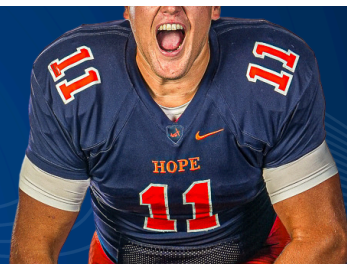




# HOPE

## 2024 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



GAME 11



GAME 11 | NOV. 30, 2024 | NOON ET | HOLLAND, MI | RAY AND SUE SMITH STADIUM



HOPE COLLEGE  
FLYING DUTCHMEN  
10-0, 7-0 MIAA

VS.



AURORA UNIVERSITY  
SPARTANS  
9-1, 8-0 NACC

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 10-0 (7-0 MIAA)  
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 16/14  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. 9, 2024, at Olivet; W, 48-12  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Stuursma  
Record at Hope \_\_\_\_\_ 64-17 (Eighth Season)

### 2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 44.30  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 272  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 3,027  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 2,284  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 5,311  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 62  
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 45-56  
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 20-27  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 05:26:00  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 29

### 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Wellman (108-162, 1,822 yds, 16 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Chance Strickland (130 att, 885 yards, 17 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Holtzer (32 rec, 863 yards, 7 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Cole Luhmann (68 tot, 27 solo, 41 asst)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Liam Danitz (4.0)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Brad Raredon (4)

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 9-1 (8-0 NACC)  
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 15/13  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. 9, 2024, v. Eureka; W, 56-0  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Don Beebe  
Record at Aurora \_\_\_\_\_ 50-9 (6th season)

### 2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 49.20  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 250  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1,794  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 2,936  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 4,730  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 69  
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 48-56  
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 10-17  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 05:02:13  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 31

### 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Tyler Adkins (177-285, 2,558 yds, 36 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Zackery Russell (117 att, 589 yds, 7 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Trey Urwiler (65 rec, 642 yds, 8 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Nordland (71 tot, 44 solo, 27 asst)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ JP Chaney (8.0)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Quintarius Davis (6)

## ON THE AIR













TV/VIDEO: ESPN+

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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 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	W, 49-18
	Oct. 26	Adrian Bulldogs Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W, 45-0
	Nov. 2	Albion Britons (Senior Day) Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W, 41-14
	Nov. 9	Calvin Knights Grand Rapids Christian HS   Grand Rapids, MI	W, 38-7
	Nov. 16	Olivet Comets Cutler Field   Olivet, MI	W, 48-12

## A HOPE WIN would....

be the first postseason victory in program history. The Flying Dutchmen are 0-5 in their previous NCAA playoff appearances.

advance the Flying Dutchmen to the third round on Saturday, Dec. 7, to face either No. 1-ranked North Central college (Illinois) or No. 21 AFCA/ No. 22 D3football Whit worth University (Washington). Whitworth kicks off at North Central at noon Central today.

## FOOTBALL OPENS SIXTH PLAYOFF APPEARANCE AGAINST A FAMILIAR OPPONENT IN AURORA IN THE 2ND ROUND

The MIAA champion and unbeaten Hope College football team kicks off the 2024 NCAA Division III playoffs with a second-round game against Aurora University (Illinois) on Saturday, Nov. 30, at noon at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Both teams received first-round byes in the newly-expanded 40-team field.

Hope finished the regular season 10-0 for the first time in program history and claimed the MIAA's automatic berth with a 7-0 league record. Aurora (9-1) repeated as Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference champion. The Spartans haven't lost since a 48-21 home defeat to No. 1 North Central College (Illinois) on Sept. 14.

The Flying Dutchmen are making their sixth all-time playoff appearance and their second under head coach Peter Stuursma.

Hope is seeking its first playoff victory, having lost to Wartburg College (Iowa), 41-3, in 2019, the University of Mount Union (Ohio), 49-0 in 2023, Wheaton College (Illinois), 55-45, in 2003, Hanover College (Indiana), 20-3, in 2000, and Augustana College (Illinois), 34-10, in 1986.

This is the fourth playoff game Hope has hosted; Wartburg, Hanover and Augustana all were on campus. Wheaton and Mount Union were played on the road.



**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	508-375-337
Conference Titles (Last)	23 (2024)

**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 Supianoski
Managers	Rob Sterken, Andrew Tysse



## SERIES HISTORY

This is Hope's eighth all-time game against Aurora but the first in the NCAA playoffs. The Flying Dutchmen lead, 5-1-1, including a 3-0 home record with victories of 38-34 in 2022, 34-32 in 2019 and 40-6 in 1995. The Spartans won the last meeting, 38-17, at Aurora in 2023.

## FIRST PERFECT REGULAR SEASON

Hope received a first-round bye for the NCAA playoffs after recording its first 10-0 regular season in program history and the third season without a loss. The Flying Dutchmen went 9-0 in 1984 and 8-0-1 in 1975. Neither the 1984 nor the 1975 teams competed in postseason play. Hope is one of 11 Division III teams still unbeaten.

## MIAA OUTRIGHT CHAMPS

Hope claimed an MIAA title for the 23rd time in program history and was outright champs for the 15th time. The Flying Dutchmen won all of their league games for the 10th time. Hope went 7-0 in league play in 2024, 2019 and 2009 and 5-0 in 2000, 1987, 1984, 1982, 1981, 1978 and 1973.

## MIAA PLAYOFF HISTORY

Hope is competing in the second round of the playoffs for the first time and the eighth MIAA team to do so.

MIAA teams are 11-32 in the NCAA playoffs. Hope is 0-5. The 2023 Alma College won two games before losing to eventual national champion Cortland State (N.Y.), 58-41, in the national quarterfinals. The MIAA's best finish was the 2006 Albion College team, which claimed the national title with four wins, including a 38-15 victory vs. Washington and Jefferson (Pennsylvania) in the title game.

## DOMINANT CAMPAIGN

The Flying Dutchmen outscored opponents by a 443-83 margin this season.

Hope has scored at least 40 points eight times, with a season-low of 34 during a 34-13 victory at Alma on Sept. 28.

Hope has shut out two foes and held seven to single digits. The Flying Dutchmen yielded a season-worst 18 points to Kalamazoo College on Oct. 9. Hope has not given up more than 14 points at home this season; that was to Albion College on Nov. 2.



## ONE OF THE NATION'S FINEST TEAMS

In addition to lofty rankings in both national polls, Hope stands among the best in several statistical categories, including the Top 20 in 15 categories:

- 1. Scoring Defense, 8.3 ppg;
- 1. Third-Down Conversion, .661;
- 1. Blocked Punts Allowed, 0;
- 2. Red-Zone Defense, .528
- 4. Total Defense, 214.5 ypg;
- 4. Total Offense, 531.1 ypg;
- 4. Rushing Offense, 302.7;
- 4. Rushing Defense, 40.8;
- 5. Kickoff Returns, 26.36;
- 5. Sacks Allowed, 5;
- 6. First Downs Offense, 270;
- 8. Passing yards per completion, 16.20;
- 12. Turnovers Lost, 8;
- 17. First Downs Defense, 142;
- 18. Scoring Offense, 44.3.

## THREE SCHOOL RECORDS SET

Hope already has set three school records this season:

- 5,311 yards of total offense in 674 plays, passing the 2003 mark of 5,211 in 884 plays;
- 3,027 rushing yards, eclipsing in the 2019 mark of 2,954;
- 272 first downs, topping the 2003 mark of 264.

## NEAR RECORDS

With 21 points, Hope would set a school record for points in a single season. The Flying Dutchmen scored a record 463 points during the 2019 season.

Hope is challenging to set three other records:

- 410 yards. 426 allowed in 1979;
- 62 touchdowns in 10 games. Record is 64 from 2019;
- 41 rushing touchdowns. Record is 43 from 2019;
- 57 PATs. Record is 60 from 2019.

The Flying Dutchmen have won 13 consecutive games dating back to the 2-23 season. Hope's last loss was 35-17 at home to Alma College on Oct. 14, 2013. The longest winning streak in program history is 17 games between the 1973 and 1974 seasons.

## OVERALL

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

**Fewest Points:** 34 (Alma)

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

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

**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, Albion)

**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:** 9 (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 and Adrian)

## OTHER

**Most Sacks:** 5 (Albion)

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

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

**Fewest Opposing Sacks:** 0 (five times: Albion, 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, Adrian)

**Most Penalties:** 14 (Alma)

**Fewest Penalties:** 4 (three times: Rose-Hulman, Loras, Albion)

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

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

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

**Fewest Penalty Yards:** 43 (twice: Franklin, Albion)

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

**Fewest Opposing Penalty Yards:** 0 (twice: Loras, Albion)

## GOING TO THE WELL, MAN

Quarterback Ben Wellman already has recorded career-highs this season in passing yards (1,822), passing touchdowns (16), completions (108), passing attempts (162), rushing yards (421), rushing touchdowns (7) and rushing attempts (45).

Wellman set career-highs with 262 yards passing and four touchdowns against Albion.

Wellman is second in Division III in passing yards per completion at 16.87. He is seventh nationally in passing efficiency at 192.5.

## FUN BUNCH

Hope's 20 touchdown passes this season, including three from sophomore Zach Trainor, have been hauled in by nine different Flying Dutchmen.

Fifth-year senior and wide receiver Grant Holtzer leads Hope with seven touchdowns catches and is one from matching his career-best from the 2023 season.

Sophomore wide receiver Eli VanderVeen and H-back Seth Luhmann each have three touchdown catches. Sophomore wide receiver Jonny Rohen-Blanton has two. Five more have one TD reception apiece: senior running back Chance Strickland, junior receiver Travis Myers, and sophomore receivers Kaden DeHorn, Trevor Griffiths and Evan Graham.

## 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 to start the season.

Hope's feat was only surpassed by national rushing leader Springfield College (Mass.) from the NEWMAC conference.

The Flying Dutchmen eclipsed 300 yards rushing two more times: at Kalamazoo and Calvin.

## RUSHING MACHINE

Chance Strickland is seventh in rushing touchdowns in NCAA Division III this season with 17, despite missing the final two regular-season games due to injury.

Strickland is also fourth in scoring at 13.5 yards per game, eighth in rushing yards per carry at 6.81 yards, 22nd in rushing yards per game at 110.8.

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



## SCORING MACHINE

Chance Strickland is tied for fourth place in Hope history with 17 rushing touchdowns and has matched his career-high. Strickland trails:

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

## 40 CAREER TOUCHDOWN CLUB

Chance Strickland became the fourth Hope player to reach 40 career touchdowns this season. The senior trails:

- Brandon Graham, 49, 1994-97;
- David Booko, 48, 2004-07;
- Mason Opple, 46, 2017-19;
- Chance Strickland, 41, 2021-24.

## ALL-MIAA ACCOLADES

Chance Strickland and senior linebacker Cole Luhmann headlined Hope's record-setting group of 14 All-MIAA selections by sweeping MIAA's Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year honors. It's the first since 2019 that the Flying Dutchmen received both MVP honors.

Luhmann was joined by seven teammates on the All-MIAA teams, including fellow first-team selections: senior safety Sam Cochran, senior linebacker Andrew Debri, sophomore defensive back Austin Harvey, sophomore linebacker Brad Raredon and freshman defensive lineman Jack Lamancusa.

Senior Oatis Ackermann and junior defensive lineman Caleb Paarlberg both were second-team honorees.

On offense, Strickland is joined on the All-MIAA First Team by three fifth-year seniors: right tackle Dylan Clem, wide receiver Grant Holtzer and left tackle Luke Marsh.

Senior running back Tyler Amos and sophomore H-back Seth Luhmann made the All-MIAA Second Team.

## 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:** 4, Ben Wellman vs. Albion

**Longest Pass:** 80, Ben Wellman at Kalamazoo

## RECEIVING

**Most Receptions:** 7, 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:** 10, Cole Luhmann vs. Adrian

**Most Tackles for Loss:** 2.5, Caleb Paarlberg vs. Albion

**Most Sacks:** 1.5, Carter Strong vs. Albion

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

## SPECIAL TEMAS

**Most Field Goals:** 2 (Caden Balkin at Alma)

**Longest Field Goal:** 31, Caden Balkin at Alma

**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:** Tyler Amos at Rose-Hulman (87, TD)

## OPPONENTS

**Most Carries:** 19, Jay Smith, Rose-Hulman

**Most Rushing Yards:** 53, Jay Smith, Rose-Hulman

**Most TD Rushes:** None

**Longest Rush:** 24, Colby Taylor-Browning

**Most Passing Completions:** 24, Josh Nichols, Kalamazoo

**Most Passing Attempts:** 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, (nine times, last - Colby Taylor-Browning and Trevor Smith, Albion)

**Longest 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)

**Most Field Goals:** 1, Emory Roberts, Kalamazoo

**Longest Field Goal:** 25, Emory Roberts, Kalamazoo



## 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

Foive 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)

Oct. 28 - Cole Luhmann (defense)

## 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.

## 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 returned 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. Clem's blocking powered the Flying Dutchmen to a league-best 230.0 rushing yards per game. As a junior, Clem 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.

## 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. Pimpleton 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. Pimpleton was a two-time letter winner for the Flying Dutchmen..

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 the Motor City 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 Detroit.

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.

Last fall, Smith was featured on a special CBS program "Courage in Sports: Gridiron Greatness" that aired nationwide.

## 2024 STANDINGS

	MIAA	OVERALL
HOPE	7-0	10-0
ALMA	6-1	8-2
ALBION	5-2	7-3
TRINE	4-3	6-4
ADRIAN	3-4	6-4
OLIVET	2-5	3-7
KALAMAZOO	1-6	4-6
CALVIN	0-7	2-8

## 2024 MIAA PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1. ALMA (7 points, 7 1st place)
2. **HOPE (13 points, 1 1st place)**
3. TRINE (20)
4. ALBION (25)
5. OLIVET (33)
6. ADRIAN (35)
7. KALAMAZOO (42)
8. CALVIN (49)

## HOPE FOOTBALL CAREER LEADERS

### TOUCHDOWNS

Brandon Graham (1994-1997) \_\_\_\_\_ 49 TD (all rush)  
David Brooke (2004-2007) \_\_\_\_\_ 48 TD (46 rush, 2 rec)  
Mason Oppe (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 Oppe (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 STUURSMAN HEAD COACH

In eight seasons, head coach Peter Stuursma '93 has guided the Hope College football team to a 64-17 overall record, including a 43-8 mark in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Flying Dutchmen have won three MIAA titles — outright championships in 2024 and 2019 and a co-championship in 2021 — and finished in second place three times during his tenure.

In 2024, Stuursma led Hope to the first 10-0 regular-season in program history and was named both the American Football Coaches Association Region 5 and MIAA Coach of the Year.

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. In 1998, he earned a master's degree in physical education / sports administration from the University of Northern Colorado. 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
2024	10-0-0	1st in MIAA
2023	8-2-0	2nd in MIAA
2022	6-4-0	T-3rd in MIAA
2021	8-2-0	T-1st 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**  
10-0, 7-0 MIAA



**HEAD COACH  
PETER STUURSMa**  
RECORD AT HOPE: 59-17

## HOPE 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
BEN WELLMAN	108	162	1	66.67	16	182.20
ZACH TRAINOR	31	58	0	53.45	4	44.20

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
CHANCE STRICKLAND	130	885	6.8	17	49	110.63
TYLER AMOS	88	777	8.8	11	44	77.70
BEN WELLMAN	45	421	9.4	7	80	42.10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
GRANT HOLTZER	32	863	26.97	7	80	86.30
JOHNNY ROHEN-BLANTON	25	214	8.56	2	20	21.40
ELI VANDERVEEN	13	280	21.54	3	56	31.11

KICKING	NO	YDS	AVG
PETER COSTA	15	551	36.73

FIELD GOALS	FGM	FGA	%	LONG
CADEN BALKON	4	8	50	42

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TRAVIS MYERS	3	22	7.33	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TYLER AMOS	6	212	35.33	1



## OPPONENT **BREAKDOWN**



**AURORA  
SPARTANS**  
9-1, 8-0 NACC



**HEAD COACH  
DON BEEBE**  
RECORD AT AURORA: 42-8

## AURORA 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
TYLER ADKINS	177	285	10	62.11	36	255.80
BRIAN NASR	19	26	1	73.08	4	71.80
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
ZACKERY RUSSELL	117	589	5.0	7	36	58.90
TYLER ADKINS	71	361	5.1	5	54	36.10
TA'VION GEANES	51	340	6.7	5	38	37.78
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
TREY URWILER	65	642	9.88	8	48	64.20
TY PRUETT	24	522	21.75	10	44	52.20
AVRON CARTER	32	515	16.09	6	55	51.50

## TEAM COMPARISON



## NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	HOPE	AURORA
Rushing Offense	4th	48th
Rushing Defense	4th	23rd
Total Offense	4th	16th
Scoring Offense	18th	7th
Passing Offense	77th	16th
Total Defense	4th	12th
Scoring Defense	T1st	21st
Red-Zone Offense	89th	42nd
Red-Zone Defense	4th	10th
Net Punting	68th	228th
Punt Returns	211th	55th
Kickoff Returns	5th	12th
Turnover Margin	T38th	32nd
Time of Possession	21st	107th

## 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

### AURORA RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	2nd
Passing Offense	1st
Total Offense	1st
Scoring Offense	1st
Rushing Defense	2nd
Passing Defense	1st
Total Defense	2nd
Scoring Defense	1st
Net Punting	8th
Punt Returns	4th
Kickoff Returns	1st
Time of Possession	4th

## SERIES HISTORY

**SERIES:** Hope leads, 5-1-1

**AT HOLLAND:** 4-0

**AT AURORA:** 1-1-1



# HOPE FOOTBALL *DEPTH CHART*

## NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS V. AURORA

### OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	4	Ben Wellman	Sr.	5-11	203
	0	Zach Trainor	So.	6-2	210
<b>RB</b>	3	Tyler Amos	Sr.	5-9	185
	9	Chance Strickland	Sr.	6-2	235
<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>	59	Rob MacAleese	Jr.	6-2	264
	75	Timothy Clay	So.	6-1	255
<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
	87	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
	69	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>LB</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
	19	Ian Domzalski	So.	5-11	180
<b>S</b>	14	Tyler Stezowski	Jr.	6-1	213
	21	Bryce Debri	Jr.	5-11	193
<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
	6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	So.	5-9	181
<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
	22	Kai Motter	Fr.	5-10	196
<b>PR</b>	7	Gavin Reames	Jr.	6-1	174
	6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	So.	5-9	181

# 2024 PLAYOFF ROSTERS

## HOPE FLYING DUTCHMEN

NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
0	Liam Danitz	DL	10	Louis Bosscher	DB	30	Caden Balkon	K/P	60	Sonny DiFonzo	OL
0	Zach Trainor	QB	11	Caleb Paarlberg	DL	31	Luke Palmer	LB	65	Aden Smith	OL
1	Eli VanderVeen	WR	11	Billy Sternberg	TE/H	33	Jack Jacobs	DB	68	Connor Bovia	OL
1	Jack Lamancusa	DL	12	Grant Holtzer	WR	34	Maddox Greenfield	DB	69	Tate Bezeau	DL
2	Trevor Griffiths	WR	13	Austin Harvey	DB	35	Ian Domzalski	S			
2	Lorenzo Vitti	DB	14	Tyler Stezowski	S				70	Dylan Clem	OL
3	Tyler Amos	RB	15	Kaden DeHorn	WR	40	Seth Luhmann	TE/H	72	Brett Showers	OL
4	Sam Cochran	S	17	Luke Stewart	LB	42	Owen Graham	S	73	Luke Marsh	OL
4	Ben Wellman	QB	18	Tyson Williams	QB	45	Andrew Deбри	LB	75	Timothy Clay	OL
5	Trevor Hansen	DB	19	Adam Cassel	TE/H	48	Jake Punches	DL			
5	Travis Myers	WR				49	Colton Schreur	LB	82	Skye VanderKuyl	TE/H
6	Micah Bush	LB	21	Bryce Deбри	LB				83	Oatis Ackermann	DL
6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	WR	22	Kal Motter	RB	50	Cole Luhmann	LB	87	Jack Goldie	TE/H
7	Gavin Reames	WR	24	Denny Belmonte	LB	52	Ethan Kirkland	OL			
8	Brad Raredon	S				53	Micah McCurry	OL	90	Carter Strong	DL
8	AJ Martel	RB				56	Kemper Millis	OL	98	Peter Costa	K/P
9	Chance Strickland	RB				59	Rob MacAleese	OL			

## AURORA SPARTANS

NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
0	Marcus Kral	WR	16	Liam Mickle	QB	62	Reese Womble	OL
1	Steven Gonzalez	WR	17	Tyler Adkins	QB	65	Christian Providence	OL
1	JP Chaney	DL	18	Connor Bright	WR	66	Alston Watts	OL
2	Cole Jackson	WR	19	Brian Nasr	QB	67	Zach Chavenne	DL
2	Jeremy Thomas	DB	20	Tavian Dennis	DB	69	Martin Haugerud	OL
3	Ta'vion Geanes	RB	22	Deuce Moore	DL	70	James Brennan	OL
3	Rahmello Law	DB	23	Braylon Peacok	WR	72	Andy Munjoy	OL
4	Ziah Smith	DB	24	TJ Ramsey	RB	76	Connor Walters	OL
5	Trey Urwiler	WR	26	Asher Hamby	DB	81	Kysen Klinker	TE
5	Quintarius Davis	DB	28	Zackery Russell	RB	83	Robert Cooper	TE
6	Ty Pruett	WR	36	Gavin Lee	LB	84	Joey Reisenberg	WR
6	Shane McEntee	DB	38	Isaac Kaster	LB	85	Anthony Salinas	TE
7	Avron Carter	WR	39	Will Fisher	K/P	86	Lucious Dones IV	WR
7	Andrew Nordland	DB	44	Cooper Winslow	K/P	88	Lane Provance	TE
8	Jesse Ellis	DB	45	Sean Gillepsie	LB	91	Hayden Hourany	DL/LS
9	Sterling Williams Jr.	RB	47	Dylan Regnier	LB/LS	94	Kevin Carden-Landa	K/P
11	Connor White	WR	50	Reginald Willis	LB	95	Isaiah Perrin	DL
12	Eddie Ortiz Jr.	WR	53	Matthew Kickel	OL	96	Alec Gonzales	DL
13	Joseph Holohan	LB	59	Joe Palermo	OL	97	Breydan Ford	DL
						99	Jaylen Jordan	DL