



GAME 7 | OCT. 26, 2024 | 2 P.M. ET | HOLLAND, MI | RAY AND SUE SMITH STADIUM

ON THE AIR



PLAY - BY - PLAY: Mike Coleman  
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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	Bahlke 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	W, 49-18
	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....

continue the Flying Dutchmen's best start since 1984, when Hope finished the season undefeated at 9-0.  
be the Flying Dutchmen's 55th all-time against Adrian. Hope leads the all-time series, 54-26-1.

prevent Adrian from winning two games in a row at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Hope lost to Adrian, 22-10, during the 2022 season.



HOPE COLLEGE  
FLYING DUTCHMEN  
6-0, 3-0 MIAA

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 6-0 (3-0 MIAA)  
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 18/18  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 19, 2024, vs. Kalamazoo; W, 49-18  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Stuursma  
Record at Hope \_\_\_\_\_ 59-17 (Eighth Season)

2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 45.17  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 169  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 2,091  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,311  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 3,402  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 38  
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 27-33  
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 6-10  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 33:50  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 15

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Wellman (62-93, 996 yds, 6TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Chance Strickland (95 att, 711 yards, 15 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Holtzer (20 rec, 488 yards, 25TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Cole Luhmann (19 solo, 17 assist, 36 total)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Liam Danitz (3.5 sacks)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Cochran, Brad Raredon (2 int)

VS.



ADRIAN COLLEGE  
BULLDOGS  
5-1, 2-1 MIAA

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 5-1 (2-1 MIAA)  
Ranking (d3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ nr  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 19, 2024, vs. Calvin; W, 30-10  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Palka  
Record at Adrian \_\_\_\_\_ 5-1 (1st season)

2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 36  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 125  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,053  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,072  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 2,125  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 30  
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 24-31  
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 12-18  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 31:56  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 19

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Jake Kelbert (99-143, 824 yds, 7 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Shondel Hardnett (105 att, 509 yds, 4 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Jalen Wallace (43 rec, 427 yds, 4 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Trey Brueggemann (24 solo, 17 assist, 41 total)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Dantae Banton (7.0)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Quincy Dorsey (2)

FOOTBALL THROWS FOUR TOUCHDOWNS IN VICTORY AT KALAMAZOO, IMPROVES TO 6-0 ON THE SEASON

After powering through the first half of its season behind an unstoppable ground game, the Hope College football team opened Saturday's game at Kalamazoo College by going to the air.  
Senior quarterback Ben Wellman faked the handoff to senior running back Chance Strickland, then unloaded a deep throw to fifth-year senior wide receiver Grant Holtzer for a 65-yard touchdown strike 10 seconds into the game. The Wellman-to-Holtzer connection ignited a 28-point first quarter as the Flying Dutchmen retained the traditional Wooden Shoe trophy with a 49-18 win over Kalamazoo at Angell Field.

Holtzer added touchdown catches of 21 yards and 80 yards and finished his a career-high 180 receiving yards on four catches. The 80-yard score came on the final play of the first half. Holtzer became the first Hope receiver with three touchdown catches since Matt Kroll accomplished the feat during the 2015 season finale at Kalamazoo.  
Hope moved into sole possession of first place in the MIAA with the win, improving to 3-0 in the conference and 6-0 overall. The Flying Dutchmen moved up to 17th in the D3football.com rankings this week and remained 18th in the latest American Football Coaches Association poll.



**PETER STUURSMAN**  
HC

**MEDIA AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION**

**CREDENTIALS**

Season media credentials can be requested by working members 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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**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 Supianowski
Managers	Rob Sterken, Andrew Tysse



## SERIES HISTORY

The Flying Dutchmen face Adrian for the 82nd time and lead the all-time series, 54-26-1.

Hope won last season's meeting, 30-21, after outscoring the Bulldogs, 13-0, during the fourth quarter.

Adrian won the last meeting at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium, 22-10, in 2022.

## FIRST 6-0 START IN 40 YEARS

The Flying Dutchmen are off their first 6-0 start during head coach Peter Stuursma's tenure and the first time since 1984,

Forty years ago, Hope opened the season 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, at home vs. Trine, 42-6, in Week 5; and at Kalamazoo in Week 7, 49-18.

After today's game, Hope next plays on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 1 p.m. against Albion College at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. It is Senior Day for the Flying Dutchmen.

## PROLIFIC OFFENSE

The Flying Dutchmen offense is the most prolific unit in the nation, leading the way with 567 yards of total offense per game. Hope is the 19th-best scoring offense in the nation at 45.2 point per game.

The Flying Dutchmen are converting 64.8% of third downs, second-highest in the nation. This is matched by a defense allowing an 8th best in the nation 24.1% conversion rate. Adrian is just behind Hope in ninth place, allowing conversions on 24.3% of third downs. Hope's offense is ninth in the nation in first downs acquired, with 169 on the season.

The Hope offense is tied for 14th nationally in interceptions allowed, having thrown a meager two picks. The Hope rushing offense is second in the



ation, churning ground yards and piling up 348.5 yards per game (behind Springfield (Mass.) at 476.2 yards per game). Hope's offensive line is allowing a tie-third best .33 sacks per game, only two on the season

The Orange and Blue are ranked eighth-best in time of possession at 33 minutes/game.

## STIFLING DEFENSE

The Flying Dutchmen are fifth nationally in scoring defense, holding opponents to 8.33 points per game and are allowing a fourth-best 192 yards of total defense/game.

Hope has allowed the eighth fewest first downs to opponents this season, with 74. The defense sits at 23rd in the nation in passing yards allowed per game, at 144.

The rushing defense is seventh in the nation, allowing 48.0 yards per game. Hope has allowed the second-fewest tackles for loss nationally, with 9 all season for a 1.50/game average.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

The Flying Dutchmen have yet to allow a blocked kick. Adrian is tied for 12th in the nation in blocked kicks, having stuffed the laces off 4 separate kicks. Adrian is also tied for 3rd in the nation in blocked punts, having lopped the leather off 3 separate punts. Neither team has allowed a blocked punt. The Adrian punt defense has allowed a 10th best 0 yards per return on seven allowed punt returns. The Bulldogs are 19th nationally in sacks with 19, and 20th in TFL with 49.

The Flying Dutchmen are 8th nationally in kickoff returns, reaching roughly the 27 yard-line on average.

## PENALTIES PILING UP

Hope and Adrian are among the most penalized teams in the nation.

The Flying Dutchmen have committed 44 penalties for 454 yards (75.67 yards/game). Adrian has been flagged 49 times for 404 yards (67.3 yards/game),

## OVERALL

**Most Points:** 49 (three times: Kalamazoo, Rose-Hulman, Loras)

**Fewest Points:** 34 (Alma)

**Most Opposing Points:** 18 (Kalamazoo)

**Fewest Opposing Points:** 0 (Loras)

**Most Total Offense:** 662 (Loras)

**Fewest Total Offense:** 486 (Trine)

**Most Opposing Total Offense:** 307 (Alma)

**Fewest Opposing Total Offense:** 123 (Loras)

## RUSHING

**Most Rushing Yards:** 391 (Rose Hulman and Loras)

**Fewest Rushing Yards:** 253 (Trine)

**Most Rushing Yards Allowed:** 119 (Franklin)

**Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed:** 11 (twice: Kalamazoo, Loras)

**Most Rushing Attempts:** 50 (Rose-Hulman)

**Fewest Rushing Attempts:** 38 (Trine)

**Most Opposing Rushing Attempts:** 41 (Franklin)

**Fewest Opposing Rushing Attempts:** 22 (Kalamazoo)

**Most Rushing TDs:** 6 (three times: Trine, Franklin, Loras)

**Fewest Rushing TDs:** 2 (Alma)

**Most/Fewest Opposing Rushing TDs:** 0 (six times)

## PASSING

**Most Passing Yards:** 271 (Loras)

**Fewest Passing Yards:** 137 (Rose-Hulman)

**Most Opposing Passing Yards:** 229 (Alma)

**Fewest Opposing Passing Yards:** 103 (Franklin)

**Most Passing Attempts:** 31 (twice: Alma, Loras)

**Fewest Passing Attempts:** 15 (Franklin)

**Most Opposing Passing Attempts:** 43 (Kalamazoo)

**Fewest Opposing Passing Attempts:** 16 (Franklin)

**Most Passing Completions:** 19 (Alma)

**Fewest Passing Completions:** 9 (Franklin)

**Most Opposing Passing Completions:** 24 (Kalamazoo)

**Fewest Opposing Passing Completions:** 8 (Franklin)

**Most Passing Touchdowns:** 4 (Kalamazoo)

**Fewest Passing Touchdowns:** 0 (Trine)

**Most Opposing Passing TDs:** 2 (twice: Kalamazoo, Alma)

**Fewest Opposing Passing TDs:** 0 (Loras)

## OTHER

**Most Sacks:** 4 (twice: Kalamazoo, Loras)

**Fewest Sacks:** 1 (twice: Alma, Rose-Hulman)

**Most Opposing Sacks:** 1 (Kalamazoo, Alma)

**Fewest Opposing Sacks:** 0 (four times: Trine, Rose-Hulman, Franklin, Loras)

**Most Fumbles Recovered:** 1 (twice, Rose-Hulman, Franklin)

**Most Fumbles Lost:** 2 (Franklin)

**Most Interceptions:** 2 (Alma)

**Most Interceptions Thrown:** 1 (Trine, Loras)

**Most Punts:** 3 (twice: Trine, Alma)

**Fewest Punts:** 0 (Loras)

**Most Opposing Punts:** 9 (Trine)

**Fewest Opposing Punts:** 3 (Alma)

**Most Penalties:** 14 (Alma)

**Fewest Penalties:** 4 (twice: Rose-Hulman, Loras)

**Most Opposing Penalties:** 5 (three times: Alma, Rose-Hulman, Franklin)

**Fewest Opposing Penalties:** 0 (Loras)

**Most Penalty Yards:** 128 (Alma)

**Fewest Penalty Yards:** 43 (Franklin)

**Most Opposing Penalty Yards:** 45 (Alma)

**Fewest Opposing Penalty Yards:** 0 (Loras)

## SCORING LEADER

Chance Strickland is tied for most rushing TD's in NCAA Division III with 15, matching Sophomore RB Ethan Gallo of SUNY Cortland, the defending national champion.

Strickland is also 12th in the nation among running backs with 711 rushing yards (10th per game with 118.5). Strickland is averaging an 8th best in the nation 7.48 yards per carry. Strickland is tied for the lead nationally in scoring/total points scored, with 90 points on the season (Matching Ethan Gallo and WR A.J. Jackson of Lake Forest, each have 15 TDs, leading nationally in total TDs).

## CHANCE FOR TOUCHDOWNS

Chance Strickland holds seventh place in Hope history with 15 rushing touchdowns and is one of his career-high. Strickland trails six others:

- Brandon Graham, 21, 1996;
- Brandon Graham, 20, 1997;
- Mason Opplé, 18, 2018;
- David Booko, 17, 2006;
- Brandon Campbell, 17, 2017;
- Mason Opplé, 16 2019;
- Chance Strickland, 16, 2023.

## MILESTONE APPROACHING

Chance Strickland is on the verge of becoming the fourth Hope player to reach 40 career touchdowns. He has 39 heading into the Adrian game and trails only:

- Brandon Graham, 49, 1994-97;
- David Booko, 48, 2004-07;
- Mason Opplé, 46, 2017-19.

## TOUGH TO TACKLE

Chance Strickland's 7.48 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.

## GROUND AND POUND

The Flying Dutchmen rushed for 300-plus yards during the first four games of the season against Loras, Franklin, Rose-Hulman and Alma, the second-longest streak in the nation this season.

Hope's feat is only surpassed by national rushing leader Springfield College (Mass.) from the NEWMAC conference. Springfield has rushed for 300-plus yards in every game this season.



## GOING TO THE WELL, MAN

Quarterback Ben Wellman is four yards away from 1,000 passing yards on the season. Wellman is 19th nationally in passing efficiency, averaging 175.77 per game.

Wellman is averaging 16.06 yards per completion, which is eighth best among QBs nationally.

Even better, Wellman is fourth nationally in yards per pass attempt, gaining 10.71 yards on average.

Wide receiver Grant Holtzer is one of Wellman's favorite targets. Holtzer, a fifth-year senior, stands fifth nationally in yards per reception at 24.4.

## 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.

## D3FOOTBALL 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.

## MIAA ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Four 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)  
 Oct. 21 - Grant Holtzer (offense)

## RUSHING

**Most Carries:** 28, Chance Strickland at Alma  
**Most Yards:** 179, Chance Strickland at Alma  
**Most TDs:** 4, Chance Strickland vs. Loras  
**Longest Rush:** 80, Ben Wellman vs. Loras

## PASSING

**Most Completion:** 19, Ben Wellman at Alma  
**Most Attempts:** 30, Ben Wellman at Alma  
**Most Yards:** 261, Ben Wellman at Alma  
**Most TD Passes:** 3, Ben Wellman at Kalamazoo  
**Longest Pass:** 80, Ben Wellman at Kalamazoo

## RECEIVING

**Most Receptions:** 17, Grant Holtzer at Alma  
**Most Yards:** 180, Grant Holtzer at Alma  
**Most TD Receptions:** 3, Grant Holtzer at Kalamazoo  
**Longest Reception:** 80, Grant Holtzer at Kalamazoo

## DEFENSE

**Most Tackles:** 7, (six times: Cole Luhmann at Kalamazoo, at Alma, vs. Franklin, and vs. Loras; Andrew Debri vs. Franklin; Caleb Paarlberg vs. Franklin)

**Most Tackles for Loss:** 2, (five times: Liam Danitz vs. Trine and vs. Franklin, Jack Lamancusa vs. Trine, Oatis Ackermann at Alma, Brad Raredon at Rose-Hulman)

**Most Sacks:** 1, (10 times: Liam Danitz at Kalamazoo, vs. Franklin and vs. Loras, Oatis Ackerman at Kalamazoo and at Alma, Austin Harvey at Kalamazoo, Micah McCurry at Rose-Hulman, Cole Luhmann vs. Franklin, Jack Lamancusa vs. Loras, Jake Punches vs. Loras)

**Most Interceptions:** 1 (six times, Sam Cochran vs. Kalamazoo and at Alma, Brad Raredon, vs. Trine and Franklin, Lorenzo Vitti at Alma, Tyson Mann at Rose-Hulman,

## SPECIAL TEMAS

**Most Punts:** 3 (twice: Peter Costa vs. Trine and at Alma)  
**Best Punting Average:** 46.0, Peter Costa vs. Franklin  
**Longest Punt:** 46.0, Peter Costa vs. Franklin  
**Punts Inside the 20:** 2 Peter Costa vs. Trine  
**Longest Punt Return:** 14, Travis Myers vs. Trine  
**Longest Kickoff Return:** 87, Tyler Amos at Rose-Hulman

## OPPONENTS

**Most Rushing Yards:** 53, Jay Smith, Rose-Hulman  
**Most TD Rushes:** None

**Most Passing Completions:** 24, Josh Nichols, Kalamazoo  
**Most Passing Attemptss:** 43, Josh Nichols, Kalamazoo  
**Most Passing Yards:** 229, Carter St. John, Alma  
**Most TD Passes:** 2, (twice: Josh Nichols, Kalamazoo, and Carter St. John, Alma)

**Longest Pass:** 55 Carter St. John, Alma  
**Most Receptions:** 8, Daniel Huery, Rose-Hulman  
**Most Receiving Yards:** 124, Devon Frenchko, Alma  
**Most TD Receptions:** 1, (six times, last - Jacques James and Lucas Hanifan, Kalamazoo)

**Long Reception:** 55, Devon Frenchko, Alma  
**Most Tackles:** 15, Owen Kelly, Loras  
**Most Tackles for Loss:** 2, Adam Stapleton, Kalamazoo  
**Most Sacks:** 1 (twice, last - Corey Garrison, Kalamazoo)  
**Most Interceptions:** 1 (twice, last - Daniel Budway, Trine)



## 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.

## 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.

## 2024 STANDINGS

	MIAA	OVERALL	STREAK
HOPE	3-0	6-0	W6
ADRIAN	2-1	5-1	W1
ALBION	2-1	4-2	L1
ALMA	2-1	4-2	W2
KALAMAZOO	1-2	4-2	L2
TRINE	1-2	3-3	W1
OLIVET	1-2	2-4	L1
CALVIN	0-3	2-4	L3

## 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 26

Kalamazoo at Albion	1 p.m. ET
Olivet at Alma	1 p.m. ET
Calvin at Trine	1 p.m. ET
Adrian at Hope	2 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.

# FLYING DUTCHMEN *BREAKDOWN*



**HOPE  
FLYING DUTCHMEN**  
5-1, 2-1 MIAA



**HEAD COACH  
PETER STUURSMa**  
RECORD AT HOPE: 5-1

## HOPE 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
BEN WELLMAN	62	93	1	66.67	6	166.00
ZACH TRAINOR	21	41	0	51.22	3	49.17

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
CHANCE STRICKLAND	95	711	7.5	15	49	118.50
TYLER AMOS	52	541	10.4	6	44	90.17
BEN WELLMAN	25	251	10.0	1	80	41.83

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
GRANT HOLTZER	20	488	24.40	5	80	81.33
ELI VANDERVEEN	10	202	20.20	1	56	33.67
TREVOR GRIFFITHS	10	170	17.00	0	40	56.67

KICKING	NO	YDS	AVG
PETER COSTA	9	347	38.56

FIELD GOALS	FGM	FGA	%	LONG
CADEN BALKON	2	4	50	31

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JONNY ROHEN-BLANTON	3	18	6.00	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TYLER AMOS	4	152	38.00	1
KAL MOTTER	2	50	25.00	0



## OPPONENT **BREAKDOWN**



**ADRIAN  
BULLDOGS**

5-1, 2-1 MIAA



**HEAD COACH  
JOE PALKA**

RECORD AT ADRIAN: 5-1

## ADRIAN 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
JAKE KELBERT	99	143	3	69.23	7	137.33
NOAH HEIDE	22	35	3	62.86	4	34.33
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
SHONDEL HARDNETT	105	509	4.8	4	31	84.33
JAKE KELBERT	52	370	6.7	7	36	58.33
TYSON HILL	33	146	4.3	1	37	23.50
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
JALEN WALLACE	43	427	9.93	4	31	71.17
CAID FOX	23	202	8.78	2	26	33.67
ETHAN ABBERGER	16	143	8.94	0	25	23.83

## LAST MEETING **FOOTBALL CHURNS UP WIN AT ADRIAN IN MIAA OPENER**

ADRIAN, MI | SEPT. 30, 2023 | DOCKING STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
HOPE	0	10	7	13	30
ADRIAN	7	7	7	0	10

### SCORING

#### FIRST QUARTER

ADRIAN Tyler Poirier 44 yd pass from Mark Lopez (Alec Milley kick)

#### THIRD QUARTER

HOPE Grant Holtzer 57 yd pass from Zach Trainor (Caden Balkon kick)  
ADRIAN Khris Crumsey 13 yd pass from Mark Lopez (Alec Milley kick)

#### SECOND QUARTER

HOPE Chance Strickland 13 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)  
ADRIAN Keontae Townsend 39 yd pass from Mark Lopez (Alec Milley kick)  
HOPE Caden Balkon 26 yd field goal

#### FOURTH QUARTER

HOPE Chance Strickland 5 yd run  
HOPE Chance Strickland 5 yd run (Caden Balkon kick)

## TEAM COMPARISON



## NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	HOPE	ADRIAN
Rushing Offense	2nd	55th
Rushing Defense	7th	89th
Total Offense	1st	106th
Scoring Offense	19th	51st
Passing Offense	95th	159th
Total Defense	4th	40th
Scoring Defense	5th	61st
Net Punting	53rd	63rd
Punt Returns	199th	52nd
Kickoff Returns	8th	87th
Turnover margins	T98th	T98th
Time of Possession	8th	42nd

## LEAGUE RANKINGS

### HOPE RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	1st
Passing Offense	5th
Total Offense	1st
Scoring Offense	1st
Rushing Defense	1st
Passing Defense	1st
Total Defense	1st
Scoring Defense	1st
Net Punting	3rd
Punt Returns	7th
Kickoff Returns	1st
Time of Possession	2nd

### ADRIAN RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	4th
Passing Offense	7th
Total Offense	5th
Scoring Offense	3rd
Rushing Defense	2nd
Passing Defense	2nd
Total Defense	2nd
Scoring Defense	2nd
Net Punting	4th
Punt Returns	2nd
Kickoff Returns	2nd
Time of Possession	2nd

## SERIES HISTORY

**SERIES:** Hope leads 54-26-1

**IN HOLLAND:** 29-12-1

**IN ADRIAN:** 25-14



# HOPE FOOTBALL 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 Kuyt	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