



# HOPE

## 2024 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

GAME 6

GAME 6 | OCT. 19 2024 | 1 P.M. ET | KALAMAZOO, MI



HOPE COLLEGE  
FLYING DUTCHMEN  
5-0, 2-0 MIAA

VS.



KALAMAZOO COLLEGE  
HORNETS  
4-1, 1-1 MIAA

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 5-0 (2-0 MIAA)  
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 18/18  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 5, 2024, vs. Trine; W, 42-6  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Stuursma  
Record at Hope \_\_\_\_\_ 59-17 (Eighth Season)

### 2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 44.40  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 140  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,761  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,043  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 2,804  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 31  
Field Goals Made-Attempted \_\_\_\_\_ 2-3  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 02:48:24  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 11

### 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Wellman (54-81, 766 yds, 3 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Chance Strickland (86 att, 620 yards, 13 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Holtzer (16 rec, 308 yards, 2 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Cole Luhmann (15 solo, 14 assist, 29 total)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Liam Danitz (2.5 sacks)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Brad Raredon (2 int)

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 4-1 (1-1 MIAA)  
Ranking (d3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ nr  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 5, 2024, vs. Olivet; L, 45-12  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Zorbo  
Record at Alma \_\_\_\_\_ 51-101 (17th season)

### 2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 30.80  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 111  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 415  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,326  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 1,741  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 22  
Field Goals Made-Attempted \_\_\_\_\_ 2-5  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 02:19:40  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 15

### 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Josh Nichols (81-171, 1,116 yds, 12 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Sheldon Riley (11 att, 282 yds, 3 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Lucas Hanifan (30 rec, 373 yds, 7 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Corey Garrison (17 solo, 20 assist, 31 total)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Raymond Cargill (3.0)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Omarion Hall (2)

## FOOTBALL RISES TO 18TH IN AFCA AND D3FOOTBALL POLLS AFTER OCT. 5 WIN OVER TRINE, BYE WEEK

The Hope College football team gained more ground in the latest NCAA Division III polls.

The unbeaten Flying Dutchmen moved up to three spots to 18th in both the American Football Coaches Association and d3football.com national rankings.

The AFCA Coaches Poll is conducted weekly throughout the regular season for every division and is voted on solely by coaches from across the country.

The D3football.com Top 25 is voted on by a panel of 25 coaches, Sports Information Directors and media members from across the country, and is published weekly.

Through six weeks, Hope tops the Division III in scoring defense at 6.4 points per game and tied for 17th in scoring offense at 44.4 points per game.

The Flying Dutchmen last played on Oct. 5, when they defeated Trine University, 42-6, at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. The 5-0 start is the best for the Flying Dutchmen since 1984.

The win was Hope's 500th as an intercollegiate football program since it was founded in 1902.

The Flying Dutchmen are now 500-375-37 all-time as a program for a winning percentage of .568.

## ON THE AIR



PLAY - BY - PLAY: Greg Chandler



## 2024 SCHEDULE

	Sept. 7	Loras Duhawks Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W 49-0
	Sept. 14	Franklin Grizzlies Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W 48-6
	Sept. 21	Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineers Cook Stadium/Brown Field   Terre Haute, IN	W 49-7
	Sept. 28	Alma Scots Bahlike Field   Alma, MI	W 34-13
	Oct. 5	Trine Thunder (Purple Community Game) Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W 42-6
	Oct. 19	Kalamazoo Hornets Angell Field   Kalamazoo, MI	2 p.m. ET
	Nov. 2	Albion Britons (Senior Day) Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	1 p.m. ET
	Nov. 9	Calvin Knights Grand Rapids Christian HS   Grand Rapids, MI	1 p.m. ET
	Nov. 16	Olivet Comets Cutler Field   Olivet, MI	1 p.m. ET

## A HOPE WIN WOULD....

be the Flying Dutchmen's sixth victory of the season in as many tries, continuing their longest season-opening winning streak since a 9-0 campaign in 1984.

keep the Wooden Shoes in Holland for the eighth consecutive season. The traveling trophy has been a prize in Hope-Kalamazoo football games since 1931. Head coach Peter Stuursma is 7-0 all-time against the Hornets.



**PETER STUURSM**  
**HC**

**MEDIA AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION**

**CREDENTIALS**

Season media credentials can be requested by working memers of the media by contacting through the Hope College Sports Information Department.

**PARKING**

Parking is available for working members of the media on the north side of Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Please enter off of Fairbanks Avenue near the DeWitt Tennis Center.

**INTERVIEWS**

Interviews with coaches and student-athletes can be arranged for practices and games through the Hope College Sports Information Department.

**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

Photography and videography is allowed at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. There is no filming allowed inside the dotted lines that surround the field during today’s game.

**INTERNET**

Free internet is provided by Hope College for guests of the college. Search for Hope Guest on your device and use the password welcome2hope to access the internet.

**HISTORY**

First Season	1902
Seasons	117
All-Time Record	498-375-337
Conference Titles (Last)	22 (2021)

**LAST SEASON**

2023 Overall Record	8-2
2023 Conference Record	5-1
2023 Home Record	5-1
2023 Away Record	3-1

**QUICK FACTS**

Location	Holland, MI
Founded	1866
Enrollment	3,369 (Spring 2024)
President	Matthew A. Scogin
Athletics Director	Tim Schoonveld
Sports Information Director	Alan Babbitt
Colors	Blue (Pantone) & Orange (Pantone )
Nickname	Flying Dutchmen
Affiliations	NCAA Division III Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Conference Website	<a href="https://miaa.org">https://miaa.org</a>
Ticket Office	616-395-7890

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Instagram	@hopecollegefb

**STADIUM**

Football Facility	Ray and Sue Smith Stadium
Capacity	5,300+
Surface	Turf
Year Opened	1979

**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach	Peter Stuursma
Offensive Coordinator & Quarterbacks Coach	Andrew Hawken
Defensive Coordinator & Linebackers Coach	Jacob Pardonnet
O-Line Coach & Recruiting Coordinator	Hunter Thompson
Defensive Backs Coach & Special Teams	Jinks Arnold
Wide Receivers Coach	Matt Bird
Running Backs Coach	Jim Caserta
Safeties Coach	KJ Landis
H-backs & Tight Ends Coach	Dave Lidgard
D-Line Coach	Cal Pimpton
Assistant D-Line Coach	Ted Manning
Assistant D-Line Coach	Jake Vanderveen
Student Assistants	Zay Hicks, Luke Mandsager, Ty Rynbrandt

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Strength & Conditioning Coach	Dan Margritz
Head Athletic Trainer	Tim Koberna
Assistant Athletic Trainers	Erik Byl, Mariah Supianoski
Managers	Rob Sterken, Andrew Tysse



# GAME NOTES

## SERIES HISTORY

The Flying Dutchmen face Kalamazoo for the 103rd time this afternoon and lead the all-time series, 61-35-6. Hope has won the past seven meetings, outscoring the Hornets by a combined margin of 359-71 since Peter Stuursma took over as head coach.

The Flying Dutchmen have scored 60-plus points in three consecutive games against Hope: 63-17 in 2023, 66-20 in 2022 and 67-0 in 2021.

Kalamazoo won back-to-back games against the Flying Dutchmen for the first time in 51 years in 2015 (39-31 at Kalamazoo) and 2014 (30-29 at Hope).

The first Hope-Kalamazoo game was held in 1910., with the Hornets winning, 11-6. The debut of the Wooden Shoes traveling trophy was 20-19 Kalamazoo victory in 1931.

## FIRST 5-0 START IN 40 YEARS

The Flying Dutchmen are off their first 5-0 start during head coach Peter Stuursma's tenure and the first time since 1984 when Hope opened with victories of 41-7 at Olivet Nazarene, 34-26 vs. DePauw, 54-7 at Carthage, 34-24 vs. Wabash, 28-6 vs. Albion and 45-0 at Kalamazoo en route to undefeated regular-season at 9-0.

This season, the Flying Dutchmen completed non-league play by defeating Loras, 49-0, at home in Week 1, Franklin, 48-6, at home in Week 2, and at Rose-Hulman, 49-7, in Week 3, at Alma College, 34-13, in Week 4, and at home vs. Trine, 42-6, in Week 5.

After today's game, vs. Kalamazoo, Hope next plays on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. against Adrian College at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. It is One Big Weekend (homecoming and family weekend) for the Flying Dutchmen.

## PURPLE COMMUNITY SUCCESS

The annual Hope College Athletics Purple Community game program raised \$11,211.75 for the Van Andel Institute earlier this month. The event during the Oct. 5 football game at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium will allow the college to fund two student interns to work this summer at VAI in Grand Rapids.

Purple Community, VAI's grassroots fundraising and awareness program, connects individuals, schools, teams and businesses to the resources needed to support the organization's groundbreaking cancer and Parkinson's disease research.



## STINGY DEFENSE

Opponents have totaled only 32 points against Hope in four games this season. The total is the fewest allowed since 1979.

The 6.4 points per allowed is the lowest in NCAA Division III.

The Flying Dutchmen have not allowed a rushing touchdown yet this year. Hope has not had a player with more than seven tackles, more than 1 sack, or more than 1 interception in a game this season.

Three Hope tacklers have 20-plus tackles this season: linebacker Cole Luhmann (Rochester, Michigan / Stoney Creek) with 29, senior linebacker Andrew Debri (DeWitt, Michigan / DeWitt) with 24 and junior Liam Danitz (West Branch, Ichnag / Ogemaw Heights) with 21.

## SELECT RUNNING CLUB

En route to become the nation's second-ranked rushing offense, the Flying Dutchmen rushed for 340-plus yards in the first four games of the season.

Hope was one of two NCAA Division III programs to rush for at least 300 yards in every game this season, joining Springfield College (Mass.) from the NEWMAC conference.

The Flying Dutchmen are averaging 352.2 yards per game, second-most in the nation behind Springfield's 468.2.

## TOUCHDOWN MACHINE

Chance Strickland leads all of NCAA Division III lead in rushing touchdowns this season with 13. The business and economics majors is three rushing touchdowns from matching his career high after just four games. Strickland totaled 16 touchdowns as a junior.

With 37 career rushing touchdowns, Strickland ranks fourth all-time in Flying Dutchmen history. The Flying Dutchmen's top three touchdown producers are: Brandon Graham (1994-97) with 49, David Booko (2004-07) with 48 and Mason Opplé (2017-19) with 46.

## RECORD PURSUER

Chance Strickland has totaled 626 rushing yards on 86 carries this season, including 100-yard efforts in the past four games. He rushed for 120 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries during a Week 5 victory vs. Trine.

Strickland's 7.3 yards per carry average this season would be the highest all time if it stands.

The current single-season leaders hold a 7.0 per carry average: Tom VanHeest from 1984 and Brandon Campbell from 2017.

## D3 FOOTBALL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Hope College running back Chance Strickland was selected to the D3Football Team of the Week on Oct. 1. The senior received the honor for the first time.

Strickland was recognized after rushing for a season-high 179 yards and one touchdown on 28 carries during a 34-13 Week 4 victory at nationally-ranked Alma College in the league opener.

## GOING TO THE WELL, MAN

Senior quarterback Ben Wellman (Bloomington, Illinois / Bloomington HS) has passed for a career-high 766 yards already this season and eclipsed his previous best of 623 yards in his last game against Trine.

The exercise science major has already set season records for completions (54), attempts (81) and rushing touchdowns (5) this season.

## KICKOFF RETURN KING

At Rose-Hulman on Sept. 21, senior Tyler Amos took a first-quarter kickoff, weaved his way through the Rose-Hulman coverage team, picked up several key blocks, and took it all the way for a go-ahead, 87-yard touchdown.

The Flying Dutchmen never trailed after that. It was Hope's first kickoff return for a TD since Carter Nofziger had a 90-yard touchdown return, tying the school record for longest kickoff return, against Northwestern (Minn.) in 2021.

Amos also rushed for 109 yards and one touchdown on just nine carries against Rose-Hulman.

## MIAA ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Three Flying Dutchmen have earned MIAA Football Player of the Week accolades so far this season:

Sept. 30 - Chance Strickland (offense), Caden Balkon (special teams)

Sept. 23 - Tyler Amos (special teams)

## MIAA PRESEASON POLL

Hope College placed second in the 2024 MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll after receiving one first-place vote and totaling 13 points. Alma College topped the poll with seven first-place votes and seven points. Hope finished ahead of third-place Trine University (20 points), fourth-place Albion College (25), fifth-place The University of Olivet (33), sixth-place Adrian College (35), seventh-place Kalamazoo College (42), and eighth-place Calvin University (49).

## PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

Hope College offensive lineman Dylan Clem has been chosen for the 2024 D3football.com Preseason All-America Team. The fifth-year senior and civil engineering major is one of 108 selections overall as a third-team tackle. Clem returns to the field after earning All-America Second Team honors from D3football as a guard last season. He was an All-MIAA recipient for the third time in his career. Clem's blocking powered the Flying Dutchmen to a league-best 230.0 rushing yards per game. He did not allow a sack. Hope averaged 38.1 points per game, second-highest among MIAA teams, en route to an 8-2 overall record.

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The Flying Dutchmen's roster of 119 features four fifth-year seniors, 22 seniors, 19 juniors, 33 sophomores, and 41 freshman. The fifth-year seniors are offensive tackles Dylan Clem and Luke Marsh, defensive back Trevor Hansen, and wide receiver Grant Holtzer. Clem, Hansen, Holtzer and Marsh are using the exemption from the NCAA in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to compete in a fifth season of college football. Hope did not compete during the 2021 season due to the pandemic.

## BLOOD BATTLE VS. CALVIN

Every day, someone in your community may need blood. Patients in our community are relying on the generosity of blood donors. Medical technology has provided many life-saving discoveries over the years, but there is still no substitute for blood. Versiti Blood Center of Michigan is the local blood provider – supplying blood for many hospitals across the Midwest. The Hope College/Calvin University Blood Battle begins this Tuesday. All Hope students, alumni, and fans are encouraged to show their school spirit and donate blood at a donation center any time from October 1-November 6. All blood types are needed, with type O positive and O negative most in demand. Donating blood takes about an hour and has the potential



to save up to three lives. Anyone age 17 or older in good health who meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give. Parental consent is required for donors age 16 to donate blood. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date. To find a donation center in the Midwest visit [versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org). To make sure your donation counts for Hope in the Blood Battle contest, include "Dutchmen" in the notes! That's Versiti Blood Center's Hope-Calvin Blood Battle!

## COACHING STAFF ADDITIONS

Head coach Peter Stuursma hired two new assistant coaches during the offseason: defensive line coach Cal Pimpleton and safeties coach KJ Landis. Pimpleton is a 2024 Hope graduate who majored in business. He was a student assistant coach for the Flying Dutchmen during the 2023 season. He worked with the defensive line. Prior to coaching, Pimpleton was a member of the football team for three seasons, including the 2021 MIAA championship season. He was a two-time letter winner. Landis previously served as defensive coordinator at Grandville High School the past four seasons. The Bulldogs went 29-12 with four home Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I playoff wins during his tenure. The 2021 Grandville team recorded the third-highest point differential in school history. The 2020 Bulldogs had the fourth-highest point differential. Landis also served co-defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator at Grand Rapids West Catholic for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. West Catholic claimed an MHSAA Division 5 state title in 2017 while yielding 13.8 points per game.

## DERIK SMITH AND THE NFL DRAFT

Hope College junior Derik Smith made the most of his NFL Draft experience in Detroit last spring. The Flying Dutchmen's defensive lineman stood center stage this weekend for an unforgettable 2024 NFL Draft that drew a record 700,000-plus fans to the Motor City. Smith announced the Denver Broncos' 2024 fifth-round selection of University of Missouri cornerback Kris Abrams-Draine (145th overall) on the NFL Draft stage in Hart Plaza. Smith, who plays football and competes in track and field for the Flying Dutchmen, was a special guest of the NFL and the American Cancer Society. The health and physical education major was a guest of the organizations' Crucial Catch program. As a child, Smith had part of his right leg amputated after a cancer diagnosis. In 2023, Smith appeared in two games and made one tackle. His story was broadcast nationwide last November on CBS.

## 2024 STANDINGS

	MIAA	OVERALL	STREAK
HOPE	2-0	4-0	W5
ALBION	2-0	4-1	W2
ADRIAN	1-1	4-1	L1
KALAMAZOO	1-1	4-1	L1
ALMA	1-1	3-2	W1
OLIVET	1-1	2-3	W1
CALVIN	0-2	2-3	L2
TRINE	0-2	2-3	L2

## 2024 MIAA PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1. ALMA
2. HOPE
3. TRINE
4. ALBION
5. OLIVET
6. ADRIAN
7. KALAMAZOO
8. CALVIN

## THIS WEEK IN THE MIAA

**Saturday, October 19**

Hope at Kalamazoo	1 p.m. ET
Olivet at Trine	1 p.m. ET
Albion at Alma	1 p.m. ET
Calvin at Adrian	3 p.m. ET

## HOPE FOOTBALL CAREER LEADERS

### TOUCHDOWNS

Brandon Graham (1994-1997)	49 TD (all rush)
David Brooke (2004-2007)	48 TD (46 rush, 2 rec)
Mason Opple (2017-2019)	46 TD (45 rush, 1 rec)

### RUSHING

Brandon Graham (1994-1997)	4,362 yards
David Brooke (2004-2007)	3,635 yards
Shawn Jackson (2010-2013)	3,289 yards

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Phil Butler (2000-2003)	8,810 yards
Jake Manning (2005-2008)	6,855 yards
Mason Opple (2017-2019)	6,765 yards

### YARDS PASSING

Phil Butler (2000-2003)	8,510 yards
Jake Manning (2005-2008)	6,930 yards
Michael Atwell (2010-2013)	6,094 yards

### PASS RECEPTIONS

Brian Adloff (1997-2001)	211 receptions
Kyle Dietrich (2007-2010)	177 receptions
Taylor Brynaert (2011-2014)	165 receptions





## PETER STUURSMAS *HEAD COACH*

In seven seasons, head coach Peter Stuursma '93 has guided the Hope College football team to a 54-17 overall record, including a 36-8 mark in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Flying Dutchmen have won two MIAA titles — an outright title in 2019 and a co-championship in 2021 — and finished in second place three times during his tenure. Hope recorded the second nine-win season in team history in 2019 when the Flying Dutchmen made their fifth NCAA Division III playoff appearance. Stuursma is Hope's seventh head football coach. He followed Dean Kreps (1995-2015), Ray Smith (1970-94), Russ DeVette (1955-69), Al Vanderbush (1946-54), Bud Hinga (1931-42) and Jack Schouten (1920-30).

Stuursma has deep ties to Hope College and the Flying Dutchmen football program. As a student-athlete, Stuursma served as co-captain for the Hope College football team during his senior season. He was a running back and special teams player. Stuursma received the team's Allan C. Kinney award after the 1992 season despite playing in only three games due to an injury. The award, presented annually since 1971 and named in memory of football player Allan C. Kinney, who died of cancer in his senior year in 1967, honors a senior player for maximum contribution to the football program. As a coach, Stuursma served as the Flying Dutchmen's defensive coordinator during the 1999 season before becoming a teacher and head football coach at East Grand Rapids. Hope claimed a share of the MIAA title in the 1999 season with a 5-1 league record while allowing only 18.1 points per game and scoring 32.6. Stuursma also was Hope's recruiting coordinator that football season as well as an assistant track coach for the 1999-2000 year.

At East Grand Rapids High School, the Pioneers flourished on the field under Stuursma's guidance. His teams went 162-34 with 13 state playoff appearances during his 16-season tenure. They claimed Michigan High School Athletic Association state titles in 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2003, and 2002. They also reached the state semifinals twice. Stuursma was named Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Year in 2008 and High School Football Coaches Association Division 3 Football Coach of the Year in 2010, 2009 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2002. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in March of 2020.

Stuursma also served as principal at East Grand Rapids Middle School from 2005 to 2016. He was assistant principal at East Grand Rapids High School from 2002 to 2004. He taught social studies and physical education for three years prior to becoming an administrator.

Stuursma graduated from Hope College in 1993, completing the secondary teacher education program, majoring in physical education and minoring in social studies. He earned a master's degree in physical education / sports administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1998.

In 1997, Stuursma worked as a graduate assistant on the NCAA Division II National Champion Northern Colorado football team.

Prior to his stop at Northern Colorado, Stuursma taught and coached at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central High School for three years. He was head coach of the Rangers hockey team and assistant coach for the football team.

Stuursma and his wife, Amy, also a '93 Hope graduate, have three children: Hannah, Robbie, and Mitchell.

### YEAR-BY-YEAR AS HEAD COACH

YEAR	RECORD	NOTES
2023	8-2-0	2nd in MIAA
2022	6-4-0	T3 in MIAA
2021	8-2-0	T1 in MIAA
2020	DNP	Pandemic
2019	9-2-0	1st in MIAA
2018	8-2-0	2nd in MIAA
2017	8-2-0	2nd in MIAA
2016	7-3-0	3rd in MIAA



## COACHING *STAFF*



**ANDREW HAWKEN**  
Offensive Coordinator and  
Quarterbacks Coach

Andrew Hawken has served as the offensive coordinator for the Hope College football team since the 2017 season. He also coaches the quarterbacks. From 2017 through 2023, Hawken also coached the H-Backs and tight ends.



**JACOB PARDONNET**  
Defensive Coordinator and  
Linebacker Coach

Jacob Pardonnet '18 joined the Hope College Football coaching staff in April 2022. Prior to coming to Hope, Pardonnet was on the coaching staff at NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island.



**HUNTER THOMPSON**  
Offensive Line Coach and  
Recruiting Coordinator

Hunter Thompson joined Hope College Football as the offensive line coach prior to the 2021 fall season. In February 2022, he moved into a full-time position that included a role as recruiting coordinator.



**JINKS ARNOLD**  
Cornerbacks Coach and Special  
Teams Coordinator

Jinks Arnold joined the Hope College football coaching staff for the 2023 season. He coaches defensive backs backs and serves as special teams coordinator. During the 2023 season, Arnold also coached safeties.



**MATT BIRD**  
Wide Receivers Coach

Matt Bird joined the Hope College Football coaching staff prior to the 2022 season as wide receivers coach. Bird brings a winning pedigree to the Flying Dutchmen after serving as head coach at two high schools for 16 seasons and winning 88 games.



**JIM CASERTA**  
Running Backs Coach

Jim Caserta joined the Hope College Football coaching staff for the 2017 season. He coaches running backs. Caserta coached quarterbacks from 2017-2013. Prior to coming to Hope, Caserta coached football at the high school level for 35 seasons in Michigan and Ohio.



**KJ LANDIS**  
Safeties Coach

KJ Landis joined the Hope College football coaching staff prior to the 2024 season as a safeties coach. Landis previously served as defensive coordinator at Grandville High School the past four seasons.



**DAVE LIDGARD**  
H-backs and Tight Ends Coach

Dave Lidgard '83 joined the Hope College football coaching staff for the 2020 season. He coaches H-Backs and tight ends. From 2020 through 2023, Lidgard coached the running backs. Lidgard previously coached at the high school level for 33 years in the Grand Rapids area.



**CAL PIMPLETON**  
Defensive Line Coach

Cal Pimpleton '24 became the Hope College football team's defensive line coach prior to the 2024 season. Pimpleton was a student assistant coach for the Flying Dutchmen during the 2023 season. He worked with the defensive line. Prior to coaching, Pimpleton was a member of the football team for three seasons, including the 2021 MIAA championship season.



**TED MANNING**  
Assistant Defensive Line Coach

Ted Manning joined the Hope College Football coaching staff as a defensive line coach in July 2020. Manning has been involved with football throughout his professional career, coaching a total of 43 high school seasons at six schools. He was an assistant coach at Schoolcraft High School for 35 seasons from 1986 to 2007.



**JAKE VANDERVEEN**  
Assistant Offensive Line Coach

Jake Vanderveen '18 joined the Hope College football coaching staff beginning in 2019. He is a volunteer assistant coach who works with the offensive line. He played four football seasons for the Flying Dutchmen. He was selected as an All-MIAA offensive guard during his senior season when Hope finished with an 8-2 record.



## OPPONENT *BREAKDOWN*



**KALAMAZOO  
HORNETS**

4-1, 1-1 MIAA



**HEAD COACH  
JAMIE ZORBO**

RECORD AT KALAMAZOO: 51-101

## KALAMAZOO 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
JOSH NICHOLS	98	171	1	56.73	12	223.20
DAWSON SKUPIN	16	21	0	76.19	2	45.73
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
SHELDON RILEY	68	282	4.1	3	45	50.40
DAWSON SKUPIN	11	45	4.1	1	17	11.25
THOMAS SHEMWELL	17	44	2.6	6	8	11.0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
LUCAS HANIFAN	30	373	12.43	7	37	74.60
JONAH SPATES	23	301	13.09	4	57	60.20
NATE CLARK	13	132	10.15	2	26	26.40

## LAST MEETING

# FOOTBALL CRUSHES KALAMAZOO KEEPS POSSESSION OF WOODEN SHOES

KALAMAZOO, MI | OCT. 28, 2023 | ANGELL FIELD

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
HOPE	9	20	21	13	63
KALAMAZOO	0	10	7	0	17

## SCORING

### FIRST QUARTER

HOPE Travis Meyers 19 yd pass from Zach Trainor (Caden Balkon kick)  
HOPE Hope team 0 yd safety

### SECOND QUARTER

HOPE Chance Strickland 16 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)  
KALAMAZOO Lucas Hanifan 43 yd pass from Josh Nichols (Madison Birch kick)  
HOPE Chance Strickland 3 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)  
HOPE Terrell Harris 19yd pass from Zach Trainor

### THIRD QUARTER

HOPE Elijah Smith 53 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)  
KALAMAZOO Josh Nichols 6 yd pass from Lucas Hanifan (Madison Birch kick)  
HOPE Elijah Smith 4 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)  
HOPE Chance Strickland 2 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)

### FOURTH QUARTER

HOPE Shawn Foster 2 yd run  
HOPE Hunter Ames 11 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)

## TEAM COMPARISON



## NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	HOPE	KALAMAZOO
Rushing Offense	2nd	201st
Rushing Defense	8th	134th
Total Offense	1st	113th
Scoring Offense	T17th	T78th
Passing Offense	111th	45th
Total Defense	6th	T111th
Scoring Defense	1st	76th
Net Punting	65th	117th
Punt Returns	187th	14th
Kickoff Returns	7th	132nd
Turnover margins	T89th	T37th
Time of Possession	12th	192nd

## LEAGUE RANKINGS

### HOPE RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	4th
Passing Offense	3rd
Total Offense	4th
Scoring Offense	4th
Rushing Defense	3rd
Passing Defense	6th
Total Defense	4th
Scoring Defense	5th
Net Punting	1st
Punt Returns	1st
Kickoff Returns	3rd
Time of Possession	2nd

### KALAMAZOO RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	7th
Passing Offense	5th
Total Offense	7th
Scoring Offense	7th
Rushing Defense	7th
Passing Defense	7th
Total Defense	7th
Scoring Defense	7th
Net Punting	4th
Punt Returns	6th
Kickoff Returns	5th
Time of Possession	5th

## SERIES HISTORY

**SERIES:** Hope leads 61-35-6

**IN HOLLAND:** 30-12-3

**IN KALAMAZOO:** 30-19-3

**NEUTRAL:** 1-4



## DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	4	Ben Wellman	Sr.	5-11	203
	0	Zach Trainor	So.	6-2	210
<b>RB</b>	9	Chance Strickland	Sr.	6-2	235
	3	Tyler Amos	Sr.	5-9	185
<b>LT</b>	73	Luke Marsh	5th	6-6	312
	72	Brett Showers	Jr.	6-6	301
<b>LG</b>	60	Sonny DiFonzo	Sr.	6-2	295
	56	Kemper Millis	Jr.	6-1	318
<b>C</b>	75	Timothy Clay	So.	6-1	255
	59	Rob MacAleese	Jr.	6-2	264
<b>RG</b>	68	Connor Bovia	Sr.	6-2	251
	52	Ethan Kirkland	Sr.	6-4	318
<b>RT</b>	70	Dylan Clem	5th	6-3	293
	65	Aden Smith	Sr.	6-2	234
<b>TE</b>	82	Skye Vander Kuyl	Jr.	6-4	250
	85	Jack Goldie	Jr.	6-3	230
<b>WR</b>	12	Grant Holtzer	5th	6-4	210
	15	Kaden DeHorn	So.	6-5	217
<b>WR</b>	6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	So.	5-9	181
	7	Gavin Reames	Jr.	6-1	174
<b>WR</b>	5	Travis Myers	Jr.	6-1	175
	1	Eli VanderVeen	So.	6-5	218

### DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	1	Jack Lamancusa	Fr.	6-2	250
	90	Carter Strong	Sr.	6-6	251
<b>DL</b>	83	Oatis Ackermann	Sr.	6-2	246
	53	Micah McCurry	Jr.	6-4	253
<b>DL</b>	11	Caleb Paarlberg	Jr.	6-1	270
	97	DeShawn Robinson	So.	6-2	315
<b>DE</b>	0	Liam Danitz	Jr.	6-4	230
	99	Tate Bezeau	So.	6-3	231
<b>LB</b>	50	Cole Luhmann	Sr.	6-0	220
	6	Micah Bush	Jr.	5-10	209
<b>LB</b>	45	Andrew Debri	Sr.	5-11	202
	31	Luke Palmer	Sr.	5-10	213
<b>S</b>	8	Brad Raredon	So.	6-4	202
	21	Bryce Debri	Jr.	5-11	193
<b>S</b>	4	Sam Cochran	Jr.	6-3	201
	9	Tyson Mann	So.	6-1	176
<b>S</b>	14	Tyler Stezowski	Jr.	6-1	213
	42	Owen Graham	Jr.	5-11	205
<b>DB</b>	13	Austin Harvey	So.	5-10	184
	2	Lorenzo Vitti	So.	6-0	170
<b>DB</b>	5	Trevor Hansen	5th	5-10	189
	10	Louis Bosscher	Fr.	6-0	179

### SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>PK</b>	30	Caden Balkon	Jr.	5-11	200
	91	Jac Chiarelli	Sr.	5-11	192
<b>HOLD</b>	4	Ben Wellman	Jr.	5-11	203
	13	Alek Wickstrom	Fr.	5-10	153
<b>LS</b>	65	Aden Smith	Sr.	6-2	234
	70	Dylan Clem	5th	6-3	293

<b>P</b>	98	Peter Costa	Sr.	5-11	194
	4	Ben Wellman	Jr.	5-11	203
<b>KR</b>	3	Tyler Amos	Sr.	5-9	195
		Kai Motter	Fr.	5-10	196
<b>PR</b>	5	Travis Myers	Jr.	6-1	175
	6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	So.	5-9	181

## 2024 TRAVEL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.
0	Liam Danitz	DL
0	Zach Trainor	QB
1	Jack Lamancusa	DL
1	Eli VanderVeen	WR
2	Lorenzo Vitti	DB
3	Tyler Amos	RB
3	Easton Phipps	LB
4	Sam Cochran	FS
4	Ben Wellman	QB
5	Trevor Hansen	DB
5	Travis Myers	WR
6	Micah Bush	LB
6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	WR
7	Caleb Clinger	DB
7	Gavin Reames	WR
8	AJ Martel	RB
8	Brad Raredon	S
9	Chance Strickland	RB
9	Tyson Mann	S
10	Liam Young	WR
11	Caleb Paarlberg	DL
11	Billy Sternberg	TE/H
12	Grant Holtzer	WR
13	Austin Harvey	DB
13	Alek Wickstrom	QB
14	Tyler Stezowski	S
14	Evan Graham	WR
15	Kaden DeHorn	WR
17	Luke Stewart	LB
17	Keegan McIntyre	WR
18	Tyson Williams	QB
19	Adam Cassel	TE/H
21	Bryce Debri	LB
22	Maddox Greenfield	CB
22	Kal Motter	RB
24	Tucker Wrubel	TE/H
24	Denny Belmonte	LB
25	Mike Murphy	RB
26	Noah Dunckel	RB

NO.	NAME	POS.
30	Caden Balkon	K/P
31	Luke Palmer	LB
33	Jack Jacobs	DB
35	Ian Domzalski	S
39	Josh Robinson	LB
40	Seth Luhmann	TE/H
41	Gavin Zbytowski	LB
42	Owen Graham	S
45	Andrew Debri	LB
48	Jake Punches	DL
49	Colton Schreur	LB
50	Cole Luhmann	LB
52	Ethan Kirkland	OL
53	Micah McCurry	DL
56	Kemper Millis	OL
59	Rob MacAleese	OL
60	Sonny DiFonzo	OL
63	Caleb Fisher	OL
65	Aden Smith	OL
68	Connor Bovia	OL
69	Tate Bezeau	DL
70	Dylan Clem	OL
72	Brett Showers	OL
73	Luke Marsh	OL
75	Tim Clay	OL
77	Jeremyah Libema	OL
82	Skye VanderKuyt	TE/H
83	Oatis Ackermann	DL
84	Aiden O'Brien	WR
87	Jack Goldie	TE/H
90	Carter Strong	DL
91	Jac Chiarelli	K
97	DeShawn Robinson	DL
98	Peter Costa	K/P