



# HOPE 2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



GAME 7



GAME 7 | OCT. 25, 2025 | 1:00 P.M. EST | ADRIAN, MI | DOCKING STADIUM



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

VS.



ADRIAN COLLEGE  
**BULLDOGS**  
6-0, 3-0 MIAA

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 5-1 (2-1 MIAA)  
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 19/23  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 18, 2025, v. Kalamazoo; W, 56-21  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Stuursma  
Record at Hope \_\_\_\_\_ 70-19 (Ninth Season)

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 6-0 (3-0 MIAA)  
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 25/na  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 18th, 2025, v. Calvin; W, 48-17  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Palka  
Record at Adrian \_\_\_\_\_ 12-4 (Second season)

### 2025 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 44.67  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 153  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1276  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1806  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 3082  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 37  
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 35-30  
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 18-14  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 33:58  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 15

### 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Alex Thole (120-161, 1649 yds, 12 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ AJ Martel (73 att, 377 yds, 8 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Jonny Rohen-Blanton (29 rec, 459 yds, 2 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Colton Schreur (35 tot, 19 solo, 16 asst)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Liam Danitz (9)  
Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ Owen Graham (4)

### 2025 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game \_\_\_\_\_ 46.33  
1st Downs \_\_\_\_\_ 141  
Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1282  
Passing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 1536  
Total Offense \_\_\_\_\_ 2818  
Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 38  
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 34-28  
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) \_\_\_\_\_ 12-7  
Time of Possession \_\_\_\_\_ 32:53  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 18

### 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Noah Beaudrie (117-157, 1468 yds, 14 TD)  
Rushing \_\_\_\_\_ Trey Brueggemann (78 att, 401 yds, 9 TD)  
Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Ethan Abberger (45 rec, 530 yds, 5 TD)  
Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ Bennett Gilde (42 tot, 24 solo, 18 asst)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Jackson (3.5)  
Ints. \_\_\_\_\_ Ethan Burrows(5)



### 2025 SCHEDULE

	Sept. 6	Loras Duhawks Rock Bowl   Dubuque, IA	W 62-0
	Sept. 13	Franklin Grizzlies Faught Stadium   Franklin, IN	W 38-14
	Sept. 20	Mount Saint Joseph Lions Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W 31-28
	Sept. 27	Alma Scots Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	L 26-29
	Oct. 4	Trine Thunder Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium   Angola, IN	W 55-35
	Oct. 18	Kalamazoo Hornets Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	W 56-21
	Oct. 25	Adrian Bulldogs Docking Stadium   Adrian, MI	1:00 PM ET
	Nov. 1	Albion Britons Sprinkle-Sprandel Stadium   Albion, MI	1:00 PM ET
	Nov. 8	Calvin Knights Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	1:00 PM ET
	Nov. 15	Olivet Comets (Senior Day) Ray and Sue Smith Stadium   Holland, MI	1:00 PM ET

### A HOPE WIN WOULD...

keep the Flying Dutchmen in the chase for an MIAA title repeat. Alma College, the MIAA's other unbeaten in league play, closes the season against Adrian on November 15.

make it eight victories out of the last nine against Adrian College. The last loss to Adrian came on October 1, 2022 (22-10 at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium). The Flying Dutchmen lead the all-time series, 55-26-1.

extend their MIAA road winning streak to 10 games. The last MIAA road loss came on October 15, 2022 to Alma (26-28)..

## HOPE TRAVELS TO ADRIAN TO TAKE ON MIAA TOP DOG

After a convincing 56-21 win at home against Kalamazoo, nationally-ranked Hope College will travel to Adrian College to take on the undefeated Bulldogs. Adrian just entered the D3football rankings at #25 after their 48-17 win against Calvin. Hope is 18<sup>th</sup> in the week's AFCA poll and 19<sup>th</sup> in the D3football rankings.

The Flying Dutchmen continue to roll on offense against Kalamazoo putting up back-to-back 50 point performances. In three quarters of action, Alex Thole added to his impressive season going 17-20 and throwing for 227 yards and 2 touchdowns. Defensively, Owen Graham had his second two-interception game (Alma). Liam Danitz also added to the party with 2.5 sacks making that nine on the year for the senior defensive end.

Adrian is having one of their best seasons of all-time. In Week 1, Adrian made headlines by taking down Division 1 Valparaiso 10-7. The Bulldogs will be looking to go 7-0 for the first time since 2011. Second year Head Coach Joe Palka poses a strong 12-4 record (.750%) in his early Adrian coaching career.

The Flying Dutchmen will look to force their presence with a balanced offensive attack against Adrian's strong defense. Adrian is allowing 9.7 ppg defensively while also putting up two shutouts this year (Thiel College and Manchester College).

This will be the biggest game of the season for Hope thus far as playoff implications will be on the line.



**PETER STUURSM**  
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	509-375-337
Conference Titles (Last)	23 (2024)

### LAST SEASON

2024 Overall Record	11-1
2024 Conference Record	7-0
2024 Home Record	6-0
2024 Away Record	5-1

## QUICK FACTS

Location	Holland, MI
Founded	1866
Enrollment	3,427 (Fall 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 Pimpleton
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

## WEEK 6 RECAP

Safety Owen Graham and the nationally ranked Hope College football team enjoyed one big weekend. The senior from Caledonia, Michigan (Caledonia HS), intercepted two passes in a game for the second time in three games, delivering during an early swarming effort that propelled the Flying Dutchmen to a 56-21 victory over Kalamazoo College on Saturday.

The Orange and Blue finished with 544 yards of total offense, with 260 on the ground and 284 through the air. Twelve different Flying Dutchmen recorded at least one carry, and 12 more caught at least one pass. Sophomore running back AJ Martel (Mason, Michigan / Mason) scored on runs of 13 and 5 yards

## WEEK 5 RECAP

Two recovered fumbles and three fourth-quarter touchdowns over a span of six minutes helped the nationally-ranked Hope College football team secure a 55-35 victory at Trine University on Saturday. The Flying Dutchmen erupted for their highest-scoring game against the Thunder.

Junior quarterback Alex Thole (Schoolcraft, Michigan / Schoolcraft) threw for 312 yards and four touchdowns, completing 19-of-29 passes. Senior linebacker Micah Bush (Hudsonville, Michigan / Unity Christian) and defensive end Liam Danitz (West Branch, Michigan / Ogemaw Heights) set up touchdowns during a 21-point fourth quarter by recovering fumbles.

## WEEK 4 RECAP

The 15th-ranked Hope College football team saw its 16-game regular season winning streak snapped Saturday afternoon by Alma College in a stunning ending at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium, 29-26, in overtime in the MIAA opener for both teams. In overtime, Alma (2-2) won the opening toss and went on defense first. Hope could not pick up a first down, so Balkon kicked his longest field goal of the season, a 30-yarder, to give the Flying Dutchmen a 26-23 lead. The Orange and Blue thought they had secured the victory on Alma's second



play of overtime. What appeared to be a pass completion and a lateral that was recovered by Hope was ruled an incomplete pass, and the Scots' drive continued. On fourth down from the Hope 2, Alma quarterback Carter St. John's pass was tipped into the air, and caught by tight end Miles Haggart at the back of the end zone for the winning score.

## WEEK 3 RECAP

Defensive end Tate Bezeau (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) tracked down elusive Mount St. Joseph University quarterback Jaxon Schreiber one last time, securing the game-clinching, fourth-down sack that earned the Hope College football team a 31-28 victory on Saturday. The 15th-ranked Flying Dutchmen weathered a ferocious pride of Lions during the second half in front of a Ray and Sue Smith Stadium crowd of 3,013 on the inaugural Orange and Blue Weekend. Hope scored 28 points during the fourth quarter on four touchdowns to take a 28-7 halftime lead. Senior Caden Balkon's 22-yard, fourth-quarter field goal was the difference.

## WEEK 2 RECAP

The nationally-ranked Hope College football team delivered another dynamic first half on the road and a 2-0 start to the season. The Flying Dutchmen overpowered Franklin College (Indiana) during the opening two quarters to earn a 38-14 victory on Sept. 13. Despite challenging weather conditions, the Flying Dutchmen scored 31 consecutive points during the first half after the Grizzlies jumped to a 7-0 lead on the opening drive. Hope finished with 509 yards in total offense, with 330 yards passing and 179 rushing. Junior receiver Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Rockford, Michigan / Rockford) set career-highs with 134 yards receiving and seven catches, including a 62-yarder for a game-tying touchdown.

## OVERALL

**Most Points:** 62 (Loras)  
**Fewest Points:** 31 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most Opposing Points:** 35 (Trine)  
**Fewest Opposing Points:** 0 (Loras)  
**Most Total Offense:** 658 (Loras)  
**Fewest Total Offense:** 357 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most First Downs, Total:** 28 (Loras)  
**Least First Downs, Total:** 21 (Mount Saint Joseph)

## RUSHING

**Most Rushing Yards:** 270 (Loras)  
**Fewest Rushing Yards:** 161 (Alma)  
**Most Rushing Yards Allowed:** 136 (Alma)  
**Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed:** 1 (Franklin)  
**Most Rushing Attempts:** 46 (Loras, Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Fewest Rushing Attempts:** 23 (Franklin)  
**Most Rushing TDs:** 8 (Loras)  
**Fewest Rushing TDs:** 1 (Alma)  
**Most Opposing Rushing TDs:** 2 (Alma)  
**Fewest Opposing Rushing TDs:** 0 (Loras, Franklin, Mt St Joseph, Trine)  
**Most First Downs, Rushing:** 13 (Trine)  
**Least First Downs, Rushing:** 7 (Franklin)

## PASSING

**Most Passing Yards:** 388 (Loras)  
**Fewest Passing Yards:** 187 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most Opposing Passing Yards:** 367 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Fewest Opposing Passing Yards:** 121 (Loras)  
**Most Passing Attempts:** 44 (Alma)  
**Fewest Passing Attempts:** 19 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most Opposing Passing Attempts:** 53 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Fewest Opposing Passing Attempts:** 36 (Loras)  
**Most Passing Completions:** 33 (Alma)  
**Fewest Passing Completions:** 15 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most Opposing Passing Completions:** 38 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Fewest Opposing Passing Completions:** 17 (Alma)  
**Most Passing Touchdowns:** 4 (Trine)  
**Fewest Passing Touchdowns:** 1 (Loras, Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most Opposing Passing TDs:** 4 (Mount Saint Joseph, Trine)  
**Fewest Opposing Passing TDs:** 0 (Loras)  
**Most First Downs, Passing:** 16 (Franklin)  
**Least First Downs, Passing:** 10 (Mount Saint Joseph)

## OTHER

**Most Sacks:** 5 (Franklin)  
**Fewest Sacks:** 0 (Loras)  
**Most Opposing Sacks:** 4 (Loras)  
**Fewest Opposing Sacks:** 0 (Franklin)  
**Most Fumbles Recovered:** 1 (Loras)  
**Most Fumbles Lost:** 1 (Loras, Alma)  
**Most Interceptions:** 3 (Alma)  
**Most Interceptions Thrown:** 1 (Franklin, Alma)  
**Most Punts:** 4 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Fewest Punts:** 1 (Loras, Franklin, Kalamazoo)  
**Most Opposing Punts:** 10 (Loras)  
**Fewest Opposing Punts:** 2 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Most Penalties:** 10 (Trine)  
**Fewest Penalties:** 2 (Loras)  
**Most Penalty Yards:** 56 (Trine)  
**Fewest Penalty Yards:** 25 (Franklin)  
**Most First Downs Allowed:** 25 (Mount Saint Joseph)  
**Least First Downs, Allowed:** 9 (Loras)

## WEEK 1 RECAP

The Flying Dutchmen scored the most points ever against a collegiate opponent in a season opener during a 62-0 victory vs. Loras College (Iowa) of the American Rivers Conference on Sept. 6, surpassing a 55-7 Week 1 win vs. DePauw (Ind.) in 1977.

The Flying Dutchmen once produced 81 points against Grand Rapids Catholic Central High in the 1913 season opener. Hope also posted the back-to-back shutouts in season openers since 1978 and 1979, when they defeated Marantha (Wisconsin) College, 28-0 and 64-0.

## WINNING TRADITION

The Flying Dutchmen enter this afternoon with a 512-375-40 all-time record (.574), including a 248-112-6 record (.686) in MIAA conference play since 1958.

The first recorded Hope football game kicked off in 1893. Led by head coach Erasmus A. Whitenack, Hope defeated a team from the City of Holland in November. The final score and exact date of the game are unknown.

## PASSING LEADER

Quarterback Alex Thole leads the MIAA with 1,652 passing yards and 275.3 passing yards per game.

In his first season with the Flying Dutchmen, Thole has completed 120-of-162 passes with 12 touchdowns and two interceptions.

Thole is first in the league in passing efficiency at 181.7.

## TRIPLE THREAT

Three Hope running backs rank among the Top 11 in the MIAA for rushing yards:

5. AJ Martel, 377 yards (73 carries) 5.2 yards per carry;
7. Trey Goike, 370 yards (32 carries) 8.6 yards per carry;
11. Kal Motter, 247 yards (42 carries) 5.9 yards per carry.

The Flying Dutchmen are averaging 212.7 rushing yards per game.



## PAT KING

Senior placekicker Caden Balkon (Byron Center, Michigan / Byron Center) set the Hope College Football career point after touchdown record at Loras.

Balkon reached 112 PATs in 22 games after making 8-of-9 attempts for the nationally-ranked Flying Dutchmen against the Duhawks. After six games, Balkon has made 138 PATs.

Nate Barnett '16 held the previous record with 111 over four seasons between 2002-05. Balkon has been Hope's placekicker since the 2023 season. The political science major previously totaled 37 PATs in 2023 and a school-record 67 last season.

## SACK ATTACK

Defensive end Liam Danitz is getting to the quarterback at a MIAA-leading pace this season. The senior already has set a career-high with nine sacks this season. Danitz also is tied for third place in NCAA Division III for sacks this season.

## ON THE OFFENSIVE

The Flying Dutchmen have racked up yards unlike few NCAA Division III teams this season, producing 514.2 yards of total offense per game that ranks sixth. The national leader is University of Wisconsin-River Falls from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at 600.7 yards per game.

## POSSESSION IS THE KEY

The Flying Dutchmen have been winning the time of possession battle at an elite level this season, ranking 19<sup>th</sup> in NCAA Division III at 33:58 minutes per game. The national leader is Springfield College from the NEWMAC at 36:29.

## RUSHING

- Most Carries: 17, Alex Thole (Alma)
- Most Yards: 103, Kal Motter (Trine)
- Most TDs: 2, AJ Martel (Loras, Trine, Kalamazoo), Mike Murphy (Loras)
- Longest Rush: 63, Kal Motter (Trine)

## PASSING

- Most Completion: 33, Alex Thole (Alma)
- Most Attempts: 44, Alex Thole (Alma)

- Most TD Passes: 4, Alex Thole (Trine)
- Longest Pass: 80, Alex Thole (Trine)

## RECEIVING

- Most Receptions: 7, Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Franklin, Alma, Trine)
- Most Yards: 134, Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Franklin)
- Most TD Receptions: 1, Travis Myers (Loras, Franklin, Kalamazoo), Jonny Rohen Blanton (Franklin), Kal Motter (Mount Saint Joseph), Trevor Griffiths (Alma), Billy Sternberg (Alma), Jack Goldie (Kalamazoo)
- Longest Reception: 80, Travis Myers (Trine)

## DEFENSE

- Most Tackles: 10, Colton Schreur (Trine)
- Most Tackles for Loss: 3.5, Liam Danitz (Franklin)
- Most Sacks: 3, Liam Danitz (Franklin)
- Most Ints: 2, Owen Graham (Alma, Kalamazoo)
- Forced Fumbles: 1, Caleb Paarlberg (Trine), Austin Harvey (Trine)
- Forced Recoveries: 2, Liam Danitz (Trine)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

- Most Field Goals: 2, Caden Balkon (Alma)
- Longest Field Goal: 30, Caden Balkon (Alma)
- Most Punts: 6, Noah Dunckel (Trine)
- Best Punting Average: 45.0, Noah Dunckel (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Longest Punt: 52.0, Noah Dunckel (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Punts Inside the 20: 2, Noah Dunckel (Trine)
- Longest Punt Return: 52, Gavin Reames (Loras)
- Longest Kickoff Return: 39, Gavin Reames (Mount Saint Joseph)

## OPPONENTS

- Most Carries: 20, Eddie Williams (Loras)
- Most Rushing Yards: 100, Eddie Williams (Alma)
- Most TD Rushes: 2 (Eddie Williams)
- Longest Rush: 48, Eddie Williams (Alma)
- Most Passing Completions: 36, Jaxon Schreiber (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Most Passing Attempts: 53, Jaxon Schreiber (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Most Passing Yards: 367, Jaxon Schreiber (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Most TD Passes: 4, Jaxon Schreiber (Mt Saint Joseph), RJ West (Trine)
- Longest Pass: 70, Carter St. John (Alma)
- Most Receptions: 14, Eli Aston (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Most Receiving Yards: 148, Eli Aston (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Most TD Receptions: 4, Eli Aston (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Longest Reception: 70, Zach Poff (Alma)
- Most Tackles: 13, Niko Jemilo (Loras), Luke Paff (Mount Saint Joseph)
- Most Tackles for Loss: 5, Drew Diers (Loras)
- Most Sacks: 2, Drew Diers and Niko Jemilo (Loras)
- Most Interceptions: 1, Jace Dorsey (Franklin), Mar'sean Massenberg (Alma)
- Most Field Goals: 1, Jace Heck (Alma)
- Longest Field Goal: 22, Jace Heck (Alma)

## COACHING STAFF ADDITIONS

Head coach Peter Stuursma hired three new assistant coaches during the offseason: Sam/Nickels coach Brendann Brown, defensive line coach Isiah Hicks and H//y coach Drew Peterson.

Brown played at Grand Valley State University for four seasons, earning All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 2021 and 2019 as a linebacker. He totaled 125 tackles, two forced fumbles and one interception during his career. He was named GVSU's most improved defensive player in 2019. Brown played at Farmington Hills Harrison HS for Hall of Fame head coach John Harrington. Brown earned his Master's degree in Communication and Media Studies from GVSU in 2023 and his bachelor's degree in Communication and Media Studies in 2021.

Peterson played tight end for four years at Grand Valley State University, totaling 30 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns in 48 games played between 2021-24. A four-year letterwinner, Peterson claimed All-Academic accolades from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference four times.

Hicks was elevated into an expanded role after serving as a student assistant during the 2024 season. He played on the defensive line for three years. He graduated from Hope with a bachelor's degree in special education.

## CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE

In 2024, Hope claimed an MIAA title for the 23rd time in program history last season 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 MIAA play in 2024, 2019 and 2009 seasons, and 5-0 in 2000, 1987, 1984, 1982, 1981, 1978 and 1973.

## A 2024 TO REMEMBER

The Flying Dutchmen accomplished a lot during the 2024 season, including the first 10-0 regular season in the 122-year history of the program. Hope clinched the mark with a 48-12 victory at The University of Olivet on Nov. 16, 2024.. It was the Flying Dutchmen's third unbeaten regular season



in school history. The Flying Dutchmen went 8-0-1 in 1975 and 9-0 in 1984, both under legendary head coach Ray Smith.

Hope went on the post the first NCAA Division III playoff victory in program history with a 49-21 victory against Aurora University (Ill.) in the second round. The Flying Dutchmen lost to eventual national champion North Central College (Ill.), 41-21, in the third round. The Flying Dutchmen outscored opponents by a 492-163 margin during the 2024 season. Hope scored at least 40 points eight times, with a season-low of 34 during a 34-13 victory at Alma on Sept. 28. The Flying Dutchmen shut out two foes and held seven to single digits. Hope also broke six school records: points, touchdowns, rushing touchdowns, total offense, rushing yards and first downs.

## HISTORY BOOK

Dr. Todd Harburn's passion for Hope College, history and college football runs deep like a go route. The 1978 Hope graduate and former football student-athlete for the Flying Dutchmen has authored "'Every college ought to have a...football eleven': Hope College Football, Earliest coaches and teams 1893-1919", a 152-page book about how the now-proudly NCAA Division III and Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association program kicked off. Dr. Harburn, who also served as the team physician for the Flying Dutchmen for two decades before retiring in 2022, is proud to provide a "small supplement" to previous Hope Athletics history books authored by Gordon Brewer '48 and Tom Renner '67.

The book can be purchased through the Hope College Bookstore. All proceeds benefit the Hope Athletics Orange and Blue Fund.

## 2025 STANDINGS

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

## 2025 MIAA PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1. ALMA (10 points, 4 1st place)
2. HOPE (11 points, 4 1st place)
3. ADRIAN (23)
4. TRINE (25)
5. ALBION (26)
6. OLIVET (42)
7. CALVIN (43)
8. KALAMAZOO (44)

## 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 STUURSMa *HEAD COACH*

In eight seasons, head coach Peter Stuursma '93 has guided the Hope College football team to a 68-18 overall record, including a 43-9 mark in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games.

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. He also guided the Flying Dutchmen to their first postseason win with a 49-21 second-round victory vs. Aurora University.

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	11-0-0	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 2023 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 2023 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.



**BRENDANN BROWN**  
Nickels and Sam Coach

Brendann Brown joined the Hope College Football coaching staff as Sam and Nickels coach for the 2025 season. Brown played at Grand Valley State University for four seasons, earning All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 2021 and 2019 as a linebacker. He totaled 125 tackles, two forced fumbles and one interception during his career. He was named GVSU's most improved defensive player in 2019.



**ISIAH HICKS**  
Defensive Line Coach

Isaiah Hicks '25 joined the Hope College Football staff before the 2024 season as a student assistant coach and was named the defensive line coach before the 2025 season. Hicks played on the defensive line for the Flying Dutchmen for three years. He graduated from Hope with a bachelor's degree in special education.



**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.



**DREW PETERSON**  
H/Y Coach

Drew Peterson joined the Hope College Football staff as the H/Y coach for the 2025 season. Peterson played tight end for four years at Grand Valley State University, totaling 30 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns in 48 games played between 2021-24. A four-year letterwinner, Peterson claimed All-Academic accolades from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference four times.

# FLYING DUTCHMEN *BREAKDOWN*



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



**HEAD COACH  
PETER STUURSMa**  
RECORD AT HOPE: 70-19

## HOPE 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

<b>PASSING</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>INT</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>YPG</b>
ALEX THOLE	120	161	2	74.53	12	274.83
DALLAS SAUSER	10	13	0	76.92	0	24.50

<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>AVG/G</b>
AJ MARTEL	73	377	5.2	8	19	62.83
TREY GOIKE	37	320	8.6	3	55	64.0
KAL MOTTER	42	247	5.9	3	63	49.40

<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>AVG/G</b>
JONNY ROHEN-BLANTON	35	529	15.11	2	62	88.17
TRAVIS MYERS	23	461	20.04	4	80	76.83
TREVOR GRIFFITHS	15	174	11.60	2	38	29.00

<b>PUNTING</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>
NOAH DUNCKEL	18	658	36.56

<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>LONG</b>	<b>PATs</b>
CADEN BALKON	4	7	57.14	30	34-37

<b>PUNT RETURNS</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>
GAVIN REAMES	7	95	13.57	0

<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>
GAVIN REAMES	15	374	24.93	0

## OPPONENT **BREAKDOWN**



**ADRIAN  
BULLDOGS**  
6-0, 3-0 MIAA



**HEAD COACH  
JOE PALKA**  
RECORD AT ADRIAN: 12-4

## ADRIAN 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

<b>PASSING</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>INT</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>YPG</b>
NOAH BEAUDRIE	117	157	1	74.52	14	244.67

<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>AVG/G</b>
TREY BRUEGGEMANN	78	401	5.1	9	65	66.83
NOAH BEAUDRIE	50	254	5.1	6	69	42.33
TYLER MORGAN	29	233	8.0	1	27	38.33

<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>AVG/G</b>
ETHAN ABBERGER	45	530	11.78	5	86	88.33
BRAIDEN WHITAKER	31	417	13.45	5	52	69.50
RYAN BRUMLEY	14	187	13.36	1	41	31.17

# TEAM COMPARISON



## NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	HOPE	ADRIAN
Rushing Offense	34th	32nd
Rushing Defense	17th	3rd
Total Offense	6th	22nd
Scoring Offense	14th	9th
Passing Offense	23rd	5th
Total Defense	82nd	3rd
Scoring Defense	78th	5th
Red-Zone Offense	t-54th	95th
Red-Zone Defense	t-125th	8th
Net Punting	132nd	157th
Punt Returns	35th	114th
Kickoff Returns	77th	227th
Turnover Margin	T-9th	1st
Time of Possession	10th	24th

## LEAGUE RANKINGS

### HOPE RANKINGS

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

### KALAMAZOO RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	3rd
Passing Offense	5th
Total Offense	2nd
Scoring Offense	1st
Rushing Defense	1st
Passing Defense	1st
Total Defense	1st
Scoring Defense	1st
Net Punting	6th
Punt Returns	7th
Kickoff Returns	8th
Time of Possession	2nd

## SERIES HISTORY

**SERIES:** 55-26-1  
**AT HOLLAND:** 30-12-1  
**AT ADRIAN:** 25-14

# HOPE FOOTBALL *DEPTH CHART*

GAME SEVEN VS. ADRIAN

## OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	4	Alex Thole	Jr.	5-10	190
	16	Dallas Sauser	Jr.	6-2	167
<b>RB</b>	22	Kal Motter	So.	5-10	194
	8	AJ Martel	So.	5-10	195
<b>LT</b>	72	Brett Showers	Sr.	6-6	307
	73	Aaron Hunt	Fr.	6-4	263
<b>LG</b>	56	Kemper Millis	Sr.	6-1	315
	61	Nolan Collins	So.	6-2	273
<b>C</b>	59	Rob MacAleese	Sr.	6-1	266
	63	Caleb Fisher	So.	6-1	273
<b>RG</b>	75	Timothy Clay	Jr.	6-1	249
	71	Phillip McLaurin	Jr.	6-1	273
<b>RT</b>	77	Jeremyah Libema	So.	6-2	270
	62	Nick Saade	So.	6-4	326
<b>H/Y</b>	40	Seth Luhmann	Jr.	6-0	225
	11	Billy Sternberg	Sr.	6-0	215
<b>WR</b>	1	Eli VanderVeen	Jr.	6-5	208
	15	Kaden DeHorn	Jr.	6-5	232
<b>WR</b>	6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	Jr.	5-10	182
	2	Trevor Griffiths	Jr.	5-10	168
<b>WR</b>	5	Travis Myers	Jr.	6-1	175
	10	Liam Young	So.	6-1	193

## DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	69	Tate Bezeau	Jr.	6-3	248
	43	Tyler Radley	So.	6-1	234
<b>DT</b>	48	Jake Punches	So.	6-0	246
	55	Jayden Libema	So.	6-2	270
<b>DT</b>	11	Caleb Paarlberg	Sr.	6-2	258
	53	Micah McCurry	Sr.	6-4	251
<b>DE</b>	0	Liam Danitz	Sr.	6-5	227
	81	Caden Vanden Berge	Jr.	6-4	240
<b>LB</b>	6	Micah Bush	Sr.	5-10	210
	28	Nolan Vis	Fr.	5-11	207
<b>LB</b>	5	Colton Schreur	Sr.	5-11	198
	41	Gavin Zbytowski	So.	6-0	209
<b>LB</b>	21	Bryce Debri	Sr.	5-11	196
	27	Dom Cassise	Fr.	6-1	192
<b>S</b>	9	Tyson Mann	Jr.	6-1	184
	25	Trenton Bolhouse	So.	6-3	189
<b>S</b>	42	Owen Graham	Sr.	5-11	215
	20	Tyler Gavette	So.	5-10	191
<b>CB</b>	13	Austin Harvey	Jr.	6-1	196
	4	Jack Jacobs	So.	6-1	177
<b>CB</b>	2	Lorenzo Vitti	Jr.	6-0	175
	10	Louis Bosscher	So.	6-1	189

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>PK</b>	30	Caden Balkon	Sr.	5-11	200
	32	Daniel Klein	Fr.	6-0	158
<b>HOLD</b>	6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton	Jr.	5-10	182
	5	Travis Myers	Sr.	6-1	175
<b>LS</b>	70	Ian McGrath	Fr.	5-11	232
	25	Mike Murphy	So.	5-10	212

<b>P</b>	26	Noah Dunckel	So.	5-11	209
	32	Daniel Klein	Fr.	6-0	158
<b>KR</b>	7	Gavin Reames	Sr.	6-1	200
	10	Liam Young	So.	6-1	193
<b>PR</b>	7	Gavin Reames	Sr.	6-1	200
	10	Liam Young	So.	6-1	193

## 2025 HOPE TRAVEL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.
0	Liam Danitz (dan its)	DL
0	Connor Knapp (nap)	WR
1	Keaton Hendricks	CB
1	Eli VanderVeen	WR
2	Lorenzo Vitti (vee-tee)	CB
2	Trevor Griffiths	WR
3	Jonathan Pittman	QB
3	Easton Phipps	LB
4	Jack Jacobs	CB
4	Alex Thole (rhymes w/hole)	QB
5	Travis Myers	WR
5	Colton Schreur (skure)	LB
6	Jonny Rohen-Blanton (row-hen)	WR
6	Micah Bush (my-cuh)	LB
7	Landon Conrad	S
7	Gavin Reames (reams)	WR
8	AJ Martel (Mar-tell)	RB
9	Tyson Mann	S
10	Louis Bosscher (baugh-sure)	CB
10	Liam Young (lee-um)	WR
11	Caleb Paarlberg (Parl-burgh)	DL
11	Billy Sternberg	H/Y
13	Austin Harvey	CB
14	Charlie Norton	WR
15	Kaden DeHorn (kay din)	WR
16	Dallas Sauser (saucer)	QB
18	Mason Gougis (goo-giss)	S
18	Tyson Williams	QB
20	Caden Brownell	H/Y
20	Tyler Gavette (guh-vet)	S
21	Bryce Debri (deb ree)	S
21	Trey Goike (goy-key)	RB
22	Maddox Greenfield	S
22	Kal Motter (mott-ure)	RB
23	Joey Mahaney (muh-hay-nee)	S
24	Tommy Bauss (boss)	H/Y

#	NAME	POS.
25	Trenten Bolhouse (boll-house)	S
25	Mike Murphy	RB
26	Noah Dunckel (dunk-ell)	P/RB
27	Dom Cassise (cuh-see-say)	S
28	Nolan Vis (rhymes w/hiss)	LB
30	Caden Balkon(ball-ken)	K
32	Daniel Klein	K
40	Seth Luhmann (lew-man)	H/Y
41	Gabin Zbytowski (zibb-uh-tau-ski)	LB
42	Owen Graham	S
43	Tyler Radley (rad-lee)	DL
44	Patrick Rowland	DL
48	Jake Punches	DL
49	Connor Brintnall (brit-nawl)	LB
53	Micah McCurry	DL
55	Jayden Libema (lie-bee-muh)	DL
56	Kemper Millis (mill-iss)	OL
59	Rob MacAleese (mac-uh-lease)	OL
61	Nolan Collins	OL
62	Nick Saade (sod-day)	OL
63	Caleb Fisher	OL
65	Braden Hembree (hem-brie)	OL
69	Tate Bezeau (bee-zo)	DL
70	Ian McGrath (mich-graph)	LS
71	Phillip McLaurin (mick-lore-in)	OL
72	Brett Showers	OL
73	Aaron Hunt	OL
75	Timothy Clay	OL
77	Jeremyah Libema (lie-bee-muh)	OL
79	Griffin Bloch (block)	OL
81	Caden VandenBerge	DL
82	Skye VanderKuyll (van-der-kyle)	H/Y
84	Aiden O'Brien	WR
85	Braylen Amos	WR
87	Jack Goldie	H/Y
97	Jude Osanaiye (Oh-san-away)	DL
99	Jacob Reynolds	DL