excelled at track and field, setting school records in the hammer throw (136'10") and shot put (48'5"). The hammer throw record has since been broken, but the shot put standard still stands. He placed third in the 1998 Northeast Conference indoor championships in the shot put.

Cole is the son of former Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker Robin Cole. He and his wife Kimberley Denise reside in Erie. He completed work on his Master's Degree in Communications and Information Systems from Robert Morris in 2002.

## D.K. McDonald

### Defensive Backs



Former Edinboro standout D.K. McDonald returns this year to serve as an assistant coach. He will assist defensive coordinator Rod Boykin with the defensive backs.

McDonald was a four-year starter for the Fighting Scots at cornerback from 1997-2000, earning first team All-PSAC West honors as a junior when he finished with 29 tackles and a team-high 11 passes broken up. He finished his career with 108 tackles, 4 interceptions and 34 passes broken up, leading the team in the final category in all but his sophomore year.

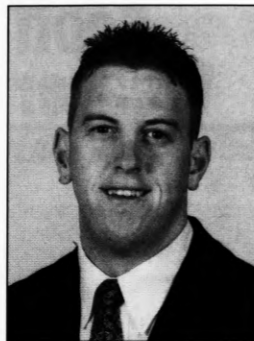
A 2001 graduate of Edinboro with a Bachelor's Degree in History, McDonald is an area representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is extremely active in the Erie area as a speaker.

An outstanding student, McDonald was a four-year Edinboro Scholar-Athlete. The native of Orrville, OH resides in Erie.

## Sean McNicholas

### Kickers

A familiar face returns to instruct the punters and placekickers. All-American punter Sean McNicholas holds virtually every Edinboro punting record and ranks high on the kicking charts. He is in his first season as an assistant while working to complete work on his



Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communications.

McNicholas was a consensus All-American a year ago while averaging a school-record 44.2 yards per punt. He was accorded first team AFCA and Associated Press Little All-America accolades, and was a

second team Football Gazette, D2Football.com and Daktronics All-American.

The native of Kirtland, OH went on to sign as a free agent with the New York Jets before being released in June.

McNicholas departed as the career record-holder for punting average (41.0 yards) and punts (236). He served as Edinboro's placekicker for three years, and ranks third in career field goals made (26) and attempted (51). As a sophomore he booted a 53-yard field goal, the second-longest in PSAC history.

## Dale Stoner

### Strength Training



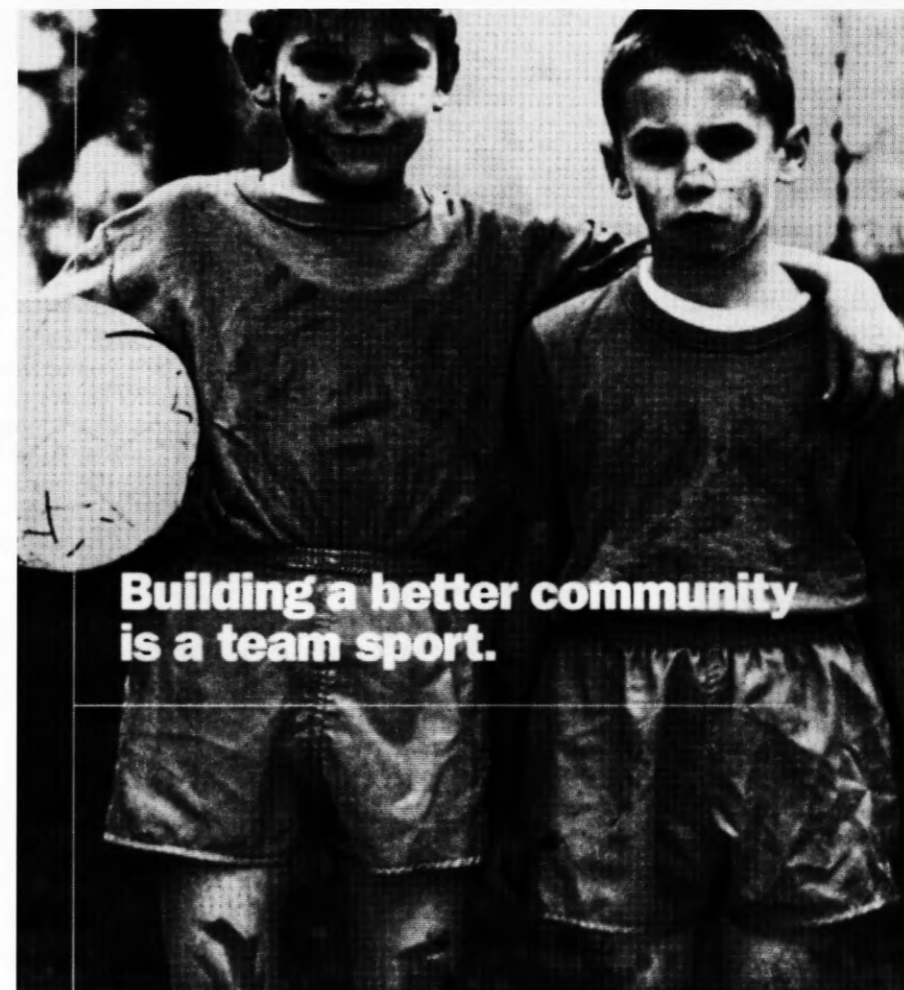
Two years ago, Dale Stoner made news as a 42-year-old graduate student in his first season of football at Edinboro. Now Stoner aids the Fighting Scots in another manner, serving as a volunteer in charge of strength training.

Stoner appeared in two games in 2001 at defensive tackle, making his first appearance on the gridiron in the win over Gannon.

A 1980 graduate of Clarion University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration -- Marketing & Management, is active as a youth coach in the Edinboro area. He owns and operates Stoner Financial Management, and has been a financial consultant for over twenty years.

He has an equally impressive background in powerlifting. Stoner has won two Master's Division National Championships and one world championship. He holds 65 records, including three world and 14 American records.

Stoner and his wife, Susie, reside in Edinboro with their three children -- Katie (19), Robert (15), and Christopher (12).



# BEHIND THE SCENES



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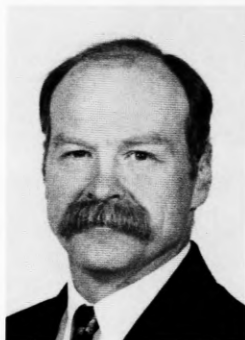
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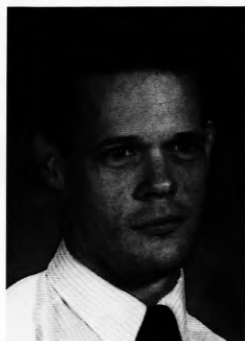
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# EDINBORO MARCHING BAND

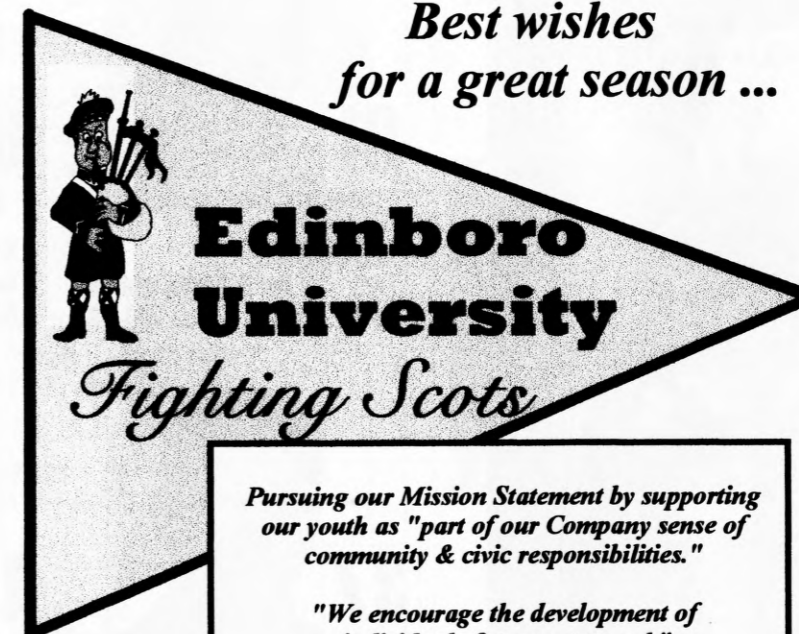


Under the direction of Mr. Chuck Lute, this year's Spirit of the Scots Marching Band has 80 members and will perform at all home football games and the Clarion away game. Music for the band includes "Havana", "Hey Pachuco!", "All Night Long" and "Scotland The Brave". Pre-game music is "Tommy, Pinball Wizard" and "God Bless America". The chairman of the music department is Dr. Gary S. Grant, with Kathy Pernisek the department secretary. Staff and section leaders are Justin Turpin (drum major), Jennifer Dominick (drum major), Emily Praster (tams captain), Stephanie Skinner (tams captain), Renae Armstrong (flag captain), Susan Mullin (flag captain), Dana Farley (flute), Chris Ross (flute), Daniel Carr (clarinet), Steve Dufalla (saxophone), Brent Johnson (trumpet), Geoff Donvall (trumpet), Erin Scully (mellophone), Cliff Brandt (trombone/baritone), Brad Earnest (trombone/baritone), Meaghan Bayless (tuba), Jamie Roberts (percussion), Jennifer Dominick (uniform manager), Andrew Beazley (webmaster), Chris Ross (public relations), Erin Scully, Daniel Carr (special projects), Brad Earnest, Dana Farley, Steve Dufalla (spirit leaders), Paul Bauer, Jamie Olson (drill assistants), and Erin Scully (music library).

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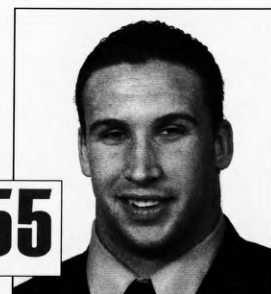
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**CHRIS AVERY** CB  
So. Berea, OH  
5'10" 170 lbs.



**36**

**J.D. BAKER** TB  
Jr. Mansfield, PA  
5'8" 194 lbs.



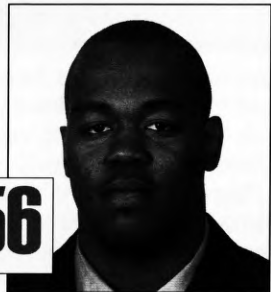
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**BRANDON BANAS** ILB  
Jr. Buffalo, NY  
6'1" 208 lbs.



**19**

**MATT BARLEY** P  
Jr. Springville, NY  
5'11" 197 lbs.



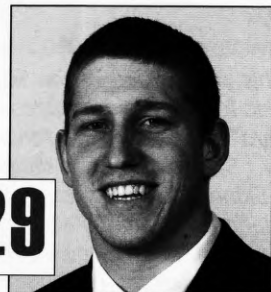
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**JAMES BARNETT** OLB  
So. Sharon, PA  
6'2" 245 lbs.



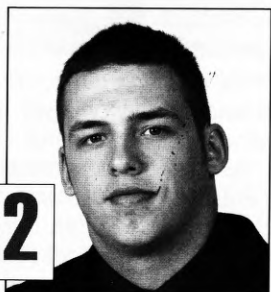
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**MATT BIRKETT** CB  
Sr. Cambridge, MA  
5'11" 165 lbs.



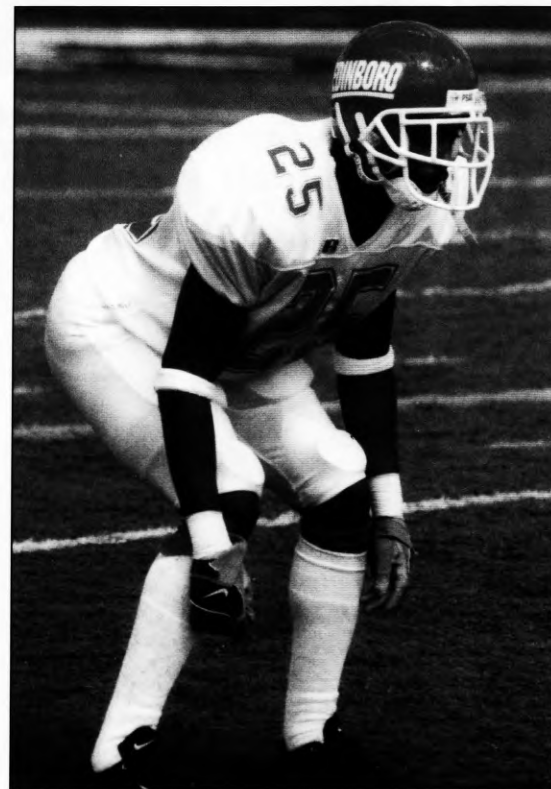
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**JORDAN BOBITSKI** WR  
Jr. Pittsburgh, PA  
6'2" 197 lbs.

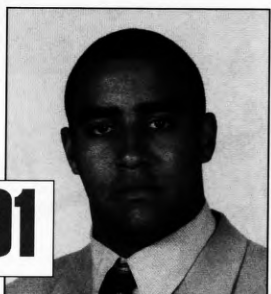


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**JUSTIN BOUCH** QB  
So. Brackenridge, PA  
6'3" 201 lbs.

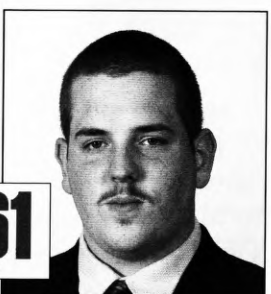


Senior CB Matt Birkett



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**ED BROWN** TE  
Jr. North Springfield, PA  
6'4" 254 lbs.



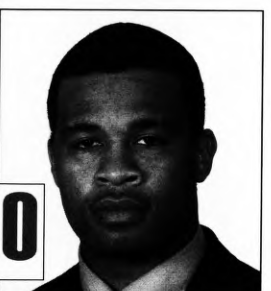
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**STEVE BRUNO** OG  
So. New Castle, PA  
6'3" 270 lbs.



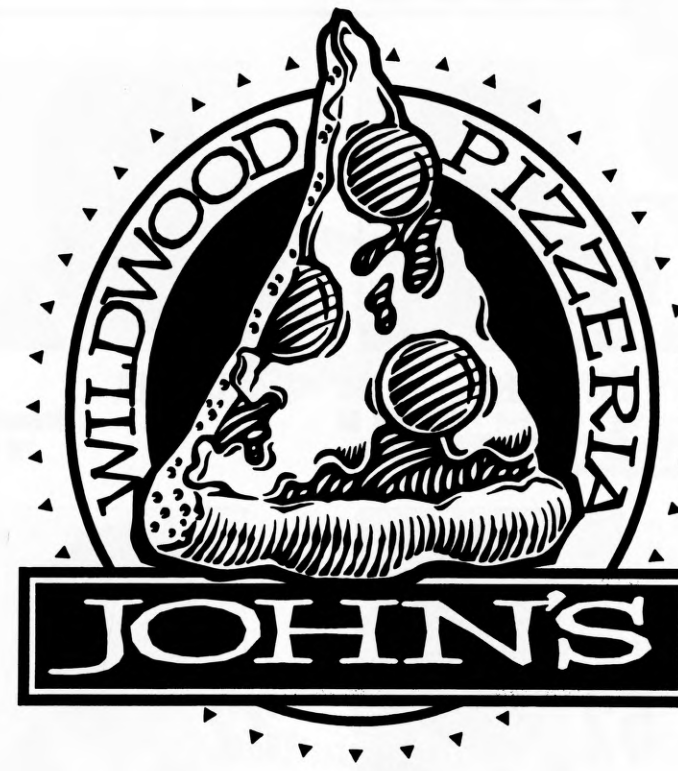
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**REGIS BURNS** SS  
So. Jefferson, OH  
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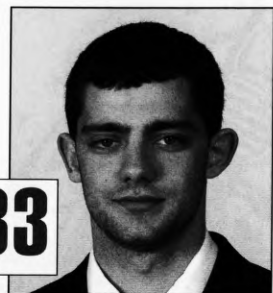
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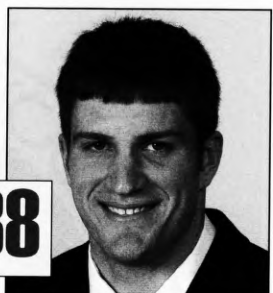
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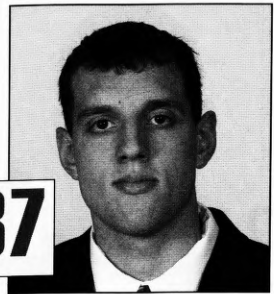
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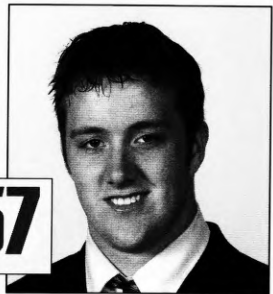
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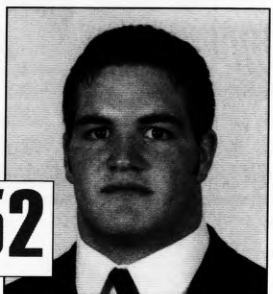
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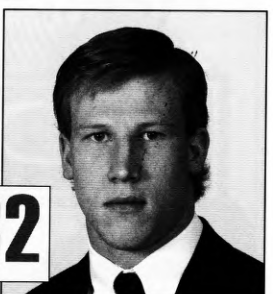
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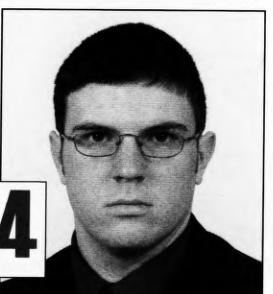


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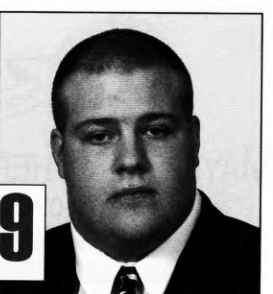


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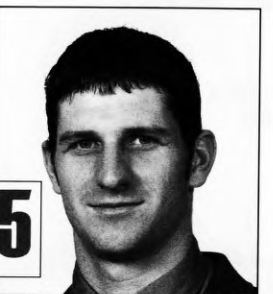
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**ANDREW GRIFFITH** C  
Jr. Edinboro, PA  
6'0" 232 lbs.



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**EUGENE GROOMS** NG  
Sr. Huttonville, ONT  
6'1" 300 lbs.



**85**

**SEAN HESS** WR  
Sr. Vandergrift, PA  
6'4" 197 lbs.



**79**

**OTTO HOOVER** DT  
Sr. Alliquippa, PA  
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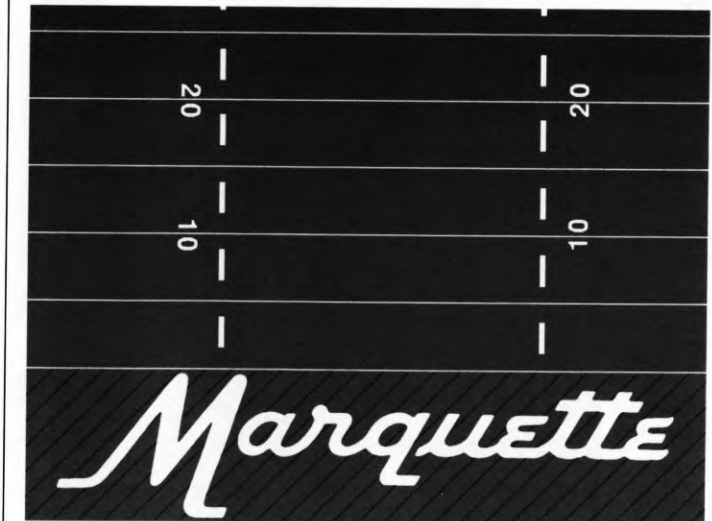
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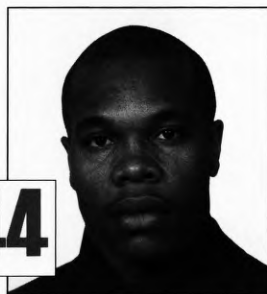
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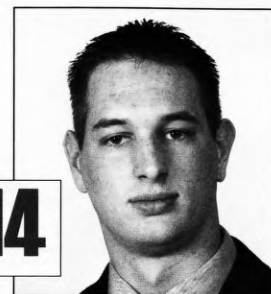


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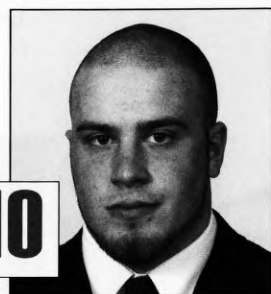
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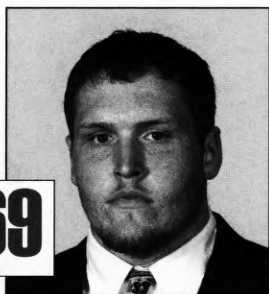
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**BRANDON HUNT** QB  
Fr.-F Hornell, NY  
6'7" 232 lbs.



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**DAVE JAZENSKI** ILB  
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5'11" 220 lbs.



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**CHRIS KACZOR** OG  
Fr.-F Brook Park, OH  
6'2" 275 lbs.



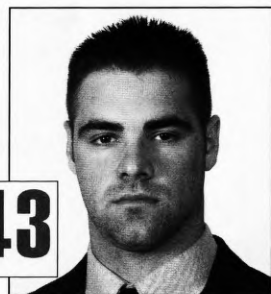
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**TOM LAVERDE** WR  
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**JUSTIN LIPSCOMB** WR  
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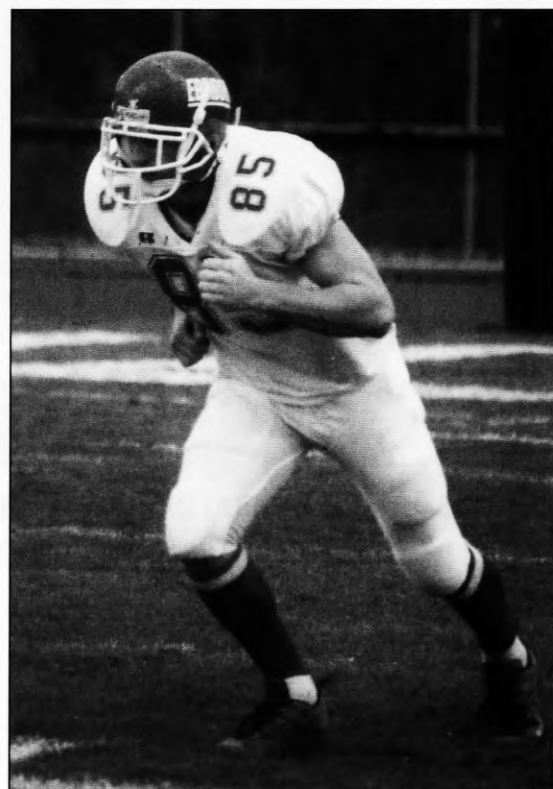
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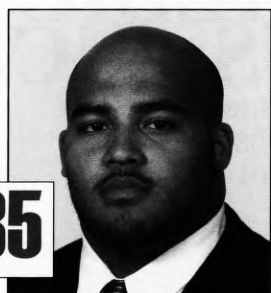


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**CAM MARSH** QB  
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Senior WR Sean Hess



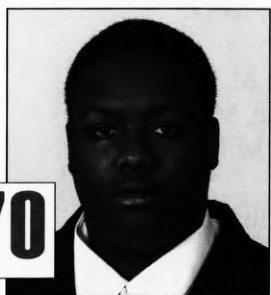
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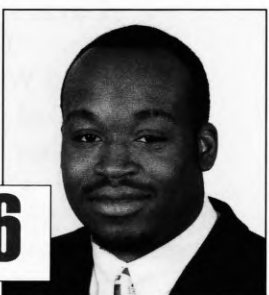
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**MATT MCADAMS** QB  
Sr. Falls Church, VA  
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70

**MIKE MILLS** OT  
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**BRANDON MUNSON** TB  
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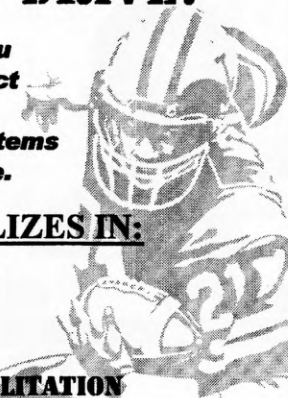
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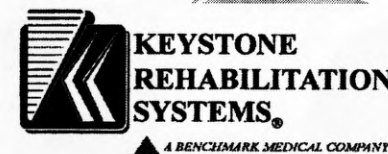
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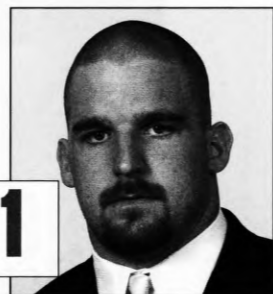
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**ERIC NEAVINS** DT  
 Jr. Erie, PA  
 6'3" 290 lbs.



**75**  
**JASON OMAN** OT  
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 6'4" 325 lbs.



**58**  
**ANTHONY PELUSO** OG  
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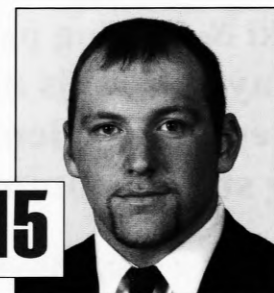
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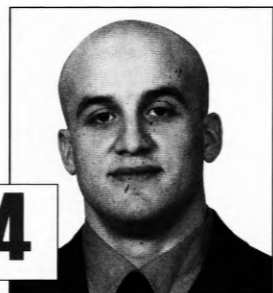
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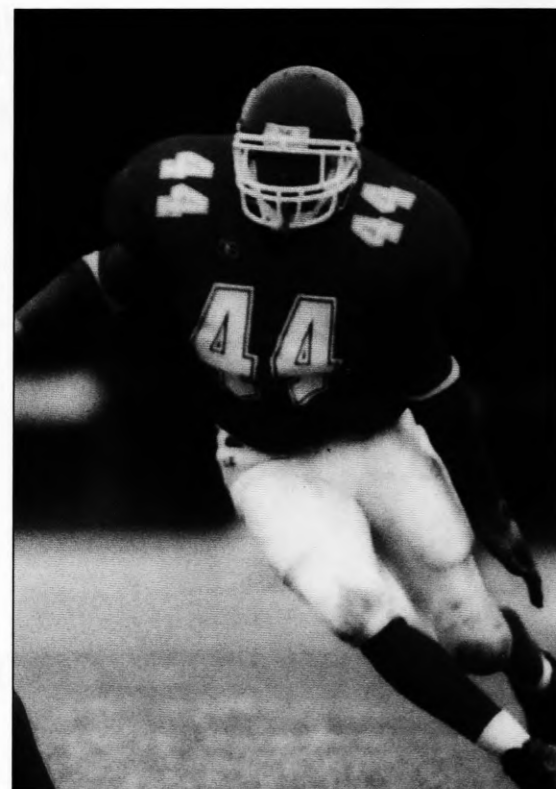
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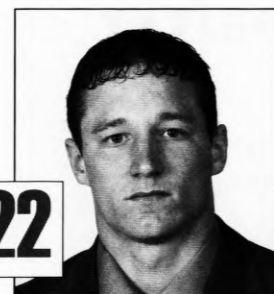
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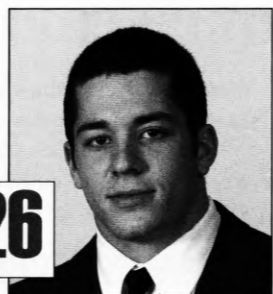
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Senior ILB Jermaine Hughley



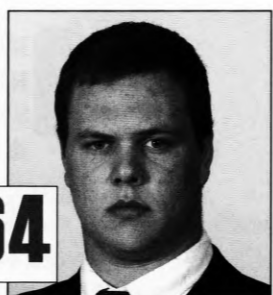
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 Fr.-F Garretttsville, OH  
 6'2" 183 lbs.



**26**  
**BEN STROUP** ILB  
 Fr.-F Hilliard, OH  
 6'1" 183 lbs.



**65**  
**ANTHONY SUFRA** OG  
 So. Rochester, NY  
 6'2" 289 lbs.



**64**  
**ANTHONY TEDESCO** C  
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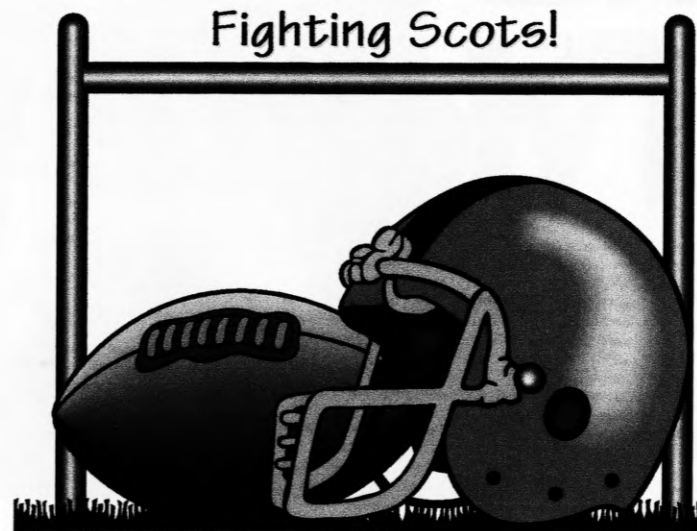
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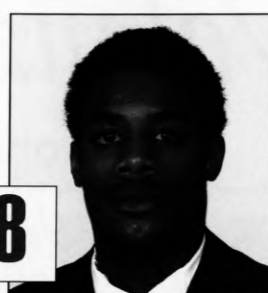
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**KYLE THORNE** DE  
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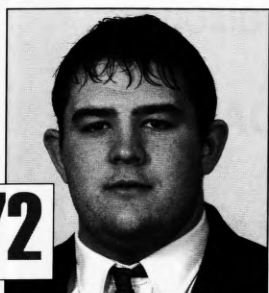
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**JAY ULMER** WR  
Jr. Webster, NY  
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**RYAN VALASEK** WR  
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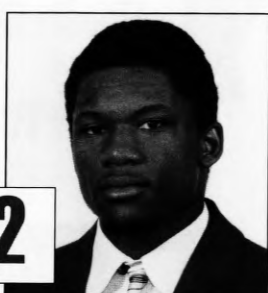
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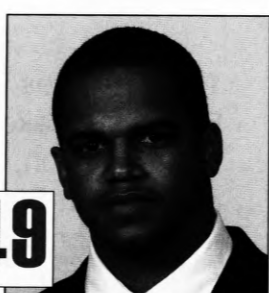
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**ELI VISNICK** PK  
So. Harrison City, PA  
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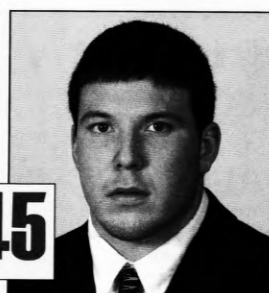


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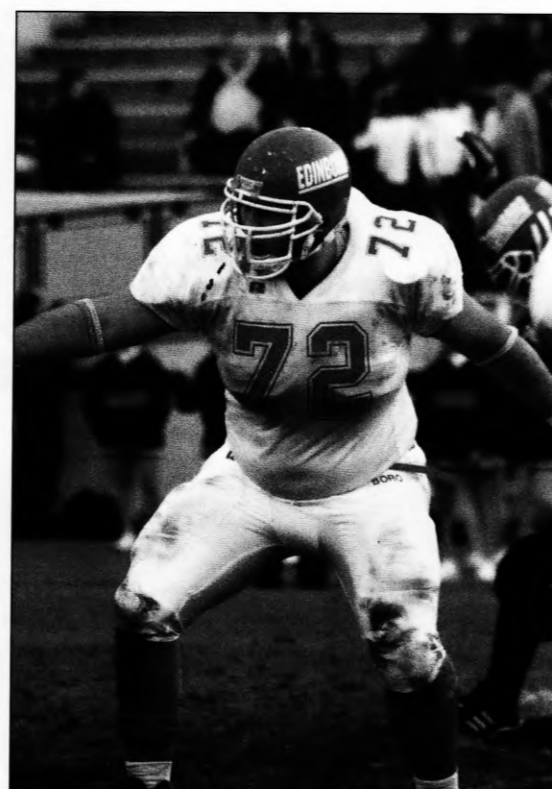


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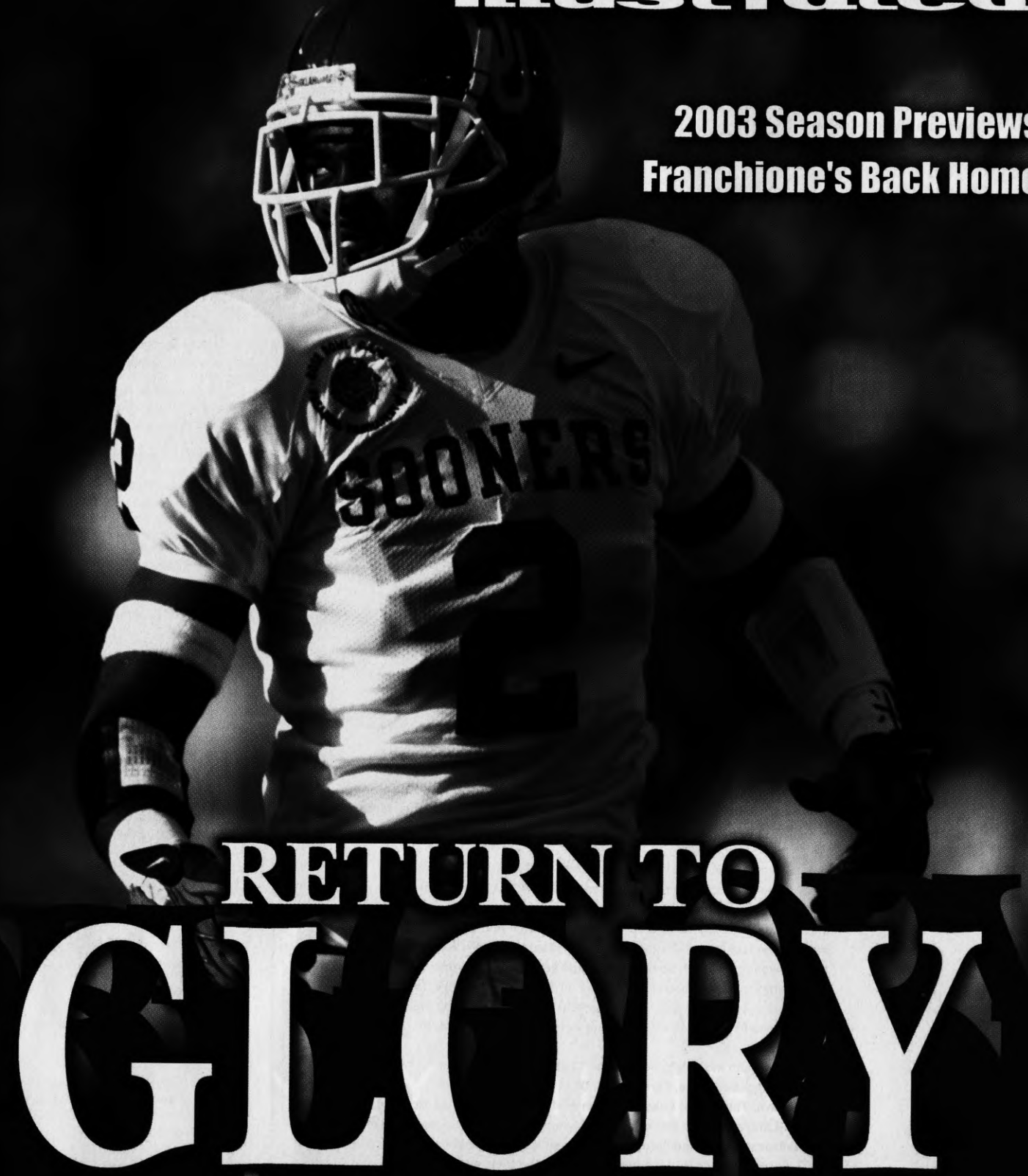
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### DIVISION III PREVIEW: LONG OVERDUE

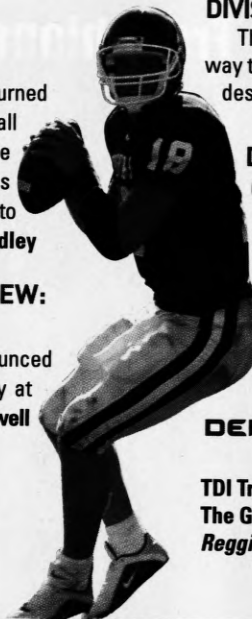
The Capital Crusaders have come a long way to earn the respect they feel they've deserved all along. **By Eli Pacheco**

### DIVISION I-A PREVIEW: COMPLETING THE TOP 10

The Sooners will have some stiff competition this season, as the rest of the top 10 is filled with the past two national champions, a couple fellow Big 12 combatants and a few rising powers. **By Tom Jordan**

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COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

### KEEP AN EYE ON...

Oklahoma quarterback Jason White

**Game:** Maryland at Florida State; September 6 at Doak S. Campbell Stadium  
**Last Meeting:** Florida State 37, Maryland 10 (9/14/02 at Maryland)  
**Breakdown:** Until Miami begins play in the ACC next season, the Terps pose the greatest threat to the Seminoles for the conference crown. Maryland head coach Ralph Friedgen, now in his third season in College Park, has quickly guided the program in the right direction. Despite the loss of All-America linebacker E.J. Henderson, the Terps defense is very solid, and the return of top running back Bruce Perry gives the offense a huge boost. Speaking of offense, the Seminoles are counting highly on the reemergence of quarterback Chris Rix to lead the FSU attack.

**Game:** Notre Dame at Michigan; September 6 at Michigan Stadium  
**Last Meeting:** Notre Dame 25, Michigan 23 (9/14/02 at Notre Dame)  
**Breakdown:** The Fighting Irish surprised many critics last season with an 8-0 start, including an upset of the Wolverines. Second-year head coach Tyrone Willingham took one of the most pressure-filled jobs in the nation last year and did wonders with it. Special teams and defense is the name of the game for Willingham, and those should be the strengths of this Notre Dame team again this season. Michigan looks to unseat Ohio State atop the Big Ten, and revenge against the Irish will go a long way in proving their worth.

**Game:** Fordham at Lehigh; September 13 at Goodman Stadium  
**Last Meeting:** Lehigh 26, Fordham 23, OT (11/2/02 at Fordham)  
**Breakdown:** The Patriot League is at an all-time high right now. Granted, Lehigh-Lafayette is the country's longest running rivalry, but over the past few seasons, Lehigh and Fordham have given the league national respect. In 2002, Fordham made it to the quarterfinals of the Division I-AA playoffs, and head coach Dave Clawson is hoping his vaunted offense can bring a national title to the Bronx. Lehigh, a veteran of the DI-AA playoffs in recent years, is looking to get back into postseason play, and the Mountain Hawks possess the weapons to keep up with the Rams' attack.

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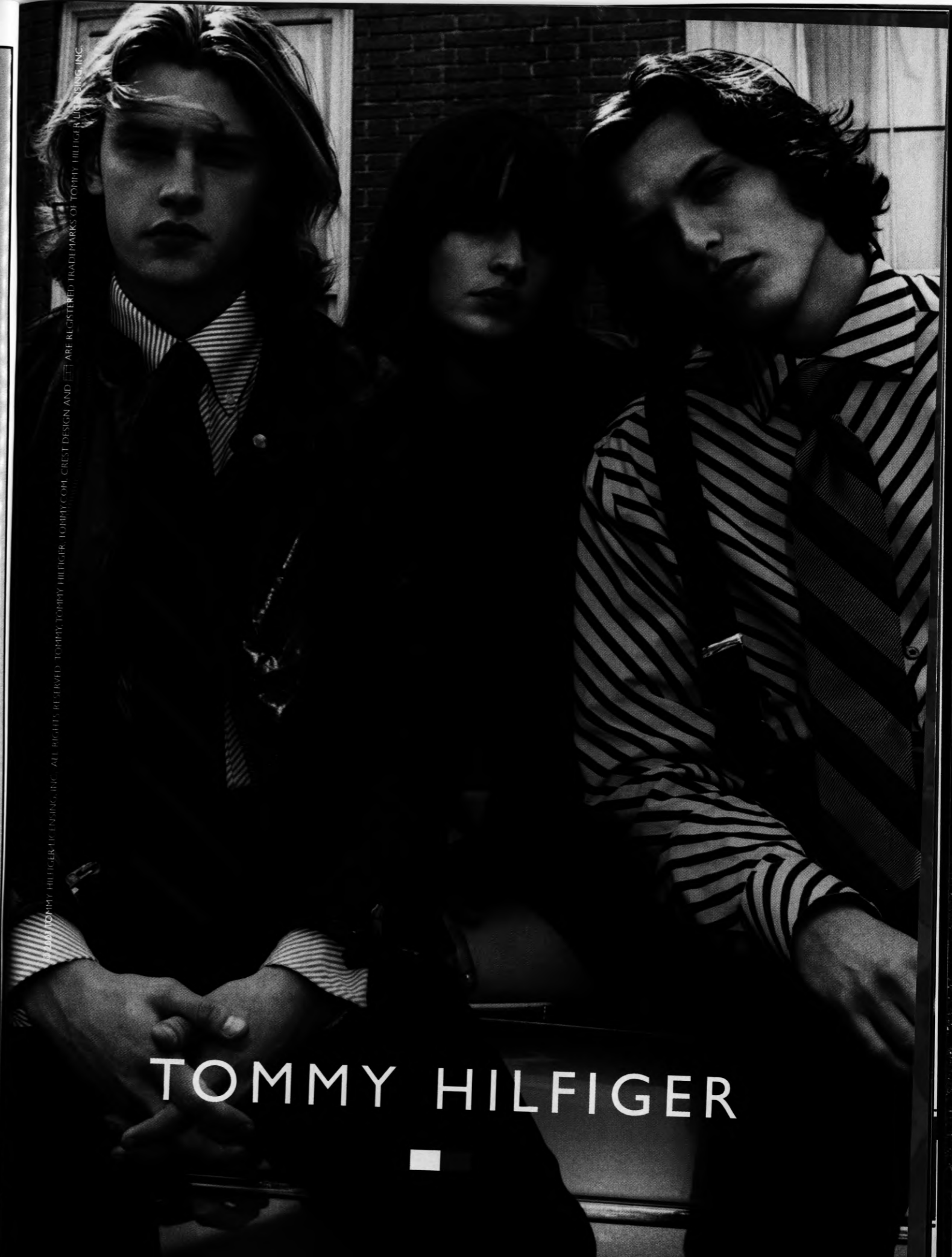
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Free safety Brandon Everage and defensive tackle Tommie Harris (below) strike fear into opposing teams with a dominating combination of size, speed and knowledge at their respective positions.

# BACK ON TOP

THE OKLAHOMA SOONERS ARE LOOKING TO RIDE A FEROCIOUS DEFENSE ALL THE WAY TO NEW ORLEANS AND BRING HOME THEIR SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FOUR YEARS

**W**hat do the Oklahoma Sooners have that other teams do not? A better question would be what don't they have? And the answer would be nothing.

Oklahoma has everything a successful football team could need—a great defense, a senior quarterback and a coach who knows how to put it all together. And now the Sooners have the distinction of being selected as the No. 1 team in the land by *Touchdown Illustrated*.

Their season-long goal, of course, is to earn a trip to the Sugar Bowl come January and win their eighth national title.

The Sooners last won the big prize following the 2000 season, when their smothering defense overwhelmed the heavily favored Florida State Seminoles, 13-2, in the Orange Bowl. The unit that year ranked seventh in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 14.9 points per game, and carried Oklahoma to its perfect 13-0 season. Last year,

BY TOM JORDAN

the Sooners were statistically comparable, yielding 15.4 points on average, and nine starters from that side of the ball have returned. No question defense is the major reason the Sooners are 43-9 in four seasons under head coach Bob Stoops, and it's hard to find a single chink in their armor.

The heart of the defense is at linebacker, where last season's top two tacklers reside. Seniors Lance Mitchell and Teddy Lehman combined to make 236 tackles, 36 of them for loss. Mitchell forced four fumbles and sacked the quarterback three times. Lehman, one of three finalists for the Butkus Award in 2002, added a pair of sacks, interceptions and fumble recoveries. Senior Pasha Jackson played in 13 games and had 34 tackles. Backups Brandon Shelby, Russell Dennison and Clint Ingram all have substantial experience.

Senior free safety Brandon Everage led a secondary that ranked ninth in the nation

against the pass (96.96 efficiency rating) and picked off 24 balls. Everage tied for the team lead in interceptions (six) with cornerback Derrick Strait. Eric Basseley had two interceptions to go along with 60 tackles from the strong safety spot, and he's just a sophomore. Andre Woolfolk, a cornerback, was one of two players to graduate, which opened a permanent position for Antonio Perkins. The junior did a little of everything last season, logging in time at linebacker, cornerback and as a featured player on special teams. In his travels, he picked off four passes and returned them for 111 yards, one for a 50-yard touchdown against UTEP. He also brought back three kicks for scores, the longest for 91 yards against Tulsa.

Tackles Tommie Harris and Kory Klein and end Jonathan Jackson all return to a frighteningly good defensive line. Jackson, a junior, is tops among the returnees with 56 tackles, 12 for loss, and six sacks, but it's Harris who gives opposing coaches fits. The 6-3, 280-pound sophomore is faster than a speeding bullet (4.67 in the 40-yard dash) and more powerful than a locomotive (440-pound bench press). As if Jackson and Harris aren't enough, Klein requires double teams, as well. Make no

mistake, the loss of defensive end Jimmy Wilkerson (57 tackles, 12 for loss, and six sacks) will be felt, but Dan Cody made an impact in parts of 13 games as an understudy.

With the front four commanding so much attention, Oklahoma is free to bring pressure, usually unblocked, from every which way. Team totals of 126 tackles for loss and 36 sacks are proof of the Sooners' constant room to maneuver.

Dusty Dvoracek and Lynn McGruder, who played in 12 and 10 games, respectively, as sophomores, give the Sooners uncommon depth in their interior.

While the defense has played at a national championship level consistently, shortcomings on offense, as well as a couple of damning losses to ancient rival Oklahoma State, have prevented the Sooners from reaching the mountaintop in each of the past two seasons. It's tough to find fault with a combined 23 wins in 2001 and '02, a 13-4 mark in the Big 12 and a couple of bowl wins, including Oklahoma's first-ever Rose Bowl victory last January. It's just that anything short of utter dominance is a bit of

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## ON THE DEFENSIVE

Oklahoma's recipe for a dominating defense is no secret—a star at practically every position and plenty in reserve.

Four Sooners—free safety Brandon Everage, tackle Tommie Harris, linebacker Teddy Lehman and cornerback Derrick Strait—were among the 36 players nominated in the preseason for the Bronko Nagurski Award, which recognizes the nation's top defensive player. No other school had as many as three.

But choosing just four standouts from the Sooners' stop unit is like naming your four favorite Beatles songs; you're just brushing the veneer of greatness. Everage and Strait are components of a defensive backfield that includes emerging stars Antonio Perkins and Eric Basseley. Harris plays alongside Jonathan Jackson, Kory Klein and Dan Cody, who appears poised to burst into prominence. Lehman's partner at linebacker, Lance Mitchell, led Oklahoma in tackles last year with 124.

Some terrific recruiting by coach Bob Stoops has stacked the Oklahoma defense, which has maintained its high standard since Stoops arrived in Norman in 1999, allowing averages of 19.1, 14.9, 13.0 and 15.4 points per game in each of the past four seasons, respectively. When Roy Williams, the 2001 Nagurski Award winner, left for the NFL, recruit Basseley claimed the safety spot. This year Perkins and Cody step into positions vacated by cornerback Andre Woolfolk and defensive end Jimmy Wilkerson, both of whom are NFL-bound.

It's no surprise that Stoops' latest efforts have produced another top-five recruiting class, adding further depth, and no doubt a group of future stars, to a balanced and powerful defensive unit.

—TJ



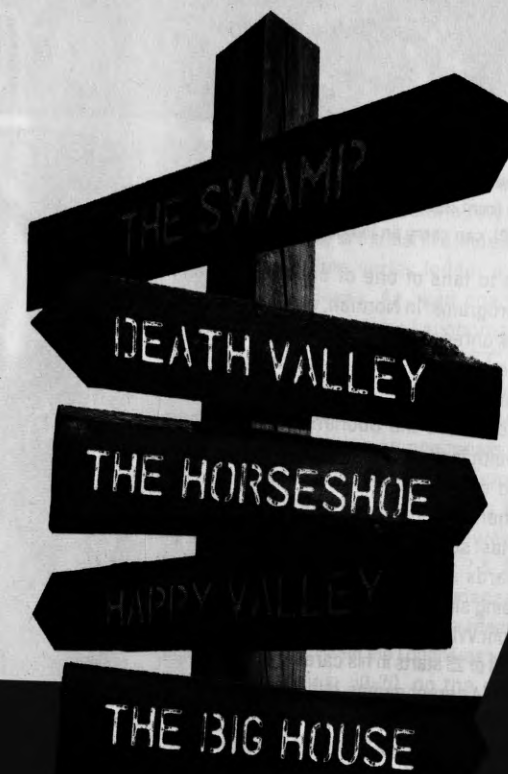
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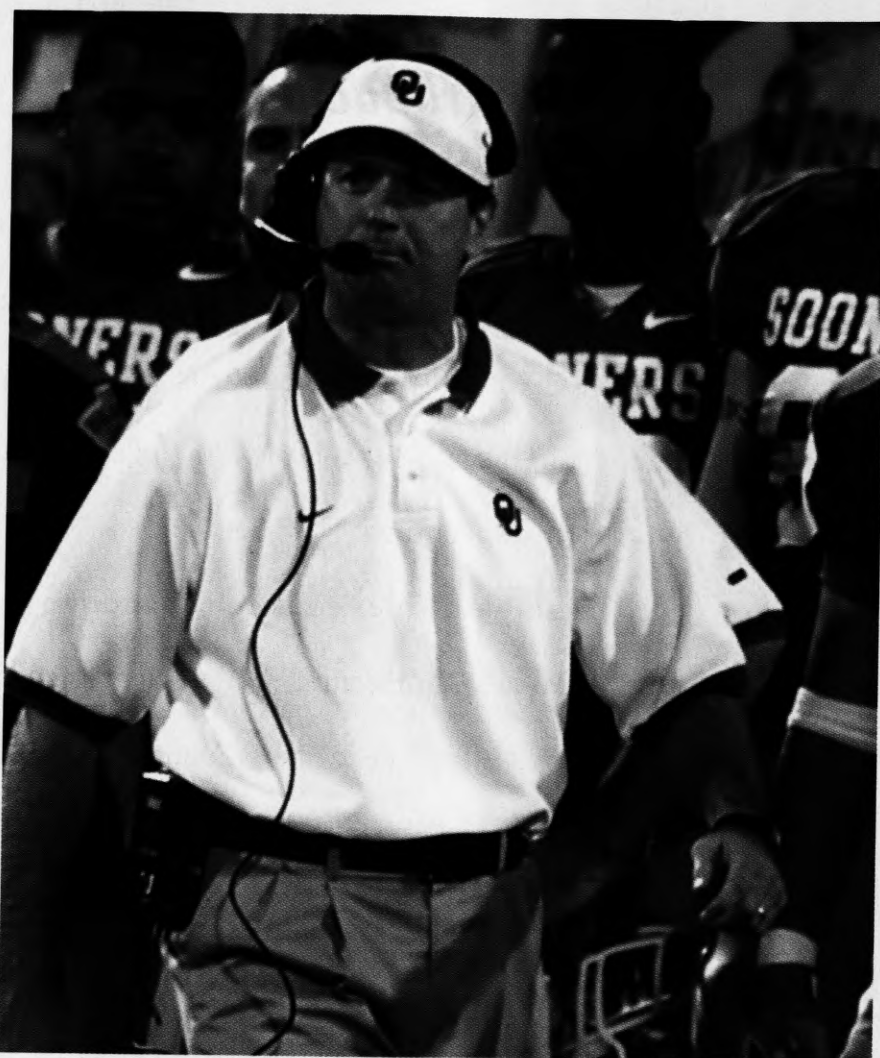
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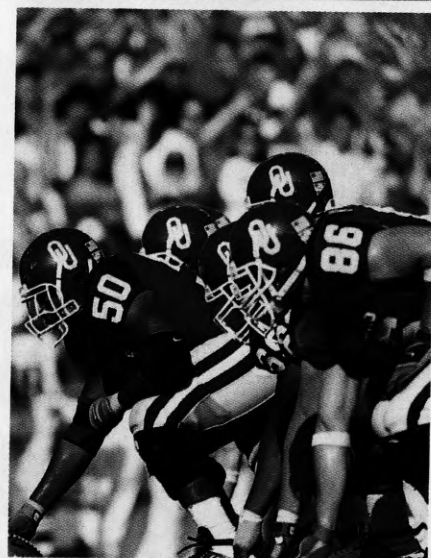


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Head coach Bob Stoops, who holds an impressive 43-9 four-year record at Oklahoma, hopes an impressive front line, anchored by center Vince Carter (#50), can carry an inexperienced offense.

a letdown to fans of one of college football's greatest programs. In Norman, expectations are sometimes unreachable.

The great burden of expectation exists still, and it will be up to an offense that returns only four starters to ensure the Sooners don't fall short again. Health is the main issue, as Jason White returns to run the show. White's 2001 season ended when he tore the ACL in his left leg. He returned last season to complete 20 of 34 passes for 181 yards and a touchdown in two games, before being sidelined with a torn right ACL. Nate Hybl, whom White had beaten out for the starting job, won 20 of 23 starts in his career but is no longer around. In 14 career games, White has completed 63 percent of his 149 pass attempts, good for 871 yards, six touchdowns and five interceptions. With only sophomores Paul Thompson, who has some game experience, and Brent Rawls, who has none,



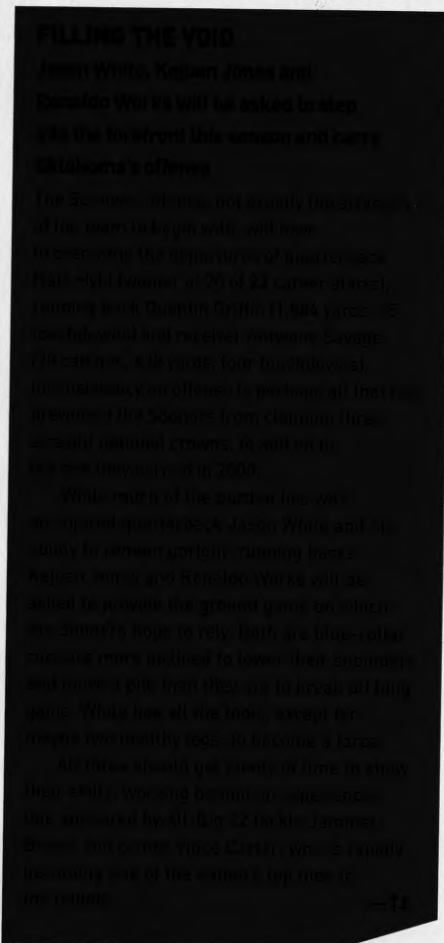
in reserve, White simply must stay healthy.

The responsibility of keeping White out of danger falls on the shoulders of three returning junior linemen—tackles Wes Sims and Jammal

Brown and center Vince Carter. Sophomores Kelvin Chaisson and Davin Joseph are expected to start at the guard spots.

Undoubtedly the biggest loss the Sooners suffered was the graduation of Quentin Griffin, who kept the chains moving with 1,884 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. However, Stoops is confident that the tandem of Kejuan Jones and Renaldo Works will compensate. Jones, a powerful runner despite his modest 5-9, 175-pound frame, bulled his way for 607 yards and 14 touchdowns on just 159 carries. Works also has game experience and started when Oklahoma went with two-back sets.

Will Peoples, the leading returning receiver, caught 39 passes for 571 yards and a touchdown. Juniors Brandon Jones and Mark Clayton, the



other projected starters, combined for 33 catches. Senior tight end Lance Donley, who replaces All-American Trent Smith, had only eight receptions but impressed as a blocker.

Whether the Sooners have enough offense remains to be seen, but they won't need much with the kind of defense they throw at people. ■

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## COMING HOME

Dennis Franchione has turned around many college football programs, especially in the Lone Star state, and Texas A&M feels he's just the man to do it again **BY MICHAEL BRADLEY**

**B**ack in the summer of 2000, when Dennis Franchione was still head football coach at Texas Christian University, and not even the most wild-minded sage could have predicted what lay in store for him—or Alabama football—in the coming three years, he and his wife, Kim, decided to take a cruise. They would leave from Houston and enjoy a week of vacation, a fine interlude before the rigors of another season.

On their way to Houston from Fort Worth, the Franchiones had some extra time. So, they made an unscheduled stop in College Station, home of Texas A&M University. Though he had spent two seasons at TCU and another pair at Southwest Texas State, Franchione had never been to the Aggies' campus.

"My view of A&M had always been that it's a good school with great tradition in athletics, especially football," Franchione says.

Upon arriving in College Station, Franchione realized his initial impressions were correct. But there was more. Franchione began to understand the sense of spirit at A&M. The coach who had achieved so much success on the field by convincing his players that solidarity and harmony were as important as blocking and tackling had found a home.

He just didn't know it yet.

Franchione, who had previously coached at TCU, has a deep affection for the Lone Star State.

### COACH FRAN'S FIVE FAVES

When you make as many head coaching stops—five—as Dennis Franchione has, you have the opportunity to direct some pretty impressive talent. Here is Franchione's list of the top five players he has coached:

1. **LaDainian Tomlinson, RB, Texas Christian:** "He's at the top of the list," Franchione says. A dynamic back who was the centerpiece of the Horned Frogs' rushing offense, Tomlinson had speed, power and great vision.
2. **Stoney Case, QB, New Mexico:** Not only did Case have a great football name, he was the consummate winner. He didn't overwhelm people with his arm or accuracy, but he was barbed-wire tough and determined.
3. **Aaron Schobel, DE, Texas Christian:** Schobel was a terror off the edge who specialized in getting into opposing backfields and making tackles for loss.
4. **Jarrett Johnson, DT, Alabama:** A fast motor tackle who created havoc in the middle of the line, Johnson was esteemed for never taking a play off.
5. **Bruce Stancell, RB, Pittsburg (KS) State:** Franchione's first all-star was a speedster who defined toughness by playing through pain and injury on several occasions. —MB

The Franchione story is pretty well known by now. After that 2000 season at TCU, he spent a whirlwind two years at Alabama, squiring the Tide program through its early probationary period before moving on once more. To A&M.

While it can be debated whether Franchione handled the entire situation properly, due to his hasty exit from Tuscaloosa, and the fact that this is his fourth job in seven years (New Mexico, TCU, Alabama and Texas A&M), there can be little debate about whether he made the right decision for himself and his family. Though a native of Kansas, Franchione has embraced the Lone Star life.

"I always say, 'I'm not from here, but I got here as fast as I could,'" Franchione says.

It's the truth. His nasal monotone isn't exactly the prototypical Texas drawl, and it's hard to imagine him riding high in the saddle out on the South 40. But there is no mistaking Franchione's affection for the state, and his decade-plus of coaching and recruiting there make him a strong choice to resurrect the A&M program.

"I've grown to have a deep affection for the state," Franchione says.

Many people love Texas. Many people would love to coach the Aggies. Few have the credentials to bring the program back to national prominence, particularly since the University of Texas remains the state's primary football focus.

UT fans are sure to emphasize their school's recent dominance of A&M, too. Texas had won three in a row over the Aggies, four of the last five and six of eight. The all-time series ledger stands at 70-34-5, Texas. As head coach Mack Brown brought the Longhorns back to national-title contention, R.C. Slocum saw his light dim considerably.

In the early '90s, A&M was a mighty force, preying on opponents with its "Wrecking Crew" defense and playing in major bowl games. Over the last three seasons, however, the Aggies waned, posting 7-5, 8-4 and 6-6 records. That was unacceptable at a school where pride is evident everywhere. So, when the Longhorns swamped the Aggies, 50-20, on the day after Thanksgiving, Slocum was done, and the courting of Franchione began. Byrne, recently spirited away

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## COMING HOME CONTINUED

## DUES PAYING OFF



COURTESY WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

When Washington State had to find a replacement for Mike Price late last fall, it didn't mount a high-profile, national search. That was probably a good idea.

"When I hire somebody, I hire somebody who wants to be here," AD Jim Sterk says.

That "somebody" was long-time WSU defensive coordinator Bill Doba (pictured above), who ascended to the top spot after 14 years as a Cougar assistant and 26 years as a collegiate lieutenant. Though practically anonymous to most fans, Doba was Sterk's choice for his mind and his desire to be part of the Pullman community for the long haul. You won't find the 63-year-old Doba using WSU as a trampoline to a "bigger and better" job.

"I think he was very happy with what was going on with our program and its growth and success," Sterk says.

Doba was a big part of the Cougars' two Rose Bowl appearances (1998 and 2003) and had earned enough respect of the other Washington State coaches that several of them remained to be parts of his staff.

"I wanted to maintain the continuity and momentum we have here," Sterk says.

Looks like Sterk accomplished that mission.

—MB



COURTESY TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY

The great tradition that Texas A&M possesses, along with a solid crop of players, like running back Derek Farmer (right), has Franchione excited about leading the Aggies on the sidelines.

from Nebraska, knew what he wanted in a coach.

"I liked his aggressive style on both sides of the ball," Byrne says. "His teams play the complete game, in all three facets—offense, defense and special teams. There is an emphasis on toughness and discipline.

"He fits. If you can draw up a coach that fits this culture, you would have Dennis Franchione's picture."

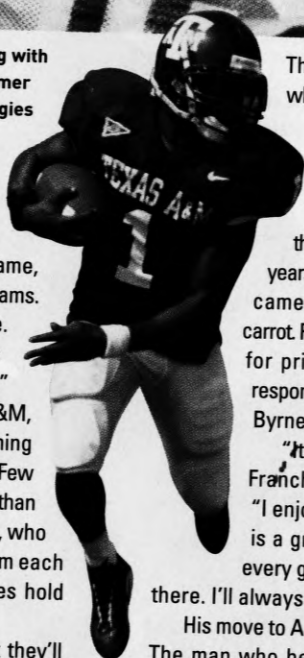
Since Franchione has yet to coach a game at A&M, all of the focus on him is about his semi-homecoming and how the school is perfect for his coaching style. Few universities in America have a greater sense of spirit than does Texas A&M, a perfect setting for Franchione, who tries to make his players take ownership of the team each season. They set the objectives, and the coaches hold them to those goals.

"I'm going to coach for a lot more years, but they'll only be here for four or five," Franchione says. "I want them to be accountable."

That's a good management strategy, but, ultimately, Franchione is responsible for this program. He has everybody in the Aggie Nation excited about the possibilities, and his successful recruiting haul—24 players, including 14 who had given previous commitments to Slocum's staff—demonstrates how he and his assistants can mine Texas.

"Ninety percent of our team will come from in state," he says.

The preliminary reviews have been great, but nobody is really keeping score yet. The schedule is not easy, with Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh joining the usual Big 12 fare.



Then there's Texas, the yardstick by which all A&M coaches are measured.

"If we win the games, our statements will be made," Franchione says.

He did that at Alabama, leading the Crimson Tide to a 16-8 record in two years, including last season's 9-3 mark that came without benefit of a bowl-game carrot. Franchione convinced his team to play for pride and the university, and they responded. It was one of the things that led Byrne to hire him.

"It was a bittersweet time for me," Franchione says of his Alabama tenure.

"I enjoyed it in so many ways. Alabama is a great place to coach football, and every game is so big. There is such pride

there. I'll always look back on it with affection."

His move to A&M has moved his focus forward. The man who helped turn around New Mexico, Texas Christian and Alabama has another big project. He'll do it with his trademark quiet confidence. And he'll be doing it at home.

"When we took this job, I told Kim that if she wanted to build her dream house, she could," Franchione says. "Not long after that, she told me she was building her 'pine box house.' I asked her what that was, and she said, 'The only way I'm leaving this house is going to be in a pine box.'"

Franchione's challenge is to make sure A&M fans don't want to see him in one, too. ■

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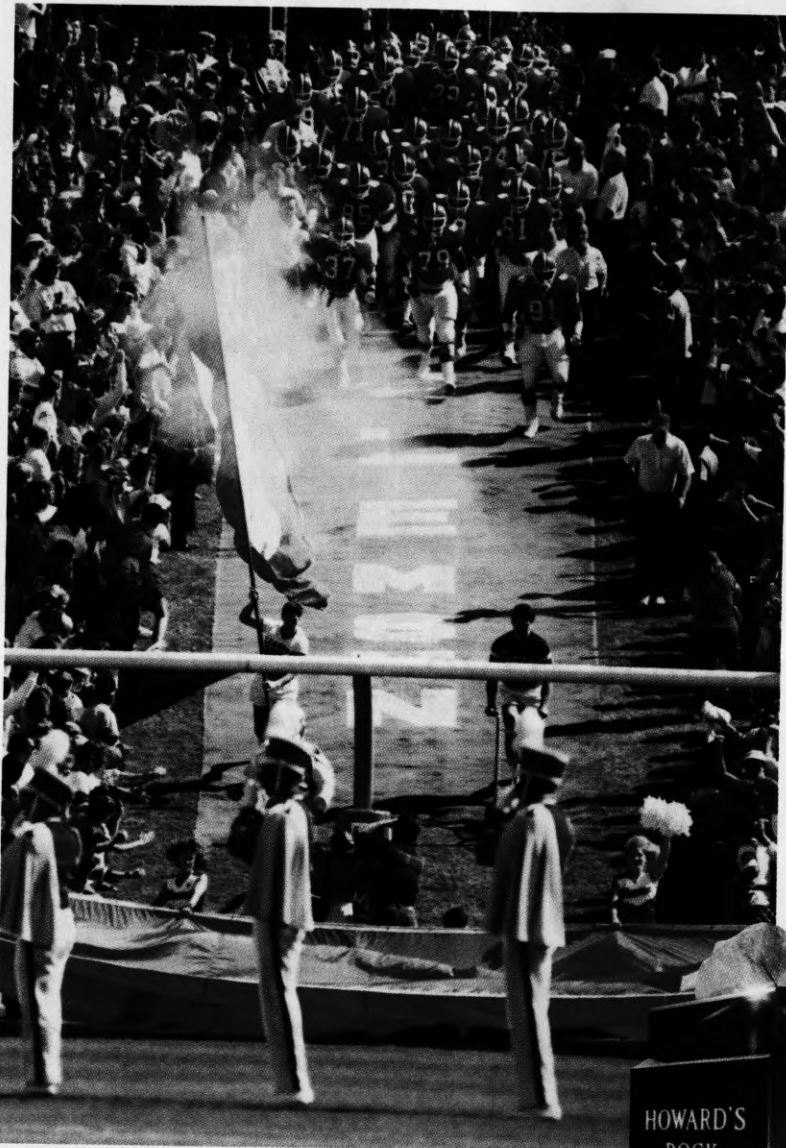
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## ROCK 'N' ROLL

The Clemson Tigers and their fans get quite a charge out of the tradition of "Howard's Rock" **BY JON COOPER**



COURTESY CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The Tigers run down the hill and enter Memorial Stadium after touching Howard's Rock (right), which is located at the top of the hill behind the players in this photo.

In Clemson, S.C., it takes two words to get people fired up about college football: "Howard's Rock."

Witnessing the touching of "Howard's Rock" and the Clemson football team's ensuing charge down "The Hill" (about 100 feet) into Memorial Stadium is an unforgettable experience. The ritual so affected longtime sportscaster Brent Musberger that he called it "the most exciting 25 seconds in football."

"The crowd starts building up because they can see [the team] leaving the dressing room on the West end of the stadium to go out and get on the bus behind the stadium," explained George Bennett, class of '55, who is executive director of IPTAY, the school's scholarship fund. "They've

got four or five motorcycle policemen and highway patrol that lead [the team] around to the East end zone.

"When they get up to the East end zone, the band is out on the field and starts moving back toward the rock to form a tunnel. Then the players get off the bus, the cannon fires and they run down 'The Hill' with the band playing 'Tiger Rag.' It really gets the crowd going. The noise level is deafening."

It's so deafening, and intimidating, that some opposing coaches keep their team in the locker room until after Clemson has taken the field to let the frenzy die down.

The rock, which was mounted in a black granite stand a couple of years ago, was originally a gift to coach Frank Howard in 1966 from an alumnus named S.C. Jones, Class of '19. Jones brought it back from Death Valley, Calif., thinking it would make the perfect good-luck charm for the field known as "Death Valley."

"Coach Howard thanked him—he was always gracious about something like that—put it in his office and was using it for a doorstep," Bennett recalled with a laugh. "One day, he saw the rock laying there and told Gene Willimon, at that time the executive secretary of IPTAY, to 'do something with that rock.'"

**"The most exciting 25 seconds in football."**

**Brent Musberger**

It was decided the rock would be moved to the top of the hill that separated Fike Field House from Memorial Stadium, where the players gathered before entering the stadium.

Running down the hill had been a tradition since 1942—originally because it was the quickest way to get from the Field House to the stadium. The rock was first placed on a pedestal at the top of the hill on Sept. 24, 1966 (Clemson beat Virginia that day, 40-35). The team started rubbing the rock for the first game of 1967 (preceding Clemson's 23-6 victory over Wake Forest). Busses became part of the ceremony when the home locker room was moved to Jervy Field House in 1974.

Soon, touching Howard's Rock on the way down the hill became a very big deal.

"Coach Howard supposedly told his guys, 'If you're not going to give 110 percent then keep your filthy hands off of my rock,'" said Bennett. "So now it's got all kinds of magical powers." ■

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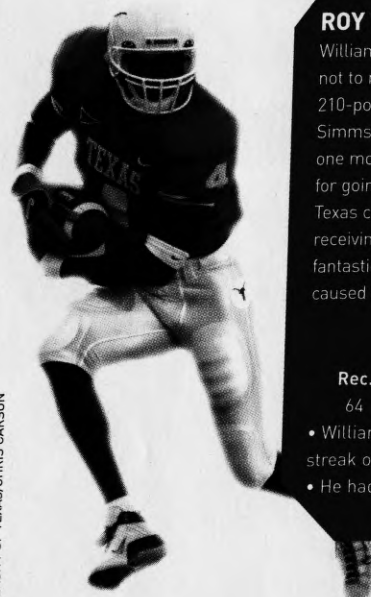
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# RASHAUN WOODS, REGGIE WILLIAMS OR ROY WILLIAMS

Who among this pass-catching trio can prove that bypassing the NFL last year was the right move by winning the Heisman Trophy? **BY BOYCE GARRISON**



## ROY WILLIAMS, SR., WR, TEXAS

Williams might have been a first-round pick had he decided not to return for his senior season. Everyone thought the 6-4, 210-pounder would leave along with quarterback Chris Simms, but Williams is wearing the Horns on his helmet for one more go-round. The sure-handed receiver has a knack for going and getting the ball in the air. He already owns the Texas career record for touchdown receptions and 100-yard receiving games. The Biletnikoff Award semifinalist had a fantastic junior year despite battling hamstring problems that caused him to miss one game and slowed him in five others.

### 2002 Statistics

Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
64	1,142	12	17.8	75

- Williams ended his junior season with a school-record streak of 34 games with at least one catch.
- He had six 100-yard receiving games in 2002.

## RASHAUN WOODS, SR., WR, OKLAHOMA STATE

Serious fans judge a player by how he plays in the big games, which means Woods is one of the best. The 6-2, 190-pounder saved his best for the tough Oklahoma secondary in 2002. He caught a career-high 12 passes for a single-game school-record 226 yards and three touchdowns. He already owns the school career record with 207 catches and should own the school mark for touchdowns before the season is over. A Biletnikoff Award semifinalist in 2002, Woods caught at least two passes in 30 straight games his first three seasons. A unique blend of size, speed and athleticism, he will go down as the top receiver in Oklahoma State history.

### 2002 Statistics

Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
107	1,695	17	15.8	69

- Woods led the country with 17 touchdown receptions.
- In 2001 and '02, Woods caught at least four passes in 24 straight games.
- He's the first receiver in Big 12 history with back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.



## REGGIE WILLIAMS, JR., WR, WASHINGTON

What to do for an encore? After just two college seasons, Williams owns career school records for receiving yards, yards per game and receptions. He caught 35 passes for 461 yards in his last three games of 2002, not coincidentally all victories. No Pac-10 receiver has as many receptions in two seasons, and his 2,365 yards over the two-year span are topped by just three Pac-10 receivers—USC's Keyshawn Johnson, and Arizona's Bobby Wade and Dennis Northcutt—and all three of those did it over their junior and senior seasons. The 6-4, 220-pounder should continue to inflate his numbers, especially with a healthy Cody Pickett returning at quarterback.

### 2002 Statistics

Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
89	1,390	11	15.6	89

- Williams' 1,390 yards receiving in 2002 were the third highest in Pac-10 regular-season history.
- Williams caught four passes for 134 yards in his first college game against Michigan.
- With another big season, he could own Pac-10 records for receiving and yards in only three years.

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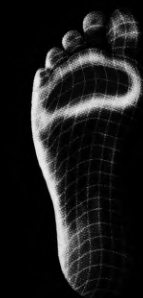
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## DIVISION I-AA PREVIEW

# SUDDEN IMPACT

Roderick Royal has announced his presence with authority at McNeese State **BY KEVIN NEWELL**

### THE TOP 10 (last season's record in parentheses)

**1. McNeese State (13-2)**  
The Cowboys return 17 starters from last season's No. 2 team in the nation.

**2. Georgia Southern (11-3)**  
The transition under second-year head coach Mike Sewak has kept the Eagles among the prominent programs in the nation.

**3. Western Illinois (11-2)**  
Senior QB Russ Michna will light up the scoreboard for the Leathernecks.

**4. Duquesne (11-1)**  
Head coach Greg Gattuso has turned the Dukes into a mid-major powerhouse.



Duquesne RB Mike Hilliard

**5. Western Kentucky (12-3)**  
Head coach David Elson takes the reigns of the defending I-AA national champions after two seasons as the Hilltoppers' defensive coordinator.

**6. Fordham (10-3)**  
The Rams are rekindling memories of the days of the Seven Blocks of Granite.

**7. Montana (11-3)**  
Look for a return of the vaunted Air Bear offense in Missoula.

**8. Northeastern (10-3)**  
Junior QB Shawn Brady and the Huskies are the class of the Atlantic-10 Conference.

**9. Dayton (11-1)**  
The Flyers, led by junior QB Kelly Spiker, will be flying high this season.

**10. Stephen F. Austin (6-5)**  
The Lumberjacks have matured into a team to be reckoned with.

Roderick Royal was at a crossroads in his collegiate football career. An exceptionally talented linebacker, Royal was lost amongst the slew of players at the football factory known as the University of Florida. The game had lost its charm. He was confused, unhappy. Even a little homesick.

"I stopped having fun with football," said Royal. "I just had an inner feeling that told me to move on."

Move on he did. Upon receiving his release from Florida, Royal enrolled at McNeese State University, located in tiny Lake Charles, La., prior to his junior season. Royal says his decision to play at McNeese stemmed from his childhood memories of watching the Cowboys linebackers pursue the ball.

Of course, it didn't hurt that the campus was less than a two-hour drive from his hometown of Baton Rouge.

Now his parents, Roger and Debra, along with his little brother, Delwin, an aspiring running back, could attend all of his home games.

Southern comfort never felt better.

"Coming out of high school I always wanted to go to Miami," Royal said. "I always liked the way Miami linebackers played and McNeese's linebackers played a similar style."

Likening his style to former Hurricane and current Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis—who also happens to be his idol—Royal adapted to the Cowboys 4-2-5 defensive scheme and acclimated himself to his new surroundings almost instantaneously.

Using his 4.6 speed and uncanny knack for the ball, Royal (6-1, 241 pounds) harassed opposing running backs and quarterbacks alike to the tune of a team-leading 160 tackles last season, second most in school history. When it was all said and done, he was named to three D1-AA All-America teams, and was the linchpin for a Cowboys defense that was instrumental in helping McNeese post a 13-2 record and reach the D1-AA championship game, where it lost to Western Kentucky, 34-14.

Reflecting back, Royal, who is a Buck Buchanan Award candidate this season, says his experience at Florida was invaluable and he was able to translate that onto the field at McNeese.

"I learned a lot of things at Florida," he said. "The experience was very helpful. It was just unfortunate that my football career didn't work out the way I wanted it to. But the thing is, when I'm having fun, and I'm relaxed, I can play with anyone. I was lucky to be surrounded by wonderful



Linebacker Roderick Royal, who had transferred to McNeese State from the University of Florida, has given the Cowboys the right blend of knowledge and speed that makes the defense click.

people—my teammates and coaches. They made me feel very comfortable. Each and every week I went out there and I just had this feeling that I needed to be somewhere around the ball."

"Rod brings a lot of maturity to the defense," said McNeese State head coach Tommy Tate, the 2002 D1-AA Coach of the Year. "And, of course, he brings a lot of knowledge to the game and a lot of athleticism. Our defensive scheme is built around speed and our two inside linebackers are very active. We don't ask them to stand around and take on a lot of linemen. We do a lot of things with them. They have to be able to blitz and play man, and, of course, Rod can do that. He's a student of the game."

Entering the 2003 campaign, Royal will again be asked to provide fleet feet and leadership qualities for a defensive unit that returns nine starters. McNeese State, which also returns six offensive starters, including junior tailback Vick King and sophomore quarterback Scott Pendarvis, is considered a favorite to win it all this time around.

First things first, however: McNeese will be gunning for a school-record third straight Southland Conference title.

"We don't want to get full of ourselves," said Royal. "A lot of people are saying we could be one of the best teams ever at McNeese. We need to stay levelheaded. We have to remember that every team, no matter who it is, is going to bring their 'A' game when they play us. Everyone wants to beat us. We just have to keep working hard and remember what got us to the championship game last season." ■

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# Gridiron presents INNOVATION

By Michael Bradley

Ever since the earliest days of college football, teams with the most innovative schemes have been successful. From Notre Dame's creative use of the forward pass in 1913 against Army to the development of the T-formation a couple decades later, the sharpest ideas off the field have led to victories on it.

## ON THE GROUND

Before the 1968 season, Texas backfield coach Emory Ballard was faced with a glut of talent at the running back position. So, he devised a formation that allowed him to use his top three ball carriers at the same time. The offense was dubbed "the wishbone" by head coach Darrell Royal, and it soon became the scourge of college football. UT rolled to a 9-1-1 record that year, averaging 331.5 yards per game on the ground.

The following season was even better. With Steve "Woo-Woo" Worster, Jim Bertelsen and Ted Koy running behind shifty quarterback James Street, Texas piled up 363.0 yards on the ground each Saturday and posted a perfect 10-0 regular-season record. Their final win came against Arkansas, 15-14, in one of the greatest games in college football history. Texas then defeated Notre Dame, 21-17 to clinch its second-ever national title and make the wishbone part of the college game for decades to come.

## THROUGH THE AIR

By the mid-70s, Brigham Young coach LaVell Edwards decided that the best way to move the football quickly was through the air—often. He turned what had been a pretty productive passing attack into a full-fledged aerial circus. By the early 1980s, BYU quarterbacks were launching 40 passes a game and piling up the victories. But nobody took BYU all that seriously, until 1984.

That season, Brigham Young rolled up a 12-0 regular-season record behind junior Robbie Bosco, who threw for 3,875 yards and 33 touchdowns. BYU vaulted to the top of the rankings and headed to their bowl game to face Michigan, which traditionally had a stiff defense. Beat Michigan, skeptics said, and we'll talk. So, BYU did just that. Bosco threw for 371 yards and two touchdowns, both coming in the final quarter. Brigham Young won, 24-17, was voted national champion and showed the college football world that living by the pass was quite a good life, indeed.

## OH YEAH, TAKE THAT!

BYU's success in 1984 started a trend that led many teams to spread the field and throw the ball. Often, defenses were helpless against such assaults. By the late '80s, coaches were desperate. In Miami, Dennis Erickson had an idea. He started to match speed with speed, moving his defensive backs to linebacker and his linebackers to the end positions up front. The thought was that offenses that were under too much pressure from fleet-footed rivals couldn't get started.

It was sound thinking. In 1991, Miami was overwhelming. Opponents could barely take a snap before being snowed under by a green-and-orange avalanche. Miami allowed just 9.1 points per game during their 11-0 regular season. In their bowl game against Big Eight champ Nebraska, Miami was positively ruthless, forcing four turnovers and sacking Nebraska signal-callers five times in a 22-0 win to claim the national championship. Miami won the title, thanks to its innovative defensive strategy.

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# SOARING HIGH

High school teammates Marc Eddy and Dallas Mall are taking the Bentley College Falcons to new heights  
BY DAMIAN VEGA

**THE TOP 10**  
(last season's record in parentheses)



Valdosta RB Aaron Jenkins

**1. Valdosta State (14-1)**  
The national runner-up Blazers return stars in QB Buster Faulkner (41 TDs) and RB Aaron Jenkins.

**2. Northern Colorado (12-2)**  
Senior RB Adam Matthews (1,372 yds.) is back behind a line that features four returning starters.

**3. Central Washington (11-1)**  
The pass-catch combination of QB Zak Hill and Brian Potucek could lead the Wildcats deep into the postseason.

**4. Grand Valley State (14-0)**  
Despite losing a host of talent from last year's squad, the reigning national champs should be in the hunt again.

**5. Texas A&M-Kingsville (10-3)**  
Head coach Richard Cundiff plans on having a young Javelina squad in the postseason again.

**6. NW Missouri State (12-1)**  
Darryl Ridley and Andy Cregger each recorded 77 tackles on defense, while RB Mitch Herring and WR Jamaica Rector paced the offense.

**7. UC-Davis (9-3)**  
Junior RB Mike Massari is the Aggies top rusher and second leading receiver.

**8. Carson-Newman (12-1)**  
Run, run, run is the motto of C-N, and with Damone Boone in the backfield, they certainly will.

**9. Bentley College (10-1)**  
The Falcons lose very little from a team that made the top 25 for the first time since 1993.

**10. Indiana, Pa. (11-2)**  
Defense is the name of the game as the Indians return LBs Neal Wood and Kris Griffin, and DL Andrew Battle.

COURTESY VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Growing up in neighboring towns in Central Massachusetts, Bentley College's Marc Eddy and Dallas Mall weren't exactly the best of friends.

"We heard about each other all the time, but never really saw each other unless we were playing in a game," said Eddy. "When you're playing sports and you hear about someone else, you think of that person as a rival."

The Mall-Eddy youth sports rivalry ended at Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough, where the two teamed up on the gridiron.

Opposing Northeast-10 Conference football coaches probably wish the two never met.

"It's pretty ironic and crazy that we both ended up at Bentley," said Eddy. "We didn't know where each other was going to go and it just wound up we went to the same place."

The two juniors standing 6-3 and nearly 200 pounds have moved east to Waltham and helped give a dormant Bentley program some national spotlight. Since their arrival, Bentley is 19-4, and last season the Falcons finished 10-1 to break into the top 25 for the first time since 1993.

Being in the top 25, however, is no longer enough.

"We want to be in the NCAA playoffs," said Mall. "We don't think we should lose a game in the conference and we want in the tournament."

If the two juniors, who are close friends and roommates, continue to belittle defensive secondaries, that goal is going to be easily achieved.

In 2002, Mall's 56 catches for 931 yards and 14 touchdowns made him one of four finalists for the Harlon Hill Award. That came on the heels of a freshman campaign in which he was NE-10 Offensive Player of the Year for hauling in 69 passes for 1,313 yards and 24 touchdowns. His 24 scoring catches broke Randy Moss' all-divisions record for most touchdown catches in a season by a freshman.

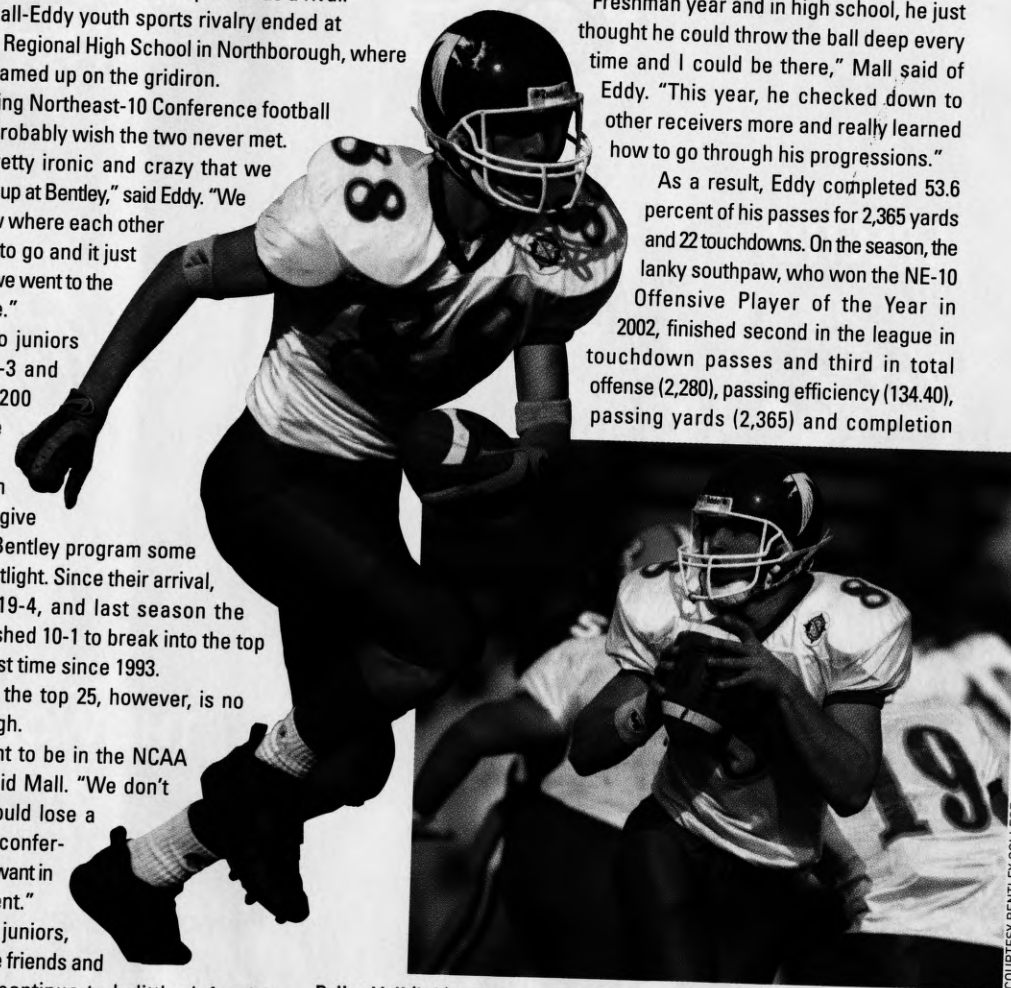
For Mall, a return to his freshman form is a must. "I don't think I had a great year as a sophomore," he said.

"Defenses adapted to me more. We want to keep the program in the national rankings and there are some personal goals I need to achieve for that to happen."

Eddy, who enjoyed a solid freshman campaign before exploding onto the scene as a sophomore, continues to develop and get the ball to his high school buddy.

"Freshman year and in high school, he just thought he could throw the ball deep every time and I could be there," Mall said of Eddy. "This year, he checked down to other receivers more and really learned how to go through his progressions."

As a result, Eddy completed 53.6 percent of his passes for 2,365 yards and 22 touchdowns. On the season, the lanky southpaw, who won the NE-10 Offensive Player of the Year in 2002, finished second in the league in touchdown passes and third in total offense (2,280), passing efficiency (134.40), passing yards (2,365) and completion



Dallas Mall (left) and Marc Eddy (right) were local Massachusetts rivals until they attended high school together.

percentage (53.6). Combine those numbers with his freshman campaign and Eddy's thrown for 4,841 yards and sits just 17 scoring throws shy of the Division II New England record.

With impressive numbers across the board, who holds more bragging rights in this friendly competition? "I give it to [Dallas] because I won the award last year, but really we need each other," Eddy said. "We work together all the time, and he needs me to throw the ball to him and I need him to catch it."

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# LONG OVERDUE

The Capital Crusaders have come a long way to earn the respect they feel they've deserved all along  
**BY ELI PACHECO**

## THE TOP 10

(last season's record in parentheses)

**1. Mary Hardin-Baylor (10-0)**  
 The Crusaders averaged 234.5 rushing yards per game last season, and have cornerstones QB Cody Fredenburg and FB Chad Starnes returning.

**2. Bridgewater (11-1)**  
 Junior RB Marcus Washington is a star in the making for Eagles.

**3. Mount Union (14-0)**  
 The Raiders, three time reigning national champions, will be strong again on the offensive line.

**4. Rowan (10-1)**  
 A challenge is ahead for Profs' head coach Jay Accorsi to replace DL Gerrit Tosh and QB Tony Racioppi.

**5. Capital (6-4)**  
 The Crusaders have two straight winning records for the first time since 1990-91.

**6. Hanover (10-1)**  
 The Panthers lose QB Justin Pelley and RB Jeffrey Jourdan, but LB Scott Power anchors a good defense.

**7. Linfield (10-1)**  
 QB Tyler Matthews and DB Ray Lions are key for Linfield, which lost its entire starting offensive line to graduation.

**8. St. John's, Minn. (12-2)**  
 John Gagliardi, in his 50th season, needs eight victories to join Eddie Robinson in the 400-win club.



St. John's WR Blake Elliott

**9. Howard Payne (9-1)**  
 Yellow Jackets QB Adam King was one of Division III's most prolific offensive players a year ago.

**10. Trinity, Texas (14-1)**  
 All-America RB James Flowers will try to lead the Tigers back to the national title game.

One shot fired in cyberspace at a down-and-out program elicited a chuckle from some. To the team's future star linebacker, it provoked a promise.

The post on a Division III Internet site claimed the fan's school had "an easy win" when it came to Capital. The fan also slipped an "R" between the "C" and the "A" in Capital.

After reading that, Ron Swearingin, the future three-time All-America selection, then a freshman, marched into head coach Jim Collins' office.

"I made a promise to coach: by the time I leave here, we will no longer be referred to that way," Swearingin said. "We're going to get respect. I don't care if we go 10-0 or 0-10, I just want the respect of every team that we play."

His work is underway. Capital, which three years



COURTESY CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

Linebacker Ron Swearingin (left) and safety Kyle Hausler (above) are helping the Crusaders earn some long-awaited respect and hope to challenge Mount Union for the OAC title.

ago practiced behind a grocery store, now runs with the perennial powers in the Ohio Athletic Conference. Rejuvenated by a new stadium and anchored by one of the nation's top defenses, the Crusaders present a challenge to playoff-tested OAC programs like Mount Union, John Carroll, Baldwin-Wallace and Ohio Northern. It's an imposing challenge chasing, at the most, two NCAA playoff berths each season. Last year, John Carroll and eventual champion Mount Union reached the final four.

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"It really shows the people in this league are playing a high quality of football," said Collins.

On defense, especially. Capital averaged nearly two more takeaways per game than their opponents did last season, good for third in the nation. The Crusaders also held their opponents to 104.9 rushing yards per game.

Swearingin, a 6-0, 215-pound senior with three straight seasons of at least 100 tackles, leads seven returning starters on defense, along with safety Kyle Hausler, an All-American

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Last season, the Crusaders led John Carroll by six at half-time of a 16-6 loss. They also stayed with Mount Union, a team that beat them by 50 the season before, in a 16-point loss.

The Crusaders still have a daunting task of breaking into the top two of Division III's toughest conference. The offense is skilled, but young. Coaches and players acknowledge the need to win big games on the road—they'll get the chance at Ohio Northern and Mount Union.

"We have hit a point in our program at which our players and our people expect to win every single week they take the field," Collins said. "Whether it happens, that's up to the football gods. Our kids expect it now." ■

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## COMPLETING THE TOP 10

The Sooners will have some stiff competition this season, as the rest of the top 10 is filled with the past two national champions, a couple fellow Big 12 combatants and a few rising powers **BY TOM JORDAN**



Quarterback Craig Krenzel

### 2. OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

**2002:** 14-0, 8-0 Big Ten; Beat Miami, 31-24 (2 OT), in Fiesta Bowl

**Head Coach:** Jim Tressel (3rd year: 21-5; Career: 156-62-2)

**Bottom Line:** In short measures, life can be perfect. The Buckeyes were perfect for all of 2002, when they won a team-record 14 games and their first Big Ten title since 1998.

They then started off the New Year by beating defending national champion Miami in the Fiesta Bowl for their first national title since Woody Hayes roamed the sidelines. They did it with the No. 2 scoring defense in America (13.1 points per game) and an offense that ranked 41st, but did exactly what it needed to when it needed to. There are some plugs to fill on defense, but all 11 offensive starters have returned, including sophomore running back Maurice Clarett and gritty quarterback Craig Krenzel. The Buckeyes were no fluke, as some have suggested. But repeating as national champs is an arduous task. Ask Miami about that.

**Players to Watch:** Defensive linemen Tim Anderson and Darrion Scott are both named on the preseason watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Award, which recognizes the nation's best defensive player. Clarett was a Heisman finalist last year and will be a candidate again.

**Key Dates:** Aug. 30 vs. Washington; Oct. 18 vs. Iowa; Nov. 22 at Michigan.

### 3. MIAMI HURRICANES

**2002:** 12-1, 7-0 Big East; Lost to Ohio State, 31-24 (2 OT), in Fiesta Bowl

**Head Coach:** Larry Coker (3rd year: 24-1; Career: 24-1)

**Bottom Line:** At one point during last January's Fiesta Bowl, the Hurricanes stormed the field thinking they'd won their second consecutive national crown. Instead, a belated pass-interference call sent one of the greatest and most shocking title games in history into double overtime,



Tight End Kellen Winslow Jr.

where the 'Canes fell short. It was their first loss in 35 games. The tale of the tape, however, is that Miami outscored its opponents 536-148, but finished second.

With prime-time players like Ken Dorsey, Willis McGahee and Andre Johnson, as well as two key offensive linemen, gone, Miami will rely on fresh faces to lead the offense. Brock Berlin, formerly of Florida, should step in at quarterback. He'll throw to one of the deepest receiving units in the country, led by All-America tight end Kellen Winslow Jr.

The Miami defense took a hit, too, losing four starters. But middle linebacker Jonathan Vilma is back to lead the troops and the Hurricanes again will be tough to handle.

**Players To Watch:** Winslow is a force, but Berlin has big shoes to fill and a running back will have to step up. Frank Gore was slated to start ahead of McGahee last season before suffering a season-ending injury.

**Key Dates:** Sept. 6 vs. Florida; Oct. 11 at Florida State; Nov. 29 at Pittsburgh.

### 4. TEXAS LONGHORNS

**2002:** 11-2, 6-2 Big 12; Beat LSU, 35-20, in Cotton Bowl

**Head Coach:** Mack Brown (6th year: 49-15; Career: 135-89-1)

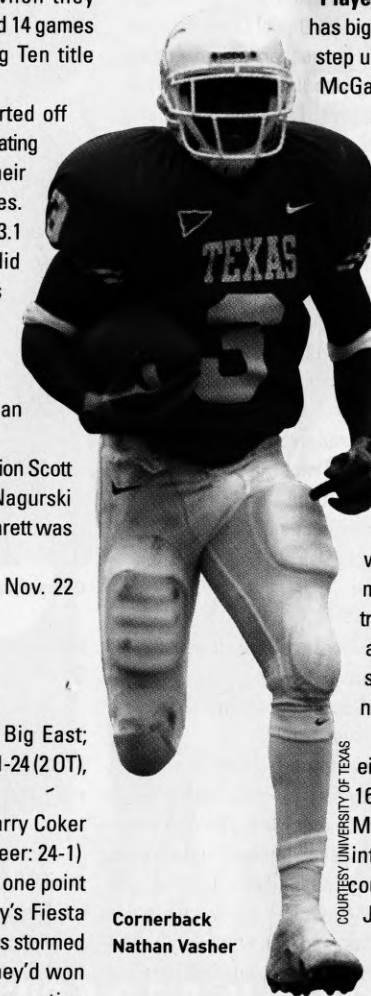
**Bottom Line:** The Longhorns hit double digits in the win column for the second straight year in 2002, but for all their success under Brown, they have yet to win a Big 12 championship. They'll give it another shot, but this time without Chris Simms, the talented but maddeningly erratic quarterback. With transcendent talent like receiver Roy Williams and tailback Cedric Benson on the offensive side of the ball, the Longhorns' will be dangerous no matter who plays quarterback.

Texas has no flaws defensively, where eight starters return to a group that allowed 16.3 points per game. Rodrigue Wright, Marcus Tubbs and Austin Sendlein man the interior line, one of the strongest in the country. Linebackers Reed Boyd and Derrick Johnson eat up opposing ball carriers.

**Players to Watch:** Junior quarterback Chance Mock takes over the offense after Simms' defection to the

NFL. Cornerback Nathan Vasher intercepted four passes and starred as a kick returner.

**Key Dates:** Oct. 4 vs. Kansas State; Oct. 11 vs. Oklahoma, in Dallas; Nov. 28 at Texas A&M.



Cornerback Nathan Vasher

COMPLETING THE TOP 10 CONTINUED



Linebacker Karlos Dansby

5. AUBURN TIGERS

**2002:** 9-4, 5-3 SEC; Beat Penn State, 13-9, in Capital One Bowl

**Head Coach:** Tommy Tuberville (5th year: 30-19; Career: 55-39)

**Bottom Line:** Auburn lost out on berths to the SEC title game by virtue of tiebreakers in each of the last two seasons. With eight starters returning on each side of the ball, this could finally be the Year of the Tiger.

Quarterback Jason Campbell, freed from the burden of splitting time with Daniel Cobb, is poised for a big season behind a strong offensive line that returns four starters. Campbell's passing prowess will be complemented by one of the best running attacks in

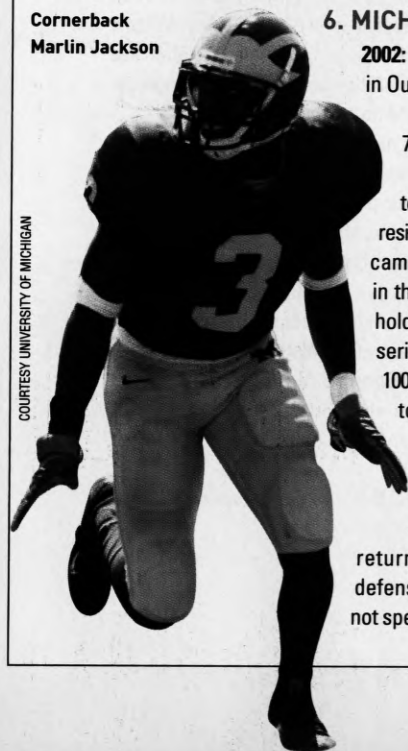
the nation. Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams combined to rush for 1,753 yards with 23 touchdowns last season.

The defense lost its leading tackler (Mark Brown) but has plenty of talented linebackers remaining with Karlos Dansby, who is on the Bronko Nagurski Trophy watch list, and hard-hitting Dontarrious Thomas to lead the unit. The front four is especially tough with the return of ends Jay Ratliff and Reggie Torbor, tackle Spencer Johnson and run-stuffing nose guard DeMarco McNeil.

**Players to Watch:** The Tigers need a wide receiver to step up as the go-to guy and senior Devin Aromashodu is the most likely candidate. Ratliff made the switch to defensive end from tight end last year and should fare well with a year's experience under his belt.

**Key Dates:** Oct. 4 vs. Tennessee; Oct. 25 at LSU; Nov. 22 at Alabama.

Cornerback Martin Jackson



6. MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

**2002:** 10-3, 6-2 Big Ten; Beat Florida, 38-30, in Outback Bowl

**Head Coach:** Lloyd Carr (9th year: 76-23; Career: 76-23)

**Bottom Line:** If there is a threat to Ohio State's reign atop the Big Ten, it resides in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Wolverines came very close to toppling the Buckeyes in the regular-season finale last fall, and hold a 56-37-6 all-time advantage in the series (the teams will be meeting for the 100th time later this season). Before falling to Ohio State the last two seasons, Michigan had beaten the Buckeyes five of six times.

As usual, the Wolverines are experienced and deep, though they return only 11 starters on offense and defense. The offense starts with steady, if not spectacular, quarterback John Navarre,

who has his favorite receiver, Braylon Edwards, to target. Senior tailback Chris Perry rushed for 1,110 yards and was unstoppable around the goal line, scoring 14 touchdowns

While the defense graduated its top four tacklers, their replacements all saw action in at least 10 games last season. Cornerbacks Marlin Jackson and Jeremy LaSueur are top-notch.

**Players to Watch:** Defensive end Larry Stevens is primed for a big season after stopping 45 plays, nine behind the line of scrimmage, as a junior. Perry's performance will go a long way in deciding how much success Michigan enjoys.

**Key Dates:** Sept. 13 vs. Notre Dame; Oct. 4 at Iowa; Nov. 22 vs. Ohio State.



Quarterback Ell Roberson

7. KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

**2002:** 11-2, 6-2 Big 12; Beat Arizona State, 34-27, in Holiday Bowl

**Head Coach:** Bill Snyder (15th year: 116-51-1; Career: 116-51-1)

**Bottom Line:** The Wildcats topped the nation in defense, allowing just 11.8 points and 249 yards per game, and ranked second offensively, averaging 44.8 yards per game. They outrushed the opposition by nearly 200 yards a game, on average. If not for a couple of losses to Colorado and Texas—a combined seven points—they might have been playing for their first national championship.

Though the 'Cats' top offensive performer, multi-dimensional quarterback Ell Roberson, is back in the mix, Kansas State lost its top receiver, three-fifths of its offensive line and a big chunk of its dominant defense. So why are we still so high on the Wildcats?

Well, let's start with Roberson. The multi-dimensional senior passed for 1,365 yards and rushed for another 969. Also, junior Darren Sproles rushed for a school-record 1,465 yards and 16 touchdowns. However, the Wildcats will need their revamped line to mesh quickly, and a receiver to break from the pack.

Defensively, the Wildcats lost Terence Newman and Bobby Walker to the NFL, and will also have to rebuild their defensive line quickly.

**Players to Watch:** Roberson and Sproles. The Wildcats will go as far as their stars can take them, but don't be surprised if they carry the 'Cats' farther than you think.

**Key Dates:** Oct. 4 at Texas; Oct. 11 at Oklahoma State; Nov. 15 at Nebraska.

8. WASHINGTON HUSKIES

**2002:** 7-6, 4-4 Pac-10; Lost to Purdue, 34-24, in Sun Bowl

**Head Coach:** Keith Gilbertson (1st year: 0-0; Career: 48-35)

**Bottom Line:** As recently as three seasons ago, the Huskies were an 11-1 national power. They slid to 8-4 in 2001 and 7-6 last year, records not worthy of their talent. Expect a quick resurgence, if only because they return

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Defensive Back Greg Carothers

nine starters on offense, one of who named Cody Pickett, and eight on defense.

Pickett had a monster junior season, throwing for 4,186 yards and 26 touchdowns. With his entire offensive line and his two top receivers, Reggie Williams and Charles Frederick, back in Seattle, he may duplicate those figures. Or perhaps exceed them. The Huskies will definitely have to run the ball better, starting with senior Rich Alexis, to maximize their offensive potential.

The Huskies, who were among the tougher defenses in the nation against the run, return three defensive linemen. The entire secondary is also in place, including Greg Carothers.

Marquis Cooper sets the tone at inside linebacker.

**Players to Watch:** Besides Pickett, who should be a Heisman Trophy finalist, and Williams, who could figure into the Heisman race, Carothers and Cooper are the keys to keeping the defense up with the fast-paced offense. The duo combined to make 184 stops to lead the squad last season.

**Key Dates:** Aug. 30 at Ohio State; Oct. 18 at Oregon State; Oct. 25 vs. USC.



Running Back Bruce Perry

### 9. MARYLAND TERRAPINS

**2002:** 11-3, 6-2 ACC; Beat Tennessee, 30-3, in Peach Bowl

**Head Coach:** Ralph Friedgen (3rd year: 21-5; Career: 21-5)

**Bottom Line:** The Terrapins were expected to falter in 2002, after depriving Florida State a piece of the ACC title for the first time in 10 years by going 7-1 in the conference in 2001. The Seminoles did reclaim the ACC crown last season, and Maryland did slip a bit, but not nearly to the extent anyone thought. They fell to 6-2 in the league, but won 11 games overall, one more than they managed in their ACC championship season. The

Terps' success was all the more impressive considering they lost sensational running back Bruce Perry and starting quarterback Chris Kelly to injury early on.

With Perry back in the starting lineup and nine starters returning on defense, hopes are high in College Park, though the departure of linebacker E.J. Henderson is a big blow. Scott McBrien took over

the keys to the offense when Kelly went down last year and surprised many by throwing for 2,377 yards and 15 touchdowns. The fact that he has a season at the controls behind him is another reason for optimism.

**Players to Watch:** Perry rushed for 1,274 yards and 10 scores in 2001 before being limited to 72 attempts last year. His return to form would be a boon for the Terrapins. Linebacker Leon Joe should step into the forefront with the graduation of Henderson.

**Key Dates:** Sept. 6 at Florida State; Nov. 13 vs. Virginia; Nov. 22 at N.C. State.

### 10. PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

**2002:** 9-4, 5-2 Big East; Beat Oregon State, 38-13, in Insight Bowl

**Head Coach:** Walt Harris (7th year: 36-35; Career: 47-59)

**Bottom Line:** Pittsburgh is coming off its best season in decades and returns 15 starters on offense and defense. All four of their losses ended in a drive that could have tied or won the game, including those to Notre Dame and Miami. Those four stalled drives were the difference between a memorable season and a truly great one.

**Quarterback**  
Rod Rutherford

The Panthers' best weapon is the throw-and-catch tandem of Rod Rutherford and Larry Fitzgerald. The duo hooked up for 64 receptions, 917 yards and 11 touchdowns. Rutherford, in addition to his 21 scoring passes, rushed for 412 yards and five touchdowns. Throw in the dependable running of Brandon Miree and a solid line-three returnees have 74 career starts under their belts—and the Panthers are loaded offensively.

The Panthers ranked 12th in the nation in total defense in 2002. Although Pittsburgh loses the talented Gerald Hayes, they do return the core of this impressive unit.

**Players to Watch:** Defensive end Claude Harriott, who earned All-Big East First-Team honors, anchors the defensive line. Lewis Moore is the only returning starting linebacker and will need to stabilize the group.

**Key Dates:** Oct. 11 vs. Notre Dame; Nov. 8 vs. Virginia Tech; Nov. 29 vs. Miami. ■



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or	43	Greg MacAnn (6-3, 225, So.)
ILB	44	Jermaine Hughley (6-0, 202, Sr.)
ILB	55	Brandon Banas (6-1, 208, Jr.)
OLB	15	Nick Roth (6-0, 211, Sr.)
CB	23	Chris Avery (5-10, 170, So.)
CB	25	Matt Birkett (5-11, 165, Sr.)
SS	49	Thomas Wallace (5-11, 191, Sr.)
FS	7	Raji El-Amin (5-10, 168, Fr.)
P	19	Matt Barley (5-11, 197, Jr.)

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LG	60	Brandon Henniger (6-2, 270, Jr.)
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RG	77	Matt Kalnicki (6-3, 303, Sr.)
RT	75	Bill Noon (6-4, 315, So.)
H	4	Brian Rutkowski (5-11, 175, Jr.)
X	5	Darryl Chapman (6-3, 195, Sr.)
QB	16	Ryan Harbold (6-3, 235, Jr.)
FB	42	Matt Trader (5-10, 225, Sr.)
TB	21	Garrison Corbin (6-0, 208, So.)
PK	15	Ben Sandrock (5-10, 152, So.)

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17 Patrick Manders .....QB	37 Brandon Koester .....P	56 Darrell Welch .....DE	77 Matt Kalnicki .....OL	96 Jeremy Shock .....TE
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83	Lauris Barnes Cincinnati, OH	WR	6-3	180	Fr.
18	Ken Barrett Cleveland, OH	DB	5-10	175	Jr.
43	Philip Bean Urbana, OH	RB	5-11	170	So.
76	Josh Bower Fremont, OH	OL	5-11	320	So.
34	Jeff Bloomfield Columbus, OH	DB	5-11	185	Jr.
73	Matt Brosovich Rome, OH	OL	6-2	260	Fr.
10	Kyle Canter Chagrin Falls, OH	DB	5-10	183	Fr.
5	Darryl Chapman Akron, OH	WR	6-2	195	Sr.
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19	Eric Fleming Springfield, OH	QB	6-5	215	Fr.
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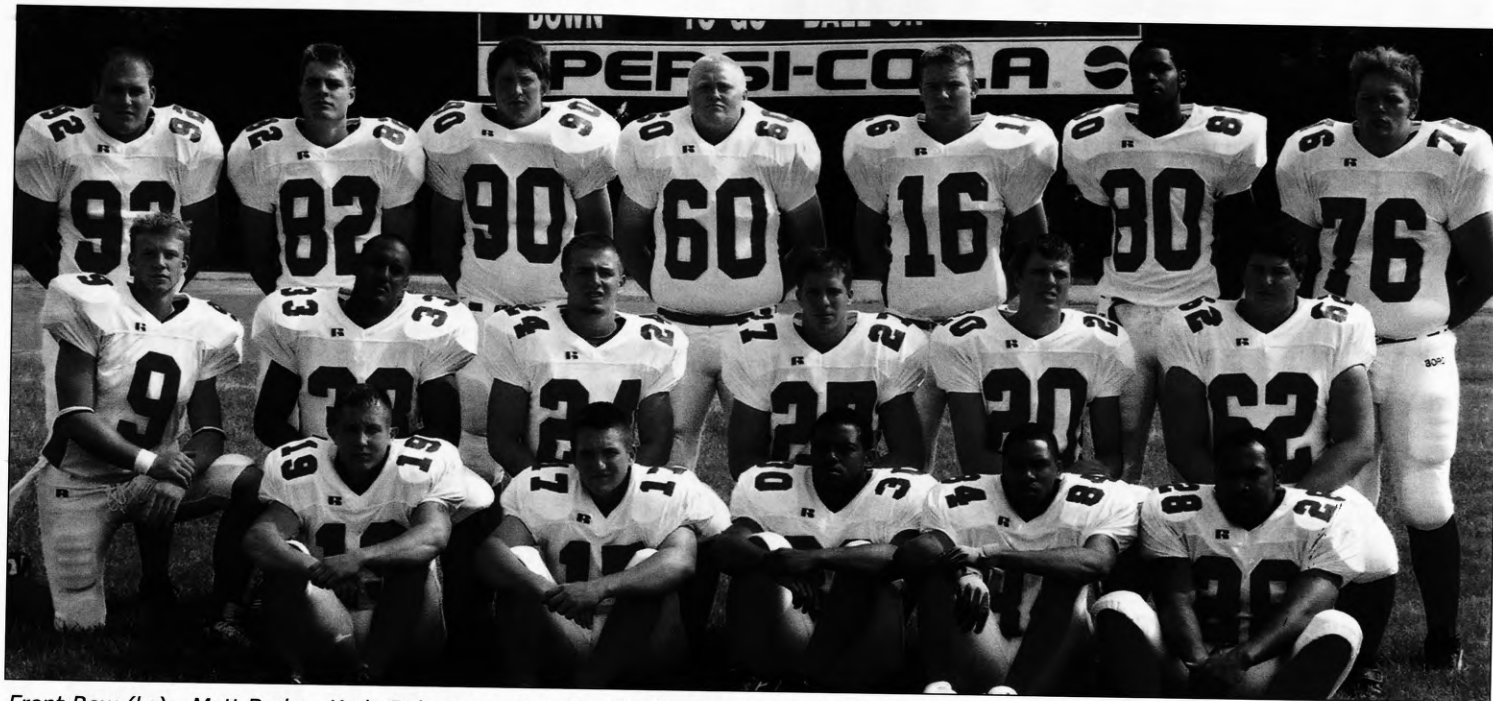
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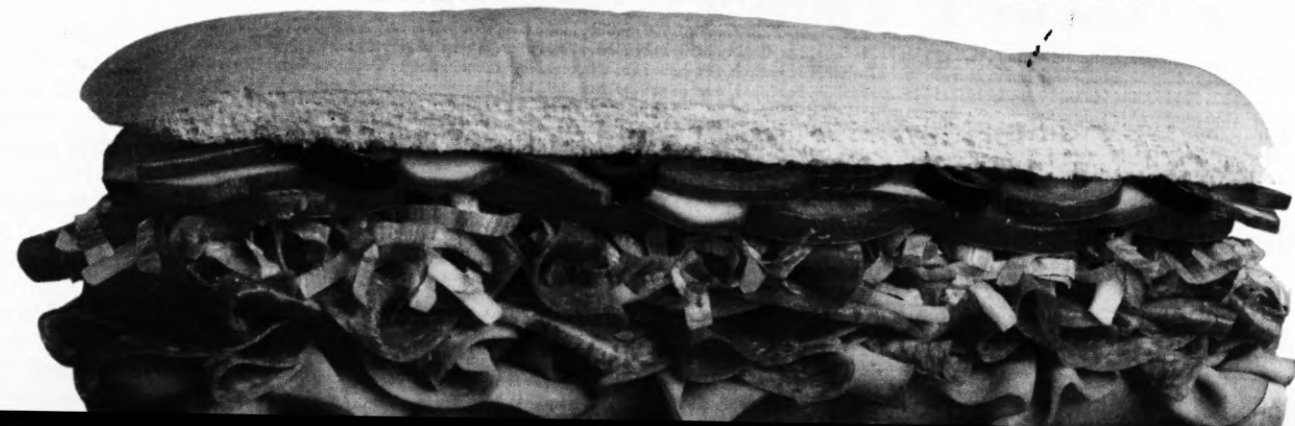
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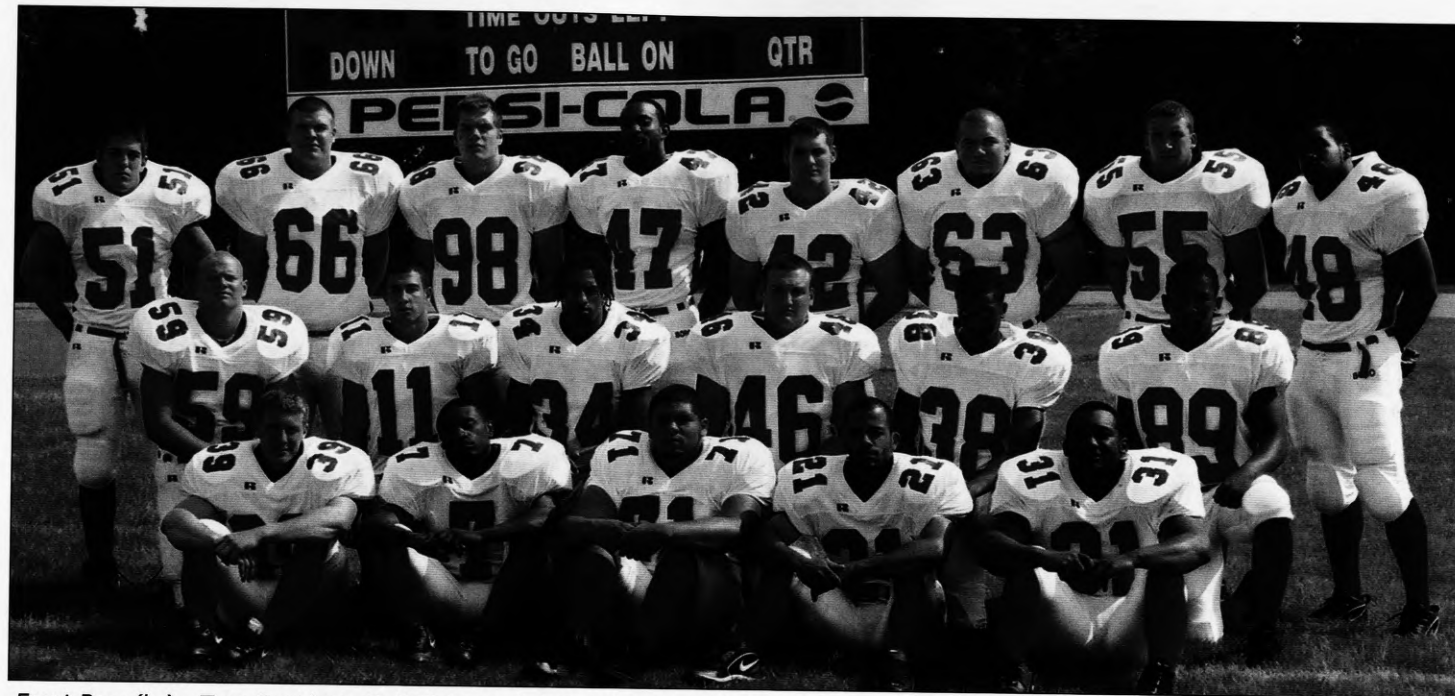


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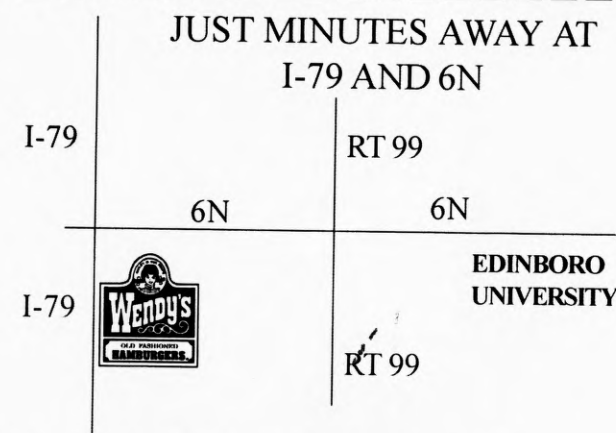
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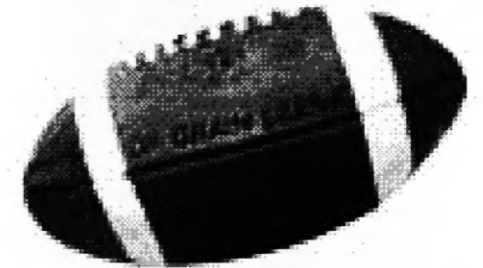


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# FIGHTING SCOT ALL-AMERICANS

## 2002

Sean McNicholas, P -- American Football Coaches Assoc. first team  
Associated Press first team  
Football Gazette second team  
D2Football.com second team  
Brandon Nicodemus, OG -- D2Football.com honorable mention

## 2001

Sean McNicholas, P -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Brandon Nicodemus, OG -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 2000

Mark Weidner, OG -- Verizon Academic All-America second team

## 1999

Rob Barney, TE -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1998

Todd Rogacki, OG -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Gerald Thompson, TB -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1997

Todd Rogacki, OT -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1996

Brian Decker, DB -- CoSIDA first team  
Football Gazette third team  
Jeremy O'Day, OL -- Associated Press All-America second team  
CoSIDA second team  
Football Gazette second team

Michael Sims, LB -- Associated Press All-America second team  
Football Gazette second team

Matt Gentile, DT -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1995

Pat Schuster, DE -- American Football Coaches Assoc. first team  
CoSIDA second team  
Football Gazette second team

Jeremy O'Day, OL -- CoSIDA third team  
Football Gazette honorable mention

Michael Sims, LB -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1994

Larry Jackson, RB -- Football Gazette second team  
Associated Press All-America third team  
CoSIDA third team

Pat Schuster, DE -- Football Gazette second team  
Associated Press All-America third team  
CoSIDA third team

Steve Russell, DB -- Football Gazette second team  
Jeremy O'Day, OL -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Mike Edwards, LB -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1993

Mike Kegaris, OL -- Associated Press All-America first team  
Football Gazette third team

Jason Perkins, LB -- Associated Press All-America second team  
Football Gazette second team  
CoSIDA second team

## 1992

Mike Kegaris, OL -- Associated Press All-America third team  
Football Gazette honorable mention

Jason Perkins, LB -- Football Gazette third team  
Mike Barnes, DB -- Football Gazette third team  
Anthony Ross, DE -- Football Gazette third team

Georj Lewis, DB -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Scott Nickel, OL -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Gary Lhotsky, P -- Football Gazette honorable mention

Larry Jackson, RB -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1991

Curtis Rose, OL -- Associated Press All-America second team  
Football Gazette first team

Jason Perkins, LB -- Football Gazette second team  
Georj Lewis, DB -- Football Gazette third team  
John Messura, DL -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1990

Ernest Priester, WR -- Kodak/American Football Coaches Association first team  
Associated Press All-America first team  
Football Gazette first team

Curtis Rose, OL -- Associated Press All-America first team  
Football Gazette first team

Lester Frye, RB -- Football Gazette honorable mention

Jeff Jacobs, DL -- Football Gazette honorable mention

## 1989

Elbert Cole, RB -- Kodak/American Football Coaches Association first team  
Football Gazette second team

Ernest Priester, WR -- Associated Press All-America third team  
Football Gazette third team

Joe Brooks, OL -- Football Gazette second team  
Hal Galupi, QB -- Football Gazette honorable mention

Michael Willis, FS -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Ron Hainsey, OL -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
Chip Conrad, DT -- Football Gazette honorable mention 1988

Elbert Cole, RB -- Associated Press All-America honorable mention  
Michael Willis, FS -- Associated Press All-America honorable mention

## 1988

Elbert Cole, RB -- Associated Press All-America honorable mention  
Michael Willis, FS -- Associated Press All-America honorable mention

## 1986

Scott Dodds, QB -- Associated Press All-America honorable mention

## 1984

Ray Bracy, DB -- Associated Press All-America honorable mention

Jim Trueman, K -- NCAA Division II All-America third team

## 1982

Rick Ruskiewicz, K -- Kodak All-America College Division I  
Barry Swanson, C -- Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention  
Mark Swiatek, OT -- Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention

## 1981

Bob Cicerchi, LB -- Associated Press Little All-America  
Tom Kisiday, OG -- Associated Press Little All-America  
Ron Link, DT -- Associated Press Little America

## 1980

Tim Beacham, WR -- NAIA All-America honorable mention  
Associated Press All-America honorable mention

Jim Collins, DT -- NAIA All-America honorable mention  
Associated Press All-America honorable mention

Ron Link, DT -- NAIA All-America honorable mention

## HARLON HILL AWARD

Two Edinboro University football players have been finalists for the Harlon Hill award, presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division II football. Running back Elbert Cole was one of three finalists in 1989, while wide receiver Ernest Priester was a finalist a year later. Cole placed third in the '89 balloting. He earned All-American honors in 1989, receiving first team accolades from Kodak/American Football Coaches Association, second team recognition from *Football Gazette*, and third team status from Associated Press.

Cole rushed for 1,507 yards and set Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference records for touchdowns (24) and points (148). He led the Fighting Scots to the PSAC West title, a 8-3 record and a number seven ranking in the final Division II poll.

Priester was runnerup to North Dakota State quarterback Chris Simdorn in 1990 when the Bison claimed the Division II national title. Priester was the PSAC Western Division Co-Player of the Year in 1990. He was also recognized by Kodak/American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press and the *Football Gazette* as a first team All-American.

The fleet wide receiver hauled in 47 passes for 1,102 yards and 15 TDs. Edinboro finished 9-3, reaching the Division II quarterfinals.

Elbert Cole, a 1989 finalist, poses with the Harlon Hill Trophy.



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# FIGHTING SCOT PSAC HONOREES

## PSAC Athlete of the Year

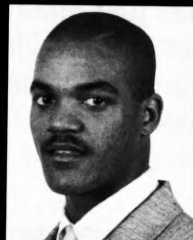
- 1986 -- Scott Dodds, QB
- 1989 -- Elbert Cole, RB
- 1990 -- Ernest Priester, WR (Co-Player of the Year)
- 1992 -- Larry Jackson, RB
- 1994 -- Larry Jackson, RB
- 1995 -- Pat Schuster, DE
- 1996 -- Michael Sims, LB (Defensive Player of the Year)
- 1997 -- Brian Decker, DB (Defensive Player of the Year)



Michael Sims

## PSAC Rookie of the Year

- 1990 -- Mario Houston, DB
- 1991 -- Jody Dickerson, QB
- 1995 -- Gerald Thompson, RB
- 1996 -- Tyson Cook, K



Jody Dickerson

## ALL-PSAC SELECTIONS

- 2002**  
James Cowart, LB -- first team  
Eugen Grooms, DL -- first team  
Sean McNicholas, P -- first team  
Brandon Nicodemus, OL -- first team  
Alonzo Roebuck, RB -- first team  
Joe Valvoda, OL -- first team  
Elliott Page, DB -- second team  
Dave Smith, DL -- second team
- 2001**  
Foster Johnson, LB -- first team  
Sean McNicholas, P -- first team  
Brandon Nicodemus, OL -- first team  
Dave Smith, DL -- first team  
Joe Valvoda, OL -- first team  
Eugene Grooms, DL -- second team  
Jeff Richardson, DB -- second team  
Greg Tarbell, OL -- second team
- 2000**  
Derrick Davis, DB -- first team  
Bernard Henry, RB -- first team  
Jermaine Hughley, LB -- first team  
Dave Smith, DL -- first team  
Stephane Lubin, WR -- second team
- 1999**  
Chris Buehner, WR -- first team  
Bernard Henry, RB -- first team  
Stephane Lubin, RS -- first team  
D.K. McDonald, DB -- first team  
Dave Smith, DL -- first team  
John Smith, DL -- first team  
Rob Barney, TE -- second team  
Dan Caro, LB -- second team  
Sean McNicholas, P -- second team
- 1998**  
Dan Caro, LB -- first team  
James Dumas, DB -- first team  
Todd Rogacki, OT -- first team  
Gerald Thompson, RB -- first team  
Quentin Ware-Bey, WR -- first team  
Dave Sadler, DB -- first team  
Melvin Austin, OT -- second team  
Tyson Cook, P & PK -- second team
- 1997**  
Todd Rogacki, OT -- first team  
Jesse Hannan, DL -- first team  
Dan Caro, LB -- first team  
Brian Decker, DB -- first team  
Tom Scarpone, C -- second team  
Quentin Ware-Bey, WR -- second team  
Matt Stultz, DL -- second team  
Ed Mattie, LB -- second team  
Tyson Cook, P -- second team
- 1996**  
Jeremy O'Day, OT -- first team  
Todd Rogacki, OG -- first team  
Corey Keyes, TE -- first team  
Tony Brinson, RB -- first team  
Mike Sims, LB -- first team  
Matt Gentile, DL -- first team

- Jeff Traversy, DL -- first team  
Brian Decker, DB -- first team  
Denorse Mosely, DB/RS -- first team  
Tyson Cook, P -- first team  
Tyson Cook, K -- second team  
Gerald Thompson, RB -- second team
- 1995**  
Todd Henne, TE -- first team  
Jesse Trevino, OG -- first team  
Gilbert Grantlin, WR -- first team  
Gerald Thompson, RB -- first team  
Pat Schuster, DE -- first team  
Jeff Traversy, DL -- first team  
Mike Sims, LB -- first team  
Keith Cushenberry, DB -- first team  
Det Betti, C -- second team  
Jeremy O'Day, OG -- second team  
Tony Brinson, RB -- second team  
Gilbert Grantlin, WR -- second team  
Bryan Lambert, DL -- second team  
Marty Williams, DB -- second team
- 1994**  
Jeremy O'Day, OT -- first team  
Jody Dickerson, QB -- first team  
Larry Jackson, RB -- first team  
Pat Schuster, DE -- first team  
Mike Edwards, LB -- first team  
Steve Russell, DB -- first team  
Todd Henne, TE -- second team  
Lateef Walters, WR -- second team  
Bryan Lambert, DL -- second team  
Mike Sims, LB -- second team  
Keith Cushenberry, DB -- second team  
Marty Williams, DB -- second team
- 1993**  
Mike Kegaris, OL -- first team  
Larry Jackson, RB -- first team  
Jody Dickerson, QB -- first team  
Russell Cray, DL -- first team  
Jason Perkins, LB -- first team  
Steve Russell, DB -- first team  
Gary Lhotsky, P -- first team  
Gordie Hitchcock, C -- second team  
Tony Tighe, OT -- second team  
Mike Edwards, LB -- second team  
Mario Houston, DB -- second team
- 1992**  
Mike Kegaris, OT -- first team  
Scott Nickel, OG -- first team  
Larry Jackson, RB -- first team  
Anthony Ross, DL -- first team  
Jason Perkins, LB -- first team  
Mike Barnes, DB -- first team  
Georj Lewis, DB -- first team  
Gary Lhotsky, P -- first team  
Brian Heebsh, TE -- second team  
Russell Cray, DL -- second team
- 1991**  
Curtis Rose, OL -- first team  
Lester Frye, RB -- first team  
John Messuna, DL -- first team

- Jason Perkins, LB -- first team  
Georj Lewis, DB -- first team  
Brian Heebsh, TE -- second team  
Wally Spisak, OL -- second team  
Mike Kegaris, OT -- second team  
Wrentie Martin, WR -- second team  
Mike Barnes, DB -- second team  
Gary Lhotsky, P -- second team
- 1990**  
Curtis Rose, OG -- first team  
Ernest Priester, WR -- first team  
Lester Frye, RB -- first team  
Jeff Jacobs, DL -- first team  
Wade Smith, DB -- first team  
Wally Spisak, OT -- second team  
Brad Powell, OG -- second team  
John Baumann, PK -- second team  
John Messura, DL -- second team  
Matt Miller, DL -- second team  
Al Donahue, LB -- second team  
Mario Houston, DB -- second team
- 1989**  
Joe Brooks, OG -- first team  
Dave Pinkerton, C -- first team  
Mike Raynard, P -- first team  
Elbert Cole, RB -- first team  
Michael Wayne, LB -- first team  
Michael Willis, DB -- first team
- 1988**  
John Toomer, WR -- first team  
Elbert Cole, RB -- first team  
Chip Conrad, DL -- first team  
Michael Willis, DB -- first team
- 1987**  
Mark Courtney, OT -- first team  
Elbert Cole, RB -- first team  
Mike Raynard, P -- first team  
Cleveland Pratt, WR -- second team  
Floyd Faulkner, RB -- second team  
Ed Jozefov, DL -- second team  
Al Donahue, LB -- second team  
Mike Wetherholt, DB -- second team
- 1986**  
Scott Dodds, QB -- first team  
Bob Suren, TE -- first team  
Floyd Faulkner, RB -- first team  
John Cardone, DE -- first team  
Ross Rankin, RB -- second team  
Ernest Priester, WR -- second team  
Dave Nye, OG -- second team  
Mike Raynard, -- second team  
Jim Trueman, PK -- second team
- 1985**  
Mark Perkins, WR -- first team  
Dave Span, RB -- first team  
Jim Britt, OT -- first team  
Chuck Murray, DL -- first team  
Rob Lewis, DL -- second team  
Mark Merritt, OL -- second team

- 1984**  
Ray Bracy, DB -- first team  
Jim Ritt, OT -- first team  
Jim Trueman, PK -- first team  
Martelle Betters, DB -- second team  
Eric Bosley, WR -- second team  
Damon Chambers, RB -- second team  
Blair Hrovat, QB -- second team  
Bob O'Rorke, LB -- second team
- 1983**  
Buddy Carroll, C -- first team  
Willie Chealey, LB -- first team  
Rick Jordan, DL -- first team  
Rick Rosenburg, OT -- first team  
Jim Trueman, PK -- first team  
Keith Collier, RB -- second team  
Jim Durkin, LB -- second team  
Phil Giavasis, DE -- second team  
Bob Klenk, RB -- second team  
Dave Parker, DB -- second team
- 1982**  
Jim Durkin, LB -- first team  
Mitchell Kelly, RB -- first team  
Dave Parker, DB -- first team  
Rick Ruskiewicz, PK -- first team  
Barry Swanson, C -- first team  
Phil Giavasis, DE -- second team  
Blair Hrovat, QB -- second team  
Chris Rounds, OG -- second team  
Mark Swiatek, OT -- second team  
Bob Beauregard, DE -- honorable mention  
Willie Chealey, LB -- honorable mention  
John O'Rorke, DL -- honorable mention  
Greg Rose, DB -- honorable mention
- 1981**  
Bob Cicerchi, LB -- first team  
Tom Kisiday, OG -- first team  
Ron Link, DT -- first team  
Rick Ruskiewicz, PK -- first team  
Keith Collier, RB -- second team
- 1980**  
Tim Beacham, WR -- first team  
Jim Collins, DT -- first team  
Bob Cicerchi, LB -- first team  
Ron Miller, DB -- first team  
Joe Early, RB -- second team  
Rick Ruskiewicz, PK -- second team  
Tom Kisiday, OG -- second team  
Bill Matuscak, TE -- second team

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# YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Year	Coach	Overall W-L-T	PF	PA	PSAC W-L-T
1926	Sox Harrison	3-3-0	88	53	
1927	Sox Harrison	3-2-0	83	38	
1928	Sox Harrison	5-2-0	212	30	
1929	Sox Harrison	2-4-0	46	76	
1930	Sox Harrison	3-4-0	131	86	
1931	Sox Harrison	1-5-0	19	80	
1932	Sox Harrison	3-2-0	40	25	
1933	Sox Harrison	1-6-0	11	118	
1934	Sox Harrison	0-6-0	6	154	
1935	Sox Harrison	0-6-0	0	224	
1936	Sox Harrison	1-4-0	59	88	
1937	Sox Harrison	0-4-1	6	98	
1938	Sox Harrison	1-4-0	18	72	
1939	Orville Bailey	1-6-0	39	131	
1940	Orville Bailey	0-7-0	27	191	
1941	Sox Harrison	2-2-1	80	45	
1942	Sox Harrison	1-3-0	14	70	
1943	No Team - World War II				
1944	No Team - World War II				
1945	No Team - World War II				
1946	Art McComb	0-6-0	7	154	
1947	Art McComb	1-6-0	19	154	
1948	Art McComb	1-7-0	20	146	
1949	Art McComb	1-5-2	62	139	
1950	Art McComb	3-4-0	82	119	
1951	Art McComb	0-5-1	45	116	
1952	Art McComb	3-4-0	83	73	
1953	Art McComb	3-5-1	135	93	
1954	Art McComb	1-6-0	79	147	
1955	Art McComb	1-8-0	44	193	
1956	Bob Thurbon	5-4-0	173	103	
1957	Bob Thurbon	3-4-0	139	53	
1958	Bob Thurbon	4-4-1	131	111	
1959	Bob Thurbon	3-4-1	117	127	
1960	Loyal Park	3-4-1	91	114	1-3-1
1961	Loyal Park	4-3-1	139	114	2-2-1
1962	Jim Hazlett	3-5-0	116	113	1-5-0
1963	Jim Hazlett	2-6-0	84	123	1-5-0

Year	Coach	Overall W-L-T	PF	PA	PSAC W-L-T
1964	Jim Hazlett	2-5-1	113	129	1-4-1
1965	Jim Hazlett	6-2-1	204	132	4-2-0
1966	William Cutcher	1-6-1	42	224	1-4-1
1967	William Cutcher	2-7-0	81	224	1-4-0
1968	William Cutcher	2-7-0	114	307	0-5-0
1969	Bill McDonald	4-4-1	194	203	2-2-1
1970	Bill McDonald	9-1-0	237	89	5-0-0
1971	Bill McDonald	9-1-0	355	155	5-0-0
1972	Bill McDonald	3-5-1	167	158	2-2-1
1973	Bill McDonald	4-4-1	194	203	3-2-0
1974	Bill McDonald	5-2-2	131	127	2-2-2
1975	Bill McDonald	8-3-0	259	156	6-0-0
1976	Bill McDonald	6-4-0	273	174	4-2-0
1977	Bill McDonald	3-6-1	139	123	2-3-1
1978	Bill McDonald	3-6-1	167	247	2-3-1
1979	Denny Creehan	4-6-0	131	148	2-4-0
1980	Denny Creehan	6-2-1	155	84	3-2-1
1981	Denny Creehan	4-6-0	178	84	1-5-0
1982	Denny Creehan	9-2-0	294	110	5-1-0
1983	Denny Creehan	8-2-0	412	144	4-2-0
1984	Denny Creehan	8-2-0	353	210	4-2-0
1985	Steve Szabo	5-4-1	217	209	3-3-0
1986	Steve Szabo	7-3-0	321	283	5-1-0
1987	Steve Szabo	3-8-0	226	283	1-5-0
1988	Tom Hollman	5-4-1	223	184	4-1-1
1989	Tom Hollman	8-3-0	435	202	6-0-0
1990	Tom Hollman	9-3-0	336	190	5-1-0
1991	Tom Hollman	7-4-0	228	199	3-3-0
1992	Tom Hollman	8-2-1	336	131	4-1-1
1993	Tom Hollman	8-3-0	362	255	5-1-0
1994	Tom Hollman	7-3-0	367	207	4-2-0
1995	Tom Hollman	9-2-0	316	155	6-0-0
1996	Tom Hollman	6-4-0	276	223	4-2-0
1997	Tom Hollman	4-6-0	202	230	2-4-0
1998	Tom Hollman	4-7-0	253	304	2-4-0
1999	Tom Hollman	3-8-0	222	347	2-4-0
2000	Lou Tepper	5-6-0	163	218	2-4-0
2001	Lou Tepper	4-6-0	202	209	3-3-0
2002	Lou Tepper	5-6-0	253	260	2-4-0

## ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

Coach, Seasons	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Sox Harrison (1926-38, 41-42)	15	27	56	2	.329
Orville Bailey (1939-40)	2	1	13	0	.071
Art McComb (1946-55)	10	14	56	4	.203
Bob Thurbon (1956-59)	4	15	16	2	.485
Loyal Park (1960-61)	2	7	7	2	.500
Jim Hazlett (1962-65)	4	9	22	2	.288
William Cutcher (1966-68)	3	5	20	1	.212
Bill McDonald (1969-78)	10	54	34	7	.605
Denny Creehan (1979-84)	6	39	20	1	.658
Steve Szabo (1985-87)	3	15	15	1	.500
Tom Hollman (1988-99)	12	78	48	2	.617
Lou Tepper (2000-02)	3	14	18	0	.438
<b>12 COACHES</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>.462</b>



Denny Creehan (center) was inducted into the Edinboro Hall of Fame in April 2001. A standout defensive back for the Fighting Scots, he was the Edinboro head coach for six seasons, and remains the career leader in winning percentage at .658. He is pictured with Director of Athletics Bruce Baumgartner (left) and President Dr. Frank G. Pogue Jr. (right).



Bill McDonald



Steve Szabo



Tom Hollman

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# LONGEST PLAYS

## Rushing

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
99	Lester Frye	California(Pa.)	1991
92	Derrick Russell	Bloomsburg	1990
91	Al Raines	Waynesburg	1971
91	Joe Sanford	Waynesburg	1991
88	Dave Green	Saginaw Valley	1975
87	Bernard Henry	Indiana(Pa.)	1999
85	Al Raines	Lock Haven	1969
85	Kidder	Indiana(Pa.)	1956
83	Larry Jackson	Millersville	1993
80	Al Raines	Indiana(Pa.)	1970
79	Floyd Faulkner	Shippensburg	1986
79	Joe Sanford	California(Pa.)	1970

## Passing

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
92	Stewart Ayers to Tim Beacham	Shippensburg	1980
91	Chris Hart to Denorse Mosley	California(Pa.)	1996
87	Scott McKissock to Jim Romaniszyn	West Chester	1971
83	Blair Hrovat to Eric Bosley	Lock Haven	1982
82	Rick Shover to Bill Kruse	Westminster	1979
80	Joe Sanford to Jim Romaniszyn	Clarion	1971
79	Jody Dickerson to Terry Roberts	Elizabeth City St.	1993
77	Hal Galupi to Ernest Priester	California(Pa.)	1990
76	Jim Ross to Daryl Cameron	Mansfield	1987
76	Jude Basile to Rod Jones	Kenyon	1974
75	Rick Gates to Chris Buehner	Mercyhurst	1999
75	Chris Hart to Gerald Thompson	Lock Haven	1995

## Kickoff Returns

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
100	Cleveland Pratt	Lock Haven	1987
100	Eric Bosley	West Liberty	1984
99	Bernard Henry	California(Pa.)	2000
98	Tim Beacham	Millersville	1977
97	Gary Gilbert	California(Pa.)	1961
95	Tim Beacham	Shippensburg	1980
94	Ross Rankin	Clarion	1986
92	Steve Russell	Slippery Rock	1993
90	Cleveland Pratt	West Chester	1987
90	John Mikovich	East Stroudsburg	1967
90	Willie Miller	Bridgeport	1964

## Punt Returns

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
85	Gilbert Grantlin	Mansfield	1995
85	Ken Petardi	Indiana(Pa.)	1978
85	Jack McCurry	Shippensburg	1971
82	Tim Beacham	Clarion	1980
80	Floyd Faulkner	California(Pa.)	1986

## TOP 10 WINNING MARGINS

Margin	Score	Opponent	Date
83	83-0	Alliance	1928
68	68-0	Clarion	1930
61	67-6	California(Pa.)	1994
61	74-13	Mercyhurst	1983
59	59-0	Buffalo State	1983
57	57-0	Eureka	1971
55	62-7	Slippery Rock	1989
55	55-0	Grove City	1956
54	60-6	Shippensburg	1989
52	52-0	Lock Haven	1975

70	John Mikovich	California(Pa.)	1965
62	Jim Romaniszyn	Indiana(Pa.)	1972
58	Mike Gaul	New Haven	1981
55	Tim Beacham	Indiana(Pa.)	1980
55	Rich Riffle	Geneva	1966

## Punts

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
82	Kevin Conlan	Clarion	1983
72	Sean McNicholas	California(Pa.)	2000
70	Mike Abbiatici	Millersville	1980
66	Sean McNicholas	Ashland	2002
66	Bill Burford	Youngstown State	1989
65	Sean McNicholas	Shippensburg	2002
65	Sean McNicholas	Gannon	2001
65	Tyson Cook	Cheyney	1997
65	Tyson Cook	Univ. at Buffalo	1996
65	Scott Rupert	Indiana(Pa.)	1994
65	Gary Lhotsky	Shippensburg	1992
65	Mike Abbiatici	Millersville	1980
65	Dan Fiegl	Fairmont State	1976

## Field Goals

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
53	Sean McNicholas	East Stroudsburg	2000
52	Tyson Cook	Hillsdale	1997
52	Darren Weber	Indiana(Pa.)	1987
49	Sean McNicholas	Glenville State	1999
48	Tyson Cook	California(Pa.)	1997
47	Sean McNicholas	Clarion	1999
47	Rich Ruskiewicz	Bloomsburg	1981
47	Rich Ruskiewicz	California(Pa.)	1979
45	Sean McNicholas	East Stroudsburg	2001
45	Rich Ruskiewicz	California(Pa.)	1980
44	Sean McNicholas	Shippensburg	2001
44	Jim Trueman	California(Pa.)	1984
44	Rich Ruskiewicz	Clarion	1980

## Interceptions

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
102	Jack Case	Brockport State	1962
85	Steve Russell	Shippensburg	1992
85	Willie Curry	Fairmont State	1976
84	Franklin	Slippery Rock	1987
71	Dennis Creehan	California(Pa.)	1969
69	Foster Johnson	Ashland	2000
69	Ken Petardi	Indiana(Pa.)	1978
67	Jeff Richardson	Lock Haven	2001
67	Brian Decker	Cheyney	1997
66	Ron Allen	Slippery Rock	1996

## TOP 10 LOSING MARGINS

Margin	Score	Opponent	Date
72	72-0	Slippery Rock	1935
68	68-0	Baldwin-Wallace	1966
58	58-0	Indiana(Pa.)	1968
54	54-0	Indiana(Pa.)	1935
50	50-0	Clarion	1946
49	65-16	Bloomsburg	1999
49	49-0	Slippery Rock	1934
49	49-0	Grove City	1933
45	45-0	Westminster	1935
44	51-7	Ashland	1972

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Opponent	W-L-T	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Streak	Opponent	W-L-T	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Streak
Alfred	0-1-0	1928	1928	L1	Hiram	0-0-1	1959	1959	T1
Allegheny	2-2-0	1930	1933	W2	Indiana(Pa.)	17-50-4	1926	2002	L7
Alliance	5-4-0	1926	1949	W1	John Carroll	1-2-0	1955	1960	W1
American International	1-0-0	1994	1994	W1	Kent State	1-1-0	1926	1927	W1
Appalachian State	0-1-0	1995	1995	L1	Kenyon	1-0-0	1974	1974	W1
Ashland	4-4-0	1953	2002	W1	Kutztown	1-2-0	1988	2002	L1
Baldwin-Wallace	1-2-1	1965	1975	L1	Liberty	0-3-0	1987	1989	L3
Bloomsburg	5-1-0	1981	1999	L1	Lock Haven	30-14-1	1958	2002	W2
Bridgewater	2-0-0	1964	1965	W2	Lycoming	1-1-0	1960	1961	W1
Brockport State	7-5-1	1948	1969	W1	Mansfield	11-12-1	1935	1995	W1
Buffalo State	1-0-0	1983	1983	W1	Mercyhurst	3-1-0	1982	2000	W1
University at Buffalo	4-1-0	1928	1996	L1	Michigan Tech	0-1-0	1964	1964	L1
C.W. Post	0-2-0	1976	1978	L2	Millersville	3-5-0	1977	1999	L2
California(Pa.)	33-34-2	1927	2002	W1	Muskingum	1-1-0	1978	1979	W1
Canisius	0-1-0	1930	1930	L1	New Haven	3-3-0	1981	1995	L2
Carson-Newman	0-3-0	1996	1998	L3	North Dakota State	0-1-0	1989	1989	L1
Case Tech	0-1-0	1955	1995	L1	Northwood	2-0-0	1991	1992	W2
Central Connecticut St.	3-1-0	1970	1987	W2	Ohio Northern	2-1-0	1968	1971	W1
Cheyney	3-1-0	1967	1996	W3	Portland State	1-0-0	1995	1995	W1
Clarion	33-37-2	1926	2002	L1	Saginaw Valley St.	2-1-0	1975	1988	W1
Cortland State	1-1-0	1972	1976	W1	Shippensburg	19-21-1	1957	2002	L2
Curry	1-0-0	1965	1965	W1	Slippery Rock	21-43-7	1926	2002	L1
District of Columbia	1-0-0	1984	1984	W1	Shepherd	1-2-0	1957	1990	W2
Duquesne	0-1-0	1929	1929	L1	Southern Connecticut St.	2-0-0	1991	1992	W2
East Stroudsburg	3-6-0	1967	2002	L2	St. Francis	0-1-0	1953	1953	L1
Elizabeth City State	2-0-0	1993	1994	W2	St. Vincent	0-2-0	1929	1959	L2
Fairmont State	4-6-2	1973	1991	W3	Thiel	1-8-0	1933	1952	W1
Ferris State	0-2-0	1992	1993	L2	Tiffin	1-0-0	2002	2002	W1
Findlay	0-1-0	1947	1947	L1	Virginia Union	1-0-0	1990	1990	W1
Frederick	0-1-0	1961	1961	L1	Waynesburg	2-1-0	1957	1972	W2
Frostburg State	2-0-0	1976	1977	W2	Wayne State(MI)	1-0-1	1985	1986	W1
Gannon	2-0-0	2001	2002	W2	West Chester	2-4-0	1970	2001	L1
Geneva	5-1-0	1952	1969	W4	West Liberty	2-2-0	1926	1984	W2
Glenville State	1-2-0	1997	1999	W1	West Virginia Wesleyan	3-0-0	1975	1984	W3
Grove City	4-3-0	1933	1963	W3	Westminster	2-12-0	1930	1980	W2
Hillsdale	5-1-0	1994	1999	L1	Youngstown State	0-4-0	1989	2000	L4

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# FIGHTING SCOTS IN THE PROS

Edinboro University has had a history of players performing in the professional ranks, including three players who most recently played in the Canadian Football League.

Sean McNicholas signed as a free agent with the New York Jets this past April. The All-American punter was released in early June.

Three-time All-American Jeremy O'Day played six seasons as an offensive lineman in the Canadian Football League. O'Day played two seasons for the Toronto Argonauts, helping them win the Grey Cup. The 6'3", 295 lb. offensive guard was chosen by the Argos in the 1997 supplemental draft, and later played for the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Former Fighting Scots Jeff Traversy and John Williams also played north of the border. Traversy, a 6'5", 280 lb. nose tackle, was the Calgary Stampeders' third pick in the 1997 college draft and played through the 2002 season. Williams, Edinboro's leading rusher in 2001, was drafted by British Columbia in the fourth round of the 2002 CFL Draft. He led the Scots with 723 yards rushing and added 14 receptions in 2001.

Several former Edinboro players have enjoyed success in the Arena Football League, most notably Cleveland Pratt. Though just 5'7", 171 lbs., Pratt prospered in the indoor football league. In 2001 he played for the Florida Firecats, enjoying an outstanding season. He ranked among the league leaders in scoring and all-purpose yardage.

Former Edinboro wide receiver Quentin Ware-Bey has also toiled in the AFL2, playing for the Carolina Rhinos.

A number of other Fighting Scots have made their marks in the professional ranks. Denorse Mosely was a member of the Miami Dolphins as a defensive back for two seasons, and was also in training camp with the Green Bay Packers. He spent the majority of his first season with the Dolphins on the practice squad before being activated for the playoffs.

James Dumas, a defensive back two years ago for Edinboro, was signed as a free agent by the San Francisco 49ers in 1999. Gilbert Grantlin was a free agent signee of the Minnesota Vikings in 1996, earning a spot on the practice squad.

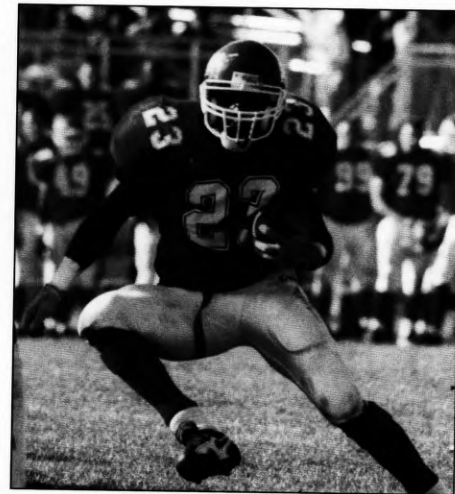
Mike Kegarise, a 6'6", 310 lb. offensive tackle, was highly-regarded by the Seattle Seahawks before suffering a severe knee injury. He spent the 1994 season on the Seahawks' injured reserve list.

Former head coach Tom Hollman produced two other NFL hopefuls. Offensive guard Curtis Rose signed as a free agent with the Miami Dolphins, while wide receiver Ernest Priester was signed by the Denver Broncos. Priester later played for the Cleveland Thunder of the Arena Football League.

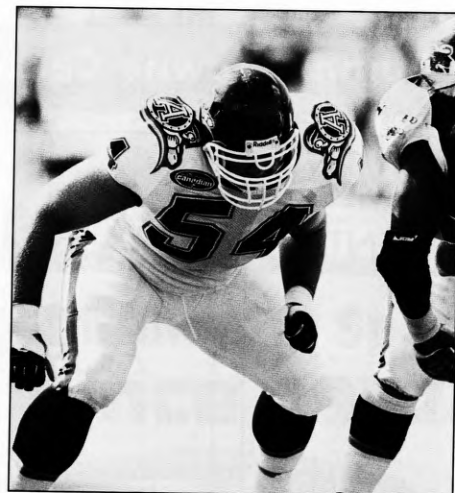
Edinboro players performing in the NFL date back to the 1970's, with both Dave Green and Jim Romaniszyn playing for the Cleveland Browns. Green, a running back, also played for the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL.



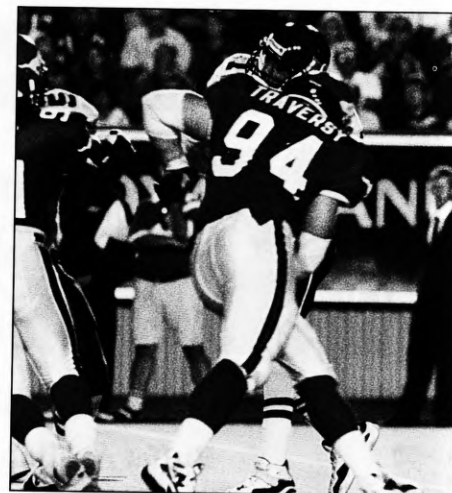
Dave Green



John Williams was drafted by the British Columbia Lions in the fourth round of the 2002 Canadian Football League Draft.



A former member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, offensive lineman Jeremy O'Day previously played for the Grey Cup champion Toronto Argonauts.



Jeff Traversy was the third pick of the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League in 1997. He's shown sacking a Saskatchewan quarterback in 1997.

## Edinboro in the NCAA Division II Playoffs

- 1989 North Dakota State 45, Edinboro 32  
(Fargo, ND -- First Round)
- 1990 Edinboro 38, Virginia Union 14  
(Richmond, VA -- First Round)
- Indiana(Pa.) 14, Edinboro 7  
(Indiana, PA -- Quarterfinals)
- 1993 New Haven 48, Edinboro 28  
(West Haven, CT -- First Round)
- 1995 New Haven 27, Edinboro 12  
(West Haven, CT -- First Round)



Edinboro made its initial venture into the NCAA Division II playoffs in 1989, dropping an exciting decision to North Dakota State in Fargo, North Dakota.



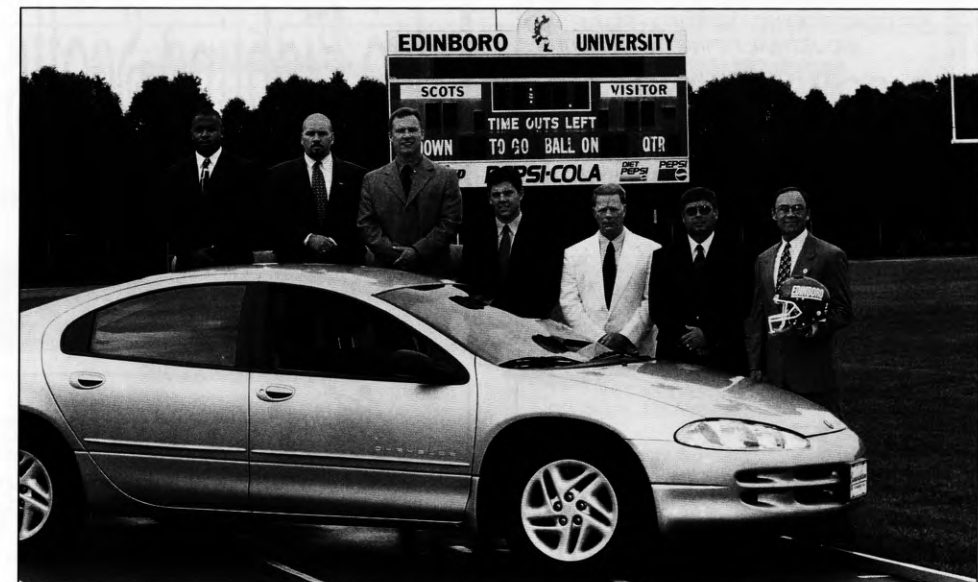
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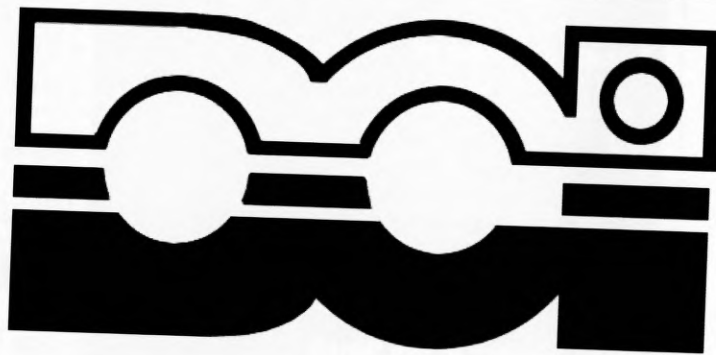
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# PSAC/OPPONENTS TODAY

## ASHLAND (1-2)

Aug. 30	at Michigan Tech	L, 14-27
Sept. 6	EDINBORO	L, 6-12
Sept. 13	at Northwood	W, 24-21
Sept. 20	HILLSDALE	
Sept. 27	at Saginaw Valley State	
Oct. 4	WAYNE STATE(MI)	
Oct. 11	at Mercyhurst	
Oct. 18	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	
Oct. 25	at Findlay	
Nov. 1	INDIANAPOLIS	
Nov. 8	FERRIS STATE	

## CLARION (0-2)

Sept. 6	EAST		
Sept. 13	STROUDSBURG	L, 21-31	
	MILLERSVILLE	L, 10-13	ot
Sept. 20	at Glenville State		
Sept. 27	KUTZTOWN		
Oct. 4	INDIANA(PA)		
Oct. 11	at West Chester		
Oct. 18	EDINBORO		
Oct. 25	at Shippensburg		
Nov. 1	at California(Pa.)		
Nov. 8	LOCK HAVEN		
Nov. 15	at Slippery Rock		

## SHIPPENSBURG (2-0)

Sept. 6	Shepherd	W, 33-14
Sept. 13	at Bloomsburg	W, 21-0
Sept. 20	KUTZTOWN	
Sept. 27	WEST CHESTER	
Oct. 4	at Edinboro	
Oct. 11	at Slippery Rock	
Oct. 18	LOCK HAVEN	
Oct. 25	CLARION	
Nov. 1	at Indiana(Pa.)	
Nov. 8	at East Stroudsburg	
Nov. 15	CALIFORNIA(PA)	

## KUTZTOWN (2-0)

Sept. 6	at Virginia State	W, 34-6
Sept. 13	LOCK HAVEN	W, 7-3
Sept. 20	at Shippensburg	
Sept. 27	at Clarion	
Oct. 4	WEST CHESTER	
Oct. 11	at Mansfield	
Oct. 18	at Bloomsburg	
Oct. 25	MILLERSVILLE	
Nov. 1	EDINBORO	
Nov. 8	at Cheyney	
Nov. 15	EAST STROUDSBURG	

## CALIFORNIA(PA) (1-1)

Aug. 30	at Eastern Illinois	L, 0-27
Sept. 13	FAIRMONT STATE	W, 42-12
Sept. 20	at West Virginia Wesleyan	
Sept. 27	CHEYNEY	
Oct. 4	SLIPPERY ROCK	
Oct. 11	at Lock Haven	
Oct. 18	INDIANA(PA)	
Oct. 25	at Mansfield	
Nov. 1	CLARION	
Nov. 8	at Edinboro	
Nov. 15	at Shippensburg	

## 2003 PSAC STANDINGS

PSAC West		Conference		Overall	
W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Indiana(Pa.)	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
Shippensburg	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
EDINBORO	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	
California(Pa.)	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	
Clarion	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	
Lock Haven	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	
Slippery Rock	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	

PSAC East		Conference		Overall	
W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Kutztown	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
West Chester	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
East Stroudsburg	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
Mansfield	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
Millersville	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	
Bloomsburg	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	
Cheyney	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	

### Saturday, September 13

Shippensburg 21, Bloomsburg 0
Gannon 20, Slippery Rock 18
Kutztown 7, Lock Haven 3
Millersville 13, Clarion 10 ot
California(Pa.) 42, Fairmont State 12
Indiana(Pa.) 42, West Virginia Tech 0
Cheyney 42, West Virginia State 33
Mansfield 19, Buffalo State 0

### Saturday, September 20

Tiffin at EDINBORO, 1:00 p.m.
Clarion at Glenville State, 1:00 p.m.
Indiana(Pa.) at New Haven, 1:00 p.m.
Kutztown at Shippensburg, 1:00 p.m.
Mansfield at Westminster, 1:00 p.m.
Millersville at Bowie State, 1:00 p.m.
West Liberty at Cheyney, 1:00 p.m.
East Stroudsburg at Shepherd, 1:00 p.m.
Slippery Rock at Fairmont State, 6:00 p.m.
West Chester at Delaware, 7:00 p.m.

### PSAC Players of the Week

#### Eastern Division -- Offense

Ernest McNeal, Mansfield -- RB

#### Eastern Division -- Defense

Tim Krusen, Kutztown -- DE

#### Western Division -- Offense

Mike Jemison, Indiana(Pa.) -- TB

#### Western Division -- Defense

Troy Bowers, Clarion -- NG

## EAST STROUDSBURG (2-0)

Aug. 30	LENOIR-RHYNE	W, 58-0
Sept. 6	at Clarion	W, 31-21
Sept. 20	at Shepherd	
Sept. 27	at Edinboro	
Oct. 4	BLOOMSBURG	
Oct. 11	at Cheyney	
Oct. 18	MANSFIELD	
Oct. 25	WEST CHESTER	
Nov. 1	at Millersville	
Nov. 8	SHIPPENSBURG	
Nov. 15	at Kutztown	

## INDIANA(PA) (2-0)

Sept. 6	NEBRASKA-OMAHA	W, 28-26
Sept. 13	WEST VA. TECH	W, 42-0
Sept. 20	at New Haven	
Sept. 27	MILLERSVILLE	
Oct. 4	at Clarion	
Oct. 11	EDINBORO	
Oct. 18	at California(Pa.)	
Oct. 25	at Lock Haven	
Nov. 1	SHIPPENSBURG	
Nov. 8	SLIPPERY ROCK	
Nov. 15	at Bloomsburg	

## SLIPPERY ROCK (0-2)

Sept. 6	at Youngstown State	L, 12-45
Sept. 13	GANNON	L, 18-20
Sept. 20	at Fairmont State	
Sept. 27	BLOOMSBURG	
Oct. 4	at California(Pa.)	
Oct. 11	SHIPPENSBURG	
Oct. 18	at Millersville	
Oct. 25	at Edinboro	
Nov. 1	LOCK HAVEN	
Nov. 8	at Indiana(Pa.)	
Nov. 15	CLARION	

## YOUNGSTOWN STATE (2-1)

Aug. 28	EDINBORO	W, 35-11
Sept. 6	SLIPPERY ROCK	W, 45-12
Sept. 13	at Kent State	L, 13-16
Sept. 20	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	
Sept. 27	at Liberty	
Oct. 4	at Southwest Missouri State	
Oct. 11	WESTERN ILLINOIS	
Oct. 18	at Indiana State	
Oct. 25	ILLINOIS STATE	
Nov. 1	at Northern Iowa	
Nov. 8	at Southern Illinois	
Nov. 15	WESTERN KENTUCKY	

## LOCK HAVEN (0-2)

Sept. 6	at Towson	L, 19-50
Sept. 13	at Kutztown	L, 3-7
Sept. 20	BLOOMSBURG	
Sept. 27	MANSFIELD	
Oct. 4	at Cheyney	
Oct. 11	CALIFORNIA(PA)	
Oct. 18	at Shippensburg	
Oct. 25	INDIANA(PA)	
Nov. 1	at Slippery Rock	
Nov. 8	at Clarion	
Nov. 15	EDINBORO	



# ATHLETIC FUND DRIVE

## Dear Friends of the Fighting Scots:

This past year will go down as one filled with success, yet mixed with disappointment and difficult decisions. Add in the strife throughout the world with stressing economic times throughout the United States, and I must tell you it was gratifying to see the results of our Fifth Annual Athletic Fund Drive.

Those of you who know me know I set my goals high. As I've learned throughout my wrestling and administrative careers, sometimes you reach those goals, and sometimes you fall short. Yet there are times when you must sit back and take into account all factors when assessing success and setbacks.

There are those who tell me I'll never be satisfied with the outcome of a project, and they may be correct. In satisfaction lies complacency, and as Director of Athletics at Edinboro University, I vow never to become complacent.

As we embark on our Sixth Annual Athletic Fund Drive, I must first tell you how gratifying it was to see the support exhibited by so many loyal Fighting Scot followers. At a time when saying "no" is in vogue, many stood by us and continued to contribute. That is extremely gratifying to me.

We remain energized by the commitment of our coaches, our student-athletes, and most importantly, the many individuals and businesses who have come on board in the first five years.

Over those years we've strived to raise funds through Endowed Scholarships, Gifts-in-Kind, Securities, Trusts and Bequests. The formation of the Hall of Fame Scholarship has been very exciting, with the Hall of Fame membership up to 145.

Once again, with no state appropriations for athletic scholarships, we depend on fund raising events such as the Annual Athletic Fund Drive to supplement our athletic programs. Our summer camp season continues to be the main source of our financial development, but we cannot maintain our level of excellence without your support. Although still funded well below the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) allowable limit, our athletic scholarship program attempts to create the best educational and athletic opportunities for our student-athletes.

At Edinboro University, we are quite proud of our past successes and rich tradition, but we cannot rest upon past accomplishments and let our sister-institutions pass us by in the world of athletic fund raising.

Once again, we look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions about our fund drive. I entertain any recommendations or suggestions which would better our University and its athletic department.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Baumgartner  
Director of Athletics  
World and Olympic Champion

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Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Cross Country/Track and Field, Football, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, Wrestling, Sports Information and Sports Medicine

## EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FUND DRIVE

### List of Benefits

	Varsity \$50	Scots \$100	Captains \$250	Coaches \$500	Athletic Director \$1,000	President \$2,500
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Athletic T-Shirt		★	★	★	★	★
Athletic Sweatshirt			★	★	★	★
Athletic Media Guides			★	★	★	★
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet				★	★	★
Athletic Dress Shirt				★	★	★
Season Ticket (family pass, all events)					★	★
Dinner with Athletic Director and President					★	

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**IMPORTANT:** Contribution can be made to the GENERAL FUND, an ENDOWMENT, or SPORT SPECIFIC -- the majority of your gift (approximately 90 percent) will go directly to the sport you designate. Gifts-in-Kind, Securities, Trusts and Bequests are now another method of giving.

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## LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP LEADS TO PLENTY OF YARDS

by Bob Shreve, Sports Information Director



Anthony Peluso

For Anthony Peluso and Joe Valvoda, Edinboro's recent game at Youngstown State was almost a dream come true. Almost because both at one time had aspirations of playing for the Penguins, but were told by then-coach Jim Tressel that they were too short. Four years later they buckled their chinstraps, trotted on to Stambaugh Stadium and made current coach Jon Heacock realize that short can be better.

"It was exciting for me," related the 6'2", 290 lb. Valvoda, who hails from Mantua, OH. "After last season I told coach Tepper I wanted to play at Youngstown State. They're a great program and I respect them."

Peluso, 6'1", 285 lbs. and a native of Aliquippa, not far from Youngstown, was more to the point. "It was great to play in front of 16,000 people. They said I was too short. If I could play them every week I would. My father went there, my uncle went there. That was my dream to go there. When coach Tressel told me I was too short, it was like a dagger in my heart. To me it was a statement game."

While the Fighting Scots suffered a 35-11 loss at YSU, the offensive line spent most of the evening pushing around the Penguin defensive front. But that's nothing new for Peluso, now in his third season as the starting right guard, and Valvoda, who has started at center since the last three games of his freshman season. They have paved the way for two 1,000-yard rushers in their first three years, but more importantly, have gained immense respect from the Edinboro coaching staff.

"They are two of the finest players we've had since I've been here," commented Tepper. "Anthony was dismissed by a lot of Division I teams because of his height. But he is unusually strong and very competitive. He relishes contact and loves to get movement. He's a fun and outgoing person. Joe is more reserved, more inquisitive. He wants to know what everyone's doing. He seeks to know schemes most offensive linemen don't care about. He'll make a fine football coach someday. They are truly two of the finest offensive linemen in the PSAC this year."

Offensive coordinator Scott Browning also serves as the line coach, and has a special appreciation for the tandem. "Every day they come to practice to prove themselves," he noted. "I don't know if either of them has missed a practice in four years. They're very serious about being good football players. It's a 365-day-a-year thing with them. They work extremely hard in the weight room and condition hard. They have great family support. Anthony's father passed away in high school, but his mom and Joe's parents are very involved. The biggest thing is, I feel I've learned as much from them as they have from me."

While the similarities on the field are obvious, off the field they are like night and day. "I come from a tough area," Peluso stated. "In Aliquippa, if you weren't tough, you've got troubles." Valvoda, meanwhile, had a much softer upbringing. "I come from the farm, I was babied," he admitted.

As freshmen, both saw considerable action, particularly Valvoda, who stepped in and started two games at right tackle for Mark Tarbell before taking over at center with three games remaining. The treatment they received that year left a lasting impression. "People like Mark Tarbell, Brandon Nicodemus, Steve Smith, they really helped us out," stated Valvoda. "They were stern, but they loved to joke around. The first day, we only had seven offensive linemen, so they knew we (Peluso and Valvoda) had to be ready. I really do wish a lot of the young guys were here with guys we were with, players like Mark Weidner."

The two are now close friends and have grown together on and off the field, although like any relationship it can be strained. "We're friends, and I consider him my brother. We have a love-hate relationship," laughed Peluso. "When it comes down to it, I know where he's going to be," added Valvoda.

"I'll tell you one thing about Peluso. I'm very fortunate to have my father. It's tough," he continued, referring to the late Willie Peluso. "They have a plaque for him in Aliquippa for all he did. I wish I would have met him. He must have been a great guy."

The pain of his father's loss still runs deep for Peluso, yet it has been a motivating factor. "Since I've been here, no one in my family went further than high school in their football career," he related. "I'm the first person to play college football. I always wonder, what if he were here right now, what would he think."

"Another thing that really motivates me is my uncle, my mother and my brother. Especially my uncle. He lives in Youngstown, yet he's been to every one of my games, except the ones far away. I can't describe how much I appreciate it."

"I really have to thank my parents for being there for me all the time, as well," added Valvoda.

Tepper noted following spring practice that Peluso came out as the team's best offensive lineman. Yet it is Valvoda who has been recognized as a two-time All-PSAC West first team center and was named to *Street & Smith's* preseason All-American team.

"When I came here, in my first meeting with coach Browning, I told him I wanted to be an All-American," stated Valvoda. "But it's a team game. I do what I have to do to win. Peluso is more vocal, I do my talking with my play. We need to bring back the old tradition of the early '90's, winning championships and making the NCAA's."

Peluso has similar goals this year. "My personal and my team goals are kind of the same. Do whatever I have to do to get this team on top. Whatever awards I get are fine, but that's not what I think about."

As Peluso and Valvoda embark on their final year, they want to make sure they leave their mark on the offensive line of the future, and the younger players in general. "It's a misconception that we don't get along," laughed Peluso about his fellow players in the trenches. "We are by far the closest group. If you listen to us you'd think we hate each other."

"When I was asked to stand up and talk before the team, I stressed this year. I asked them to play for us like it's your senior year. It will go quick."

"We just want to win," concluded Valvoda. In my book, both are All-Americans.

## Official Football Signals—2003

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