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| GAME FRESNO STATE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 TIME: 4:00 PM (ESPN) RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.) | | 2007 Results (9-4, 6-2 WAC) 9/1 Sacramento State W, 24-3 9/8 at Texas A&M L, 45-47 (3ot) 9/15 at Oregon L, 21-52 9/29 Louisiana Tech W, 17-6 10/6 at Nevada W, 49-41 10/13 at Idaho W, 37-24 10/20 San Jose State W, 30-0 10/26 Boise State L, 21-34 11/3 Utah State W, 38-27 11/10 at Hawai'i L, 30-37 11/24 Kansas State W, 45-29 11/30 at New Mexico St W, 30-23 12/31 Georgia Tech W, 40-28 | All-Time Record: 530-359-27 2007 Record: 9-4 2007 Conference Record: 6-2 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Pro Set/Multiple Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 50 (27 off., 22 def., 1 spec.) Lettermen lost: 15 (3 off., 9 def., 3 spec.) Starters returning: 15 (8 off., 7 def., 0 spec.) Starters lost: 9 (3 off., 4 def., 2 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: Fresno, Calif.; Enrollment: 21,389; President: Dr. John D. Welby; Athletic Director: Thomas Boeh; Nickname: Bulldogs; Colors: Red and Blue; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: Western Athletic; Stadium: Bulldog Stadium/Jim Sweeney Field; Capacity: 41,031; Playing Surface: Natural Grass. | TEAM INFORMATION | Football SID: Steve Weakland; Office Phone: (559) 278-2509; Cell Phone: (559) 287-3304; SID Fax: (559) 278-4689; E-mail: sveaklan@csufresno.edu; Press Box Phone: (559) 278-5951; SID Mailing Address: 5305 N. Campus Drive, North Gym Room 153, Fresno, CA 93740; Website: www.gobulldogs.com. | |
| COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Pat Hill (UC Riverside, 1973); Career Record: 85-55 in 11 seasons; Record at Rutgers State: Same; Career vs. Rutgers: first meeting; Office Phone: (716) 645-3177; Assistant Coaches, Position: John Baxter, Assoc. Head Coach/Receivers/Special Teams; Dan Brown, Defensive Coordinator; Doug Nussmeier, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Kerry Locklin, Defensive Line; Will Plemons, Linebackers; Tim Skipper, Running Backs; Jeff Grady, Tight Ends; Randy Stewart, Secondary; Derek Frazier, Offensive Line. | SID | | |
| SERIES Games: First Meeting; | | | |
| GAME NORTH CAROLINA DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 TIME: 7:30 PM (ESPN) RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.) | | 2007 Results (4-8, 3-5 ACC) 9/1 James Madison W, 37-14 9/8 at East Carolina L, 31-34 9/15 Virginia L, 20-22 9/22 at South Florida L, 10-37 9/29 at Virginia Tech L, 10-17 10/6 Miami W, 33-27 10/13 South Carolina L, 15-21 10/27 at Wake Forest L, 10-37 11/3 Maryland W, 16-13 11/10 at NC State L, 27-31 11/17 at Georgia Tech L, 25-27 11/24 Duke W, 20-14 (ot) | All-Time Record: 616-504-57 2007 Record: 4-8 2007 Conference Record: 3-5 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Pro Set Basic Defense: Multiple Lettermen returning: 44 (19 off., 24 def., 1 spec.) Lettermen lost: 18 (3 off., 11 def., 4 spec.) Starters returning: 17 (9 off., 8 def., 0 spec.) Starters lost: 5 (2 off., 3 def., 0 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: Chapel Hill, N.C.; Enrollment: 28,000; Chancellor: Holden Thorp; Athletic Director: Dick Baddour; Nickname: Tar Heels; Colors: Carolina Blue and White; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: Atlantic Coast; Stadium: Kenan Stadium; Capacity: 60,000; Playing Surface: Natural Grass. | TEAM INFORMATION | Football SID: Kevin Best; Office Phone: (919) 962-8916; (919) 962-0084 SID Fax: (919) 962-0612; E-mail: kevinbest@unc.edu; Press Box Phone: (919) 962-2123; SID Mailing Address: UNC Athletic Department, P.O. Box 2126, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; Website: www.TarHeelBlue.com. | |
| COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Butch Davis; Career Record: 55-28 in seven seasons; Record at North Carolina: 4-8 in one season; Career vs. Rutgers: 6-0; Office Phone: (919) 962-9141; Assistant Coaches, Position: John Blake, Assoc. Head Coach/Recruiting/Defensive Line; Ken Browning, Running Backs; Jeff Connors, Asst. A.D./Strength & Conditioning; Steve Hagen, Tight Ends; John Lovett, Special Teams/Defensive Assistant; Sam Pittman, Offensive Line; John Shoop, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Tommy Thigpen, Linebackers; Charlie Williams, Wide Receivers; Everett Withers, Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs. | SID | | |
| SERIES Games: 3; All-Time Record: Rutgers leads 3-0; Last Meeting: Rutgers won 21-16 in 2006; Win Streak: RU, three games; At Rutgers: RU leads 2-0; At North Carolina: RU leads 1-0. | | | |
| GAME NAVY DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 TIME: 3:30 PM (CBS CSN) NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL STADIUM (ANNAPOLIS, MD.) | | 2007 Results (8-5) 8/31 at Temple W, 30-19 9/7 at Rutgers L, 24-41 9/15 Ball State 31-34 (ot) 9/22 Duke W, 46-43 9/29 Air Force W, 31-20 10/10 at Pittsburgh W, 48-45 (ot) 10/20 Wake Forest L, 24-44 10/27 Delaware L, 52-59 11/3 at Notre Dame W, 46-44 (ot) 11/10 at North Texas W, 74-62 11/17 Northern Illinois W, 35-24 12/1 vs. Army W, 38-3 12/20 vs. Utah L, 32-35 | All-Time Record: 624-509-57 2007 Record: 8-5 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Spread Basic Defense: Multiple Lettermen returning: 29 (10 off., 17 def., 2 spec.) Lettermen lost: 22 (10 off., 9 def., 3 spec.) Starters returning: 12 (4 off., 8 def.) Starters lost: 12 (7 off., 3 def., 2 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: Annapolis, Md.; Enrollment: 4,300; Superintendent: Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler; Athletic Director: Chet Gladchuk; Nickname: Midshipmen; Colors: Navy Blue and Gold; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: Independent; Stadium: Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium; Capacity: 34,000; Playing Surface: Natural Grass. | TEAM INFORMATION | Football SID: Scott Strasemeier; Office Phone: (410) 293-8775; Home Phone: (443) 336-9023; SID Fax: (410) 293-8954; E-mail: sstrasem@usna.edu; Press Box Phone: (410) 268-1489; SID Mailing Address: 566 Brownson Road, Annapolis, MD 21402; Website: www.NavySports.com. | |
| COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Ken Niumatalolo (Hawaii, 1989); Career Record: first season, 0-1; Record at Navy: first season; Career vs. Rutgers: first meeting; Office Phone: Contact SID; Assistant Coaches, Position: Chris Culton, O-Line; Justin Davis, D-Line; Joe DuPaix, Slot Backs; Tony Grantham, Outside Linebackers; Buddy Green, Defensive Coord./Secondary; Ashley Ingram, Offensive Line; Ivin Jasper, Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks; Steve Johns, Inside Linebackers/Special Teams Coord.; Keith Jones, Outside Linebackers; Mike Judge, Fullbacks; Danny O'Rourke, Wide Receivers; Dale Pehrson, D-Line; Joe Speed, Secondary. | SID | | |
| SERIES Games: 22; All-Time Record: Rutgers leads 11-10-1; Last Meeting: Rutgers won 41-24 in 2007; Win Streak: RU, three games; At Rutgers: RU leads 6-2; At Navy: Navy leads 8-5-1. | | | |
| GAME MORGAN STATE DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 TIME: TBA RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.) | | 2007 Results (5-6, 4-4 MEAC) 8/30 Savannah State W, 47-7 9/8 Towson L, 21-28 9/15 Winston-Salem St L, 17-19 9/23 at Hampton L, 17-24 (ot) 9/29 at Bethune-Cookman W, 33-9 10/6 North Carolina A&T W, 22-17 10/13 Howard W, 36-33 (ot) 10/20 at Delaware State L, 17-25 10/27 Florida A&M W, 14-12 11/3 Norfolk State L, 16-24 11/10 at SCSU L, 21-28 (ot) | All-Time Record: 397-337-33 2007 Record: 5-6 2007 Conference Record: 4-4 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Multiple Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 41 (19 off., 18 def., 4 spec.) Lettermen lost: 14 (7 off., 5 def., 2 spec.) Starters returning: 14 (7 off., 6 def., 1 spec.) Starters lost: 12 (4 off., 5 def., 3 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: Baltimore, Md.; Enrollment: 7,500; President: Earl S. Richardson; Athletic Director: Floyd Kerr; Nickname: Bears; Colors: Blue and Orange; Affiliation: NCAA Football Championship Subdivision; Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic (MEAC); Stadium: Hughes Stadium at Earl C. Banks Field; Capacity: 10,000; Playing Surface: Synthetic Turf. | TEAM INFORMATION | Football SID: Leonard Haynes; Office Phone: (443) 885-3831; SID Fax: (443) 885-8307; E-mail: lhaynes@moac.morgan.edu; Press Box Phone: (443) 885-4018; SID Mailing Address: 1700 E. Cold Spring, Hill Field House Rm. 123, Baltimore, MD, 21251; Website: www.morganstatebears.com. | |
| COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Donald Hill-Eley (Virginia Union, 1991); Career Record: 30-37 in seven seasons; Record at MSU: Same; Career vs. Rutgers: first meeting; Office Phone: (443) 885-4156; Assistant Coaches, Position: Herbert Parham, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line; Alonzo Lee, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers; Chennis Berry, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line; Benton Harold, Wide Receivers/Special Teams; Earl Davis, Running Backs; Joseph Wright, Tight Ends/Director of Football Operations; Carl Smith, Secondary. | SID | | |
| SERIES Games: 2; All-Time Record: Rutgers leads 2-0; Last Meeting: Rutgers won 37-14 in 1972; Win Streak: RU, two games; At Rutgers: RU leads 2-0; At MSU: N/A | | | |

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| <p>GAME WEST VIRGINIA DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2008 MOUNTAINEER FIELD AT MILAN PUSKAR STADIUM (MORGANTOWN, W.V.A.)</p> | | <p>TIME: TBA</p> | <p>2007 Results (11-2, 5-2 BIG EAST) 9/1 Western Michigan W, 62-24 9/8 at Marshall W, 48-23 9/13 at Maryland W, 31-14 9/22 East Carolina W, 48-7 9/28 at South Florida L, 13-21 10/6 at Syracuse W, 55-14 10/19 Mississippi State W, 38-13 10/27 at Rutgers W, 31-3 11/8 Louisville W, 38-31 11/17 at Cincinnati W, 28-23 11/24 Connecticut W, 66-21 12/1 Pittsburgh L, 9-13 1/2 vs. Oklahoma W, 48-28</p> | <p>All-Time Record: 664-442-45 2007 Record: 11-2 2007 Conference Record: 5-2 Final 2007 Ranking: 6th-Coaches/AP Basic Offense: Spread Basic Defense: 3-3-5 Stack Lettermen returning: 44 (19 off., 20 def., 5 spec.) Lettermen lost: 23 (7 off., 15 def., 1 spec.) Starters returning: 17 (8 off., 4 def., 5 spec.) Starters lost: 11 (3 off., 7 def., 1 spec.)</p> |
| <p>GENERAL Location: Morgantown, W.Va.; Enrollment: 28,113; President: Michael Garrison; Athletic Director: Ed Pastilong; Nickname: Mountaineers; Colors: Gold and Blue; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium; Capacity: 60,000; Playing Surface: FieldTurf.</p> | | <p>TEAM INFORMATION</p> | <p>SID Football SID: Mike Montoro; Office Phone: (304) 293-2821; Cell Phone: (304) 276-2605; SID Fax: (304) 293-4105; E-mail: mike.montoro@mail.wvu.edu; Press Box Phone: (304) 293-3799; SID Mailing Address: 107 Coliseum, Morgantown, WV 26506; Website: www.MSNsportsNET.com</p> | |
| <p>COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Bill Stewart (Fairmont State, 1975); Career Record: 8-25; Record at West Virginia: first season; Career vs. Rutgers: first meeting; Office Phone: (304) 293-4194; Assistant Coaches, Position: John "Doc" Holliday, Asst. Head Coach/Dir. of Recruiting/Tight Ends-Fullbacks; Steve Dunlap, Asst. Head Coach/Safeties; Jeff Casteel, Defensive Coord./Linebackers; Jeff Mullen, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Chris Beatty, Running Backs; Lonnie Galloway, Wide Receivers; Dave Johnson, Offensive Line; Bill Kirelawich, Defensive Line; David Lockwood, Cornerbacks.</p> | | | | |
| <p>SERIES Games: 35; All-Time Record: West Virginia leads, 29-4-2; Last Meeting: West Virginia won 31-3 in 2007; Win Streak: WVU 13 games; At Rutgers: WVU leads 13-4-2; At West Virginia: WVU leads 15-0; Neutral Site: WVU leads 1-0</p> | | | | |
| <p>GAME CINCINNATI DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2008 NIPPERT STADIUM (CINCINNATI, OHIO)</p> | | <p>TIME: TBA</p> | <p>2007 Results (10-3, 4-3 BIG EAST) 8/30 SE Missouri State W, 59-3 9/6 Oregon State W, 34-3 9/15 Miami (Ohio) W, 47-10 9/22 Marshall W, 40-14 9/29 at San Diego State W, 52-23 10/6 at Rutgers W, 28-23 10/13 Louisville L, 24-28 10/20 at Pittsburgh L, 17-24 11/3 at South Florida W, 38-33 11/10 Connecticut W, 27-3 11/17 West Virginia L, 23-28 11/24 at Syracuse W, 52-31 12/22 Southern Miss W, 31-21</p> | <p>All-Time Record: 524-538-51 2007 Record: 10-3 2007 Conference Record: 4-3 Final 2007 Ranking: 17th Basic Offense: Spread Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 44 (20 off., 21 def., 3 spec.) Lettermen lost: 20 (12 off., 8 def., 0 spec.) Starters returning: 16 (7 off., 5 def., 3 spec.) Starters lost: 9 (4 off., 5 def., 0 spec.)</p> |
| <p>GENERAL Location: Cincinnati, Ohio; Enrollment: 36,518; President: Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher; Athletic Director: Mike Thomas; Nickname: Bearcats; Colors: Red and Black; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Nippert Stadium; Capacity: 35,000; Playing Surface: FieldTurf.</p> | | <p>TEAM INFORMATION</p> | <p>SID Football SID: Michael Harris; Office Phone: (513) 556-5191; SID Fax: (513) 556-0619; E-mail: michael.harris@uc.edu; Press Box Phone: (513) 556-1010; SID Mailing Address: Richard E. Lindner Center, Suite 860, 2751 O'Varsity Way, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221; Website: www.GoBEARCATS.com</p> | |
| <p>COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Brian Kelly (Assumption, 1983); Career Record: 148-54-2 in 17 seasons; Record at Cincinnati: 11-3 in one season; Career vs. Rutgers: 1-0; Office Phone: (513) 556-4110; Assistant Coaches, Position: Keith Gilmore, Asst. Head Coach/D-Line; Joe Tresey, Defensive Coord.; Jeff Quinn, Offensive Coord.; Charley Molnar, Pass Game Coord./Wide Receivers; Mike Elston, Special Teams/Recruiting/Tight Ends; Kerry Combs, Defensive Backs; Greg Forest, Quarterbacks; Tim Hinton, Running Backs; William Inge, Linebackers; Paul Longo, Strength & Conditioning; Jacob Flint, Ass. Strength & Conditioning</p> | | | | |
| <p>SERIES Games: 13; All-Time Record: Rutgers leads 7-5-1; Last Meeting: Cincinnati won 28-23 in 2007; Win Streak: Cincinnati, two games; At Rutgers: RU leads 6-1; At Cincinnati: UC leads 4-1-1</p> | | | | |
| <p>GAME CONNECTICUT DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2008 RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.)</p> | | <p>TIME: TBA</p> | <p>2007 Results (9-4, 5-2 BIG EAST) 9/1 at Duke W, 45-14 9/8 Maine W, 38-0 9/15 Temple W, 22-17 9/22 at Pittsburgh W, 34-14 9/29 Akron W, 44-10 10/13 at Virginia L, 16-17 10/19 Louisville W, 21-17 10/27 South Florida W, 22-15 11/3 Rutgers W, 38-19 11/10 at Cincinnati L, 3-27 11/17 Syracuse W, 30-7 11/24 at West Virginia L, 21-66 12/29 vs. Wake Forest L, 10-24</p> | <p>All-Time Record: 457-488-38 2007 Record: 9-4 2007 Conference Record: 5-2 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Multiple Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 35 (18 off., 15 def., 2 spec.) Lettermen lost: 15 (6 off., 9 def.) Starters returning: 19 (9 off., 8 def., 2 spec.) Starters lost: 5 (2 off., 3 def.)</p> |
| <p>GENERAL Location: Storrs, Conn.; Enrollment: 28,677; President: Dr. Michael J. Hogan; Athletic Director: Jeffrey A. Hathaway; Nickname: Huskies; Colors: Nat'l Flag Blue and White; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Rentschler Field; Capacity: 40,000; Playing Surface: Natural Grass.</p> | | <p>TEAM INFORMATION</p> | <p>SID Football SID: Leigh Torbin; Cell Phone: (860) 617-5928; Home Phone: (860) 648-8982; SID Fax: (860) 486-5085; E-mail: leigh.torbin@uconn.edu; Press Box Phone: (860) 610-4778; SID Mailing Address: 2095 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT, 06269; Website: www.UConnHuskies.com.</p> | |
| <p>COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Randy Edsall (Syracuse, 1980); Career Record: 50-55 in nine seasons; Record at Connecticut: Same; Career vs. Rutgers: 4-2; Office Phone: (860) 486-2718; Assistant Coaches, Position: Hank Hughes, Asst. Head Coach for Defense/Defensive Line; Rob Ambrose, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Todd Orlando, Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers; Matt Cersosimo, Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers; Mike Foley, Offensive Line; Lyndon Johnson, Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers; Scott Lakatos, Defensive Backs; Dave McMichael, Tight Ends; Terry Richardson, Running Backs.</p> | | | | |
| <p>SERIES Games: 27; All-Time Record: Rutgers leads 18-9; Last Meeting: Connecticut won 38-19 in 2007; Win Streak: Connecticut, one game; At Rutgers: RU leads 12-3; At Connecticut: Tied 6-6.</p> | | | | |
| <p>GAME PITTSBURGH DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2008 HEINZ FIELD (PITTSBURGH, PA.)</p> | | <p>TIME: TBA</p> | <p>2007 Results (5-7, 3-4 BIG EAST) 9/1 Eastern Michigan W, 27-3 9/8 Grambling W, 34-10 9/15 at Michigan State L, 13-17 9/22 Connecticut L, 14-34 9/29 at Virginia L, 14-44 10/10 Navy (2 OT) L, 45-48 10/20 Cincinnati W, 24-17 10/27 at Louisville L, 17-24 11/3 Syracuse W, 20-17 11/17 at Rutgers L, 16-20 11/24 South Florida L, 37-48 12/1 West Virginia W, 13-9</p> | <p>All-Time Record: 644-471-42 2007 Record: 5-7 2007 Conference Record: 3-4 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Pro Style Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 53 (23 off., 26 def., 4 spec.) Lettermen lost: 13 (6 off., 6 def., 1 spec.) Starters returning: 17 (8 off., 7 def., 2 spec.) Starters lost: 7 (3 off., 4 def., 0 spec.)</p> |
| <p>GENERAL Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.; Enrollment: 33,574; Chancellor: Mark A. Nordenberg; Athletic Director: Steve Pederson; Nickname: Panthers; Colors: Blue and Gold; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Heniz Field; Capacity: 65,050; Playing Surface: Natural Grass.</p> | | <p>TEAM INFORMATION</p> | <p>SID Football SID: E.J. Borghetti; Office Phone: (412) 648-8240; Cell Phone: (412) 491-5110; SID Fax: (412) 648-8248; E-mail: eborghetti@athletics.pitt.edu; Press Box: (412) 697-7198; SID Mailing Address: Petersen Events Center, 3719 Terrace St, Suite 2087, Pittsburgh, PA, 15261; Website: www.PittsburghPanthers.com</p> | |
| <p>COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Dave Wannstedt (Pittsburgh, 1974); Career Record: 16-19 in four seasons; Record at Pittsburgh: same; Career vs. Rutgers: 0-3; Office Phone: (412) 648-8700; Assistant Coaches, Position: Greg Gattuso, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line; Matt Cavanaugh, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Phil Bennett, Defensive Coordinator; Brian Angelichio, Tight Ends; Bryan Bossard, Wide Receivers; Jeff Hafley, Secondary; Joe Tumpkin, Linebackers; David Walker, Running Backs; Tony Wise, Offensive Line.</p> | | | | |
| <p>SERIES Games: 25; All-Time Record: Pittsburgh leads, 19-6; Last Meeting: Rutgers won 20-16 in 2007; Win Streak: RU, three games; At Rutgers: Pitt leads 8-4; At Pittsburgh: Pitt leads 10-2; Neutral Site: Pittsburgh leads 1-0</p> | | | | |

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| SYRACUSE GAME DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2008 TIME: TBA RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.) | | 2007 Results (2-10, 1-6 BIG EAST) 8/31 Washington L, 12-42 9/8 at Iowa L, 0-35 9/15 Illinois L, 20-41 9/22 at Louisville W, 38-35 9/29 at Miami (OH) L, 14-17 10/6 West Virginia L, 14-55 10/13 Rutgers L, 14-38 10/20 Buffalo W, 20-12 11/3 at Pittsburgh L, 17-20 11/10 USF L, 10-41 11/17 at Connecticut L, 7-30 11/24 Cincinnati L, 31-52 | All-Time Record: 670-494-38 2007 Record: 2-10 2007 Conference Record: 1-6 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: West Coast Basic Defense: Attacking 4-3 Lettermen returning: 38 (17 off., 18 def., 2 spec.) Lettermen lost: 28 (12 off., 15 def., 1 spec.) Starters returning: 13 (7 off., 6 def.) Starters lost: 9 (4 off., 5 def.) |
| GENERAL Location: Syracuse, N.Y.; Enrollment: 11,500; President: Dr. Nancy Cantor; Athletic Director: Dr. Daryl Gross; Nickname: Orange; Colors: Orange; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Carrier Dome; Capacity: 49,262; Playing Surface: FieldTurf. | COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Greg Robinson (Pacific, 1975); Career Record: 7-28 in three seasons; Record at Syracuse: Same; Career vs. Rutgers: 0-3; Office Phone: (315) 443-4817; Assistant Coaches, Position: Mitch Browning, Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends/Tackles; Dan Conley, Linebackers; Phil Earley, Quarterbacks; Derrick Jackson, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line; Jim Salgado, Cornerbacks/Secondary; Scott Spencer, Safeties/Nickel Backs; Randy Trivers, Running Backs; Chris White, Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator; Chris Wiesehan, Offensive Line. | TEAM INFORMATION | SID Football SID: Sue Cornelius Edson; Cell Phone: (315) 952-4787; Home Phone: (315) 469-8007; SID Fax: (315) 443-2076; E-mail: sedson@syn.edu; Press Box Phone: (315) 443-4241; SID Mailing Address: Manley Field House, 1301 Colvin Street, Syracuse, NY 13244-5020; Website: www.suathletics.com. |
| SOUTH FLORIDA GAME DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008 TIME: TBA RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (TAMPA, FLA.) | | 2007 Results (9-4, 4-3 BIG EAST) 9/1 Elon W, 28-13 9/8 at Auburn W, 26-23 9/22 UNC W, 37-10 9/28 WVU W, 21-13 10/6 Florida Atlantic W, 35-23 10/13 UCF W, 64-12 10/18 at Rutgers L, 27-30 10/27 at Connecticut L, 15-22 11/3 Cincinnati L, 33-38 11/10 at Syracuse W, 41-10 11/17 Louisville W, 55-17 11/24 at Pitt W, 48-37 12/31 vs. Oregon L, 21-56 | All-Time Record: 79-47 2007 Record: 9-4 Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Multiple Spread Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 62 (32 off., 25 def., 5 spec.) Lettermen lost: 19 (5 off., 12 def., 2 spec.) Starters returning: 19 (10 off., 6 def., 3 spec.) Starters lost: 7 (1 off., 5 def., 1 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: Tampa, Fla.; Enrollment: 45,244; President: Dr. Judy Genshaft; Athletic Director: Doug Woolard; Nickname: Bulls; Colors: Green and Gold; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Raymond James Stadium; Capacity: 65,857; Playing Surface: Tifway Bermuda 419. | COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Jim Leavitt (Missouri, 1978); Career Record: 79-47 in 11 seasons; Record at South Florida: same; Career vs. Rutgers: 2-1; Office Phone: (845) 938-6266; Assistant Coaches, Position: Wally Burnham, Assoc. Head Coach/DC/LB; Mike Canoles, Pass Game Coordinator; Troy Douglas, Defensive Backs; Carl Franks, Running Backs/Recruiting; Greg Gregory, Offensive Coordinator; John Hendrick, Defensive Line; Kevin Patrick, Defensive Ends; Larry Scott, Tight Ends; Mike Simmonds, Offensive Line. | TEAM INFORMATION | SID Football SID: Chris Freet; Office Phone: (813) 974-4086; SID Fax: (845) 446-2556; E-mail: cfreet@admin.usf.edu; Press Box Phone: (813) 350-6225; SID Mailing Address: USF Athletic Department, ATH100 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33620; Website: www.GoUSFBulls.com. |
| ARMY GAME DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2008 TIME: TBA RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.) | | 2007 Results (3-9) 9/1 vs. Akron L, 14-22 9/8 Rhode Island (ot) W, 14-7 9/15 at Wake Forest L, 10-21 9/22 at Boston College L, 17-37 9/29 Temple W, 37-21 10/6 Tulane (ot) W, 20-17 10/13 at Central Mich. L, 23-47 10/20 at Georgia Tech L, 10-34 11/3 at Air Force L, 10-30 11/9 Rutgers L, 6-41 11/17 Tulsa L, 39-49 12/1 vs. Navy L, 3-38 | All-Time Record: 634-440-51 2007 Record: 3-9 2007 Conference Record: None Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Multiple Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 38 (16 off., 19 def., 3 spec.) Lettermen lost: 40 (18 off., 20 def., 2 spec.) Starters returning: 11 (4 off., 5 def., 2 spec.) Starters lost: 14 (7 off., 6 def., 1 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: West Point, N.Y.; Enrollment: 4,400; Superintendent: Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck; Athletic Director: Kevin Anderson; Nickname: Black Knights, Cadets; Colors: Black, Gold and Gray; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: Independent; Stadium: Michie Stadium; Capacity: 40,000; Playing Surface: AstroPlay | COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Stan Brock (Colorado, 1980); Career Record: 3-9 in one season; Record at Army: same; Career vs. Rutgers: 0-1; Office Phone: (845) 938-6266; Assistant Coaches, Position: Wally Ake, Secondary; Dan Baranik, Wide Receivers; Tony Coaxum, D-Line; Capt. Clarence Holmes, D-Line; Robert Lyles, Linebackers; Gary Miller, Special Teams; John Misciagna, Tight Ends/Quality Control; John Mumford, Defensive Coord./D-Line; Scott Swanson, S&C; John Tice, O-Line; Saga Tuitele, O-Line; Tim Walsh, Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks; Adam Waugh, Safeties; Tucker Waugh, Running Backs | TEAM INFORMATION | SID Football SID: Bob Beretta; Office Phone: (845) 938-3303; Cell Phone: (914) 490-5034; SID Fax: (845) 446-2556; E-mail: robert.beretta@usma.edu; Press Box Phone: (845) 938-3377, or 4514; SID Mailing Address: 639 Howard Road, West Point, NY 10996; Website: www.goarmysports.com. |
| LOUISVILLE GAME DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2008 TIME: 7:30 PM (ESPN) RUTGERS STADIUM (PISCATAWAY, N.J.) | | 2007 Results (6-6, 3-4 BIG EAST) 8/30 Murray State W, 73-10 9/6 Middle Tenn W, 58-42 9/15 at Kentucky L, 34-40 9/22 Syracuse L, 35-38 9/29 at NC State W, 29-10 10/5 Utah L, 35-44 10/13 at Cincinnati W, 28-24 10/19 at Connecticut L, 17-21 10/27 Pittsburgh W, 24-17 11/8 at West Virginia L, 31-38 11/17 at South Florida L, 17-55 11/29 Rutgers W, 41-38 | All-Time Record: 426-405-17 2007 Record: 6-6 2007 Conference Record: 3-4, 5th Final 2007 Ranking: None Basic Offense: Multiple Basic Defense: 4-3 Lettermen returning: 49 (27 off., 20 def., 2 spec.) Lettermen lost: 21 (9 off., 10 def., 2 spec.) Starters returning: 15 (5 off., 8 def., 2 spec.) Starters lost: 17 (8 off., 7 def., 2 spec.) |
| GENERAL Location: Louisville, Ky.; Enrollment: 24,000; President: Dr. James Ramsey; Athletic Director: Tom Jurich; Nickname: Cardinals; Colors: Red and Black; Affiliation: NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; Conference: BIG EAST; Stadium: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium; Capacity: 42,000; Playing Surface: Field Turf. | COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Steve Kragthorpe (West Texas St., 1988); Career Record: 29-22 in four seasons; Record at Louisville: 6-6 in one season; Career vs. Rutgers: 1-0; Office Phone: (502) 852-7775; Assistant Coaches, Position: Jeff Brohm, Offensive Coordinator; Tony Alford, Running Backs; Brent Myers, Offensive Line; Greg Nord, Tight Ends; Ron English, Defensive Coordinator; Ken Delgado, Defensive Line; Eric Lewis, Cornerbacks; Bill Miller, Linebackers; Mark Nelson, Linebackers. | BUFFALO TEAM INFORMATION | SID Football SID: Rocco Gasparro; Office Phone: (502) 852-6581; Cell Phone: (502) 262-2258; SID Fax: (502) 852-7401; E-mail: rocco.gasparro@louisville.edu; Press Box Phone: (502) 852-6793; SID Mailing Address: 2100 S. Floyd Street, Louisville, KY 40208; Website: www.UofLSports.com. |
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2008 BIG EAST COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Eastern Kentucky at Cincinnati
Hofstra at Connecticut

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Bowling Green at Pittsburgh
Tennessee-Martin at USF
Syracuse at Northwestern
Villanova at West Virginia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Kentucky at Louisville (3:30 p.m., ESPN)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Fresno State at Rutgers (4:00 p.m., ESPN)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Cincinnati at Oklahoma (3:30 p.m., ABC)
Connecticut at Temple (Noon, ESPN2)
Tennessee Tech at Louisville
Buffalo at Pittsburgh
USF at Central Florida (7 p.m., ESPN2)
Akron at Syracuse
West Virginia at East Carolina

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

North Carolina at Rutgers (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Kansas at USF (8 p.m., ESPN2)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Virginia at Connecticut (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)
Penn State at Syracuse (3:30 p.m., ABC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Kansas State at Louisville (8 p.m., ESPN2)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

West Virginia at Colorado (8:30 p.m., ESPN)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Baylor at Connecticut (8 p.m., ESPN2)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati
Iowa at Pittsburgh
Rutgers at Navy (3:30 p.m., CBS CS)
USF at Florida International
Northeastern at Syracuse

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CONNECTICUT at LOUISVILLE (8 p.m., ESPN2)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Cincinnati at Akron
PITTSBURGH AT SYRACUSE
USF at North Carolina State
Marshall at West Virginia
Rutgers vs. Morgan State

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

PITTSBURGH at USF (ESPN)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Cincinnati at Marshall (8 p.m., ESPN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Connecticut at North Carolina
RUTGERS at WEST VIRGINIA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Louisville at Memphis (8 p.m., ESPN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

RUTGERS at CINCINNATI
SYRACUSE at WEST VIRGINIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

CONNECTICUT at RUTGERS
Middle Tennessee State at Louisville
Pittsburgh at Navy (3:30 p.m., CBS CS)
SYRACUSE at USF

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Auburn at West Virginia (ESPN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

CINCINNATI at CONNECTICUT
USF at LOUISVILLE
RUTGERS at PITTSBURGH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

USF at CINCINNATI (ESPN)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

LOUISVILLE at SYRACUSE
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame (2:30 p.m., NBC)
WEST VIRGINIA at CONNECTICUT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

CINCINNATI at WEST VIRGINIA
LOUISVILLE at PITTSBURGH
SYRACUSE at RUTGERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

CINCINNATI at LOUISVILLE (8 p.m., ESPN2)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

CONNECTICUT at SYRACUSE
RUTGERS at USF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

PITTSBURGH at CINCINNATI
WEST VIRGINIA at LOUISVILLE
Army at Rutgers
Syracuse at Notre Dame (2:30 p.m., NBC)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CONNECTICUT at USF (8 p.m., ESPN)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

WEST VIRGINIA at PITTSBURGH (Noon, ABC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SYRACUSE at CINCINNATI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Cincinnati at Hawaii
PITTSBURGH at CONNECTICUT (ESPN/ESPN2)
USF at WEST VIRGINIA (ESPN/ESPN2)



THE BIG EAST CONFERENCE



The 2007 BIG EAST Conference football season began with questions as to how the league could possibly keep the momentum going on the heels of a season that was generally regarded as the best in conference history.

The 2007 season ended with West Virginia's Bill Stewart being carried off the field following a decisive win in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and a never-in-doubt victory by Rutgers in the International Bowl. In between was a season that mirrored the sur-

prises and excitement that comprised the 2007 national college football season - a year in which the BIG EAST continued to stand as one of the top conferences in the game.

West Virginia's win against Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl gave the BIG EAST's representative four Bowl Championship Series wins in the last five years. The conference was a combined 32-13 outside the league in 2007, with the .711 winning percentage standing behind only the 2006 (37-8, .822) and 2000 (28-9, .757) seasons as the best in BIG EAST history.

The 2007 season also gave the BIG EAST a combined record of 89-37 under its current alignment, by far the best three-year run by the conference at any time in its history.

But wins and losses don't tell the whole story. Seven of the eight BIG EAST teams were either ranked or received votes in one of the three major national polls. Four of the eight were ranked in the top 10 at some point, while two schools - West Virginia and USF - were ranked No. 2. The Mountaineers spent one week as the No. 1 team in the nation in the USA Today poll.

The conference championship picture wasn't finished until the last game of the regular season. West Virginia found itself with a piece of the title for the fourth time in the last five seasons, while Connecticut, just four years removed from Division I-AA status, celebrated a share of its first BIG EAST championship.

The final national polls listed two BIG EAST schools among the top 20 and five that received at least one top-25 vote. Individual success also followed with two players - USF defensive end George Selvie and Cincinnati punter Kevin Huber - earning consensus all-America status and two others - Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm and West Virginia linebacker Reed Williams - being named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America First Team.

The BIG EAST Conference's entrance into football was announced Feb. 5, 1991. The league gained instant credibility with its level of excellence on the field and with its television and bowl relationships. The BIG EAST has been a charter member of each of the major bowl agreements with the major conferences, beginning with the Bowl Coalition in 1992, followed by the Bowl Alliance in 1995 and the Bowl Championship Series in 1998.

Since its birth, the BIG EAST has been a national power both on and off the field. Commissioner Michael Tranghese served as coordinator of the BCS for two years from 2002-03. He has spearheaded the development of BIG EAST football since its beginning. The BIG EAST has been a frequent contender for the national championship. Eight times in the league's 17 seasons, a BIG EAST squad has played for a claim to the national crown in a postseason game.

The 2008 season will mark the first year of a six-year arrangement with ESPN that gives the BIG EAST unrivaled exposure on ABC television and the ESPN family of networks. ESPN, ESPN2 or ABC will carry a minimum of 19 BIG EAST home games each season, marking the highest guaranteed total on ESPN and ABC in league history. Championship Saturday in December will include one game either on ESPN and another on ESPN2. At least four BIG EAST games will be featured on ESPN's Thursday-night package each year.

In addition, ESPN Regional will continue to produce and distribute its Game of the Week package to a nationally syndicated audience, reaching more than 30 million homes. Most of these games also will be available as part of the ESPN GamePlan subscription service. Finally, a minimum of five home games will be carried on ESPN.

Extensive television exposure and the BIG EAST have been synonymous terms. For football, the league established its own regional television package in 1991 before it had played a game. The BIG EAST Television Network immediately was the largest regional college football network in the country.

The BIG EAST has always aligned itself with prestigious bowl games. The league is one of the original founders of the Bowl Championship Series and continues to be one of only six conferences that receives an automatic annual bid.

The BIG EAST Conference champion earns the league's automatic BCS bid. The BCS - which enters its 10th season in 2008-09 - is a five-game arrangement for postseason college football that is designed to match the two top-rated teams in a national championship game and to create exciting and competitive matchups between eight other highly regarded teams in four other BCS games.

If the BIG EAST champion finishes No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS standings, then that team will earn a spot in the BCS National Championship Game. Otherwise, the league champion will compete in one of the four remaining BCS bowl games - the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, FedEx Orange Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl or the Rose Bowl. Each bowl hosts two games once every four years - its traditional game plus the National Championship Game approximately one week later.

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration among Division I conferences and football bowl partners, the BIG EAST and Big 12 Conferences - along with Notre Dame - forged a bowl partnership beginning in 2006. This agreement assures both BCS conferences' or Notre Dame's participation in the Konica Gator Bowl and Brut Sun Bowl over a four-year period. The Konica Gator Bowl or Brut Sun Bowl can pick a BIG EAST team after the league's representative to the Bowl Championship Series has been determined. The Atlantic Coast Conference will provide the opposition in the Konica Gator Bowl (CBS) and the Pac-10 Conference will participate in the Brut Sun Bowl (CBS).

The Konica Gator Bowl has the first selection at the conclusion of each season. During the four years of the deal, the BIG EAST (or Notre Dame) will send a team to both the Gator Bowl and the Sun Bowl twice.

The Meineke Car Care Bowl is now in its seventh year with the BIG EAST Conference. The Meineke Car Care Bowl, which is played in Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., picks after the Konica Gator Bowl or Brut Sun Bowl.

The BIG EAST Conference also aligned itself with the International Bowl in Toronto, Ontario, and the PapaJohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., beginning in 2006. In the International Bowl, the BIG EAST representative faces a team from the Mid-American Conference. In the PapaJohns.com Bowl, the opponent is from the Southeastern Conference.

The 2008 season brings another addition to the BIG EAST's bowl picture with the introduction of the St. Petersburg Bowl at Tropicana Field. The St. Petersburg Bowl will be televised on ESPN and will pair the BIG EAST representative against an opponent from Conference USA.

The addition of the St. Petersburg Bowl gives BIG EAST teams access to at least six postseason games each year.



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