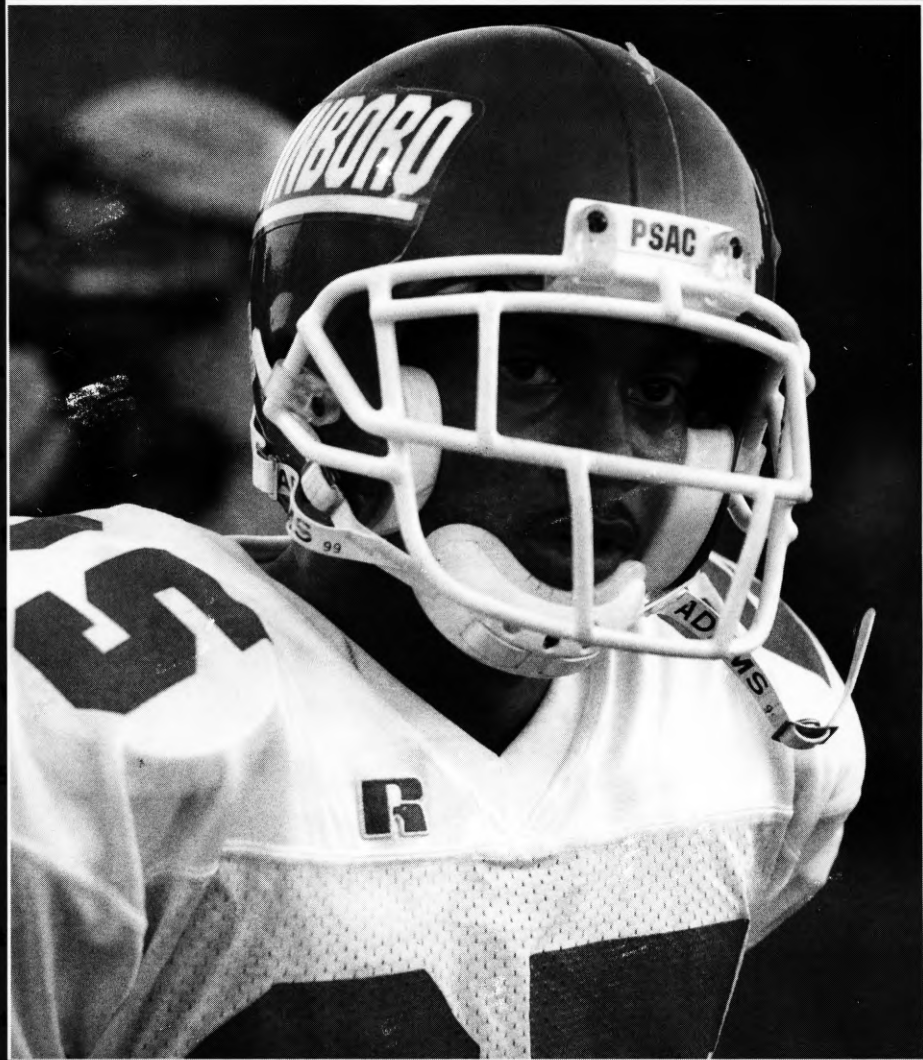


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## 2003 SCHEDULE

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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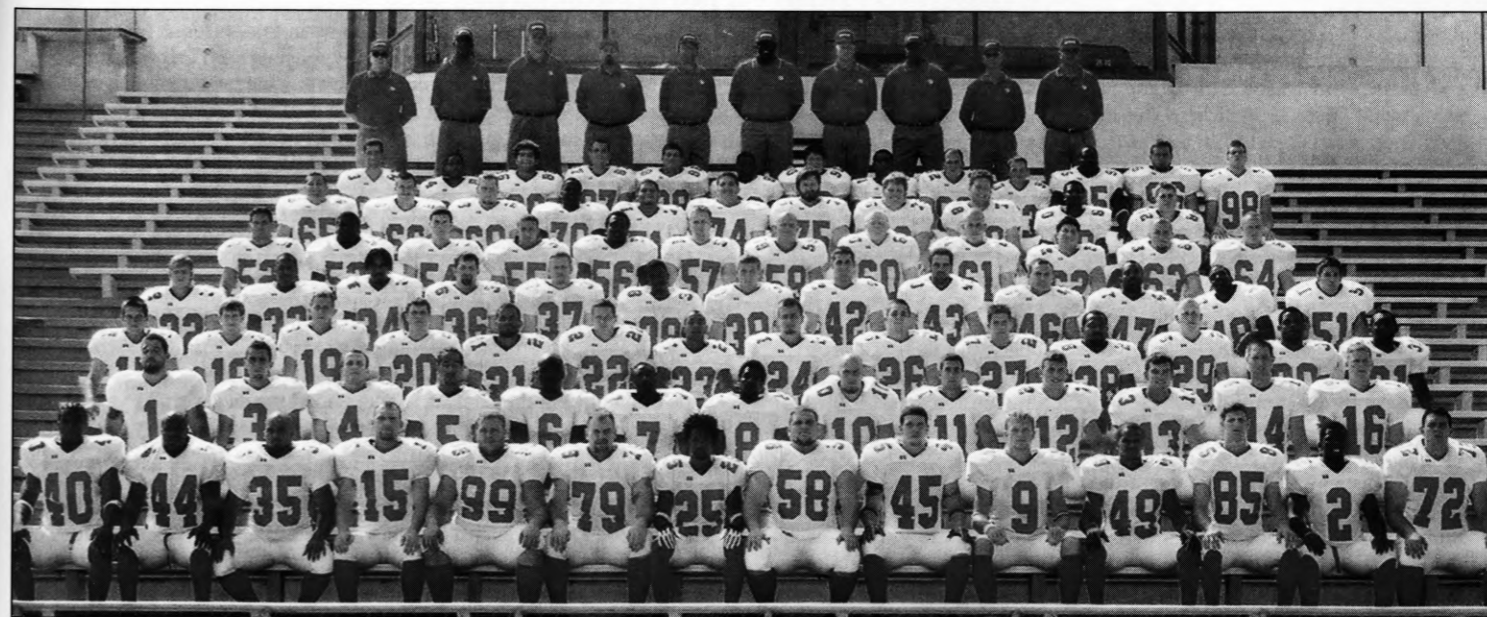
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## 2003 EDINBORO FIGHTING SCOTS



# TODAY'S GAME



## EDINBORO FIGHTING SCOTS (3-1) VS. SHIPPENSBURG RED RAIDERS (3-1) Saturday, October 4, 2003 Sox Harrison Stadium ♦ 2:00 p.m.



### EDINBORO (3-1)

Aug. 28	at Youngstown State	L, 11-35
Sept. 6	at Ashland	W, 12-6
Sept. 20	TIFFIN	W, 39-14
Sept. 27	EAST STROUDSBURG	W, 31-20
Oct. 4	SHIPPENSBURG	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Indiana(Pa.)	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Clarion	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	SLIPPERY ROCK	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Kutztown	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 8	CALIFORNIA(PA)	1:00 p.m.
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### SHIPPENSBURG (3-1)

Sept. 6	Shepherd	W, 33-14
Sept. 13	at Bloomsburg	W, 21-0
Sept. 20	KUTZTOWN	W, 35-12
Sept. 27	WEST CHESTER	L, 20-33
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)	

### THE COACHES

Edinboro head coach **Lou Tepper (Rutgers '67)** is in his fourth season in charge of the Fighting Scots. Renowned as a defensive genius, Tepper has worked on the staffs of some of the top programs in the country, including Virginia Tech, Colorado and LSU. But his greatest notoriety came at Illinois, where he coached from 1989-96. The defensive coordinator and later assistant head coach from 1988-91, Tepper was appointed the Fighting Illini head coach on December 13, 1991, just prior to the team's appearance in the John Hancock Sun Bowl. He would go on to guide the Illini to two more bowl games while posting a 25-31-2 ledger. Including three plus seasons at Edinboro, Tepper's career mark stands at 42-50-2.

**Rocky Rees (West Chester '71)** is in his 14th season as the head coach at Shippensburg. He was named the PSAC West Coach of the Year in 2001, ten years after he first won the award in 1991. Rees owns a record of 78-69-1 in charge of the Red Raiders. He guided Shippensburg to the NCAA Division II Playoffs in his second season, as the Red Raiders went 10-3 in 1991. Shippensburg has posted a winning record in five of the last six seasons. Rees came to Shippensburg from Susquehanna, where his team won three Middle Atlantic Conference titles in his five seasons. He was named the MAC Coach of the Year and the Kodak AFCA Regional Coach of the Year in 1986 after the Crusaders went 11-1. Rees has an overall record of 114-84-2.

Welcome to Sox Harrison Stadium as Edinboro opens PSAC West action while playing its annual Homecoming contest. The Red Raiders of Shippensburg promise to provide a stern challenge for the Fighting Scots.

Both teams enter the contest with 3-1 records, although Edinboro comes off a 31-20 upset of 16th-ranked East Stroudsburg, while Shippensburg suffered a 33-20 setback to West Chester. The Red Raiders are currently ranked 22nd in Division II.

This is the second game of what head coach Lou Tepper calls "the heavy-weight" portion of the schedule. After concluding a three-game homestand today, the Fighting Scots hit the highway next week to face Division II powerhouse Indiana(Pa.), ranked fourth in the country.

### THE EDINBORO-SHIPPENSBURG SERIES Shippensburg leads 21-19-1

The Red Raiders own back-to-back wins over Edinboro and have won five of the last six meetings. However, the last two games were played at Seth Grove Stadium, as were four of the last six meetings.

### LAST YEAR'S GAME

#### Shippensburg 41, Edinboro 7

The Red Raiders ran off the final 33 points to hand Edinboro its most lopsided loss of 2002. Shippensburg took the lead for good on its first possession, taking the opening kickoff and driving 73 yards on just six plays. John Kuhn scored the first of his three touchdowns from two yards out. The extra point was blocked, but the ball was picked up by Rick Henshaw, who passed it to Kuhn for the two-point conversion. Edinboro answered with a score later in the first period on Justin Bouch's one-yard run, but after that it was all Red Raiders. Shippensburg tacked on a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter, although the Scots blocked both extra points to make it 20-7 at the half. Shippensburg added three more scores in the third quarter, including a 55-yard run by Jarrod Dech and a 90-yard fumble return by Brent Grimes. The Red Raiders shredded the Scots for 326 yards rushing, including 124 yards on 17 carries by Kuhn. Add in 196 yards through the air, and Shippensburg totaled 522 total yards, the most since Lou Tepper arrived at Edinboro. The Scots finished with 204 total yards, most of those on a 136-yard rushing effort by Alonzo Roebuck.

### LAST WEEK'S GAMES

**Edinboro 31, East Stroudsburg 20** - For the second week in a row Edinboro rallied from a halftime deficit to win. This time it was an upset of 16th-ranked East Stroudsburg, who led 13-10 at intermission. The Scots did not commit a turnover and rolled up 438 yards in offense against an ESU team which had given up just 28 points over its first three games and was allowing only 185.3 yards per game in total offense. Justin Bouch completed 20 of 26 passes for 233 yards with 2 TDs, while Brandon Munson paced the ground game with a career-high 142 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries. Matt Phillips added 65 yards and a score on 16 rushes, while Justin Lipscomb accounted for 238 all-purpose yards. He caught 5 passes for 77 yards, returned four kickoffs for 147 yards and had one punt return for 14 yards.

**West Chester 33, Shippensburg 20** - The Red Raiders entered the contest ranked 14th in Division II, but were unable to overcome a 24-0 deficit. West Chester piled up 526 total yards, 269 on the ground and 257 through the air. Brent Grimes returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown for Shipp, with Patrick Ferguson catching a 10-yard pass from Rick Henshaw. Henshaw hooked up with John Kuhn on a 7-yard scoring strike with five seconds remaining in the contest. Kuhn ended the day with 83 yards on 18 carries, with Henshaw completing 15 of 28 passes for 168 yards.

### THE RED RAIDER REPORT

Shippensburg suffered a loss before the start of the season when starting halfback Jarrod Dech was lost for the year due to injury. Dech ran for 261 yards and scored 4 TDs a year ago, adding 5 receptions for 154 yards and a TD ... the Red Raiders are tied for third in the PSAC with 12 sacks.

# TODAY'S GAME

Chris Leonetti and Demetrius Roberts lead the way with 2.5 apiece, while Dan Walsh has a pair of sacks. Meanwhile, Shippensburg has allowed just 4 sacks, second in the PSAC... looking for one reason why Shippensburg is 3-1? Try turnover margin. The Red Raiders rank first in the PSAC with a +7 figure, forcing 16 takeaways while giving the ball up just nine times. Shipp has picked off 10 passes and forced nine fumbles, recovering six.

### SHIPPENSBURG GAME CAPTAINS

Offense - Justin Bouch, QB

Defense - Eric Neavins, DT

Special Teams - Seth Fragale, OLB

### EAST STROUDSBURG AWARD WINNERS

Special Teams Player of the Game - Dave Jazenski, ILB

Offensive Scout Team - Scott Cederwall, OT

Defensive Scout Team - M.J. Johnson, CB

Special Teams Scout Team - Joe Malizia, OLB

Hammer Award - Joe Valvoda, C

Big Stick Award - Jermaine Hughley, ILB

### MUNSON NEARS 1,000 YARDS RUSHING

After sitting out the first two games of the season, Brandon Munson made up for lost time with a career-high 142 yards on 19 carries against East Stroudsburg. That pushed the junior to 948 career rushing yards despite the fact he's started just two games in his career. Munson needs 52 yards to become the 23rd Fighting Scot ballcarrier to rush for 1,000 career yards.

### BOUCH NAMED PSAC WEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore quarterback Justin Bouch was named the PSAC West Offensive Player of the Week following the East Stroudsburg game. Bouch was a highly-efficient 20 of 26 for 233 yards with a pair of touchdowns.

### ANOTHER JUSTIN ENJOYS A BIG DAY

While Justin Bouch was leading the Scots to victory last week, he had plenty of help from Justin Lipscomb. The junior wide receiver accounted for 238 all-purpose yards against East Stroudsburg, including 5 passes receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown. In addition, Lipscomb returned four kickoffs for 147 yards and had a punt return for 14 yards.

### LET'S JUST PLAY THE SECOND HALF

There is a great disparity in scoring for Edinboro when comparing the first half and the second half. The Fighting Scots have been outscored 58-33 in the first half, managing just three points in the first quarter. But in the second half, the Scots have outscored their first four opponents by a whopping 60-17 margin. That includes a 36-0 advantage in the third quarter.

### Scots vs. Red Raiders Statistical Breakdown

3-1	.....Overall Record	.....3-1
23.3 (6)	.....Points Per Game	.....27.3(5)
18.8 (8)	.....Points Allowed	.....14.8 (4)
351.8 (5)	.....Total Offense	.....333.0 (6)
307.5 (5)	.....Total Defense	.....267.3 (3)
186.0 (6)	.....Rushing Offense	.....211.0 (5)
155.0 (9)	.....Rushing Defense	.....93.5 (3)
6	.....Rushing Touchdowns	.....6
165.8 (7)	.....Passing Offense	.....122.0 (12)
152.5 (6)	.....Passing Defense	.....173.8 (8)
5	.....Passing Touchdowns	.....6
+1 (7)	.....Turnover Margin	.....+7 (1)
5/3	.....Fumbles/Lost	.....7/5
3	.....Had Intercepted	.....10
16/156 (1)	.....Penalties/Yards	.....28/240 (8)
71 (5)	.....First Downs	.....66 (8)
27.1	.....Kickoff Return Avg.	.....33.3
7.2	.....Punt Return Avg.	.....17.8
37.4	.....Punting Avg.	.....37.2
( )	PSAC rank	

saw his streak of 11 straight 100-yard games end against West Chester. He ran for 163 yards on 28 carries against Bloomsburg.

### RETURN MAN EXTRAORDINAIRE

Lou Tepper is a firm believer in winning special teams play. His Scots will have to deal with Brent Grimes. The Red Raider sophomore is averaging an astounding 45.0 yards on six kickoff returns, taking two back for touchdowns, including a 99-yarder last week vs. West Chester. In addition, Grimes is averaging 19.5 yards on 10 punt returns. Finally, Grimes has 4 interceptions from his cornerback position, returning one for six points.

### NEXT FOR THE FIGHTING SCOTS

Edinboro will travel to Indiana(Pa.) to face the Division II powerhouse Indians on Saturday, October 11. Like the Fighting Scots this weekend, IUP will celebrate Homecoming weekend against Edinboro.

### EDINBORO STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Matt Phillips	59	259	4.4	4	35
Dru Robinson	42	214	5.1	1	66
Brandon Munson	31	195	6.3	1	24
J.D. Baker	4	57	14.2	0	48
<b>EUP Totals</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Opp Totals</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>73</b>

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int.
Justin Bouch	91	58	637	63.7	4	2
Matt McAdams	7	3	26	42.9	1	1
<b>EUP Totals</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Opp Totals</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Justin Lipscomb	14	246	17.6	2	46
Sean Hess	14	150	10.7	1	23
Jordan Bobitski	9	100	11.1	0	33
Ryan Valasek	6	37	6.2	0	12
Matt Phillips	5	0	0.0	0	6
<b>EUP Totals</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Opp Totals</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>

Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks	Int.
Jermaine Hughley	11	22	33	2	0
Seth Fragale	15	13	28	0	0
Brandon Banas	7	13	20	1	0
Raji El-Amin	13	7	20	0	2

### SHIPPENSBURG STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
John Kuhn	92	506	5.5	5	42
Andre McLaurin	38	132	3.5	1	35
Matt Acri	17	74	4.4	0	19
<b>Ship Totals</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Opp Totals</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>

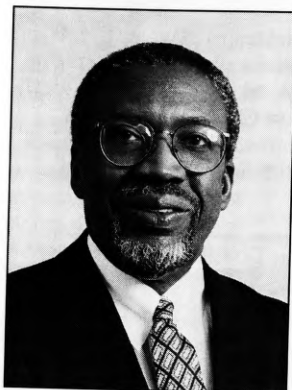
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int.
Rick Henshaw	79	39	437	49.4	6	4
<b>Ship Totals</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Opp Totals</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Andre McLaurin	8	72	9.0	0	16
P. Ferguson	7	120	17.1	2	42
Tim Devaney	7	96	13.7	0	34
Joel Gamble	7	66	9.4	2	16
<b>Ship Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Opp Totals</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>

Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks	Int.
Dan Walsh	19	15	34	2	2
Chris Leonetti	13	14	27	2.5	1
John Andrews	17	5	22	0	1
Brent Grimes	13	2	15	0	4

# 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.

Sincerely,

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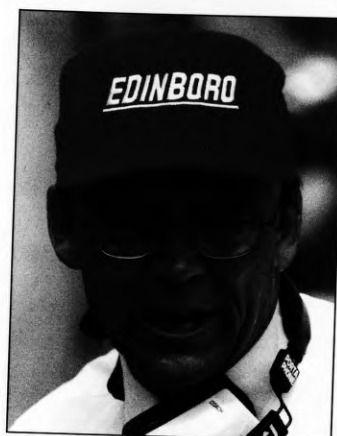
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# HEAD COACH

## 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 whitewash 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

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	

### 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

# ASSISTANT COACHES

## Rod Boykin

Defensive Coordinator



Rod Boykin assumed the duties of defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 2000 after previously serving as an assistant coach at Wittenberg University two years prior to that.

Boykin played collegiately at the University of Illinois under Lou Tepper.

A four-year letterwinner at Illinois, Boykin was twice named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week as a defensive back, and was named the Fighting Illini Defensive Champion of the Year. He played in a total of 44 games for the Illini, playing in three bowl games. The Dayton, OH native enjoyed his best season as a senior, recording 25 tackles with 2 passes broken up. As a junior, he had 21 stops, along with a fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown against Arizona.

Boykin graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Tepper that same year. He worked with the Fighting Illini from 1995-97, picking up a Master's Degree in Higher Education and Administration.

Boykin joined the Wittenberg staff in 1997 as the defensive backs coach. He helped the Tigers post back-to-back 11-1 finishes, winning the North Coast Athletic Conference championship both seasons and reaching the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. Boykin served on the Wittenberg staff for three seasons. The Tigers went 31-3 during that period, and in 1998 was the number one rated pass defense in the country.

Boykin and wife, Pat, were married on July 5 and are the parents of Rodrick Jr. (8) and Gianni (4). He is a former National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award winner at Meadowdale High School in Dayton.

### Personal Data

**Born:** September 22, 1972  
**Hometown:** Dayton, OH  
**College Education:** University of Illinois, B.S. in Kinesiology -- 1995; M.E. in Higher Education and Administration -- 1996  
**Playing Experience:** University of Illinois, defensive back -- 1990-94  
**Coaching Experience:** University of Illinois -- graduate assistant, 1995-97; Wittenberg University -- secondary, 1997-2000; Edinboro University -- defensive coordinator, 2000 to present  
**Wife:** Pat  
**Children:** Rodrick Jr. (8), Gianni (4)

## Scott Browning

Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line



Scott Browning is in his 18th season as a Fighting Scot assistant, working with his third head coach.

After serving as the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator in Lou Tepper's first season, Browning took over as the offensive coordinator two

years ago, while continuing to work with the linemen. This marks his tenth year in charge of the offensive linemen, and eighth as offensive coordinator. He has also coached the running backs and defensive backs in the past.

Browning has served as an assistant coach at three NCAA Division I institutions. Prior to joining the Fighting Scot staff in 1986, he coached receivers and running backs at Ohio State for two years. The Buckeyes went to the Rose Bowl and the Citrus Bowl in his two seasons. Browning served as a graduate assistant coach at New Mexico State in 1982, and the following year instructed the receivers at Idaho State.

A 1981 graduate of Ohio State with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, Browning began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Worthington High School and Dayton-Fairview High Schools in Ohio from 1979-81. Before transferring to Ohio State, he attended Capital University where he played football for one season. Browning later earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from New Mexico State in 1983.

Browning and his wife, Lynn, reside in Edinboro and have two children, Andrew, 9, and Katelyn, 5. His brother, Mitchell, is the offensive coordinator at the University of Minnesota. Browning is also camp director of the Tri-State Linemen's Camp, a highly-successful instructional camp for linemen now in its eighth year.

### Personal Data

**Born:** October 28, 1958  
**Hometown:** Perrysville, OH  
**College Education:** Ohio State University, B.S. in Education -- 1981; New Mexico State University, M.S. in Education Administration -- 1983  
**Playing Experience:** Capital University, running back -- 1977  
**Coaching Experience:** Worthington (OH) High School -- assistant coach, 1979; Dayton-Fairview (OH) High School -- assistant coach, 1980-81; New Mexico State University -- secondary, 1982; Idaho State -- receivers, 1983; Ohio State University -- running backs, 1984-86; Edinboro University -- offensive coordinator, defensive backs, running backs, offensive line, 1986 to present  
**Wife:** Lynn  
**Children:** Andrew (9), Katelyn (5)

## Wayne Bradford

Defensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator



Wayne Bradford is in his fifth year as a member of the Edinboro coaching staff. After serving as the defensive coordinator/defensive line coach his first season, he enters his fourth season overseeing the defensive line. In addition, he serves as the recruiting coordinator.

Under Bradford's tutelage, Edinboro has had five first team All-PSAC West defensive linemen.

Bradford had previously been at Salisbury State since 1990, and was the Sea Gulls' defensive coordinator from 1994-98.

A graduate of Salisbury State, Bradford began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1990, serving as an assistant coach in charge of the linebackers (1990-92) and defensive linemen (1992-94). In 1994, he was promoted to defensive coordinator. In 1997, Salisbury State ranked 38th in NCAA Division III in total defense, allowing just 268 yards per game. His 1995 defensive unit produced a first team AFCA All-American at linebacker, and helped the Sea Gulls finish 7-2 with a berth in the ECAC Southwest Championship Game.

Bradford graduated from Salisbury State in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He completed work on his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Salisbury State in 1992. In addition to working as a member of the football staff, Bradford was a faculty member in the School of Business. Beginning in 1996, he was the Director of the Business Graduate Programs for the Perdue School of Business.

As an undergraduate, Bradford was an offensive lineman. He played on the 1986 Salisbury State team which finished as the NCAA Division III national runner-up.

Bradford and his wife, Gwen, reside in Edinboro with their five-year-old son, Nicholas, and three-year-old daughter, Julia.

### Personal Data

**Born:** April 3, 1968  
**Hometown:** Glen Burnie, MD  
**College Education:** Salisbury State University, B.S. in Business Administration -- 1990; M.S. in Business Administration -- 1992  
**Playing Experience:** Salisbury State University, offensive line -- 1986-89  
**Coaching Experience:** Salisbury State University -- defensive lineman & linebackers, 1990-93; defensive coordinator, 1994-99; Edinboro University -- defensive coordinator, 1999; defensive line, 2000 to present  
**Wife:** Gwen  
**Children:** Nicholas (5), Julia (3)

# ASSISTANT COACHES

## Scott Weaver

Quarterbacks



Like Rod Boykin, Scott Weaver played for Lou Tepper at Illinois. He joined the Edinboro staff as the running backs coach in 2000 after serving as the quarterbacks coach at Tiffin University the previous two years. The former Illini signalcaller now enters his third season

coaching the Fighting Scot quarterbacks. In addition, he is responsible for recruiting the Pittsburgh area as well as Buffalo area schools.

A native of Beaver Falls, Pa., Weaver is well-acquainted with western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio football. A member of the Fighting Illini from 1992-96, Weaver stands as the seventh all-time leading passer at Illinois with 3,212 yards. He held the distinction of becoming the first redshirt freshman to start at quarterback at Illinois since 1978. Weaver was a four year letterwinner.

Weaver enjoyed an outstanding high school career at Blackhawk High School. He was recognized as the *USA Today* Pennsylvania Prep Player of the Year, was the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Western Pennsylvania Class AAA Player of the Year, and earned second team all-state honors. He was selected to play in the Big 33 All-Star Game.

After graduating from Illinois with a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communications in 1996, he went on to earn his Master's Degree in Business Administration in '98.

Married in July 2000, Weaver and his wife, Kim, reside in Edinboro.

### Personal Data

**Born:** October 15, 1973  
**Hometown:** Beaver Falls, PA  
**College Education:** University of Illinois, B.A. in Speech Communications -- 1996; M.B.A. in Business Administration -- 1998  
**Playing Experience:** University of Illinois, quarterback -- 1992-96  
**Coaching Experience:** Tiffin University -- quarterbacks, 1998-99; Edinboro University -- running backs, 2000; quarterbacks, 2001 to present  
**Wife:** Kim

## Jim Henson

Running Backs



Jim Henson, a highly successful high school coach in Ohio for over twenty years, enters his sixth season on the Edinboro staff.

After working on the defensive side of the ball as the strong safeties/outside linebackers coach for two years, he moved over to the offense

and will once again instruct the running backs. He previously worked with the running backs in 1999 and was in charge of the defensive linemen in '98. Henson is also a professor in the Mathematics Department at Edinboro.

Henson joined the Edinboro staff after serving as a mathematics teacher, football coach and athletic director at Grand Valley High School in Ohio for 22 years. At Grand Valley, he led the Mustangs to a 150-68-4 record, with five Grand River Conference championships, three East Suburban Conference titles, and three state playoff appearances. In the 1990's, Henson's charges posted three undefeated campaigns and a 23-game regular season winning streak. He was named the Conference Coach of the Year eight times and County Coach of the Year three times, culminated by his selection as the Ohio Division V Coach of the Year in 1997 and the Division IV Coach of the Year in '92.

Prior to beginning his stellar career at Grand Valley, Henson debuted as an assistant coach at Cardinal Middlefield (OH) High School, where he served for eight years. Henson graduated from Hiram College in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics, then later completed work on his Master of Science Degree Education with a major in Mathematics from Youngstown State University in 1972. He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Edinboro. They are the parents of a son, Jim, and a daughter, Jennifer, along with four grandchildren.

### Personal Data

**Born:** September 11, 1946  
**Hometown:** Orwell, OH  
**College Education:** Hiram College, B.A. in Arts & Mathematics -- 1968; Youngstown State University, M.S. in Mathematics Education -- 1972  
**Playing Experience:** Hiram College, defensive back -- 1964-66  
**Coaching Experience:** Cardinal Middlefield (OH) High School -- assistant coach, 1968-75; Grand Valley (OH) High School -- head coach, 1976-97; Edinboro University -- defensive line, 1998; running backs, 1999; strong safeties/ outside linebackers, 2000 to present  
**Wife:** Evelyn  
**Children:** Jim (33), Jennifer (25)

## Tom Parry

Wide Receivers



Tom Parry is in his second season as a member of the Edinboro football staff, coaching the wide receivers.

Parry has been a head football coach on the high school level for 17 years and an assistant coach at the collegiate level for 15 seasons. He coached the quarterbacks and receivers at

Mercyhurst from 1995-2001.

Prior to joining the Mercyhurst staff, Parry was the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Iona College from 1992-95. He also served on the collegiate level in 1979-80 at Cortland State, from 1977-79 as the defensive coordinator at St. Lawrence University, and got his start as a student assistant at his alma mater, Slippery Rock State, in '63-64.

Parry served as an assistant coach at Academy High School in Erie in 1965-66. He served as the head coach at Tech Memorial High School from 1967-69, and was also the head coach at Bishop Ludden(NY) High School and Mount Vernon(NY) High School.

A 1964 graduate of Slippery Rock State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education, Parry later completed work on his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from St. Lawrence in 1979. He played one season at Edinboro then completed his career at Slippery Rock.

Parry resides in Erie and has one daughter, Jillian (18), a freshman at the University of Maryland.

**Playing Experience:** Edinboro State -- 1957; Slippery Rock State -- 1959-61.  
**Coaching Experience:** Slippery Rock State -- student assistant coach, 1963-64; Academy (Pa.) High School -- asst. coach, 1965-66; Tech Memorial (Pa.) High School -- head coach, 1967-69; Nottingham (NY) High School -- asst. coach, 1970-72; Levy (NY) Junior High School -- head coach, 1972-74; Bishop Ludden (NY) High School -- head coach, 1974-79; St. Lawrence University -- defensive coordinator, 1977-79; Cortland State -- asst. coach, 1979-80; Mount Vernon (NY) High School -- head coach, 1980-92; Iona College -- passing game coordinator/quarterbacks, 1992-95; Mercyhurst College -- quarterbacks/wide receivers, 1995-2001  
**Children:** Jillian (18)

# 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

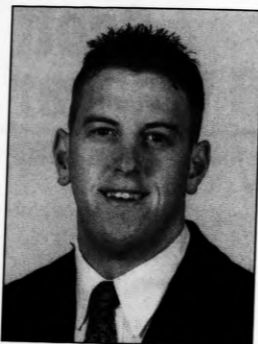
first team All-PSAC West honors as a junior when he finished with 29 tackles and a team-high 11 passes broken up. He finished his career with 108 tackles, 4 interceptions and 34 passes broken up, leading the team in the final category in all but his sophomore year.

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



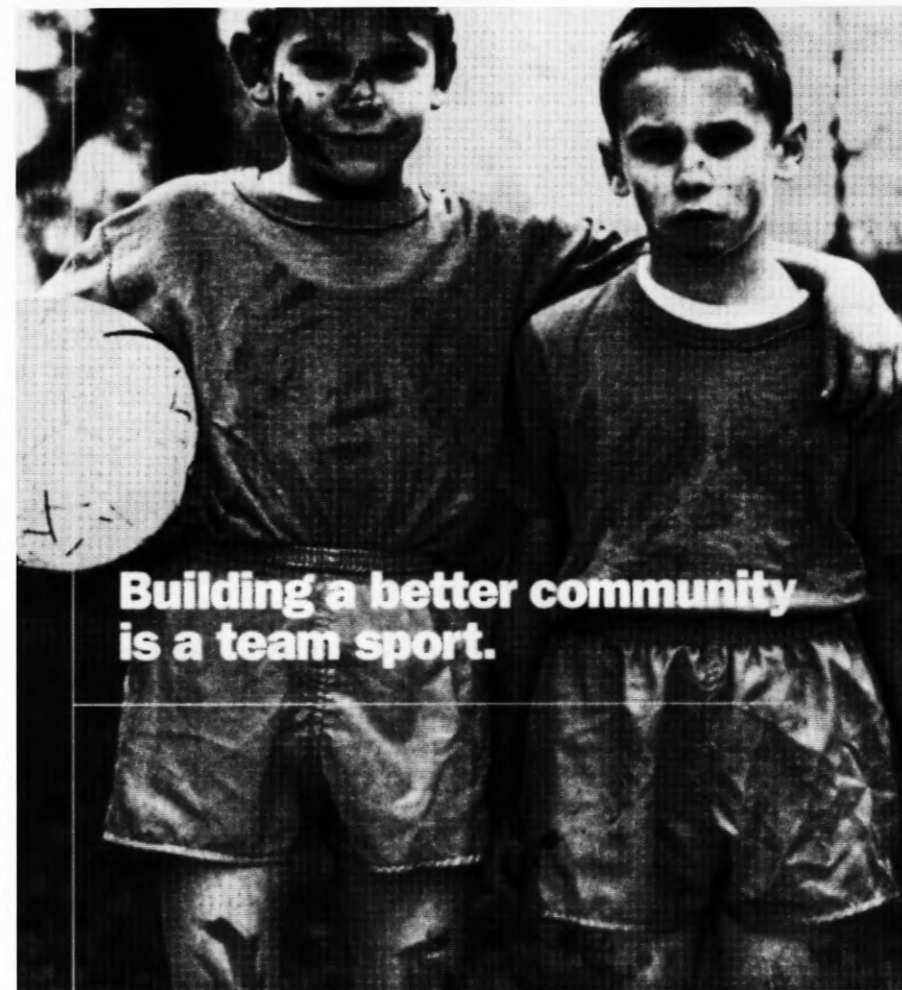
Two years ago, Dale Stoner made news as a 42-year-old graduate student in his first season of football at Edinboro. Now Stoner aids the Fighting Scots in another manner, serving as a volunteer in charge of strength training.

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).



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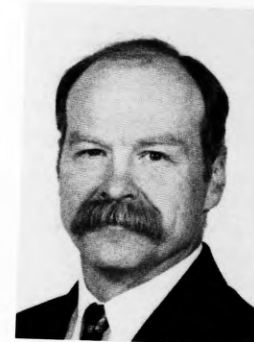
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 5'8" 194 lbs.



**55**  
**BRANDON BANAS** ILB  
 Jr. Buffalo, NY  
 6'1" 208 lbs.



**19**  
**MATT BARLEY** P  
 Jr. Springville, NY  
 5'11" 197 lbs.



**56**  
**JAMES BARNETT** OLB  
 So. Sharon, PA  
 6'2" 245 lbs.



**25**  
**MATT BIRKETT** CB  
 Sr. Cambridge, MA  
 5'11" 165 lbs.



**29**  
**JORDAN BOBITSKI** WR  
 Jr. Pittsburgh, PA  
 6'2" 197 lbs.



**12**  
**JUSTIN BOUCH** QB  
 So. Brackenridge, PA  
 6'3" 201 lbs.



Senior CB Matt Birkett



**91**  
**ED BROWN** TE  
 Jr. North Springfield, PA  
 6'4" 254 lbs.



**61**  
**STEVE BRUNO** OG  
 So. New Castle, PA  
 6'3" 270 lbs.



**37**  
**REGIS BURNS** SS  
 So. Jefferson, OH  
 6'0" 211 lbs.



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 So. Saxonburg, PA  
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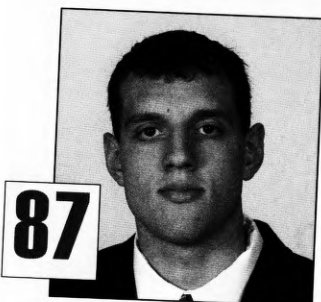
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**RON BZOREK** OG  
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**JEFF DINGER** WR  
 So. Conneaut, OH  
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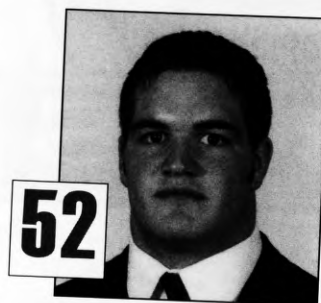
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**NATE EIMER** TE  
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**AARON FETTY** WR  
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 6'5" 212 lbs.



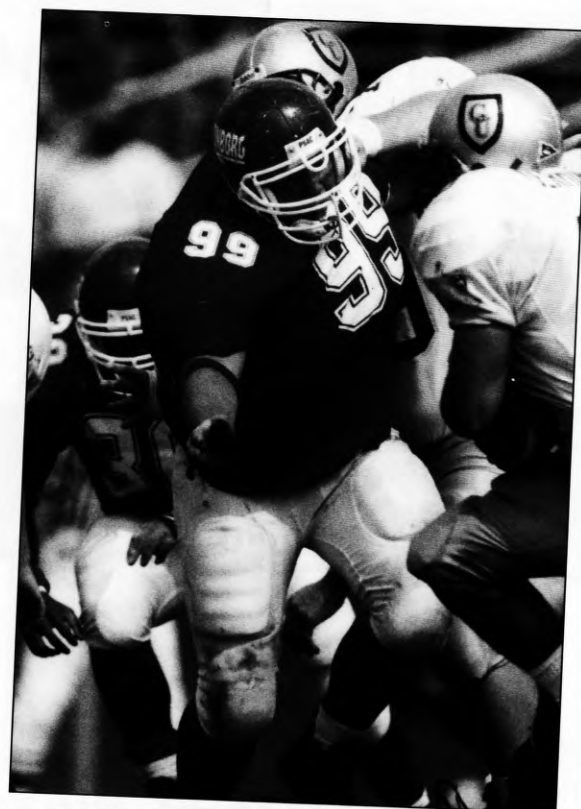
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**MIKE FLINN** OT  
 So. Oakmont, PA  
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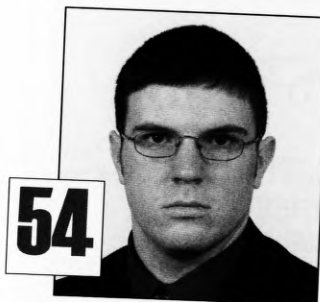
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**SETH FRAGALE** OLB  
 Jr. Emporium, PA  
 6'2" 226 lbs.



**32**  
**CHRIS GILMAN** CB  
 Jr. Hilliards, PA  
 5'9" 167 lbs.



Senior NG Eugene Grooms



**54**  
**ANDREW GRIFFITH** C  
 Jr. Edinboro, PA  
 6'0" 232 lbs.



**99**  
**EUGENE GROOMS** NG  
 Sr. Huttonville, ONT  
 6'1" 300 lbs.



**85**  
**SEAN HESS** WR  
 Sr. Vandergrift, PA  
 6'4" 197 lbs.



**79**  
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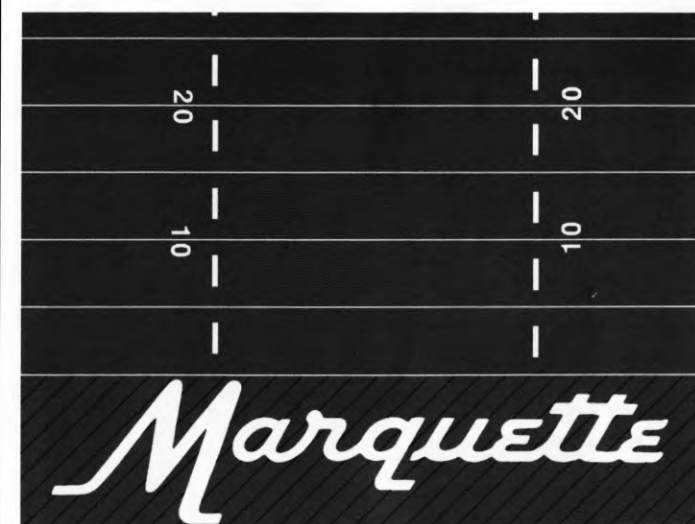
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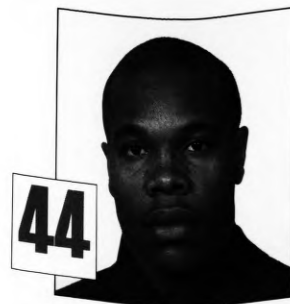
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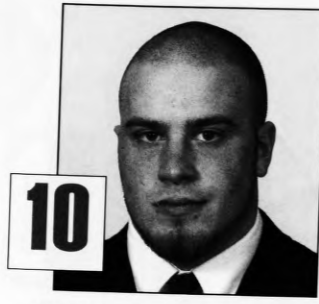
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**JERMAINE HUGHLEY** ILB  
Sr. New Kensington, PA  
6'0" 202 lbs.



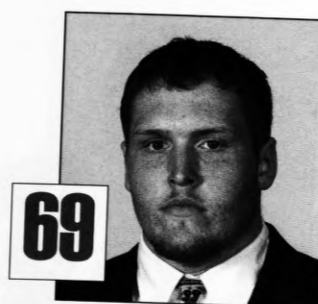
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**BRANDON HUNT** QB  
Fr.-r Hornell, NY  
6'7" 232 lbs.



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**DAVE JAZENSKI** ILB  
Fr.-r Erie, PA  
5'11" 220 lbs.



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



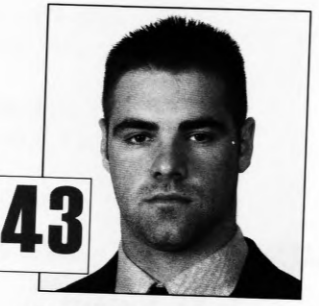
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**TOM LAVERDE** WR  
Fr.-r Hornell, NY  
6'1" 184 lbs.



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**JUSTIN LIPSCOMB** WR  
Jr. Roaming Shores, OH  
6'0" 191 lbs.



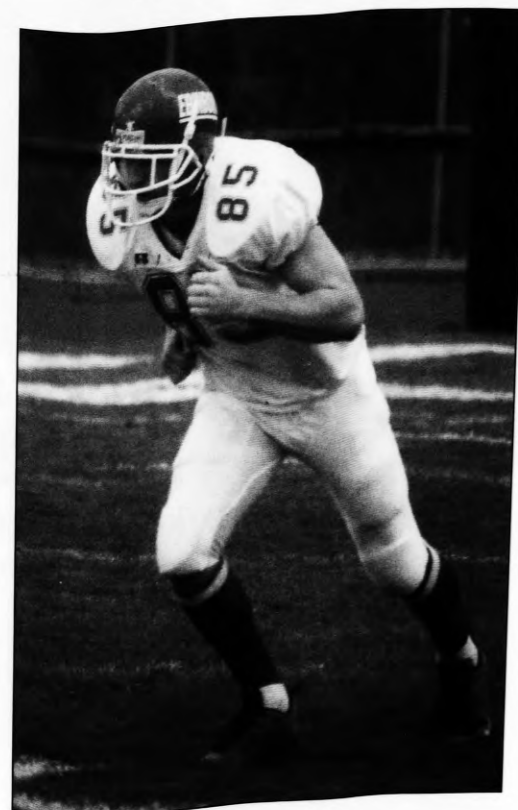
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**GREG MACANN** DE  
So. Rochester, NY  
6'3" 225 lbs.

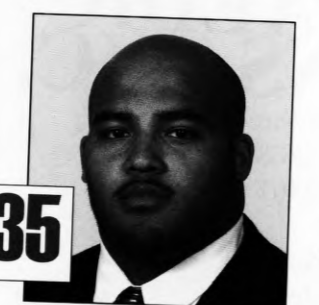


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**CAM MARSH** QB  
Jr. Hillsboro, OH  
6'1" 195 lbs.



Senior WR Sean Hess



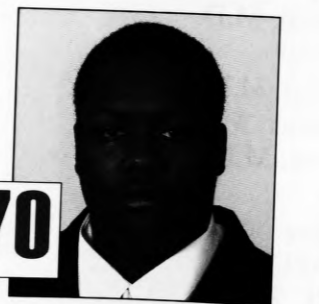
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**MIKE MARTIN** FB  
Sr. Arnold, PA  
5'11" 257 lbs.



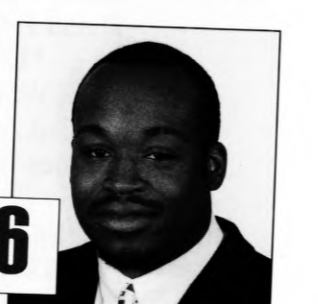
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**MATT MCADAMS** QB  
Sr. Falls Church, VA  
6'2" 187 lbs.



70

**MIKE MILLS** OT  
Fr.-r Girard, OH  
6'5" 309 lbs.



6

**BRANDON MUNSON** TB  
Jr. Albion, NY  
6'0" 218 lbs.



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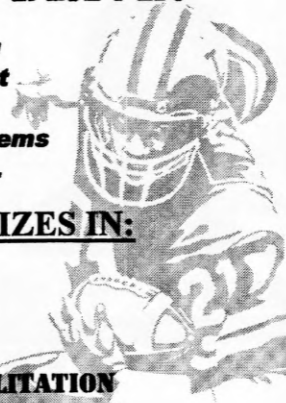
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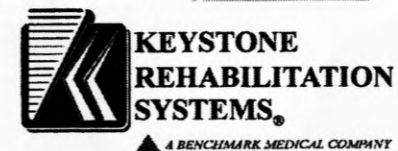
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**ERIC NEAVINS** DT  
Jr. Erie, PA  
6'3" 280 lbs.



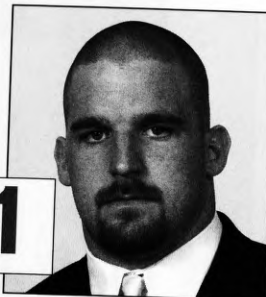
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**JASON OMAN** OT  
Jr. Sharpsville, PA  
6'4" 325 lbs.



58

**ANTHONY PELUSO** OG  
Sr. Aliquippa, PA  
6'1" 285 lbs.



1

**MATT PHILLIPS** RB  
Jr. Monaca, PA  
6'1" 247 lbs.



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**J.R. PRAD** DE  
Jr. Rochester, NY  
6'1" 243 lbs.



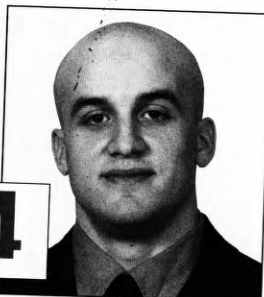
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**DRU ROBINSON** RB  
Sr. Orrville, OH  
5'11" 196 lbs.



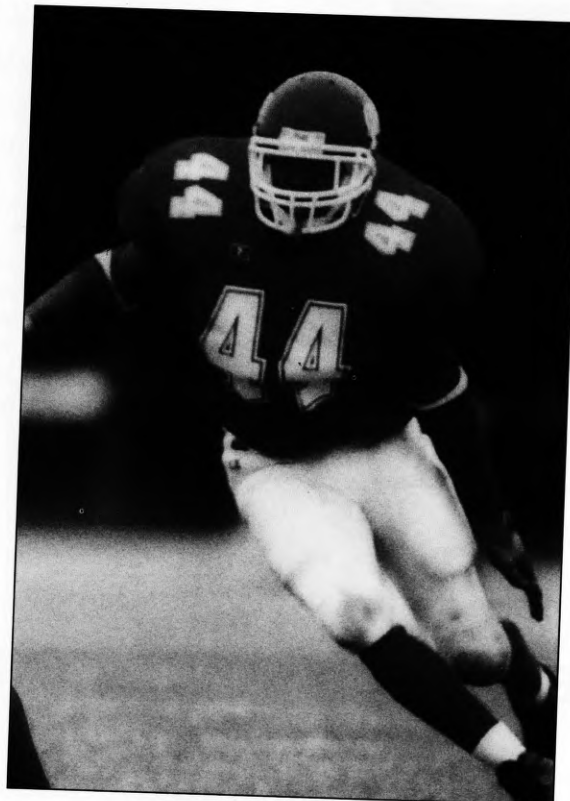
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**NICK ROTH** OLB  
Sr. Berea, OH  
6'0" 211 lbs.



4

**MARK SANTUCCI** FS  
Jr. Arnold, PA  
5'11" 205 lbs.



Senior ILB Jermaine Hughley



22

**JIM SOLTIS** OLB  
Fr.-F Garrettsville, 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" 288 lbs.



64

**ANTHONY TEDESCO** C  
Fr.-F Meadville, PA  
6'2" 262 lbs.

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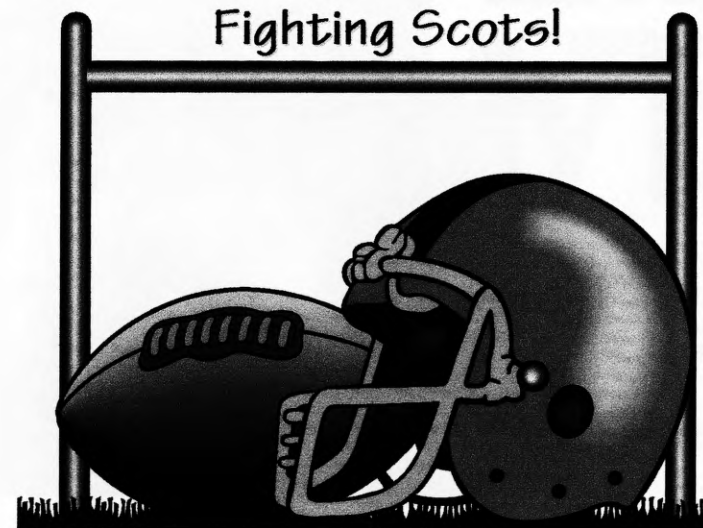
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**KYLE THORNE** DE  
 So. Louisville, OH  
 67" 268 lbs.



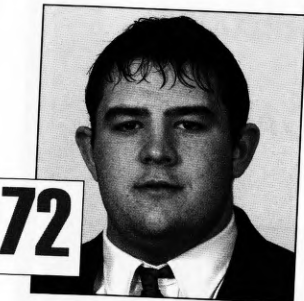
**86**  
**C.J. TRIVISONNO** TE  
 Jr. Kirtland, OH  
 64" 238 lbs.



**8**  
**JAY ULMER** WR  
 Jr. Webster, NY  
 510" 152 lbs.



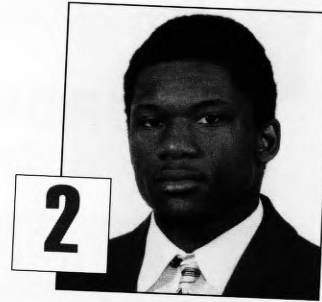
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**RYAN VALASEK** WR  
 Fr.-P Natrona Heights, PA  
 58" 155 lbs.



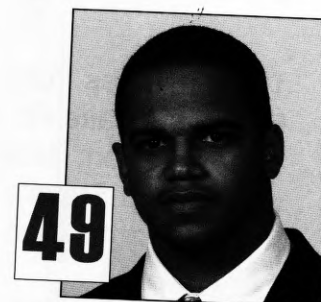
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**JOE VALVODA** C  
 Sr. Mantua, OH  
 62" 290 lbs.



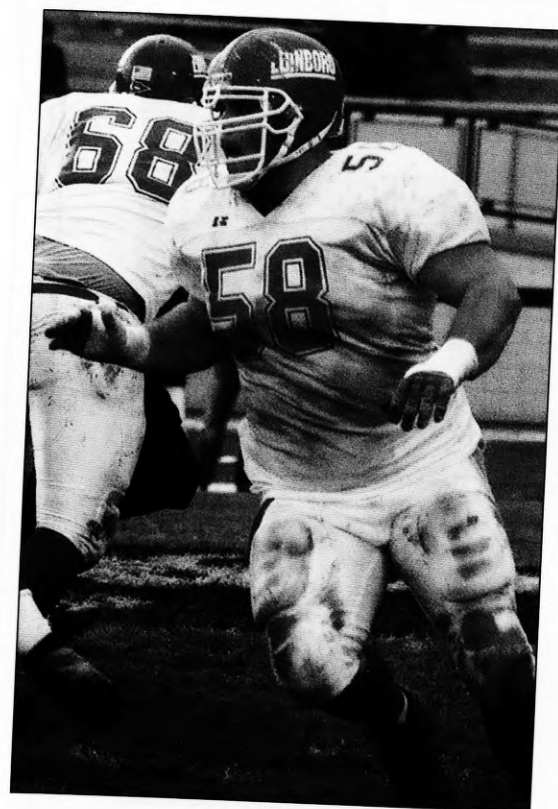
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**ELI VISNICK** PK  
 So. Harrison City, PA  
 510" 174 lbs.



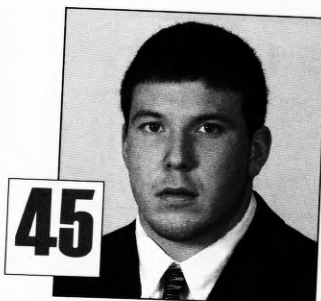
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**KELDRICK WALKER** FS  
 Sr. Miami, FL  
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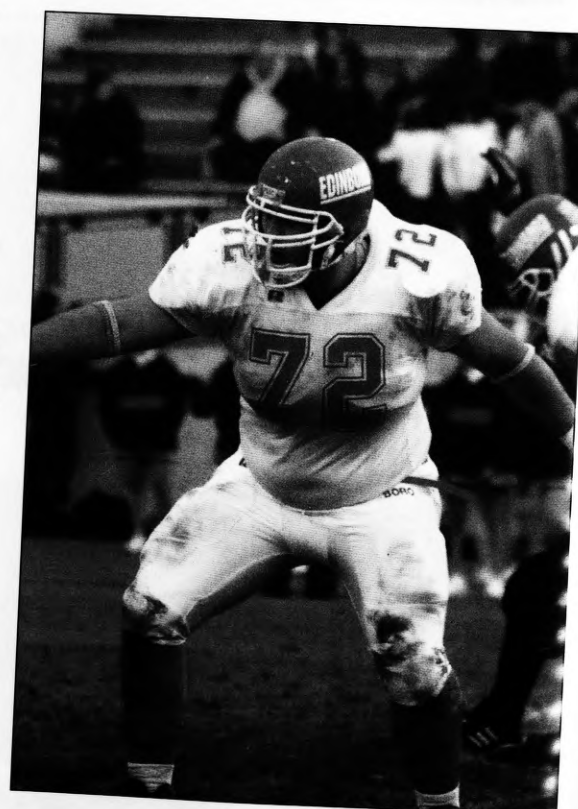
**49**  
**THOMAS WALLACE** SS  
 Sr. Pittsburgh, PA  
 511" 191 lbs.



Senior OG Anthony Peluso



**45**  
**DYLAN WESSELL** ILB  
 Sr. Rome, OH  
 62" 220 lbs.



Senior C Joe Valvoda

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Harrison coached the Fighting Scot football team from its inception in 1926 to 1938, then returned to guide the gridgers in 1941 and '42. In addition, he guided the men's basketball team for 23 seasons, from 1928-53, winning 175 games.

Sox Harrison Stadium seats 6,000 people in its two grandstands, along with plenty of standing room. In addition to press boxes on both sides of the stadium, the facility has locker rooms, a training room and complete amenities for fans.

The stadium has undergone several renovations, including a new sound system and improved handicapped access areas in 1999. In 1997, a new grandstand was constructed on the visitor's side of the field, adding 2,500 permanent seats, along with a press box, locker rooms and a training room.

In addition to the football field, the facility contains complete track facilities.

Sox Harrison Stadium serves as the home of the Fighting Scots. Dedicated in 1965, the stadium honors the memory of B. Regis "Sox" Harrison, the head football and basketball coach at Edinboro University for 34 years. Sox Harrison was the key figure in the building of Edinboro's athletic program, unselfishly devoting 34 years of service to the University as an athletic director, coach and physical education instructor. Appropriately,

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42	Chris Amico	DT	6-0	238	Fr.
90	Jonathan Anderson	TE	6-5	226	Fr.
23	Chris Avery	CB	5-10	170	So.
36	J.D. Baker	TB	5-8	194	Jr.
55	Brandon Banas	ILB	6-1	208	Jr.
19	Matt Barley	P	5-11	197	Jr.
56	James Barnett	OLB	6-2	245	So.
63	Kevin Beitzel	NG	6-1	276	Fr.
25	Matt Birkett	CB	5-11	165	Sr.
29	Jordan Bobitski	WR	6-2	197	Jr.
12	Justin Bouch	QB	6-3	201	So.
91	Ed Brown	TE	6-4	254	Jr.
61	Steve Bruno	OG	6-3	270	So.
37	Regis Burns	SS	6-0	211	So.
40	Robert Burns	OLB	6-0	214	Sr.
78	Greg Bzorek	OT	6-6	310	So.
74	Ron Bzorek	OG	6-3	303	Jr.
62	Scott Cedarwall	OT	6-1	295	Fr.
51	Tyke Clorra	ILB	6-0	214	Fr.
71	A.J. Cousins	NG	6-2	295	Fr.
34	Mike Craddock	SS	6-0	183	Fr.
24	Bobby Darch	TB	5-9	204	Fr.
39	Tom Davidson	FS	6-1	183	Fr.
83	Jeff Dinger	WR	6-5	190	So.
88	Nate Eimer	TE	6-2	218	So.
7	Raji El-Amin	FS	5-10	168	Fr.
89	Marshall Ellison	CB	5-11	181	Fr.
16	Ben Fenell	QB/P	6-5	232	Fr.
87	Aaron Fetty	WR	6-5	212	Fr.
57	Mike Flinn	OT	6-5	265	So.
52	Seth Fragale	OLB	6-2	226	Jr.
32	Chris Gilman	CB	5-9	167	Jr.
54	Andrew Griffith	C	6-0	232	Jr.
99	Eugene Grooms	NG	6-1	300	Sr.
48	Sylvester Hanner	ILB	6-0	210	Fr.
60	Ben Harris	LS	6-3	262	Fr.
85	Sean Hess	WR	6-4	197	Sr.
79	Otto Hoover	DT	6-3	287	Sr.
44	Jermaine Hughley	ILB	6-0	202	Sr.
14	Brandon Hunt	QB	6-7	232	Fr.
10	Dave Jazenski	ILB	5-11	220	Fr.
50	Mike Jamerson	OLB	6-3	240	Fr.
38	M.J. Johnson	CB	5-11	156	Fr.
82	Joe Jowly	LS	6-2	199	Jr.
69	Chris Kaczor	OG	6-2	275	Fr.
3	Tom LaVerde	WR	6-1	184	Fr.
5	Justin Lipscomb	WR	6-0	191	Jr.
73	Dave Lochrane	OT	6-2	259	Fr.
43	Greg MacAnn	DE	6-3	225	So.
11	Mike Mader	SS	5-10	179	Fr.
59	Joe Malizia	OLB	6-2	230	Fr.
13	Cam Marsh	QB	6-1	195	Jr.
35	Mike Martin	FB	5-11	257	Sr.
46	Mike Masiero	ILB	5-11	212	Fr.
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70	Mike Mills	OT	6-5	309	Fr.
66	Andy Monrean	DT	6-3	270	Fr.
84	Ray Mosby	WR	6-1	148	Fr.
6	Brandon Munson	TB	6-0	218	Jr.
87	Eric Neavins	DT	6-3	290	Jr.
33	Justin Olney	FB	5-11	217	Fr.
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C	72	Joe Valvoda (6-2, 290, Sr.)
RG	58	Anthony Peluso (6-1, 285, Sr.)
RT	78	Greg Bzorek (6-6, 310, So.)
Y	86	C.J. Trivisonno (6-4, 238, Jr.)
Z	5	Justin Lipsecomb (6-0, 191, Jr.)
	29	Jordan Bobitski (6-2, 197, Jr.)
QB	12	Justin Bouch (6-3, 201, So.)
FB	1	Matt Phillips (6-1, 247, Jr.)
TB	6	Brandon Munson (6-0, 218, Jr.)
PK	83	Eli Visnick (5-10, 174, So.)

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LE	40	Damian Ferrainola (6-2, 235, Fr.-r)
NG	84	Chris Minner (6-1, 281, Sr.)
or	69	Yoboa Cobbold (6-0, 263, Jr.)
DT	90	Demetrius Roberts (5-11, 285, Jr.)
RE	95	Ryan Hoffman (6-6, 262, Jr.)
LB	44	Dave D'Andrea (6-2, 226, Jr.)
LB	56	Dan Walsh (5-10, 215, Jr.)
LB	51	Chris Leonetti (6-0, 186, Jr.)
CB	8	Brent Grimes (5-10, 174, So.)
CB	3	Antonio Williams (6-0, 201, Jr.)
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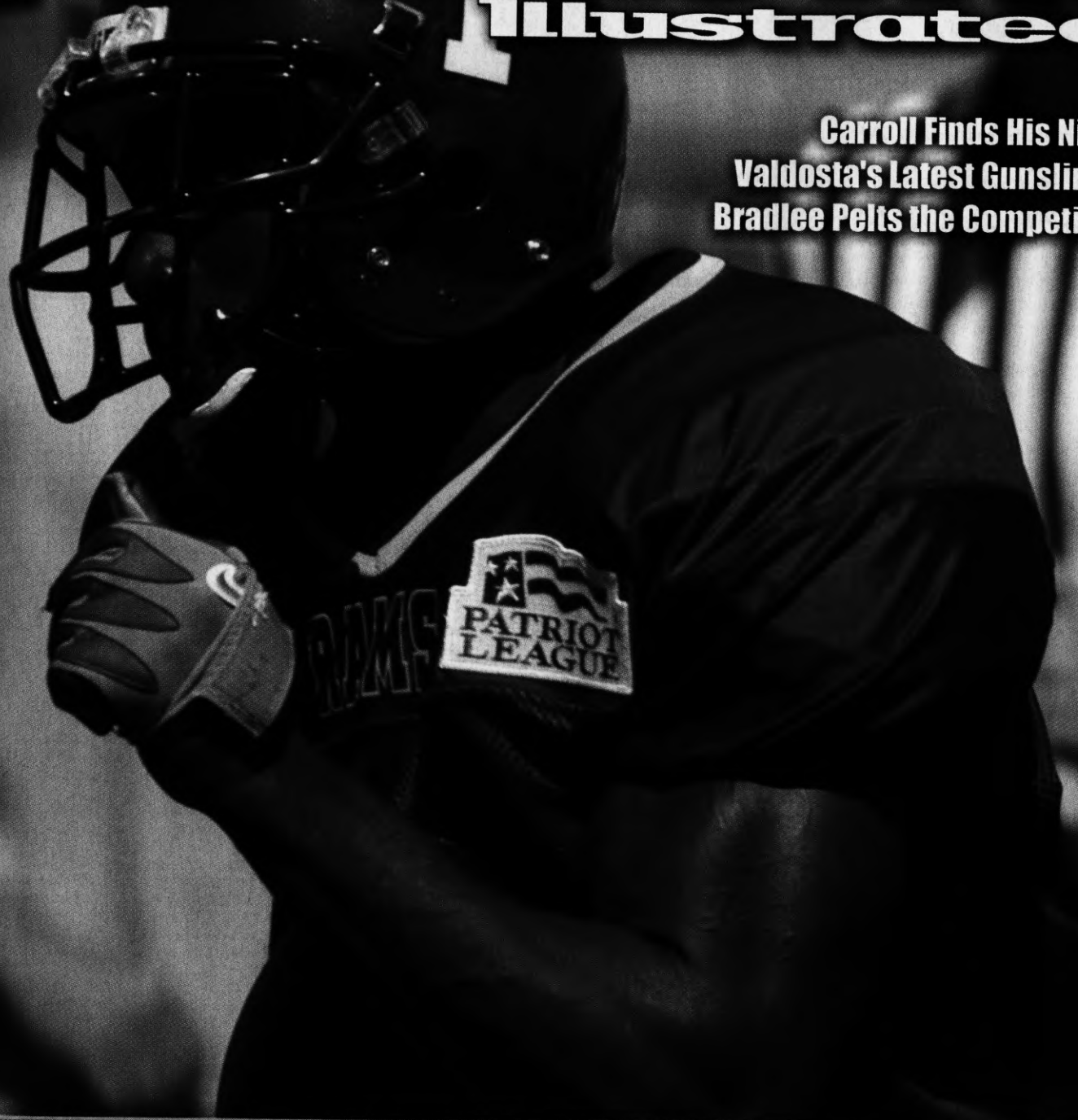
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3 Tom LaVerde	WR	22 Jim Soltis	OLB	44 Jermaine Hughley	ILB	63 Kevin Beitzel	NG	84 Ray Mosby	WR
4 Mark Santucci	FS	23 Chris Avery	CB	45 Dylan Wessell	ILB	64 Anthony Tedesco	C	85 Sean Hess	WR
5 Justin Lipsecomb	WR	24 Bobby Darch	RB	46 Mike Masiero	ILB	65 Anthony Sufra	OG	86 C.J. Trivisonno	TE
6 Brandon Munson	TB	25 Matt Birkett	CB	47 Steve Renfro	OLB	66 Andy Monrean	DT	87 Aaron Fetty	WR
7 Raji El-Amin	FS	26 Ben Stroup	ILB	48 Sylvester Hanner	ILB	68 Chris Kaczor	OG	88 Nate Eimer	TE
8 Jay Ulmer	WR	27 Dru Robinson	TB	49 Thomas Wallace	SS	69 Mike Mills	OT	89 Marshall Ellison	CB
9 Matt McAdams	QB	28 Jordan Bobitski	WR	50 Mike Jamerson	OLB	70 A.J. Cousins	NG	90 Jonathan Anderson	TE
10 Dave Jazenski	ILB	29 Brandon Smith	TB	51 Tyke Ciorra	ILB	71 Joe Valvoda	C	91 Ed Brown	TE
11 Mike Mader	SS	30 Chris Gilman	CB	52 Seth Fragale	OLB	72 Dave Lochrane	OT	92 Eli Visnick	NG
12 Justin Bouch	QB	31 Justin Olney	FB	53 J.R. Prad	OLB	73 Ron Bzorek	OG	93 Eric Neavins	DT
13 Cam Marsh	QB	32 Mike Craddock	SS	54 Andrew Griffith	C	74 Jason Oman	OT	94 Kyle Thorne	DE
14 Brandon Hunt	QB	33 Mike Martin	FB	55 Brandon Banas	ILB	75 Andy Young	OG	95 Josh Otto	DE
15 Nick Roth	OLB	34 J.D. Baker	TB	56 James Barnett	OLB	76 David Beck	DT	96 Eugene Grooms	NG
16 Ben Fenell	QB/P	35 Regis Burns	SS	57 Mike Flinn	OT	77 Greg Bzorek	DT		
17 Kody Robertson	P/PK	36 M.J. Johnson	CB	58 Anthony Peluso	OG	78 Otto Hoover	DT		
18 Ryan Valasek	WR	37 Tom Davidson	FS	59 Joe Malizia	OLB	79 Michael Robinson	WR		
19 Matt Barley	P	38 Robert Burns	OLB	60 Ben Harris	LS	80 Bob Reiter	WR		

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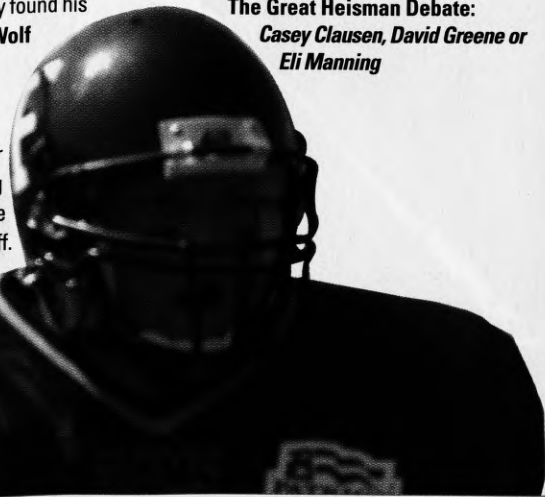
By Steve Siniski

### ON THE SIDELINES: COMING INTO HIS OWN

Underappreciated in the pros, USC head coach Pete Carroll has seemed to have finally found his niche in the college game. By Scott Wolf

### UNDERGROUND: BUSTING THROUGH

Valdosta State quarterback Buster Faulkner has had no problem picking up where his predecessor, two-time Harlon Hill winner Dusty Bonner, left off. By Mark Cohen



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Breakdown: The two favorites in the Gateway Football Conference square off in what is becoming a fast-brewing rivalry. The Hilltoppers started off the 2002 campaign with a 2-3 record, including a 14-0 setback by Western Illinois, before running the table and winning the Division I-AA national championship. In the playoffs, WKU gained a bit of revenge on the Leathernecks with that quarterfinal victory. First-year head coach David Elson took over for the retired Jack Harbaugh, and hopes Western Kentucky's experienced defense can shut down Western Illinois' tough passing attack.

Game: Texas vs. Oklahoma; October 11 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas  
Last Meeting: Oklahoma 35, Texas 24 (10/12/02 at the Cotton Bowl)  
Breakdown: For the past two seasons, the Sooners have ended any hopes the Longhorns have had for a national title in the Red River Shootout. Oklahoma's quick and aggressive defense has been able to put the clamps on Texas' vaunted offensive charge. The scary thing is that the Sooners are sporting arguably their best defensive unit this season, led by All-America linebacker Teddy Lehman. However, the Longhorns have seasoned veterans like running back Cedric Benson and wideout Roy Williams back in the fold to ease the progress of first-year starting quarterback Chance Mock.

Game: Iowa at Ohio State; October 18 at Ohio Stadium  
Last Meeting: Ohio State 38, Iowa 10 (10/21/00 at Iowa)  
Breakdown: It's been three years since these two Big Ten foes have faced off. Consequently, both teams were able to establish perfect 8-0 conference records in 2002. But Ohio State's overall credentials withstood Iowa's, as the Buckeyes earned a bid to the national championship game. Now, despite losing a host of seniors, including Heisman runner-up Brad Banks, the Hawkeyes will be looking to prove, on the field, that they are the better team. However, the Buckeyes return most of their key players from last season's championship squad, and "The Horseshoe" is a tough place for any visiting team to succeed in.

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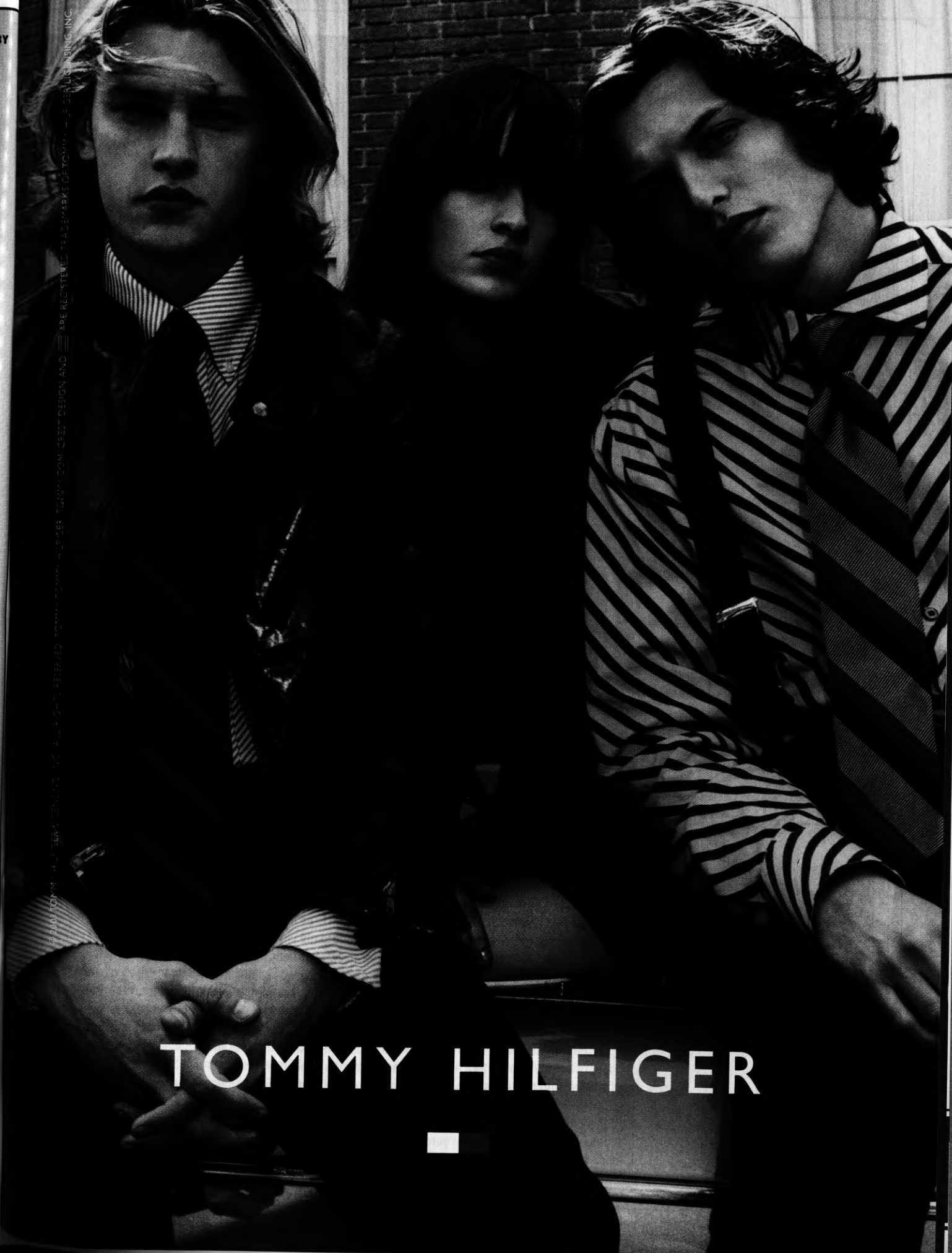
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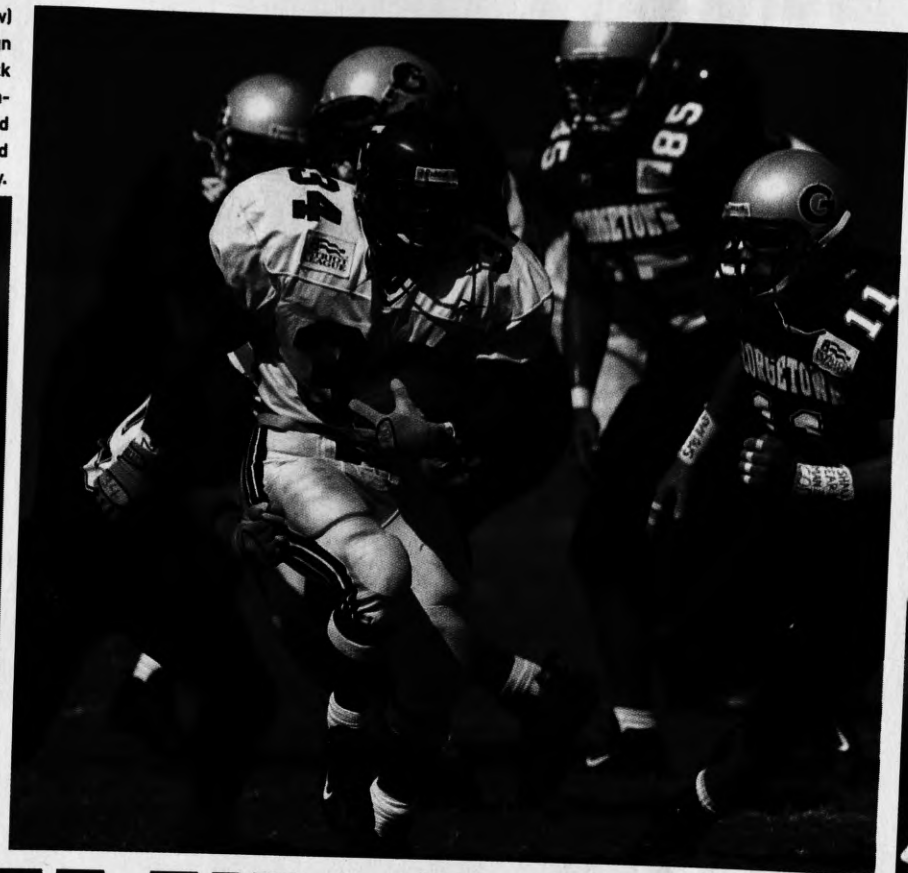
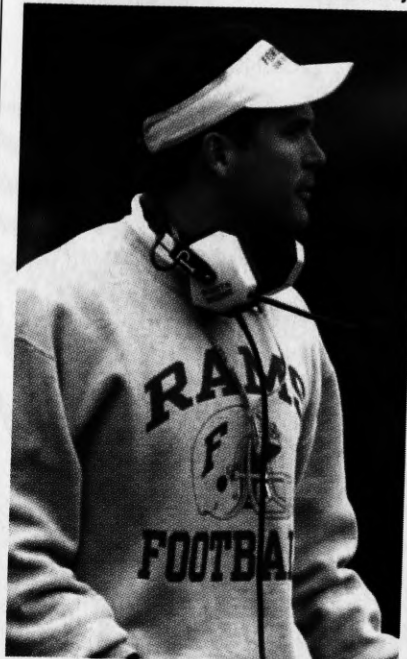
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TOMMY HILFIGER



Since 1999, head coach Dave Clawson (below) has taken Fordham from a winless campaign to a national title threat. With running back Kirwan Watson (#34) flourishing in the high-powered offense, and an attacking defense led by NaQuinton Gainous (far right), it isn't hard to see why.



COURTESY FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

# RAMMING THE COMPETITION

HEAD COACH DAVE CLAWSON'S EXPLOSIVE OFFENSE HAS QUICKLY TURNED A ONCE-DORMANT FORDHAM RAMS TEAM INTO DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL TITLE CONTENDERS

**S**ound the sirens, buckle your chinstraps and heed this warning: Beware the Fordham Rams. It's a threat the Patriot League is only beginning to fully understand.

The Rams assault on the Patriot League has been swift and explosive, and aside from being highly offensive is something that may last for years to come.

The Rams are becoming a serious threat to the safety of Patriot League defenses thanks to the weapons of *grass* destruction head coach Dave Clawson has developed and put to use without fair warning. In just four short years, Clawson has transformed Fordham from battered Rams to battering Rams. After cutting his teeth as a defensive back and then later as the secondary coach at Albany (1990) and Buffalo ('91), Clawson went on the offensive, and that's where his star has shone the brightest.

Beginning with a two-year run as Lehigh's offensive coordinator (1994-95) and ending with a record-setting three-year stint in the same position at Villanova (1996-98), Clawson developed the basis for what is now

the Rams high-octane offensive attack. He's also proven that no team record book is safe when his arsenal is fully stocked. With eight starters back on the scoring unit in 2003, the Rams will continue dismantling defenses.

"I feel it's important to be balanced [on offense]," Clawson said. "You don't necessarily have to run the ball 50 times and throw 50 times, but you have to have the ability to do both. Every time you line up, you want to be efficient running or throwing so people have to defend the whole field."

Consider Clawson, the reigning two-time winner of the Patriot League's Coach of the Year award, a man of his word. His diverse weapons of *grass* destruction can strike from the air or on the ground.

"We had to upgrade our talent level with an emphasis on speed," Clawson said regarding one of his first orders of business upon being named head coach. "I studied Fordham on film and this was a slow football team."

For the first time in school history last season, the Rams had a 1,000-yard rusher (Kirwin Watson) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Javarus Dudley) in the same year. But setting benchmarks isn't new for Clawson. Going

back to his days with the Wildcats, Clawson also played a large role in another impressive feat: In 1998, Villanova running back Brian Westbrook became the first player in college football history to run for 1,000 yards and add another 1,000 on receptions in the *same* season.

"In Division I-AA, you need a system of offense that adapts to the personnel on the team," Clawson said. "The system has to be flexible where you can make it adapt to good players."

Of course, even though the personnel may be in place, the job must still get done on the field. Over the last three years, the Rams have followed Clawson's directives, increasing their scoring output from 19.9 points per game in 2000 to 32.2 in '02. Much of the explosiveness has to do with the team's growth on the field.

"We put such an emphasis on executing from the base offense," Clawson said of perhaps the most important aspect. "We've been so successful because we've had a lot less mental errors. Our turnover margin has been better, we've produced more big plays and given up less big plays. The fundamentals have been much better on the football team."

The highest scoring team in the Patriot League in 2002, Fordham is just three seasons removed from an 0-11 campaign—Clawson's first on the sidelines. The Rams put the icing on their comeback cake by earning the conference's automatic playoff berth and turning some heads in the 2002 postseason. They knocked off Atlantic-10 champion Northeastern before losing to Villanova in the second round.

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## CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

The Lehigh Mountain Hawks paved the way for the recent overall success of the Patriot League

Parity is the word that best describes the Patriot League, as six teams have staked a claim to the title in the 17-year history of the conference. But through it all, one team remains constant in its quest to be in the running for the conference's automatic berth into the Division I-AA playoffs—Lehigh.

The Mountain Hawks have had their hands on four of the last five Patriot League titles, winning 28 of their last 32 conference games. They were the first team to put the Patriot League on the national map, winning three of four opening-round playoff games from 1998-01 [Colgate posted an 0-3 playoff mark from 1997-99].

Now, however, the Fordham Rams appear to have wrestled away the Patriot League bragging rights.

"[Fordham's success] is good for the Patriot League," Rams' coach Dave Clawson said of the potential changing of the guard. "[The Patriot League] was viewed as so top heavy [with Colgate and Lehigh], and we knew that those were two teams we'd have to compete with."

On a national scale, the conference has won four of its last five opening round DI-AA playoff games.

"Our conference champion has beaten the Atlantic-10 winner in the last two years," Clawson said. "It shows that [we now] have better teams in the conference."

## PLAYOFF PAYOFF

After posting a 1-4 record in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs from 1997-99, the recent changing of the guard in the Patriot League has also resulted in dramatic improvement. Since 2000, the conference has advanced to the quarterfinal round three times, thanks to a 3-0 mark in the opening round:

- 1997**  
Colgate (7-5 overall): lost to Villanova in first round, 49-28.
- 1998**  
Colgate (8-4): lost to Georgia Southern in first round, 49-28.
- Lehigh (6-0)**: defeated Richmond in first round, 24-23; lost to Massachusetts in second round, 27-21.
- 1999**  
Colgate (10-2): lost to Illinois State in first round, 56-13.
- Lehigh (10-2)**: lost to Hofstra in first round, 27-15.
- 2000**  
Lehigh (12-1): defeated Western Illinois in first round, 37-7; lost to Delaware in second round, 47-22.
- 2001**  
Lehigh (11-1): defeated Hofstra in first round, 27-24 (OT); lost to Furman in second round, 34-17.
- 2002**  
Fordham (10-3): defeated Northeastern in first round, 29-24; lost to Villanova in second round, 24-10.

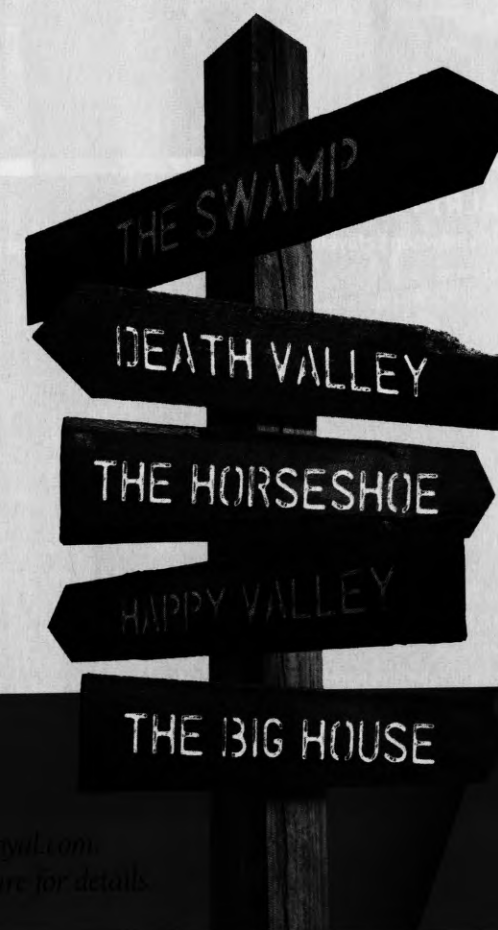
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## A RIVALRY FOR THE AGES

The battles between Lafayette and Lehigh—the nation's longest running rivalry—have stood the test of time

Looking for the Hatfields and McCoys (pre-truce, of course) of the college football world? A rivalry that makes Florida-Tennessee or Michigan-Ohio State or even USC-UCLA seem like nothing more than a simple lover's quarrel?

Then turn your attention to the Lehigh Valley where the yearly Lehigh-Lafayette battles have gone on longer than The 100 Years War. So long, in fact, that it's the longest running rivalry in the history of college football. It began in 1884 and will be played for the 139th time in 2003, with Lehigh owning a 71-62-5 edge. Fordham head coach Dave Clawson, a former offensive coordinator at Lehigh, knows all too well how deep the animosity runs between the schools.

"When I was first hired at Lehigh, I had a close friend that worked at Lafayette," Clawson said. "A lot of people were concerned about me maintaining that friendship. They wondered, 'how could he be so close to a guy at Lafayette?' This is more than just a rivalry game."

Tucked in its own little corner of Pennsylvania, the rivalry is far enough away from the big cities of the Northeast to escape major press coverage even though it's one of the area's biggest yearly attractions.

"The teams take great pride [in the rivalry] because of the proximity of the two schools," Clawson said. "It generates a tremendous amount of local interest. You really learn to hate the other school; there's a lot of emotion and passion, [and] it's a way to make or break your season [because it's the final regular season game]."

—SS

The Rams had much to celebrate about last season following their NCAA Division I-AA first-round victory over favored Northeastern.

What were once baby steps—the Rams were 3-8 in 2000 and 7-4 in '01—have become full-fledged forward strides. Since that winless campaign, the Rams have stutter-stepped, reversed their field and taken the program in a new direction.

"It took some real courage and a lot of confidence three or four years ago [for players] to sign with Fordham," Clawson said. "It tells the character of these guys. They wanted to go to an 0-11 program and build it into a championship program. The players deserve the credit for this. And even though we struggled record-wise [during the climb], there were a number of indicators [that things were improving]. The wins were just a matter of time."

But more amazing than the swift rise to the top has to be the way in which Clawson has built the program without the benefit of a major drawing power. The rules are much different on the Division I-AA level, and it's not an easy task to sway athletes from programs that are perennial powers.

The Rams certainly have history on their side, as in Vince Lombardi and the Seven Blocks of Granite, the lure of the world's most famous city (New York) just outside the back door and, of course, a high-end college education. But in the what-can-you-do-for-me-now world, the present is often the best measuring stick for future success. Suffice to say the name "Fordham" didn't flow off the tip of potential recruits' tongues when Clawson first took over. Now, however, the far-reaching arm of Rams football extends from New York to Florida, Illinois and even California.

"We want to withstand the test of time," Clawson said of where his program has climbed and where it's headed. "We want to build a strong foundation, and as long as we [keep getting better], we'll get there."

"One thing we've done differently is establish national recruiting. Fordham was a regional [recruiting] school, but I felt that with our reputation we'd be able to spread our wings."

With 15 returning starters in 2003, including such weapons of grass destruction as Watson (the 2002 Patriot League Player of the Year), Dudley and quarterback Kevin Eakin, the Rams are far from a one-year wonder.

"This has probably gone from some of the frustrating times to one of the most rewarding opportunities," Clawson said. "We never put a timetable on this, but it was our goal. We didn't want to take any shortcuts." ■

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ON THE SIDELINES

# COMING INTO HIS OWN

Underappreciated in the pros, USC head coach Pete Carroll has seemed to have finally found his niche in the college game **BY SCOTT WOLF**

One quiet night in late April, just as USC head coach Pete Carroll left the office, he noticed he didn't have any money in his wallet, a slight problem for someone about to fly the red-eye to Tampa, Fla. USC's highest-paid employee walking around without a dollar seems improbable, but the incident spoke volumes about Carroll.

During what should have been some quiet time following spring practice, Carroll kept going at a feverish rate. He flew to Tampa to study the Super Bowl champion Buccaneers' offense, and was so preoccupied with working until the last minute, he didn't think about carrying cash.

Carroll's frenetic manner is well known around USC, but no one's complaining after he led the Trojans to an 11-2 record, Orange Bowl victory over Iowa and No. 4 national ranking last season. While the 1990's were arguably the worst decade in history at football-proud USC, the Trojans regained their 60's and 70's swagger last season under Carroll.

Pete Carroll is pumped up after last season, as the Trojans won 11 games, including a dominant Orange Bowl victory.

Now all he has to do is figure out how to continue the success, hence the trip to places like Tampa.

"I think we'll have to wait and see before we know if [long-term success] will happen," Carroll said, careful not to make any bold predictions. "Now we'll see if we have the caliber of players and underclassmen to give us a special football team."

After losing a Heisman Trophy winner (quarterback Carson Palmer), there will be plenty of doubts. But after last season, it's difficult to minimize Carroll's influence. His coaching contribution is easy to spot. Carroll, who is also the Trojans' defensive coordinator, turned the defense into one of the top units in the nation. USC ranked in the top six in rushing yards and total yards allowed as well as turnover margin. And no tailback gained 100 yards against the Trojans.

But things took off last season when Carroll

and offensive coordinator Norm Chow got the offense to play as well as the defense.

"What we did in the offseason before last year was a huge difference," Carroll said. "We tailored everything toward matching up our offense with our defense. We wanted to be really well rounded."

"Specifically, it's about ball control and playing with a great conscience of taking care of the football. If you do that, you're already a great football team."

The other area Carroll transformed was USC's recruiting. The Trojans capped off their 11-win season with a recruiting class that most considered to be among the top three in the nation. It got even better last spring when quarterback John David Booty, the younger brother of Cleveland Browns quarterback Josh Booty and No. 1 high school junior at his position, said he would graduate early and join USC this season.

It stunned the recruiting world that USC landed a highly touted player from Shreveport, La. That was something the Trojans might have done under John McKay, but not in the past 20 years.

"I think recruiting is a strength of mine," Carroll said. "People questioned it when I was hired and I thought it was ridiculous. I love to recruit. This season helped us tremendously with recruiting. We're getting a phenomenal response."

Recruiting was a huge unknown when Carroll was hired after a long NFL career. He was head coach of the New York Jets for one year and New England Patriots for three seasons, but got fired twice and was viewed as a bit of an underachiever. Some wondered if he could adjust to college football after an 18-year absence.

"I don't find it all that different," Carroll said. "The college kids are eager and ready to be molded. The difference is you don't deal with the veterans and long-term stars."

"As a coach, all you're looking for is guys to do what you tell them. They're fun to coach and they learn quickly."

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# COMING INTO HIS OWN CONTINUED

## ANSWERING THE CALL



COURTESY UCLA

To keep up with the rapid ascension of rival USC, UCLA hired former wide receiver Karl Dorrell to put some spark back in the program

Across town in Westwood, UCLA hired former wide receiver Karl Dorrell as head coach, in part because the Bruins lost their past two games to USC by a combined score of 79-21.

Dorrell, 39, replaced Bob Toledo and shakes up a program that appeared uninspired and lost ground to the cross-town rival Trojans.

"The people who made this decision knew what they had to do—they had to have someone to counter (USC coach) Pete Carroll, who's a very charismatic guy," former UCLA offensive coordinator Homer Smith said. "This is ingenious."

Because Dorrell has no head-coaching experience, he realizes there are questions whether he is the right man to restore UCLA to the Pac-10 Conference's upper echelon.

"I would have hired me on the spot," Dorrell joked. "That was a very gutsy call."

Dorrell plans to have his defense attack more than Toledo did while keeping the offense balanced. His hiring is popular on campus and former UCLA stars Ken Norton Jr., James Washington and Mike Sherrard attended his press conference to announce his hiring. Even though he was a surprise choice, Dorrell embraces his new job.

"The first thing I said," Dorrell recalled, "was, 'Aw, this is awesome.'" —SW



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Carroll is hoping his returnees and a top-notch recruiting class will help USC continue its winning ways, as the Trojans will have to adjust with the loss of running back Justin Fargas (#25) and Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Carson Palmer (#3).

That's what makes college different. Everyone is like that, instead of just the young NFL players. I think I appreciate it more here now because I've been in the NFL for 16 years."

While most of his career was spent in the NFL, Carroll often heard he would be better off as a college coach. He nearly took the Stanford job once but stayed in the NFL.

"Pete's always been an extraordinary communicator," said DeWayne Walker, an assistant with Carroll at New England and USC. "But it's even more noticeable with the college kids. They really respond."

Today, it's humorous to wonder if Carroll's suited to the college game, but his unexpected success has merely whetted USC fans' appetite.

"It's much harder to sustain than to just have one good

year," Carroll said. "To keep it going over a long haul, that's what is special. I'm much more in tune with that and what it would mean to this program."

If anything, Carroll views his NFL background as the perfect training for whatever success he enjoys at USC.

"I competed for 16 years with the best in the world. It forces you to find the right way to do things," Carroll said. "The experience, particularly as an assistant coach with the San Francisco 49ers organization, was enormous, and the media opportunities in New England and New York, I don't know how else I could be better prepared." ■

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## CHOW TIME

Offensive coordinator Norm Chow has developed many great quarterbacks in his time, and Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer was the latest

When Carson Palmer became the Trojans' fifth Heisman Trophy winner, he probably owed at least the base of the trophy to offensive coordinator Norm Chow.

After an up-and-down career, Palmer finally met expectations under the guidance of Chow, who won the Broyles Award as the country's top assistant coach last season. Besides Palmer, he's coached Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Ty Detmer at BYU along with N.C. State senior Philip Rivers.

The secret of his success?

"I try to get each quarterback to be the best as individuals and try to suit their skills,"

said Chow. "Everybody is unique. I don't want to just do it by rote skills. I'm trying to find things that a young man does well."

Chow's turnaround with Palmer gave USC its most formidable offense in 30 years, averaging 35.8 points per game.

Chow said the difference was tailoring the offense toward Palmer's strengths.

"We did the things that were necessary for Carson to be successful," Chow said. "We combined the deeper-type throws he was so good at completing with a short, quick passing game. We wanted to live off his accuracy." —SW



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The Texas A&M football team can count on their fans standing behind them for the entire 60 minutes  
**BY JON COOPER**



**"we had one of the best home records in the 1990s and a lot of that can be attributed to 'The 12th man,' the student body and all of our fans. They are very vocal and very supportive."**

Alan Cannon, Texas A&M assistant AD for media relations

**E**. King Gill had no idea that he was starting a movement as he stood in uniform on the sideline at Fair Park Stadium, in Dallas, waiting for the Texas A&M coach's call to action during the second half of the 1922 Dixie Classic.

"Mr. Gill played football and basketball, but at that time of the year he was a little more valuable to the basketball team," said Texas A&M assistant athletic director for media relations Alan Cannon, Class of '84. "He was actually at the stadium, up in the press box spotting for a sportswriter."

"At the end of the first half, head football coach Dana X. Bible called him down because of a number of injuries. The young man put on a uniform and stood ready on the sideline to enter the game if needed."

King never entered the game—a 22-14 upset victory for the Aggies—and afterward had the following to say:

"I wish I could say I went in and scored the winning touchdown, but I didn't. All I did was stand by, ready to go in case my team needed me."

Gill's dedication inspired the legion of Aggies fans. In homage to Gill's unselfishness, fans at Kyle Field

stand, symbolically at the ready, while A&M is on the field. In fact, they remain standing for the Texas A&M Band. The only time Aggies rooters sit is during the halftime performance of the visiting school's band.

"The student body is very much involved in our program," said Cannon. "They're very loyal and, literally, they're willing to do whatever they need to do to help our football team."

The sight of the crowd standing and the noise they create can prove unnerving to even the most focused opposition. The Aggies are 72-12-1 at Kyle Field since 1989, an .853 winning percentage.

"It's very intimidating," said Cannon. "We had one of the best home records in the 1990s and a lot of that can be attributed to 'The 12th Man,' the student body and all of our fans. They are very vocal and very supportive."



But while Aggies fans are some of the most boisterous in college football, Cannon is quick to point out that they know where to draw the line.

"They support the home team without getting into the belittling or jeering of the opponents," he said. "[Opposing coaches] do mention that it's an excellent crowd and most of them talk about that in this day and time, that it's the proper way."

Florida State and Miami are among the schools that will be coming to College Station in the near future and will get first-hand experience of the power of "The 12th Man." It's power of immeasurable inspiration to the A&M players.

"When you choose to play at Texas A&M, you know you've got people that are behind you," said Cannon. "They're not prone to be fair-weather fans. They're behind you through thick and thin."

The same way E. King Gill was. ■

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Who among this trio of SEC signal-callers has what it takes to step up and make a claim for the Heisman Trophy? BY STEVE SINISKI



COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

## CASEY CLAUSEN, SR., QB, TENNESSEE

Lacking the name recognition of a Manning (Eli or Peyton), Clausen can often be found flying under the radar on the national scene and even in the SEC. But that doesn't mean he's any less deserving of consideration as one of the game's best players. Stuck with the misfortune of replacing a Rocky Top legend (Peyton Manning), Clausen has written his own song, one that revolves around high-percentage passing and strong decision-making skills. While Clausen doesn't stand strong in a "numbers" game with many, he wins so often he can be compared with any on the college football gridiron. After his first three years, he was 24-6 as a starter.

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- Clausen had a streak of 12 straight games with a score in 2002.
- Clausen's streak of 112 straight completions without an interception fell just 20 short of the school record.
- Clausen led the SEC with a 62.6 completion percentage last year.

## DAVID GREENE, JR., QB, GEORGIA

Though his numbers stack up with the best, Greene's biggest battle may come from someone on his own team at the same position. But after racking up more hardware than a True Value store in 2002, including the SEC's Offensive Player of the Year, he's already climbed over Manning and Clausen in the conference pecking order. Greene had 13 multiple-touchdown games in his first 25 games, and sported a 4-0 head-to-head mark in games against these two SEC foes. So now who's Greene with envy? This Bulldog doesn't have the pedigree, and he doesn't play for the biggest program, but he does have what are most important—bragging rights and the biggest bite.

### 2002 Statistics

Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
218	379	57.5	2,924	22	8

- Greene has five career fourth-quarter comebacks under his belt.
- As a sophomore, Greene led the SEC in passing efficiency (137.3).
- In two career games against Kentucky, Greene has thrown for 615 yards and seven scores with just one interception.



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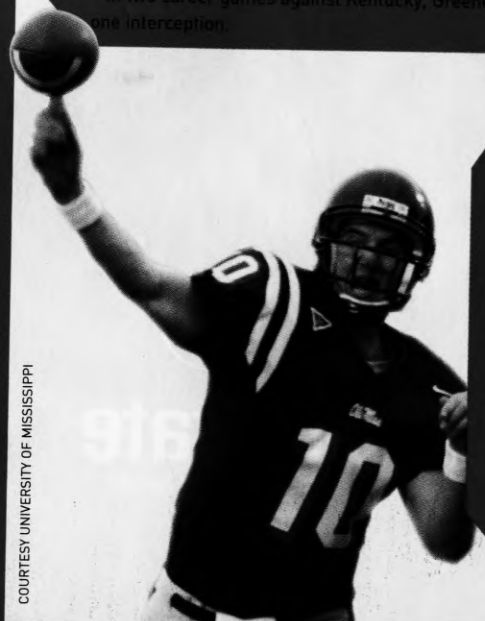
## ELI MANNING, SR., QB, MISSISSIPPI

The pedigree for Manning is there, as he follows in the footsteps of father Archie and brother Peyton. But unlike many Heisman candidates in recent memory, don't expect to see much in the way of hype being churned out by Ole Miss. Reloaded like Neo from the Matrix, Manning's also got the same type of field vision; so voters will have no problems seeing for themselves why Manning should be among those fighting for the right to strike a pose in December. At 6-5, he seemingly watches plays develop in slow motion—much like Neo. Will he be the chosen one, too? Manning had a 31-9 touchdown-to-interception ratio as a sophomore.

### 2002 Statistics

Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
279	481	58.0	3,401	21	15

- Manning is the Rebels' all-time leader in touchdown passes (52).
- Manning set a school record for passing yardage in 2001 (2,948), then broke that in '02 (3,401).
- Manning has three career-scoring losses of at least 70 yards.



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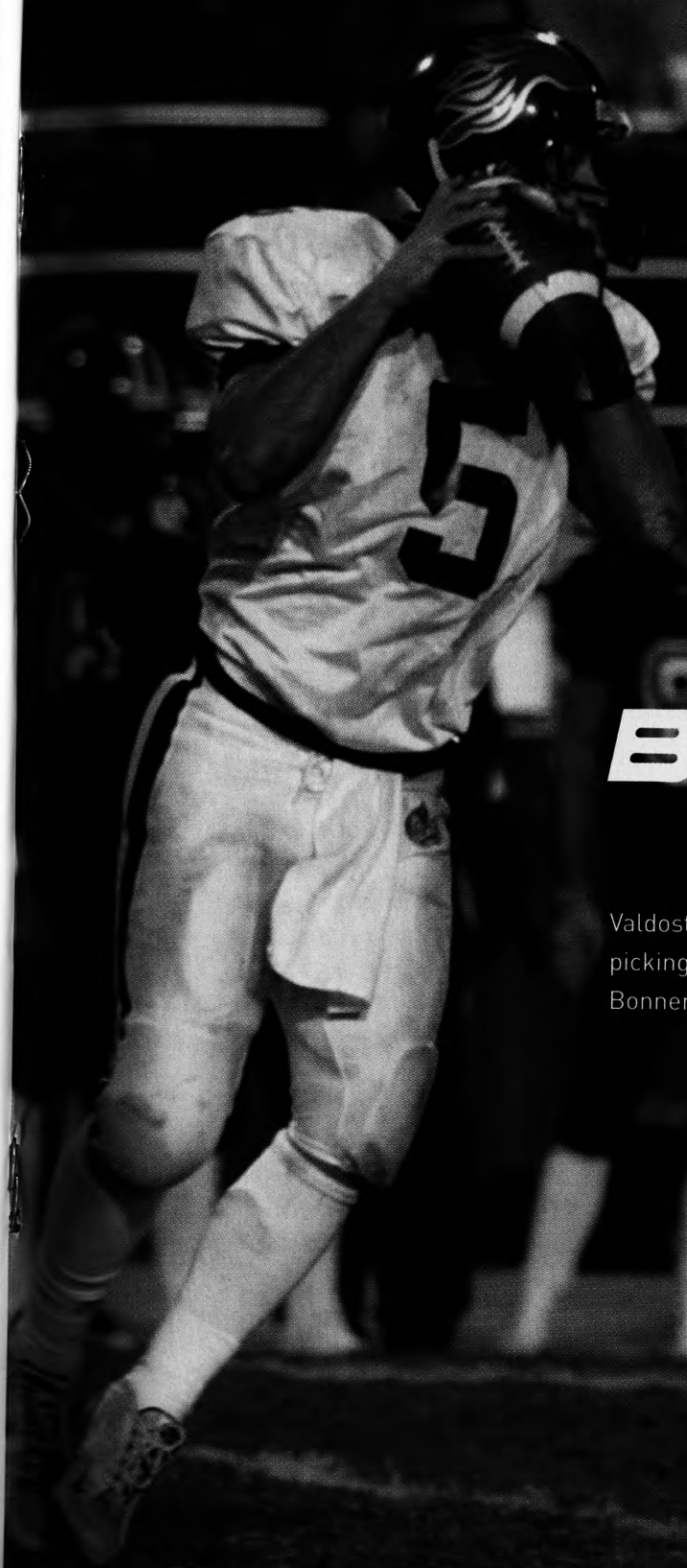
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## UNDERGROUND



here's probably never been an NFL quarterback named Buster, and even after throwing 41 touchdown passes as a sophomore last year, Valdosta State's Buster Faulkner is realistic about his chances of becoming the first.

"I'd like to play in the NFL," he says, "but I'm 5-10 and slow, and that doesn't help."

Still, if he continues along the path first blazed by two-time Harlon Hill Award winner Dusty Bonner, Faulkner will force the pro scouts to visit the southern Georgia campus once again.

Bonner and Faulkner both have another former Valdosta quarterback to thank—current head coach Chris Hatcher. In his first three seasons, Hatcher's teams have averaged 51.3 touchdown passes.

Hatcher returned to his alma mater after the 2000 season. He had played for Hal Mumme during the time the school made its first two NCAA Division II playoff trips—1994 and '96. Bonner had transferred to Valdosta after also playing for Mumme for two seasons at the University of Kentucky.

Hatcher didn't have to recruit Faulkner. It was more the other way around, as a newspaper article inspired the high school senior (Parkview HS in Lilburn, just northeast of Atlanta) to head south.

"It was at my last high school game, the state championship against Brunswick," Faulkner remembers. "We played four hours away, in

# BUSTING THROUGH

Valdosta State quarterback Buster Faulkner has had no problem picking up where his predecessor, two-time Harlon Hill winner Dusty Bonner, left off. **BY MARK COHEN**

Savannah. My offensive coordinator brought an article to me on the back of the bus. Coach Hatcher had just signed on, at 26 years old."

Faulkner wanted to get into coaching, and wasn't attracting recruiters from Division I-A schools. That assistant coach told him that Valdosta was where Faulkner needed to be, and so it happened. So Faulkner walked on at Valdosta State, just as Hatcher had done.

Faulkner was redshirted in 2000, and played sparingly behind Bonner in 2001, completing 38 of 52 passes. But in those two years, Faulkner absorbed the offense, not just from Hatcher but from Bonner as well.

"He was a great QB," Faulkner says. "He knew the offense so well. When he came to the sidelines, he would tell you what he saw."

"The thing that helped me most was *how* he helped me out. He'd teach you how to do it, walk you through it. We'd watch film and he'd show me what he saw, and why he did what he did."

"He'd be a great coach."

Faulkner did not win the starting job for opening day, 2002, though Hatcher made it known that both Faulkner and Barrett Wilkes would play at Albany State.

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**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.

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**HATCHING THE OFFENSE**  
Valdosta State's offensive attack has grown by leaps and bounds in the past three seasons under Chris Hatcher



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Valdosta State has produced gaudy passing statistics in three seasons under head coach Chris Hatcher, gaining nearly 13,000 yards and hitting for 154 touchdowns, but Hatcher says the success is due more to execution than to

any kind of offensive wizardry.

"It's a very simple offense," he says. "We don't run a lot of different plays. We disguise things with motion and different formations."

"I like to say it's kind of like a wishbone offense, except we do it in the air."

Balance is a key. Despite the passing numbers, Valdosta actually had one more running attempt last season than passing (548-547).

Consider this: Valdosta had 45 runs and 30 passes against West Alabama, which might not be a big deal except the Blazers trailed, 24-7, at the half. They rallied for 29 third-quarter points for a 43-31 win. The first drive of the second half, which produced a field goal, included four runs and just two passes.

"We're very balanced in what we do," Hatcher says. "We've got a lot of good running backs here."

"They are very challenging to prepare for," West Alabama head coach Randy Pippin said recently. "They make you be at your best because they do things so well offensively."

**RADICAL CHANGE**

Now in his fourth season with the Valdosta State program, head coach Chris Hatcher has doubled the Blazers' passing yardage output and tripled their touchdown passing average. See for yourself:

Under Hatcher	Passing Yards	TDs
2000	4,361	56
2001	4,356	56
2002	4,162	42
<b>Average</b>	<b>4,293.0</b>	<b>51.3</b>

Three Prior Seasons	Passing Yards	TDs
1997	2,225	21
1998	2,294	15
1999	1,813	17
<b>Average</b>	<b>2,110.7</b>	<b>17.7</b>

**NO DROP OFF**

The statistics prove that Valdosta State's vaunted passing game picked up right where it left off with the departure of Bonner and the arrival of Faulkner:

	Com.-Att.	Yards	TDs
2000 Bonner	317-435	3,907	54
2001 Bonner	231-319	3,214	43
2002 Faulkner	327-503	3,826	41

Faulkner entered the game with 8:56 remaining in the first half, the game still scoreless. His first pass was a 30-yard completion to C.J. Lofton. On Faulkner's first three drives, he completed 8 of 10 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns, pushing the Blazers to a 17-0 lead. They would win, 26-0, and he has started ever since.

"He has a nice understanding of what they're doing," says West Alabama head coach Randy Pippin, whose team has surrendered 99 points to Valdosta State in the past two seasons. "Bonner had more size and ability, but Buster seems to have that same command of the offense."

Valdosta was undefeated in the regular season last year, and advanced to the Division II quarterfinals against Carson-Newman, which also sported a 12-0 record. The Blazers, in four previous trips, had never advanced past the quarterfinals.

When Reggie Alexis scored with 4:54 remaining, Carson-Newman took a 28-24 lead, and it again looked like Valdosta would exit in the quarters.

After the kickoff, Faulkner tried to motivate his teammates.

"I said, 'Give me a little bit of time, guys, and we're gonna do it.'"

Were they inspired?

"They all laughed a little."

Eleven plays later, nobody was laughing. Valdosta faced a fourth-and-nine at the Carson-Newman 20. But the Blazers' confidence was amazingly high.

"The coaches called the whole drive perfectly," Faulkner says. "Coach Hatcher called the fourth-down play, then he tied his shoe and didn't even watch."

What he missed was a completion to Reggie Mosley to keep the drive alive. The next play, Faulkner hit Lofton for the winning score.

The Blazers defeated Texas A&M-Kingsville in the semifinals, then rallied from 11 points down in the fourth quarter to tie Grand Valley State in the title game, but the Lakers managed one last scoring drive

for a 31-24 victory. When it was all said and done, Faulkner finished the season with 3,826 passing yards and 41 touchdown passes.

His given name is Edward Harrison Faulkner—no relation to William, by the way—but his grandfather was nicknamed Buster, and his father was determined to keep the name going.

He's had the name pretty much his whole life.

"You gotta like it," Faulkner says. "There is no one called Buster."

He'll play this season and next, and graduate with a history degree in December 2004. If pro ball doesn't work out, Faulkner knows he'll follow Hatcher's path from Valdosta quarterback to coaching.

Come to think of it, there's probably never been an NFL head coach named Buster, either. ■

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## DAVID POLLACK

Take a couple of minutes to get to know one of college football's rising stars **BY STEVE SINISKI**

**E**ven as a freshman, it was easy to see that Georgia's David Pollack had the potential to develop into a force. The defensive end ended his first year (2001) as a member of the All-SEC Freshman Team after seeing time as part of a rotation at defensive tackle. In 10 games of action, he flashed the ability to get to the quarterback, netting nine quarterback pressures. Now a junior, Pollack has continued his development into becoming one of the top defensive linemen in the country.

### INSIDE-OUT DEFENSE

Recruited to Georgia as a defensive tackle, Pollack's size (6-2, 275) and speed made him a better fit on the corner. Consider it a match (and switch) made in heaven, as the league's coaches voted Pollack as the 2002 SEC Defensive Player of the Year in only his sophomore campaign.

### SWEETENING THE PEACHES

Pollack's individual domination didn't come at the expense of his team. Georgia racked up a school-record 13 wins en route to its first SEC title in 20 years and a Sugar Bowl win. The victory over Florida State put the cherry on top of the Bulldogs' highest national ranking (No. 3) since 1980.

### DRIVING A RIVAL NUTS

South Carolina witnessed Pollack's end zone-to-end zone motor first-hand in a 13-7 loss in 2002. He not only intercepted a pass in the end zone for a touchdown, but also recovered a Gamecocks fumble at the Bulldogs 2-yard line to thwart a South Carolina scoring attempt.

### BEYOND THE DEFENSE

Just when opponents thought it was safe whenever Georgia's defensive unit was on the sidelines, Pollack would find a way to strike again. He blocked a field goal and a punt on special teams and has also seen spot duty as a fullback in short-yardage situations.

### IN YOUR FACE

The main goal for a defensive end is getting in a quarterback's face. Suffice to say opposing signal-callers are well aware of Pollack's presence. He topped the SEC with 35 quarterback pressures, giving new meaning to the term "In Your Face Football."

### COMMUNITY PLAYER

For good measure, Pollack makes big plays off the field as well. He's earned Georgia's Community Service Award for his role as a volunteer on and off campus. ■

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### SACK ATTACK

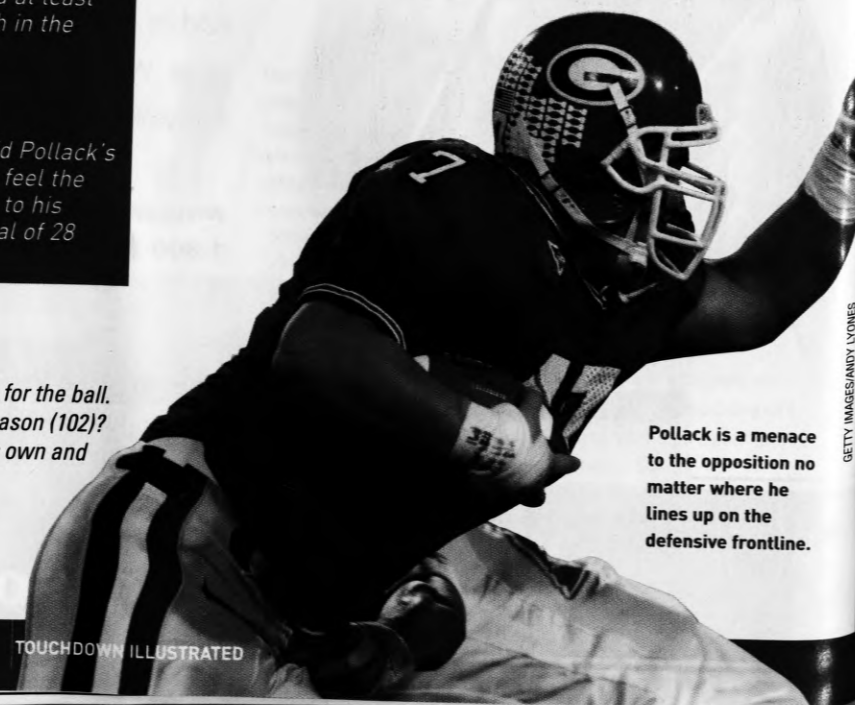
How fast has Pollack's ferocious game developed? The junior already ranks sixth all-time in school history with 16 career sacks (13 behind the leader). He had at least one sack in 12 of 13 games and finished fourth in the nation (14) in 2002.

### BACKING UP THE BACKFIELD

When quarterbacks were lucky enough to avoid Pollack's bull rushes, it only opened up other players to feel the force of Georgia's whirling dervish. In addition to his SEC-leading sack total, Pollack recorded a total of 28 tackles for a loss of 128 yards.

### A FOOTBALL MAGNET

Pollack can make an ant eater jealous of his nose for the ball. How many defensive ends can boast a 100-tackle season (102)? Pollack can, especially after stopping 58 plays on his own and assisting on 44 others last season.



Pollack is a menace to the opposition no matter where he lines up on the defensive frontline.

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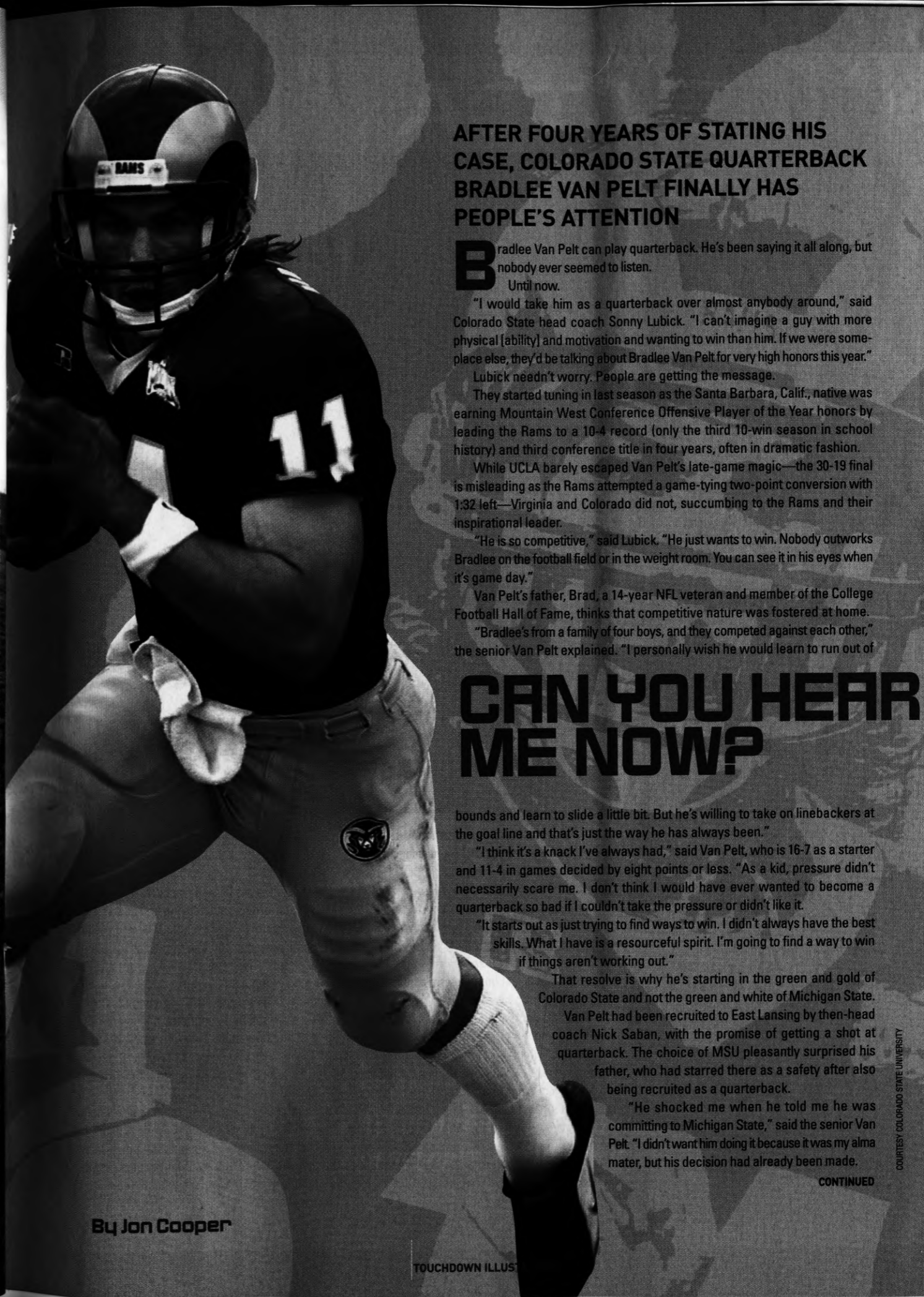


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## AFTER FOUR YEARS OF STATING HIS CASE, COLORADO STATE QUARTERBACK BRADLEE VAN PELT FINALLY HAS PEOPLE'S ATTENTION

**B**radlee Van Pelt can play quarterback. He's been saying it all along, but nobody ever seemed to listen. Until now.

"I would take him as a quarterback over almost anybody around," said Colorado State head coach Sonny Lubick. "I can't imagine a guy with more physical [ability] and motivation and wanting to win than him. If we were someplace else, they'd be talking about Bradlee Van Pelt for very high honors this year."

Lubick needn't worry. People are getting the message. They started tuning in last season as the Santa Barbara, Calif., native was earning Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors by leading the Rams to a 10-4 record (only the third 10-win season in school history) and third conference title in four years, often in dramatic fashion.

While UCLA barely escaped Van Pelt's late-game magic—the 30-19 final is misleading as the Rams attempted a game-tying two-point conversion with 1:32 left—Virginia and Colorado did not, succumbing to the Rams and their inspirational leader.

"He is so competitive," said Lubick. "He just wants to win. Nobody outworks Bradlee on the football field or in the weight room. You can see it in his eyes when it's game day."

Van Pelt's father, Brad, a 14-year NFL veteran and member of the College Football Hall of Fame, thinks that competitive nature was fostered at home.

"Bradlee's from a family of four boys, and they competed against each other," the senior Van Pelt explained. "I personally wish he would learn to run out of

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bounds and learn to slide a little bit. But he's willing to take on linebackers at the goal line and that's just the way he has always been."

"I think it's a knack I've always had," said Van Pelt, who is 16-7 as a starter and 11-4 in games decided by eight points or less. "As a kid, pressure didn't necessarily scare me. I don't think I would have ever wanted to become a quarterback so bad if I couldn't take the pressure or didn't like it."

"It starts out as just trying to find ways to win. I didn't always have the best skills. What I have is a resourceful spirit. I'm going to find a way to win if things aren't working out."

That resolve is why he's starting in the green and gold of Colorado State and not the green and white of Michigan State.

Van Pelt had been recruited to East Lansing by then-head coach Nick Saban, with the promise of getting a shot at quarterback. The choice of MSU pleasantly surprised his father, who had starred there as a safety after also being recruited as a quarterback.

"He shocked me when he told me he was committing to Michigan State," said the senior Van Pelt. "I didn't want him doing it because it was my alma mater, but his decision had already been made."

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By Jon Cooper

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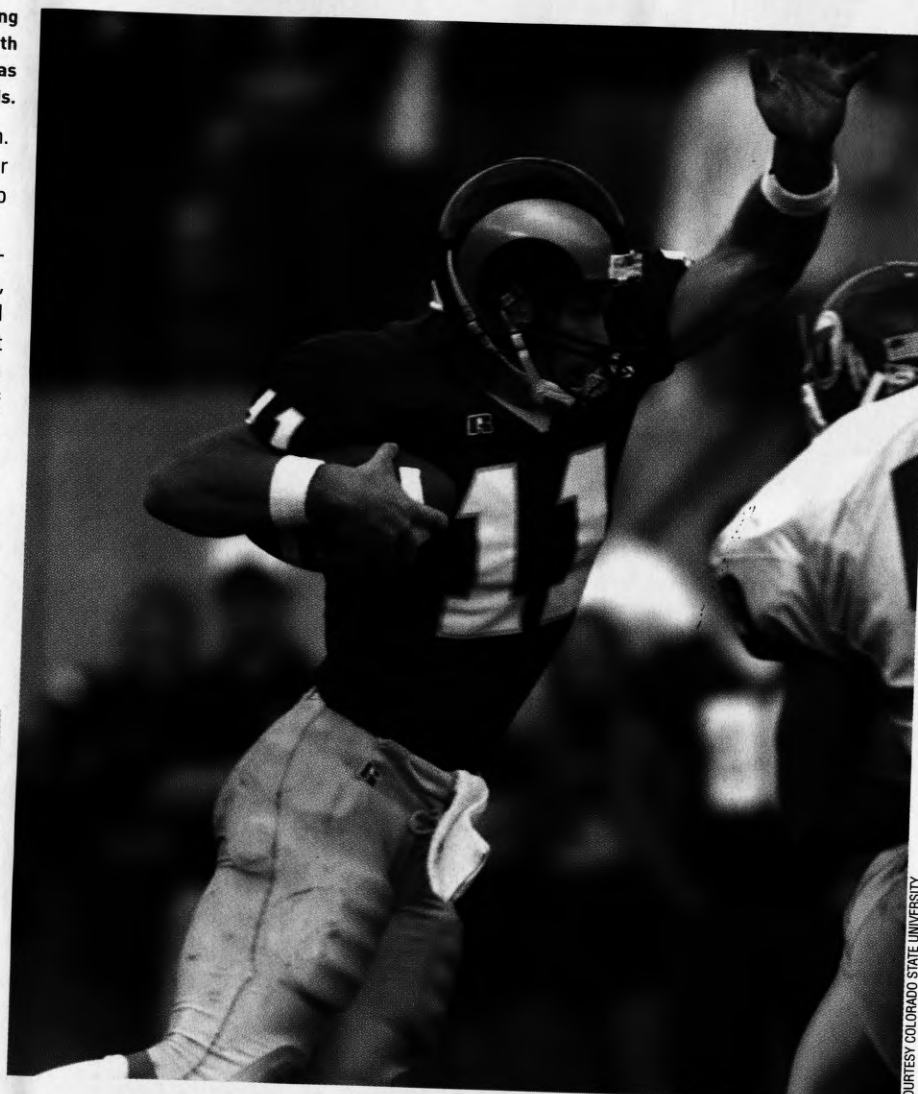
Bradlee Van Pelt's versatility gives opposing defenses nightmares. Not only was he fourth nationally in pass efficiency last season, but was also second on the team with 819 rushing yards.

"It was obvious they had other plans for him. I think they tried to convince Bradlee, 'Hey, your dad came here as a quarterback and turned into an All-America safety. That could be you.'"

When Bradlee decided that being a quarterback was more important than being like his dad, Brad helped him move on. Lubick originally tried to recruit Van Pelt and promised him a fair shot at quarterback. The rest is history. He showed his value as a redshirt in 2000, earning scout team player of the year honors for his work against the defense.

But the transition from scout team star to starting quarterback would be more difficult.

"He was about as green as one could be," said Lubick. "The first couple of games we played, I bet we had at least three or four delay of games because he just couldn't get everything going. But he worked mentally on that, just with repetition and experience, and got a lot better."



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### DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL...

If there's a will there's a way for Bradlee Van Pelt to bring the Colorado State Rams back. Here are three of his best comebacks:

#### 1. Colorado State 19, Colorado 14 (Aug. 31, 2002, INVESCO Field, Denver, Colo.)

Colorado State led their arch rival 13-0 entering the fourth quarter. But CU scored a pair of touchdowns five minutes apart to take a 14-13 lead. Van Pelt led the Rams on a game-winning 80-yard drive, taking it the final 23 yards for the game-winning score with 6:20 remaining.

#### 2. Colorado State 35, Virginia 29 (Aug. 22, 2002 Smith/Harrison/Scott Stadium, Charlottesville, Va.)

The Rams opened the 2002 season in the Jim Thorpe Classic at Virginia. Colorado State blew a 19-7 lead, but still led, 22-21, after three quarters. The Cavaliers stormed back to take a 29-22 lead, but Van Pelt led the Rams to 13 unanswered points, throwing for a career-best 229 yards, completing 17-of-27 passes, including a 34-yard touchdown.

#### 3. Colorado State 32, Nevada 28 (Sept. 28, 2002, Mackey Stadium, Reno, Nev.)

Visiting Colorado State trailed, 21-7, in the third quarter, but Van Pelt put the Rams ahead, 25-21, on an eight-yard run early in the fourth. Then, trailing, 28-25, he led CSU on the game-winning drive, capping it off with a 34-yard scoring pass to tight end Joel Dreessen with 2:43 to play. On the day, Van Pelt threw for 163 yards and the score, and rushed for 128 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown. —JC

"Since the first year, he's come a million miles," said CSU co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Dan Hammerschmidt. "He was an option kid in high school, just a better athlete than anybody, so he didn't have to throw the ball much or do anything special to win games. But he's the hardest working kid and if you tell him he can't complete a pass, he goes out there the next time and is just going to prove he can do it. He's come a long way."

And he's not going anywhere at all, at least position-wise.

Lubick, who admitted he considered trying Van Pelt at running back, will resist the temptation to move him from quarterback. He'll just run him from there.

"Last year, we had so many fourth-and-ones and third-and-twos, we'd quarterback-sneak him," said Lubick. "It's so hard to stop him because he's 228 pounds and so strong. He is a definite threat running the ball."

"I called him aside secretly and said, 'Brad, if

nothing's there just tuck it and run.' If we had put him at running back though, he might be our best running back."

Van Pelt owns the top five rushing games by a CSU quarterback, became the first quarterback in school history to record two 100-yard rushing games in a season and set a school single-game quarterback rushing mark (174 yards) in 2001. Last season, he set a quarterback season rushing record with 819 yards—second on the team.

As a passer, he's completed just over 51 percent of his throws, but last season he improved to 52.6 with only seven interceptions in 287 throws, tying for fourth nationally in pass efficiency with a 119.6 rating.

"I've shown a lot of improvement in a lot of areas," Van Pelt said. "Looking back from my first couple of college games, my poise in the pocket has gotten better. I think my throwing has come along and that's partly due to learning to read defenses."

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Over the years, Van Pelt has developed himself into one of the game's most accurate passers.

"He's throwing the ball with accuracy and knowing how not to turn the ball over, taking care of the football," added Hammerschmidt. "He was 12 for 13 in one of our scrimmages this spring and he never could do that his first year, year and a half."

Not only is Van Pelt improving, he's nearly indestructible. One of the most dedicated Rams in the weight room—he can bench press 375 pounds according to Lubick—Van Pelt has proven impervious to pain, as he illustrated at Virginia

## A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Brad Van Pelt endeared a similar collegiate football path at Michigan State as his son



Brad Van Pelt (pictured left) could relate to the dilemma his son, Bradlee, faced following his freshman year, because he'd faced it 24 years earlier.

The elder Van Pelt, also an All-State quarterback in high school (Owosso High School in Shiawassee

County, Mich.), also went to Michigan State with the promise of playing quarterback.

But whereas Bradlee rebelled when asked to change positions, Brad agreed.

"We're different," said Brad, a Class of 2002 College Football Hall of Fame inductee, who became the first defensive back to win the Maxwell Award in 1972. "Bradlee is a leader. I am more of a follower."

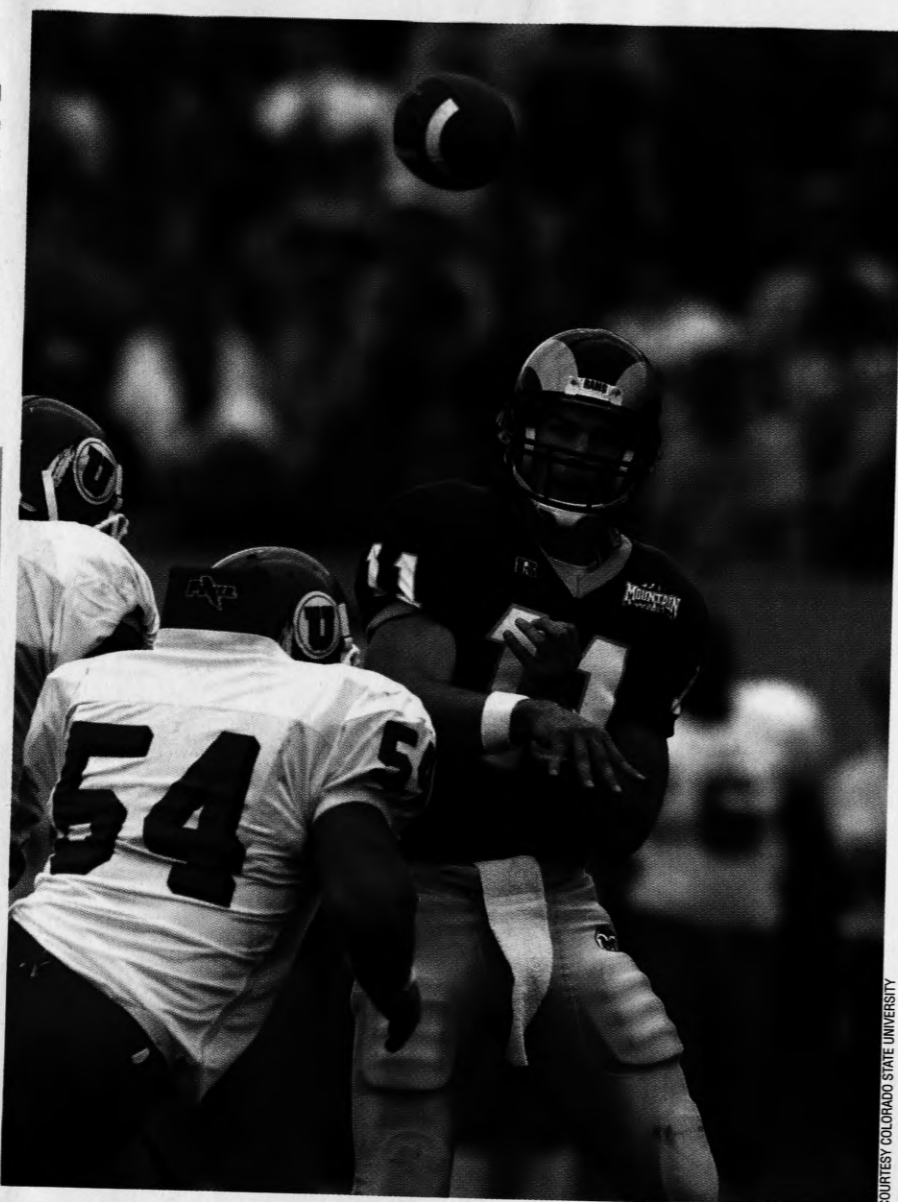
There were other differences.

"Back then, there was a freshman program, we only had two games, Notre Dame and the University of Michigan," recalled Van Pelt, a three-sport star at MSU. "I played quarterback in one game and free safety in the other.

"I wanted to play. It wasn't like I was being groomed and had to decide which way I wanted to go. Bradlee knew that he wasn't a polished quarterback and wanted to learn as much as he could, and the coaches just had no interest in teaching him. He didn't feel he was given an opportunity at quarterback."

Brad went on to play 14 seasons in the NFL. Bradlee hopes to follow in his dad's footsteps, wearing No. 10 for the New York Giants.

"I called [the Giants] right before the draft and told them not to draft any quarterbacks this year," senior Van Pelt said, then laughed. "They can take one next year, maybe. No one in this world would be more proud of something like that [than me]." —JC



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last season. On a fourth quarter run, he was up-ended, landing on his extended arms. His left elbow bent unnaturally far back. He sat out one play with a hyper-extended elbow, then finished the drive that helped seal the victory.

"A lot of people have [adrenaline] but some people seem to have more of it," he said. "I'm one of those guys."

That toughness has helped earn the respect of his teammates.

"I think over the years there have been a lot of little incidents like that that have gotten me respect on the field," he said. "People who have been a part of this organization have seen over time that I want to win, that I'm going out for the love of the game. I try to be a team player."

As he enters his final season, Van Pelt is trying not to think about his NFL dream. However,

he'd love to play for the New York Giants and wear No. 10, just like his dad.

"About a year ago, I'd have probably said, 'No. He probably couldn't do it,'" said Hammerschmidt. "But that kid just keeps proving you wrong. He's too good an athlete. So I would think somebody would take a chance on him, thinking they could move him just like we did."

Van Pelt will worry about the next level once he's done with his senior season.

"I know I can play football with the best of them," said Van Pelt. "I've found a home: the community of Fort Collins. It was somewhat by luck. It's almost like it was meant to happen."

All anyone had to do was listen. ■

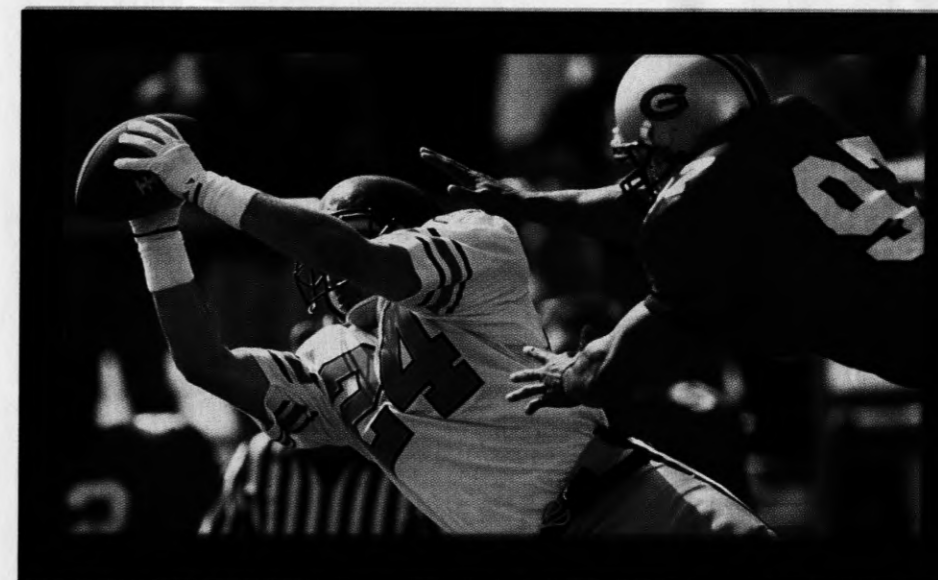
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OLB	52	Seth Fragale (6-2, 226, Jr.)
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NG	99	Eugene Grooms (6-1, 300, Sr.)
DE	96	Kyle Thorne (6-7, 268, So.)
or	43	Greg MacAnn (6-3, 225, So.)
LB	44	Jermaine Hughley (6-0, 202, Sr.)
LB	55	Brandon Banas (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.)

#### SHIPPENSBURG OFFENSE ...

SE	29	Patrick Ferguson (5-7, 177, So.)
LT	77	Greg Hutchinson (6-1, 283, Jr.)
LG	72	Job Keller (6-1, 258, So.)
C	50	Josh Sands (6-2, 290, Jr.)
RG	68	Andrew Moses (6-0, 250, Jr.)
RT	53	Chris Whittle (6-0, 263, So.)
TE	87	Brian Sokel (6-6, 250, Jr.)
QB	16	Rick Henshaw (6-3, 191, So.)
FB	33	John Kuhn (6-1, 247, Jr.)
LHB	2	Andre McLaurin (5-8, 190, Sr.)
RHB	11	Matthrew Acri (5-9, 177, Jr.)
PK	86	Ryan Rumberger (5-10, 207, Fr.)

## THE RED RAIDERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Tony Gomez	QB	21	Mike Street	DB	40	Damian Ferrainola	LB	59	Arlan Johnson	DE	80	Paul Romus	WR
2	Andre McLaurin	RB	22	Jarod Guay	K	41	Ryan McGrath	RB	60	Chris Riley	DT	81	Jarod Malewak	LB
3	Antonio Williams	DB	23	Tim Devanney	WR	42	Frank Duffy	LB	61	Thomas Coyne	DL	82	Joel Gamble	TE
4	John Andrews	DB	24	Tye Cooper	CB	43	Josh Sprengle	LB	62	Gary Dunlap	DL	83	Evan Dittler	WR
5	Matt Kosciolok	DB	25	Kyle Fogarty	RB	44	Dave D'Andrea	LB	63	Ron Smith	OG	84	Dan McAllister	K
6	Zac Kurtz	QB	26	David Wilkerson	WR	45	William Morrison	LB	64	Ryan Grogg	OG	85	Adam Lawrence	WR
7	Bront Grimes	DB	27	Everett Brown	DB	46	Keenan Dolan	LB	65	Daniel Brown	DL	86	Ryan Rumberger	K
8	Chaz Scott	WR	28	Clint Inch	DB	47	Kevin Boyle	DB	66	Greg Sones	C	87	Brian Sokel	TE
9	David Richards	RB	29	Patrick Ferguson	WR	48	Patrick Ziolski	LB	67	Matthew Rasnake	DT	88	Franco Pattino	TE
10	Matthew Acri	RB	30	James Algatt	WR	49	Jonathan Holler	RB	68	Andrew Moses	OG	89	Scott Lafferty	K
11	Jarris Evans	CB	31	Aaron Dykes	RB	50	Josh Sands	DL	69	Yeboa Cobbold	DT	90	Demetrius Roberts	DL
12	Todd Updegraff	DB	32	Christopher Wolf	LB	51	Chris Leonetti	LB	70	Job Keller	OG	91	Brandon Cook	DL
13	Ted Lipford	DB	33	John Kuhn	RB	52	Justin Kina	OG	71	Adam Derr	DL	92	Ryan Ponorosa	LB
14	Denver Brydon	P/PK	34	Steve Martin	DB	53	Chris Whittle	DL	72	Joshua Riley	DT	93	Kirsten Gamber	DB
15	Rick Henshaw	QB	35	Dante Poole	FB	54	Chris Leavenworth	DL	73	John Truby	DL	94	Chris Minner	DT
16	Eric Tillman	CB	36	Isiah Varisano	RB	55	Justin Yahner	DL	74	Preston Gaddis	DL	95	Ryan Hoffman	DE
17	Ryan Gaither	QB	37	Dan Miller	DB	56	Dan Walsh	LB	75	Greg Hutchinson	DT	96	Troy Kent	LB
18	John Sharbaugh	S	38	Jim Romano	CB	57	Brandon Truesdale	DL	76	Ryan Julius	DL	97	Daniel Reese	LB
19	Walter Crump	RB	39	Howard Chavous	WR	58	Jacques St. Vil	LB	77	Edward Armstrong	DL	98	Joshua Hook	DT



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
11	Matthew Acri	RB	5-9	177	Jr.
30	James Algatt	WR	6-1	187	Fr.
4	John Andrews	DB	5-9	203	Sr.
79	Edward Armstrong	OL	6-3	286	Fr.
47	Kevin Boyle	DB	6-0	196	Jr.
65	Daniel Brown	OL	6-3	280	Fr.
27	Everett Brown	DB	6-0	168	Fr.
15	Denver Brydon	P/PK	6-1	190	So.
39	Howard Chavous	WR	5-8	155	Fr.
69	Yeboah Cobbold	DT	6-0	263	Jr.
91	Brandon Cook	DL	5-11	271	Fr.
24	Tye Cooper	CB	5-7	152	Fr.
61	Thomas Coyne	OL	6-0	283	Fr.
20	Walter Crump	RB	5-11	182	Fr.
44	Dave D'Andrea	LB	6-2	226	Jr.
46	Keenan Delan	LB	5-11	197	Fr.
73	Adam Derr	DL	6-0	233	Fr.
23	Tim Devanney	WR	5-11	166	Fr.
83	Evan Dittler	WR	6-4	216	Fr.
42	Frank Duffy	LB	6-1	213	Fr.
62	Gary Dunlap	DL	6-0	252	Fr.
31	Aaron Dykes	RB	5-11	229	Fr.
12	Jarris Evans	CB	6-1	185	Fr.
29	Patrick Ferguson	WR	5-7	177	So.
40	Damian Ferrainola	LB	6-2	235	Fr.
25	Kyle Fogarty	RB	5-9	181	Fr.
76	Preston Gaddis	DL	6-1	218	Fr.
18	Ryan Gaitner	QB	5-10	181	Fr.
93	Kirsten Gamber	DE	6-3	230	Fr.
82	Joel Gamble	TE	6-1	240	Jr.
1	Tony Gomez	QB	6-0	187	Fr.
8	Brent Grimes	DB	5-10	174	So.
64	Ryan Grogg	OG	6-3	254	So.
22	Jarod Guay	K	6-1	195	So.
16	Rick Henshaw	QB	6-3	181	So.
95	Ryan Hoffman	DE	6-6	262	Jr.
49	Jonathan Holler	RB	5-7	188	Fr.
98	Joshua Hook	DT	6-0	221	Fr.
77	Greg Hutchinson	OT	6-1	283	Jr.
28	Clint Inch	DB	5-11	196	Sr.
59	Arlan Johnson	DE	6-3	256	So.
78	Ryan Julias	OL	6-0	262	Fr.
72	Jeb Keller	OG	6-1	258	So.
96	Troy Kent	LB	6-1	235	Fr.
52	Justin Kina	OG	6-2	230	Fr.
5	Matt Kosciolok	DB	5-9	193	Fr.
33	John Kuhn	RB	6-1	247	Jr.
7	Zac Kurtz	QB	6-3	201	Fr.
89	Scott Lafferty	K	5-11	153	Fr.
85	Adam Lawrence	WR	6-1	170	Fr.
54	Chris Leavenworth	OL	6-4	260	Jr.
51	Chris Leonetti	LB	6-0	186	Jr.
14	Ted Lipford	DB	5-9	175	So.
34	Steve Martin	DB	6-1	196	Fr.
84	Dan McAllister	K	6-2	214	Fr.
41	Ryan McGrath	RB	5-10	188	Fr.
2	Andre McLaurin	RB	5-8	190	Sr.
37	Dan Miller	DB	6-0	190	Fr.
84	Chris Minner	DT	6-1	281	Sr.
45	William Morrison	LB	6-1	201	Fr.
68	Andrew Moses	OG	6-0	250	Jr.
81	Jarod Nalowak	LB	6-0	180	Fr.
92	Ryan Penarosa	LB	6-1	218	Fr.
88	Franco Pettine	TE	6-1	231	Fr.
35	Dante Poole	FB	6-0	225	Jr.
67	Matthew Rasnake	DT	6-0	265	Fr.
97	Daniel Reese	LB	6-1	227	Fr.
80	Paul Remus	WR	6-0	173	Fr.
10	David Richards	RB	5-10	191	Fr.
60	Chris Riley	DT	6-0	268	Fr.
74	Joshua Riley	DT	6-0	258	Fr.
90	Demetrius Roberts	DL	5-11	285	Jr.
38	Jim Romano	CB	5-10	170	Fr.
86	Ryan Rumberger	K	5-10	207	Fr.
50	Josh Sands	OL	6-2	290	Jr.
58	Jacques St. VII	LB	6-1	203	So.
9	Chaz Scott	WR	5-11	167	Fr.
87	Brian Sekel	TE	6-6	250	Jr.
19	John Sharbaugh	S	5-10	176	Fr.
63	Ron Smith	OG	5-11	260	Fr.
66	Greg Sones	C	6-4	310	So.
43	Josh Sprinkle	LB	5-10	194	So.
21	Mike Street	DB	5-11	164	Jr.
17	Eric Tillman	CB	5-10	176	Fr.
75	John Truby	OL	6-2	298	So.
57	Brandon Truesdale	OL	5-10	282	Fr.
13	Todd Updegraff	DB	5-8	183	So.
36	Isiah Varisano	RB	5-8	162	Fr.
56	Dan Walsh	LB	5-10	215	Jr.
53	Chris Whittle	OL	6-0	263	So.
26	David Wilkerson	WR	5-10	170	Fr.
3	Antonio Williams	DB	6-0	201	Jr.
32	Christopher Wolf	LB	6-2	211	Fr.
55	Justin Yahner	OL	6-1	276	Jr.
48	Patrick Zielinski	LB	5-11	220	Fr.



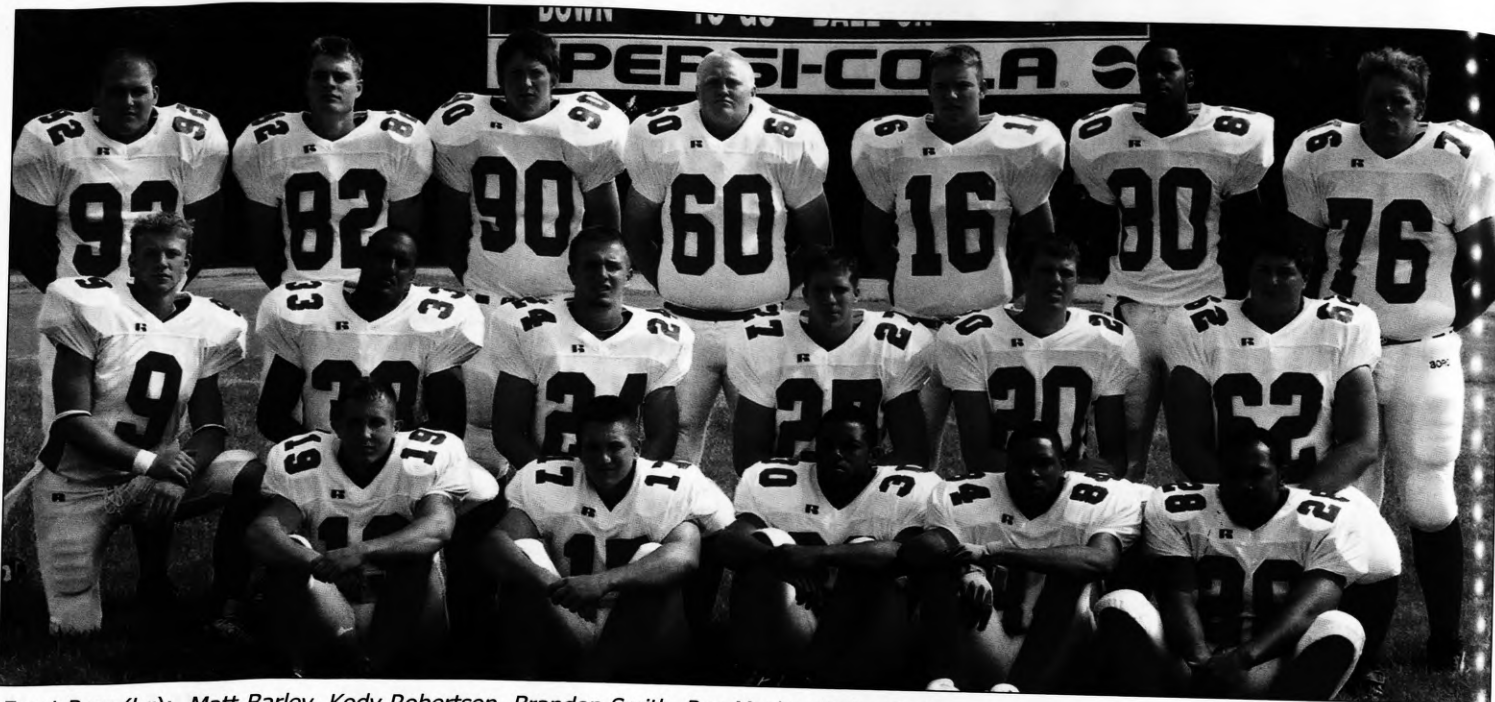
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## 2001

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 Kegarise, OL -- Associated Press All-America first team  
Football Gazette third team  
Jason Perkins, LB -- Associated Press All-America second team  
Football Gazette second team  
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## 1992

Mike Kegarise, OL -- Associated Press All-America third team  
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Georj Lewis, DB -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
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## 1991

Curtis Rose, OL -- Associated Press All-America second team  
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Jason Perkins, LB -- Football Gazette second team  
Georj Lewis, DB -- Football Gazette third team  
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## 1990

Ernest Priester, WR -- Kodak/American Football Coaches Association first team  
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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  
Associated Press All-America third 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  
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Ron Hainsey, OL -- Football Gazette honorable mention  
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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  
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## 1981

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## 1980

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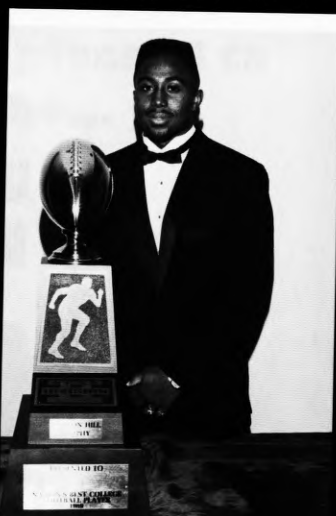
Two Edinboro University football players have been finalists for the Harlon Hill award, presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division II football. Running back Elbert Cole was one of three finalists in 1989, while wide receiver Ernest Priester was a finalist a year later. Cole placed third in 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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## 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 Moseley, 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
- 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

### 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 Messura, 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
- Ernest Priester, WR -- 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 Beaugard, DE -- honorable mention

### 1981

- Willie Chealey, LB -- honorable mention
- John O'Rorke, DL -- honorable mention
- Greg Rose, DB -- honorable mention
- 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

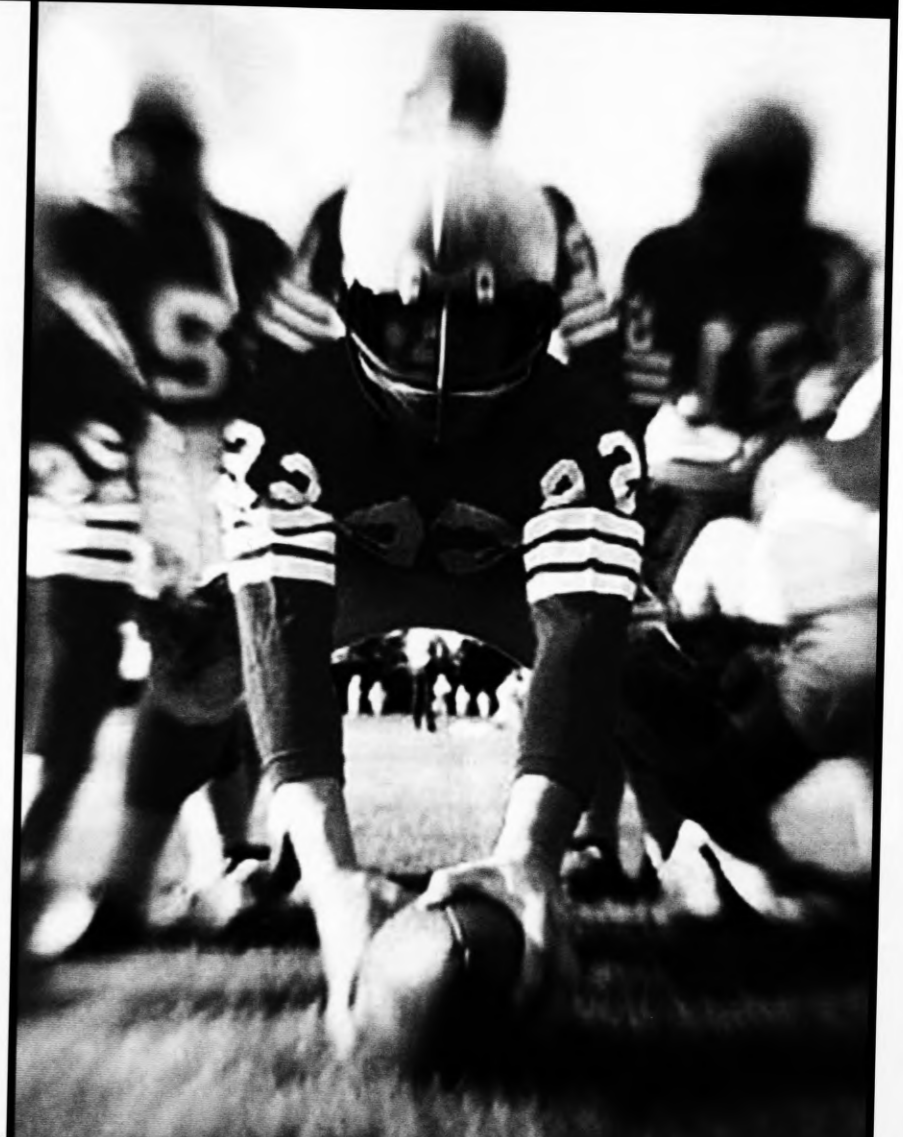
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# YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

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>



Bill McDonald



Steve Szabo



Tom Hollman



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).

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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 Priestner	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

## 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

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

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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
Géneva	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.

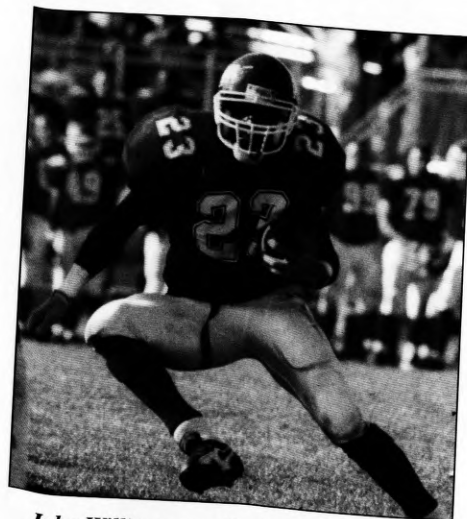
Mike Kegaris, a 6'6", 310 lb. offensive tackle, was highly-regarded by the Seattle Seahawks before suffering a severe knee injury. He spent the 1994 season on the Seahawks' injured reserve list.

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.

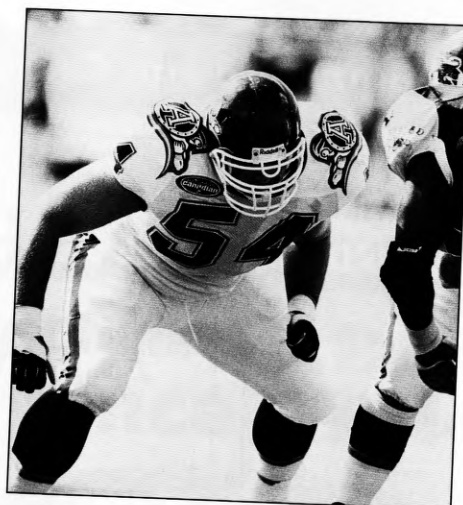
Edinboro players performing in the NFL date back to the 1970's, with both Dave Green and Jim Romaniszyn playing for the Cleveland Browns. Green, a running back, also played for the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL.



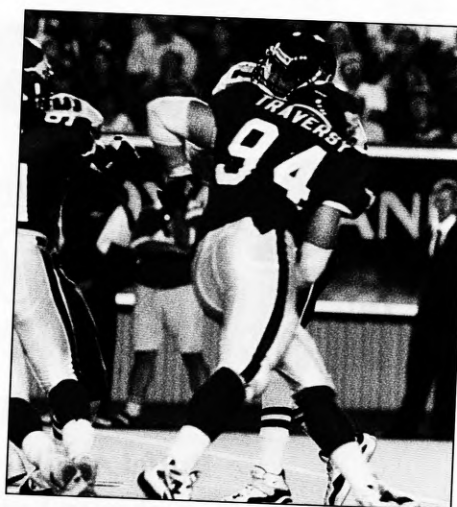
Dave Green



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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.



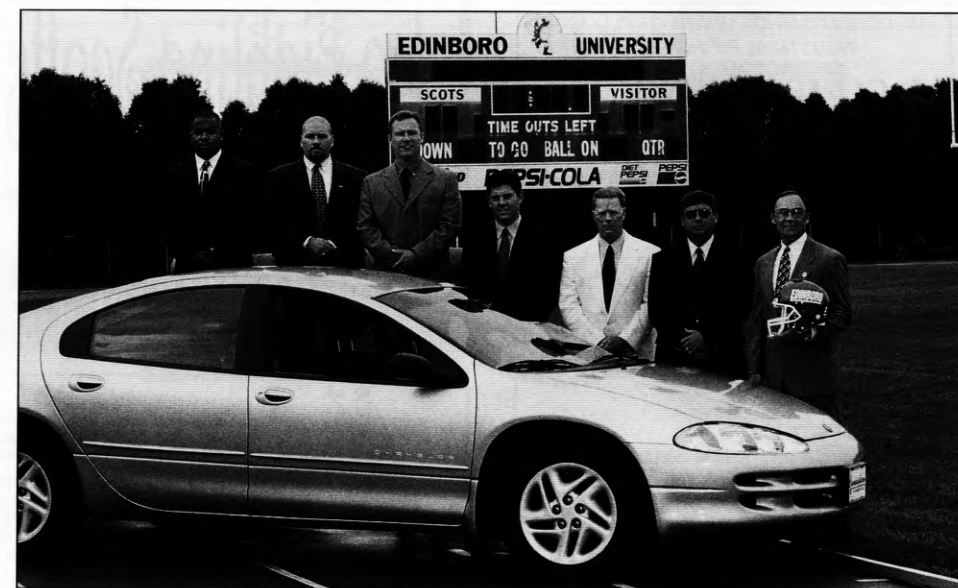
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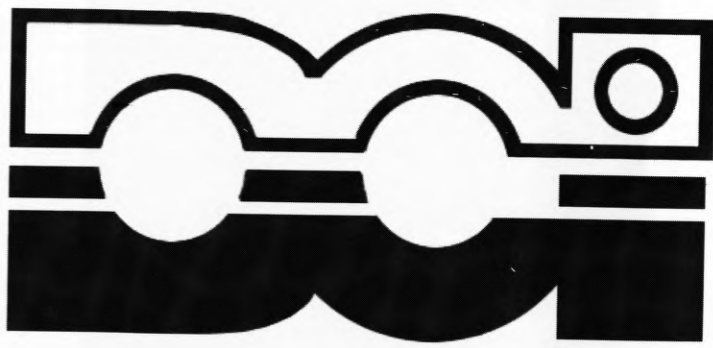
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## ASHLAND (1-4)

Aug. 30	at Michigan Tech	L, 14-27
Sept. 6	EDINBORO	L, 6-12
Sept. 13	at Northwood	W, 24-21
Sept. 20	HILLSDALE	L, 21-24
Sept. 27	at Saginaw Valley St.	L, 0-38
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 (1-3)

Sept. 6	EAST	
Sept. 13	STROUDSBURG	L, 21-31
	MILLERSVILLE	L, 10-13
Sept. 20	at Glenville State	W, 23-20
Sept. 27	KUTZTOWN	L, 19-20
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	

## EAST STROUDSBURG (3-1)

Aug. 30	LENOIR-RHYNE	W, 58-0
Sept. 6	at Clarion	W, 31-21
Sept. 20	at Shepherd	W, 35-7
Sept. 27	at Edinboro	L, 20-33
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	

## KUTZTOWN (3-1)

Sept. 6	at Virginia State	W, 34-6
Sept. 13	LOCK HAVEN	W, 7-3
Sept. 20	at Shippensburg	L, 12-35
Sept. 27	at Clarion	W, 20-19
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) (1-2)

Aug. 30	at Eastern Illinois	L, 0-27
Sept. 13	FAIRMONT STATE	W, 42-12
Sept. 20	at West Va. Wesleyan	L, 14-16
Sept. 27	CHEYNEY	W, 20-3
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	4-0	1.000		
Shippensburg	0-0	.000	3-1	.750		
EDINBORO	0-0	.000	3-1	.750		
California(Pa.)	0-0	.000	2-2	.500		
Clarion	0-0	.000	1-3	.250		
Lock Haven	0-0	.000	1-3	.250		
Slippery Rock	0-0	.000	1-3	.250		

PSAC East			Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Mansfield	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000		
East Stroudsburg	0-0	.000	3-1	.750		
Millersville	0-0	.000	3-1	.750		
Kutztown	0-0	.000	3-1	.750		
West Chester	0-0	.000	3-1	.750		
Cheyney	0-0	.000	2-2	.500		
Bloomsburg	0-0	.000	2-2	.500		

### Saturday, September 27

EDINBORO 31, East Stroudsburg 20
West Chester 33, Shippensburg 20
Bloomsburg 19, Slippery Rock 16
Kutztown 20, Clarion 19
Indiana(Pa.) 35, Millersville 13
California(Pa.) 20, Cheyney 3
Mansfield 27, Lock Haven 23

### Saturday, October 4

Shippensburg at EDINBORO, 2:00 p.m.
Lock Haven at Cheyney, 1:00 p.m.
Mansfield at Millersville, 1:00 p.m.
Bloomsburg at East Stroudsburg, 1:05 p.m.
West Chester at Kutztown, 1:05 p.m.
Clarion at Indiana(Pa.), 2:00 p.m.
Slippery Rock at California(Pa.), 7:00 p.m.

### PSAC Players of the Week

<b>Eastern Division -- Offense</b>
Earnest McNeal, Mansfield -- RB
<b>Eastern Division -- Defense</b>
Jim McCullough, West Chester -- FS
<b>Western Division -- Offense</b>
Justin Bouch, Edinboro -- QB
<b>Western Division -- Defense</b>
Troy Bowers, Clarion -- NG



## TIFFIN (2-3)

Aug. 30	at Findlay	L, 31-51
Sept. 6	BUTLER	W, 42-6
Sept. 13	at St. Francis(In.)	L, 31-48
Sept. 20	at Edinboro	L, 14-39
Sept. 27	WEST VIRGINIA	
	WESLEYAN	W, 44-34
Oct. 11	GANNON	
Oct. 18	at Dayton	
Oct. 25	ST. JOSEPH'S(IN)	
Nov. 1	CHARLESTON(WV)	
Nov. 8	GENEVA	
Nov. 15	at New Haven	

## INDIANA(PA) (4-0)

Sept. 6	NEBRASKA-OMAHA	W, 28-26
Sept. 13	WEST VA. TECH	W, 42-0
Sept. 20	at New Haven	W, 28-7
Sept. 27	MILLERSVILLE	W, 35-13
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 (1-3)

Sept. 6	at Youngstown State	L, 12-45
Sept. 13	GANNON	L, 18-20
Sept. 20	at Fairmont State	W, 35-14
Sept. 27	BLOOMSBURG	L, 16-19
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 (3-2)

Aug. 28	EDINBORO	W, 35-11
Sept. 6	SLIPPERY ROCK	W, 45-12
Sept. 13	at Kent State	L, 13-16
Sept. 20	FLOR. ATLANTIC	L, 6-13
Sept. 27	at Liberty	W, 34-3
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 (1-3)

Sept. 6	at Towson	L, 19-50
Sept. 13	at Kutztown	L, 3-7
Sept. 20	BLOOMSBURG	W, 17-15
Sept. 27	MANSFIELD	L, 23-27
Oct. 4	at Cheyney	
Oct. 11	CALIFORNIA(PA)	
Oct. 18	at Shippensburg	
Oct. 25	INDIANA(PA)	
Nov. 1	at Slippery Rock	
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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.

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## CHANGE IN POSITION LEADS TO SCOTS' WINNING WAYS

by Bob Shreve, Sports Information Director



Matt Birkett

Last Saturday Matt Birkett started his 11th straight game at cornerback, making him the grizzled veteran of a youthful secondary. Birkett has become the leader of a much-improved Edinboro secondary that includes three first-year starters.

Like Birkett, Thomas Wallace is a senior, but he is in his first year as the starter at strong safety. Chris Avery started two games at cornerback a year ago as a freshman, but missed most of the year with an injury. And free safety Raji El-Amin is a true freshman who spent all of preseason drills at cornerback before moving to free safety after the Youngstown State game.

What makes this situation Birkett finds himself in so much more unique, is that the native of Cambridge, Mass. still views himself as a wide receiver first and a defensive back second.

Birkett transferred to Edinboro a year ago after spending time at Wisconsin, prior to a stint at Rhode Island. He was a standout receiver for Rhode Island, catching 52 passes for 788 yards and 5 TDs in 1999. Things changed after that season, however.

"The coaching staff at Rhode Island got fired," he recalled. "The staff that they brought in was changing to the Wing T. As a wide receiver, that left me blocking the rest of my career. The coach at Rhode Island went to Wisconsin, that's why I went there."

Things didn't work out for Birkett at Wisconsin, so he decided to transfer to a Division II school, where he would have two years of eligibility left, as opposed to one. "The new coach from Rhode Island tried to get me to come back," explained Birkett. "Coach Funk was a friend of coach Tepper. He didn't want to see me not play again. He told me I could trust coach Tepper. As soon as I had contact with coach Tepper, I knew this was the place for me. I didn't even have to visit."

The coach Funk Birkett referred to was Darryl Funk. He played against Tepper at Colorado State when Tepper was an assistant coach at Colorado. He then joined Tepper's Illinois staff as an assistant coach, before moving on to Rhode Island, then Northern Illinois and Colorado State.

"Darryl called me," Tepper remembered. "He was on the staff at Rhode Island that got fired and was retained by the new coach. He was the defensive coordinator there."

The funny thing is, Tepper related that Funk was the first one who mentioned to him that Birkett would make a fine cornerback if he wasn't a wide receiver.

But all intents and purposes were for Birkett to catch passes, not defend them, when he joined Edinboro. The decision wasn't easy, particularly since he missed a good portion of fall practice a year ago with a hamstring injury.

"It was very hard, but we had no choice," Tepper pointed out. "Avery was hurt, (Jason) Easter had gone his way, we were down to one or two cornerbacks. We started searching around. That's when I gained the most respect for Matt. To this day he feels he can be a dominant player at wide receiver."

Birkett not only agrees with his coach, but goes a step further. "I think I'm an average corner and a great wideout," he laughed. "Corner is weird mentally. You get beat, you have to accept that. At wide receiver, you're in control. At cornerback, you're not always in control. But my pride wouldn't let me worry about the move. It's all about winning."

Birkett wasn't an instant success upon the move. He saw his first action in last year's Tiffin game, replacing Avery, who was making his first start. Tepper still cringes when thinking back to last year's East

Stroudsburg game, when an inexperienced Birkett was thrown to the wolves and blew several coverages.

"But by the time we played Clarion, he was the key," Tepper recalled. "We were horrible in the secondary early in the year. We could only play a couple coverages. I felt horribly for him. He's remarkable in that regard. Particularly for a Division I transfer. He has given up his own agenda for us."

Birkett went on to start seven games last year, and in Tepper's mind was one of the key reasons the Edinboro defense went from one of the worst in the PSAC the first half of the season to one of the best in the second half. He finished the year with 27 tackles and a pair of interceptions, including his first career pickoff in the aforementioned Clarion game.

Now Birkett is a standout in the secondary, and feels his experience as a wide receiver has helped him grow into the position. "Playing cornerback, especially players similar to myself, it helps me," he admitted. "I know how to take things away from them. Playing offense helps me understand how receivers feel comfortable. I know what stops me."

"My junior year I was really focusing on trying to fit in and contribute, to help us win. The hamstring injury hurt. Now I've seen myself being more of a corner. I still keep my hopes up of getting in the mix. I want to put more of the weight on my shoulders. But it's about winning and losing. As long as we keep winning, I don't need to take on more responsibility."

There's no question that in both Tepper's and Birkett's minds, he is the leader of a secondary that is suddenly making people sit and take notice with its impressive play.

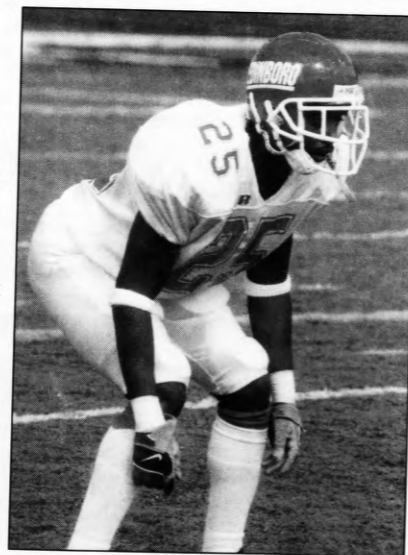
"I feel I have responsibility in the defensive backfield," admits Birkett. "A lot of it is the schemes and the coaching staff putting us in the right place at the right time. I give credit to the coaches. We have a lot of athletes back there. They're using our strengths. I love the schemes. I feel like sometimes I'm a coach. Last year I learned while I was injured, and at Wisconsin I went up against people like Jamar Fletcher and Mike Echols, who are in the NFL. I learned while playing wide receiver, and now I can teach people like Avery and some of the safeties."

"We named Matt a captain for the Tiffin game," Tepper pointed out. "Here's the number one receiver in the country (Nate Washington). To hold him to 43 yards is really something. Matt Birkett had a lot to do with it. Matt has given great confidence to Avery and Raji. It's the best threesome since I've been here."

Making the move from wide receiver, where he no doubt would have been a standout, to cornerback, obviously wasn't easy. But Tepper recalls a phrase he learned from Bill McCartney, the former head coach at Colorado.

"A man consumed against his will is of the same opinion still," remembered Tepper. With this phrase in mind, Birkett's willingness to make such a drastic position change is all the more impressive.

"He put the team first," Tepper praised. "Very few can do that."



# OFFICIALS SIGNALS

## Official Football Signals—2003

1  Ball ready for play *Untimed down	2  Start clock	3  Time-out Discretionary or injury time-out (follow by tapping hands on chest)	4  TV/Radio time-out	5  Touchdown Field goal Point(s) after touchdown	6  Safety
7  Ball dead Touchback (move side to side)	8  First down	9  Loss of down	10  Incomplete forward pass Penalty declined No play, no score Toss option delayed	11  Legal touching of forward pass or scrimmage kick	12  Inadvertent whistle (Face Press Box)
13  Disregard flag	14  End of period	15  Sideline warning	16  Illegal touching or 30-second timeout	17  Uncatchable forward pass	18  Offside defense Encroachment (NF)
19  False start Illegal formation Encroachment offense Illegal procedure (NF)	20  Illegal shift - 2 hands Illegal motion - 1 hand	21  Delay of game	22  Substitution infraction	23  Failure to wear required equipment	24  Illegal helmet contact
25  Unsportsmanlike conduct Noncontact foul	26  Illegal participation	27  Sideline interference	28  Running into or roughing kicker or holder	29  Illegal batting Illegal kicking (Followed by pointing toward toe for kicking)	30  Illegal fair catch signal Invalid fair catch signal (NF)
31  Forward pass interference Kick-catching interference	32  Roughing passer	33  Illegal pass Illegal forward handling	34  Intentional grounding	35  Ineligible downfield on pass	36  Personal foul
37  Clipping	38  Blocking below waist Illegal block	39  Chop block	40  Holding/obstructing Illegal use of hands/arms	41  Illegal block in the back Illegal use of hands or arms (NF)	42  Helping runner Interlocked blocking
43  Grasping face mask or helmet opening	44  Tripping	45  Player disqualification	46 	47 	48 

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