



GAME 2 | SEPT. 13, 2025 | 1:30 P.M. EST | FRANKLIN, IN | FAUGHT STADIUM



HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCHMEN
1-0, 0-0 MIAA

VS.



FRANKLIN COLLEGE
GRIZZLIES
1-0, 0-0 HCAC

Record _____ 1-0 (0-0 MIAA)
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) _____ 18/17
Last Game _____ Sept. 13, 2025, v. Loras; W, 62-0
Head Coach _____ Peter Stuursma
Record at Hope _____ 66-18 (Ninth Season)

Record _____ 1-0 (0-0 HCAC)
Ranking (D3fb/AFCA) _____ na/na
Last Game _____ Sept. 6, 2025, v. Ohio Northern; W, 27-20
Head Coach _____ Mike Leonard
Record at Franklin _____ 129-55 (18th season)

2025 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game _____ 62.00
1st Downs _____ 28
Rushing Yards _____ 270
Passing Yards _____ 388
Total Offense _____ 659
Touchdowns _____ 9
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) _____ 6-5
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) _____ 1-0
Time of Possession _____ 35:38
Sacks _____ 0

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing _____ Alex Thole (15-27, 305 yds, 1 TD)
Rushing _____ Trey Goike (5 att, 94 yds, 1 TD)
Receiving _____ Travis Myers (42 rec, 121 yds, 1 TD)
Tackles _____ Nolan Vis (5 tot, 4 solo, 1 asst)
Sacks _____ n/a
Interceptions _____ Easton Phipps, Bryce Debri (1)

2025 TEAM STATISTICS

Points per game _____ 27.00
1st Downs _____ 28
Rushing Yards _____ 150
Passing Yards _____ 322
Total Offense _____ 472
Touchdowns _____ 4
Red Zone Offense (att-scores) _____ 3-1
Red Zone Defense (att-scores) _____ 5-3
Time of Possession _____ 35:45
Sacks _____ 3

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing _____ Marshall Kmiecik (21-35, 238 yds, 3 TD)
Rushing _____ Trevor Winkles (16 att, 71 yds, 0 TD)
Receiving _____ Jordan Fonda (4 rec, 127 yds, 2 TD)
Tackles _____ Drew Servies (9 tot, 7 solo, 2 asst)
Sacks _____ Carter Edney (1)
Interceptions _____ Haidyn Bulmer (1)



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2025 SCHEDULE

	Sept. 6	Loras Duhawks Rock Bowl Dubuque, IA	W 62-0
	Sept. 13	Franklin Grizzlies Faught Stadium Franklin, IN	1:30 PM ET
	Sept. 20	Mount Saint Joseph Lions Ray and Sue Smith Stadium Holland, MI	1:00 PM ET
	Sept. 27	Alma Scots Ray and Sue Smith Stadium Holland, MI	1:00 PM EST
	Oct. 4	Trine Thunder Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium Angola, IN	1:00 PM ET
	Oct. 18	Kalamazoo Hornets Ray and Sue Smith Stadium Holland, MI	2:00 PM ET
	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....

be the Flying Dutchmen's 14th regular-season victory in a row. Hope's last regular-season loss was to Alma College, 35-17, at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium on Oct. 14, 2023.

mark the Flying Dutchmen's third 2-0 start during head coach Peter Stuursma's tenure. Hope also posted back-to-back victories to begin the 2024 and 2022 seasons.

be the Flying Dutchmen's ninth against a Heartland Collegiate Athletics Conference opponent in 20 games. Hope is 8-10-1 (.447) against HCAC teams. The Flying Dutchmen defeated two HCAC foes last season: Franklin and Rose-Hulman.

FOOTBALL BACK ON THE ROAD AFTER WEEK 1 SHOUTOUT

The nationally-ranked Flying Dutchmen travel to Franklin, Indiana, looking to start 2-0 for the second season in a row third time in four seasons.

After a dominating week one, defeating Loras College 62-0, the Flying Dutchmen face the Franklin Grizzlies and are aiming to win their fourth consecutive victory against a Heartland Conference Athletic Conference opponent.

Franklin holds an all-time record of 5-1-1 against Hope, but the Flying Dutchmen won last season, 48-6, at home.. In Week 1, Franklin (1-0) beat Ohio Northern in a close 27-20 matchup. After allowing 126 yards through the air last week against Loras. Hope's experienced secondary will be tested against Franklin's air raid offense under returning head coach Mike Leonard.

In Week 1, the Flying Dutchmen held Loras to 163 yards and forced three turnovers. The Orange and Blue put up back-to-back shutouts against Loras after winning, 49-0, last season at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium.

Freshman linebacker Nolan Vis led the team in tackles with five. Hope's linebacker core as a whole forced the three turnovers with two interceptions and one fumble recovery.

Offensively, Hope had a balanced attack against Loras, passing the ball 34 times for 388 yards and rushing the ball 46 times for 270 yards. Junior transfer quarterback Alex Thole had a solid outing throwing for 305 yards and a touchdown in his Hope debut. Six different Flying Dutchmen scored touchdowns.



PETER STUURSMASMA
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

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	3,369 (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	https://miaa.org
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

NATIONALLY RANKED

The Flying Dutchmen entered Week 2 ranked 17th in the American Football Coaches Association poll and 18th in the D3football.com rankings. Hope entered the season ranked in both national polls for the first time, finishing 20th in each poll.

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 of the American Rivers Conference last week, surpassing a 55-7 Week 1 win vs. DePauw (Ind.) in 1977. Hope scored 81 points against Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School during the first game of the 1913 season.

PASSING FANCY

The Flying Dutchmen finished the Loras game with 388 passing yards from four quarterbacks who played. the most since throwing for 352 during a 38-28 victory at home vs. Trine in the 2023 season finale. The aerial attack led to 688 yards of total offense, the second consecutive game vs. Loras with 600-plus yards of total offense.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT QB

Junior transfer Alex Thole makes his second career start for the Flying Dutchmen this afternoon against Franklin. The Schoolcraft, Mich., native led the offense for 11 drives against Loras, six of which of which resulted in touchdowns and a 41-0 halftime lead. Thole finished completing 15-of-27 passes for 305 yards and one touchdown. Thole spent the past three seasons as a reserve at NCAA Division II Grand Valley State University, playing in 15 games. At GVSU, he completed 23-of-42 passes, finishing with 368 yards passing, three touchdowns and three interceptions.

SPREADING THE BALL

Three Flying Dutchmen receivers caught at least four passes vs. Loras. Senior Travis Myers (Ada, Mich. / Forest Hills Northern) led the group with four receptions for 121 yards and one touchdowns. Unior Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Rockford, Mich. / Rockford) totaled four catches for 79 yards,



and junior Trevor Griffiths (Stevensville, Mich. / Lakeshore) with four receptions for 34 yards. Eight receivers in all caught at least one pass during the game.

GROUND GAME

The Flying Dutchmen excelled with their rushing attack vs. Loras, finishing with 270 yards on 46 carries from eight different ballcarries. Freshman Trey Goike (White Lake, Mich. / Orchard Lake St. Mary's) led the ground ball with 95 yards on five carries, including a 55-yard score during the third quarter.

PAT KING

Senior placekicker Caden Balkon (Byron Center, Michigan / Byron Center) set the Hope College Football career point after touchdown record during Saturday's 62-0 season-opening victory at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.. Balkon reached 112 PATs in 22 games after making 8-of-9 attempts for the nationally-ranked Flying Dutchmen against the Duhawks. 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.

MIAA PRESEASON POLL

The Flying Dutchmen were projected to contend for an MIAA title repeat this fall. Hope placed a narrow second in the 2025 MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll, totaling 11 points and placing one behind Alma College. The Flying Dutchmen and Alma split the first-place vote, collecting four apiece. Adrian College took third with 23 points and was followed by Trine University (25), Albion College (26), The University of Olivet (42), Calvin University (43) and Kalamazoo College (44).

OVERALL

Most Points: 62 (Loras)
 Fewest Points: 62 (Loras)
 Most Opposing Points: 0 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Points: 0 (Loras)
 Most Total Offense: 658 (Loras)
 Fewest Total Offense: 658 (Trine)
 Most First Downs, Total: 28 (Loras)
 Least First Downs, Total: 28 (Loras)

RUSHING

Most Rushing Yards: 270 (Loras)
 Fewest Rushing Yards: 270 (Loras)
 Most Rushing Yards Allowed: 46 (Loras)
 Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 46 (Loras)
 Most Rushing Attempts: 46 (Loras)
 Fewest Rushing Attempts: 46 (Loras)
 Most Rushing TDs: 8 (Loras)
 Fewest Rushing TDs: 8 (Loras)
 Most/Fewest Opposing Rushing TDs: 0 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Rushing TDs: 0 (Loras)
 Most First Downs, Rushing: 12 (Loras)
 Least First Downs, Rushing: 12 (Loras)

PASSING

Most Passing Yards: 388 (Loras)
 Fewest Passing Yards: 388 (Loras)
 Most Opposing Passing Yards: 121 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Passing Yards: 121 (Loras)
 Most Passing Attempts: 34 (Loras)
 Fewest Passing Attempts: 34 (Loras)
 Most Opposing Passing Attempts: 36 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Passing Attempts: 36 (Loras)
 Most Passing Completions: 19 (Loras)
 Fewest Passing Completions: 19 (Loras)
 Most Opposing Passing Completions: 18 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Passing Completions: 18 (Loras)
 Most Passing Touchdowns: 1 (Loras)
 Fewest Passing Touchdowns: 1 (Loras)
 Most Opposing Passing TDs: 0 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Passing TDs: 0 (Loras)
 Most First Downs, Passing: 12 (Loras)
 Least First Downs, Passing: 12 (Loras)

OTHER

Most Sacks: 0 (Loras)
 Fewest Sacks: 0 (Loras)
 Most Opposing Sacks: 4 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Sacks: 4 (Loras)
 Most Fumbles Recovered: 1 (Loras)
 Most Fumbles Lost: 1 (Loras)
 Most Interceptions: 2 (Loras)
 Most Interceptions Thrown: 0 (Loras)
 Most Punts: 1 (Loras)
 Fewest Punts: 01(Loras)
 Most Opposing Punts: 10 (Loras)
 Fewest Opposing Punts: 10 (Loras)
 Most Penalties: 2 (Loras)
 Fewest Penalties: 2 (Loras)
 Most Penalty Yards: 30 (Loras)
 Fewest Penalty Yards: 30 (Loras)
 Most First Downs Allowed: 9 (Loras)
 Least First Downs, Allowed: 9 (Loras)

HEARTLAND HISTORY

The Flying Dutchmen own an 8-10-1 overall record against opponents from the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference:

- 3-0 vs. Anderson;
- 2-0 vs. Rose Hulman;
- 1-1 vs. Manchester;
- 1-1 vs. Mount St. Joseph;
- 1-6-1 vs. Franklin;
- 0-1 vs. Bluffton;
- 0-1 vs. Hanover.

Last season, Hope defeated two Heartland opponents: Franklin 48-6 at home on Sept. 21 and 49-7 at Rose-Hulman on Sept. 21. The Flying Dutchmen will host Mount St. Joseph on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium as part of the college's Orange and Blue Weekend.

CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE

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 league play during the 2024, 2019 and 2009 season, 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.



BIG SHOES TO FILL

The Flying Dutchmen graduated a pair of All-Americans in linebacker Cole Luhmann and right tackle Dylan Clem. Both were selected to the American Football Coaches Association All-America Teams for NCAA Division III. Luhmann was one of three first-team linebackers. Clem was one of five second-team lineman. Luhmann and Clem were the third set of Hope teammates to earn All-America accolades in the same season. Luhmann also garnered All-America honors from the Associated Press. Clem made the D3football All-America Third team.

KEY RETURNERS

The Flying Dutchmen return three 2024 All-MIAA selections, including All-MIAA first team and D3football All-Region Third Team cornerback Austin Harvey (Rockford, Mich. / Rockford HS). Two All-MIAA second-team honorees also return for Hope: H-back Seth Luhmann (Rochester Hills, Mich. / Stoney Creek) and defensive lineman Caleb Paarlberg (Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia).

PRESEASON LOOK: OFFENSE

Quarterback Alex Thole will have a deep group of receivers, including four with at least 10 catches last season: 5-9 junior Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Rockford, Mich. / Rockford), 6-5 junior Eli VanderVeen (Hudsonville, Mich. / Hudsonville), 5-10 junior Trevor Griffiths (Stevensville, Mich. / Lakeshore). Sophomores Kal Motter (Lawton, Mich. / Lawton) and AJ Martel (Mason, Mich. / Mason) lead in the back field. Senior center Rob MacAleese (Brownstown, Mich. / Oscar A. Carlson) and junior guard Timothy Clay (Byron Center, Mich. / Byron Center) are leaders up front.

RUSHING

Most Carries: 14, AJ Martel (Loras)
Most Yards: 94, Trey Goike (Loras)
Most TDs: 2, AJ Martel (Loras), Mike Murphy (Loras)
Longest Rush: 55, Trey Goike (Loras)

PASSING

Most Completion: 15, Alex Thole (Loras)
Most Attempts: 127 Alex Thole (Loras)
Most Yards: 305, Alex Thole (Loras)
Most TD Passes: 1, Alex Thole (Loras)
Longest Pass: 46, Alex Thole (Loras)

RECEIVING

Most Receptions: 4, Trevor Griffiths (Loras), Travis Myers (Loras), Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Loras)
Most Yards: 121, Travis Myers (Loras)
Most TD Receptions: 1, Travis Myers (Loras)
Longest Reception: 46, Jonny Rohen-Blanton (Loras)

DEFENSE

Most Tackles: 5, Nolan Vis (Loras)
Most Tackles for Loss: 2, Tyler Radley (Loras)
Most Sacks: 0
Most Interceptions: 1, Bryce Debri (Loras), Easton Phipps (Loras)
Forced Fumbles: 0
Forced Recoveries: 1, Micah Bush (Loras)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Most Field Goals: 0
Longest Field Goal: 0
Most Punts: 4, Noah Dunckel (Loras)
Best Punting Average: 25.0, Noah Dunckel (Loras)
Longest Punt: 35.0, Noah Dunckel (Loras)
Punts Inside the 20: 1, Noah Dunckel (Loras)
Longest Punt Return: 52, Gavin Reames (Loras)
Longest Kickoff Return: 12, Jack Goldie (Loras)

OPPONENTS

Most Carries: 17, Carter Cahill (Loras)
Most Rushing Yards: 34, Carter Cahill (Loras)
Most TD Rushes: 0
Longest Rush: 20, Carter Cahill (Loras)
Most Passing Completions: 17, Joey Helminiak (Loras)
Most Passing Attemptss: 34, Joey Helminiak (Loras)
Most Passing Yards: 117, Joey Helminiak (Loras)
Most TD Passes: 0
Longest Pass: 29, Joey Helminiak (Loras)
Most Receptions: 6, Sai McWilliams (Loras)
Most Receiving Yards: 636, Sai McWilliams (Loras)
Most TD Receptions: 0
Longest Reception: 206, Sai McWilliams (Loras)
Most Tackles: 13, Niko Jemilo (Loras)
Most Tackles for Loss: 5, Drew Diers (Loras)
Most Sacks: 2, Drew Diers and Niko Jemilo (Loras)
Most Interceptions: 0
Most Field Goals: 0
Longest Field Goal: 0

PRESEASON LOOK: DEFENSE

The Flying Dutchmen will integrate key veterans with several newcomers on defense.

At defensive end, junior Tate Bezeau (Saline, Mich. / Saline) and sophomore transfer Christian Herrema (Rockford, Mich. / Rockford) are Week 1 starters. Sophomore Jake PUNCHES (Farwell, Mich. / Clare) joins Caleb Paarlberg up front. Herrema played for Division II Hillsdale College last season.

Seniors Micah Bush (Hudsonville, Mich. / Unity Christian), Colton Schreur (Wayland, Mich. / South Christian) and Bryce DeBri (DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt) will have expanded opportunities at the linebacker position.

Junior Lorenzo Vitti (Detroit, Mich. / Divine Child) and sophomore Jack Jacobs (East Lansing, Mich. / Lansing Catholic) join Harvey in the secondary. Senior Owen Graham (Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia) and junior Tyson Mann (Byron Center, Mich. / Grandville) are among the top safeties.

“Our defensive line is back. Replacing an All-American and a four-year starter at linebacker is a huge thing, but on the back end, we return some corners,” head coach Peter Stuursma said. “We lost a great group, but we’re excited about the group we have.”

PRESEASON LOOK: SPECIAL TEAMS

Hope is counting on a veteran kicker and newcomers to fortify special teams this season.

Junior Caden Balkon (Byron Center, Mich. / Byron Center) returns to lead the unit. In 2024, Balkon made a school-record 67 PATs, surpassing Sam Allbritten’s 2019 total of 60. Balkon also made four field goals in nine attempts.

Balkon also averaged 56.7 yards per kickoff last season.

COACHING STAFF ADDITIONS

Head coach Peter Stuursma hired three new assistant coaches during the offseason: Sam/Nickels coach Brendann Brown, defensive line coach Isaaih 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.



In high school, Brown played at Farmington Hills Harrison 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.

Hicks was elevated into an expanded role after serving as a student assistant during the 2023 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.

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.

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
HOPE	1-0	0-0
ALMA	0-1	0-0
ALBION	0-1	0-0
ADRIAN	1-0	0-0
CALVIN	1-0	0-0
KALAMAZOO	1-0	0-0
OLIVET	0-1	0-0
TRINE	0-1	0-0

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 STUURSMAS *HEAD COACH*

In eight seasons, head coach Peter Stuursma '93 has guided the Hope College football team to a 66-17 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. 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
2025	1-0-0	-----
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 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.



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**
1-0, 0-0 MIAA



**HEAD COACH
PETER STUURSMa**
RECORD AT HOPE: 66-18

HOPE 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
ALEX THOLE	15	27	0	55.56	1	305.0
TYSON WILLIAMS	2	3	0	66.67	0	48.0

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
TREY GOIKE	5	94	18.8	1	55	94.0
AJ MARTEL	14	88	6.3	2	18	88.0
MIKE MURPHY	4	55	13.8	2	27	55.0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
TRAVIS MYERS	4	121	30.25	1	44	121.0
JONNY ROHEN-BLANTON	4	79	19.75	0	46	79.0
KAL MOTTER	2	50	25.0	0	28	50.0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG
NOAH DUNCKEL	4	147	36.75

FIELD GOALS	FGM	FGA	%	LONG	PATs
CADEN BALKON	0	1	0.00	0	8-9

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
GAVIN REAMES	2	56	28.0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JACK GOLDIE	1	12	12.0	0

OPPONENT **BREAKDOWN**



**FRANKLIN
GRIZZLIES**
1-0, 0-0 HCAC



**HEAD COACH
MIKE LEONARD**
RECORD AT FRANKLIN: 130-55

FRANKLIN 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	TD	YPG
MARSHALL KMIECIK	21	35	1	60.0	3	238.0
OWEN WRIGHT	1	1	0	100.0	1	84.0
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
TREVOR WINKLES	16	71	4.4	0	53	71.0
BRAYDEN WIKINS	10	56	5.6	0	43	56.0
MARSHALL KMIECIK	5	29	5.8	0	15	29.0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Lg	AVG/G
JORDAN FONDA	4	127	31.75	2	84	127.0
OWEN WRIGHT	5	113	22.6	2	34	113.0
JACE MOHR	9	37	4.11	0	13	37.0

TEAM COMPARISON



NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	HOPE	FRANKLIN
Rushing Offense	20th	82nd
Rushing Defense	36th	85th
Total Offense	4th	29th
Scoring Offense	T5th	T86th
Passing Offense	6th	25th
Total Defense	T18th	183rd
Scoring Defense	T1st	T95th
Red-Zone Offense	T91st	T190th
Red-Zone Defense	T1st	T61st
Net Punting	208th	T120st
Punt Returns	2nd	T117th
Kickoff Returns	T193rd	T187th
Turnover Margin	T8th	T79th
Time of Possession	21st	24th

LEAGUE RANKINGS

HOPE RANKINGS

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

FRANKLIN RANKINGS

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

SERIES HISTORY

SERIES: 1-6-1, Franklin leads

AT HOLLAND: 1-1

AT FRANKLIN: 0-1

SITE UNKNOWN 0-3-1