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BOSTON COLLEGE



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## GAME INFORMATION

Date	Monday, Dec. 26, 2016
Kickoff Time	2:30 p.m.
Location	Detroit, Michigan
Venue	Ford Field
Capacity	65,000
Surface	FieldTurf
Broadcast	ESPN
Internet	WatchESPN.com
Radio	BC IMG Sports Network (850 AM WEEI)
Live Stats	BC.statbroadcast.com

## THE TEAMS



### Boston College

Record	6-6, 2-6 ACC
Ranking	Not Ranked
Last Game	Nov. 26 at Wake Forest W, 17-14
Head Coach	Steve Addazio
Career Record	36-38
Record at BC	23-27
Addazio vs. Maryland	2-1
vs. Durkin	First meeting
Website	BCEagles.com

### Maryland

Record	6-5, 3-6 Big Ten
Ranking	Not Ranked
Last Game	Nov. 26 vs. Rutgers W, 31-13
Head Coach	D.J. Durkin
Career Record	6-6
Record at Maryland	6-6
Durkin vs. BC	First meeting
vs. Addazio	First meeting
Website	UMTerps.com

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## 2016 Quick Lane Bowl

### Boston College (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6)

Monday, Dec. 26 • 2:30 p.m. • ESPN • WatchESPN

Ford Field (65,000) • Detroit, Mich.

## THE GAME

- Boston College renews an old rivalry against Maryland in the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26 from Ford Field in Detroit.
- The Quick Lane Bowl is the 25th bowl appearance in school history for Boston College and the 15th bowl in the last 18 years for the Eagles. Steve Addazio is the second coach in school history (Jack Bicknell) to lead the Eagles to three bowls in the first four seasons.
- It marks the second time Boston College will play a bowl game at Ford Field in Detroit after winning the 2002 Motor City Bowl with a 51-25 victory over Toledo. The Eagles scored touchdowns on their first six possessions in the first bowl game played at Ford Field.

## THE SERIES

- The game will be the 12th all-time meeting between the two schools and the first since Maryland was in the ACC in 2013. The Eagles lead the series, 8-3, and have won the last three meetings. Boston College won the last game at Byrd Stadium, 29-26, on Nov. 23, 2013. Maryland has not won in the series since a 24-21 victory at Alumni Stadium on Oct. 23, 2010.
- Nine of the 11 all-time games played between the two Eastern schools came in ACC play. The series began in 1985 with the Terrapins winning, 31-13, over Boston College in Foxboro.
- Four members of the Boston College team are Maryland natives: Senior captain John Johnson (West Hyattsville), junior Kamrin Moore (District Heights), freshman Elijah Johnson (Severn) and junior Jack Kenny (Baltimore).

## 1ST AND 10

- Steve Addazio and Jack Bicknell are the only BC head coaches to lead the Eagles to bowl games in three of their first four seasons as head coach.
- Boston College ranked as one of the nation's top defenses the entire season. Currently, the Eagles rank seventh in the nation and first in the ACC in total defense allowing just 310.6 yards per game. BC has allowed just 106.9 rushing yards per game, seventh-best nationally and second in the conference.
- BC is also among the top-20 defenses nationally in third-down conversion percentage defense (12th, 31.9%), fourth-down conversion percentage defense (16th, 36.4%), first-down defense (Seventh, 184), fumbles recovered (11th, 12), sacks (Ninth, 3.25 per game) and tackles-for-loss (13th, 7.7 per game).

## BOSTON COLLEGE SCHEDULE

### Boston College (6-6, 2-6 ACC)

Home	3-3
Away	3-2
Neutral	0-1
ACC	2-6
Non-Conference	4-0

### Date Opponent TV Result/Time

#### September (2-2)

3	Georgia Tech*	ESPN2	L, 17-14
10	at UMass^	NESN	W, 26-7
17	at Virginia Tech	ESPNU	L, 49-0
24	Wagner	ACC Network Extra	W, 42-10

#### October (2-2)

1	Buffalo	ACC Network Extra	W, 35-3
7	No. 3 Clemson	ESPN	L, 56-10
22	Syracuse	ACC Network	L, 28-20
29	at NC State	ACC Network	W, 21-14

#### November (2-2)

5	No. 5 Louisville	ESPN2	L, 52-7
11	at No. 20 Florida St.	ESPN2	L, 45-7
19	Connecticut	ACC Network Extra	W, 30-0
26	at Wake Forest	RSN	W, 17-14

#### December (0-0)

26	vs. Maryland	ESPN	2:30 p.m.
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\*Dublin, Ireland

ACC games in bold ^Foxboro, Mass.

## THE BROADCAST

### ESPN • WatchESPN

Mark Neely (play-by-play)  
Ray Bentley (color analyst)  
Alex Corddy (sideline reporter)

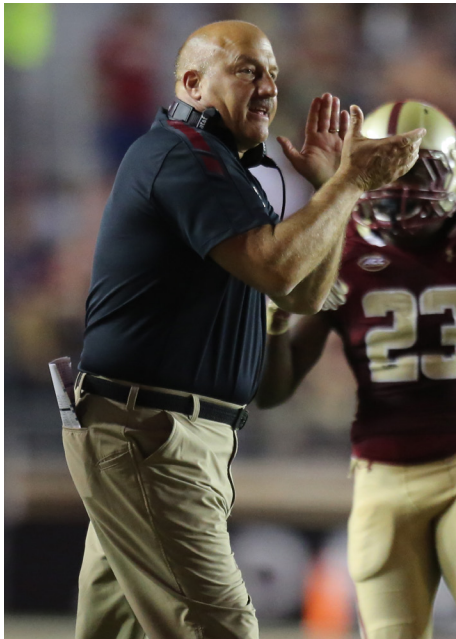


### Radio • BC IMG Sports Network

Jon Meterparel (play-by-play)  
Pete Cronan (color analyst)  
Scott Mutryn (sideline)



# BOSTON COLLEGE HEAD COACH STEVE ADDAZIO



## THE STEVE ADDAZIO FILE

Birthdate: June 1, 1959  
 Age of Sept. 1: 57  
 Hometown: Farmington, Conn.  
 College: Central Conn. St. (B.A., Physical Education, 1981)  
 Central Conn.St. (M.A., Physical Education, 1985)  
 Wife: Kathleen Donoghue  
 Children: Nicole, Jessica, Louie

## Coaching Career

1985-87  
 Western Connecticut State, Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator  
 1988-94  
 Cheshire (Conn.) HS, Head Coach  
 1995-96  
 Syracuse, Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line  
 1997-98  
 Syracuse, Offensive Line  
 1999-2001  
 Notre Dame, Offensive Line (Tackles & Tight Ends)/Special Teams  
 2002-03  
 Indiana, Offensive Line  
 2004  
 Indiana, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line  
 2005-06  
 Florida, Offensive Line (Tackles & Tight Ends)  
 2007-08  
 Florida, Offensive Line  
 2008  
 Florida, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line  
 2009  
 Florida, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line  
 2010  
 Florida, Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line  
 2011-12  
 Temple, Head Coach  
 2013-present  
 Boston College, Head Coach

Steve Addazio was named Boston College's 35th head football coach in December of 2012 and wasted no time making his mark on the program. Addazio took over an Eagles program that had suffered back-to-back losing seasons for the first time in 14 years (including a 2-10 mark in 2012) and engineered a remarkable turnaround. In what were supposed to be rebuilding years, Addazio led the Eagles to back-to-back seven-win seasons and two consecutive bowl games.

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Three players earned All-ACC honors including second team selection Harold Landry, who is tied for the national lead for sacks (15.0) and leads the country with seven forced fumbles. Landry is a finalist for the Ted Hendricks National Defensive End of the Year award.

When Addazio took over the BC football program in 2013, the team had won a total of six games the previous two seasons; BC fans knew the rebuilding process would take time, but few would have predicted the Eagles would receive back-to-back bowl invitations in Addazio's first two years as head coach. Although Addazio's youthful 2015 team was plagued by injuries and finished with a 3-9 record, they were led by the nation's top defense and came within a touchdown of winning five more games. In the final NCAA statistical rankings, the BC defense finished first in total defense (254.3 yards per game) and third down conversion defense (24.1 percent), second in fourth down conversion defense (20.0 percent), second to national champion Alabama in rushing defense (82.8 ypg.) and fourth (behind bowl teams Wisconsin, Ohio State and Alabama) in scoring defense (15.3 ppg.).

During the 2013 season, running back Andre Williams led the nation in rushing, earned the Doak Walker Award as the nation's premier running back and took a trip to New York as one of six finalists for the Heisman Trophy. Williams, a consensus All-America selection, finished the season ranked fifth among all FBS running backs in the history of college football in single-season rushing yards with 2,177.

In 2014, the Eagles were picked by media to finish fifth in the ACC's Atlantic Division but surprised many by posting a second consecutive seven-win season and, in fact, falling a few yards and several plays short of finishing with a 10-2 mark. The season was highlighted by a prime-time upset of No. 9 USC, dominating the Trojans 506-337 in total offense, and a nail biter in which the Eagles had a chance to upend undefeated Florida State in Tallahassee, a game FSU won by a last-second field goal after the Eagles had missed the go-ahead kick just minutes before.

Addazio's coaching pedigree includes 15 postseason bowl games (including six BCS bowl games) and two national titles while on the coaching staff at the University of Florida (a 41-14 win over Ohio State on Jan. 8, 2007 in Glendale, Ariz., and a 24-14 win over Oklahoma on Jan. 8, 2009 in Miami, Fla.).

Prior to his arrival in Chestnut Hill, Addazio led the Temple University Owls in a two-year period of success, transition and growth. Addazio coached the Owls to a nine-win campaign and a bowl victory for the first time in 32 seasons in his first year as head coach.

Prior to leading the Owls, Addazio spent six seasons (2005-10) at Florida under head coach Urban Meyer, serving as offensive coordinator in 2009-10 and interim head coach from Dec. 2009 to July 2010. During his tenure in Gainesville, the Gators participated in six postseason bowls and won two BCS national championships.

Born June 1, 1959, Addazio is married to the former Kathleen Donoghue. They have three children – Nicole, Jessica and Louie.

## THE STEVE ADDAZIO RECORD

Year	School	Overall Record	Notes
2011	Temple	9-4	First bowl victory for Temple in 32 years
2012	Temple	4-7	
2013	Boston College	7-6	Advocare V100 Independence Bowl
2014	Boston College	7-6	New Era Pinstripe Bowl
2015	Boston College	3-9	
2016	Boston College	6-6	Quick Lane Bowl

CAREER TOTALS (6th year) 36-38

BC Record (4th year) 23-27

Temple Record (two years) 13-11

## ACC STANDINGS

### Atlantic

	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Clemson	7-1	.875	11-1	.917
Louisville	7-1	.875	9-3	.750
Florida State	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
NC State	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Wake Forest	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Boston College	2-6	.250	6-6	.500
Syracuse	2-6	.250	4-8	.333

### Coastal

	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Virginia Tech	6-2	.750	9-3	.750
Miami	5-3	.625	8-4	.667
North Carolina	5-3	.625	8-4	.667
Pittsburgh	5-3	.625	8-4	.667
Georgia Tech	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Duke	1-7	.125	4-8	.333
Virginia	1-7	.125	2-10	.167

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### College Football Playoff

1. Alabama	13-0	21. Tennessee	8-4
2. Clemson	12-1	22. Virginia Tech	9-4
3. Ohio State	11-1	23. Pitt	8-4
4. Washington	12-1	24. Temple	9-3
5. Penn State	11-2	25. Navy	9-3
6. Michigan	10-2		
7. Oklahoma	10-2		
8. Wisconsin	10-3		
9. USC	9-3		
10. Colorado	10-3		
11. Florida State	9-3		
12. Oklahoma St.	9-3		
13. Louisville	9-3		
14. Auburn	8-4		
15. Western Michigan	13-0		
16. West Virginia	10-2		
17. Florida	8-4		
18. Stanford	9-3		
19. Utah	8-4		
20. LSU	7-4		

### Associated Press

1. Alabama	13-0
2. Ohio State	11-1
3. Clemson	12-1
4. Washington	12-1
5. Penn State	11-2
6. Michigan	10-2
7. Oklahoma	10-2
8. Wisconsin	10-3
9. USC	9-3
10. Florida State	9-3
11. Colorado	10-3
12. Western Michigan	13-0
13. Oklahoma State	9-3
14. West Virginia	10-2
15. Louisville	9-3
16. Stanford	9-3
17. Auburn	8-4
18. Virginia Tech	9-4
19. LSU	7-4
20. Florida	8-4
21. Iowa	8-4
22. Pitt	8-4
23. Temple	10-3
24. Nebraska	9-3
25. USF	10-2

### Coaches

1. Alabama	13-0
2. Ohio State	11-1
3. Clemson	12-1
4. Washington	12-1
5. Penn State	11-2
6. Michigan	10-2
7. Oklahoma	10-2
8. Wisconsin	10-3
9. USC	9-3
10. Florida State	9-3
11. Colorado	10-3
12. West Virginia	10-2
13. Oklahoma State	9-3
14. Western Michigan	13-0
15. Louisville	9-3
16. Stanford	9-3
17. Auburn	8-4
18. Florida	8-4
19. Virginia Tech	9-4
20. LSU	7-4
21. Nebraska	9-3
22. USF	10-2
23. Utah	8-4
24. Temple	10-3
25. Iowa	8-4

### This is Boston College Football

- 25 bowl appearances (including 15 of the last 18 years)
- 13 Consensus All-Americans
- Nine College Hall of Fame Members
- Three Conference Players of the Year
- Tradition-filled program that has included players who have won the Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Award, Davey O'Brien Award, Outland Trophy, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Manning Award, Dick Butkus Award, Rotary Lombardi Award, Bronko Nagurski Award, Doak Walker Award
- Tied for 35th all-time in NCAA history with 13 bowl victories

### Scouting The Maryland Terrapins

- Maryland enters the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl 6-6 overall, including a 3-6 mark in the Big Ten under first-year head coach D.J. Durkin. The Terps own wins on the season over Howard (52-13), FIU (41-14), UCF (30-24, 2 OT), Purdue (50-7), Michigan State (28-17) and Rutgers (31-13). The Terps lost to Penn State (38-14), Minnesota (31-10), Indiana (42-36), Michigan (59-3), Ohio State (62-3) and Nebraska (28-7).
- The Terps rank 94th nationally in total offense (379.5 yards per game), 92nd in scoring offense (25.4 points per game), 40th in rushing offense (205.5 yards per game) and 110th in passing offense (174.0 yards per game).
- Maryland is 81st nationally in total defense (433.7 yards per game), 71st in scoring defense (29.0 points per game), 101st in rushing defense (217.9 yards per game) and 52nd in passing yards allowed (215.8 yards per game).

### On This Date ...

- Boston College is 1-1 all-time on this date. The only win on Dec. 26 for the Eagles was their last visit to Ford Field - 51-25 over Toledo - in the 2002 Motor City Bowl.

### BC Games Played On Dec. 26

Result	Opponent (Year)
L, 24-13	Southern Cal (2009 Emerald Bowl)
W, 51-25	Toledo (2002 Motor City Bowl)

### All-America Harold Landry

- Junior defensive end Harold Landry has played his best football of his BC career in 2016 and was named to the Walter Camp All-America second team. Here are some facts on Landry's All-America season:
- Tied for first in the nation with 15.0 sacks
- Walter Camp All-America (second team)
- Associated Press All-ACC (first team)
- Leads the country with seven fumbles forced
- Tied for fourth nationally with 20.5 tackles-for-loss
- Key cog in a BC defense that ranks eighth nationally in total defense, tied for 10th in sacks and 15th in tackles-for-loss
- One of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Award, given annually to the nation's top defensive end
- Recipient of the 78th annual George "Bulger" Lowe Award, "New England's Heisman Trophy" and one of America's oldest college football accolades
- Second-team All-ACC (coaches and media)
- Division I Gold Helmet of the Year recipient, given annually to the top player in New England by the New England Football Writers' Association
- Boston College single-season sacks leader (15)
- Second in BC single-season history with 20.5 TFLs

### News and Notes ...

- 64 of 99 members of the Boston College football team are freshmen, redshirt freshmen, sophomores or red-shirt sophomores.
- There are only 14 seniors and three graduate students on the team.
- Only six seniors or graduates are on the offensive side of the ball, tying the Eagles for the sixth fewest in the nation.
- In 2015, the Eagles tied for seventh in the country for playing the most freshmen, as 26 (16 true, 10 redshirt) saw time on the field.

### Coaches' Location on Gameday

PRESS BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

Scot Loeffler \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Reid \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Leonard \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD: \_\_\_\_\_

Al Washington \_\_\_\_\_

Justin Frye \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Pasqualoni \_\_\_\_\_

Brian White \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Campanile \_\_\_\_\_

Rich Gunnell \_\_\_\_\_

### Opening in Ireland

- Boston College started the 2016 campaign in Dublin, hosting Georgia Tech in Aviva Stadium on Sept. 3 in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic.
- The Yellow Jackets edged the Eagles, 17-14, scoring a touchdown with 35 seconds left in the game.
- It was the third time in six years an American college football game took place in Ireland and the second BC played on the Emerald Isle.
- In 1988, BC defeated Army, 38-24, in front of 45,000 fans at Lansdowne Road Stadium in the Emerald Isle Classic. Aviva Stadium was built on the site of that stadium. That was the first American football game played in Europe.
- During the 2016 game, former quarterback Mark Kampaus was honored. He was the MVP in 1988, completing 15 of 20 passes for 194 yards and scoring a rushing TD.

### Back to Where it All Began

- There are currently six members of the BC football staff who graduated from Boston College, including two coaches.
- Al Washington and Rich Gunnell both played football and earned degrees from BC.
- Current graduate assistants Ian White and Ty-Meer Brown are BC men; White earned his undergraduate degree from BC, while Brown transferred to BC for the 2014 season after completing his undergraduate work at Connecticut.
- Barry Gallup, the associate athletics director for football and alumni relations, has been at Boston College for 37 years, while former linebacker Ricky Brown, the Eagles' director of football initiatives, returned to The Heights in 2016.

### Academic All-American

- Boston College senior defensive end Kevin Kavalec has been named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America second team. Kavalec becomes just the third player in Boston College football history to be named an Academic All-American.24029
- He joined an exclusive list of Eagles who have earned the tremendous honor joining first team Academic All-America selections Richard Scudellari in 1977 and Michael Degnan in 1986.
- To be nominated for CoSIDA All-Academic Teams, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade-point average at his current institution.
- The Middleburg Heights, Ohio, native has recorded 50 tackles, including 13.5 tackles-for-loss in 12 starts this season. Kavalec tied a career high with 10 tackles at Virginia Tech on Sept. 17 and notched four solo tackles, including one TFL, in the win at Massachusetts on Sept. 10.
- An economics major in the Carroll School of Management, Kavalec was named Boston College's Junior Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2015 and earned a spot on the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic Team as a junior and sophomore. He has also garnered the Athletics Director's Award for Academic Achievement all three years of his BC career.

### Three Earn All-ACC Honors

- Three student-athletes on the Boston College football team earned All-Atlantic Coast accolades as voted on by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association (ACSMA). Junior defensive end Harold Landry was named second team All-ACC while linebackers Matt Milano and Connor Strachan collected All-ACC honorable mention honors.
- Landry has put together one of the best seasons in the nation in 2016. The North Carolina native is tied for the national lead with 15 sacks and leads the country with seven fumbles forced. Landry rewrote the Boston College single-season record for sacks in 2016, breaking the old mark of 13 held by Eric Storz (1997) and Mike Mamula (1994). Landry is tied for fourth in the country with 20.5 tackles-for-loss, the second-best total in Boston College single-season history behind only Mathias Kiwanuka's 25.5 TFLs in 2004.
- Milano earned All-ACC honorable mention honors for the second consecutive season after starting all 12 games as a senior in 2016. The Florida native is fourth on the team with 55 tackles and is tied for the team-lead with 40 solo stops. Milano is fourth on the team with 9.5 tackles-for-loss and totaled five sacks on the season. Milano returned his first career interception for a touchdown in the 30-0 win over Connecticut on Nov. 19.
- Strachan earned All-ACC honors for the first time after the junior led the Eagles with 70 tackles in 2016. The Wellesley native shared the team-lead in solo tackles (40) with Milano. Appearing in 11 games including 11 starts, Strachan is third on the team with 10.0 tackles-for-loss and led the Eagles with four fumble recoveries. The four fumbles recovered rank second nationally. In addition, Strachan finished the regular season with 3.5 sacks and one forced fumble.

### Towles Takes Over

- Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles made his Boston College debut on Sept. 3, getting the start against Georgia Tech in Ireland. He completed 11 passes on 27 attempts for 144 yards and scored his first BC touchdown on a six-yard run.

- On a 14-for-25 day with two touchdowns, he amassed 234 passing yards - the most in a BC uniform - in the 35-3 victory over Buffalo on Oct. 1. It was the first time a BC quarterback threw for over 200 yards since John Fadule hit the 257 mark against NC State on Nov. 7, 2015.
- In the Eagles' first win of 2016, defeating Massachusetts, 26-7, at Gillette Stadium on Sept. 10, Towles tallied 191 yards in the air and two touchdowns.
- In BC's home-opening, 42-10 win over Wagner on Sept. 24, Towles was responsible for four of the Eagles' six touchdowns, throwing for two and accounting for two on the ground. His 58-yard TD pass to Jeff Smith was the longest pass while wearing Maroon and Gold.
- Towles rushed for a career-high 104 yards against Syracuse on Oct. 22, including a career-long, 75-yard touchdown run for his fourth rushing TD of the season. The QB led the Eagles on the day in rushing yards.
- He topped the 200-yard mark again in the road win at NC State on Oct. 29, going 18-for-33 with 204 passing yards. The 18 completions were the most for Towles in the Maroon and Gold.
- Towles was 14-for-19 with 183 passing yards and one touchdown in the victory against Connecticut on Nov. 19. His 73.7 completion percentage was the best in his BC career.

### King of the Hilliman

- Redshirt sophomore running back Jon Hilliman has made an impact in 2016 after missing eight games in 2015 with an ankle injury.
- Against Georgia Tech on Sept. 3, he averaged six yards per carry as he led the Eagles rushing core in attempts (17) and total yards (102). He recorded his fifth 100-yard game while scoring the first touchdown of the season, rushing for a career-long 73 yards on the play.
- On Sept. 24, Hilliman notched his sixth career multi-touchdown game, scoring two touchdowns in the BC victory over Wagner. He opened the scoring for the Eagles on a one-yard touchdown in the first quarter, carrying all five times on the drive, including a 41-yard run. He then added a second TD on a six-yard rush in the third quarter. He finished the day with 83 yards on 19 carries.
- In the victory at NC State on Oct. 29, Hilliman led the Eagles with 20 carries for a game-high 74 yards.
- He is 10th in the ACC with 155 rushing attempts on the season.
- His 20 career touchdowns are tied for 12th in school history.

### QB Connections

- Patrick Towles has found his go-to guys in 2016 and it's a trio of sophomores: wide receiver Jeff Smith, wide receiver Michael Walker and tight end Tommy Sweeney.
- Four of Towles' touchdown passes have been to Smith and all three were 30 yards or longer. Against UMass on Sept. 10, Towles and Smith connected on five catches for 98 yards and two touchdowns. The touchdown passes, on consecutive drives in the second quarter, were the first of Smith's career and the first for Towles in a BC uniform. The 58-yard touchdown pass in the victory against Wagner on Sept. 24 was the longest of Smith's career and longest for Towles at Boston College. Towles hit Smith for a 54-yarder in the victory against UConn on Nov. 19.
- Smith has also shown his speed on the ground. In the last five games, he has recorded 22 rushes for 168 yards, including a 26-yard carry against Clemson on Oct. 7 and a 60-yard touchdown run at NC State on Oct.

### BC IN THE NFL

Medhi Abdesmad	Tennessee	DE
Will Blackmon	Washington	S
Anthony Castonzo	Indianapolis	OT
Gosder Cherilus	Tampa Bay	OT
Emmett Cleary	Dallas	OT
Steven Daniels	Washington	LB
Kasim Edebali	New Orleans	LB
Mark Herzlich	NY Giants	LB
Josh Keyes	Atlanta	LB
Luke Kuechly	Carolina	LB
Brian Mihalik	Pittsburgh	OT
Ifeanyi Momah	Arizona	TE
Kevin Pierre-Louis	Seattle	LB
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	QB
Ian Silberman	Oakland	OG
Justin Simmons	Denver	FS
John Wetzel	Arizona	OT
Andre Williams	San Diego	RB
Connor Wujciak	Philadelphia	DT

## BC IN THE NCAA/ACC RANKINGS (As of Dec. 5)

### Team Rankings

Category	NCAA/ACC	Actual
Rushing Offense	101/12	146.8
Passing Offense	121/13	1471.5
Total Offense	127/14	288.3
Scoring Offense	123/14	19.1
Passing Efficiency	115/13	111.33
Rushing Defense	7/2	106.9
Pass Defense	33/4	203.7
Pass Efficiency Defense	81/10	1135.00
Total Defense	8/1	310.6
Scoring Defense	44/8	24.6
Net Punting	112/13	34.75
Punt Returns	10/3	13.74
Kickoff Returns	21/4	23.09
Kickoff Return Defense	7/1	17.24
Turnover Margin	31/3	0.42
Sacks Per Game	9/3	3.25
Sacks Allowed	53/6	1.92
Third-Down Conversion Pct. Defense	12/4	0.319
First Down Defense	7/1	184
Fumbles Recovered	11/3	12
Time of Possession	13/2	33:29

### Player Rankings

#### Pass Efficiency

Patrick Towles	106/12	112.2
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#### Passing Yards

Patrick Towles	101/13	1579
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#### Passing Yards Per Completion

Patrick Towles	61/8	12.34
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#### Passing Touchdowns

Patrick Towles	92/12	10
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#### Total Offense

Patrick Towles	106/14	154.9
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#### Points Responsible For

Patrick Towles	171/22	86
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#### Rushing Yards Per Carry

Jon Hilliman	170/19	2.99
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#### Rushing Touchdowns

Jon Hilliman	187/23	5
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#### Sacks

Harold Landry	1/1	1.25
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#### Tackles for Loss

Harold Landry	3/3	1.7
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#### Forced Fumbles

Harold Landry	1/1	0.58
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#### Fumbles Recovered

Connor Strachan	2/1	4
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Zach Allen	26/4	2
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John Johnson	26/4	2
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#### Punt Returns

Tyler Rouse	5/2	14.0
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#### Kickoff Returns

Myles Willis	35/6	24.0
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#### Combined Kick Returns

Myles Willis	74/11	432
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Tyler Rouse	93/13	382
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#### Field Goal Percentage

Mike Knoll	8/1	.917
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- He set a career high with 121 all-purpose yards in the victory over Connecticut, recording 87 receiving yards on four receptions and 34 rushing yards.

- After recording six receptions for 74 total yards in the first three games in 2016, Walker had a breakout game in the home opener against Wagner. He hauled in his first career touchdown on a 17-yard completion. He finished the game with four catches for 72 yards, then career bests. In the win against Buffalo on Oct. 1, he grabbed another TD reception and then he put up career numbers in the road victory at NC State, catching six passes for 78 yards, including snagging a career-long 29 grab. He hauled in his third TD of the season in the shutout of UConn with a 10-yard reception, ending the day with four receptions for 45 yards.

- Walker has also showed he is a dual threat, recording a career-high three carries for 28 yards against Syracuse on Oct. 22.

- Sweeney has emerged as another target for Towles. In the loss to Clemson on Oct. 7, he hauled in four catches for 48 yards and tied a career-long reception of 22 yards. In the win in Raleigh, Sweeney recorded a career-high five receptions and a career-high 78 yards. His first career touchdown came at a critical time: catching a 14-yard pass with just under five minutes to play and the Eagles down one to give BC the lead. He then caught the two-point conversion to give BC the 21-14 lead, which held in the victory. Sweeney also caught the game-winning TD at Wake Forest on Nov. 26 on a 13-yard pass from Towles with just over eight minutes to play in the game and the Eagles trailing by four. He also caught a 16-yarder on fourth-and-six to set up the game winner.

### Keeping Up with Our Jones

- Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones transitioned from defensive back to running back in the offseason and the move has paid off.

- In the first three games of 2016, he carried the ball eight times for 26 yards with a long run of eight yards. Ready to roll in the home opener against Wagner on Sept. 24, Jones ran a career-high 12 times and led the Eagles with 90 yards. He rattled off back-to-back runs of 25- and 26-yards in the third quarter to set up an eventual QB keeper for a touchdown.

- Jones scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard run in the victory over Buffalo on Oct. 1, the first touchdown of the game. He finished the game with 53 rushing yards on 14 carries and did not lose a yard on the day. He also hauled in a career-long, 38-yard reception which set up the Eagles' third touchdown.

- Against third-ranked Clemson on Oct. 7, the running back tied a career high with another 12-carry game. He also totaled two catches for 25 yards.

- Jones registered his first career start on Oct. 22 against Syracuse and tallied 66 yards on 14 carries, averaging 4.7 yards per carry. He lost only two yards on the day.

- He showed his versatility in the road win at NC State on Oct. 29, recording two rushes, one catch for 20 yards and he threw the game-winning touchdown to tight end Tommy Sweeney on a trick play with just under five minutes to play in the game.

- In the shutout victory against UConn on Nov. 19, Jones recorded 11 carries for 40 yards without any yards lost. He also opened the scoring in the second quarter with a one-yard TD run.

- At Wake Forest on Nov. 26, Jones rushed 10 times for 24 yards without registering negative yardage for the ninth time in 2016.

- He has recorded just 10 lost yards on the entire year.

### Operation O-Line

- The 2015 Eagles did not return a starter from the 2014 team, in which boasted an offensive line of five graduates who combined for 134 career starts. BC had one of two offensive lines in the country in which all five linemen did not start a game last season.

- Now with a year of experience under their belts, the Eagles have allowed just 23 sacks on the season, sixth in the ACC.

### Quest to Stay on Top

- The Boston College defense has been one of the best in the nation since head coach Steve Addazio took over the program in 2014.

- In 2014, the Eagles ranked 11th overall in total defense, allowing 324.2 yards per game, giving up 94.5 rushing yards per game, second best in the nation. They also surrendered just 21.3 points per game, 21st in the country.

- In 2015, the BC defense was first in the nation in total defense, allowing just 254.3 yards per game. The rush defense was second again (83.2 yards/game), while the pass defense was sixth (171.2 yards/game). The Eagles allowed just 15.3 points per game, fourth best in the country.

- On Oct. 2, 2016, the Eagles notched the No. 1 spot again. Through the first five games of the season, they had allowed just 202.0 yards per game and the 124.0

passing yards per game also ranked first.

- The Eagles have allowed 310.6 total yards per game, eighth in the national and first in the ACC. The 106.9 rushing yards per game allowed is seventh overall and second in the conference. Giving up just 203.7 passing yards per game, they are 33rd in the nation and No. 4 in the conference.

### Recording-Setting Squad

- The Eagles defense continues to fill the record book with its stops.
- BC allowed just 67 total offensive yards to Buffalo on Oct. 1, the third fewest all-time.
- Steve Addazio has been the head coach for two of the four best single-game defensive efforts in terms of total offensive yardage allowed by Boston College.

Fewest Yards Allowed by BC in a Game	
1. Howard (11)	2015
2. Holy Cross (52)	1970
3. <b>Buffalo (67)</b>	<b>2016</b>
4. Houston (71)	1962

- The five first downs allowed to Buffalo on the day tied for the fifth fewest in a game in school history.

Fewest First Downs Allowed by BC in a Game	
1. Howard (2)	2015
2. Villanova (4)	1977
Richmond (4)	1965
Houston (4)	1962
5. <b>Buffalo (5)</b>	<b>2016</b>
Northwestern (5)	1992
Holy Cross (5)	1970

- In the victory over Massachusetts on Sept. 10, BC allowed -23 rushing yards, the second fewest in school history.

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed by BC in a Game	
1. Louisville (-30)	1991
2. <b>Massachusetts (-23)</b>	<b>2016</b>
3. Buffalo (-12)	2006
4. Pittsburgh (-11)	1995
5. Temple (-8)	1994
Boston University (-8)	1958

### Brick Wall of Boston

- Boston College averages 5.25 three-and-outs per game, tied for fifth in the country with UCF. Alabama leads the nation with 6.23 three-and-out per game.
- The Eagles force three-and-outs on 41.7 percent of opponent drives, sixth-best nationally.
- In the victory against Massachusetts on Sept. 10, BC forced the Minutemen to punt after just three plays (or caused a turnover) on nine of the 12 drives.
- The Eagles closed out the home slate with a shutout over Connecticut on Nov. 19 and forced seven three-and-outs on the day with a season-high four turnovers.

Date	Opponent	3 & Outs	Total Drives	Pct.
9-3	vs. Ga Tech	5	10	.500
9-10	at UMass	9	12	.750
9-17	at Virginia Tech	4	14	.286
9-24	Wagner	7	12	.583
10-1	Buffalo	5	11	.455
10-7	Clemson	3	13	.231
10-22	Syracuse	3	13	.231
10-29	at NC State	3	11	.272
11-5	Louisville	6	15	.400

11-11	at Florida State	4	14	.286
11-19	UConn	7	11	.636
11-26	at Wake Forest	7	15	.467
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>.417</b>

### Just Try to Run

- The Eagles have held opponents to under 100 rushing yards 21 times in the last 37 games.
- In 2016, BC has not allowed more than 50 rushing yards in five of the six victories.
- In the victory over Massachusetts on Sept. 10, the Eagles defense allowed -23 rushing yards, the second fewest in school history and the fewest since allowing -30 to Louisville on Nov. 10, 1991.
- When BC defeated Wagner on Sept. 24, the BC defense gave up just 45 rushing yards and allowed a rushing touchdown of 55 yards.
- In the win over Buffalo on Oct. 1, the Bulls mustered just 26 rushing yards against the BC defense.
- When the Eagles beat NC State to capture their first ACC victory since 2014, the BC defense allowed just 31 rushing yards. In the first half, the Wolfpack recorded -14 yards on the ground. State's RB Matt Dayes - who had tallied 100 yards in three straight games this year - ended the day with 45 yards on 19 carries and had a 24-yard run.
- In the shutout victory over UConn on Nov. 19, the BC defense allowed negative rushing yards for the second time in 2016, as the Huskies put -6 on the board.

### They Are Called Rushmen

- BC led the nation in 2015 with 9.5 tackles-for-loss per game and was second overall with 114 total. The 463 yards lost were fourth nationally.
- The Eagles are currently tied for 13th in the nation with 92 tackles-for-loss and rank fourth with 447 yards lost.
- In the last 37 games, the Eagles have recorded 11 double-digit totals for tackles-for-loss.
- At No. 18/20 Florida State, the BC defense recorded 10 tackles-for-a-loss of 55 yards on Nov. 11.
- In the win over Massachusetts on Sept. 10, BC recorded 13 TFLs and then notched 11 TFLs in the victory against Wagner.
- Harold Landry is tied for fourth in the nation and second in the ACC with 20.5 TFLs. He is first in the nation with 142 yards lost on those tackles.
- Landry is also second in BC single-season record books as former Eagle Mathias Kiwanuka owns the TFL record with 25.5 in 2004. The junior's 37.5 career tackles-for-loss rank fifth all-time. Kiwanuka (2002-05) holds the record with 65.5.

### Racking Up the Sacks

- The Eagles are tied for 10th in the nation with 39 sacks and second with 310 yards lost.
- They are tied for third in the ACC for their sack total.
- BC is currently fourth in program record books. The record was set in 1994 - the last time Jim Reid was the defensive coordinator - with 47.
- The eight sacks posted in the win against UMass on Sept. 10 tied a school single-game record, set three other times in program history, the last against NC State in 2005.
- Junior DE Harold Landry is tied for first in the country and in the ACC with 15 sacks. His 133 yards lost total is No. 1 nationally.
- Landry tallied a career-high three sacks twice in 2016 - in the victories over Wagner on Sept. 24 and at Wake Forest on Nov. 26. He also recorded a career-high five

## RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2016 ADDAZIO	
Home	3-3	14-12
Away	3-2	9-11
Neutral	0-1	0-3
Natural Grass	1-3	4-11
Artificial Turf	5-3	19-16
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-3	1-10
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August/September	2-2	10-7
October	2-2	5-10
November	2-2	8-8
December/January	0-0	0-2
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Leading at Halftime	6-0	20-2
Trailing at Halftime	0-6	1-23
Tied at Halftime	0-0	2-2
Leading After Third Quarter	4-1	19-5
Trailing After Third Quarter	2-5	3-21
Tied After Third Quarter	0-0	1-1
Scoring First	4-2	14-8
Opponent Scoring First	2-4	9-19
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Score < 20 Points	1-5	2-21
Score 20+ Points	2-1	8-3
Score 30+ Points	2-0	8-3
Score 40+ Points	1-0	5-0
Opponent Scores < 20 Points	6-1	16-7
Opponent Scores 20+ Points	1-1	4-7
Opponent Scores 30+ Points	0-0	3-7
Opponent Scores 40+ Points	0-4	0-7
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Gain < 20 First Downs	3-6	13-24
Gain 20+ First Downs	3-0	10-3
Opponent Gains < 20 First Downs	6-1	22-8
Opponent Gains 20+ First Downs	0-5	1-19
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More Rushing Yards Than Opponent	5-2	20-14
Fewer Rushing Yards Than Opponent	1-4	3-12
Same Rushing Yards as Opponent	0-0	0-1
Rush For < 100 Yards	1-2	1-6
Rush For 100+ Yards	5-4	22-21
Opponent Rushes For < 100 Yards	5-1	18-6
Opponent Rushes For 100+ Yards	1-5	5-21
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More Passing Yards Than Opponent	4-1	12-3
Fewer Passing Yards Than Opponent	2-5	11-24
Pass For < 200 Yards	4-6	18-25
Pass For 200+ Yards	2-0	5-2
Opponent Passes For < 200 Yards	5-1	16-7
Opponent Passes For 200+ Yards	1-5	7-20
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More Total Yards Than Opponent	5-1	20-3
Fewer Total Yards Than Opponent	1-5	3-24
Gain < 300 Total Yards	1-4	2-16
Gain 300+ Total Yards	5-2	21-11
Opponent Gains < 300 Total Yards	5-1	15-6
Opponent Gains 300+ Total Yards	1-5	8-21
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Commit No Turnovers	2-1	7-6
Commit < 3 Turnovers	4-3	15-15
Commit 3+ Turnovers	0-2	1-6
Force < 3 Turnovers	2-4	16-22
Force 3+ Turnovers	4-2	7-5
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Commit < 6 Penalties	2-0	16-15
Commit 6+ Penalties	4-6	7-12
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Lead Time of Possession	6-2	18-10
Trail Time of Possession	0-4	5-17
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Games Decided by 7 Points or Less	2-1	8-11
Games Decided by 14 Points or More	4-4	14-13
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Temperature 90+ Degrees	0-0	0-0
Temperature 60-89 Degrees	3-4	16-17
Temperature 40-59+ Degrees	3-2	6-7
Temperature < 40 Degrees	0-0	1-1

tackles-for-loss against Wagner.

- He set the Eagles' single-season sacks record and is fourth all-time with 19.5 in his three-year career. Mathias Kiwanuka (2002-05) holds the career record at The Heights with 37.5 career sacks.

#### Marked Improvement

- Since head coach Steve Addazio took over the program in 2014, the Eagles have vastly improved their numbers of sacks and tackles-for-loss.
- In 2012, BC recorded six sacks (last in the nation) and 45 TFLs of 147 yards. In just one year, the number jumped to 36 sacks and 88 tackles for a loss of 371 yards in 2013.
- In 2014, BC recorded 33 sacks and 89 tackles for a loss of 351 yards.
- 2015 was the best year to date as the Eagles notched 34 sacks, tying for 24th in the nation, for a loss of 263 yards, good for eighth overall.
- So far in 2016, the Eagles have tallied 39 sacks, good to tie for 10th in the nation, and 310 yards lost, second overall. BC is tied for 13th in the country with 92 TFLs.

#### Get That Ball

- The Eagles have wreaked havoc on defense this season. Their 15 forced fumbles are tied for seventh in the nation and their 12 recoveries are tied for 11th overall.
- BC is tied for first in the ACC for forced fumbles and tied for third for recoveries.
- The Eagles have forced 20 fumbles and recovered 12, grabbing the ball 60 percent of the time, which is tied for 20th in the nation and fourth in the league.
- Harold Landry has forced seven fumbles in the 2016 season, which tops in the country.
- Landry averages 0.58 forced fumbles per game, also first in the nation and in the league.
- Junior linebacker Connor Strachan has recovered four fumbles, second in the nation and first in the ACC.
- Sophomore defensive end Zach Allen and senior defensive back John Johnson have two recoveries, 26th overall and fourth in the conference.

#### A Special Kind of Team

- The BC special teams units have given opponents fits this season.
- The Eagles rank 10th in the nation and third in the ACC with a 13.74 punt return yard average. On the flip side, they allow just 5.41 yards per punt return, third in the ACC and 33rd in the country.
- On kickoff return, BC is averaging 23.59 yards per return, 21st in the nation and fourth in the conference. The defense allows 17.24 yards per return, seventh in the nation and first in the ACC.
- Senior Tyler Rouse averages 14.0 yards per punt return, fifth nationally and second in the league.
- Classmate Myles Willis averages 24.0 yards per kickoff return, 35th in the national and sixth in the ACC. Willis has a kickoff return for a touchdown in 2016 for the third time in his career.
- Sophomore Michael Walker has returned six kickoffs for 101 yards, averaging 16.8 yards per return.
- BC has also blocked one punt this season.

#### Knoll's Knocks

- Junior punter/kicker Mike Knoll took over all the kicking duties heading into the UMass game on Sept. 10. He was 2-for-2 on field goal attempts from 37 and 40 yards in the BC win, tying a career-long (40 vs. Florida State, Nov. 22, 2014). He was 1-for-2 on extra-point attempts and set a career-long with a 63-yard punt.
- Knoll then set a Boston College record with 13 punts in the loss at Virginia Tech on Sept. 17, surpassing former teammate Alex Howell (2015) and John Cooper (1980), who both punted 12 times in a game. He finished the day with a career-high 537 yards, averaging 41.3 yards per punt with a long of 51.
- In the home-opening victory over Wagner on Sept. 24, he was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra-point attempts, recording a career high for PATs. He also went 5-for-5 on extra-point attempts in the win over Buffalo on Oct. 1.
- Knoll hit from 30 yards and 39 yards against Syracuse on Oct. 22 and made 24-yarders and 29-yarders at NC State on Oct. 29.
- He recorded a career-high three field goals in the shutout victory over Connecticut on Nov. 19, going 3-for-3 and hitting from 39, 35 and 24 yards. He was also 3-for-3 on extra-point attempts for the day, recording a career-high 12 points.
- He finished off the regular season with a 22-yard field goal to open the scoring in the win at Wake Forest on Nov. 26. He was 2-for-2 on PATs to add to his scoring total.
- The junior is first in the ACC and eighth in the nation with a 91.7 field-goal percentage, going 11-for-12 on the year.
- Knoll is first in the ACC with 86 punts and 3,290 yards.

#### Myles Ahead, Yards Away

- Senior running back Myles Willis currently sits second all-time in total return yards with 2,045 career yards and is tied for third in BC record books with 85 career returns.
- For the third time in his career, he returned a kickoff for a touchdown as he ran one back 89 yards against Syracuse on Oct. 22.
- It was the second time he did so against the Orange, taking the kickoff return for a 95-yard touchdown on the opening play of the game on Nov. 29, 2014.
- The longest of Willis' career was at New Mexico State on Nov. 9, 2013 when he ran one back for 98 yards as a rookie.
- He has returned 18 kickoffs for 432 yards in 2016, averaging 24.0 yards per return, which is 35th in the nation and sixth in the ACC.
- Willis is one of 43 players in FBS football to return at least one kickoff for a touchdown in 2016.
- Along with classmate Tyler Rouse and sophomore Michael Walker, the Eagles' 23.59 yards per return is 21st in the nation and fourth in the conference.

#### BC Kickoff Return Yardage Leaders

Player	Kickoff Return Yards
1. Will Blackmon (2002-05)	2,700
2. Myles Willis (2013-present)	2,045
3. Tim Frager (1987-90)	1,975
4. Jeff Smith (2006-09)	1,959
5. Kenyatta Watson (1993-96)	1,436

#### Tyler of All Trades

- For the first time in his career, senior running back Tyler Rouse is returning punts for the Eagles.
- He started the season with two returns for 36 yards in the opener against Georgia Tech on Sept. 3.
- Rouse set a new career-long return of 53 yards in the home opener against Wagner on Sept. 24, setting the Eagles up for a touchdown on the next play.
- In the same game, the running back recorded a career-long, 44-yard kickoff return, setting the Eagles up for their first touchdown of the game.
- He amassed a career-high, 59 punt return yards in the victory over Buffalo on Oct. 1. Along with a 30-yard kickoff return and a 27-yard reception, Rouse put up a career-high 116 all-purpose yards against the Bulls.
- His 14.0-yard punt return average is fifth in the nation and second in the ACC.

#### Matt on the Block

- Senior linebacker Matt Milano blocked a punt in the first quarter in the win against Buffalo on Oct. 1. It was his third career blocked punt.
- Boston College is one of 50 teams in the country to block at least one punt this season.
- Milano blocked his first career punt in the Eagles' victory over Howard on Sept. 12, 2015. He then did it against in the victory over Northern Illinois on Sept. 26.
- The blocks marked the first time a BC player blocked a punt since Manuel Asprilla did so at Maryland on Nov. 23, 2013.

#### Willis Represents BC, ACC

- Myles Willis was chosen to represent the Atlantic Coast Conference on the NCAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).
- He is one of two football players on the panel and the only one from an FBS school.
- He also serves on the Football Oversight Committee, a voting committee devoted to player safety, student-athlete guidelines, restrictions and more.
- Willis is the co-marketing chair on Boston College's SAAC board.

#### Johnson Named McGillis Scholarship Recipient

- Senior defensive back John Johnson was named the recipient of the Jay McGillis Memorial Scholarship at the annual spring game, also named in honor of the former BC student-athlete. McGillis' family was on hand before the game to present Johnson with the award.
- The award is given annually since 1993 to a Boston College defensive back who best exemplifies the personal qualities of team dedication and leadership by example, an extraordinary competitive spirit, and personal concern for family friends and teammates. McGillis, a starting defensive back for Boston College, passed away from Leukemia in 1992. The Eagles' spring game is played in his honor each year.
- In the final home game of the season, Johnson donned McGillis' No. 31.
- Before the start of the 2016 campaign, Johnson was voted a team captain.

#### 2016 BC Captains

- Seniors Truman Gutapfel, John Johnson, Tyler Rouse and Myles Willis were voted team captains of the 2016 Boston College football team, head coach Steve Addazio announced before the first week of the season.

# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE ASSISTANT COACHES

## **Anthony Campanile** **Defensive Backs**

- Fifth season coaching at the collegiate level and first at Boston College
- Helps to mentor a BC defense that is 33rd in the nation and fourth in the ACC allowing just 203.7 passing yards per game
- Leads a defensive backs corps that is tied for fifth in the ACC with 11 interceptions



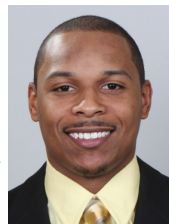
## **Justin Frye** **Run Game Coordinator** **Offensive Line**

- Ninth season coaching and third as offensive line coach at Boston College
- The 2016 offensive line has allowed just 23 sacks on the season, sixth in the ACC
- In first season, structured and guided an offensive line that yielded a Heisman Trophy finalist and the ACC's first Doak Walker Award recipient Andre Williams, who became the 16th player in FBS history to rush for 2,000 yards in the regular season



## **Rich Gunnell** **Wide Receivers**

- Sixth season coaching and first at Boston College
- Mentoring breakout wide receivers sophomores Michael Walker (3 TDs, 11.9 yards/catch) and Jeff Smith (3 TDs, 15.0 yards/catch)
- Played wide receiver at Boston College (2006-09)



## **Frank Leonard** **Assistant Head Coach** **Tight Ends**

- 32nd season coaching, 29th at the collegiate level and fourth season at BC
- Helped develop sophomore Tommy Sweeney, who has emerged as one of the Eagles' offensive weapons with two game-winning touchdown catches and averaging 13.6 yards per catch
- In first two seasons at The Heights, coached the tight end group that helped produce a rushing attack that achieved the second-best average in the ACC and ranked in the top 20 both seasons



## **Scot Loeffler** **Offensive Coordinator** **Quarterbacks**

- 18th season coaching at the collegiate level and first at Boston College
- Worked with graduate transfer Patrick Towles, who has racked up 10 touchdowns, over 1,500 passing yards and 280 rushing yards
- Tutored seven quarterbacks who went on to play in the NFL: Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, Brian Griese, Chad Henne, Drew Henson, John Navarre and Logan Thomas



## **Paul Pasqualoni** **Defensive Line**

- 44th year coaching, 24th at the collegiate level and first at Boston College; spent eight seasons in the NFL
- Coached All-ACC second-team defensive lineman Harold Landry, who broke BC's single-season record for sacks (15), which is tied for the best in the nation, and ranks first in forced fumbles (7)
- The BC defense has forced 15 fumbles, tied for seventh in the nation and first in the ACC, and recovered 12, tied for 11th in the country
- Served as the head coach at Syracuse (1991-2004) and Connecticut (2011-13)



## **Jim Reid** **Defensive Coordinator** **Linebackers**

- Entering 43rd season coaching, 41st at the collegiate level and second as the defensive coordinator at BC (first under head coach Steve Addazio)
- Was the defensive coordinator at BC in 1994, when the Eagles went 7-4-1 and as 11th-ranked team in the nation, defeated Kansas State in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day; BC recorded 47 sacks that season, a school record that still stands
- The BC defense ranks eighth in the nation and first in the ACC, allowing just 310.6 total yards per game; the Eagles' 106.9 rushing yards per game is seventh in the nation and second in the conference
- Linebackers Connor Strachan and Matt Milano earned All-ACC honorable mention and Strachan earned All-New England honors



## **Al Washington** **Special Teams Coordinator** **Defensive Line**

- Entering 10th year coaching and fifth at Boston College
- BC special teams ranks 10th in the nation and third in the ACC in punt returns (13.74 yards/return), 21st in the nation and fourth in the conference in kickoff returns (24.9 yards/return) and seventh in the nation and first in the ACC in kickoff return defense (17.24 yards/return); senior Tyler Rouse, in his first year returning punts, is fifth in the national and second in the ACC averaging 14.0 yards per return
- Played defensive lineman at Boston College (2002-05)



## **Brian White** **Running Backs**

- 30th year coaching and second at Boston College; coached wide receivers in 2015
- Redshirt sophomore Jon Hilliman leads the Eagles with five rushing touchdowns to tie for 12th in BC record books with 20 in career
- Redshirt freshman Davon Jones has racked up 361 yards with only 10 yards lost, along with 99 receiving yards, after converting from a defensive back in spring 2016



# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE PARTICIPATION CHART

## 2016 BC ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Class	Total
Graduates	2
Seniors	14
Juniors	18
Redshirt Sophomores	2
Sophomores	27
Redshirt Freshmen	10
Freshmen	25

Most Games Played	Player	Total
	Lenoard Skubal	50
	Matt Milano	49
	Truman Gutapfel	47
	Tyler Rouse	47
	Bobby Wolford	46
	Mike Strizak	46

Consecutive Games Played	Player	Streak
	Leonard Skubal	50
	Truman Gutapfel	47
	Tyler Rouse	44

Most Games Started	Player	Total
	Jimmy Lowery\$	38
	Patrick Towles&	34
	Truman Gutapfel	33
	Kevin Kavalec	28
	John Johnson	26

Consecutive Games Started	Player	Streak
	Truman Gutapfel	26
	Jon Baker	24
	John Johnson	24
	Matt Milano	24

Played in All Career Games	Player	Games
	Leonard Skubal	50
	Charlie Callinan	37
	Harold Landry	37

\$ - Eastern Illinois  
 & - Kentucky  
 % - South Carolina

	Career G-GS	2016 G-GS	2015 G-GS	2014 G-GS	2013 G-GS	2012 G-GS	Cons. Games	Cons. Starts
Zach Allen	24-1	12-1	12-0	-	-	-	24	-
Medhi El Attrach	12-0	12-0	RS	-	-	-	12	-
Jon Baker	34-25	12-12	12-12	10-1	-	-	34	25
Drew Barksdale	10-1	3-1	4-0	2-0	1-0	-	3	1
Kevin Bletzer	24-0	12-0	12-0	RS	-	-	24	-
Nolan Borgensen	8-0	8-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Burt	8-1	0-0	8-1	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Callinan	37-28	12-9	12-10	13-9	RS	-	37	2
Colton Cardinal	12-0	12-0	0-0	-	-	-	12	-
Jim Cashman	34-10	12-3	11-7	12-0	0-0	RS	14	-
Hamp Cheevers	7-0	7-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Cohee	9-0	7-0	2-0	RS	-	-	-	-
Jack Cottrell	15-0	12-0	2-0	1-0	RS	-	12	-
Cameron Croteau	14-0	12-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	-	12	-
Denis Lukas	16-0	12-0	4-0	-	-	-	15	-
John Fadule	3-2	0-0	3-2	-	-	-	-	-
Troy Flutie	18-4	10-0	8-4	RS	-	-	9	-
EJ Fortenberry	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Chris Garrison	5-2	5-2	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Michael Giacone	38-13	12-5	RS	13-8	9-0	4-0	25	-
Ben Glines	12-0	12-0	RS	-	-	-	12	-
Sharieff Grice	21-1	11-1	10-0	-	-	-	-	-
Truman Gutapfel	47-33	12-12	12-12	13-9	10-0	-	47	26
Will Harris	24-15	12-12	12-3	-	-	-	24	15
Jon Hilliman	28-19	11-10	4-2	13-7	-	-	5	5
Korab Idrizi	5-2	5-2	-	-	-	-	4	-
Elijah Johnson	11-9	11-9	-	-	-	-	11	9
John Johnson	44-26	12-12	12-12	8-2	12-0	-	25	24
Davon Jones	12-1	12-1	RS	-	-	-	12	-
Tanner Karafa	5-0	5-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Kavalec	44-29	12-12	11-4	13-13	8-0	-	20	12
Jack Kenny	5-0	5-0	1-0	0-0	-	-	-	-
Mike Knoll	21-0	12-0	4-0	5-0	-	-	12	-
Wyatt Knopfke	2-0	2-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Harold Landry	37-22	12-11	12-11	13-0	-	-	37	11
Colton Lichtenberg	10-0	1-0	9-0	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Lindstrom	24-21	12-12	12-9	-	-	-	24	21
Jimmy Lowery	43-38	12-12	12-12\$	5-0\$	14-14\$	RS\$	24	24
Ray Marten	7-1	7-1	-	-	-	-	7	-
Jimmy Martin	7-0	7-0	RS	-	-	-	7	-
Gabriel McClary	34-10	12-4	12-6	10-0	-	-	24	-
Noa Merritt	19-2	10-2	1-0	8-0	-	-	4	2
Matt Milano	49-24	12-12	12-12	12-0	13-0	-	33	24
Aaron Monteiro	17-15	11-10	6-5	-	-	-	6	6
Kamrin Moore	33-20	12-12	8-8	13-0	-	-	12	12
Brendan Nosovitch	9-0	0-0	3-0	5-0%	1-0%	-	-	-
Atem Ntangtang	36-0	12-0	12-0	12-0	RS	-	30	-
Anthony Palazzolo	3-0	3-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
John Phillips	11-0	11-0	RS	-	-	-	9	-
Wyatt Ray	24-0	12-0	12-0	-	-	-	24	-
Joel Rich	32-0	11-0	10-0	11-0	RS	-	10	-
Max Richardson	10-0	10-0	-	-	-	-	10	-
Elijah Robinson	23-0	11-0	12-0	-	-	-	11	-
Tyler Rouse	47-6	12-0	12-5	13-1	10-0	-	44	-
Sam Schmal	17-1	10-1	7-0	RS	-	-	1	-
Ty Schwab	34-18	12-12	10-6	12-0	-	-	16	12
Lenoard Skubal	50-0	12-0	12-0	13-0	13-0	RS	50	-
Jeff Smith	20-7	11-4	9-3	-	-	-	4	-
Ray Smith	14-9	9-9	5-0	-	-	-	-	-
Thadd Smith	33-2	12-0	12-2	9-0	-	-	24	-
Connor Strachan	36-1	11-11	12-6	13-0	-	-	5	5
Mike Strizak	46-16	11-1	12-0	13-13	10-0	RS	9	-
Tommy Sweeney	24-21	12-12	12-9	RS	-	-	24	14
Taj-Amir Torres	24-1	12-1	12-0	-	-	-	24	-
Patrick Towles	40-34	12-12	11-10&	12-12&	RS&	5-0&	13	12
Joesph Vitiello	2-0	2-0	0-0	RS	-	-	-	-
Darius Wade	15-3	9-0	3-3	3-0	-	-	-	-
Michael Walker	24-6	12-6	12-0	-	-	-	24	1
Myles Willis	45-6	12-0	9-2	13-4	11-0	-	18	-
Richard Wilson	19-0	8-0	11-0	RS	-	-	-	-
Bobby Wolford	46-18	10-5	12-10	13-3	11-0	RS	-	-

# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE/FB	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR
Georgia Tech	Monteiro	Cashman	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Callinan	Garrison	Walker
Massachusetts	Monteiro	Cashman	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	J. Smith	Garrison	Wolford*
Virginia Tech	Monteiro	Cashman	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Willis	J. Smith	Callinan	Wolford*
Wagner	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Callinan	Walker	Giacone^
Buffalo	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Callinan	Walker	J. Smith
Clemson	Schmal	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Callinan	Walker	Wolford*
Syracuse	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	D. Jones	Callinan	Giacone^	Wolford*
NC State	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	J. Smith	Giacone^	Walker
Louisville	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	J. Smith	Callinan	Idrizi^
Florida State	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Idrizi^	Giacone^	Wolford*
Connecticut	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Callinan	Giacone^	Marten*
Wake Forest	Monteiro	E. Johnson	Baker	Lindstrom	Lowery	Sweeney (TE)	Towles	Hilliman	Callinan	Walker	Barksdale

\*Started at fullback

^Started at tight end

Opponent	DE	DT	N	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LC	SS	FS	RC
Georgia Tech	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Allen	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	McClary	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Massachusetts	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strizak	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Virginia Tech	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strizak	Schwab	McClary	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Wagner	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	McClary	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Buffalo	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	McClary	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Clemson	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Syracuse	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Grice	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore
NC State	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	Torres	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Louisville	Kavalec	Gutapfel	R.Smith	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Florida State	Kavalec	Gutapfel	Denis (DB)	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Connecticut	Kavalec	Gutapfel	Merritt	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore
Wake Forest	Kavalec	Gutapfel	Merritt	Landry	Milano	Strachan	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Johnson	Moore

Opponent	KO	FG	P	KR	PR
Georgia Tech	Lichtenberg	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Massachusetts	Knoll	Knoll	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Virginia Tech	Knoll	--	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Wagner	Knoll	--	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Buffalo	Knoll	--	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Clemson	Knoll	Knoll	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Syracuse	Knoll	Knoll	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
NC State	Knoll	Knoll	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Louisville	Knoll	-	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Florida State	Knoll	-	Knoll	Walker	Rouse
Connecticut	Knoll	Knoll	Knoll	Willis	Rouse
Wake Forest	Knoll	Knoll	Knoll	Willis	Rouse

# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

LT	67	Aaron Monteiro	6-7	305	So.
	73	Sam Schmal	6-7	309	Jr.
LG	76	Elijah Johnson	6-5	310	Fr.
	70	John Phillips	6-6	301	R-Fr.
C	77	Jon Baker	6-3	298	Jr.
	54	Joel Rich	6-3	292	Jr.
RG	75	Chris Lindstrom	6-4	298	So.
	72	Jim Cashman	6-7	302	Sr.
RT	74	Jimmy Lowery	6-4	290	Gr.
	66	Anthony Palazzolo	6-5	301	R-Fr.
TE	89	Tommy Sweeney	6-5	258	So.
	88	Michael Giacone	6-5	265	Sr.
QB	8	Patrick Towles	6-5	253	Gr.
	4	Darius Wade	6-0	211	R-So.
RB	32	Jon Hilliman	6-0	229	R-So.
	or 16	Davon Jones	5-10	214	R-Fr.
	23	Myles Willis	5-9	194	Sr.
or 35	Tyler Rouse	5-8	198	Sr.	
FB	36	Bobby Wolford	6-2	248	Sr.
	86	Ray Marten	6-3	253	Fr.
WR	83	Charlie Callinan	6-4	239	Jr.
	1	Elijah Robinson	6-0	197	So.
	or 82	Nolan Borgersen	6-2	204	R-Fr.
WR	6	Jeff Smith	6-1	192	So.
	19	Ben Glines	6-2	209	R-Fr.
WR	3	Michael Walker	6-0	195	So.
	18	Thadd Smith	5-9	181	Jr.

## DEFENSE

DE	93	Kevin Kavalec	6-2	260	Sr.
	2	Zach Allen	6-5	272	So.
T	97	Truman Gutapfel	6-3	288	Sr.
	94	Noa Merritt	6-0	227	Jr.
N	94	Noa Merritt	6-0	227	Jr.
	96	Ray Smith	6-1	292	So.
	92	Kevin Cohee	6-4	274	So.
	or 98	Jack Kenny	6-3	275	Jr.
DE	7	Harold Landry	6-3	250	Jr.
	11	Wyatt Ray	6-3	249	So.
SLB	28	Matt Milano	6-1	221	Sr.
	49	Kevin Bletzer	6-2	213	So.
	or 26	Sharrieff Grice	6-1	224	So.
MLB	13	Connor Strachan	6-0	237	Jr.
	30	Mike Strizak	6-2	239	Sr.
WLB	10	Ty Schwab	6-0	229	Jr.
	30	Mike Strizak	6-2	239	Sr.
	or 46	Jimmy Martin	5-11	220	R-Fr.
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom	6-1	190	Jr.
	14	Gabriel McClary	6-3	204	Jr.
	or 24	Taj-Amir Torres	5-9	177	So.
SS	8	Will Harris	6-2	202	So.
	25	Mehdi El Attrach	6-0	194	R-Fr.
FS	9	John Johnson	6-0	202	Sr.
	29	Atem Ntantang	5-11	195	Jr.
RC	5	Kamrin Moore	5-11	195	Jr.
	21	Lukas Denis	5-11	186	So.
<b>SPECIALISTS</b>					
KO	98	Mike Knoll	6-0	202	Jr.
	99	Colton Lichtenberg	5-10	186	So.
FG	98	Mike Knoll	6-0	202	Jr.
	99	Colton Lichtenberg	5-10	186	So.
P	98	Mike Knoll	6-0	202	Jr.
	95	Grant Carlson	6-0	180	Fr.
LS	53	Leonard Skubal	5-10	193	Sr.
	46	Jimmy Martin	5-11	220	R-Fr.
H	15	Troy Flutie	6-0	182	So.
PR	35	Tyler Rouse	5-8	198	Sr.
	3	Michael Walker	6-0	195	So.
KR	23	Myles Willis	5-9	194	Sr.
	3	Michael Walker	6-0	195	So.

## THE LAST MEETING

Nov. 23, 2013

College Park, Md.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Boston College	3	7	3	16	29
Record: (7-4,4-3)					
Maryland	10	0	7	9	26
Record: (6-5,2-5)					

### Scoring Summary:

1st	11:10	BC	Nate Freese 22 yd field goal, 7-70 3:50, BC 3 - UMD 0
	05:54	UMD	Craddock 43 yd field goal, 7-27 2:54, BC 3 - UMD 3
	01:49	UMD	Reid 1 yd run (Craddock kick), 1-1 0:03, BC 3 - UMD 10
2nd	12:30	BC	Andre Williams 6 yd run (Nate Freese kick), 1-9 0:05, BC 10 - UMD 10
3rd	11:18	UMD	Etta-Tawo 33 yd pass from Brown (Craddock kick), 8-70 3:33, BC 10 - UMD 17
	01:09	BC	Nate Freese 19 yd field goal, 14-73 6:49, BC 13 - UMD 17
4th	10:52	UMD	Brown 3 yd run (Craddock kick), 6-33 2:33, BC 13 - UMD 24
	10:33	BC	Andre Williams 72 yd run (Nate Freese kick), 1-72 0:12, BC 20 - UMD 24
	05:02	BC	Alex Amidon 74 yd pass from Chase Rettig (Nate Freese kick blockd), 5-92 2:32, BC 26 - UMD 24
	05:02	UMD	Nixon PAT return, BC 26 - UMD 26
	00:00	BC	Nate Freese 52 yd field goal, 6-45 1:32, BC 29 - UMD 26

	BC	UMD
FIRST DOWNS	11	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-254	34-100
PASSING YDS (NET)	120	178
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-6-1	31-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	55-374	65-278
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-15	1-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-70	4-104
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-2
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.4	9-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-28	5-44

## SERIES HISTORY

8-3-0 (H:3-2-0; A: 5-1-0)

Year	Score	Winner	Venue
1985	31-13	Maryland	Foxboro, Mass.
1986	30-25	Boston College	College Park, Md.
2005	31-16	Boston College	College Park, Md.
2006	38-16	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
2007	42-35	Maryland	College Park, Md.
2008	28-21	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
2009	19-17	Boston College	College Park, Md.
2010	24-21	Maryland	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
2011	28-17	Boston College	College Park, Md.
2012	20-17	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
2013	29-16	Boston College	College Park, Md.

## STATISTICAL COMPARISON

Category	BC	UMD	NCAA Ranking	
			BC	UMD
Record	6-6	6-6		
Conference	2-6	3-6		
3rd Down Pct	0.325	0.349	119	104
3rd Down Pct Defense	0.319	0.393	12	65
4th Down Pct	0.500	0.407	60	106
4th Down Pct Defense	0.364	0.375	16	20
First Downs Defense	184	284	7	107
First Downs Offense	174	219	128	112
Fumbles Recovered	12	6	11	90
Kickoff Return Defense	17.24	18.49	7	24
Kickoff Returns	23.59	20.03	21	82
Net Punting	34.75	38.09	112	50
Passes Intercepted	11	4	53	125
Passing Offense	141.5	174.0	121	110
Passing Yards Allowed	203.7	215.8	33	52
Punt Return Defense	5.41	5.59	33	38
Punt Returns	13.74	10.19	10	32
Red Zone Defense	0.818	0.769	53	20
Red Zone Offense	0.800	0.861	95	49
Rushing Defense	106.9	217.9	7	101
Rushing Offense	146.8	205.5	101	40
Scoring Defense	24.6	29.0	44	71
Scoring Offense	19.1	25.4	123	92
Team Passing	111.33	124.85	115	82
Team Passing Defense	135.00	127.30	81	57
Team Sacks	3.25	2.75	9	23
Team Tackles for Loss	7.7	6.5	13	40
Time of Possession	33:29	27:51	13	97
Total Defense	310.6	433.7	8	81
Total Offense	288.3	379.5	127	94

## THE OPPONENT FILE

### Maryland Terrapins (6-6, 3-6 Big Ten)

#### September

3	Howard	W, 52-13
9	FIU	W, 41-14
17	UCF	W, 30-24 (2OT)

#### October

1	Purdue	W, 50-7
8	Penn State	L, 38-14
15	Minnesota	L, 31-10
22	Michigan State	W, 28-17
29	Indiana	L, 42-36

#### November

5	Michigan	L, 59-3
12	Ohio State	L, 62-3
19	Nebraska	L, 28-7
26	Rutgers	W, 31-13

#### 2016 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	GP	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Ty Johnson	12	95	845	8.9	4
Lorenzo Harrison	9	88	633	7.2	5
Receiving	GP	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Teldrick Morgan	12	40	407	10.2	3
D.J. Moore	12	38	597	15.7	6
Passing	GP	C-A-I	Pct.	Yards	TD
Perry Hills	10	107-162-3	66.0	1235	10
Defensive	GP	Tackles	TFLs	Sacks	INT
Shane Cockerille	12	108	8.0-26	3.0-17	0
Jermaine Carter	12	103	7.0-34	5.0-32	1-14

# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE SCORING DRIVES

Quarter	Time	Scoring Play ()	Plays	Yards	TOP	Score (BC-OPP)
<b>Georgia Tech</b>						
3rd	13:00	Jon Hilliman 73 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	1	73	0:13	7-7
4th	11:46	Patrick Towles 6 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	9	63	4:05	14-7
<b>Massachusetts</b>						
2nd	04:32	Jeff Smith 46 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick failed)	1	46	0:08	6-7
2nd	03:08	Jeff Smith 36 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick)	1	36	0:09	13-7
3rd	03:50	Mike Knoll 40 yd field goal	7	55	2:57	16-7
3rd	01:04	Mike Knoll 37 yd field goal	4	6	1:56	19-7
4th	04:14	Jon Hilliman 15 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	5	35	2:46	26-7
<b>Wagner</b>						
1st	09:43	Jon Hilliman 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	5	44	2:10	7-7
1st	01:50	Patrick Towles 17 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	12	68	6:17	14-7
2nd	07:38	Jeff Smith 58 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick)	4	75	1:57	21-10
2nd	02:19	Patrick Towles 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	8	80	3:25	28-10
3rd	11:12	Jon Hilliman 6 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	1	6	0:07	35-10
3rd	01:08	Mike Walker 27 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick)	10	54	4:24	42-10
<b>Buffalo</b>						
1st	00:35	Davon Jones 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	8	71	3:25	7-0
2nd	09:25	Charlie Callinan 7 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick)	11	54	5:00	14-0
2nd	00:21	Mike Walker 11 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick)	11	84	6:07	21-3
4th	09:40	Jon Hilliman 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	8	78	4:28	28-3
4th	00:14	Richard Wilson 3 yd run (Mike Knoll kick)	8	39	5:12	35-3
<b>Clemson</b>						
1st	11:08	Mike Knoll 21 yd field goal	4	5	1:33	3-0
3rd	00:27	Bobby Wolford 1 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick)	9	55	4:51	10-35
<b>Syracuse</b>						
1st	11:37	Mike Knoll 30 yd field goal	3	15	1:15	3-0
2nd	10:33	Myles Willis 89 yd kickoff return (Mike Knoll kick)				10-14
3rd	00:00	Patrick Towles 75 yd run (Mike Knoll kick),	2	75	0:15	17-21
4th	10:02	Mike Knoll 39 yd field goal	8	43	3:30	20-21
<b>NC State</b>						
2nd	14:54	Mike Knoll 24 yd field goal	10	62	4:31	3-0
2nd	07:35	Jeff Smith 60 yd run (Mike Knoll kick),	2	65	0:49	10-7
3rd	10:02	Mike Knoll 29 yd field goal	7	9	3:28	13-7
4th	04:43	Tommy Sweeney 14 yd pass from Davon Jones (Tommy Sweeney pass)	9	63	4:33	21-14
<b>Louisville</b>						
3rd	11:45	Tyler Rouse 39 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mick Knoll kick)	2	42	0:45	7-38
<b>Florida State</b>						
4th	03:21	Richard Wilson 1 yd run (Mike Knoll Kick)	9	75	4:57	7-45
<b>Connecticut</b>						
2nd	10:36	Davon Jones 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick),	12	60	7:07	7-0
	01:36	Mike Knoll 35 yd field goal	12	63	5:59	10-0
3rd	08:25	Michael Walker 10 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick),	13	75	6:35	17-0
	02:55	Mike Knoll 24 yd field goal	7	74	3:15	20-0
4th	07:40	Mike Knoll 39 yd field goal	8	7	4:34	30-0
<b>Wake Forest</b>						
1st	10:16	Mike Knoll 22 yd field goal	4	7	1:29	3-0
1st	01:19	Myles Willis 11 yd run (Mike Knoll Kick)	5	25	2:03	10-0
4th	08:03	Tommy Sweeney 13 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll Kick)	8	73	4:35	17-14

## Offensive Touchdown Breakdown

Yards	TD Drives	Poss. Time	TD Drives	Plays	TD Drives
1-9	1	0:01-0:30	5	1	4
10-19	0	0:31-1:00	2	2	3
20-29	1	1:01-1:30	0	3	0
30-39	3	1:31-2:00	1	4	1
40-49	3	2:01-3:00	3	5	3
50-59	3	3:01-4:00	2	6	0
60-69	5	4:01-5:00	8	7	0
70-79	8	5:01-6:00	1	8	5
80-89	2	6:01-7:00	3	9	4
90-99	0	7:01 +	1	10	1
		OT	0	11+	4

Most plays on a TD drive: 13, Connecticut (Michael Walker 10 yd pass from Patrick Towles)

Fewest plays on a TD drive: 1, four times - recent Wagner (Hilliman 6-yard run)

Longest TD drive (yards): 84, Buffalo (Mike Walker 11 yd pass from Patrick Towles)

Shortest TD drive (yards): 6, Wagner (Hilliman 6-yard run)

Longest TD drive (time): 7:07, Connecticut (Michael Walker 10 yd pass from Patrick Towles)

## BOSTON COLLEGE

### RUSHING

Had 500+ yards	549 at Massachusetts, 11/24/73
Had 400+ yards	413 vs. Maine, 9/20/14
Had 300+ yards	300 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16
Had 70+ rushing attempts	71 vs. Northwestern, 9/12/92
Had 60+ rushing attempts	63 vs. Northern Illinois, 9/26/15
Had 50+ rushing attempts	54 vs. Wake Forest, 10/10/15
Had six or more rush touchdowns	8 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Had five rush touchdowns	vs. Southern Carolina, 9/13/14
Had four rush touchdowns	vs. Wagner, 9/24/16

### PASSING

Had 300+ yards	369 vs. Wake Forest, 11/3/12
Had 50+ pass attempts	51 vs. Wake Forest, 11/3/12
Had 25+ completions	30 vs. Wake Forest, 11/3/12
Had four or more passes intercepted	4 vs. Louisville, 11/8/14
Had three or more passes intercepted	3 vs. NC State, 11/7/15

### COMBINATION OFFENSE

Teammates with 100+ yards rushing	Jon Hilliman (148) & Tyler Murphy (105) vs. Penn State, 12/27/14
Teammates with 100+ yards receiving	Clarence Gannon (115) & Pete Mitchell (110) vs. Pittsburgh, 11/13/93
Three or more players ran for touchdowns	Tyler Rouse (3), Jon Hilliman, Jeff Smith (3), Marcus Outlow vs. Howard, 9/12/15

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600+ yards	648 vs. Temple, 10/11/03
Had 500+ yards	549 vs. Maine, 9/20/14
Had more than 550 yards	578 at NC State, 10/4/08
Had 400+ yards	400 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

### SCORING

Returned a kickoff for a touchdown	Myles Willis vs. Syracuse (89 yards), 10/23/16
Returned a punt for a touchdown	Spiffy Evans vs. Maine (82 yards), 9/5/12
Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown	Elijah Robinson vs. Louisville (12 yards), 10/24/15
Returned an INT for a touchdown	Matt Milano (19 yards) vs. UConn, 11/19/16
Returned a fumble for a touchdown	Nick Clancy (16 yards), Kevin Pierre-Louis (96 yards) vs. UMass, 9/24/11
Returned two fumbles for touchdowns	Nick Clancy (16 yards), Kevin Pierre-Louis (96 yards) vs. UMass, 9/24/11
Scored 60+ points	76-0 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Won by 50+ points	54-0 vs. Northeastern, 9/5/09
Scored a safety	vs. Miami, 9/1/12
Held opponent scoreless	30-0 vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16
Was held scoreless	49-0 at Virginia Tech, 9/17/16

### HALF-BY-HALF SCORING

Both teams were scoreless after first half	vs. Wake Forest (L, 3-0), 10/10/15
Led after three quarters and lost	vs. Penn State (L, 31-30 OT - led 21-14), 12/27/14
Trailed after three quarters and won	at Wake Forest (W, 17-14 - trailed 14-10), 11/26/16

### HALF-BY-HALF OFFENSE

Totaled 300+ yards in a half	344 in first half vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Rushed for three or more touchdowns in a half	3 in first half vs. Wagner, 9/24/16
Rushed for three or more touchdowns in a quarter	5 in first quarter vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Passed for three or more touchdowns in a half	3 in first half vs. Boise State, 12/28/05
Scored five or more touchdowns in half	5 in first half vs. Northeastern, 9/5/09

### TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover	vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16
Committed six or more turnovers	5 INTs, 1 fumble vs. North Carolina, 11/21/09

### DEFENSE

Allowed 500+ yards of total offense	515 vs. Louisville, 11/5/16
Held opponent to 100 or fewer yards	67 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Did not punt	at Syracuse, 10/2/93
Blocked a punt	Matt Milano vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16
Blocked a field goal	Connor Wujciak at Virginia Tech (Joey Slye), 11/1/14
Blocked a PAT	Jo-Lonn Dunbar Clemson (Jad Dean), 9/9/06 (2OT)
Missed a PAT	Mike Knoll vs. Massachusetts, 9/10/16
Had PAT Blocked	Alex Howell at Wake Forest, 10/25/14
Did not attempt field goal	vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16
Returned multiple punts for a touchdown	DeJuan Tribble (41) and Will Blackmon (71) at West Virginia, 11/13/04

### BOSTON COLLEGE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER

#### RUSHING

Had a touchdown run of 60+ yards	Myles Willis (68) at Virginia Tech, 11/1/14
Had a touchdown run of 70+ yards	Patrick Towles (75) vs. Syracuse, 10/22/16
Had a touchdown run of 80+ yards	Jeff Smith (80) vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/15
Rushed for 200+ yards	Andre Williams (295) vs. New Mexico St., 11/9/13
Rushed for 300+ yards	Andre Williams (339) vs. NC State, 11/16/13

#### PASSING

Had a touchdown pass of 70+ yards	Alex Amidon from Chase Rettig (74) at Maryland, 11/23/13
Had a touchdown pass of 60+ yards	Thadd Smith from Troy Flutie (66) at Duke., 10/3/15
Had a touchdown pass of 50+ yards	Jeff Smith from Patrick Towles (58) vs. Wagner, 9/24/16
Passed for 400+ yards	Chase Rettig (441) vs. Miami, 9/1/12
Attempted 50+ passes	Chase Rettig (51) vs. Miami, 9/1/12
Threw five or more touchdown passes	Matt Ryan (5) vs. Wake Forest, 9/1/07
Threw three or more interceptions	John Fadule (3) vs. NC State, 11/7/15

#### RECEIVING

Caught 10+ passes	Alex Amidon (10) vs. Arizona, 12/31/13
Had 200+ yards receiving	Gerard Phelan (226) at Miami, 11/23/84
Caught three or more touchdown passes	Kelvin Martin (3) at Holy Cross, 11/22/86

#### TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 400+ yards of total offense	Chris Crane (470) at NC State, 10/4/08
Scored three or more touchdowns	Jeff Smith (3), Tyler Rouse (3) vs. Howard, 9/12/15

#### DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes	Jamie Silva (3) vs. Bowling Green, 10/6/07
Recorded three or more turnovers	Justin Simmons (2 INT, 1 FF) vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/15
Recorded 15+ tackles	Steele Divitto (18) vs. New Mexico State, 11/9/13
Recorded 20+ tackles	Nick Clancy (25) at Northwestern, 9/15/12
Recorded three or more sacks	Harold Landry (3.0) at Wake Forest, 11/26/16

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15+ points kicking	Sandro Sciortino (15) vs. Toledo, 12/26/02
Made four or more field goals	Nate Freese (36, 45, 52, 32) vs. Wake Forest, 10/1/11
Missed three or more field goals	Ryan Ohliger (42, 36, 30) vs. Virginia, 10/8/05
Attempted five or more field goals	Steve Aponavicius (4-for-5) at Maryland, 11/128/09

# THE LAST TIME ...

## OPPONENTS

### RUSHING

Had 300+ yards ..... Pittsburgh (303), 9/5/14  
Had 70+ rushing attempts ..... Georgia Tech (76), 10/20/12  
Had 60+ rushing attempts ..... Army (65), 10/5/13  
Had four or more rush touchdowns ..... Georgia Tech (4), 10/20/12

### PASSING

Had 400+ yards ..... Syracuse (434), 10/23/16  
Had 300+ yards ..... Louisville (305), 11/5/16  
Had 50+ pass attempts ..... Penn State (50), 12/27/14  
Had 40+ pass attempts ..... Clemson (41), 10/17/15  
Had 40+ completions ..... New Mexico State (43), 11/9/13  
Had 25+ completions ..... Syracuse (32), 10/17/15  
Had three or more passing touchdowns ..... Florida State (5), 11/11/16  
Had three or more passes intercepted ..... Connecticut (3), 11/19/16

### COMBINATION OFFENSE

Teammates with 100+ yards rushing .....  
..... Diamond Ferri (141) & Damien Rhodes (107) of Syracuse, 11/27/04  
Teammates with 100+ yards receiving  
..... Amba Etta-Tawo (144) & Steve Ishmael (108) of Syracuse, 10/22/16  
Had 100-yard receiver and rusher .....  
..... Auden Tate (101) and Dalvin Cook (108) of Florida State, 11/11/16

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500+ yards ..... Louisville (515), 11/5/16  
Had 400+ yards ..... Florida State (416), 11/11/16  
Had fewer than 100 yards ..... Buffalo (10 pass, 19 rush), 9/12/15

### SCORING

Returned a kickoff for a touchdown Aregero Turner (86) of Northern Illinois, 9/26/15  
Returned a punt for a touchdown ..... C.J. Spiller (77) of Clemson, 9/19/09  
Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown ..... D.J. Green (9) of NC State, 10/9/10  
Returned an interception for a touchdown .. William Parks (69) of Arizona, 12/31/13  
Returned a fumble for a touchdown ..... Andrew Motuapuaka (34) of Virginia Tech, 10/31/15

### TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover ..... at Florida State, 11/11/16  
Committed five or more turnovers ..... Notre Dame (5), 11/21/15  
Lost three or more fumbles ..... Georgia Tech (3), 9/6/08

### DEFENSE

Allowed 500+ yards of total offense ..... Southern California (506), 9/13/14  
Allowed 400+ yards of total offense ..... Howard (483), 9/12/15  
Held BC to 100 or fewer yards ..... 83 at Louisville (-10 rush, 93 pass), 10/24/15  
Scored a safety ..... Georgia Tech, 9/6/08

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Did not punt ..... Miami, 11/26/96  
Blocked a punt ..... Wake Forest blocked Nate Freese, 9/6/13  
Blocked punt returned for a touchdown ..... D.J. Green (9) of NC State, 10/9/10  
Blocked a field goal ..... Julius Jones (NC State) blocked Mike Knoll, 10/29/16  
Blocked a PAT and scored .....  
..... Marcus Whitfield (Maryland) blocked Nate Freese & Anthony Nixon scored, 11/23/13  
Missed a PAT ..... North Carolina, 10/26/13

## OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL PLAYER

### RUSHING

Had a touchdown run of 80+ yards ..... Daniel Grochowski (80) of Army, 10/5/13  
Had a touchdown run of 70+ yards .....  
..... Brandon Pendergrass (76) of Wake Forest, 9/29/09  
Rushed for 200+ yards ..... James Conner (214) of Pittsburgh, 9/5/14

### PASSING

Had a touchdown pass of 70+ yards .....  
..... Bra'Lon Cherry from Ryan Finley (79) of NC State, 10/29/16  
Passed for 300+ yards ..... Ryan Finley (307) of NC State, 10/29/16  
Completed 30+ passes ..... Eric Dungey (32) of Syracuse 10/22/16  
Threw three or more interceptions ..... Donovan Williams (3) of Connecticut, 11/19/16

### RECEIVING

Caught 10+ passes ..... Amba Etta-Tawo (10) of Syracuse, 10/22/16  
Had 100+ yards receiving ..... Jaylen Smith(123) of Louisville, 11/5/16  
Caught two or more touchdown passes ..... James Quick (2) of Louisville, 11/5/16

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 400+ yards of total offense ..... Lamar Jackson (410) of Louisville, 11/5/16  
Scored three or more touchdowns ..... Lamar Jackson (3) of Louisville, 11/5/16

### DEFENSE

Intercepted two or more passes ..... Gerod Holliman (3) of Louisville, 11/8/14  
Recorded 15+ tackles ..... Robert Caldwell (17) of NC State, 11/16/13

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 10+ points kicking ..... Joey Slye (14) of Virginia Tech, 10/31/15  
Made three or more field goals ..... Ross Martin (36, 38, 53) of Duke, 10/3/1  
Missed three or more field goals ..... Jared McLaughlin (47, 44, 51) of BYU, 9/16/06  
Attempted five or more field goals ..... Jeff Budzien (5-for-5) of Northwestern, 9/15/12

# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
*	1	Elijah Robinson	So.	WR	6-2	197 Montclair, N.J. / Montclair
*	2	Zach Allen	So.	DE	6-5	272 New Canaan, Conn. / New Canaan HS
*	3	Michael Walker	So.	WR	6-0	195 Naples, Fla. / Naples
	4	Hamp Cheevers	Fr.	DB	5-10	144 Trenton, Fla. / Trenton
	4	Darius Wade	R-So.	QB	6-0	211 Middletown, Del. / Middletown
**	5	Kamrin Moore	Jr.	DB	5-11	195 District Heights, Md. / Bishop Denis J. O'Connell
*	6	Jeff Smith	So.	WR	6-1	192 St. Petersburg, Fla. / Clearwater Central Catholic
**	7	Harold Landry	Jr.	DE	6-3	250 Spring Lake, N.C. / Pine Forest
*	8	Will Harris	So.	DB	6-2	202 Suwanee, Ga. / Choate Rosemary Hall
	8	Patrick Towles	Gr.	QB	6-5	253 Ft. Thomas, Ky. / Kentucky
***	9	John Johnson	Sr.	DB	6-0	202 West Hyattsville, Md. / Northwestern
*	10	Ty Schwab	Jr.	LB	6-0	229 Merritt Island, Fla. / Merritt Island
*	11	Wyatt Ray	So.	DE	6-3	249 Boca Raton, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas
	13	Anthony Brown	Fr.	QB	6-1	210 Cliffwood, N.J. / St. John Vianney
**	13	Connor Strachan	Jr.	LB	6-0	237 Wellesley, Mass. / St. Sebastian's
*	14	John Fadule	So.	QB	6-0	207 Wellesley, Mass. / Choate Rosemary
**	14	Gabriel McClary	Jr.	DB	6-3	204 Orlando, Fla. / Winter Park
*	15	Troy Flutie	So.	WR	6-0	182 Natick, Mass. / Natick
	16	Davon Jones	R-Fr.	RB	5-10	214 Worcester, Mass. / St. John's (Shrewsbury)
	17	Aidan Hegarty	Fr.	WR	6-1	191 Bluffton, S.C./Hilton Head
	17	Mike Palmer	Fr.	DB	6-1	178 Endwell, N.Y. / Maine Endwell
*	18	Thadd Smith	Jr.	WR	5-9	181 Yeadon, Pa. / Cardinal O'Hara
	19	Ben Glines	R-Fr.	WR	6-2	209 Cincinnati, Ohio / St. Xavier
**	20	Isaac Yiadom	Jr.	DB	6-1	190 Worcester, Mass. / Doherty Memorial
	21	Lukas Denis	So.	DB	5-11	186 Everett, Mass. / Everett
***	23	Myles Willis	Sr.	RB	5-9	194 Conyers, Ga. / Marist School
*	24	Taj-Amir Torres	So.	DB	5-9	177 Amherst, Mass. / Amherst-Pelham
	25	Mehdi ElAttrach	R-Fr.	DB	6-0	194 Orlando, Fla. / Lake Nona
*	26	Sharrieff Grice	So.	LB	6-1	224 Naugatuck, Conn. / Kingswood Oxford
	27	Christian McStravick	Fr.	WR	6-3	199 Katy, Texas / Strake Jesuit College Prep
***	28	Matt Milano	Sr.	LB	6-1	218 Orlando, Fla. / Dr. Phillips
*	29	Atem Ntantang	Jr.	DB	5-11	195 Purcellville, Va. / Woodgrove
***	30	Mike Strizak	Sr.	LB	6-2	239 Fair Lawn, N.J. / Don Bosco Prep
*	32	Jon Hilliman	R-So.	RB	6-0	229 Plainfield, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep
	33	John Lamot	Fr.	LB	6-0	227 Graham, N.C. / Eastern Alamance
	34	Sean McFadden	Fr.	RB	5-9	190 Sunfish Lake, Minn. / St. Thomas Academy High
	34	Timi Tijani	So.	DB	6-1	185 Greencastle, Pa. / Mercersburg Academy
**	35	Tyler Rouse	Sr.	RB	5-8	225 Baldwinsville, N.Y. / Baker
***	36	Bobby Wolford	Sr.	FB	6-2	248 Jacksonville, Fla. / Bishop Kenny
	37	Kobay White	Fr.	WR	5-11	185 Harrisburg, Pa. / Bishop McDevitt
*	38	Richard Wilson	So.	RB	5-10	224 Southfield, Mich. / Detroit Country Day
	39	Jack Galvin	Jr.	DB	6-0	195 Lowell, Mass. / Bentley
	39	Andrew Strader	Fr.	WR	5-7	155 Newport Beach, Calif. / Mater Dei
	41	Christian Backe	So.	P	6-4	205 Fairfield, Conn. / Fairfield College Prep
	41	Brendan Nosovitch	Sr.	TE	6-2	223 Allentown, Pa. / South Carolina
	42	E.J. Fortenberry	Sr.	DB	5-9	166 Santa Monica, Calif. / Crossroads
	43	Curt Bletzer	Fr.	LB	6-0	192 Medfield, Mass. / Catholic Memorial
	43	Cameron Croteau	Sr.	TE	6-4	243 Novato, Calif. / Marin Catholic
	44	Brandon Barlow	Fr.	DL	6-3	226 Cohoes, N.Y. / Shaker
	45	Ethan Tucky	Fr.	LB	6-1	235 Delaware, Ohio / Rutherford B. Hayes
	46	Jimmy Martin	R-Fr.	LB	5-11	220 Winter Park, Fla. / Orangewood Christian
	47	Colton Cardinal	So.	FB	6-3	234 Franklin, Mass. / Franklin
	48	Tanner Karafa	R-Fr.	DE	6-3	260 Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge
*	49	Kevin Bletzer	So.	LB	6-2	213 Medfield, Mass. / Catholic Memorial
	50	Doug Rodier	Fr.	LB	6-1	225 Manchester, Mass. / Lawrence Academy
	51	Isaiah Miranda	Fr.	LB	6-0	243 Boston, Mass. / Boston College High School
	52	Max Richardson	Fr.	LB	6-0	225 Duluth, Ga. / Woodward Academy
***	53	Leonard Skubal	Sr.	LS	5-10	193 Deerfield Beach, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas
**	54	Joel Rich	Jr.	OL	6-3	292 Paris, Ohio / St. Thomas Aquinas
	55	Wyatt Knopfke	R-Fr.	OL	6-4	300 Bradenton, Fla. / St. Stephen's Episcopal
	56	Mark Zavrl	So.	LB	6-0	210 Andover, Mass. / Cornell University
	57	Jack Cottrell	Jr.	DL	6-4	253 Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie

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59	Shane Leonard	Fr.	OL	6-1	278	Marshfield, Mass. / Marshfield
65	Ryan Conte	So.	OL	6-4	294	Somerville, Mass. / Phillips Exeter
66	Anthony Palazzolo	R-Fr.	OL	6-5	301	Fairfield, Conn. / Fairfield College Prep
*	67 Aaron Monteiro	So.	OL	6-7	305	Brockton, Mass. / Brockton
69	Austin Stevens	So.	OL	6-3	289	Montclair, N.J. / Montclair
70	John Phillips	R-Fr.	OL	6-6	301	Phoenix, N.Y. / Christian Brothers Academy
**	72 Jim Cashman	Sr.	OL	6-7	302	Haddonfield, N.J. / Haddonfield Memorial
*	73 Sam Schmal	Jr.	OL	6-7	309	Atlanta, Ga. / Westminster School
74	Jimmy Lowery	Gr.	OL	6-4	290	Burr Ridge, Ill. / Eastern Illinois
*	75 Chris Lindstrom	So.	OL	6-4	298	Dudley, Mass. / Shepherd Hill
76	Elijah Johnson	Fr.	OL	6-5	310	Severn, Md. / DeMatha Catholic
*	77 Jon Baker	Jr.	OL	6-3	298	Millis, Mass. / Millis
78	Tom Kowalkoski	Fr.	OL	6-4	302	Plymouth, Mich. / Detroit Catholic Central
79	Sean Ragan	Fr.	OL	6-4	298	Westborough, Mass. / St. John's Shrewsbury
80	Drew Barksdale	Jr.	WR	5-11	198	Solon, Ohio / Solon
81	Chris Garrison	R-Fr.	WR	6-3	237	Goffstown, N.H. / Lawrence Academy
82	Nolan Borgersen	R-Fr.	WR	6-2	204	Westwood, N.J. / Westwood Regional
**	83 Charlie Callinan	Jr.	WR	6-4	239	Westfield, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep
*	84 Jake Burt	So.	TE	6-3	253	Lynnfield, Mass. / St. John's Prep (Danvers)
85	Korab Idrizi	Fr.	TE	6-3	228	Fort Lee, N.J. / Bergen Catholic
86	Ray Marten	Fr.	TE	6-3	253	Belle Harbor, N.Y. / Poly Prep
**	88 Michael Giacone	Sr.	TE	6-5	265	Westfield, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep
*	89 Tommy Sweeney	So.	TE	6-5	258	Ramsey, N.J. / Don Bosco Prep
90	Bryce Morais	Fr.	DL	6-4	265	Grayson, Ga./Grayson
*	91 Joseph Vitiello	So.	TE	6-3	262	Bridgewater, N.J. / Immaculata
*	92 Kevin Cohee	So.	DT	6-2	274	Chestnut Hill, Mass. / Roxbury Latin
***	93 Kevin Kavalec	Sr.	DE	6-2	260	Middleburg Heights, Ohio / Saint Ignatius
94	Noa Merritt	Jr.	DT	6-0	277	Sparta, N.J. / Pope John XXIII
95	Grant Carlson	Fr.	P	6-0	180	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point
95	Taylor Hill	Fr.	DL	6-0	254	Pickerington, Ohio / St. Charles Prep
96	Ray Smith	So.	DT	6-1	292	Carlsbad, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
***	97 Truman Gutapfel	Sr.	DT	6-3	288	Harrison, Ohio / Harrison
98	Jack Kenny	Jr.	DT	6-3	275	Baltimore, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
98	Mike Knoll	Jr.	K/P	6-0	202	Copley, Ohio / Walsh Jesuit
99	Adam Korutz	Fr.	DL	6-2	296	Johnson City, N.Y./Johnson City
*	99 Colton Lichtenberg	So.	K	5-10	186	Savannah, Ga. / Savannah Country Day

## Boston College Pronunciation Guide

Backe, Christian	BACK-ee	Tijani, Timi	Ti-ZHA-nee, Timmy
Croteau, Cameron	CREW-toe	Towles, Patrick	Tolls
ElAttrach, Mehdi	EL ah-TRACK, Meh-DEE	Tucky, Ethan	TUCK-ee
Fadule, John	Fah-DUEL	Vitiello, Joseph	Vit-EE-el-oh
Giacone, Mike	GEE-uh-cone	Wolford, Bobby	WFOA-ford
Gutapfel, Truman	GOOD-apple	Yiadom, Isaac	Yuh-EYE-dum
Idrizi, Korab	Eh-DREE-zee, CO-rob		
Jones, Davon	DAY-von		
Karafa, Tanner	CAR-ah-FA		
Kavalec, Kevin	CAV-uh-lack		
Knopfke, Wyatt	KEN-off-KEY		
Korutz, Adam	Kerr-OOTZ		
Kowalkoski, Tom	COW-wah-COW-ski		
Lichtenberg, Colton	LICK-tin-burg		
Monteiro, Aaron	Mon-TEAR-oh (tear rhymes with fair)		
Morais, Bryce	More-ay-is		
Nosovitch, Brendan	NOS-a-vitch		
Ntantang, Atem	NEH-tang-TANG, AH-tem		
Palazzolo, Anthony	PAL-on-ZOLO		
Rouse, Tyler	Rhymes with "House"		
Skubal, Leonard	SKOO-bull		
Strachan, Connor	Struh-HAN		
Strizak, Mike	STREE-zack		

# Player Profiles



## 8 • PATRICK TOWLES

QB

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### TOWLES' CAREER BC HIGHS

Attempts: 33 at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016  
 Completions: 18 at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016  
 Yards: 234 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016  
 Long Pass: 58 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Passing TDs: 2 (three) last vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016  
 Rushes: 12 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Rush yards: 66 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Long rush: 16 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Points: 6 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

2016 (GRADUATE): Made first career start in Eagles uniform vs. Georgia Tech (Sept. 3), finished the game 11-for-17 for 144 yards passing and 31 yards rushing including a touchdown... Against Massachusetts (Sept. 10) Towles finished the game 12-for-22 for 191 yards with two touchdown passes of 36 and 46 yards... Responsible for four touchdowns in the win against Wagner (Sept. 24), two through the air and two on the ground; 17-yard touchdown run and 58-yard TD pass vs. the Seahawks longest in a BC uniform... Against Buffalo (Oct. 1) threw 14-for-25 for a BC career-high 234 yards with two touchdowns... Tallied his seventh passing touchdown of the season against Clemson (Oct. 7)... Set a BC career high in pass attempts and completions going 18-for-33 in the win over NC State (Oct. 29)... Went 13-for-21 with 147 passing yards, one touchdown and one interception against Louisville (Nov. 5)... Was 14-for-19 with 183 passing yards and one touchdown against Connecticut (Nov. 19), completing 73.7 percent of his passes, his highest this season... Completed on 10 of his 23 pass attempts for 74 yards and a touchdown in the win against Wake Forest (Nov. 26).

Season	GP	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TD	Long	Pct
2016	12	251	128	6	1579	10	58	51.0
Career	12	251	128	6	1579	10	58	51.0

## 4 • DARIUS WADE

QB

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### WADE'S CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 25 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Completions: 14 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Yards: 155 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Long Pass: 22 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Rushes: 11 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Rush yards: 18 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Long rush: 17, vs Maine, Sept. 5, 2015; vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015

2016 (R-SOPHOMORE): Has seen action in nine of the eleven games this season...

2015 (SOPHOMORE): Saw action in three games, making three starts before missing the rest of the season due to injury ... named the starter at the end of spring practice ... threw for 232 yards, two touchdowns and an interception on 21-of-42 passing ... also ran for 73 yards on 22 carries ... made first-career start against Maine (Sept. 5), throwing for 155 yards and a touchdown on 14-of-25 passing ... tallied 30 yards and a touchdown on 3-of-5 passing against Howard (Sept. 12).

Season	GP	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TD	Long	Pct
2014	3	3	8	0	23	0	12	.38
2015	3	21	42	1	232	2	22	.50
2016	9	19	9	1	100	0	24	47.4
Career	15	69	33	2	355	2	24	47.8

## 32 • JON HILLIMAN

RB

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### HILLIMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 12 (5 times), last vs. Louisville, Nov. 8, 2014  
 Touchdowns: 2 (5 times), last vs. Louisville, Nov. 8, 2014  
 Rush attempts: 27 at NC State, Oct. 11, 2014  
 Rush yards: 148 vs. Penn State, Dec. 27, 2014 (25 carries)  
 Rush TDs: 2 (6 times), last vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Long rush: 73 vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016  
 Receptions: 3 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Receiving yards: 33 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Long reception: 17 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Total offense attempts: 28 at NC State, Oct. 11, 2014 (27 rush, 1 pass)  
 Total offense yards: 148 vs. Penn State, Dec. 27, 2014 (148 rush, 0 pass)  
 All-purpose yards: 148 vs. Penn State, Dec. 27, 2014

NOTES: 2016 Athlon All-ACC Preseason Fourth...2014 All-ACC third-team...2014 ECAC Co-Rookie of the Year...Holds BC's rookie record for rushing attempts (210)...Tied for 12th all-time in career rushing touchdowns (20) at Boston College.

2016 (R-SOPHOMORE): Rushed for fifth career 100-yard game (102) vs. Georgia Tech (Sept. 3), also set a career-high rush of 73 yards on third quarter touchdown...Recorded sixth career multi-touchdown game in win against Wagner (Sept. 24), scoring two TDs - a one-yarder and six-yarder - rushing for 83 yards on 19 carries, including a 41-yard dash... Recorded fifth touchdown of the season against Buffalo (Oct. 1)... Rushed for a team-high 20 attempts for 74 yards in the win over NC State (Oct. 29).

Season	GP	Att	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/C	Rec	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg.
2014	13	210	860	13	52	4.1	1	5	0	5	5.0
2015	4	51	198	2	21	3.9	3	33	0	17	11.0
2016	11	155	463	5	73	3.0	1	2	0	2	2.0
Career	28	416	1521	20	73	3.7	5	40	0	17	8.0

## 23 • MYLES WILLIS

RB

Sr. • Conyers, Ga. • 5-9 • 194

### WILLIS' CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 6, 5 times  
 Touchdowns: 1, 5 times  
 Rush attempts: 17, at Syracuse, Nov. 30, 2013  
 Rush yards: 89 vs. Southern California, Sept. 13, 2014 (9 carries)  
 Rush TDs: 1, 4 times  
 Long rush: 68 at Virginia Tech, Nov. 1, 2014  
 Receptions: 4, Florida State, Sep 28, 2013  
 Receiving yards: 69, Florida State, Sept. 28, 2013 (4 receptions)  
 Receiving TDs: 1, Florida State, Sept. 28, 2013  
 Long reception: 52, Florida State, Sept. 28, 2013  
 Total offense attempts: 17, at Syracuse, Nov. 30, 2013 (17 rush, 0 pass)  
 Total offense yards: 89 vs. Southern California, Sept. 13, 2014 (89 rush, 0 pass)  
 All-purpose yards: 211, Florida State, Sept. 28, 2013  
 Kick returns: 5, at North Carolina, Oct. 26, 2013, vs. Louisville, Nov. 8, 2014  
 Kick return yards: 131 vs. Louisville, Nov. 8, 2014 (5 returns)  
 Long kick return: 98, at New Mexico State, Nov. 9, 2013

NOTES: Captain...Wuerffel Trophy Watch List...Currently second on BC's all-time list with 2,045 return yards ...Also ranks second with 85 returns.

2016 (SENIOR): Recorded six rush attempts for 24 yards against Georgia Tech (Sept.3)... Added two kick returns for 46 yards to his career total at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)... added a season-high four kick returns for 69 yards against Clemson (Oct. 7)... 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Syracuse (Oct. 29)... Recorded his first rushing touchdown of the season after forcing the first fumble of his career on a punt to start the drive at Wake Forest (Nov. 26).

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Season	GP	Att	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/C	Rec	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg.
2013	11	60	346	2	38	5.8	5	60	1	52	12.0
2014	13	88	459	2	68	5.2	1	18	0	18	18.0
2015	9	67	259	0	45	3.9	1	36	0	36	36.0
2016	12	47	227	1	39	4.8	1	8	0	8	8.0
Career	45	262	1291	5	68	4.9	8	122	1	52	15.3

Kick Returns	GP	No.	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/R
2013	11	30	709	1	98	23.6
2014	13	34	839	1	95	24.7
2015	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
2016	12	18	432	1	89	24.0
Career	45	85	2045	3	98	24.1

## 35 • TYLER ROUSE

RB

Sr. • Baldwinsville, N.Y. • 5-8 • 198

### ROUSE'S CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 18 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015  
 Touchdowns: 3 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015  
 Rush attempts: 24 at Syracuse, Nov. 28, 2015  
 Rush yards: 111 at Syracuse, Nov. 28, 2015  
 Rush TDs: 3 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015  
 Long rush: 45 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Receptions: 3 vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015  
 Receiving yards: 53 vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015  
 Total offense attempts: 24 at Syracuse, Nov. 28, 2015 (24 rush, 0 pass)  
 Total offense yards: 111 at Syracuse, Nov. 28, 2015  
 All-purpose yards: 116 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016  
 Kick returns: 1 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Kick return yards: 44 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Long kick return: 44 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Punt returns: 5 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Punt return yards: 59 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016  
 Long punt return: 53 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016

NOTES: Captain

2016 (SENIOR): Returned five punts for 56 yards, including a 33-yarder in the win at UMass (Sept. 10)...Recorded a career-long 44-yard kickoff return and a 53-yard punt return in the victory over Wagner (Sept. 24)... Recorded a career-high 116 all-purpose yards against Buffalo (Oct. 1), including a career-high 59 punt return yards... Recorded a season-long 16-yard rush against Clemson (Oct. 7)... Caught his first career touchdown pass on a 39-yard reception against Louisville (Nov. 5)... Registered his a season-long 27-yard rush at Wake Forest (Nov. 26).

Season	GP	Att	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/C	Rec	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg.
2013	10	26	125	2	29	4.8	0	0	0	0	0
2014	13	49	214	3	42	4.4	4	44	0	23	11.0
2015	12	101	426	7	45	4.2	9	154	0	39	17.1
2016	12	22	86	0	27	3.9	9	86	1	39	9.6
Career	47	198	851	12	45	4.3	22	284	1	39	12.9

Punt Returns	GP	No.	Yds	Td	Lg	Avg/R
2016	12	22	308	0	53	14.0
Career	12	22	308	0	53	14.0

## 16 • DAVON JONES

RB

R-Fr. • Worcester, Mass. • 5-10 • 214

### JONES' CAREER HIGHS

Rush Attempts: 12 vs Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Rush Yards: 90 vs Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Long Rush: 28 vs Syracuse, Oct. 22, 2016  
 Receptions: 2 vs. Clemson, Oct. 7, 2016  
 Long reception: 38 vs Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016  
 All-purpose yards: 91 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

2016 (R-FRESHMAN): Rushed for 17 yards on five attempts, including an eight-yard rush at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Recorded a career day against Wagner (Sept. 24), rushing for 90 yards on 12 attempts while recording a career-long, 26-yard run...Scored first career touchdown vs. Buffalo (Oct. 1) while recording a career-high 91 all-purpose yards and a career-long reception of 38 yards...Tallied a career-high in receptions hauling in two catches for 25 yards against Clemson (Oct. 7)...Made his first career start against Syracuse (Oct. 22) and rushed for 66 yards, including a career-high 28-yard rush...First career TD pass on a 14-yard halfback pass to tight end Tommy Sweeney for the game-winning touchdown at NC State (Oct. 29)... Led the Eagles in rushing against Connecticut (Nov. 19), totaling 40 yards and adding his second touchdown of the season.

Season	GP	Att	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/C	Rec	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg.
2016	12	91	361	2	28	4.0	10	99	0	38	9.9
Total	12	91	361	2	28	4.0	10	99	0	38	9.9

## 36 • BOBBY WOLFORD

FB

Sr. • Jacksonville, Fla. • 6-2 • 248

### WOLFORD'S CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 6, (four), last vs. Clemson, Oct. 7, 2016  
 Touchdowns: 1 (four) last vs. Clemson, Oct. 7, 2016  
 Receptions: 6 vs. Villanova, Aug. 31, 2013  
 Receiving yards: 84 vs. Villanova, Aug. 31, 2013  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (four) last vs. Clemson, Oct. 7, 2016  
 Long reception: 34 vs. Villanova, Aug. 31, 2013  
 All-purpose yards: 84 vs. Villanova, Aug. 31, 2013  
 Tackles: 1, vs. Florida State, Sept. 28, 2013; at Wake Forest, Oct. 25, 2014

2016 (SENIOR): Has started six games this season... Recorded his first touchdown of the season against Clemson (Oct. 7) ... Injured his ankle in the Florida State game (Nov. 11) and missed the UConn game (Nov. 19) due to the injury.

Season	GP	Att	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/C	Rec	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg.
2016	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

## 6 • JEFF SMITH

WR

So. • St. Petersburg, Fla. • 6-6 • 210

### SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 (twice) last vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016  
 Receiving Yards: 98 vs. Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Long Reception: 58 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Points scored: 18 vs. Howard, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Touchdowns: 3 vs. Howard, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Rushes: 13 at Syracuse, Nov. 28, 2015  
 Rush yards: 117 at Syracuse, Nov. 28, 2015  
 Rush TDs: 3 vs. Howard, Sept. 5, 2015  
 Long rush: 80 vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015  
 Attempts: 22 at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015  
 All-purpose yards: 121 vs Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016  
 Completions: 7 at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015  
 Pass TDs: 1, at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015; vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015  
 Long Pass: 39 at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015  
 Passing Yards: 87 at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015

NOTES: Transitioned to wide receiver from quarterback in the spring of 2016.

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2016 (SOPHOMORE): Made first career reception against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3), finishing the game with three catches for 26 yards...Notched a career-high five receptions for 98 yards in the victory at Massachusetts (Sept. 10), catching first two career touchdowns on back-to-back drives...Made a career-long 58-yard TD grab in the win against Wagner (Sept. 24)...Led the Eagles against Buffalo (Oct. 1), with five catches for 65 yards...Rushed for 70 yards including a season high 60-yard touchdown run while adding three receptions for 25 yards against NC State (Oct. 29)... Racked up a career-high 121 all-purpose yards, recording 87 receiving yards on four receptions and 34 rushing yards. He also recorded his second reception of over 50 yards against Connecticut (Nov. 19)... Tied a team high with four receptions at Wake Forest (Nov. 26) for 20 yards.

Season	GP	Att	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg/C	Rec	Yards	Td	Lg	Avg.
2016	12	31	184	1	60	5.9	26	391	3	58	15.0
Total	31	110	642	7	80	5.8	26	391	3	58	15.0

## 83 • CHARLIE CALLINAN WR

Jr. • Westfield, N.J. • 6-4 • 239

### CALLINAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 6 (three times), last vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015

Touchdowns: 1 (three times), last vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015

Receptions: 4 (twice) last vs. Louisville, Nov. 5, 2016

Receiving yards: 64 vs. Clemson, Oct. 18, 2014

Receiving TDs: 1 (three times), last vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015

Long reception: 35 vs. Clemson, Oct. 18, 2014

All-purpose yards: 64 vs. Clemson, Oct. 18, 2014

2016 (JUNIOR): Recorded a career-high four receptions against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3) for 53 yards...Scored first touchdown of the season against Buffalo (Oct. 1), finishing the game with two catches for 22 yards... Caught one pass for 12 yards against Connecticut (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	REC	YDS	TD	LG	AVG.
2014	13	13	149	1	35	11.5
2015	12	14	192	2	28	13.7
2016	12	21	241	1	22	11.5
Career	37	48	582	4	35	12.1

## 3 • MICHAEL WALKER WR

So. • Naples, Fla. • 6-0 • 195

### WALKER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 1 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015

Rush yards: 14 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015

Long rush: 14 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015

Receptions: 7 at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016

Receiving yards: 78 at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016

Long reception: 32 vs. NC State, Nov. 7, 2015

All-purpose yards: 152 vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015

Kick returns: 5 vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015

Kick return yards: 152 vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015

Long kick return: 67 vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015

NOTES: Athlon All-ACC Preseason Third Team (KR).

2016 (SOPHOMORE): Had two receptions for 35 yards vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Caught three passes for 26 yards against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Against Wagner (Sept. 24), recorded four receptions for 72 yards and recorded first career touchdown...Caught second touchdown of the season on a 11-yard pass against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Set a career high in rush attempts with three, gaining 28 yards against Syracuse (Oct. 22)...Set a career high in receptions and receiving yards catching seven passes for 78 yards in the win over NC State ... Hauled in a 10-yard touchdown reception on the opening drive of the second half against UConn (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	REC	YDS	TD	LG	AVG.
2015	12	2	41	0	32	20.5
2016	12	30	357	3	29	11.9
Career	24	32	398	3	32	12.4

## 81 • CHRIS GARRISON WR

R-Fr. • Naples, Fla. • 6-4 • 237

### GARRISON'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

Receiving Yards: 44 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

Long Reception: 44 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

2016 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Registered first career reception against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3) in first career game...Caught two passes at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Recorded a career-long, 44-yard catch against Buffalo (Oct. 1) but suffered a fractured tibia on the play.

Season	GP	REC	YDS	TD	LG	AVG.
2016	5	5	90	0	44	18.0
Career	5	5	90	0	44	18.0

## 18 • THADD SMITH WR

Jr. • Yeadon, Pa. • 5-9 • 181

### SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 6, at Duke, Oct. 3, 2015; vs. NC State, Nov. 7, 2015

Touchdowns: 1, at Duke, Oct. 3, 2015; vs. NC State, Nov. 7, 2015

Rush attempts: 2, three times, last at Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015

Rush yards: 26 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015

Long rush: 18 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015

Receptions: 4 at Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015

Receiving yards: 99 at Duke, Oct. 3, 2015

Receiving TDs: 1, at Duke, Oct. 3, 2015; vs. NC State, Nov. 7, 2015

Long reception: 66 at Duke, Oct. 3, 2015

All-purpose yards: 99 at duke, Oct. 3, 2015

2016 (JUNIOR): Made first catch of the season at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17), finishing the game with two receptions for 14 yards...Hauled in two catches for 10 yards against Wagner (Sept. 24).

Season	GP	REC	YDS	TD	LG	AVG.
2014	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
2015	12	17	233	2	66	13.7
2016	12	4	24	0	12	6.0
Career	33	21	257	2	66	12.2

## 89 • TOMMY SWEENEY TE

So. • Ramsey, N.J. • 6-5 • 258

### SWEENEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016

Receiving yards: 78 at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016

Long reception: 22 (three), last vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016

2016 (SOPHOMORE): Recorded 30 receiving yards on two catches at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Recorded one catch for 14 yards in the victory over Wagner (Sept. 24)...Matched his Virginia Tech performance against Buffalo (Oct. 1), hauling in two catches for 30 yards... Rallied a career-high four receptions for 48 yards against Clemson (Oct. 7)...Set career highs in receptions and receiving yards against NC State (Oct. 29), finished the game with seven catches for 78 yards and recorded first career touchdown... Hauled in one reception for 29 yards against Connecticut (Nov. 19), tying his career high... Recorded four receptions for 39 yards against Wake Forest (Nov. 26), and hauled in the game-winning touchdown.

Season	GP	REC	YDS	TD	LG	AVG.
2015	12	5	68	0	22	13.6
2016	12	24	327	2	22	13.6
Career	24	29	395	2	22	13.6

# PLAYER PROFILES

## 88 • MICHAEL GIACONE

TE

Sr. • Westfield, N.J. • 6-5 • 265

### GIACONE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016

NOTES: Serves as a primary blocking tight end

2016 (SENIOR): Recorded first career tackle against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3).

2015: Missed the entire season due to a preseason knee injury.

## 93 • KEVIN KAVELEC

DE

Sr. • Middleburg Heights, Ohio • 6-2 • 260

### KAVELEC'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 (twice) at Wake Forest, Oct. 25, 2014 (8-2); at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

Tackles for loss: 4.5 at Wake Forest, Oct. 25, 2014

Sacks: 2.0 at Wake Forest, Oct. 25, 2014

Fumbles recovered: 1 vs. Syracuse, Oct. 22, 2016

Fumble forced: 1 vs. Louisville, Nov. 5, 2016

NOTES: CoSIDA Academic All-America second team.

2016 (SENIOR): Totaled four solo tackles including one for a loss against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Tied career high in tackles with two solo stops and assisting on eight at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Recorded his first career fumble recovery against Syracuse (Oct. 22)... Tallied four tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss in the win at NC State (Oct. 29)... Registered his first career forced fumble and added four tackles against Louisville (Nov. 5)... Recorded six tackles, including a sack and two tackles-for-a-loss against Connecticut (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2013	8	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0/0
2014	13	31	9	40	10.5-35	3.5-19	0	0/0
2015	11	13	7	20	8.0-22	1.0-11	0	0/0
2016	12	29	21	50	13.5-59	3.5-30	0	1/1
Career	44	75	38	113	32.0-116	8.0-60	0	1/1

## 2 • ZACH ALLEN

DE

So. • New Canaan, Conn. • 6-5 • 272

### ALLEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 (twice), at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016; at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

Tackles for loss: 2.5 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Sacks: 1.5 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Fumbles Recovered: 1, (twice) last at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016

2016 (SOPHOMORE): Recorded first career tackle for a loss against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Set career highs in tackles with six, including 2.5 tackles for loss and first career sack and fumble recovery against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Tied career high in tackles with six at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Recorded his second fumble recovery of the season while registering three tackles at NC State (Oct. 29)... Tallied four tackles in the win at Wake Forest (Nov. 26).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2015	12	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0/0
2016	12	17	17	34	8.0-37	4.0-27	0	0/2
Career	24	18	18	36	8.0-37	4.0-27	0	0/2

## 97 • TRUMAN GUTAPFEL

DT

Sr. • Harrison, Ohio • 6-3 • 288

### GUTAPFEL'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016

Tackles for loss: 2.5 (twice), at Wake Forest; Oct. 25, 2014, at Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015

Sacks: 1.0 (four times), last vs. Wake Forest, Oct. 10, 2015

Pass breakups: 1 (twice), at Virginia Tech, Nov. 1, 2014; vs. Wake Forest, Oct. 10, 2015

Fumble recovery: 1 (twice), vs. Penn State, Dec. 27, 2014; vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016

Fumbles forced: 1 vs Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

2016 (SENIOR): Set a career high with eight tackles, including five solo tackles and adding a fumble recovery against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Recorded seven tackles, one solo and six assisted, at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Forced first career fumble against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Recorded four solo tackles and one tackle for a loss in the win against NC State (Oct. 29)... Recorded his first solo sack of the season against Connecticut (Nov. 19)... Tallied his fifth tackle-for-a-loss of the season while finishing the game with six tackles at Wake Forest (Nov.26)

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2013	10	1	3	4	0.5-1	0	0	0/0
2014	13	12	14	26	5.5-8	2.5-4	0	0/1
2015	12	14	12	26	7.5-32	2-15	0	0/0
2016	12	21	23	44	5.0-11	1.5-3	0	1/1
Career	47	48	52	100	18.5-52	6.0-22	0	1/2

## 94 • NOA MERRITT

DT

Jr. • Sparta, N.J. • 6-0 • 227

### MERRITT'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016

Tackles for loss: 1.0 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

2016 (JUNIOR): Recorded first career tackle for a loss and first tackle of the season at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Recorded a career-high two tackles against Wagner (Sept. 24).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
2015	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0/0
2016	9	2	5	7	1.5-6	0	0	0/0
Career	18	3	5	8	1.5-6	0	0	0/0

## 96 • RAY SMITH

DT

So. • Carlsbad, Calif. • 6-1 • 292

### SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

Tackles for loss: 1.0 (twice), last vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016

2016 (SOPHOMORE): Recorded four tackles against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3) and at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Tallied a career-high five tackles against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Recorded three tackles in the win at NC State (Oct. 29) ... suffered a concussion prior to the Florida State game and missed games against FSU, UConn and Wake Forest.

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2015	5	4	1	5	1.0-2	0	0	0/0
2016	9	10	13	23	2.0-5	0	0	0/0
Career	14	14	14	28	3.0-7	0	0	0/0

## 7 • HAROLD LANDRY

DE

Jr. • Spring Lake, N.C. • 6-3 • 250

### LANDRY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 vs. Florida State, Sept. 18, 2015

Tackles for loss: 5 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016

Sacks: 3 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016

Forced Fumbles: 2 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015

Fumbles Recovered: 1, at Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015

NOTES: Walter Camp All-American (second team)... Division I Gold Helmet of the Year Award recipient... Ted Hendricks Award finalist... George "Bulger" Lowe Award recipient... All-ACC second team... Single-season record of 15 sacks this year at Boston College... Ranks fourth in BC history with 19.5 career sacks... 20.5 TFLs are second in BC single-season history... Fifth in BC history with 37.5 career TFLs... AP All-ACC first team).

2016(JUNIOR): Notched 1.5 sacks in the victory at Massachusetts (Sept. 10) while recording three total tackles and a forced fumble...Set a career high with three sacks and five tackles for a loss in the win over Wagner (Sept. 24)...Notched third forced fumble of the season against Buffalo (Oct. 1) and recorded a sack in the win...Recorded a sack and fourth forced fumble of the season while adding six total tackles against Clemson (Oct. 7)... Recorded ninth sack of the season and fifth forced fumble in the win at NC State (Oct. 29)... Tallied six solo tackles, including four TFLs and two sacks against Florida State (Nov. 11) ... Added his sixth forced fumble of the season at FSU... Tallied his 12th sack of the season and forced his seventh fumble of the season against Connecticut (Nov. 19)... Recorded a season-high seven tackles, including 4.5 tackles-for-a-loss and three sacks at Wake Forest (Nov. 26)... The three sacks marked a new single-season record for BC, finishing the year with 15.

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	13	6	5	11	1.5-4	0	0	0/0
2015	12	37	23	60	15.5-69	4.5-38	0	3/1
2016	12	31	16	47	20.5-142	15.0-133	0	7/0
Career	37	74	44	118	37.5-215	19.5-171	0	10/1

## 11 • WYATT RAY

DE

So. • Boca Raton, Fla. • 6-3 • 249

### RAY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

Sacks: 1.5 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Tackles for loss: 1.5 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Pass breakups: 1 at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015

2016 (SOPHOMORE): Recorded three tackles against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3) and Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Set career highs with 1.5 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss against UMass...Tallied a career-high four tackles at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)... Tallied his third sack of the season against Connecticut (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2015	12	3	1	4	1.5-5	.5-4	0	0/0
2016	12	6	20	26	6.0-26	3.0-19	0	1/0
Career	22	9	21	30	7.5-31	3.5-23	0	1/0

## 28 • MATT MILANO

LB

Sr. • Orlando, Fla. • 6-1 • 221

### MILANO'S CAREER STATS

Tackles: 9 (twice), last vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015

Tackles for loss: 3.0, at Duke, Oct. 3, 2015 (3.0-8)

Sacks: 2.0 vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015

Fumble recovery: 1 (three times), last vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015

Pass breakup: 1 (four), last vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

Interceptions: 1 vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016

All-purpose yards: 8 vs. Northern Illinois, Sept. 26, 2015

Punt return yards: 8 vs. Northern Illinois, Sept. 26, 2015

Long punt return: 8 vs. Northern Illinois, Sept. 26, 2015

NOTES: All-ACC honorable mention.

2016 (SENIOR): Tallied seven tackles, including two tackles for a loss (12 yards) and one sack (9 yards) against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Recorded eight total tackles against Massachusetts (Sept. 10), including one sack and 2.5 tackles for a loss...Notched eight tackles at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17), including five solo stops... Blocked third career punt against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Recorded five tackles against Clemson (Oct. 5)...Recorded his fifth sack of the season while tacking on seven tackles in the win at NC State (Oct. 29)... Tallied seven tackles against Louisville (Nov. 5) while tying his season high in TFLs with 2.5... Recorded his first career interception against Connecticut (Nov. 19), returning the pick 19 yards for a touchdown.

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2013	13	4	1	5	0.0	0	0	0/0
2014	12	15	3	18	3.0-19	1.0-3	0	0/2
2015	12	48	12	60	17.5-81	6.5-45	0	2/1
2016	12	40	15	55	9.5-50	5-41	1-19	0/1
Career	49	107	31	138	30.0-150	12.5-89	1-19	2/4

## 13 • CONNOR STRACHAN

LB

Jr. • Wellesley, Mass. • 6-0 • 237

### STRACHAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015 (8-4)

Sacks: 2.5 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Tackles for loss: 4 vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016

Interceptions: 1, two times, last vs. Wake Forest, Oct. 10, 2015

Long interception return: 16 vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015

Fumbles forced: 1 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Fumbles recovered: 1 (seven), last at Wake Forest Nov. 26, 2016

Pass breakups: 1 (three) last at Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015

NOTES: All-ACC honorable mention.

2016 (JUNIOR): Recorded eight solo tackles, including a career-high four tackles for a loss (13 yards) against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Tallied six tackles and set a new career high with 2.5 sacks for a loss of 19 yards against Massachusetts (Sept. 10); also recorded first career forced fumble and recovered another fumble in the win over the Minutemen... Notched second fumble recovery of the season against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Tallied five tackles against Clemson (Oct. 7), including his eighth tackle for a loss... Season-high nine tackles and recovered his third fumble of the season against Louisville (Nov. 5)... Recorded a team-high nine tackles against Florida State (Nov. 11) while adding his sixth career sack... Led the Eagles with six tackles against Connecticut (Nov. 19)... Marked a season-high 10 tackles at Wake Forest (Nov. 26) and also added his fourth fumble recovery of the year.

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	13	5	7	12	1.0-4	.5-3	0	0/0
2015	12	48	27	75	12.5-44	2-19	2	0/3
2016	11	40	30	70	10.0-47	3.5-29	0	1/4
Career	36	93	64	157	23.5-95	6.0-51	2	1/7

# PLAYER PROFILES

## 30 • MIKE STRIZAK

LB

Sr. • Fair Lawn, N.J. • 6-2 • 239

### STRIZAK'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 vs. Pittsburgh, Sep. 5, 2014

Tackles For Loss: 1.0, four times

Sacks: 1.0 at Wake Forest, Oct. 25, 2014

Interceptions: 1 vs. Syracuse, Nov. 29, 2014

Interception return yards: 1 vs. Syracuse, Nov. 29, 2014

Fumble recovery: 1, vs. Howard, Sept. 12, 2015

2016 (SENIOR): Has been battling injury during this season...Tallied first tackle of the season against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Recorded two tackles against Wagner (Sept. 24)... Tallied two tackles in the win against Connecticut (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2013	10	1	4	5	0.0-0	0	0	0/0
2014	13	21	22	43	5.0-15	1.0-9	1	0/0
2015	12	4	1	5	0.0-0	0	0	0/1
2016	11	7	2	9	0.0-0	0	0	0/0
Career	46	33	29	62	5.0-15	1.0-9	1	0/1

## 10 • TY SCHWAB

LB

Jr. • Merritt Island, Fla. • 6-0 • 229

### SCHWAB'S CAREER HIGHS:

Tackles: 10 vs. Clemson, Oct. 7, 2016

Tackles for a loss: 1.0 vs. Wake Forest, Oct. 10, 2015

2016 (JUNIOR): Recorded nine tackles, including five solo stops against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3) to kick off the new season in Ireland...Tallied seven tackles against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)... Set a new career high registering 10 tackles against Clemson (Oct. 7)... Recorded first career interception against NC State (Oct. 29) while adding a tackle for a loss... Tallied his first career sack against Louisville (Nov. 5)... Recorded three tackles against Connecticut (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	12	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0/0
2015	10	10	5	15	2.0-5	0	0	0/0
2016	12	29	28	57	5.0-11	0	1	0/0
Career	34	40	34	74	7.0-16	0	1	0/0

## 14 • GABRIEL MCCLARY

LC

Jr. • Orlando, Fla. • 6-3 • 204

### MCCLARY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015 (7-0)

Tackles for a loss: 1.0, at Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015

Sacks: 1.0, at Louisville, at Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015

Forced Fumbles: 1.0 (twice), last vs. NC State, Nov. 7, 2015

NOTES: Transitioned from wide receiver to defensive back during the 2015 spring season.

2016 (JUNIOR): Tied career high in tackles for a loss with one at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)... Tallied two tackles against Connecticut (Nov. 19).

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	11	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0
2015	12	25	1	26	1.0-17	1-17	0	2/0
2016	12	16	5	21	1.0-4	0	0	0/0
Career	35	41	6	47	2.0-21	1-17	0	2/0

## 20 • ISAAC YIADOM

LC

Jr. • Worcester, Mass. • 6-1 • 190

### YIADOM'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Florida State, Sept. 1, 2015 (6-0)

Tackles for a loss: .5 (twice) last vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016

Pass breakups: 3 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

Interceptions: 1, at Louisville, Oct. 25, 2015

Fumbles forced: 1 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

2016 (JUNIOR): Recorded first career forced fumble against Massachusetts (Sept. 10) and tallied four tackles...Tallied a career-high three pass breakups against Buffalo (Oct. 1) and assisted on a tackle for a loss, the first of his career.

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	13	7	6	13	0.0-0	0	0	0/0
2015	9	15	3	18	0.0-0	0	1	0/0
2016	12	14	9	23	1.0-4	0	0	1/0
Career	34	36	18	54	1.0-4	0	1	1/0

## 8 • WILL HARRIS

SS

So. • Suwanee, Ga. • 6-2 • 202

### HARRIS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

Tackles for a loss: 1.0 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 1, 2016

Interceptions: 1 (twice) vs. Maine, Sept. 5, 2015; at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31, 2015

2016 (SOPHOMORE): Recorded first interception of the season against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Tallied a career-high eight tackles at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)... Registered first career tackle for a loss against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Nabbed first-career interception against Syracuse (Oct. 22)...Recorded three tackles in the win at NC State (Oct. 29)... Tallied four tackles against Wake Forest (Nov. 26)

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2015	12	17	3	20	0.0-0	0	1	1/0
2016	12	33	13	46	1.0-5	0	2	0/0
Career	24	50	16	66	1.0-5	0	3	1/0

## 9 • JOHN JOHNSON

FS

Sr. • West Hyattsville, Md. • 6-0 • 202

### JOHNSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 vs. Louisville, Oct. 24, 2015 (8-3)  
 Tackles for loss: 1.0 (three times) last at NC State, Nov. 7, 2015  
 Fumbles recovered: 1 (twice), last vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 21, 2015  
 Fumbles forced: 1 vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 3, 2016  
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Maine, Sept. 20, 2014  
 Pass breakups: 3 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Interceptions: 1 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016

NOTES: Captain...Presented with the Jay McGillis Memorial Scholarship Award before the 2016 season...Accepted an invitation to play in the Senior Bowl following the year.

2016 (SENIOR): Recorded a forced fumble and tallied seven tackles against Georgia Tech (Sept. 3)...Set a career high with three pass breakups and registered four tackles against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Nabbed first interception of the season at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17) while tallying eight tackles...Recorded five tackles, including first tackle for a loss of the season, in the win against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...Recovered first fumble of the season and added four tackles in the loss against Clemson (Oct. 7)...Tallied a team-high eight tackles in the win at NC State (Oct. 29)... Recorded his second interception of the season and added a fumble recovery against Louisville (Nov. 5)... Marked a season-high nine tackles in the win at Wake Forest (Nov. 26), also added his third interception of the season and his first sack of the season.

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2013	12	4	0	4	1.0-1	0	0	0/1
2014	8	18	7	25	1.0-7	1-7	0	0/0
2015	12	45	18	63	1.5-5	.5-3	3	2/0
2016	12	45	20	65	2.5-19	1.0-16	3	1/2
Career	44	112	45	157	6.0-32	2.5-26	6	3/3

## 5 • KAMRIN MOORE

RC

Jr. • District Heights, Md. • 5-11 • 195

### MOORE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 vs. No. 3 Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015 (8-2)  
 Tackles for loss: 1.0 (twice), last vs. No. 3 Clemson, Oct. 17, 2015  
 Pass breakups: 1 (nine), last at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Fumble recovery: 1 vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016  
 Interceptions: 1 (twice) at NC State, Oct. 29, 2016; vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016

2016 (JUNIOR): Tallied three tackles, including half a tackle for a loss, broke up one pass against Massachusetts (Sept. 10)...Recorded his first career interception to seal the win for the Eagles at NC State (Oct. 29)... Tallied a team-high six tackles against Connecticut (Nov. 19) while recording his second interception of the season and recovered his first-career fumble... Marked four tackles in the win at Wake Forest (Nov. 26)

Season	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
2014	13	15	7	22	0.5-1	0	0	0/0
2015	8	21	4	25	2.0-6	0	0	0/0
2016	12	30	10	40	1.5-4	0	2	0/1
Career	33	66	21	87	4.0-9	0	2	0/1

## 98 • MIKE KNOLL

K/P

Jr. • Copley, Ohio • 6-0 • 202

### KNOLL'S CAREER HIGHS

Punt attempts: 13 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016  
 Punt yards: 537 at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016  
 Longest punt: 63 at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016  
 Points scored: 12 vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016  
 PATs: 6 vs. Wagner, Sept. 24, 2016  
 Field goals made: 3 vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016  
 Field goal attempts: 3 vs. Connecticut, Nov. 19, 2016  
 Longest field goal: 40 at Florida State, Nov. 22, 2014; at Massachusetts, Sept. 10, 2016

2016 (JUNIOR): Registered three punts averaging 35.7 yards Georgia Tech (Sept. 3), including pinning the ball at the one-yard line on second career punt...Made two field goals at Massachusetts (Sept. 10), including tying a career-long of 40 yards; recorded a career-long, 63-yard punt on one of nine attempts...Set a program record with 13 punts for a total of 537 yards at Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)...Was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra-point attempts in the win against Wagner (Sept. 24)...Was 5-for-5 on PAT attempts against Buffalo (Oct. 1)...connected on his only field goal attempt on the night from 21 yards out against Clemson (Oct. 7)...Was 2-for-3 on field goals and recorded a game-saving tackle in the win at NC State (Oct. 29)... Set a career high going 3-for-3 on field goal attempts against Connecticut (Nov. 19) and was also a perfect 3-for-3 on extra point attempts... Connected on all three kick attempts at Wake Forest (Nov. 26), hitting a 22-yard field goal and going 2-for-2 in PATs.

Kicking	FGM	FGA	PCT	LG	BLK	PAM	PAA	PCT	PTS
2014	3	4	.750	40	0	13	15	.867	22
2015	2	3	.667	25	0	9	9	1.000	15
2016	11	12	.917	40	1	23	24	.958	57
TOTAL	16	19	.842	40	1	45	48	.938	94

Punting	G	NO	YDS	LG	AVG
2016	12	86	3290	63	38.3
TOTAL	12	86	3290	63	38.3

Kickoffs	G	NO	YDS	AVG
2015	4	3	190	63.3
2016	12	48	2912	60.7
TOTAL	18	51	3102	60.8

# 2016 Statistics



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 Boston College Game Results (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
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Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
* Sep 03, 2016	vs Georgia Tech	L 14-17	0-1	0-1	3:08	40562
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	W 26-7	1-1	0-1	3:07	25112
* Sep 17, 2016	at Virginia Tech	L 0-49	1-2	0-2	3:14	60054
Sep 24, 2016	WAGNER	W 42-10	2-2	0-2	2:59	22728
Oct 01, 2016	BUFFALO	W 35-3	3-2	0-2	3:09	24203
* Oct 07, 2016	#3 CLEMSON	L 10-56	3-3	0-3	3:21	44500
* Oct 22, 2016	SYRACUSE	L 20-28	3-4	0-4	3:15	34647
* Oct 29, 2016	at NC State	W 21-14	4-4	1-4	3:30	56443
* Nov 05, 2016	#5 LOUISVILLE	L 7-52	4-5	1-5	3:04	30644
* Nov 11, 2016	at #20 Florida State	L 7-45	4-6	1-6	3:11	73917
Nov 19, 2016	CONNECTICUT	W 30-0	5-6	1-6	3:08	36220
* Nov 26, 2016	at Wake Forest	W 17-14	6-6	2-6	3:05	24866

2016 Boston College Football  
 Boston College Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
 All games

Team Statistics	BC	OPP
SCORING	229	295
Points Per Game	19.1	24.6
Points Off Turnovers	43	48
FIRST DOWNS	174	184
Rushing	80	60
Passing	80	98
Penalty	14	26
RUSHING YARDAGE	1761	1283
Yards gained rushing	2082	1709
Yards lost rushing	321	426
Rushing Attempts	514	388
Average Per Rush	3.4	3.3
Average Per Game	146.8	106.9
TDs Rushing	15	13
PASSING YARDAGE	1698	2444
Comp-Att-Int	139-273-7	198-346-11
Average Per Pass	6.2	7.1
Average Per Catch	12.2	12.3
Average Per Game	141.5	203.7
TDs Passing	11	26
TOTAL OFFENSE	3459	3727
Total Plays	787	734
Average Per Play	4.4	5.1
Average Per Game	288.2	310.6
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	27-637	34-586
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	23-316	27-146
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	11-129	7-107
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.6	17.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	13.7	5.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	11.7	15.3
FUMBLES-LOST	18-11	20-12
PENALTIES-Yards	84-700	62-531
Average Per Game	58.3	44.2
PUNTS-Yards	87-3309	79-3238
Average Per Punt	38.0	41.0
Net punt average	34.7	36.5
KICKOFFS-Yards	51-3094	57-3516
Average Per Kick	60.7	61.7
Net kick average	41.8	39.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:29	26:31
3RD-DOWN Conversions	62/191	52/163
3rd-Down Pct	32%	32%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	10/20	4/11
4th-Down Pct	50%	36%
SACKS BY-Yards	39-310	23-165
MISC YARDS	-19	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	28	40
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-14	5-9
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(56-70) 80%	(54-66) 82%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(38-70) 54%	(46-66) 70%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(26-27) 96%	(40-40) 100%
ATTENDANCE	385884	480784
Games/Avg Per Game	12/32157	10/48078
Neutral Site Games		2/40562

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Boston College	37	68	61	63	0	229
Opponents	98	51	91	55	0	295

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jon Hilliman	11	155	519	56	463	3.0	5	73	42.1
Davon Jones	12	91	371	10	361	4.0	2	28	30.1
Patrick Towles	12	103	451	171	280	2.7	4	75	23.3
Myles Willis	12	47	242	15	227	4.8	1	39	18.9
Jeff Smith	12	31	201	17	184	5.9	1	60	15.3
Richard Wilson	7	40	142	6	136	3.4	2	19	19.4
Tyler Rouse	12	22	93	7	86	3.9	0	27	7.2
Michael Walker	12	8	42	1	41	5.1	0	19	3.4
Darius Wade	9	7	17	11	6	0.9	0	9	0.7
Thadd Smith	12	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	4	0.3
Team	8	8	0	27	-27	-3.4	0	0	-3.4
Total	0	514	2082	321	1761	3.4	15	75	0.0
Opponents	0	388	1709	426	1283	3.3	13	69	0.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Patrick Towles	12	112.21	128-251-6	51.0	1579	10	58	131.6
Darius Wade	9	81.05	9-19-1	47.4	100	0	24	11.1
Davon Jones	12	273.80	1-2-0	50.0	14	1	14	1.2
Jeff Smith	12	142.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	0.4
Total	0	111.33	139-273-7	50.9	1698	11	58	0.0
Opponents	0	135.00	198-346-11	57.2	2444	26	79	0.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Michael Walker	12	30	357	11.9	3	29	29.8
Jeff Smith	12	26	391	15.0	3	58	32.6
Tom Sweeney	12	24	327	13.6	2	22	27.2
Charlie Callinan	12	21	241	11.5	1	22	20.1
Davon Jones	12	10	99	9.9	0	38	8.2
Tyler Rouse	12	9	86	9.6	1	39	7.2
Chris Garrison	5	5	90	18.0	0	44	18.0
Thadd Smith	12	4	24	6.0	0	12	2.0
Colton Cardinal	10	3	52	17.3	0	24	5.2
Ben Glines	11	2	3	1.5	0	3	0.3
Korab Idrizi	5	1	12	12.0	0	12	2.4
Myles Willis	12	1	8	8.0	0	8	0.7
Patrick Towles	12	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.4
Jon Hilliman	11	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Bobby Wolford	10	1	1	1.0	1	1	0.1
Total	0	139	1698	12.2	11	58	0.0
Opponents	0	198	2444	12.3	26	79	0.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Rouse	22	308	14.0	0	53
Michael Walker	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total	23	316	13.7	0	53
Opponents	27	146	5.4	0	29

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
John Johnson	3	47	15.7	0	22
Kamrin Moore	2	-1	-0.5	0	0
William Harris	2	64	32.0	0	64
Matt Milano	1	19	19.0	1	19
Taj-Amir Torres	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ty Schwab	1	0	0.0	0	0
Lukas Denis	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	11	129	11.7	1	64
Opponents	7	107	15.3	1	42

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Myles Willis	18	432	24.0	1	89
Michael Walker	6	101	16.8	0	20
Tyler Rouse	2	74	37.0	0	44
Taj-Amir Torres	1	30	30.0	0	30
Total	27	637	23.6	1	89
Opponents	34	586	17.2	0	56

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kevin Kavalec	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	1	2	2.0	0	2
Opponents	3	29	9.7	0	20

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Mike Knoll	-	11-12	24-25	-	-	-	-	-	57
Jon Hilliman	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Patrick Towles	4	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	24
Jeff Smith	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Michael Walker	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Tom Sweeney	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14
Davon Jones	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Myles Willis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Richard Wilson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tyler Rouse	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Charlie Callinan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Matt Milano	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bobby Wolford	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Colton Lichtenberg	-	0-2	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11-14</b>	<b>26-27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>40-40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>295</b>

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Patrick Towles	12	354	280	1579	1859	154.9
Jon Hilliman	11	155	463	0	463	42.1
Davon Jones	12	93	361	14	375	31.2
Myles Willis	12	47	227	0	227	18.9
Jeff Smith	12	32	184	5	189	15.8
Richard Wilson	7	40	136	0	136	19.4
Darius Wade	9	26	6	100	106	11.8
Tyler Rouse	12	22	86	0	86	7.2
Michael Walker	12	8	41	0	41	3.4
Thadd Smith	12	2	4	0	4	0.3
<b>Team</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>1698</b>	<b>3459</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>2444</b>	<b>3727</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Colton Lichtenberg	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1
Mike Knoll	11-12	91.7	0-0	5-5	5-5	1-2	0-0	40	1

FG Sequence	Boston College	Opponents
Georgia Tech	43,35	(40)
Massachusetts	(40),(37)	-
Virginia Tech	-	-
Wagner	-	(34)
Buffalo	-	(28)
Clemson	(21)	-
Syracuse	(30),(39)	40
NC State	(24),42,(29)	-
Louisville	-	(26),32
Florida State	-	(53)
Connecticut	(35),(24),(39)	-
Wake Forest	(22)	51,40

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mike Knoll	86	3290	38.3	63	7	29	15	6	1
<b>Team</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3309</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3238</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Mike Knoll	48	2912	60.7	14	2			
Colton Lichtenberg	3	182	60.7	1	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3094</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>25</b>

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Myles Willis	12	227	8	0	432	0	667	55.6
Jeff Smith	12	184	391	0	0	0	575	47.9
Tyler Rouse	12	86	86	308	74	0	554	46.2
Michael Walker	12	41	357	8	101	0	507	42.2
Jon Hilliman	11	463	2	0	0	0	465	42.3
Davon Jones	12	361	99	0	0	0	460	38.3
Tom Sweeney	12	0	327	0	0	0	327	27.2
Patrick Towles	12	280	5	0	0	0	285	23.8
Charlie Callinan	12	0	241	0	0	0	241	20.1
Richard Wilson	7	136	0	0	0	0	136	19.4
Chris Garrison	5	0	90	0	0	0	90	18.0
William Harris	12	0	0	0	0	64	64	5.3
Colton Cardinal	10	0	52	0	0	0	52	5.2
John Johnson	12	0	0	0	0	47	47	3.9
Taj-Amir Torres	12	0	0	0	30	0	30	2.5
Thadd Smith	12	4	24	0	0	0	28	2.3
Matt Milano	12	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.6
Korab Idrizi	5	0	12	0	0	0	12	2.4
Darius Wade	9	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.7
Ben Glines	11	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.3
Bobby Wolford	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1
Kamrin Moore	12	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-0.1
Team	8	-27	0	0	0	0	-27	-3.4
Total	0	1761	1698	316	637	129	4541	0.0
Opponents	0	1283	2444	146	586	107	4566	0.0

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
13	Connor Strachan	11	40	30	70	10.0-47	3.5-29	.	.	1	4-0	1	.	.	
9	John Johnson	12	45	20	65	2.5-19	1.0-16	3-47	7	.	2-0	1	.	.	
10	Ty Schwab	12	29	28	57	5.0-11	1.0-3	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.	
28	Matt Milano	12	40	15	55	9.5-50	5.0-41	1-19	2	1	1-0	.	1	.	
93	Kevin Kavalec	12	29	21	50	13.5-59	3.5-30	.	1	.	1-2	1	.	.	
7	Harold Landry	12	31	16	47	20.5-142	15.0-133	.	2	5	.	7	.	.	
8H	William Harris	12	33	13	46	1.0-5	.	2-64	4	.	.	.	.	.	
97	Truman Gutapfel	12	21	23	44	5.0-11	1.5-3	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	
5	Kamrin Moore	12	30	10	40	1.5-4	.	2--1	4	.	1-0	.	.	.	
2	Zach Allen	12	17	17	34	8.0-37	4.0-27	.	3	2	2-0	.	.	.	
11	Wyatt Ray	12	6	20	26	6.0-26	3.5-19	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
96	Ray Smith	9	10	13	23	2.0-5	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	
20	Isaac Yiadom	12	14	9	23	1.0-4	.	.	8	.	.	1	.	.	
14	Gabriel McClary	12	16	5	21	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
26	Sharrieff Grice	11	9	6	15	1.5-9	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24	Taj-Amir Torres	12	9	4	13	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	
52	Max Richardson	10	7	3	10	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
30	Mike Strizak	11	7	2	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
49	Kevin Bletzer	12	3	4	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
94	Noa Merritt	9	2	5	7	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
21	Lukas Denis	10	4	2	6	.	.	1-0	4	.	.	.	.	.	
92	Kevin Cohee	7	2	3	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
25	Mehdi El Attrach	12	2	2	4	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
29	Atem Ntantang	12	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
53	Leonard Skubal	12	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
46	Jimmy Martin	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
57	Jack Cottrell	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
9K	Jack Kenny	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1	Elijah Robinson	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
76	Elijah Johnson	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
67	Aaron Monteiro	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4F	EJ Fortenberry	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
88	Mike Giacone	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
36	Bobby Wolford	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4	Darius Wade	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
83	Charlie Callinan	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
89	Tom Sweeney	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
48	Tanner Karafa	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3	Michael Walker	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
98	Mike Knoll	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23	Myles Willis	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
Total		0	422	286	708	92-447	39-310	11-129	39	11	12-2	15	1	.	
Opponents		0	502	284	786	85-302	23-165	7-107	34	16	11-29	11	3	.	

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	Jon Hilliman at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Yards Rushing	104	Patrick Towles vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
TD Rushes	2	Patrick Towles vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
	2	Jon Hilliman vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Long Rush	75	Patrick Towles vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Pass attempts	33	Patrick Towles at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Pass completions	18	Patrick Towles at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Passing	234	Patrick Towles vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
TD Passes	2	Patrick Towles at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	2	Patrick Towles vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
	2	Patrick Towles vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
Long Pass	58	Patrick Towles vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Receptions	6	Michael Walker at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Receiving	98	Jeff Smith at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
TD Receptions	2	Jeff Smith at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Long Reception	58	Jeff Smith vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Field Goals	3	Mike Knoll vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
Long Field Goal	40	Mike Knoll at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Punts	13	Mike Knoll at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Punting Avg	43.6	Mike Knoll vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Long Punt	63	Mike Knoll at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Punts inside 20	3	Mike Knoll at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
	3	Mike Knoll vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Long Punt Return	53	Tyler Rouse vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Long Kickoff Return	89	Myles Willis vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Tackles	10	Kevin Kavalec at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	10	Ty Schwab vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
	10	Connor Strachan at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Sacks	3.0	Harold Landry vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
	3.0	Harold Landry at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Tackles For Loss	5.0	Harold Landry vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Interceptions	1	William Harris at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	1	John Johnson at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	1	William Harris vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
	1	Kamrin Moore at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
	1	Ty Schwab at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
	1	John Johnson vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
	1	Kamrin Moore vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
	1	Taj-Amir Torres vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
	1	Matt Milano vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
	1	John Johnson at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
	1	Lukas Denis at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	57	vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
Yards Rushing	300	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Yards Per Rush	5.6	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
TD Rushes	4	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Pass attempts	34	at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Pass completions	19	at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Passing	258	vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
Yards Per Pass	9.6	vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
TD Passes	2	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	2	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
	2	vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
Total Plays	84	vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
Total Offense	490	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Yards Per Play	6.4	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Points	42	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Sacks By	8	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
First Downs	23	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
Penalties	12	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Penalty Yards	93	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Turnovers	3	vs Georgia Tech (Sep 03, 2016)
	3	vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Interceptions By	3	vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
Punts	13	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Punting Avg	43.6	vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Long Punt	63	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Punts inside 20	3	at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
	3	vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Long Punt Return	53	vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	19	Dayes, M., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Rushing	185	Jackson, L., vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
TD Rushes	3	Jackson, L., vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Long Rush	69	Jackson, L., vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Pass attempts	41	Finley, R., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Pass completions	32	Dungey, E., vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Passing	434	Dungey, E., vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
TD Passes	5	Evans, J, at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Pass	79	Finley, R., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Receptions	10	Etta-Tawo, A., vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Receiving	144	Etta-Tawo, A., vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
TD Receptions	2	Ford, I, at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	2	CAIN, vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
	2	Quick, J., vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
	2	A. Tate, at Florida State (Nov 11, 2016)
Long Reception	79	Cherry, B., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Field Goals	1	Butker, H., vs Georgia Tech (Sep 03, 2016)
	1	COOPER, James, vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
	1	MITCHESON, Adam, vs Buffalo (Oct 01, 2016)
	1	Creque, B., vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
	1	L. Tyler, at Florida State (Nov 11, 2016)
Long Field Goal	53	L. Tyler, at Florida State (Nov 11, 2016)
Punts	12	Laurent, L., at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Punting Avg	46.1	Maggio, D, at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Long Punt	55	Laurent, L., at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	55	Maggio, D, at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Punts inside 20	4	Laurent, L., at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	4	Ludwig, M, at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Punt Return	29	Stroman, G, at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Kickoff Return	56	Hines, N., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Tackles	15	Jones, Jo., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Sacks	1.5	Lee, M, at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
	1.5	Brown, T, at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Tackles For Loss	2.5	Edmunds, Tr, at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	2.5	MAY, Randall, vs Wagner (Sep 24, 2016)
	2.5	Lee, M, at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
	2.5	Brown, T, at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Interceptions	1	Griffin, Co., vs Georgia Tech (Sep 03, 2016)
	1	Huber, S., at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	1	Alexander, A, at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	1	FIELDS, vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
	1	Bennett, P., vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
	1	Jones, Jo., at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
	1	Williams, C., vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	50	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Yards Rushing	230	vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
Yards Per Rush	6.6	vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
TD Rushes	3	vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
	3	vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Pass attempts	41	at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
Pass completions	32	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Passing	434	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Per Pass	11.4	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
TD Passes	5	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	5	at Florida State (Nov 11, 2016)
Total Plays	77	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Total Offense	532	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Per Play	8.3	vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
Points	56	vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
Sacks By	5	at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
First Downs	25	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Penalties	16	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Penalty Yards	135	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
Turnovers	4	vs Connecticut (Nov 19, 2016)
Interceptions By	1	vs Georgia Tech (Sep 03, 2016)
	1	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	1	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
	1	vs Clemson (Oct 07, 2016)
	1	vs Syracuse (Oct 22, 2016)
	1	at NC State (Oct 29, 2016)
	1	vs Louisville (Nov 05, 2016)
Punts	12	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
Punting Avg	46.1	at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Long Punt	55	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	55	at Wake Forest (Nov 26, 2016)
Punts inside 20	4	at Massachusetts (09/10/16)
	4	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Punt Return	29	at Virginia Tech (Sep 17, 2016)

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot	
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off	
Sep 03	vs Georgia Tech	37	176	2	73	11	144	0	26	11-17-1	144	0	26	0	0	0	0	2	29	0	15	320	
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	41	153	1	19	12	191	2	46	12-22-1	191	2	46	2	66	0	35	5	56	0	33	344	
Sep 17	at Virginia Tech	28	44	0	9	9	80	0	22	9-29-1	80	0	22	2	46	0	31	0	0	0	0	124	
Sep 24	WAGNER	56	300	4	41	12	190	2	58	12-20-0	190	2	58	1	44	0	44	2	57	0	53	490	
Oct 01	BUFFALO	57	142	3	15	15	258	2	44	15-27-0	258	2	44	2	43	0	30	5	59	0	16	400	
Oct 07	CLEMSON	48	155	0	26	12	96	1	22	12-24-1	96	1	22	6	115	0	30	0	0	0	0	251	
Oct 22	SYRACUSE	40	223	1	75	7	64	0	17	7-20-1	64	0	17	2	111	1	89	2	16	0	10	287	
Oct 29	at NC State	44	168	1	60	19	218	1	29	19-34-1	218	1	29	1	20	0	20	1	15	0	15	386	
Nov 05	LOUISVILLE	37	57	0	13	14	150	1	39	14-25-1	150	1	39	7	121	0	22	0	0	0	0	207	
Nov 11	at Florida State	35	96	1	39	4	50	0	21	4-13-0	50	0	21	3	43	0	16	0	0	0	0	146	
Nov 19	CONNECTICUT	52	154	1	19	14	183	1	54	14-19-0	183	1	54	0	0	0	0	3	45	0	23	337	
Nov 26	at Wake Forest	39	93	1	27	10	74	1	16	10-23-0	74	1	16	1	28	0	28	3	39	0	31	167	
Boston College		514	1761	15	75	139	1698	11	58	139-273-7	1698	11	58	27	637	1	89	23	316	0	53	3459	
		388	1283	13	69	198	2444	26	79	198-346-11	2444	26	79	34	586	0	56	27	146	0	29	3727	

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 3.4 • Avg/catch: 12.2 • Pass effic: 111.33 • KR avg: 23.6 • PR avg: 13.7 • All purpose avg/game: 378.4 • Total offense avg/gm: 288.2

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off					
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh		brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
Sep 03	vs Georgia Tech	46	14	60	8.0-28	1.0-9	1	1-0	0-0	1	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
09/10/1	at Massachusetts	32	38	70	13.0-73	8.0-59	3	2-0	1-0	0	5	0	2-3	0	0	0	0	10	26		
Sep 17	at Virginia Tech	33	62	95	5.0-21	1.0-10	0	0-0	1-19	2	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sep 24	WAGNER	25	24	49	11.0-56	5.0-46	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	0	42		
Oct 01	BUFFALO	26	6	32	5.0-19	1.0-9	2	1-0	0-0	1	5	1	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	35		
Oct 07	CLEMSON	41	14	55	2.0-14	2.0-14	1	1-0	0-0	1	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	3	10		
Oct 22	SYRACUSE	43	36	79	8.0-38	5.0-30	1	2-2	1-64	2	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	3	20		
Oct 29	at NC State	29	30	59	7.0-31	2.0-17	1	1-0	2-0	2	5	0	1-1	0	1	0	3	21			
Nov 05	LOUISVILLE	46	6	52	8.0-24	2.0-12	1	2-0	1-22	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	7			
Nov 11	at Florida State	39	20	59	10.0-55	4.0-37	2	0-0	0-0	0	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7			
Nov 19	CONNECTICUT	27	14	41	7.0-41	4.0-29	1	1-0	3-18	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	30			
Nov 26	at Wake Forest	35	22	57	8.0-47	4.0-38	1	1-0	2-6	2	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	17			
Boston College		422	286	708	92.0-447	39.0-310	15	12-2	11-129	11	39	1	26-27	0	1	0	43	229			
		502	284	786	85.0-302	23.0-165	11	11-29	7-107	16	34	3	40-40	0	0	0	48	295			

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 03	vs Georgia Tech	3	107	35.7	38	0	0	1	0	1	0-2	0	1	3	182	60.7	1	0	
09/10/1	at Massachusetts	9	377	41.9	63	0	2	2	1	1	2-2	40	0	6	362	60.3	0	0	
Sep 17	at Virginia Tech	13	537	41.3	51	0	1	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	1	63	63.0	0	0	
Sep 24	WAGNER	5	151	30.2	41	0	0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	7	383	54.7	0	1	
Oct 01	BUFFALO	4	112	28.0	34	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	6	349	58.2	2	0	
Oct 07	CLEMSON	9	326	36.2	42	0	0	3	0	2	1-1	21	0	3	174	58.0	0	0	
Oct 22	SYRACUSE	6	226	37.7	47	0	1	1	0	1	2-2	39	0	5	306	61.2	1	0	
Oct 29	at NC State	5	164	32.8	39	0	0	2	0	3	2-3	29	1	5	316	63.2	3	1	
Nov 05	LOUISVILLE	9	392	43.6	57	0	1	3	1	3	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	1	0	
Nov 11	at Florida State	10	384	38.4	50	1	1	4	2	0	0-0	0	0	2	120	60.0	0	0	
Nov 19	CONNECTICUT	3	123	41.0	43	0	1	2	0	1	3-3	39	0	7	449	64.1	3	0	
Nov 26	at Wake Forest	11	410	37.3	55	0	0	7	1	1	1-1	22	0	4	260	65.0	4	0	
Boston College		87	3309	38.0	63	1	7	29	6	15	11-14	40	2	51	3094	60.7	15	2	
		79	3238	41.0	55	1	2	33	14	19	5-9	53	0	57	3516	61.7	25	3	

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Boston College Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot	
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg
Sep 03	vs Georgia Tech	44	119	2	21	8	119	0	36	8-15-0	119	0	36	2	56	0	34	1	15	0	15		238
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	33	-23	0	7	11	145	1	58	11-28-1	145	1	58	6	101	0	23	3	14	0	11		122
Sep 17	at Virginia Tech	50	223	2	26	16	253	5	47	16-27-1	253	5	47	1	21	0	21	9	84	0	29		476
Sep 24	WAGNER	22	45	1	55	13	62	0	17	13-25-0	62	0	17	6	88	0	20	0	0	0	0		107
Oct 01	BUFFALO	19	26	0	7	10	41	0	23	10-23-0	41	0	23	4	34	0	18	0	0	0	0		67
Oct 07	CLEMSON	35	230	3	59	16	278	4	56	16-26-0	278	4	56	3	61	0	40	3	4	0	7		508
Oct 22	SYRACUSE	35	98	1	31	32	434	3	68	32-38-1	434	3	68	4	63	0	19	2	25	0	27		532
Oct 29	at NC State	23	31	0	24	23	307	2	79	23-41-2	307	2	79	1	56	0	56	2	0	0	0		338
Nov 05	LOUISVILLE	36	210	3	69	19	305	4	44	19-29-1	305	4	44	1	23	0	23	2	3	0	7		515
Nov 11	at Florida State	39	180	1	30	21	236	5	28	21-31-0	236	5	28	2	22	0	12	2	5	0	5		416
Nov 19	CONNECTICUT	17	-6	0	4	13	127	0	43	13-30-3	127	0	43	4	61	0	24	0	0	0	0		121
Nov 26	at Wake Forest	35	150	0	35	16	137	2	37	16-33-2	137	2	37	0	0	0	0	3	-4	0	0		287
Opponents		388	1283	13	69	198	2444	26	79	198-346-11	2444	26	79	34	586	0	56	27	146	0	29		3727
		514	1761	15	75	139	1698	11	58	139-273-7	1698	11	58	27	637	1	89	23	316	0	53		3459

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 3.3 • Avg/catch: 12.3 • Pass effic: 135.00 • KR avg: 17.2 • PR avg: 5.4 • All purpose avg/game: 380.5 • Total offense avg/gm: 310.6

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 03	vs Georgia Tech	37	20	57	4.0-8	1.0-4	1	2-0	1-11	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
09/10/1	at Massachusetts	26	50	76	8.0-14	1.0-2	0	0-0	1-27	0	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	7
Sep 17	at Virginia Tech	17	40	57	8.0-18	0.0-0	1	1-9	1-0	8	6	0	7-7	0	0	0	7	49
Sep 24	WAGNER	44	30	74	8.0-18	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	10	10
Oct 01	BUFFALO	64	14	78	10.0-39	2.0-19	2	2-0	0-0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	3	3
Oct 07	CLEMSON	61	8	69	8.0-23	3.0-17	2	1-0	1-42	0	4	0	8-8	0	0	0	7	56
Oct 22	SYRACUSE	29	34	63	3.0-16	1.0-11	0	1-0	1-7	3	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
Oct 29	at NC State	40	38	78	3.0-28	2.0-25	2	1-0	1-0	2	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	7	14
Nov 05	LOUISVILLE	54	4	58	9.0-37	3.0-23	2	2-20	1-20	0	1	0	7-7	0	0	0	10	52
Nov 11	at Florida State	29	22	51	9.0-34	3.0-18	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	1	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
Nov 19	CONNECTICUT	61	10	71	7.0-24	2.0-13	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 26	at Wake Forest	40	14	54	8.0-43	5.0-33	1	1-0	0-0	0	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	14	14
Opponents		502	284	786	85.0-302	23.0-165	11	11-29	7-107	16	34	3	40-40	0	0	0	48	295
		422	286	708	92.0-447	39.0-310	15	12-2	11-129	11	39	1	26-27	0	1	0	43	229

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 03	vs Georgia Tech	5	181	36.2	53	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	40	0	4	260	65.0	4	0	
09/10/1	at Massachusetts	12	547	45.6	55	0	0	6	4	4	0-0	0	0	2	125	62.5	0	0	
Sep 17	at Virginia Tech	6	220	36.7	45	0	0	4	0	4	0-0	0	0	8	534	66.8	6	0	
Sep 24	WAGNER	10	403	40.3	52	0	1	4	1	1	1-1	34	0	3	191	63.7	2	0	
Oct 01	BUFFALO	9	359	39.9	51	1	0	0	2	2	1-1	28	0	2	121	60.5	0	0	
Oct 07	CLEMSON	5	186	37.2	51	0	0	4	1	2	0-0	0	0	9	519	57.7	2	0	
Oct 22	SYRACUSE	4	155	38.8	52	0	0	1	2	1	0-1	0	0	5	306	61.2	2	1	
Oct 29	at NC State	6	226	37.7	46	0	0	3	0	3	0-0	0	0	3	186	62.0	1	1	
Nov 05	LOUISVILLE	4	179	44.8	47	0	0	3	0	0	1-2	26	0	9	502	55.8	0	1	
Nov 11	at Florida State	5	199	39.8	45	0	0	5	0	1	1-1	53	0	8	512	64.0	5	0	
Nov 19	CONNECTICUT	6	260	43.3	52	0	0	2	1	0	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0	
Nov 26	at Wake Forest	7	323	46.1	55	0	1	1	2	1	0-2	0	0	3	195	65.0	2	0	
Opponents		79	3238	41.0	55	1	2	33	14	19	5-9	53	0	57	3516	61.7	25	3	
		87	3309	38.0	63	1	7	29	6	15	11-14	40	2	51	3094	60.7	15	2	

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Boston College Red-Zone Results (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
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Boston College Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Sep 03, 2016	vs Georgia Tech	L 14-17	3	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	W 26-7	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 17, 2016	at Virginia Tech	L 0-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 24, 2016	WAGNER	W 42-10	6	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 01, 2016	BUFFALO	W 35-3	5	5	35	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 07, 2016	CLEMSON	L 10-56	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 22, 2016	SYRACUSE	L 20-28	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Oct 29, 2016	at NC State	W 21-14	3	3	14	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 05, 2016	LOUISVILLE	L 7-52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 11, 2016	at Florida State	L 7-45	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 19, 2016	CONNECTICUT	W 30-0	6	5	23	2	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 26, 2016	at Wake Forest	W 17-14	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			35	28	161	19	12	7	9	1	4	1	1	0	0
28 of 35 (80.0%)															

Opponents Inside Boston College Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Sep 03, 2016	vs Georgia Tech	L 14-17	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	W 26-7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sep 17, 2016	at Virginia Tech	L 0-49	5	5	35	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 24, 2016	WAGNER	W 42-10	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 01, 2016	BUFFALO	W 35-3	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 07, 2016	CLEMSON	L 10-56	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 22, 2016	SYRACUSE	L 20-28	4	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Oct 29, 2016	at NC State	W 21-14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 05, 2016	LOUISVILLE	L 7-52	5	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 11, 2016	at Florida State	L 7-45	6	6	42	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 19, 2016	CONNECTICUT	W 30-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 26, 2016	at Wake Forest	W 17-14	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals			33	27	173	23	7	16	4	1	2	1	2	0	0
27 of 33 (81.8%)															

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Boston College By-Quarter Statistics (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 03, 2016	vs Georgia Tech	L 14-17	6-14 42.9	1-3 33.3	2-5 40.0	1-2 50.0	2-4 50.0	
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	W 26-7	3-15 20.0	1-4 25.0	0-3 0.0	0-4 0.0	2-4 50.0	
Sep 17, 2016	at Virginia Tech	L 0-49	4-17 23.5	1-3 33.3	2-6 33.3	1-6 16.7	0-2 0.0	
Sep 24, 2016	WAGNER	W 42-10	7-15 46.7	2-4 50.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	2-3 66.7	
Oct 01, 2016	BUFFALO	W 35-3	10-20 50.0	3-6 50.0	4-6 66.7	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	
Oct 07, 2016	CLEMSON	L 10-56	6-19 31.6	1-6 16.7	3-6 50.0	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	
Oct 22, 2016	SYRACUSE	L 20-28	4-13 30.8	0-2 0.0	2-4 50.0	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	
Oct 29, 2016	at NC State	W 21-14	6-17 35.3	2-4 50.0	2-6 33.3	1-4 25.0	1-3 33.3	
Nov 05, 2016	LOUISVILLE	L 7-52	4-16 25.0	2-5 40.0	1-4 25.0	0-3 0.0	1-4 25.0	
Nov 11, 2016	at Florida State	L 7-45	1-12 8.3	0-2 0.0	0-4 0.0	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	
Nov 19, 2016	CONNECTICUT	W 30-0	7-16 43.8	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	3-5 60.0	1-4 25.0	
Nov 26, 2016	at Wake Forest	W 17-14	4-17 23.5	1-4 25.0	1-4 25.0	2-6 33.3	0-3 0.0	
Boston College			62-191 32.5	15-46 32.6	21-56 37.5	15-49 30.6	11-40 27.5	0-0 0.0
Opponents			52-163 31.9	16-41 39.0	9-46 19.6	11-32 34.4	16-44 36.4	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 03, 2016	vs Georgia Tech	L 14-17	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	W 26-7	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 17, 2016	at Virginia Tech	L 0-49	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 24, 2016	WAGNER	W 42-10	2-3 66.7	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	
Oct 01, 2016	BUFFALO	W 35-3	3-4 75.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	2-2 100.0	
Oct 07, 2016	CLEMSON	L 10-56	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 22, 2016	SYRACUSE	L 20-28	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Oct 29, 2016	at NC State	W 21-14	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Nov 05, 2016	LOUISVILLE	L 7-52	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Nov 11, 2016	at Florida State	L 7-45	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Nov 19, 2016	CONNECTICUT	W 30-0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	
Nov 26, 2016	at Wake Forest	W 17-14	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Boston College			10-20 50.0	1-4 25.0	3-6 50.0	1-1 100.0	5-9 55.6	0-0 0.0
Opponents			4-11 36.4	1-2 50.0	0-4 0.0	1-2 50.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 03, 2016	vs Georgia Tech	L 14-17	29:42	7:47	9:01	6:44	6:10	
09/10/16	at Massachusetts	W 26-7	34:01	8:37	7:30	9:19	8:35	
Sep 17, 2016	at Virginia Tech	L 0-49	24:45	6:33	7:14	7:02	3:56	
Sep 24, 2016	WAGNER	W 42-10	37:12	10:18	7:25	8:19	11:10	
Oct 01, 2016	BUFFALO	W 35-3	43:07	9:32	11:51	10:34	11:10	
Oct 07, 2016	CLEMSON	L 10-56	38:08	9:59	10:42	10:41	6:46	
Oct 22, 2016	SYRACUSE	L 20-28	29:09	5:43	6:53	8:39	7:54	
Oct 29, 2016	at NC State	W 21-14	36:21	9:50	9:03	8:34	8:54	
Nov 05, 2016	LOUISVILLE	L 7-52	31:22	8:28	7:19	8:23	7:12	
Nov 11, 2016	at Florida State	L 7-45	27:11	6:40	7:15	5:09	8:07	
Nov 19, 2016	CONNECTICUT	W 30-0	40:06	7:57	11:45	11:47	8:37	
Nov 26, 2016	at Wake Forest	W 17-14	30:45	7:03	7:46	8:54	7:02	
Boston College			Total 401:49	98:27	103:44	104:05	95:33	0:00
			Avg. 33:29	8:12	8:38	8:40	7:57	0:00
Opponents			Total 318:11	81:33	76:16	75:55	84:27	0:00
			Avg. 26:30	6:47	6:21	6:19	7:02	0:00

2016 Boston College Football  
 Boston College Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
 Conference games

Team Statistics	BC	OPP
SCORING	96	275
Points Per Game	12.0	34.4
Points Off Turnovers	26	45
FIRST DOWNS	100	156
Rushing	42	55
Passing	46	80
Penalty	12	21
RUSHING YARDAGE	1012	1241
Yards gained rushing	1230	1497
Yards lost rushing	218	256
Rushing Attempts	308	297
Average Per Rush	3.3	4.2
Average Per Game	126.5	155.1
TDs Rushing	6	12
PASSING YARDAGE	876	2069
Comp-Att-Int	86-185-6	151-240-7
Average Per Pass	4.7	8.6
Average Per Catch	10.2	13.7
Average Per Game	109.5	258.6
TDs Passing	4	25
TOTAL OFFENSE	1888	3310
Total Plays	493	537
Average Per Play	3.8	6.2
Average Per Game	236.0	413.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	22-484	14-302
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-99	24-132
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-111	6-80
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.0	21.6
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	12.4	5.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	15.9	13.3
FUMBLES-LOST	15-9	12-8
PENALTIES-Yards	59-469	45-404
Average Per Game	58.6	50.5
PUNTS-Yards	66-2546	42-1669
Average Per Punt	38.6	39.7
Net punt average	35.4	36.9
KICKOFFS-Yards	25-1551	49-3014
Average Per Kick	62.0	61.5
Net kick average	40.0	40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:55	29:05
3RD-DOWN Conversions	35/125	43/111
3rd-Down Pct	28%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/9	4/10
4th-Down Pct	33%	40%
SACKS BY-Yards	21-167	18-131
MISC YARDS	-19	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	38
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-9	3-7
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(11-16) 69%	(25-29) 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(6-16) 38%	(23-29) 79%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(10-10) 100%	(38-38) 100%
ATTENDANCE	109791	215280
Games/Avg Per Game	3/36597	4/53820
Neutral Site Games		1/40562

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Boston College	16	17	31	32	0	96
Opponents	84	45	91	55	0	275

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 Boston College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 26, 2016)  
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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jon Hilliman	7	86	289	25	264	3.1	1	73	37.7
Davon Jones	8	52	181	10	171	3.3	0	28	21.4
Jeff Smith	8	24	163	13	150	6.2	1	60	18.8
Myles Willis	8	30	156	11	145	4.8	1	39	18.1
Patrick Towles	8	68	254	129	125	1.8	2	75	15.6
Tyler Rouse	8	15	83	0	83	5.5	0	27	10.4
Richard Wilson	3	14	58	2	56	4.0	1	10	18.7
Michael Walker	8	6	32	1	31	5.2	0	19	3.9
Darius Wade	6	6	14	11	3	0.5	0	9	0.5
Thadd Smith	8	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Team	5	6	0	16	-16	-2.7	0	0	-3.2
Total	8	308	1230	218	1012	3.3	6	75	126.5
Opponents	8	297	1497	256	1241	4.2	12	69	155.1

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Patrick Towles	8	87.15	79-169-5	46.7	814	3	39	101.8
Darius Wade	6	50.86	5-13-1	38.5	43	0	21	7.2
Davon Jones	8	273.80	1-2-0	50.0	14	1	14	1.8
Jeff Smith	8	142.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	0.6
Total	8	86.91	86-185-6	46.5	876	4	39	109.5
Opponents	8	163.87	151-240-7	62.9	2069	25	79	258.6

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tom Sweeney	8	18	242	13.4	2	22	30.2
Michael Walker	8	17	206	12.1	0	29	25.8
Charlie Callinan	8	15	159	10.6	0	22	19.9
Jeff Smith	8	11	83	7.5	0	14	10.4
Davon Jones	8	8	59	7.4	0	20	7.4
Tyler Rouse	8	7	62	8.9	1	39	7.8
Chris Garrison	2	3	40	13.3	0	26	20.0
Thadd Smith	8	2	14	7.0	0	12	1.8
Ben Glines	7	2	3	1.5	0	3	0.4
Patrick Towles	8	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
Jon Hilliman	7	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Bobby Wolford	7	1	1	1.0	1	1	0.1
Total	8	86	876	10.2	4	39	109.5
Opponents	8	151	2069	13.7	25	79	258.6

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Rouse	7	91	13.0	0	31
Michael Walker	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total	8	99	12.4	0	31
Opponents	24	132	5.5	0	29

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
John Johnson	3	47	15.7	0	22
Lukas Denis	1	0	0.0	0	0
William Harris	1	64	64.0	0	64
Ty Schwab	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kamrin Moore	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	111	15.9	0	64
Opponents	6	80	13.3	1	42

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Myles Willis	15	353	23.5	1	89
Michael Walker	6	101	16.8	0	20
Taj-Amir Torres	1	30	30.0	0	30
Total	22	484	22.0	1	89
Opponents	14	302	21.6	0	56

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kevin Kavalec	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	1	2	2.0	0	2
Opponents	3	29	9.7	0	20

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Mike Knoll	-	6-7	8-8	-	-	-	-	-	26
Tom Sweeney	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14
Patrick Towles	2	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	12
Myles Willis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Bobby Wolford	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jeff Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyler Rouse	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Richard Wilson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jon Hilliman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Colton Lichtenberg	-	0-2	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	11	6-9	10-10	-	1	1-1	-	-	96
Opponents	38	3-7	38-38	-	-	-	-	-	275

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Patrick Towles	8	237	125	814	939	117.4
Jon Hilliman	7	86	264	0	264	37.7
Davon Jones	8	54	171	14	185	23.1
Jeff Smith	8	25	150	5	155	19.4
Myles Willis	8	30	145	0	145	18.1
Tyler Rouse	8	15	83	0	83	10.4
Richard Wilson	3	14	56	0	56	18.7
Darius Wade	6	19	3	43	46	7.7
Michael Walker	8	6	31	0	31	3.9
Team	5	6	-16	0	-16	-3.2
Total	8	493	1012	876	1888	236.0
Opponents	8	537	1241	2069	3310	413.8

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Colton Lichtenberg	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1
Mike Knoll	6-7	85.7	0-0	4-4	2-2	0-1	0-0	39	1

FG Sequence	Boston College	Opponents
Georgia Tech	43,35	(40)
Virginia Tech	-	-
Clemson	(21)	-
Syracuse	(30),(39)	40
NC State	(24),42,(29)	-
Louisville	-	(26),32
Florida State	-	(53)
Wake Forest	(22)	51,40

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mike Knoll	65	2527	38.9	57	4	22	11	5	1
Team	1	19	19.0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Total	66	2546	38.6	57	4	22	11	5	1
Opponents	42	1669	39.7	55	1	21	12	6	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Mike Knoll	22	1369	62.2	9	1			
Colton Lichtenberg	3	182	60.7	1	0			
Total	25	1551	62.0	10	1	21.6	40.0	25
Opponents	49	3014	61.5	22	3	22.0	40.4	24

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Myles Willis	8	145	0	0	353	0	498	62.2
Michael Walker	8	31	206	8	101	0	346	43.2
Jon Hilliman	7	264	2	0	0	0	266	38.0
Tom Sweeney	8	0	242	0	0	0	242	30.2
Tyler Rouse	8	83	62	91	0	0	236	29.5
Jeff Smith	8	150	83	0	0	0	233	29.1
Davon Jones	8	171	59	0	0	0	230	28.8
Charlie Callinan	8	0	159	0	0	0	159	19.9
Patrick Towles	8	125	5	0	0	0	130	16.2
William Harris	8	0	0	0	0	64	64	8.0
Richard Wilson	3	56	0	0	0	0	56	18.7
John Johnson	8	0	0	0	0	47	47	5.9
Chris Garrison	2	0	40	0	0	0	40	20.0
Taj-Amir Torres	8	0	0	0	30	0	30	3.8
Thadd Smith	8	0	14	0	0	0	14	1.8
Ben Glines	7	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.4
Darius Wade	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.5
Bobby Wolford	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1
Team	5	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-3.2
Total	8	1012	876	99	484	111	2582	322.8
Opponents	8	1241	2069	132	302	80	3824	478.0

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
13	Connor Strachan	7	32	22	54	6.0-25	1.0-10	.	.	1	2-0	.	.	.	
9	John Johnson	8	35	17	52	2.0-18	1.0-16	3-47	3	.	2-0	1	.	.	
10	Ty Schwab	8	23	22	45	4.0-8	1.0-3	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.	
28	Matt Milano	8	28	12	40	6.0-27	3.0-22	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.	
8H	William Harris	8	28	9	37	.	.	1-64	2	.	.	.	.	.	
97	Truman Gutapfel	8	17	20	37	3.5-9	0.5-2	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
93	Kevin Kavalec	8	20	14	34	7.5-34	2.0-16	.	.	.	1-2	1	.	.	
7	Harold Landry	8	23	10	33	12.0-76	8.5-70	.	2	4	.	3	.	.	
5	Kamrin Moore	8	20	6	26	.	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.	
2	Zach Allen	8	14	11	25	5.5-25	2.5-19	.	2	2	1-0	.	.	.	
11	Wyatt Ray	8	4	15	19	2.0-5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
14	Gabriel McClary	8	12	3	15	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
96	Ray Smith	6	4	11	15	1.5-4	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	
20	Isaac Yiadom	8	10	3	13	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
24	Taj-Amir Torres	8	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
26	Sharrieff Grice	7	6	4	10	1.0-9	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
52	Max Richardson	7	5	3	8	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
49	Kevin Bletzer	8	3	4	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
21	Lukas Denis	7	3	2	5	.	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.	
30	Mike Strizak	7	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
94	Noa Merritt	6	1	3	4	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
46	Jimmy Martin	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
92	Kevin Cohee	4	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
53	Leonard Skubal	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
9K	Jack Kenny	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
48	Tanner Karafa	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
25	Mehdi El Attrach	8	1	.	1	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
76	Elijah Johnson	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
29	Atem Ntantang	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
36	Bobby Wolford	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4	Darius Wade	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
88	Mike Giacone	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
83	Charlie Callinan	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
57	Jack Cottrell	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
89	Tom Sweeney	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
98	Mike Knoll	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3	Michael Walker	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23	Myles Willis	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
Total		8	312	204	516	56-258	21-167	7-111	22	10	8-2	8	.	.	
Opponents		8	307	180	487	52-207	18-131	6-80	27	14	9-29	9	3	.	



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##	PLAYER	GP-GS	GT	UMASS	VT	WAGNER	UB	CU	SU	ST	UL	FS	UCONN	WF
41	Nosovitch,B	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Nantang,A	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
66	Palazzolo,A	3/-	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
70	Phillips,J	8/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
11	Ray,W	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
54	Rich,J	10/-	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
52	Richardson,M	10/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1	Robinson,E	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
50	Rodier,D	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	Rouse,T	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
73	Schmal,S	9/1	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
10	Schwab,T	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
53	Skubal,L	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
6	Smith,J	12/5	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
96	Smith,R	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...
18	Smith,T	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
13	Strachan,C	11/10	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START
30	Strizak,M	11/1	XXX	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
89	Sweeney,T	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
34	Tijani,T	1/-	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Torres,T	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Towles,P	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
45	Tucky,E	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
91	Vitiello,J	2/-	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Wade,D	9/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
3	Walker,M	12/6	START	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
23	Willis,M	12/1	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
38	Wilson,R	7/-	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
36	Wolford,B	10/5	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	...	...
20	Yiadam,I	12/7	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START
42	Ziffer,S	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2016 Game Recaps



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Georgia Tech 17**  
**Boston College 14**  
**Sept. 3, 2016 | Dublin, Ireland**

•It was the second time Boston College played a game in Ireland. The first time resulted in a 38-24 victory over Army back in 1988 at Lansdowne Road Stadium, which is now the site of Aviva Stadium.

•With the 17-14 loss, BC lost seven of the last 10 games by three points or less.

•This was the third time Boston College has opened the season with an ACC opponent and BC is now 1-2 in those games. The last time Boston College opened against an ACC opponent was 2012 against Miami; the Eagles lost, 41-32.

•The Eagles are 9-3 in season openers since joining the ACC.

•Georgia Tech leads the all-time series between the schools, 7-2. Six of the nine games between the two teams have been decided by less than 10 points.

•Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles made his first start in a BC uniform. Towles finished the game 11-for-17 for 176 yards with one interception and one rushing TD.

•Towles recorded his first touchdown in a BC uniform scrambling for six yards in the third quarter. This was his first rushing TD since first since Oct. 31, 2015 vs. Tennessee (while at Kentucky). He now has 12 rushing touchdown in his collegiate career.

•Redshirt sophomore running back Jon Hilliman ran for a career-long 73 yards to score the Eagles' first touchdown in the second half. It was the Eagles' first 70-plus yard rush for a touchdown since Smith ran for 80 against Notre Dame on Nov. 11, 2015.

•Hilliman recorded his fifth career 100-plus yard game, finishing with 102 yards on 17 carries.

•Sophomore wide receiver Jeff Smith made his first career catch and finished with three receptions for 26 yards. He began his BC career in 2015 as a quarterback.

•Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones attempted his first career rush, gaining two yards on the play.

•Junior wide receiver Charlie Callinan set career highs in receptions (4), receiving yards (92) and longest reception (54 yards).

•Playing in his first-ever BC game, redshirt freshman wide receiver Chris Garrison hauled in his first-career catch: a 26-yard reception in the fourth quarter.

•The Eagles' offense finished the game with 352 total yards, the team's highest total in an ACC game since Nov. 8, 2014 vs. Louisville.

•Georgia Tech's touchdown on its opening drive was the first surrendered by BC in an opponent's opening drive in nine games, the last vs. Florida State on Sept. 18, 2015.

•Junior linebacker Connor Strachan set a career high with four tackles-for-loss.

•Senior defensive tackle Truman Gutapfel recorded his second fumble recovery of his career. His last came vs. Penn State on Dec. 27, 2014 in the Pinstripe Bowl. He also tallied a career-high eight tackles.

•In the third quarter, senior defensive back John Johnson forced the third fumble of his career.

•Junior linebacker Ty Schwab recorded a career-high nine tackles.

•Sophomore defensive back Will Harris tied his career high with five tackles.

•Sophomore defensive end Zach Allen recorded a career-high three tackles. He also recorded his first career tackle-for-loss.

•Sophomore kicker Colton Lichtenberg had a 43-yard field goal blocked in the second quarter. It was the first blocked kick of his career.

•Last time the Eagles had a field goal blocked was Oct. 29, 2011 at Maryland.

•Former Boston College quarterback Mark Kampaus honored on the field during the game. He was the MVP in the 1988 Emerald Isle Classic, leading the Eagles to a 38-24 victory over Army, completing 15 of his 20 passes for 194 yards, while also recording a rushing touchdown.

Attendance: 40,562

### Scoring Summary

Georgia Tech	7	0	0	10	17
Boston College	0	0	7	7	14

1st	03:11	Jordan, M. 3 yd run (Butker, H. kick), 11-59 6:50, GT 7 - BC 0
3rd	13:00	Jon Hilliman 73 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 1-73 0:13, GT 7 - BC 7
4th	11:46	Patrick Towles 6 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 9-63 4:05, GT 7 - BC 14
	05:57	Butker, H. 40 yd field goal, 11-46 5:49, GT 10 - BC 14
	00:35	Mills, D. 4 yd run (Butker, H. kick), 11-59 2:58, GT 17 - BC 14

### Stats

	GT	BC
FIRST DOWNS	12	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-119	37-176
PASSING YDS (NET)	119	144
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-8-0	17-11-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-238	54-320
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-15	2-29
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-56	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-11	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-36.2	3-35.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-29	7-39
Possession Time	30:18	29:42
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-4	1-9



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**Boston College 26**  
**UMass 7**  
**Sept. 10, 2016 | Foxboro, Mass.**

•Boston College now holds a 21-5 all-time series advantage against Massachusetts and has won the last nine meetings.

•The Eagles are 9-2 when playing on the Minutemen's home field.

•Boston College is 8-5 overall in Foxboro, with the first contest being a 21-7 victory against Holy Cross on Nov. 21, 1971. The Eagles are now 2-0 at Gillette Stadium, playing both games as the road team against Massachusetts.

•The Eagles' offense recorded the most passing yards (191) in a game since then-freshman quarterback John Fadule threw for 257 yards against NC State on Nov. 7, 2015.

•Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles hit sophomore wide receiver Jeff Smith for touchdowns on the first plays from scrimmage on consecutive offensive drives in the second quarter. The TD throws - 46 yards and 36 yards - were Towles' first two in a BC uniform and were also Smith's first career receiving TDs.

•Towles finished the day 12-for-22 for 191 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. He rushed for 66 yards, his new single-game high at Boston College. He finished 10 yards shy of his career-best 76 yards, which came against Mississippi State on Oct. 24, 2014.

•Smith finished the day with a career-high 98 yards receiving on five receptions. He also notched a career-long 46-yard reception, which resulted in his first career touchdown.

•Redshirt sophomore running back Jon Hilliman rushed for his second touchdown of the season and 17th of his career in the fourth quarter.

•Sophomore right end Tommy Sweeney recorded his first reception of the season, a 19-yard pass from Towles, in the third quarter

•The Eagles' defense held its opponent under 100 yards for the first time in 2016, and for the 16th time in the last 27 games dating back to the 2014 season.

•UMass recorded -23 yards rushing, the second-lowest total allowed by the BC defense in program history and the fewest yards since the school-record -30 yards allowed against Louisville on Nov. 10, 1991

•Boston College collected eight sacks on the day, which tied the program's single-game record and matched the eight-sack effort three times previously (against NC State on Nov. 12, 2005; at Rutgers on Nov. 17, 2001; against Temple on Oct. 15, 1994).

•Junior linebacker Connor Strachan recorded a career-high 2.5 sacks, part of his six-tackle day (3 solo, 3 assists). He also recorded his fourth career fumble recovery - and first of the season - and his first career forced fumble, which came in the second quarter.

•Sophomore defensive end Wyatt Ray recorded a career-high 1.5 sacks on the day.

•Sophomore defensive end Zach Allen recorded a career-high 1.5 sacks on the day, including his first career sack in the fourth quarter. Allen finished the day with career highs in tackles and tackles for a loss (2.5). He also added his first career fumble recovery.

•In the second quarter, junior defensive back Isaac Yiadom recorded his first career forced fumble. He also notched his first pass breakup of the season.

•Junior linebacker Ty Schwab recorded seven tackles (3 solo, 4 assists) on the day, including his second tackle for a loss of the season. He leads the team with 16 tackles (8 solo, 8 assists) in total this season.

•In the third quarter, junior defensive end Landry recorded his first sack of the season and then added a half-sack in the fourth quarter after combining with Ray to finish with 1.5 sacks on the day. Landry now has six sacks in his career.

•In the third quarter, sophomore defensive back Will Harris hauled in his first interception of the season. It was the second INT of his career.

•Junior punter/kicker Mike Knoll was 2-for-2 on field goal attempts and 1-for-2 on extra-point attempts. He connected on field-goal kicks from 40 yards and 37 yards out. The 40-yard effort matched his previously career long, which he hit at Florida State on Nov. 22, 2014.

•Knoll also connected for a career-high 63-yard punt and set a new career high with 377 punt yards

•Senior Myles Willis returned two kickoffs for 66 yards (33.0 yards per return) bringing his career total return yards to 1,679 yards. He still sits in fourth for career returns (69) and return yardage.

•In his second game returning punts, senior Tyler Rouse returned five punts for 56 yards, with a career-long return of 33 yards in the fourth quarter.

### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	13	6	7	26
Massachusetts	7	0	0	0	7

1st	02:23	Breneman, A. 58 yd pass from Comis, R. (Caggiano, M. kick), 3-73 1:24, BC 0 - UMass 7
2nd	04:32	Jeff Smith 46 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick failed), 1-46 0:08, BC 6 - UMass 7
	03:08	Jeff Smith 36 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 1-36 0:09, BC 13 - UMass 7
3rd	03:50	Mike Knoll 40 yd field goal, 7-55 2:57, BC 16 - UMass 7
	01:04	Mike Knoll 37 yd field goal, 4-6 1:56, BC 19 - UMass 7
4th	04:14	Jon Hilliman 15 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 5-35 2:46, BC 26 - UMass 7

Stats	BC	UMass
FIRST DOWNS	14	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-153	33-23
PASSING YDS (NET)	191	145
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-12-1	28-11-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-344	61-122
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-56	3-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-66	6-101
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-27
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-41.9	12-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-45	5-37
Possession Time	34:01	25:59
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 15	2 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	8-59	1-2



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Virginia Tech 49**  
**Boston College 0**  
**Sept. 17, 2016 | Blacksburg, Va.**

- Virginia Tech moved to 2-1 on the season with the 49-0 victory over Boston College.
  - Boston College is now 16-7 in the all-time series against Virginia Tech. The Eagles are 5-9 since joining the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2005, and are 4-7 in Blacksburg.
  - BC's 44-yard rushing total was the team's lowest since posting 28 yards rushing at NC State on Nov. 7, 2015.
  - The Eagles' defense allowed 532 yards to Virginia Tech, the most it surrendered since Oct. 17, 2015 at Clemson. The Hokies tallied 223 yards rushing, the most allowed by the BC defense since allowing 303 to Pittsburgh on Sept. 5, 2014.
  - Sophomore tight end Tommy Sweeney had a career day, setting a career high with 30 receiving yards on two catches. His 22-yard catch in the first quarter tied his career long.
  - Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones set a career-high with 17 rushing yards on five carries.
  - Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles was 9-for-28 with 80 passing yards and one interception. He also had 17 yards on the ground.
  - Redshirt sophomore quarterback Darius Wade saw his first action of the season, playing the fourth quarter and gaining four yards on the ground.
  - Junior wide receiver Thadd Smith recorded his first catch of the season on a 12-yard reception late in the second quarter. He caught two passes for 14 yards.
  - Senior defensive tackle Kevin Kavelec tallied 10 tackles, tying his career high, which he first established on Oct. 25, 2014 at Wake Forest. He is the first BC player to tally double-digit tackles in 2016.
  - Sophomore defensive back Will Harris set a new career high in tackles registering eight in the game.
  - Junior defensive tackle Noa Merritt recorded the first tackle for a loss of his career in the second quarter, coming on a five-yard loss.
  - Sophomore defensive end Zach Allen recorded the Eagles' only sack on the day, pushing his total to 2.5 on the season.
  - Senior defensive back John Johnson recorded his first interception of the season and fourth of his career, returning it for a career-long 19 yards.
  - Junior punter/kicker Mike Knoll broke the BC record for punts in a single game with 13. He finished the day with 537 total yards, averaging 41.3 yards per punt with a long of 51.
  - Senior Myles Willis gained 46 yards on two kick returns increasing his career total to 1,725, still fourth in BC record books.
- Attendance: 60,054

### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia Tech	14	7	21	7	49

1st	09:17	McMillian, T 15 yd pass from Evans, J (Slye, Joey kick), 8-58 2:37, BC 0 - VT 7
	01:15	Ford, I 8 yd pass from Evans, J (Slye, Joey kick), 7-55 3:21, BC 0 - VT 14
2nd	01:42	Ford, I 30 yd pass from Evans, J (Slye, Joey kick), 1-30 0:07, BC 0 - VT 21
3rd	11:42	Cunningham, C 7 yd pass from Evans, J (Slye, Joey kick), 6-77 2:16, BC 0 - VT 28
	07:15	Rogers, S 4 yd pass from Evans, J (Slye, Joey kick), 7-42 2:57, BC 0 - VT 35
	02:25	McMillian, T 7 yd run (Slye, Joey kick), 6-80 2:34, BC 0 - VT 42
4th	10:33	Motley, B 26 yd run (Slye, Joey kick), 10-82 4:17, BC 0 - VT 49

Stats	BC	VT
FIRST DOWNS	6	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	28-44	50-223
PASSING YDS (NET)	80	253
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-9-1	27-16-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	57-124	77-476
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-9
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	9-84
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-46	1-21
Interception Returns-Yards	1-19	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	13-41.3	6-36.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	12-93	7-55
Possession Time	24:45	35:15
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 17	7 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	0-0



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Boston College 42**  
**Wagner 10**  
**Sept. 24, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

•Boston College moved to 2-2 on the season with a 42-10 victory over Wagner at Alumni Stadium. It was the first meeting between the two schools and the first home game in 2016 for the Eagles.

•Boston College is now 25-1 all-time against FCS schools, winning the last 25 games against FCS competition.

•The Eagles did not turn the ball over and did not cause a turnover for the first time in 2016.

•The Eagles scored the final 28 points of the game.

•Boston College set season highs in total offense (490 yards), points (42) and rushing yards (300).

•Boston College rushed for 300 yards in a game for the first time since rushing for 347 yards last season against Howard on Sept. 12, 2015. The Eagles also totaled 400+ yards of total offense for the first time since the Howard win as well.

•For the sixth time in his career, redshirt sophomore running back Jon Hilliman scored two touchdowns in a game. He opened the scoring for the Eagles on a one-yard touchdown with 9:43 to play in the first quarter and added a second touchdown on a six-yard rush in the third quarter. He has four touchdowns in 2016 and 19 in his career.

•Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles was responsible for four touchdowns on the day, recording two rushing touchdowns and two through the air. He tallied a career-long, 17-yard scramble in the first quarter and a one-yard run in the second.

•Towles connected with sophomore wide receiver Jeff Smith on a 58-yard touchdown pass, the longest of Smith's career and longest for Towles in a BC uniform.

•Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones surpassed all of his previous career highs, finishing the game with 90 yards on 12 attempts and recorded a career-long, 26-yard rush in the second quarter.

•Sophomore wide receiver Michael Walker hauled in his first career touchdown on a 17-yard completion with 1:08 left in the third quarter. Walker finished the game with a career-high four catches for a career-best 72 yards on the day.

•Sophomore running back Richard Wilson recorded a career-high 62 rushing yards on a career-best 11 carries, including a 19-yard run in the fourth quarter.

•Sophomore fullback Colton Cardinal recorded his first career receptions, finishing the day with two catches for 28 yards.

•Redshirt sophomore quarterback Darius Wade made his second appearance of the season, going 3-for-4 with 33 passing yards after coming in to play in the fourth quarter.

•The BC defense held Wagner to just 45 rushing yards on the day. It is the 17th time in 29 games that the Eagles have not allowed an opponent to tally 100 yards on the ground.

•Wagner rushed for 55 yards on one play as the Seahawks scored first on a 55-yard TD run in the first quarter.

•The Eagles recorded five sacks and 11 tackles for loss, both the second-highest totals of the season.

•Junior defensive end Harold Landry recorded a career-high three sacks, bringing his season total to 4.5 and his career total to nine. He also recorded a career-high five tackles for loss.

•Senior defensive end Kevin Kavelec recorded his first career pass breakup in the second quarter.

•Senior Tyler Rouse recorded career-long kickoff and punt returns: a 44-yard kick return in the first quarter and a 53-yard punt return in the third quarter.

•Junior punter/kicker Mike Knoll was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra-point attempts, recording a career-high for PATs.

Attendance: 22,728

### Scoring Summary

Wagner	7	3	0	0	10
Boston College	14	14	14	0	42

1st	11:53	THOMSON, Alex 55 yd run (COOPER, James kick), 1-55 0:12, WAGNER 7 - BC 0
	09:43	Jon Hilliman 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 5-44 2:10, WAGNER 7 - BC 7
	01:50	Patrick Towles 17 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 12-68 6:17, WAGNER 7 - BC 14
2nd	09:35	COOPER, James 34 yd field goal, 11-37 3:45, WAGNER 10 - BC 14
	07:38	Jeff Smith 58 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 4-75 1:57, WAGNER 10 - BC 21
	02:19	Patrick Towles 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 8-80 3:25, WAGNER 10 - BC 28
3rd	11:12	Jon Hilliman 6 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 1-6 0:07, WAGNER 10 - BC 35
	01:08	Michael Walker 27 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 10-54 4:24, WAGNER 10 - BC 42

### Stats

	Wagner	BC
FIRST DOWNS	7	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	22-45	56-300
PASSING YDS (NET)	62	190
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-13-0	20-12-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	47-107	76-490
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-57
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-88	1-44
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-40.3	5-30.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	7-85
Possession Time	22:48	37:12
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	5-46



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Boston College 35**

**Buffalo 3**

**Oct. 1, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

- Boston College moved to 3-2 overall with its second consecutive victory as the Eagles defeated Buffalo, 35-3. It marked the first time since the start of the 2015 season that Boston College recorded two straight wins.
- Boston College moved to 7-2 all-time against Buffalo. BC has won the last three meetings and head coach Steve Addazio is 2-0 all-time against the Bulls.
- The Eagles did not commit a turnover in seven quarters of football with the last turnover coming in the second quarter at Virginia Tech, Sept. 17, 2016. The streak was snapped on a fumble in the second quarter.
- Boston College is 17-2 under Steve Addazio when leading at halftime. The Eagles held a 21-3 advantage at the break against Buffalo.
- For the second straight game, the Eagles put up 400 yards of offense as they recorded 400 against Buffalo and 490 against Wagner last week. The last time the Eagles recorded back-to-back 400-yard games was when in 2014 against Colorado State (408; Sept. 27) and at NC State (411; Oct. 11).
- It was also the second straight game Boston College scored at least 30 points, as the Eagles put up 42 against Wagner a week ago.
- The 258 passing yards were the most the BC offense tallied since recording 285 against Villanova on Aug. 31, 2013 when Chase Rettig was behind center. John Fadule recorded 257 in 2015 against NC State.
- Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles set his career-high wearing Maroon and Gold with 234 passing yards and 14 completions. He finished the game 14-of-25 passing with two touchdowns. For the third time this season, he threw for two touchdowns. It was his first 200+ yard game at BC.
- Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones registered his first career touchdown on a one-yard rush with 35 seconds left in the first quarter. His 38-yard reception in the second quarter, which set up a BC touchdown, was the longest of his young career. He finished the day with 53 rushing yards on 14 carries.
- Junior wide receiver Charlie Callinan recorded his first touchdown reception of the season at 9:25 in the second quarter on a seven-yard reception, bringing his career total to four TDs. He recorded two catches for 22 yards.
- Sophomore wide receiver Michael Walker caught his second touchdown of the season and his career with 21 seconds left in the first half on an 11-yard reception.
- Sophomore wide receiver Jeff Smith led the way for the Eagles with five catches for 65 yards, including a 43-yard reception.
- Redshirt freshman wide receiver Chris Garrison recorded a career-long catch of 44 yards late in the first quarter to put the Eagles in the red zone, which led to the Jones touchdown. Garrison was injured on the play and did not return to the game.
- Sophomore running back Richard Wilson scored his first touchdown on the season on a three-yard run with 14 seconds to play in the game. It was the second in his career.
- The 67 total offensive yards allowed by Boston College are the third fewest all-time. Steve Addazio has been the head coach for two of the four best single-game defensive efforts in terms of total offensive yardage allowed by Boston College.
- The BC defense allowed just 26 rushing yards on the day. It is the 18th time in 30 games that the Eagles have not allowed an opponent to tally 100 yards on the ground.
- Boston College allowed just five first downs on the day. It was tied for the fifth-fewest amount of first downs allowed by BC in a game in school history.
- The BC defense forced five three-and-outs to bring the season total to 30, averaging six per game. Boston College limited Buffalo to just one third down conversion in 11 attempts.
- Junior defensive end Harold Landry recorded a sack in the second quarter, forcing his third fumble of the year. The Bulls were able to recover and punt on fourth down. Landry now has 5.5 sacks on the season.
- Senior Matt Milano blocked his third career punt in the first quarter. He blocked two in 2015.
- Senior Tyler Rouse finished the day with a career-high 59 punt return yards and a career-high 116 all-purpose yards.

Attendance: 24,203

### Scoring Summary

Buffalo	0	3	0	0	3
Boston College	7	14	0	14	35

1st	00:35	Davon Jones 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 8-71 3:25, UB 0 - BC 7
2nd	09:25	Charlie Callinan 7 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 11-54 5:00, UB 0 - BC 14
	06:28	MITCHESON, Adam 28 yd field goal, 4-0 0:17, UB 3 - BC 14
	00:21	Michael Walker 11 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 11-84 6:07, UB 3 - BC 21
4th	09:40	Jon Hilliman 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 8-78 4:28, UB 3 - BC 28
	00:14	Richard Wilson 3 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 8-39 5:12, UB 3 - BC 35

Stats	Buffalo	BC
FIRST DOWNS	5	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	19-26	57-142
PASSING YDS (NET)	41	258
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-10-0	27-15-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	42-67	84-400
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	5-59
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-34	2-43
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-39.9	4-28.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-39	4-28
Possession Time	16:53	43:07
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 11	10 of 20
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	3 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-19	1-9



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**No. 3 Clemson 56**

**Boston College 10**

**Oct. 7, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

•No. 3 Clemson moved to 6-0 on the season with a 56-10 victory over Boston College Friday night at Alumni Stadium.

•Boston College and Clemson have met 26 times with the Tigers holding a 15-9-2 series advantage.

•BC is 6-8-1 all-time at home against Clemson.

•Alumni Stadium attendance was 44,500, a sellout. The last sellout at Alumni Stadium was on Nov. 10, 2012 against Notre Dame.

•Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones tallied a career-high two receptions for 25 yards, he also added 48 yards on a career-high 12 attempts on the ground in tonight's game.

•Sophomore right end Tommy Sweeney led the Eagles with four receptions for 48 yards, both career highs.

•Senior fullback Bobby Wolford recorded his first reception and touchdown of the season on a one-yard pass from graduate quarterback Patrick Towles near the end of the third quarter.

•Towles was 11-for-22 for 91 yards and one touchdown. He also tallied his first career reception for five yards on pass from sophomore WR Jeff Smith in second quarter.

•Junior defensive end Harold Landry registered his fourth forced fumble of the season and the seventh of his career in the second quarter. His second-quarter sack for a loss of six yards increased his season total to 6.5 sacks for a total loss of 52 yards

•Junior linebacker Ty Schwab set a career high with 10 tackles, leading the Eagles in total and solo stops (nine).

•Sophomore defensive end Zach Allen recorded a sack in the fourth quarter, bringing his season and career totals to 3.5.

•Senior John Johnson's first-quarter fumble recovery on the fair catch was his first of the season and third of his career.

•Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll opened the scoring of the game, connecting on a 21-yard field goal 3:52 into the game. He punted nine times for 324 total yards and was 1-for-1 on extra-point attempts.

•Senior Myles Willis returned four kicks for 69 yards bringing his total to 76 returns for 1,809 yards, fourth in the BC record book.

Attendance: 44,500 (sellout)

### Scoring Summary

Clemson	21	0	14	21	56
Boston College	3	0	7	0	10

1st	11:08	Mike Knoll 21 yd field goal, 4-5 1:33, CU 0 - BC 3
	09:22	GALLMAN 59 yd run (HUEGEL kick), 4-75 1:46, CU 7 - BC 3
	03:12	M. WILLIAMS 9 yd pass from WATSON (HUEGEL kick), 7-70 2:11, CU 14 - BC 3
3rd	01:29	LEGGETT 56 yd pass from WATSON (HUEGEL kick), 1-56 0:11, CU 21 - BC 3
	11:38	CAIN 29 yd pass from WATSON (HUEGEL kick), 4-63 1:25, CU 28 - BC 3
	05:18	CAIN 16 yd pass from WATSON (HUEGEL kick), 7-59 2:27, CU 35 - BC 3
4th	00:27	Bobby Wolford 1 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 9-55 4:51, CU 35 - BC 10
	11:41	DYE 3 yd run (HUEGEL kick), 12-55 3:46, CU 42 - BC 10
	03:09 01:30	FEASTER 45 yd run (HUEGEL kick), 4-58 1:24, CU 49 - BC 10 FIELDS 42 yd interception return (HUEGEL kick), CU 56 - BC 10

### Stats

	Clemson	BC
FIRST DOWNS	21	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-230	48-155
PASSING YDS (NET)	278	96
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-16-0	24-12-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	61-508	72-251
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-4	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-61	6-115
Interception Returns-Yards	1-42	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-37.2	9-36.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-23	6-52
Possession Time	21:52	38:08
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 12	6 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-17	2-14



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Syracuse 28**  
**Boston College 20**  
**Oct. 22, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

•Syracuse leads the series, 31-19. The Eagles are 13-11 all-time at home against SU and have won three of the last five meetings at Alumni Stadium.

•For the fourth time in the last five meetings, the game was decided by 10 points or less.

•For the second time this season, the Eagles recorded over 200 yards rushing (223). BC gained a season-high 258 yards on the ground against Buffalo on Oct. 1.

•Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles rushed for a career-high 104 yards, including his fourth rushing touchdown of the season to end the third quarter on a career-long, 75-yard run.

•Redshirt sophomore quarterback Darius Wade entered the game in the fourth quarter for an injured Towles (hamstring), going 3-for-6 for 19 passing yards.

•Sophomore wide receiver Michael Walker set a career-high in rush attempts with three, gaining 28 yards on the day. He also led all Eagles receivers in receptions (three) and receiving yards (40).

•Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones made his first career start against Syracuse. Jones finished the game with 14 rushing attempts for 66 yards, including a career-long 28-yard rush.

•Redshirt sophomore running back Jon Hilliman was not able to play due to an ankle injury suffered in the Clemson game.

•For the 19th time in 32 games, the BC defense did not allow 100 rushing yards on the day.

•The Eagles forced three turnovers for the second time this season (two fumbles, one interception). They also caused three in the win at Massachusetts on Sept. 10.

•Sophomore defensive back Will Harris tallied his second career interception in the first quarter. His 64-yard interception return was the longest by a BC defender since DeLeon Gause against Weber State on September 4, 2010 (66 yards).

•Sophomore linebacker Sharrieff Grice marked his first career start and tallied a career high six tackles and recorded his first career sack.

•Senior linebacker Matt Milano tallied his fourth career fumble recovery in the first quarter, his first since Nov. 21, 2015 (Notre Dame). He recorded one sack to bring his season total to four.

•Junior defensive end Harold Landry's third quarter sack pushed his season total to 7.5.

•Sophomore defensive end Wyatt Ray registered his first career forced fumble in the fourth quarter. The fumble was recovered by senior defensive end Kevin Kavalec, who also registered his first career fumble recovery.

•BC's defense finished the afternoon with five sacks. It was the third time this season BC totaled five or more sacks in a game. The Eagles totaled eight sacks in the win over UMass and five in the victory against Wagner.

•Junior middle linebacker Connor Strachan was unable to play due to injury.

•Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll opened the scoring for the game 3:23 into the first quarter connecting on a 30-yard field goal and later added a 39-yard kick to remain perfect on the season (5-for-5).

•Senior Myles Willis returned his third career kickoff return touchdown and first of the season with an 89-yard kickoff return in the second quarter. He finished the day with two returns for 111 yards to bring his career totals to 78 returns for 1,918 yards, still fourth in BC record books.

•At halftime, Boston College retired the jersey of former LB Luke Kuechly, who played on the Heights from 2009-2011. He became the 11th former player to have his jersey retired at Boston College.

•Junior defensive end Harold Landry earned the Orrie T. Scarminach Award presented by Chuck Scarminach Jr. The Scarminach Award is presented to Boston College's most valuable player in the BC-Syracuse game when played in Chestnut Hill. It was given out every year between 1982 and 2004 to the game's MVP when the teams played each other every year. Scarminach was a Syracuse native who played offensive line for Boston College. He was killed in a car crash in 1982.

Attendance: 34,647

### Scoring Summary

Syracuse	7	7	7	7	28
Boston College	3	7	7	3	20

1st	11:37 07:15	Mike Knoll 30 yd field goal, 3-15 1:15, SU 0 - BC 3 Philips, E. 3 yd run (Murphy, C. kick), 10-75 4:22, SU 7 - BC 3
2nd	10:46  10:33	Philips, E. 10 yd pass from Dungey, E. (Murphy, C. kick), 9-80 2:57, SU 14 - BC 3 Myles Willis 89 yd kickoff return (Mike Knoll kick), , SU 14 - BC 10
3rd	00:15  00:00	Ishmael, S. 11 yd pass from Dungey, E. (Murphy, C. kick), 9-86 4:14, SU 21 - BC 10 Patrick Towles 75 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 2-75 0:15, SU 21 - BC 17
4th	10:02 09:18	Mike Knoll 39 yd field goal, 8-43 3:30, SU 21 - BC 20 Etta-Tawo, A. 68 yd pass from Dungey, E. (Murphy, C. kick), 3-85 0:44, SU 28 - BC 20

Stats	Syracuse	BC
FIRST DOWNS	23	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-98	40-223
PASSING YDS (NET)	434	64
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-32-1	20-7-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-532	60-287
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-2
Punt Returns-Yards	2-25	2-16
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-63	2-111
Interception Returns-Yards	1-7	1-64
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-38.8	6-37.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	16-135	8-66
Possession Time	30:51	29:09
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-11	5-30



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Boston College 21**  
**NC State 14**  
**Oct. 29, 2016 | Raleigh, N.C.**

•Boston College earned a come-from-behind, 21-14 victory on the road at NC State Saturday. The win snapped a 12-game ACC losing streak for the Eagles.

•It was the second win for Boston College under head coach Steve Addazio when trailing entering the fourth quarter.

•With the 21-14 victory over NC State, Boston College now leads the all-time series, 9-5 and has won three of the last four meetings.

•The Eagles are 3-3 against NC State on the road and have won the last two meetings in Raleigh.

•The victory marked the first ACC win for Boston College since Nov. 29, 2016 when the Eagles defeated Syracuse, 28-7, in Alumni Stadium.

•Boston College defensive coordinator Jim Reid did not make the trip to NC State due to a personal medical matter. Paul Pasqualoni served as interim defensive coordinator in Reid's absence.

•Graduate student Patrick Towles earned the start at quarterback after leaving last week's game against Syracuse early due to a hamstring injury. Towles finished the afternoon 18-for-33 with 204 passing yards. Towles finished with his most completions in a BC uniform and recorded his second 200-yard passing game (234 vs. Buffalo).

•Sophomore tight end Tommy Sweeney recorded a career-high 78 receiving yards on a career-high five catches. He recorded his first career touchdown catch in the fourth quarter - a 14-yard reception from redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones - to give BC the lead for good. Sweeney also caught the two-point conversion to give the Eagles a 21-14 lead.

•Redshirt sophomore running back Jon Hilliman returned from injury and rushed for 74 yards on 20 carries.

•Sophomore wide receiver Jeff Smith rushed for a 60-yard touchdown in the second quarter to put the Eagles up, 10-7. The rush was the longest scoring play of the season for Smith.

•Sophomore wide receiver Michael Walker had a career day as he hauled in a career-high six catches for 78 yards, including a career-long reception of 29 yards.

•The Boston College defense has now held opponents to under 100 rushing yards in 20 of the last 33 games, allowing just 31 to NC State. This season, BC has not allowed more than 50 rushing yards in all four victories.

•NC State had 1st and goal from the two, but Kamrin Moore sealed the victory with an interception in the end zone with less than two minutes remaining to give BC the victory. It was Moore's first career interception.

•BC held NC State to 0-for-3 on fourth-down conversions on the day, including two stops in the first half. Coming into the game, opponents were 3-of-3 converting on fourth down in 2016.

•Junior defensive end and North Carolina native Harold Landry recorded his ninth sack of the season and his fifth forced fumble to give BC the ball at the NC State 21-yard line. Landry entered the game third nationally in sacks and second in forced fumbles.

•Senior linebacker Matt Milano recorded his fifth sack of the season on an NC State fourth-down attempt. He finished the day with seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles-for-loss.

•Sophomore defensive end Zach Allen recorded his second fumble recovery of the season on the Landry forced fumble. Allen also added two pass breakups and three tackles on the day.

•Junior linebacker Ty Schwab came up with his first career interception on a ball tipped on by Milano in the third quarter.

•Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll broke the scoring of the game on a 24-yard field goal six seconds into the second quarter. Knoll has connected on a field goal in three straight games. Knoll later connected on a 29-yard field goal five minutes into the third quarter to put the Eagles up 13-7. He was 2-for-2 on extra points and three of his five punts were inside the 20-yard line.

•Knoll also prevented a touchdown on a late NC State kickoff return to preserve the win.

Attendance: 56,443

### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	10	3	8	21
NC State	0	7	7	0	14

2nd	14:54	Mike Knoll 24 yd field goal, 10-62 4:31, BC 3 - ST 0
	08:24	Cherry, B. 79 yd pass from Finley, R. (Bambard, K. kick), 3-87 0:31, BC 3 - ST 7
3rd	07:35	Jeff Smith 60 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 2-65 0:49, BC 10 - ST 7
	10:02	Mike Knoll 29 yd field goal, 7-9 3:28, BC 13 - ST 7
4th	08:31	Harmon, K. 23 yd pass from Finley, R. (Bambard, K. kick), 1-23 0:06, BC 13 - ST 14
	04:43	Tom Sweeney 14 yd pass from Davon Jones (Tom Sweeney pass from Towles,P), 9-63 4:33, BC 21 - ST 14

Stats	BC	NCST
FIRST DOWNS	21	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-168	23-31
PASSING YDS (NET)	218	307
Passes Att-Comp-Int	34-19-1	41-23-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	78-386	64-338
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-15	2-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-20	1-56
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-32.8	6-37.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-44	8-94
Possession Time	36:21	23:39
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 17	5 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	2-25



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**No. 5 Louisville 52**

**Boston College 7**

**Nov. 5, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

•No. 5 Louisville improved to 6-3 all-time against the Eagles and 3-0 since joining the ACC.

•The game marked just the third time in Alumni Stadium history that two top-five ranked teams visited Boston College in the same season. BC also hosted two top-five opponents in 1991 and 1993.

•Senior running back Tyler Rouse caught his first career touchdown pass on a 39-yard reception in the third quarter. His 50 receiving yards were three shy of his career high.

•Junior wide receiver Charlie Callinan led the Eagles with a career-high four receptions and 54 receiving yards.

•Sophomore running back Richard Wilson led the Eagles with eight rushes and 39 yards - tying career highs - all recorded in the fourth quarter.

•Redshirt freshman wide receiver Ben Glines recorded his first career reception in the first quarter. He caught a three-yard, fourth-down pass in the fourth quarter.

•Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles was 13-for-21 with 147 passing yards, one touchdown and one interception on the day. It was the third time in Towles' career he has faced Louisville (twice at Kentucky).

•Redshirt sophomore quarterback Darius Wade entered in the fourth quarter and went 1-for-3 passing for three yards.

•With a team-leading nine tackles, junior linebacker Connor Strachan set a new personal season-high. He also recorded his third fumble recovery of the season - sixth of his career - in the third quarter.

•Senior defensive back John Johnson recorded his second interception of the season in the second quarter. The 22-yard return for Johnson was the longest of his career. It was the fifth interception of his career.

•Senior defensive end Kevin Kavalec recorded his first career forced fumble in the third quarter and matched a season-high with three tackles-for-loss. He increased his career sack total to six in the second quarter and finished the day with four total tackles.

•Senior linebacker Matt Milano matched a season high with 2.5 TFLs on the day, increasing his season total to 9.5.

•Junior linebacker Ty Schwab registered his first career sack in the third quarter for a loss of three yards.

•Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll punted nine times, amassing 392 yards, averaging 43.6 yards. His long on the day was 57 yards and he nailed three inside the 20-yard line. He was 1-for-1 on extra-point attempts.

•Senior Myles Willis returned three kickoffs 52 yards to move into second place on BC's career record list with 1,990 yards (82 returns, fourth all-time).

Attendance: 30,644

### Scoring Summary

Louisville	21	17	14	0	52
Boston College	0	0	7	0	7

1st	13:44	Jackson, L. 69 yd run (Creque, B. kick), 3-75 1:16, UL 7 - BC 0
	09:07	Quick, J. 30 yd pass from Jackson, L. (Creque, B. kick), 5-78
1:36, UL 14 - BC 0		
	00:48	Smith, Ja. 44 yd pass from Jackson, L. (Creque, B. kick), 4-88
1:38, UL 21 - BC 0		
2nd	14:44	Quick, J. 10 yd pass from Jackson, L. (Creque, B. kick), 1-10 0:06, UL 28 - BC 0
	06:17	Hikutini, C. 5 yd pass from Jackson, L. (Creque, B. kick), 9-71
3:55, UL 35 - BC 0		
	00:06	Creque, B. 26 yd field goal, 5-19 1:12, UL 38 - BC 0
3rd	11:45	Tyler Rouse 39 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 2-42 0:45, UL 38 - BC 7
	08:19	Jackson, L. 13 yd run (Creque, B. kick), 8-77 3:26, UL 45 - BC 7
	01:57	Jackson, L. 53 yd run (Creque, B. kick), 3-62 1:28, UL 52 - BC 7

### Stats

	UL	BC
FIRST DOWNS	22	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-210	37-57
PASSING YDS (NET)	305	150
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-19-1	25-14-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-515	62-207
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-20	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-3	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-23	7-121
Interception Returns-Yards	1-20	1-22
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-44.8	9-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	0-0	6-70
Possession Time	28:38	31:22
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	4 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-23	2-12



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**No. 20 Florida St. 45**  
**Boston College 7**  
**Nov. 11, 2016 | Tallahassee, Fla.**

- No. 20/18 Florida State defeated Boston College, 45-7, Friday evening in ACC play at Doak S. Campbell Stadium. The Seminoles moved to 11-4 all-time against the Eagles.
- Boston College finished with four sacks against FSU on the night. It was the fourth-best single-game sack total this season for the BC defense.
- Sophomore running back Richard Wilson scored the Eagles' touchdown in the fourth quarter on a one-yard run. It marked the second touchdown of the season for Wilson and third of his career.
- Senior running back Myles Willis recorded his longest run of the season (39 yards) as he reversed field on a first-quarter carry.
- Junior linebacker Connor Strachan sacked Deondre Francois on third down in the second quarter. It brought his season total to 3.5 and his career total six. He led the way with nine tackles, including 1.5 tackles-for-loss, on the night for the Eagles.
- Junior defensive end Harold Landry recorded back-to-back sacks on consecutive plays near the end of the second quarter. He also forced a fumble on his second sack that FSU recovered. He has 11 sacks on the season, 15.5 in his career, and five forced fumbles on the year, nine in his career.
- Senior defensive end Kevin Kavalec ended a FSU drive in the third quarter with a sack, increasing his season total to 2.5.
- Freshman Max Richardson caused his first career fumble on the kickoff return in the fourth quarter. FSU was able to recover.
- Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll punted nine times for 365 yards, averaging 40.6 yards per punt. He had two punts of 50 yards on the night. He was 1-for-1 on extra-point attempts as well.
- Senior Myles Willis returned two kicks for 27 yards to bring his career totals to 2,017 yards on 84 returns, second and tied for third, respectively, in the BC record book.

Attendance: 73,917

### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	0	0	7	7
Florida State	14	7	14	10	45

1st	08:50	A. Tate 6 yd pass from D. Francois (R. Aguayo kick), 9-80 3:29, BC 0 - FS 7
	01:08	N. Murray 4 yd pass from D. Francois (R. Aguayo kick), 10-71 4:51, BC 0 - FS 14
2nd	02:50	D. Cook 19 yd run (R. Aguayo kick), 7-64 3:52, BC 0 - FS 21
3rd	03:51	T. Rudolph 20 yd pass from D. Francois (R. Aguayo kick), 7-61 3:26, BC 0 - FS 28
	00:25	A. Tate 6 yd pass from S. Maguire (R. Aguayo kick), 5-66 2:28, BC 0 - FS 35
4th	12:01	L. Tyler 53 yd field goal, 4-3 1:32, BC 0 - FS 38
	08:18	F. Stevenson 6 yd pass from S. Maguire (R. Aguayo kick), 5-41 2:00, BC 0 - FS 45
	03:21	Richard Wilson 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 9-75 4:57, BC 7 - FS 45

Stats	BC	FSU
FIRST DOWNS	8	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-96	39-180
PASSING YDS (NET)	50	236
Passes Att-Comp-Int	13-4-0	31-21-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	48-146	70-416
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-43	2-22
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-38.4	5-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	4-33
Possession Time	27:11	32:49
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 12	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-37	3-18



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Boston College 30**  
**UConn 0**  
**Nov. 19, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

•Boston College closed out its home schedule with a 30-0 victory over Connecticut. The win moved BC to 5-6 overall as the Eagles look to become bowl-eligible at Wake Forest.

•With the victory, the Eagles moved to 11-0-2 in the all-time series against UConn and 6-0-1 in Chestnut Hill against the Huskies. BC has won the last 10 meetings and outscored the Huskies, 297-59.

•The BC shutout was the first since defeating Howard, 76-0, on Sept. 12, 2015. It was the first November shutout for the Eagles since a 17-0 victory over Notre Dame on Nov. 8, 2008.

•Prior to the game, 17 seniors were honored for their contributions to the football program as part of the team's Senior Day festivities: TE Brendan Nosovitch • DB EJ Fortenberry • TE Cameron Croteau • WR Drew Barksdale • OL Jimmy Lowery • QB Patrick Towles • LS Leonard Skubal • LB Mike Strizak • OL Jim Cashman • FB Bobby Wolford • DE Kevin Kavalec • LB Matt Milano • TE Mike Giacone • DT Truman Gutapfel (captain) • DB John Johnson (captain) • RB Tyler Rouse (captain) • RB Myles Willis (captain)

•In a special halftime ceremony, former BC quarterback Matt Ryan was recognized and his jersey was retired. He is the 11th player in program history to have their jersey retired on the Heights. Ryan played at BC from 2004-07, compiling over 9,000 passing yards and 56 touchdowns. Among several accolades, Ryan was the 2007 ACC Player of the Year.

•Graduate quarterback Patrick Towles was 14-for-19 with 183 passing yards and one touchdown. Towles completed 73.7 percent of his passes, the best single-game completion percentage of his BC career.

•Sophomore wide receiver Jeff Smith racked up a career-high 121 all-purpose yards, recording 87 receiving yards on four receptions and 34 rushing yards. He tallied his second reception over 50 yards on a 54-yard pass from Towles that set up a field goal in the third quarter.

•Redshirt freshman running back Davon Jones opened the scoring for the Eagles on a one-yard carry with 10:36 remaining in the second quarter. It was his second touchdown on the season.

•Sophomore wide receiver Michael Walker tallied his third touchdown of the season on a 10-yard pass from Towles with 8:25 left in the third quarter. Walker finished with four catches for 45 receiver yards.

•Freshman tight end Korab Idrizi recorded his first-career reception on a 12-yard pass in the third quarter.

•The BC defense forced a season-high four turnovers (three interceptions and one forced fumble), which was the most since forcing five against Notre Dame on Nov. 21, 2015.

•The defense held UConn to -6 yards rushing, the second time this season that the defense has held an opponent to negative rushing yards (Massachusetts, -23).

•The Eagles have held opponents to under 100 rushing yards 21 times in the last 36 games. In 2016, BC has not allowed more than 50 rushing yards in all five victories. •BC tallied four sacks on the day, tying for the fourth-highest total of the season.

•Senior linebacker Matt Milano recorded his first career interception in the fourth quarter, returning it 19 yards for a touchdown. The pick-six was the first defensive score of the season for the Eagles. It was the first interception return for a touchdown by a BC defender since Connor Strachan against Howard on Sept. 12, 2015.

•Junior defensive end Harold Landry's fourth-quarter sack for a loss of 17 yards increased his season total to 12 for a loss of 111 yards. Landry entered the game tied for third nationally in sacks. The sack forced his seventh fumble, which leads the nation.

•Junior defensive back Kamrin Moore tallied his second interception of the season and of his career in the second quarter. He also recovered a fumble caused by Landry in the fourth quarter, which marked his first career fumble recovery.

•Sophomore defensive end Wyatt Ray increased his season sack total to 3.5 and the third-quarter stop was also the first solo sack of his career.

•Sophomore defensive back Taj-Amir Torres recorded his first career interception in

the fourth quarter to close out the 30-0 victory.

•Senior defensive back John Johnson wore No. 31 in his final home game in honor of Jay McGillis. Johnson is the 2016 recipient of the Jay McGillis Memorial Scholarship, given annually since 1993 to a Boston College defensive back who best exemplifies the personal qualities of team dedication and leadership by example, an extraordinary competitive spirit, and personal concern for family friends and teammates. McGillis, a starting defensive back for BC, passed away from Leukemia in 1992. The Eagles' spring game is played in his honor each year.

•Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll connected on a career-high three field goals, going 3-for-3 from 39, 35 and 24 yards. He is 10-for-11 on the season.

•Knoll tallied three touchbacks on kickoffs and averaged 41.0 yards per punt, including one inside the 20.

Attendance: 36,220

### Scoring Summary

UConn	0	0	0	0	0
Boston College	0	10	10	10	30

2nd	10:36	Davon Jones 1 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 12-60 7:07, UCONN 0 - BC 7
	01:36	Mike Knoll 35 yd field goal, 12-63 5:59, UCONN 0 - BC 10
3rd	08:25	Michael Walker 10 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 13-75 6:35, UCONN 0 - BC 17
	02:55	Mike Knoll 24 yd field goal, 7-74 3:15, UCONN 0 - BC 20
4th	14:41	Matt Milano 19 yd interception return (Mike Knoll kick), UCONN 0 - BC 27
	07:40	Mike Knoll 39 yd field goal, 8-7 4:34, UCONN 0 - BC 30

Stats	UConn	BC
FIRST DOWNS	8	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	17-6	52-154
PASSING YDS (NET)	127	183
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-13-3	19-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	47-121	71-337
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-61	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-18
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-43.3	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-46	9-73
Possession Time	19:54	40:06
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 12	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-13	4-29



## 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

**Boston College 17**  
**Wake Forest 14**  
**Nov. 19, 2016 | Chestnut Hill, Mass.**

•Boston College rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Wake Forest, 17-14, Saturday afternoon at BB&T Field. With the 17-14 victory, Boston College leads the all-time series against Wake Forest, 13-9-2, and has won three of the last four meetings. The Eagles are 4-3-1 all-time in Winston-Salem.

•With the win, the Eagles improve to 6-6 on the season and achieve bowl eligibility. Head coach Steve Addazio joins Jack Bicknell as the only other BC coach to become bowl-eligible in three of their first four years at the helm.

•The Eagles improved to 6-0 in 2016 when leading at halftime.

•Senior running back Myles Willis scored his first rushing touchdown of the season on an 11-yard carry late in the first quarter. It was Willis' first rushing touchdown since Nov. 1, 2014 at Virginia Tech and the fifth of his career.

•Sophomore tight end Tommy Sweeney recorded a 13-yard touchdown reception from graduate quarterback Patrick Towles with 8:03 to play in the game to give the Eagles the lead. It was Sweeney's second touchdown of the season and the 10th for Towles.

•Senior running back Tyler Rouse registered his longest rush of the season, breaking to the outside for 27 yards in the fourth quarter.

•Junior defensive end Harold Landry tied a career-high with three sacks to put his name into the Boston College single-season record book. Landry surpassed Erik Storz (1997) and Mike Mamula (1994) to sit alone the single-season sack list with 15.0 sacks in 2016.

•Landry has 19.5 career sacks, fourth in Boston College history. Mathias Kiwanuka (2002-05) owns the BC career record with 37.5 career sacks.

•Senior defensive back John Johnson recorded his sixth career interception on a pass deflected by Landry. Landry forced the pressure on Wake Forest quarterback John Wolford and Johnson picked off the pass to give BC the ball at the Wake 12-yard line. The interception led to a BC field goal.

•Sophomore defensive back Lukas Denis sealed the victory for the Eagles with his first career interception in the fourth quarter.

•Junior linebacker Connor Strachan notched double-digit tackles for the first time in 2016, leading the Eagles with 10 on the day.

•Wake Forest entered the game in the top 10 nationally in turnover margin and turnovers gained. Boston College forced three Wake Forest turnovers on the day, including two in the first quarter.

•Junior kicker/punter Mike Knoll broke open the scoring for the game, connecting on a 22-yard field goal 4:44 into the first quarter. He is 11-for-12 connected on field goals in 2016. He improved to 24-for-25 on extra-point attempts with two in the victory.

•Senior Myles Willis forced his first career fumble on punt coverage that gave Boston College the ball at the Wake Forest 25-yard line. Junior Connor Strachan recovered the fumble, his fourth fumble recovery of the year. Willis scored on the ensuing drive for the Eagles.

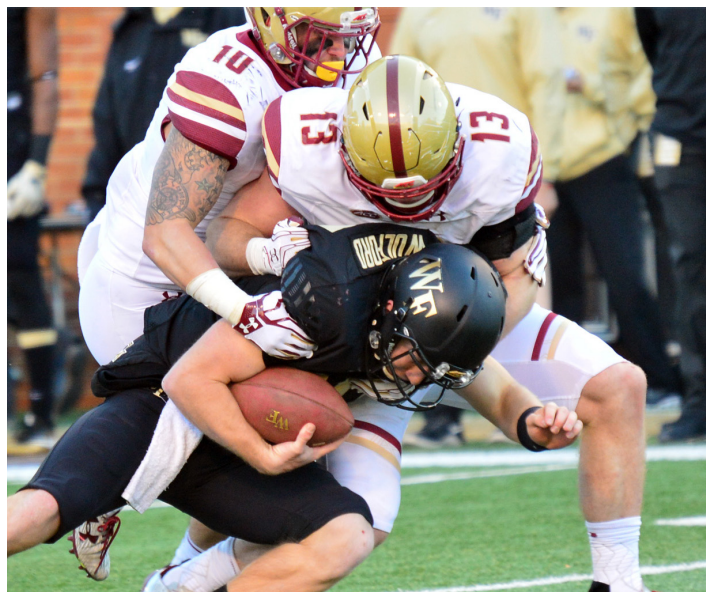
Attendance: 24,866

### Scoring Summary

Boston College	10	0	0	7	17
Wake Forest	0	0	14	0	14

1st	10:16	Mike Knoll 22 yd field goal, 4-7 1:29, BC 3 - WF 0
	01:19	Myles Willis 11 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 5-25 2:03, BC 10 - WF 0
3rd	07:47	Serigne, C 5 yd pass from Wolford, J (Weaver, M kick), 8-50 3:55, BC 10 - WF 7
	04:53	Lewis, C 37 yd pass from Wolford, J (Weaver, M kick), 3-65 1:24, BC 10 - WF 14
4th	08:03	Tom Sweeney 13 yd pass from Patrick Towles (Mike Knoll kick), 8-73 4:35, BC 17 - WF 14

Stats	BC	WF
FIRST DOWNS	10	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-93	35-150
PASSING YDS (NET)	74	137
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-10-0	33-16-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-167	68-287
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-39	3-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-28	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	2-6	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	11-37.3	7-46.1
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-55	3-35
Possession Time	30:45	29:15
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 17	2 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-38	5-33



# Bowl History



# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1940 COTTON BOWL

Clemson 6  
Boston College 3  
Jan. 1, 1940 | Dallas, Texas

Frank Leahy came to Boston College in 1939, succeeding the immortal Gil Dobie, and immediately declared, "I did not come to BC to fail." Nor did the 29-year old protégé of Knute Rockne, who had tutored Fordham's mighty Seven Blocks of Granite.

Leahy's team was ranked 11th nationally when it faced Clemson in the Cotton Bowl – the first New England team to participate in a bowl game in 20 years. The Eagles took a 3-0 lead on Alex Lukachik's 36-yard field goal, but Clemson roared right back on its next possession, and Charley Timmons ran for a score.

That was it for the day. Banks McFadden knocked down three Charley O'Rourke passes in the end zone in the fourth quarter, and BC drove to the Clemson 8-yard line late in the game but failed to score.

#### Scoring Summary

Clemson	0	6	0	0	–	6
Boston College	0	3	0	0	–	3

#### Second Quarter

BC – 36 FG Alex LUKACHIK. Score: BC 3, CU 0.

CU – Charley TIMMONS 1 run (Shad Bryant kick failed). Score: CU 6, BC 3.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	CU	BC
First Downs	11	9
Total Net Yds.	239	184
Net Yds. Rushing	204	111
Net Yds. Passing	35	73
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	8-80	8-90
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	3-2

### 1941 SUGAR BOWL

Boston College 19  
Tennessee 13  
Jan. 1, 1941 | New Orleans, La.

In head coach Frank Leahy's second year, the Eagles went unbeaten in 11 games and finished with their highest national ranking, thanks to a gritty come-from-behind 19-13 win over Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl.

The Volunteers, who had not lost a regular season game in three years, led 7-0 at the half, but Joe Zabliski's recovery of a blocked punt set up Harry Connolly's game-tying touchdown and extra point in the third quarter.

Tennessee came back to take a 13-7 lead, but Mike Holovak ended a 60-yard drive when he scored BC's second touchdown. However, Leahy elected to run Holovak for the extra point which was stopped. The score remained tied at 13. Don Currihan blocked a UT field goal in the fourth quarter and started BC on its winning drive.

#### Scoring Summary

Tennessee	7	0	6	0	–	13
Boston College	0	0	13	6	–	19

#### First Quarter

UT – Van THOMPSON 4 run (Robert FOXX kick). Score: UT 7, BC 0.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Harry CONNOLLY 13 run (Francis MAZNICKI kick). Score: BC 7, UT 7.

UT – Buist WARREN 2 run (FOXX kick failed). Score: UT 13, BC 7.

BC – Mike HOLOVAK 1 run (HOLOVAK run failed). Score: BC 13, UT 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Charlie O'ROURKE 24 run (MAZNICKI kick failed). Score: BC 19, UT 13.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	UT	BC
First Downs	13	11
Total Net Yds.	245	248
Net Yds. Rushing	124	142
Net Yds. Passing	121	106
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-36	3-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1

# 2016 BOSTON COLLEGE QUICK LANE BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1943 ORANGE BOWL

Alabama 37  
Boston College 21  
Jan. 1, 1943 | Miami, Fla.

This contest was a wild affair, as Boston College took a 14-0 lead on two of Mike Holovak's three touchdowns on the day. Holovak's first touchdown came on a 65-yard run and his second on a 35-yard sweep.

After Alabama fought back for a 19-14 lead, Holovak scored his third touchdown of the day on a two-yard plunge. Harry Connolly's extra-point gave the Eagles a 21-19 lead. By this time, injuries had begun to pile up for BC (Mario Gianelli, one of the team's best linemen, broke his toe getting dressed for the game and never played), and Alabama took the lead for good on a field goal. The Crimson Tide soon took a 28-21 advantage and the Eagles missed their tying chance when they were unable to score from the 8-yard line in the fourth quarter.

#### Scoring Summary

Alabama	0	22	6	9	-	37
Boston College	14	7	0	0	-	21

#### First Quarter

BC – Mike HOLOVAK 65 run (Harry CONNOLLY kick). Score: BC 7, UA 0.  
BC – HOLOVAK 35 run (CONNOLLY kick). Score: BC 14, UA 0.

#### Second Quarter

UA – Wheeler LEETH 14 pass from Russ MOSLEY (George HECHT kick failed). Score: BC 14, UA 6.  
UA – Ted COOK 17 pass from Johnny AUGUST (HECHT kick failed). Score: BC 14, UA 12.  
UA – Bobby Tom JENKINS 40 run (HECHT kick). Score: UA 19, BC 14.  
BC – HOLOVAK 2 run (CONNOLLY kick). Score: BC 21, UA 19.  
UA – 25 FG HECHT. Score: UA 22, BC 21.

#### Third Quarter

UA – Johnny AUGUST 15 run (HECHT kick failed). Score: UA 28, BC 21.

#### Fourth Quarter

UA – JENKINS 1 run (HECHT kick). Score: UA 35, BC 21.  
UA – Joe DOMNANOVICH safety. Score: UA 37, BC 21.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	UA	BC
First Downs	13	13
Total Net Yds.	342	394
Net Yds. Rushing	248	237
Net Yds. Passing	94	157
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-20	3-11
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-2

### 1982 TANGERINE BOWL

Boston College 19  
Tennessee 13  
Jan. 1, 1941 | New Orleans, La.

In head coach Frank Leahy's second year, the Eagles went unbeaten in 11 games and finished with their highest national ranking, thanks to a gritty come-from-behind 19-13 win over Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl.

The Volunteers, who had not lost a regular season game in three years, led 7-0 at the half, but Joe Zablski's recovery of a blocked punt set up Harry Connolly's game-tying touchdown and extra point in the third quarter.

Tennessee came back to take a 13-7 lead, but Mike Holovak ended a 60-yard drive when he scored BC's second touchdown. However, Leahy elected to run Holovak for the extra point which was stopped. The score remained tied at 13. Don Curri van blocked a UT field goal in the fourth quarter and started BC on its winning drive.

#### Scoring Summary

Tennessee	7	0	6	0	-	13
Boston College	0	0	13	6	-	19

#### First Quarter

UT – Van THOMPSON 4 run (Robert FOXX kick). Score: UT 7, BC 0.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Harry CONNOLLY 13 run (Francis MAZNICKI kick). Score: BC 7, UT 7.  
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#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Charlie O'ROURKE 24 run (MAZNICKI kick failed). Score: BC 19, UT 13.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	UT	BC
First Downs	13	11
Total Net Yds.	245	248
Net Yds. Rushing	124	142
Net Yds. Passing	121	106
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-36	3-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1983 LIBERTY BOWL

Notre Dame 19  
Boston College 18  
Dec. 29, 1983 | Memphis, Tenn.

Despite bitter 11-degree temperatures, Doug Flutie shined once again in postseason action, completing 16-of-37 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns. The Fighting Irish, however, also tallied three TDs and emerged a one-point victor.

Scott Gieselmann grabbed a three-yard touchdown flip from Flutie midway through the third quarter, but the contest was a deadlocked defensive struggle for the remainder of the evening. With 1:08 left on a fourth-down situation on Notre Dame's 35, Flutie's toss intended for Joe Giaquinto fell incomplete.

Tailback Troy Stradford was the Eagles' leading ground gainer with 51 yards on 16 carries. Flutie, however, was named the game's Most Valuable Player for his aerial efforts.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	6	6	6	0	-	18
Notre Dame	7	12	0	0	-	19

#### First Quarter

BC – Brian BRENNAN 17 pass from Doug FLUTIE (Doug WALDRON kick failed), 12:07 left. Score: BC 6, ND 0.

ND – Allen PINKETT 1 run (Mike JOHNSTON kick), 4:24 left. Score: ND 7, BC 6.

#### Second Quarter

ND – Alvin MILLER 13 pass from Blair KIEL (JOHNSTON kick failed), 11:49 left. Score: ND 13, BC 6.

ND – PINKETT 3 run (JOHNSTON kick failed), 8:19 left. Score: ND 19, BC 6.

BC – Gerard PHELAN 28 pass from FLUTIE (FLUTIE pass failed), 7:02 left. Score: ND 19, BC 12.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Scott GIESELMAN 3 pass from FLUTIE (FLUTIE pass failed), 7:20 left. Score: ND 19, BC 18.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	ND	BC
First Downs	19	15
Total Net Yds.	376	380
Net Yds. Rushing	225	93
Net Yds. Passing	151	287
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	5-47	7-55
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0

### 1985 COTTON BOWL

Boston College 45  
Houston 28  
Jan. 1, 1985 | Dallas, Texas

Four months to the day after the memorable 1984 season began, it ended with the Eagles' first postseason Bowl victory in 44 years. Before 56,522 (67,381 paid) at the frigid Cotton Bowl (32 windy, drizzly degrees) and another CBS-TV national audience, Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie (13 for 37, 180 yards) threw two scoring passes in the first quarter to boost BC to a 17-7 lead.

Kelvin Martin's 63-yard touchdown grab to open the scoring was the longest aerial connection of the year for the Eagles. Flutie would add his Cotton Bowl-record third touchdown pass later in the contest. Houston trimmed two touchdowns off BC's 31-14 halftime lead before the Eagle ground game asserted itself.

#### Scoring Summary

Houston	7	7	14	0	-	28
Boston College	17	14	0	14	-	45

#### First Quarter

BC – Kelvin MARTIN 63 pass from Doug FLUTIE (Kevin SNOW kick). Score: BC 7, UH 0.

BC – Troy STRADFORD 8 pass from FLUTIE (SNOW kick). Score: BC 14, UH 0.

UH – Earl ALLEN 98 kickoff return (Mike CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 14, UH 7.

BC – 31 FG SNOW. Score: BC 17, UH 7.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Gerard PHELAN 13 pass from FLUTIE (SNOW kick). Score: BC 24, UH 7.

BC – Steve STRACHEN 2 run (SNOW kick). Score: BC 31, UH 7.

UH – Larry SHEPHERD 15 pass from Gerald LANDRY (CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 31, UH 14.

#### Third Quarter

UH – Raymond TATE 2 run (CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 31, UH 21.

UH – Audrey McMILLIAN 25 interception return (CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 31, UH 28.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – STRACHAN 4 run (SNOW kick). Score: BC 38, UH 28.

BC – STRADFORD 18 run (SNOW kick). Score: BC 45, UH 28.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	UH
First Downs	22	15
Total Net Yds.	533	321
Net Yds. Rushing	353	167
Net Yds. Passing	180	154
Interceptions	2	2
Penalties	7-64	7-66
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1986 HALL OF FAME BOWL

Boston College 27  
Georgia 24  
Dec. 23, 1986 | Tampa, Fla.

Eagle quarterback Shawn Halloran connected with wide receiver Kelvin Martin on a five-yard touchdown pass with just 32 seconds remaining in the game to give Boston College a thrilling 27-24 victory over the Georgia Bulldogs in the first Hall of Fame Bowl game in Tampa, Fla.

The perfectly timed touchdown toss capped a sparkling 76-yard drive that began with 2:38 left on the clock and Georgia holding a 24-20 edge.

The Eagles started the game in high gear, with Halloran picking apart the Bulldogs' defense for 22 completions in his first 31 attempts – good for 242 yards, a touchdown and a 20-7 lead at intermission. Georgia roared back in the second half, however, out-scoring the Eagles 17-0 until BC's magical final drive.

#### Scoring Summary

Georgia	7	0	10	7	–	24
Boston College	3	17	0	7	–	27

#### First Quarter

UGA – James JACKSON 7 run (Jonathan CRUMLEY kick), 5:24 left. Score: UGA 7, BC 0.  
BC – FG 23 Brian LOWE, 0:40 left. Score: UGA 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Peter CASPARRIELLO 4 pass from Shawn HALLORAN (LOWE kick), 7:04 left. Score: BC 10, UGA 7.  
BC – Troy STRADFORD 1 run (LOWE kick), 5:05 left. Score: BC 17, UGA 7.  
BC – FG 37 LOWE, 0:04 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 7.

#### Third Quarter

UGA – FG 28 Davis JACOBS, 8:29 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 10.  
UGA – Gary MOSS 81 interception return (JACOBS kick), 4:25 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 17.

#### Fourth Quarter

UGA – JACKSON 5 run (JACOBS kick), 11:51 left. Score: UGA 24, BC 20.  
BC – Kelvin MARTIN 5 pass from HALLORAN (LOWE kick), 0:32 left. Score: BC 27, UGA 24.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	UGA	BC
First Downs	18	26
Total Net Yds.	272	427
Net Yds. Rushing	94	111
Net Yds. Passing	178	316
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	3-30	6-45
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-0

### 1993 HALL OF FAME BOWL

Tennessee 38  
Boston College 23  
Jan. 1, 1993 | Tampa, Fla.

The first bowl appearance in six years fell short of a success as a 17-point scoring blitz by Tennessee in the third quarter broke open a close game and gave the Vols a lead that could not be matched.

BC had outstanding performances from tight end Pete Mitchell, who set a Hall of Fame Bowl receiving record with nine catches for 100 yards (and a pair of scores), and from quarterback Glenn Foley, who clicked on 23-of-46 passes for 268 yards and threw a pair of two-point conversions in addition to the two TD passes to Mitchell.

BC rallied with Foley's 17-yard TD pass to Mitchell and Darnell Campbell's seven-yard scoring dash, each of which was followed by a successful two-point conversion play, but the clock ran out on BC's closing effort.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	7	0	16	–	23
Tennessee	14	0	17	7	–	38

#### First Quarter

UT – Heath SHULER 1 run (John BECKSVOORT kick), 9:55 left. Score: UT 7, BC 0.  
UT – Cory FLEMING 27 pass from SHULER (BECKSVOORT kick), 5:13 left. Score: UT 14, BC 0.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Pete MITCHELL 12 pass from Glenn FOLEY (David GORDON kick), 10:43 left. Score: UT 14, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

UT – SHULER 14 run (BECKSVOORT kick), 10:17 left. Score: UT 21, BC 7.  
UT – FG 25 BECKSVOORT, 4:42 left. Score: UT 24, BC 7.  
UT – Mose PHILLIPS 69 pass from SHULER (BECKSVOORT kick), 2:01 left. Score: UT 31, BC 7.

#### Fourth Quarter

UT – FLEMING 48 pass from Jerry COLQUITT (BECKSVOORT kick), 7:55 left. Score: UT 38, BC 7.  
BC – MITCHELL 17 pass from FOLEY (MITCHELL from FOLEY pass). Score: UT 38, BC 15.  
BC – Darnell CAMPBELL 7 run (Ivan BOYD from FOLEY pass). Score: UT 38, BC 23.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	UT	BC
First Downs	20	22
Total Net Yds.	450	371
Net Yds. Rushing	157	103
Net Yds. Passing	293	268
Interceptions	0	1
Penalties	5-40	5-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1994 CARQUEST BOWL

Boston College 31  
Virginia 13  
Jan. 1, 1994 | Miami, Fla.

Glenn Foley put on a masterful passing show in leading the Eagles to the Carquest Bowl championship. The Virginia Cavaliers gave BC an early scare, picking off Foley's second pass of the game and converting it into a touchdown and a 7-0 advantage, 1:05 into the game.

But Foley would make few mistakes in the ensuing minutes of play. In his final collegiate appearance, Foley would go on to set eight Bowl records, passing for 391 yards and three touchdowns and earning himself the game's Most Valuable Player award.

Overall, the Eagle offense was splendid. When the game ended, BC had gained a whopping 557 yards – nearly seven yards per play.

#### Scoring Summary

Virginia	7	6	0	0	-	13
Boston College	3	14	7	7	-	31

#### First Quarter

UVA – Jerrod Washington 11 run (Kyle Kirkeide kick). Score: UVA 7, BC 0.  
BC – FG 19 David Gordon. Score: UVA 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Clarence Cannon 78 pass from Glenn Foley (Gordon kick). Score: BC 10, UVA 7.  
UVA – Charles Way 7 run (Kirkeide kick failed). Score: UVA 13, BC 10.  
BC – Cannon 5 pass from Foley (Gordon kick). Score: BC 17, UVA 13.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Keith Miller 46 pass from FOLEY (GORDON kick). Score: BC 24, UVA 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Darnell Campbell 12 run (GORDON kick). Score: BC 31, UVA 13.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	UVA	BC
First Downs	16	27
Total Net Yds.	298	557
Net Yds. Rushing	85	166
Net Yds. Passing	213	391
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	3-35	4-33
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1

### 1994 JEEP ALOHA BOWL

Boston College 12  
Kansas State 7  
Dec. 25, 1994 | Honolulu, Hawaii

In a spectacular defensive effort, the Eagles stopped eighth-ranked Kansas State cold – completely erasing the Wildcats' ground attack (minus 61 yards on the day) and sacking quarterback Chad May eight times. The Kansas State offense could not manage a touchdown in the game; the Wildcats' only points came on a blocked punt, which was recovered in the end zone.

Kansas State scored on the blocked punt on the last play of the first quarter, and both defenses dueled in front of an ABC-TV national audience before the Eagles were able to muster another long drive in the fourth period that culminated in David Gordon's 35-yard field goal with 1:18 left.

The key play of that successful late drive was a 46-yard pass from Mark Hartsell to wide receiver Kenyatta Watson.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	2	0	3	-	12
Kansas State	7	0	0	0	-	7

#### First Quarter

BC – Justice SMITH 2 run (David GORDON kick), 10:35 left. Score: BC 7, KSU 0.  
KSU – Chris SUBLETTE recovered blocked punt in end zone (Martin GRAMATICA kick), 0:08 left. Score: BC 7, KSU 7.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Chad MAY tackled in end zone by Mike MAMULA, 2:37 left. Score: BC 9, KSU 7.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – FG 35 GORDON, 1:18 left. Score: BC 12, KSU 7.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	KSU	BC
First Downs	7	13
Total Net Yds.	124	317
Net Yds. Rushing	-61	149
Net Yds. Passing	185	168
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	9-56	7-84
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1999 INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Colorado 62  
Boston College 28  
Dec. 31, 1999 | Tucson, Ariz.

Colorado rolled to a 62-28 victory over Boston College in the 1999 Insight.com Bowl in Tucson. Colorado began the game with a 65-yard drive resulting in the first touchdown. The Buffs scored twice before the first quarter ended.

The Eagles would not give up as George White intercepted a pass from CU QB Mike Moschetti and returned it 78 yards for the Eagles' first touchdown. With 7:22 left in the first half, the Eagles trailed by a score of 35-7. The half came to a close with Colorado ahead 45-7.

The third quarter offered the same, with Tim Hasselbeck and Brian St. Pierre combining to complete nine of 28 passes. Colorado took a convincing 62-28 win back to Boulder.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	7	7	14	-	28
Colorado	21	24	10	7	-	62

#### First Quarter

CU – Cortlen JOHNSON 10 run (Jeremy ALDRICH kick), 11:05 left. Score: CU 7, BC 0.  
CU – Mike MOSCHETTI 2 run (ALDRICH kick), 1:47 left. Score: CU 14, BC 0.  
CU – Jashon SYKES 29 interception return (ALDRICH kick), 1:17 left. Score: CU 21, BC 0.

#### Second Quarter

CU – Rashidi BARNES 21 interception return (ALDRICH kick), 10:47 left. Score: CU 28, BC 0.  
CU – Ben KELLY 88 punt return (ALDRICH kick) 8:50 left. Score: CU 35, BC 0.  
BC – George WHITE, 78 interception return (John MATICH kick) 7:22 left. Score: CU 35, BC 7.  
CU – JOHNSON 2 run (ALDRICH kick) 5:59 left. Score: CU 42, BC 7.  
CU – 26 FG ALDRICH, 0:29 left. Score: CU 45, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

CU – 21 FG ALDRICH, 6:40 left. Score: CU 48, BC 7.  
BC – Bryant ARNDT fumble recovery in end zone (MATICH kick), 3:36 left. Score: CU 48, BC 14.  
CU – Roman HOLLOWELL 18 run (ALDRICH kick), 2:53 left. Score: CU 55, BC 14.

#### Fourth Quarter

CU – Zac Colvin 4 run (ALDRICH kick), 14:53 left. Score: CU 62, BC 14.  
BC – Jamal BURKE 2 pass from Tim HASSELBECK (MATICH kick), 7:37 left. Score: CU 62, BC 21.  
BC – Doug BESSETTE 9 blocked punt return (MATICH kick), 1:42 left. Score: CU 62, BC 28.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	CU
First Downs	12	29
Total Net Yds.	255	523
Net Yds. Rushing	96	365
Net Yds. Passing	159	158
Interceptions	3	1
Penalties	6-62	5-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0

### 2000 JEEP ALOHA BOWL

Boston College 31  
Arizona State 17  
Dec. 25, 2000 | Honolulu, Hawaii

Boston College put on a second-half offensive explosion to defeat Arizona State by a 31-17 score in the 2000 Jeep Aloha Bowl. Though Arizona State jumped on the board first, BC was quick to respond with 10 straight points for a 10-7 lead after one quarter. Senior running back Cedric Washington marched into the end zone just 1:07 after the ASU score on a 10-yard run.

Leading 24-10 to start the fourth quarter, senior linebacker Ryan Burch intercepted a pass attempt by Griffin Goodman. Washington took over, and after four rushes that gained 28 yards, he ran the final 10 yards into the end zone for the Eagles' final score of the day and a 31-10 lead. ASU added a late score.

Boston College accumulated 180 yards on the ground, including a final 100-yard rushing game (109 yards) for Washington.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	10	0	14	7	-	31
Arizona State	7	3	0	7	-	17

#### First Quarter

ASU – Tom PACE 14 run (Mike BARTH kick), 11:50 left. Score: ASU 7, BC 0.  
BC – Cedric WASHINGTON 10 run (Mike SUTPHIN kick), 10:43 left. Score: BC 7, ASU 7.  
BC – FG 50 SUTPHIN, 8:20 left. Score: BC 10, ASU 7.

#### Second Quarter

ASU – FG 28 BARTH, 11:17 left. Score: BC 10, ASU 10.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Dedrick DEWALT, 58 pass from HASSELBECK (SUTPHIN kick) 8:48 left. Score: BC 17, ASU 10.  
BC – Ryan READ 40 pass from HASSELBECK (SUTPHIN kick), 5:52 left. Key play: scoring play. Score: BC 24, ASU 10.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – WASHINGTON 11 run (SUTPHIN kick), 11:10 left. Score: BC 31, ASU 10.  
ASU – Ryan DENNARD 31 pass from Matt COOPER (BARTH kick), 0:51 left. Score: BC 31, ASU 17.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	ASU
First Downs	14	20
Total Net Yds.	389	360
Net Yds. Rushing	180	140
Net Yds. Passing	209	220
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	6-62	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-3

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2001 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Boston College 20  
Georgia 16  
Dec. 28, 2001 | Nashville, Tenn.

Boston College snapped its 22-game losing streak to ranked teams with a thrilling 20-16 victory over No. 16 Georgia in the 2001 Music City Bowl. Consensus All-America tailback William Green rushed for 149 yards, including a seven-yard, game-winning touchdown with 4:43 remaining in the game, to lead the Eagles to consecutive wins in a postseason bowl game.

Although the Eagles were outgained, 410 yards to 306 yards, the team did benefit from two UGA interceptions, two UGA fumbles and two first downs resulting from UGA penalties. Brian St. Pierre finished with 109 yards and one touchdown on nine completions. Green led all rushers with 149 yards and one touchdown, rushing for his 10th 100-yard game of the season. Fred Gibson was the game's leading receiver with 109 yards on six receptions.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	3	10	0	7	-	20
Georgia	7	3	6	0	-	16

#### First Quarter

UGA – Fred GIBSON 15 pass from David GREENE (Billy BENNETT kick), 14:05 left.  
Score: UGA 7, BC 0.  
BC – FG 25 Sandro SCIORTINO, 1:43 left. Score: UGA 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Dedrick DEWALT 10 pass from Brian ST. PIERRE (SCIORTINO kick), 9:09 left.  
Score: BC 10, UGA 7.  
BC – FG 26 SCIORTINO, 3:05 left. Score: BC 13, UGA 7.  
UGA – FG 24 BENNETT, 0:39 left. Score: BC 13, UGA 10.

#### Third Quarter

UGA – Verron HAYNES 1 run (BENNETT kick failed), 5:26 left. Score: UGA 16, BC 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – William GREEN 7 run (SCIORTINO kick), 4:43 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 16.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	UGA
First Downs	16	23
Total Net Yds.	306	410
Net Yds. Rushing	197	122
Net Yds. Passing	109	288
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	4-20	9-74
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2

### 2002 MOTOR CITY BOWL

Boston College 51  
Toledo 25  
Dec. 26, 2002 | Detroit, Mich.

Boston College won a bowl game for an unprecedented third year in a row as the Eagles thumped Toledo, 51-25, in the Motor City Bowl. Senior quarterback Brian St. Pierre completed 25-of-35 passes for a career-high 342 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles capped one of the most successful seasons in history.

The Eagles scored touchdowns on their first six possessions. BC took the opening kickoff on its own 24 and marched 76 yards in 10 plays behind the rushing of Derrick Knight, who finished with 19 carries for 65 yards and a touchdown.

After Toledo pulled to within 14-3, the Eagles mounted another impressive drive, culminating in a St. Pierre touchdown pass to talented sophomore wide receiver, a 40-yarder to Joel Hazard that made the score 21-3. The Rockets came no closer the rest of the day.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	14	28	6	3	-	51
Toledo	3	15	7	0	-	25

#### First Quarter

BC – Derrick Knight 2 run (Sandro Sciortino kick), BC 7, UT 0, 11:42 left.  
BC – Grant Adams 17 pass from Brian St. Pierre (Sciortino kick), 5:02 left; BC 14, UT 0.  
UT – Jason Robbins FG 35, BC 14, UT 3; 1:45 left.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Joel Hazard 40 pass from St. Pierre (Sciortino kick), 13:59 left, BC 21, UT 3.  
UT – Trinity Dawson 2 run (Robbins kick), BC 21, UT 10, 10:47 left.  
BC – Horace Dodd 5 run (Sciortino kick), BC 28, UT 10, 7:23 left.  
BC – Adams 40 pass from St. Pierre (Sciortino kick), BC 35, UT 10, 5:21 left.  
BC – Brandon Brokaw 1 run (Sciortino kick), BC 42, UT 10, 1:31 left.  
UT – Carl Ford 9 pass from Brian Jones (Dawson rush), BC 42, UT 18, 0:24 left.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Sciortino FG 23, BC 45, UT 18, 10:16 left  
BC – Sciortino FG 35, BC 48, UT 18, 2:41 left  
UT – Manny Johnson 30 pass from Jones (Robbins kick), BC 48, UT 25, 0:24 left.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Sciortino FG 45, BC 51, UT 25, 13:05 left.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	UT
First Downs	30	21
Total Net Yds.	491	433
Net Yds. Rushing	149	102
Net Yds. Passing	342	331
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	1-39	3-70
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2003 SAN FRANCISCO BOWL

Boston College 35  
Colorado State 21  
Dec. 31, 2003 | San Francisco, Calif.

Boston College celebrated New Year's Eve in the City by the Bay by winning its fourth consecutive bowl game, a 35-21 victory over Colorado State in the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl.

The Eagles scored early and often, taking a commanding 21-0 first-quarter lead. Will Blackmon started the game on a high note, returning the opening kickoff to the Colorado State 41. All-time rushing leader Derrick Knight dominated the opening drive and scored from the five to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 12:14 left. A 40-yard Bradlee Van Pelt scoring pass with seven minutes remaining in the third trimmed

BC's lead to 21-14, but a Bobby Stancil interception led to a Paul Peterson-to-Larry Lester 19-yard TD pass to give the Eagles some breathing room and a 28-14 lead. After an unsuccessful fourth down play for Colorado State, Knight iced the win, marching 28 yards to the end zone.

#### Scoring Summary

Colorado State	0	7	7	7	-	21
Boston College	21	0	0	14	-	35

#### First Quarter

BC – Derrick KNIGHT 5 run (Sandro SCIORTINO kick), BC 7, CSU 0, 12:14 left.  
BC – Larry LESTER 50 pass from Paul PETERSON (SCIORTINO kick), BC 14, CSU 0, 6:05 left.  
BC – KNIGHT 3 run (SCIORTINO kick), BC 21, CSU 0, 0:34 left.

#### Second Quarter

CSU – Jimmy GREEN 7 run (Jeff BABCOCK kick), BC 21, CSU 7, 10:24 left.

#### Third Quarter

CSU – David ANDERSON 40 pass from Bradlee VAN PELT (BABCOCK kick), BC 21, CSU 14, 7:00 left.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – LESTER 19 pass from PETERSON (SCIORTINO kick), BC 28, CSU 14, 12:31 left.  
BC – KNIGHT 28 run (SCIORTINO kick), BC 35, CSU 14, 9:29 left.  
CSU – VAN PELT 1 run (BABCOCK kick), BC 35, CSU 21, 5:27 left.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	CSU	BC
First Downs	21	19
Total Net Yds.	388	361
Net Yds. Rushing	146	137
Net Yds. Passing	242	224
Interceptions	5	1
Penalties	4-35	5-56
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0

### 2004 CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL

Boston College 37  
North Carolina 24  
Dec. 30, 2004 | Charlotte, N.C.

In his first game back from a broken finger, senior quarterback Paul Peterson threw for 236 yards as the Eagles won a fifth straight bowl game, beating North Carolina 37-24. Redshirt freshman Andre Callender carried the ball 26 times for 174 yards and a touchdown in a balanced offensive effort.

UNC opened the third with a Connor Barth field goal to take a 24-21 lead. As the third quarter came to an end, Callender gained 38 yards to the UNC 10, setting up a one-yard touchdown plunge three plays later that gave BC a 27-24 lead.

The Eagle defense forced a punt on UNC's next drive and BC took over with good field position. On fourth down at the UNC 21, Ryan Ohliger faked the field goal and ran for the score, avoiding would-be Tar Heel tacklers on the way and stunning the crowd as the Eagles took a 34-24 lead. BC's final points came when William Troost hit an 18-yard field goal with 4:09 left.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	14	7	0	16	-	37
North Carolina	7	14	3	0	-	24

#### First Quarter

BC – L.V. WHITWORTH 3 run (Ryan OHLIGER kick), BC 7, UNC 0, 08:13 left.  
UNC – Ronnie McGILL 12 pass from Darian DURANT (Connor BARTH kick), BC 7, UNC 7, 06:08 left.  
BC – Grant ADAMS 2 pass from Paul PETERSON (OHLIGER kick), BC 14, UNC 7, 01:32 left.

#### Second Quarter

UNC – Wallace WRIGHT 5 pass from DURANT (BARTH kick), BC 14, UNC 14, 07:12 left.  
UNC – Derrele MITCHELL 51 pass from DURANT (BARTH kick), BC 14, UNC 21, 01:44 left.  
BC – David KASHETTA 1 pass from PETERSON (OHLIGER kick), BC 21, UNC 21, 00:17 left.

#### Third Quarter

UNC – BARTH 27 field goal, BC 21, UNC 24, 04:32 left.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Andre CALLENDER 1 run (OHLIGER kick failed), BC 27, UNC 24, 14:16 left.  
BC – OHLIGER 21 run (William TROOST kick), BC 34, UNC 24, 10:32 left.  
BC – TROOST 18 field goal, BC 37, UNC 24, 04:09 left.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	UNC
First Downs	20	22
Total Net Yds.	477	364
Net Yds. Rushing	228	105
Net Yds. Passing	249	259
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	3-20	5-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2005 MPC COMPUTERS BOWL

Boston College 27  
Boise State 21  
Dec. 28, 2005 | Boise, Idaho

Ryan Glasper intercepted a Jared Zabransky pass in the end zone with 37 seconds left to lift BC past Boise State 27-21 in the 2005 MPC Computers Bowl.

Playing before a hostile crowd and on the blue turf of homestanding Boise State, the Eagles stunned the Broncos by scoring the first 27 points of the game as quarterback Matt Ryan connected on three touchdown passes, including two to Tony Gonzalez in the first half. Ryan completed 19-of-36 passes for 256 yards, 144 of them going to senior Will Blackmon.

Ryan got the Eagles on the board 3:29 into the first half when he found Gonzalez for a 24-yard touchdown pass. Following a Ryan Ohliger 30-yard field goal, BC linebacker Jo-Lonn Dunbar caused a fumble that was picked up by Ray Henderson and taken to the Broncos 13 yard-line. Ryan then hooked up with Gonzalez on a 13-yard strike to give the Eagles a 17-0 lead.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	17	3	0	-	27
Boise State	0	0	7	14	-	21

#### First Quarter

BC – Tony GONZALEZ 24 pass from Matt Ryan (Ryan Ohliger kick), 11:31 left, BC 7, BSU 0.

#### Second Quarter

BC – FG 30 OLHLINGER 30, 12:22 left, BC 10, BSU 7, BC 10, BSU 0.  
BC – GONZALEZ 13 pass from Ryan (Ohliger kick), 2:27 left, BC 17, BSU 0.  
BC – Will BLACKMON 35 pass from Ryan (Ohliger kick), 0:40 left, BC 24, BSU 0.

#### Third Quarter

BC – FG 27 OHLINGER, 3:52 left, BC 27, BSU 0.  
BSU – Drisan JAMES 53 pass from Jared ZABRANSKY (Denham kick), 1:24 left, BC 27, BSU 7.

#### Fourth Quarter

BSU – ZABRANSKY 2 run (Denham kick), 14:15 left, BC 27, BSU 14.  
BSU – Quinton JONES 92 punt return (Denham kick), 3:51 left, BC 27, BSU 21.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BSU	BC
First Downs	17	20
Total Net Yds.	360	383
Net Yds. Rushing	43	127
Net Yds. Passing	317	256
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	7-69	11-94
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1

### 2006 MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

Boston College 25  
Navy 24  
Dec. 30, 2006 | Charlotte, N.C.

Interim head coach Frank Spaziani etched his name into the BC record books as the only undefeated coach in school history when he led the Eagles to a 25-24, come-from-behind victory over Navy. Spaziani was given the interim title after Tom O'Brien departed for NC State and he led the Eagles through their bowl game preparations.

Junior quarterback Matt Ryan was named the game's MVP after he completed 20-of-29 passes for 242 yards and one touchdown.

With Navy trying to kill the clock with less than two minutes remaining, Jo-Lonn Dunbar recovered a Reggie Campbell fumble at the 36. Ryan completed a 15-yard pass to Ryan Purvis to get the Eagles within field goal range. Kicker Steve Aponavicius connected from 37 yards as time expired and the Eagles won yet another bowl game.

#### Scoring Summary

Navy	7	14	3	0	-	24
Boston College	6	10	0	9	-	25

#### First Quarter

BC – Matt Ryan 2 run (Steve Aponavicius kick failed), 9:29 left, Navy 0, BC 6.  
Navy – Tyree Barnes 31 pass from Kaipo Kaheaku-Enhada (Matt Harmon kick), 4:38 left, Navy 7, BC 6.

#### Second Quarter

Navy – Zerbin Singleton 5 run (Harmon kick), 13:47 left, Navy 14, BC 6.  
BC – Brian Toal 1 run (Aponavicius kick), 10:12 left, Navy 14, BC 13.  
Navy – Jason Tomlinson 24 pass from Kaheaku-Enhada (Harmon kick), 7:21 left, Navy 21, BC 13.  
BC – FG 26 Aponavicius, 0:00 left, Navy 21, BC 16.

#### Third Quarter

Navy – FG 22 Harmon, 9:51 left, Navy 24, BC 16.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Ryan Purvis 25 pass from Ryan (Ryan pass failed), 7:36 left, Navy 24, BC 22.  
BC – FG 37 Aponavicius, 0:00 left, BC 25, NAVY 24.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	Navy	BC
First Downs	21	17
Total Net Yds.	403	315
Net Yds. Rushing	322	73
Net Yds. Passing	81	242
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	3-30	5-25
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2007 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Boston College 24  
Michigan State 21  
Dec. 28, 2007 | Orlando, Fla.

Quarterback Matt Ryan ended a brilliant career in style by leading the Eagles to an 11th victory for only the second time in school history. BC defeated Michigan State, 24-21, in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando.

Ryan completed 22-of-47 passes for 249 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles kept the nation's longest bowl game winning streak alive with their eighth straight bowl win. The win also propelled the team to a No. 10 finish in the final AP college football poll of the season, BC's first top 10 finish since the 1984 season.

Michigan State had an opportunity to pull the upset, taking over with 2:37 left in the game. But on first down, BC's Paul Anderson intercepted a Hoyer pass and returned it to the MSU 29, allowing the Eagles to run out the clock.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	7	3	7	-	24
Michigan State	7	3	3	8	-	21

#### First Quarter

MSU – Kellen Davis 18 pass from Brian Hoyer (Brett Swenson kick), BC 0, MSU 7.  
BC – Jon Loyte 1 pass from Matt Ryan (Steve Aponavicius kick), BC 7, MSU 7.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Rich Gunnell 29 pass from Ryan (Aponavicius kick), BC 14, MSU 7.  
MSU – Swenson FG 39, BC 14, MSU 10.

#### Third Quarter

MSU – Swenson FG 23, BC 14, MSU 13.  
BC – Aponavicius FG 28, BC 17, MSU 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Gunnell 68 pass from Ryan (Aponavicius kick), BC 24, MSU 13.  
MSU – Deon Curry 14 pass from Hoyer (Kellen Davis pass from Hoyer), BC 24, MSU 21.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	MSU	BC
First Downs	13	11
Total Net Yds.	245	248
Net Yds. Rushing	124	142
Net Yds. Passing	121	106
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-36	3-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1

### 2008 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Vanderbilt 16  
Boston College 14  
Dec. 31, 2008 | Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt won a bowl game for the first time in exactly 53 years when Bryant Hahnfeldt kicked a 45-yard field goal with 3:26 left to beat Boston College 16-14 in the Music City Bowl.

Vanderbilt hadn't even played in a bowl since 1982 and the win gave the Commodores (7-6) their first winning season since then.

Boston College (9-5) snapped the nation's longest bowl winning streak after eight straight games in its 10th consecutive bowl appearance. The Eagles also missed a chance at finishing with at least 10 wins for a third straight season.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	7	0	7	-	14
Vanderbilt	6	0	7	3	-	16

#### First Quarter

VU – Bryant Hahnfeldt FG 42, BC 0, VU 3.  
VU – Hahnfeldt FG 26, BC 0, VU 6.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Montel Harris 4 pass from Dominique Davis (Steve Aponavicius kick), BC 7, VU 6.

#### Third Quarter

VU – Sean Richardson 0 fumble recovery (Hahnfeldt kick), BC 7, VU 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Collin Larmond 55 pass from Davis (Aponavicius kick), BC 14, VU 13.  
VU – Hahnfeldt FG 45, BC 14, VU 16.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	VU
First Downs	14	16
Total Net Yds.	331	200
Net Yds. Rushing	141	79
Net Yds. Passing	190	121
Interceptions	2	0
Penalties	3-34	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2009 EMERALD BOWL

USC 24  
Boston College 13  
Dec. 26, 2009 | San Francisco, Calif.

Matt Barkley threw touchdown passes to Stanley Havili on Southern California's first two possessions and added a touchdown run in the fourth quarter to help the Trojans beat Boston College 24-13 in the Emerald Bowl.

Damian Williams caught 12 passes for 189 yards, setting up Havili's second score and Barkley's one-yard sneak that gave USC a 24-13 lead with 11:53 remaining.

The Eagles stayed close with the Trojans for most of the game before Dave Shinskie threw an interception to Shareece Wright early in the fourth quarter. On the next play, Barkley connected on a 48-yard pass to Williams. Barkley scored on the next play.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	13	0	0	-	13
USC	7	7	3	7	-	24

#### First Quarter

USC – Stanley Havili 53 pass from Matt Barkley (Jordan Congdon kick), 4:03 left, BC 0, USC 7.

#### Second Quarter

USC – Havili 5 pass from Barkley (Congdon kick), 6:14 left, BC 0, USC 14.  
BC – Montel Harris 7 run (Steve Aponavicius kick failed), 2:42 left, BC 7, USC 14.  
BC – Rich Gunnell 61 pass from Dave Shinskie (Aponavicius kick), 3:35 left, BC 13, USC 14.

#### Third Quarter

USC – Congdon FG 38, 4:51 left, BC 13, USC 17.

#### Fourth Quarter

USC – Barkley 1 run (Congdon kick), 0:29 left, BC 13, USC 24.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	USC
First Downs	18	20
Total Net Yds.	312	438
Net Yds. Rushing	94	88
Net Yds. Passing	218	350
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-30	6-37
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0

### 2011 KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

Nevada 20  
Boston College 13  
Jan. 9, 2011 | San Francisco, Calif.

Rishard Matthews caught a touchdown pass and returned a punt for another score, and No. 13 Nevada used its best defensive game of the season to beat Boston College 20-13.

Colin Kaepernick threw for 192 yards and a touchdown for the Wolfpack (13-1), who snapped a four-game bowl losing streak by tying a school record for wins in a season, set when it played in what used to be Division I-AA.

The win was sealed by Khalid Wooten's interception on the final drive of the game for the Eagles (7-6).

The game matched BC's top-ranked rushing defense against Nevada's high-powered pistol attack that was third in the nation in rushing. The defense won that battle, holding the Wolfpack to a season-low 114 yards on the ground, including just 22 for Kaepernick.

Freshman Chase Rettig completed 14-of-34 passes for 121 yards and two interceptions. Boston College played without leading rusher Montel Harris, who got hurt in pregame warmups.

#### Scoring Summary

Nevada	14	3	3	0	-	20
Boston College	7	0	3	3	-	13

#### First Quarter

BC – Andre Williams 30 run (Nate Freese kick), :8 left, BC 7, NEV 0.  
NEV – Rishard Matthews 27 pass from Colin Kaepernick (Anthony Martinez kick), 4:41 left, NEV 7, BC 7.  
NEV – Matthews 72 punt return (Martinez kick), NEV 14, BC 7.

#### Second Quarter

NEV – Martinez FG 32, 5:27 left, NEV 17, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Freese FG 22 yd field goal, NEV 17, BC 10.  
NEV – Martinez FG 32, 5:27 left, NEV 20, BC 10.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Freese FG 32, 1:39 left, NEV 20, BC 13.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	NEV
First Downs	12	16
Total Net Yds.	185	306
Net Yds. Rushing	64	114
Net Yds. Passing	121	192
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	6-51	6-75
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2013 ADVOCARE V100 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Arizona 42  
Boston College 19  
Dec. 31, 2013 | Shreveport, La.

First-year coach Steve Addazio said Boston College had plenty to be proud of after a remarkable turnaround season that included a return to postseason play after a 2-10 record in 2012.

Not much went right for the Eagles in a 42-19 loss to Arizona in the Advocare V100 Bowl. Boston College running back Andre Williams, the Doak Walker Award winner and Heisman finalist who came into the game with 2,102 yards rushing, was held to 75 yards and one touchdown in his final game.

BC (7-6) kept things tight early, trailing just 7-6 midway through the second quarter. But Arizona scored two quick touchdowns just before halftime to take a 21-6 lead and the Eagles could never mount another challenge.

BC didn't score a touchdown until Williams' four-yard run early in the fourth quarter. Senior Alex Amidon established a Boston College career record for receptions (191) and receiving yards (2,800) in the game, recording 10 receptions for 129 yards against the Wildcats. Senior place-kicker Nate Freese connected on both field-goal attempts to conclude the season a perfect 20-for-20.

#### Scoring Summary

Arizona	7	14	14	7	-	42
Boston College	3	3	0	13	-	19

#### First Quarter

ARIZ - Ka'Deem Carey 2 run (Jake Smith kick), :41 left, ARIZ 7, BC 0.  
BC - Nate Freese FG 32, 6:40 left, ARIZ 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC - Freese FG 41, 5:02 left, ARIZ 7, BC 6.  
ARIZ - William Parks 69 interception return (Smith kick), ARIZ 14, BC 6.  
ARIZ - Trey Griffey 26 pass from B.J. Denker (Smith kick), 2:13 left, ARIZ 21, BC 6.

#### Third Quarter

ARIZ - Carey 5 run (Smith kick), 2:49 left, ARIZ 28, BC 6.  
ARIZ - Denker 14 run (Smith kick), 2:16 left, ARIZ 35, BC 6.

#### Fourth Quarter

ARIZ - Griffey 3 pass from Denker (Smith kick), 4:41 left, ARIZ 42, BC 6.  
BC - Andre Williams 4 run (Rettig rush failed), 1:40, left, ARIZ 42, BC 12.  
BC - Tyler Rouse 6 run (Freese kick), 4:35 left, ARIZ 42, BC 19.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	ARIZ
First Downs	20	28
Total Net Yds.	351	529
Net Yds. Rushing	145	254
Net Yds. Passing	206	275
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	5-55	2-23
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2

### 2014 NEW ERA PINSTRIPE BOWL

Penn State 31  
Boston College 30 (OT)  
Dec. 27, 2014 | New York, N.Y.

Boston College lost in overtime to Penn State, 31-30. The Eagles rushed for 289 yards against the Nittany Lions, who came into the game with the top-ranked rushing defense in the nation, averaging 84.8 yards per game. For the first time since 2006, two BC players recorded 100-yard rushing games as quarterback Tyler Murphy and running back Jon Hilliman tallied 105 (11 carries) and 148 (25 carries), respectively.

After the two defensive-minded teams played to a 7-7 draw in the first half, BC built a 21-7 lead in the third quarter, but PSU scored to retie the game. The two teams traded field goals to send it to OT.

Murphy hit David Dudeck for a 21-yard score on the third play of overtime to put BC on top. Mike Knoll did not convert the extra point, giving BC a six-point lead. On third-and-15, PSU quarterback Christian Hackenberg found Jesse James for a 17-yard pick up and then on third-and-seven, the QB connected with Kyle Carter on a 10-yard pass for the TD. Sam Ficken made the extra point to give the Lions the win.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	0	14	3	6	-	30
Penn State	7	0	7	10	7	-	31

#### First Quarter

PSU - Chris GODWIN 72 yd pass from Christian HACKENBERG (Sam FICKEN kick), 5:22 left, PSU 7, BC 0.  
BC - Jon HILLIMAN 49 yd run (Mike KNOLL kick), 4:39 left, PSU 7, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

BC - Shakim PHILLIPS 19 yd pass from Tyler MURPHY (KNOLL kick), 8:07 left, BC 17, PSU 7.  
BC - MURPHY 40 yd run (KNOLL kick), 2:12 left, BC 21, PSU 7.  
PSU - Eugene LEWIS 7 yd pass from HACKENBERG (FICKEN kick), 0:00 left, BC 21, PSU 14.

#### Fourth Quarter

PSU - DaeSean HAMILTON 16 yd pass from HACKENBERG (FICKEN kick), 6:48 left, PSU 21, BC 21  
BC - KNOLL 20 yd field goal, 2:10 left, BC 24, PSU 21  
PSU - FICKEN 45 yd field goal, 0:20 left, PSU 24, BC 24.

#### Overtime

BC - David DUDECK 21 yd pass from MURPHY (KNOLL kick failed), BC 30, PSU 24.  
PSU - Kyle CARTER 10 yd pass from HACKENBERG (FICKEN kick), PSU 31, BC 30.

#### Stats

Team Statistics	BC	PSU
First Downs	16	25
Total Net Yds.	386	453
Net Yds. Rushing	289	82
Net Yds. Passing	97	371
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	9-97	10-60
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2

# Newspaper Clips



# Gabriel McClary covers new ground with Boston College defense

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 21, 2016

Gabriel McClary has transitioned from an elusive wide receiver to a shutdown cornerback.

The 6-foot-3, 204-pound junior from Orlando, Fla., took regular reps with first defense during Boston College's final training camp scrimmage yesterday at Shea Field.

"He's a very smart, hard-working player who is long with good athleticism," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "He's done all we've asked of him when we made the commitment for his moving from wide receiver to defensive back.

"Now, he has a body of work and experience to build on and he's doing well."

McClary worked most often on the right side with junior Karim Moore on the left. Isaac Yiadom and Taj-Amir Torres added to the mix in BC's defensive backfield during prevent situations.

"Everything is starting to feel right and the seniors are doing a great job guiding this defense right now," said McClary. "It's been tough covering the receivers, but we are working on our technique and trying hard and it's been going great."

He was recruited as a wide receiver out of Winter Park High School. But his capacity to work the other side of the line was first recognized by Winter Park coach Tim Shifflet.

"My senior year of high school was my first year playing corner and my high school coach was the one who first put it in my head to switch over," said McClary.

McClary's work in the secondary earned him first-team 8A All-Star honors in Florida.

He played wide receiver his freshman year at BC but never found his place on a power run offense. He was on the field for 44 snaps in 11 games and made two receptions for 11 yards.

"After my freshman year," he said, "I knew I had to switch over to the dark side because it felt right. I knew that was where I could have my biggest impact."

McClary was able to find a niche in the secondary on the Eagles' top-ranked overall defense in the country in 2015. McClary played in 12 games and made six starts with the final four at right cornerback.

He finished with 26 solo tackles, a sack, two pass defenses and two forced fumbles. Safeties John Johnson and Justin Simmons gave McClary the back end support he needed to compete in the ACC.

"It took me a while because I was a little nervous but Justin and John made feel real comfortable," said McClary. "After my third game starting at cornerback, I felt comfortable and by Notre Dame I felt I belonged there.

"It was great to be around them and see their work ethic. They all worked very hard and that taught me how to practice well and with game prep. I'm grateful for that."

McClary had focused his attention in training camp on shedding blocks and sealing the edge on run plays. That skill will come into play when BC opens the season against Georgia Tech in Dublin, Ireland, on Sept. 3.

The Yellow Jackets are an option team and led the ACC in rushing last season.."

# Harold Landry seeks perfection for Boston College football

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 23, 2016

*Boston College defensive end Harold Landry is tougher on himself than he is on opposing tackles.*

*Landry's perfectionist demeanor during position meetings, in the film room and on the practice field routinely turned into sacks, tackles for losses and turnovers in games last season.*

*Landry's personal interpretation of "practice makes perfect" brands him as a natural leader and role model for the two oversized recruit classes that came after him.*

*"I don't listen to all the positive things people say about me based off of last year's performance," Landry said after yesterday's practice. "I think there is a lot I can improve on, and I just want to be a student of the game and just perfect every aspect of it at my position. I just want to be the greatest out there."*

*Landry might not be listening, but there's buzz around the ACC about his breakthrough performances on the top-rated defense in college football.*

*He appeared in 12 games with 11 starts and compiled 37 solo tackles with 23 assists, 15.5 tackles for losses, 4.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.*

*"I think this offseason was the hardest I worked," Landry said. "I think I can get better in a bunch of different aspects of the game."*

*"I may have had a decent season last year, but I'm looking to get better, and I think it will."*

*The Eagles have begun transitioning from training camp to preparation for the season opener against ACC rival Georgia Tech in Dublin on Sept. 3.*

*BC coach Steve Addazio dedicated a chunk of Saturday's two-hour scrimmage to pitting his first-unit defense against a replica of the Yellow Jackets vaunted option ground game.*

*Landry, a 6-foot-3, 250-pound junior from Fayetteville, N.C., is a new-age edge rusher every team needs to contain dual-threat quarterbacks.*

*There is a greater emphasis on elusive speed and stealth from the defensive end position because college football is top heavy with athletic quarterbacks like Georgia Tech's Justin Thomas. Pressure and containment are more effective than power driving the tackle backwards*

*"I think it is very important to have good edge rushers that are also disciplined because the quarterbacks in the ACC are pretty talented," Landry said. "You have to be athletic on the edge, and that is something we worked hard on in the offseason. I feel like speed kills in this day and age in the game. The faster you are, the more effective you will be on the field. I fall right into that category."*

*Former BC defensive coordinator Don Brown successfully tapped into Landry's skill set to incite mayhem in ACC backfields. Brown's replacement, Jim Reid, immediately formed the same opinion of Landry.*

*"He's really developed for us into a great leadership role," Reid said. "His work ethic is as great as I've ever seen because he wants to be the best player he can."*

# BC kicker Colton Lichtenberg aims for improved accuracy

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | August 18, 2016

*Boston College coach Steve Addazio never planned on throwing an 18-year-old kicker into the deep end three games into last season but — like much of BC's woeful 3-9 campaign — injuries laughed at whatever plans the Eagles had laid out.*

*The kicking job was set aside for senior Alex Howell, who essentially was to handle all of BC's kicking duties, from punting to kickoffs to extra points to long field goal attempts. It was supposed to give freshman kicker Colton Lichtenberg time to develop.*

*But when a right quadriceps strain started nagging at Howell early in the season, Lichtenberg's clock immediately sped up.*

*He had one nonconference game against Northern Illinois to test the waters — he made a 25-yard field goal and converted his only extra-point attempt — before having to dive into Atlantic Coast Conference play.*

*"I did not expect to come in here and get thrown into the fire like that, but it's part of the game," Lichtenberg said. "I had to deal with it."*

*Success was the default setting for Lichtenberg coming out of Savannah (Ga.) Country Day, where he connected on 14 of 17 field goal attempts, including a 51-yarder, his senior season. But he learned quickly just how steep the learning curve would be at the college level.*

*In a rain-soaked ACC opener at Duke, he watched his game-winning 45-yard attempt ricochet off the upright. A week later, in a 3-0 home loss to Wake Forest, he missed a pair of kicks from 31 and 26 yards.*

*Lichtenberg didn't kick another field goal for four weeks. He lost the job to sophomore Mike Knoll, but beyond that, he lost some of the confidence he'd brought with him to the Heights.*

*Looking back, Lichtenberg, who finished the year 3 for 6 on field goals, said he's better for having gone through it.*

*"I appreciated the first season," he said. "I appreciated what it is to really be that low in your career. I know what it feels like to miss a lot of kicks like that and let the team down."*

*Once the season ended, his focus was less on his own ability and more on handling the game's mental aspect.*

*It started when Howell gave him the phone number of former BC kicker Nate Freese.*

*Lichtenberg had worked out with Freese in camp before his freshman year, but with a season under his belt, Lichtenberg and Freese had more to talk about.*

*Freese had walked in Lichtenberg's shoes. Before Freese (2010-13) matured into the automatic kicker who would eventually become BC's all-time leading scorer, setting records for the most career field goals (70) and the most in a game (four), Freese went through the same struggles. He had missed a game-winning attempt — against Duke, coincidentally.*

*"He just said keep your head down and realize there's another kick coming up and just have some swag and realize it's your job," Lichtenberg said.*

*Lichtenberg worked with Freese throughout the offseason, watching his mechanics but also his mentality.*

*"I just stood by him and I picked little things, little mechanical things that I could pick up on," Lichtenberg said. "I mean, he's obviously a great kicker — went 20 for 20 his senior season — and just one of those guys you want to be around. You want to just pick up on little things that you can pick up, even if it's not mechanical, if it's just mental — how does he handle a miss, how does he handle the wind, all that kind of stuff? It's good to be around him.*

*"It's just confidence. You can see on this guy, he's got so much confidence. He misses a kick, you watch him walk away [unfazed]. That's what you strive for. That's how you were in high school and that's what you want to be. Just because you were thrown in the bottom of the food chain again doesn't mean that you should be like that after a miss."*

*Lichtenberg simulated pressurized scenarios — situational kicks, hurry-up kicks — to get himself game ready.*

*"What separates people [in college] is the mental side of the game," he said.*

*A season that could've shaken Lichtenberg became a steppingstone, Addazio said, but the proof will come when he's faced with another crucial kick this season.*

*"He's growing up," Addazio said. "You can see him growing up. He still looks like he's 6, but his mentality is changing . . . We're all going to measure it based off of ball through the uprights, not through the uprights, enough wins, not enough wins. But do I think that Colton Lichtenberg will have a really good career here when it's all said and done? Yes, I think that. It's got to happen, I believe that."*

# **Boston College redshirt freshman Ben Glines looks to catch on quickly**

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 25, 2016**

*Redshirt freshman wide receiver Ben Glines is in his second season at Boston College, but his first working within the system.*

*Glines arrived in 2015 with the realistic expectation of making an impact on an offense in transition, but those ambitions were derailed when he suffered a broken collarbone early in training camp.*

*Glines' initial prognosis was 6-8 weeks. The only option available to Eagles coach Steve Addazio was to declare Glines a medical redshirt.*

*"He missed camp and we decided to redshirt him, so right away he went to the scout team, so he wasn't really doing reps with our stuff," Addazio said.*

*"So he is still learning the system. We have not really changed our system; he just never learned it a year ago. He's coming into his own and having a good camp. In the last few days, he's been starting to feel it."*

*Glines made productive use of his downtime while the Eagles struggled through a 3-9 season with a winless run in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The 6-foot-2, 209-pound product of Cincinnati adopted a serious approach to the task of mimicking other players against stout competition.*

*The Eagles defense finished the season ranked No. 1 in the nation. Glines took a measure of pride in preparing that unit for potent offenses like Clemson, Louisville and Notre Dame.*

*"Being injured last year gave me the opportunity to go down on the scout against our (first-string) defense," Glines said. "I was always trying to give them a good look week in and week out.*

*"The way I looked at it, I was going against the No. 1 defense in the country arguably every day in practice. I think that really helped a lot."*

*Glines has been busy getting himself noticed by first-year offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler on a team with 13 wide receivers. There are no seniors in that group.*

*Glines had two first-down catches during yesterday's final intersquad scrimmage at Alumni Stadium. He lined up wide with the second offense under the direction of sophomore Darius Wade, who is locked in a tough fight for the starting quarterback job with graduate transfer Patrick Towles.*

*"I think they are both doing their thing, and we've been throwing with them all summer, so it's getting comfortable with each quarterback and each style," Glines said.*

*"But at the end of the day, you just have to go out there and catch the ball. The competition is great out here. There is nothing specific. Just get open and catch the ball."*

*Glines played well in the team's second scrimmage Saturday at Shea Field. He returned a kickoff 25 yards, caught a first-down pass on a crossing route and scored a touchdown on a jet sweep late in the scrimmage.*

*Former BC split ends Alex Amidon and Sherman Alston made the jet sweep a featured component of the BC ground game, and Glines intends to carry on the tradition.*

*"I did it in high school when I played running back, so I feel pretty comfortable back there when they put me back there," Glines said. "It's pretty natural and felt good getting into the end zone."*

# Eagles quarterbacks pumped to work out of shotgun

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 25, 2016

*Boston College coach Steve Addazio had his three quarterbacks operating extensively from the shotgun formation during yesterday's intersquad scrimmage at Alumni Stadium.*

*The Eagles' third scrimmage marked the end of training camp. Addazio and his staff will begin game-planning today for BC's season opener against Atlantic Coast Conference opponent Georgia Tech on Sept. 3 in Dublin, Ireland.*

*Kentucky graduate transfer Patrick Towles directed the Eagles' first-team offense from the shotgun for most of the first half. Towles started 22 games and passed for more than 5,000 yards with the Wildcats, and he has extensive experience from the 'gun.*

*"The shotgun gives you a little better perspective, I think," Towles said. "It gives you a little bit more room when you are playing against really good defenses like we do."*

*Redshirt sophomore Darius Wade is more of a read-option passer who normally begins most plays under center. Wade started the first three games in 2015 before suffering a broken ankle against Florida State on Sep. 18. True freshman Anthony Brown looked comfortable away from center, on both pass and running plays.*

*Addazio refused to divulge who will be his starting quarterback for the opener.*

*Addazio would normally make that kind of personnel announcement during his Monday press briefing on game week, but he said he will carry that secret onto the Aer Lingus jet that will transport the Eagles to the Emerald Isle.*

*"I'm not saying just to be honest with you," Addazio said.*

*Towles did practice with the first offense but has not completely outshined Wade in the three intersquad scrimmages.*

*Pick city*

*Three consecutive series in the first quarter ended with midfield interceptions. Redshirt freshman cornerback Mehdi El Attrach jumped a sideline route and picked off Wade with 7:01 remaining.*

*Sophomore linebacker Sharrieff Grice got in between an underneath toss from Towles. Redshirt freshman defensive end Tanner Karafa went up and picked Wade from just behind the line of scrimmage.*

*Tech support*

*The longest gain from scrimmage came from sophomore running back Richard Wilson while working with the Eagles' scout team against the first defense early in the second half.*

*Wilson quickly hit the line and broke into the secondary. Wilson had gained about 40 yards when the play was whistled dead before he reached the end zone.*

*Senior tailback Myles Willis, who was a dual-threat quarterback in high school, did a fine job simulating the Yellow Jackets triple-option attack and their dynamic senior quarterback Justin Thomas.*

*Willis called his own number on five option runs but ran into stiff resistance in the red zone against BC's first defense. Inside the 10-yard line, the defense forced a fumble that was returned to the 30 by junior middle linebacker Connor Strachan of Wellesley.*

*Special plays*

*Sophomore kicker Colton Lichtenberg struggled in the first half but found his range in the second, nailing his final three kicks with a long of 31 yards.*

*Junior wide receiver Charlie Callinan made a nice play on the coverage team during an onside kick, dashing to the sideline to recover the bouncing ball after it had travelled the required 10 yards.*

# Amherst native Taj-Amir Torres eager to start football season with Boston College

Matt Vautour | Daily Hampshire Gazette | August 30, 2016

BOSTON — He's only a sophomore but Taj-Amir Torres handled inquiries on the Boston College football team's trip to Ireland like a veteran.

"It's exciting, but it's a business trip," said the former Amherst Regional star. "We're going there to get a win."

BC left for Ireland on Tuesday to play in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic. The Eagles will face Georgia Tech at Aviva Stadium in Dublin to open the 2016.

Whether the game is on emerald sod or field turf on either side of the Atlantic, Torres said the Eagles are eager to play.

After last year's 3-9 season that featured an 0-8 record in ACC play, it's nice to be 0-0 again with a chance to win an early league game against the Yellow Jackets.

"We're just going to play hard," Torres said. "Of course it sucks to have a bad record. We play football to win. That's always the goal no matter what level you play in."

He said everyone was glad to have camp behind them and an actual opponent to prepare for.

"It's been fun. We've been working hard every day. We're in week one so we're grinding," he said. "It's going to be fun to play against other people. We have good players on both sides of the ball. I'm eager to play against opponents."

BC is in an odd place, trying to keep things going defensively while overhauling everything on offense.

Last year, the Eagles allowed a Bowl Subdivision-best 254.3 yards per game. They kept that total low despite being on the field a lot because of an offense that sputtered badly. The offense averaged 275.6 yards per game, 125th in all of the FBS.

But BC defensive coordinator and former UMass coach Don Brown departed to join Jim Harbaugh at Michigan. Brown was replaced by another former UMass coach in Jim Reid, who is back at BC where he was the defensive coordinator in 1994.

Reid had high expectations for Torres.

"He's been great. He's working hard," said Reid, who spent the last three seasons at Iowa. "He's fast. He has amazing speed and quickness. He's done a great job for us.

"He's a well-developed athlete with a great sense of the ball. He's developed some great mental toughness," Reid continued. "He's a core special teams guy. He's going to be in on defense. The sky is the limit for him."

Torres played in eight games as a true freshman last year, making 11 tackles, including eight solo stops.

Listed at 5-foot-9, 177 pounds, he said a full year in a college strength program as well as just practicing football has helped him considerably. At Amherst Regional, Torres was also a star sprinter during the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons.

"We have a great strength program. They work us every day. I got a lot stronger, a lot faster," he said. "We have one of the best position groups in the nation. Those guys push me and I've come further along."

# Kentucky is home for Patrick Towles, but he's found his calling at BC

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | August 31, 2016

Suffocating pressure and never-ending scrutiny are things every quarterback has to live with, but for the four years he spent at the University of Kentucky, it was different for Patrick Towles.

He grew up in Fort Thomas, an hour north of Lexington. His parents fell in love at the university. Almost everyone in his family went there. He grew up pumping Kentucky Blue blood and hating Louisville's Cardinal red. As soon as he got the offer to play quarterback for the Wildcats, he said: "I was going there. It was like a dream come true. It was what I wanted for my entire life."

Once his dream was in his hands, though, he truly realized the weight of it. Wins tasted better, but losses burned worse, and no matter the reason, the finger would always end up pointed his way.

"I didn't understand at the time, but now from being in it, it's great when everything's going well," Towles said. "Everybody's patting you on the back, saying how good you are. That's awesome. You love that stuff. But when stuff gets bad, you just feel like you're not only letting your team down, you're letting your whole home state down."

"Whether that's the case or not, it's just the nature of the beast. That's the way it is, especially being a fan your entire life and not being able to do what you want to do or succeed to the rate you wanted to succeed at. It's very humbling, but also very draining and stressful and all that kind of stuff."

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He needed an outlet. He found it in Father Steve Roberts at Kentucky's Holy Spirit Parish Newman Center. Roberts, who left his practice as a protestant OBGYN doctor to become a diocesan priest, formed a unique bond with Towles from the time Towles stepped on campus. They spoke on a weekly basis.

When Towles wanted to explore his spirituality more deeply, Roberts was there to guide him. When he had questions about life, Roberts had answers. When he had trouble seeing past the scrutiny on the field, Roberts walked him through it.

"Quarterback is always the center of attention and probably gets too much credit when everything goes well and too much of the blame when things don't go well," Roberts said. "And I think probably expectations here at Kentucky — for the whole team — didn't quite live up to what people expected."

The two talked last year when Kentucky took a disappointing loss to Florida and Towles became the scapegoat.

"I was talking to him, like, 'Father, how can I combat this or what's going on,'" Towles recalled. "I had a lot of stuff going on in my head."

They talked more a week later, when the Wildcats bounced back with a win over Missouri, ranked No. 25 at the time, and the blame turned to praise.

"Still the same thing," Towles said. "Talking to him, 'How can I continue to process this stuff?'"

But when the losses started to pile up for the Wildcats and Towles eventually lost his job as starting quarterback, Towles needed to lean on Roberts more than ever.

"Like in pressure situations back home — because it got kind of bad last year — when you're playing in your home state in front of all your friends and you're struggling and stuff, you want to have something that you can rely on," Towles said. "Knowing that God doesn't really care how I play, that sure did help a lot."

He had a year of eligibility left after redshirting his sophomore season and was unsure whether Kentucky was still the best place to spend it.

"You could see the writing on the wall," Towles said. "I just felt like I wasn't meant to be there for my fifth season. My teammates were incredible. I was given every opportunity to succeed — I'm not going to say that I didn't — but I wasn't, for one reason or another."

"My goal my entire life has been to play in the NFL, and when things aren't leading to that, you've sometimes got to make a change. If what you're doing doesn't add up to what you want it to be, then you've got to make a change."

The Wildcats finished the season 5-7, their sixth straight losing season, and at the end of year Towles came to Roberts with the decision he was weighing.

“I kind of brought this up to him,” he said. “I was like, ‘You know, hey, I’m thinking about leaving and playing my fifth year somewhere else just because things weren’t going necessarily the way I wanted them to go, and I wanted to make an informed and good decision because it’s a big one and I don’t want to take it lightly.’ I said, ‘Father, I think I’m supposed to go to Boston College.’”

“Father, I think I’m supposed to go to Boston College,” Towles said.

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The decision Towles made in November to leave the hometown program he spent his childhood dreaming to play for and come to BC to compete for the starting quarterback job was a difficult one.

“It’s easy if you know one thing’s good and one thing’s bad, but if you have two goods — if you have a choice of two places to go, whether it be Kentucky or whether it be Boston College — both of those things are good,” he said. “You just have to determine amongst those goods what’s God’s plan for you. That’s the challenge.”

Towles had been on BC’s radar since high school, when he was recruited by Frank Spaziani. But the Eagles were never on his until he visited in January. He was in Boston for all of 20 hours, but listening to coach Steve Addazio when they sat down for dinner, he was motivated.

“It’s very refreshing coming to a place where Coach Addazio’s a coach I want to go to war for,” he said.

It’s a spark that may have been reignited his last year at Kentucky.

Even before the 2015 season started, Towles’s father, Terry, could sense something unsettling about his son. It was a father’s intuition.

“I could just kind of tell,” Terry Towles said. “Just watching some things on the field and just seeing it’s just something — whatever it was — something wasn’t there.

“So even before the season started, I’d talked to him about a feeling that I had. I wanted to be supportive of him and stay positive.

“We just went on through the year and got through it.”

Towles threw for 5,099 yards and 24 touchdowns in 28 games at Kentucky, but he was under a magnifying glass with a spotlight burning through it.

“Especially at a place like Lexington, where so to speak, the only game in town is UK sports, that’s where the majority of the focus is,” Terry Towles said. “Obviously, when you’re living in close proximity to the area, you hear the radio stations. And you hear the way media is today and social media, it’s all over the place. Not all of it’s good. So it’s not necessarily the best thing in the world. So with him being in the atmosphere where he’s at at Boston College has probably been a little bit of a relief. He can just focus on the football.”

Towles had the chance to immediately press the reset button when he got to BC in the spring.

“I’ve never lived out of Kentucky my whole life,” he said. “So coming here was kind of a culture shock. It was kind of an opportunity to get kind of a fresh start, kind of get away and really rely on myself for a little bit, just kind of get out of the bubble and put you on your own, makes you fend for yourself a little bit.”

Home still tugged at him at times. He went back for spring break, then again for Easter, and again in May, and once more over the summer to surprise his mother for her 50th birthday party. But at one point, the more time spent away, the more he realized he wanted to get back.

“It’s home,” he said. “It’s always going to be home and it’s pulling me but I’m definitely more comfortable up here than I was. It took me a while to say: ‘Hey, this is my new life. I’m not just on a vacation.’”

“As a teammate, you want to be 100 percent committed. I was still following Kentucky basketball, but, yeah, I think my teammates have faith in me, and I’ve got faith in them. When you get 100 guys moving in the same consistent direction, all on the same page, you could have a really good football team.”

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Roberts understood the adjustment but knew the decision was the right one.

“He’s a Kentucky boy,” Roberts said. “It was a major move for him. But he really felt like that’s what God was calling him to do, and I give him credit, he had the courage to go ahead and act upon what God wanted him to do.”

Still, Towles is getting used to not having some of the comforts of home. When the Eagles scrimmaged this month, he couldn’t help but notice all the families in the stands for his teammates.

“It’s like, ‘Hey, my parents aren’t here,’ ” he said. “My dad was always there. He was the dad that was at every scrimmage, watched practice and all that stuff.”

Whenever Towles looks in the stands during the season, he won’t have to worry. His parents will be in Dublin when the Eagles open the season on Saturday. And they’ll be at every game after that, too. It’s a 14-hour drive, but Terry said it will be worth it.

“We hope it goes beyond college, but it’s like a roller-coaster ride,” he said. “When you’re on it, you just enjoy the heck out of it because it’s such a special thing and you never take it for granted.”

And when the Eagles host Clemson in October, Roberts will be there as well.

“He’s just an incredible man that I owe a lot to,” Towles said, “And he’ll continue to be a light and a place that I go for the rest of my life.”

#### BC football schedule

Sept. 3 vs. Georgia Tech (Aviva Stadium, Dublin, Ireland), 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 10 at UMass (Gillette Stadium), noon

Sept. 17 at Virginia Tech, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 24 vs. Wagner, TBA

Oct. 1 vs. Buffalo, TBA

Oct. 7 vs. Clemson, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 22 vs. Syracuse, TBA

Oct. 29 at NC State, TBA

Nov. 5 vs. Louisville, TBA

Nov. 11 at Florida State, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 19 vs. UConn, TBA

Nov. 26 at Wake Forest, TBA

## **Despite Season-Opening Loss, New Canaan's Zach Allen Stars for Boston College Football**

**TERRY DINAN | New Canaanite | September 3, 2016**

Boston College suffered a heartbreaking 17-14 defeat to Georgia Tech on Saturday, as the Yellow Jackets scored the game-winning touchdown with just 35 seconds left to win the game.

Despite the devastating loss, Eagles fans watching the nationally-televised game played in Ireland at Dublin's Aviva Stadium can take some solace when considering the play of BC's defensive unit—a unit that led the nation in lowest yards allowed per-game last season.

And a unit which this season features 2014 New Canaan High School grad and former Rams star, Zach Allen.

Listed as a backup defensive end on BC's depth chart entering Saturday's season-opener, Allen had a significant impact while seeing substantial time on both sides of the D-line. The 6'5", 272-lb. sophomore factored in several defensive stops for BC, tallying three unassisted tackles, two highlight-reel tackles for losses and multiple QB hurries—as the Eagles defense held Georgia Tech to just 240 yards of total offense on the day. Allen's performance that came as no surprise to one of his former coaches who had the pleasure of watching him up close during his time at NCHS.

“He keeps getting better and better all the time,” Lou Marinelli told NewCanaanite.com. “He's starting as a sophomore, which in and of itself is great. I think he's going to have a tremendous career.”

After falling behind the Yellow Jackets 7-0 early, Boston College rallied to score 14 unanswered points to take a 14-7 lead early in the fourth quarter, despite missing two short field goal attempts.

Georgia Tech cut the lead to 14-10 before taking over at their own 41-yard line with 3:33 left to play. The Eagles were on the brink of victory, as two incompletions sandwiched a sack to force a fourth-and-19 at the Tech 32 with 2:30 remaining on the clock. A 22-yard completion gave the Yellow Jackets new life, and less than two minutes later they scored the game-winner on a Dedrick Mills 4-yard plunge.

Allen and his Boston College (0-1; 0-1 ACC) teammates return from Ireland to take on UMass next Saturday at Gillette Stadium. Kickoff is at 12 p.m.

# Georgia Tech comes back to beat Boston College in Ireland

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 3, 2016

DUBLIN — As the seconds ticked down on the play clock late in the fourth quarter on Saturday afternoon, Boston College coach Steve Addazio and Georgia Tech counterpart Paul Johnson were essentially playing a game of chicken with their timeouts.

BC was clinging to a 14-10 lead, and had drained the clocked from 5:57 to 4:30 by running Jon Hilliman up the gut two times. But the Eagles only managed to get a yard out of it.

“We made a decision that we were going to try to run this rock a little bit, kill this clock down,” Addazio said.

Johnson didn’t flinch. He let the clock tick.

A botched snap on third down forced quarterback Patrick Towles to fall on the ball in front of the line of scrimmage. It also forced Addazio’s hand.

Box score: Georgia Tech 17, BC 14

[College football scoreboard](#)

He sent out the punt team, wrung every second out of the play clock until there was just 3:39 left in the game, before finally calling a timeout.

“I took a timeout there to try to get as much clock as we could,” Addazio said. “Our goal at that point was to take as much time off the clock as we could, punt the ball, and let our defense win the game. We thought that was the right strategy at this point. We wanted our defense to have the game in their hand at the end. Period. And that’s what we did.”

With all but three of Georgia Tech’s nine possessions up to that point being three-and-outs, Addazio had every reason to put his trust in a defense that was tops in the country a year ago and was trying to shake off the demons of a winless Atlantic Coast Conference schedule in 2015.

But Addazio didn’t think that last year’s demons would follow the Eagles all the way to Ireland.

The Yellow Jackets put together an 11-play, 59-yard drive in three minutes, kept alive by a fourth-and-19 conversion on a 22-yard pass from Justin Thomas to Qua Searcy, and punctuated by a 4-yard touchdown run by Dedrick Mills that dealt the Eagles a 17-14 loss.

After spending the majority of last year swallowing bitter pills, the Eagles got another dose of disappointment to start their season.

“Bitterly disappointed,” Addazio said. “We had it right in our grasp.”

The Eagles came in looking to put an immediate end to a run of eight straight losses to ACC rivals. They left counting missed opportunities and untimely lapses.

Even though the Eagles had more total yards (352) and first downs (15) and held the Yellow Jackets to 2.8 yards per rushing attempt, Georgia Tech made key plays and BC made costly ones.

“We played great all day,” Addazio said. “As I said to the team earlier, we’re not interested in stats. The ultimate thing is to win the game. It’s not OK to say we were great on 36 out of 40 plays, except for those four, because those four can cost you the game.”

Georgia Tech kept drives alive by converting 6 of 14 third-down attempts and both of their fourth-down attempts. On the first drive of the game alone, the Yellow Jackets completed a 14-yard pass on third and 15, converted the fourth and 1, then converted a third-and-12 try to set up 3-yard run by Matthew Jordan for a 7-0 lead.

Meanwhile, BC didn’t do itself any favors. Twice the Eagles found themselves in the red zone looking for a field goal, and sophomore kicker Colton Lichtenberg came up empty. He had his first attempt blocked by Rod Rook-Chungong, and saw his second nick the upright as it sailed wide left.

“The tale of this game was two missed opportunities in the red zone, two field goals missed, and about four plays on defense — really it was about four, but those four were costly plays that got them out of three third-and-longs and one fourth and 20,” said Addazio.

Close losses haunted the Eagles a year ago, and it was something Towles wanted to turn around when he transferred from Kentucky in the offseason.

“I know for a fact that this football team will win a lot of football games this year,” said Towles, who completed 11 of 17 passes for 176 yards to go with 27 yards on nine rushes, including a 6-yard touchdown. “It’s not going to be more of the same. We’ll continue to work hard like we have and I have no doubt that we’re going to be ready to go on Saturday.”

Hilliman ran for 102 yards, breaking loose for a 73-yard score to start the second half. But the Eagles failed to shut the door on the Yellow Jackets.

“You’ve got to finish games,” Hilliman said. “Six-minute offense, one-minute offense. It just comes down to practice, whatever it is.”

The Eagles haven’t won an ACC game since beating Syracuse in the regular-season finale in 2014. The loss stings, but Addazio said he hoped it wouldn’t linger with his team facing a road game against UMass next Saturday, then another ACC test at Virginia Tech in two weeks.

“We’ve got a great group of guys. It’s not going to affect them,” Addazio said. “It’s going to affect them today. We’re all ripped apart. But I mean, big picture-wise, we’ve got to get back to work, get home, and get ready to play UMass.

“Yeah, these things hurt you. They hurt you. They’re real body blows. But come on now. We’re tougher than that. We pride ourselves on that. This game is unforgiving. This game will slap you right in the face. You’ve got to be tough enough to take it and move forward.”

# Naples High grad Michael Walker of Boston College enjoys Ireland

Michael Sullivan | Naples Daily News | September 3, 2016

DUBLIN — It's been a long but fun week for Michael Walker. The Boston College wide receiver toured cultural events, saw the sights, and enjoyed time off from class. Oh, and he also prepared for a football game.

"That's why we're all here," Walker said. "That and for the trip halfway around the world."

Walker has been crucial for the development of BC's offense, one of the nation's worst in 2015. He was recruited from Naples High School as a defensive back, but quickly transitioned to wide receiver in his freshman year. After a successful season as a kick returner -- he broke the school record for return yards in a single season -- he has already found himself in the starting lineup.

"The transition was pretty smooth," Walker said. "As far as starting? Hard work, that's all it is."

In his first start as a wide receiver for the Eagles, Walker caught two passes for 28 yards in BC's 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech at Aviva Stadium on Saturday. His quick cuts and short bursts of energy make him a valuable asset to BC, one that head coach Steve Addazio is excited for going forward this season. Though the game ended in a loss, Walker was notably upbeat after the game.

"It didn't turn out the way we wanted to, but I love playing the game," Walker said.

But the game wasn't the only big moment for the Naples native. Walker also got a chance to hear from some of the players from Community School of Naples. The Seahawks had the opportunity to play in the American Football Showcase at Donnybrook Stadium in Dublin, where they lost their game to Atlanta-Westminster, 42-21, on Friday. Although Walker did not go to CSN, he has heard of a few players, including senior Joe Lang, whom he spoke to in Dublin.

It isn't the first time Walker has been abroad -- he once went on a service trip to Nicaragua -- but he was determined to make the most of it. Throughout the week, BC engaged in several cultural events. The team stayed at the luxurious Carton House in nearby Maynooth, where they learned from local athletes how to play Irish games, such as Gaelic football and rugby. The Eagles also visited Dublin's city center, including the Book of Kells, one of the oldest-known Bibles.

The highlight for Walker was the trip to Kilmainham Gaol. The Irish prison was "home" to many political criminals throughout the 1800s and 1900s. Most notably, it housed the leaders of the 1916 Irish Easter Rising. That historical event is credited as what began Ireland's eventual departure from British rule. For Walker, getting a little history lesson about his heritage is something he'll never forget.

"I'm Irish, so it's good to get a view of the homeland," Walker said.

# BC's offense showed growth in defeat

Eric Avidon | MetroWest Daily News | September 4, 2016

Boston College was beaten on Saturday, falling 17-14 to Georgia Tech in Dublin, Ireland. It was the ninth straight loss for the Eagles dating back to last year, their ninth consecutive defeat in the ACC, and their sixth loss by three points or less since the start of last season.

But this one was different than all those others.

While failure in the kicking game played a major role against Georgia Tech, continuing a trend that began two years ago with an inexplicable inability to make extra points, last year's losses were also marked by offensive ineptitude.

In stumbling to a 3-9 record, the Eagles ranked 121st out of 128 teams in scoring, and if their 76-0 win over Howard — the second against an FCS while most teams played only one game against a lesser-division foe — is removed from the equation they would have ranked dead last. In terms of total yardage, BC was 126th.

On Saturday, however, the offense showed substantial improvement, and at times it actually looked pretty good.

On a per play basis, the Eagles averaged 6.52 yards against the Yellow Jackets, up from 4.40 yards per play in 2015. And it's not as though BC played a patsy on Saturday. Georgia Tech, though it too finished 3-9 last year, ranked 42nd in total defense in 2015 against a schedule that included Clemson, Florida State, Notre Dame, North Carolina, and Georgia.

That increase in productivity was a direct result of improvement on the offensive line.

BC was extraordinarily inexperienced up front last year after starting a front five of all graduate students in 2014. By the end of the season, two true freshmen (Chris Lindstrom and Aaron Monteiro) and a true sophomore (Jon Baker) were starters.

A year later, while not mature by any means, the offensive line is clearly improved.

"I thought at times we looked like we did a pretty good job blocking," BC coach Steve Addazio told the media in Dublin. "There were times I didn't like it as much ... but we've certainly made a lot of improvement. We've made a lot of improvement all over, but we've made a lot of improvement up front. As I said when I started the season, we're by no means a finished product up here, but every game we're going to get better up front, because that's what happens when you're pretty young up there. You mature up front as the season grows.

"They protected, for the most part, pretty well up front."

Because BC played a running team that bleeds the clock, it only ran 54 plays on offense. Despite that low number, the Eagles gained 176 yards both running and throwing the ball.

On a per rush basis, BC gained 4.76 yards, up from 3.93 last year.

Redshirt sophomore Jon Hilliman gained 102 yards — including a 73-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that was perfectly blocked — becoming the first BC runner to surpass 100 yards in a game since he did it against Northern Illinois last September.

"We split it inside, which we thought we had an opportunity to do," said Addazio. "Not only is (Hilliman) a big back but he has real speed for a big guy, and he showed some real speed for a big guy on that play. He outran some pretty fast DBs. That's going to happen when you grind in the run game — eventually you pop one of those, and we were able to pop one of them which is really game changing."

Beyond the improvement of the line, BC got much better play at quarterback than it did last year.

After sophomore Darius Wade was lost for the rest of the season with a broken ankle in Week Three, three freshmen — one of them a walk-on — were forced into duty, and the results were predictably poor.

Now, however, graduate transfer Patrick Towles is the starter, and after an uneven start that included a first-quarter interception, he played well.

Given good protection — he was sacked once — Towles completed 11-of-17 passes for 176 yards with one interception. His passer rating of 139.2 for the game was better than any BC quarterback in any game last year save for the Eagles' rout of Howard. He also ran for a touchdown.

"I thought he played hard," said Addazio. "I thought he completed some great balls. I thought he ran with confidence when he had to, and with physicality. I thought he had great leadership on the field."

There's no getting around the fact that BC is 0-1 overall and 0-1 in the ACC. And that Saturday's loss was another in a growing line. But this one looked different.

There wasn't the same ineptitude on offense that characterized most of the losses last year. There was, in fact, a lot of competent play by the offense.

And that bodes well for the weeks to come.

# Hilliman's return huge for the BC offense

Eric Avidon | MetroWest Daily | September 6, 2016

CHESTNUT HILL — The run was reminiscent of something Andre Williams might have done three years ago, or Tyler Murphy might have done in 2014.

It was something that was missing last year.

On Saturday, amid a steady rain in Dublin, Ireland, early in the third quarter of Boston College's 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech, BC running back Jon Hilliman broke through an opening at the line of scrimmage, erupted past the secondary and into the open field, and then, despite weighing a sturdy 229 pounds and having a reputation as a power back, outraced the speedy Georgia Tech defensive backs to the end zone for a 73-yard touchdown.

The run brought the Eagles even with the Yellow Jackets at the time, and was a key part of perhaps the best sustained offensive success BC has shown since Murphy's one year at the Heights.

"Just the workhorse mentality," Hilliman said when asked what he feels he brings to BC's offense. "Our backs can do a lot of things, but I try to be the workhorse. I try to keep the chains moving in short yardage, but also break home runs if I have to. I just try to be dynamic back there."

Hilliman arrived at BC just after Williams graduated, and appeared to be Williams' heir apparent.

As a freshman, he ran for 860 yards and 13 touchdowns, and set a school record for freshmen with 210 carries.

Among his highlights were a 148-yard performance against Penn State in the Pinstripe Bowl, and 100-yard games against Colorado State and Wake Forest. In BC's massive upset victory over Southern Cal, he ran for 89 yards and two key scores.

But Hilliman got hurt last year.

After gaining 119 yards in BC's win over Northern Illinois, he suffered a fractured foot. It came one game after starting quarterback Darius Wade was lost for the season with a broken ankle, and because Wade's injury forced a trio of freshmen into competition to start at quarterback Hilliman's loss was somewhat overshadowed.

On Saturday, he showed just how important he is to BC's offensive success — his 102 yards were the most by any BC runner since his game last year against Northern Illinois.

"He's super dynamic," said BC quarterback Patrick Towles, a graduate transfer from Kentucky who started the last two years in the SEC. "He can do a lot of things. Jon, he's a bigger guy, but he can go. You saw him run away from those guys (against Georgia Tech). He runs hard — he really finishes runs. I'm thinking usually after I hand him the ball that you can hear him — he really pops the pads. I think that's the difference."

"You get guys that run hard but don't necessarily finish runs, run downhill. Jon runs downhill and finishes runs."

The BC offense struggled mightily in 2015, ranking as one of the worst in the nation. It was 121st (out of 128 teams) in scoring, 126th in total offense, and even ranked 73rd in rushing offense after being one of the nation's leaders the previous two years (15th in 2014 and 20th in 2013).

Hilliman's loss was only part of that — a young and exceptionally inexperienced offensive line played a major role, as did the lack of any threat in the passing game.

But just as his loss was part of BC's offensive struggles last year, his presence this year clearly helps. Without Hilliman last year, BC gained 3.93 yards per rushing attempt. With him, the Eagles improved to 4.76 yards per attempt on Saturday.

"He's got speed," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "What makes Jon unique is he's a big back who's got speed. And that's when you're dangerous. He's talented. We missed him last year. You felt it right away in Game One."

Before his injury, Hilliman was developing a reputation as one of the better running backs in the ACC.

Despite being a freshman, he was named third-team All-Conference by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association and the league's head coaches. This year, however, he was off the national radar, garnering just three points for the preseason All-ACC team (Florida State's Dalvin Cook led the league's running backs with 184), and not even being mentioned in a recent ESPN.com article on the ACC's stable of great running backs.

On Saturday, however, Hilliman served notice, a reminder of just what BC had two years ago, what it missed last year, and what it now has again.

“I got hurt and it was a little setback, but this is a major comeback year,” said Hilliman. “As a whole team we’re looking to big things.”

The BC offense is still a work in progress with that young offensive line and a group of unproven wide receivers. There will be struggles, as there were at times against Georgia Tech. But unlike last year when the Eagles lost any semblance of explosiveness in its rushing attack, Hilliman is back, and that means there will be moments like that run on Saturday, when visions of Andre Williams and Tyler Murphy were recalled by Jon Hilliman.

# Limited by leg issue in Ireland, Harold Landry ready for UMass

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 6, 2016

While Georgia Tech put together an 11-play, 59-yard, fourth-quarter scoring drive that punched Boston College in the gut, and sent the Eagles to a 17-14 loss Saturday in Dublin, Harold Landry watched from the sideline, powerless to stop them.

A “minor leg injury” that kept Landry out for most of the BC’s preseason camp limited the junior defensive end to just four snaps all game.

Landry had confidence the Eagles defense could keep the Yellow Jackets’ triple option contained, but he said staring from the sidelines while the game was in the balance was painful.

“It hurt being on the sideline, especially in the fourth quarter watching that drive,” said Landry. “It was hard. We had a real good game plan going into that game. We had it all figured out. Just minor things ended up turning into big things and we just didn’t get it done.

“But we have a good group of guys on the D-line, linebackers and safeties and corners. They could’ve got the job done without me anyway, but that’s just not the way the cards folded.”

Landry was cleared the week leading up to the Eagles’ season opener, but coach Steve Addazio wanted to be cautious with a player who will be crucial to the success of the team’s defense. Zach Allen and Kevin Kavalec anchored the defensive line to start the game.

Landry practiced at full speed Tuesday and is expected to play a larger role in the Eagles’ matchup against UMass Saturday at Gillette Stadium.

“I actually feel a lot better today,” he said. “I feel real good today, obviously practicing. I was full-go. I felt fine today. So I’ve just got to keep treating it, taking care of my body, I’ll be fine.

“Coach is just trying to ease me back into it, trying to take care of me the best way possible,” Landry said. “This week it should be way different though. I’m expecting a real good game at UMass.”

Landry has played in all 26 games since coming to BC in 2013. He started 11 of 12 games a year ago. He recorded a tackle in 13 straight games before going without one against Georgia Tech. Not showing up on the stat sheet was admittedly strange.

“You ain’t lying,” he said. “But it’s not about stats. If we had came out with that [win], I’d have been all smiles, but we didn’t. And that’s what it’s all about.”

## Smith catching on

When BC quarterback Patrick Towles saw sophomore receiver Jeff Smith breaking on a deep in-route early in the second quarter Saturday, his eyes lit up.

He could see a big play unfolding. Smith found a window between Georgia Tech’s safeties and made a 14-yard catch, good for a first down. But Towles said if he had been more accurate with his throw, and not thrown behind Smith, the play could’ve gone for more yardage.

“If I wouldn’t have underthrown him — I’m thankful we got the 14 yards — but it should’ve been a touchdown,” Towles said. “I just missed the throw.”

Towles targeted Smith on three of his 17 pass attempts and Smith grabbed all of them. Smith, in his first game since making the transition from quarterback last season to receiver this year, became an immediate go-to for Towles.

“He’s our long-ball threat,” Towles said. “And it’s genuine.”

A hyperextended right knee cost Smith two weeks of preseason camp, but the transition was a process that started with a rough spring.

“He worked super hard all summer long,” Towles said of Smith. “Spring was a little shaky and he’ll tell you the same thing. It was a quick transition in spring. In the summer, he worked tirelessly, he was out all hours catching jugs and catching balls and asking me to throw. You can tell the work paid off in camp.”

## Knoll gets his kicks

Sophomore Colton Lichtenberg was still listed as the starting kicker when the Eagles’ depth chart was released Monday, but his status was not certain after he wore a red jersey in practice Tuesday while junior Mike Knoll kicked field goals at the end of practice.

Lichtenberg, who went 3 for 6 last season, had his first kick of the season blocked and missed his second against Georgia Tech. Last season, Lichtenberg made his debut four games into the season, missed three of his first four kicks and was eventually replaced by Knoll in the seventh game of the season.

Knoll went 2 for 3 last year. His longest field goal was a 29-yarder against Virginia Tech.

# BC's Hilliman faces a friendly enemy

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 7, 2016

Boston College tailback Jon Hilliman will be running from his past when the Eagles take on UMass on Saturday at Gillette Stadium.

That's because UMass middle linebacker Shane Huber, who had nine tackles, five of them solo, in a 24-7 loss to Florida last week, and Hilliman were high school teammates at St. Peters Prep in Jersey City, N.J. BC junior wide receiver Charlie Callinan and senior tight end Michael Giacone also played with Huber at St. Peters.

Hilliman, the Eagles' featured tailback, rushed for over 100 yards for the fifth time in his career in the 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech in the ACC opener. Hilliman, a redshirt sophomore, led all ball carriers with 103 yards on 17 carries that included a 73-yard touchdown run.

Hilliman will have to earn his yards against a UMass defense that held up for three quarters in a 24-7 road loss to Florida.

"It is a good defense and it's a very inspired defense and they play tough and their middle linebacker was my teammate in high school," said Hilliman following a soggy practice yesterday at Alumni Stadium.

"We are always talking, and they are very bummed out about losing to Florida but they are coming back hungry. We are pretty pissed off about losing to Georgia Tech so we are coming out hungry.

"So it's going to be a physical high-energy game for four quarters, and it's going to be fun."

The two friends from adversarial positions engaged in hours of hard hitting "fun" in practice at St. Peters. The give-and-take with Huber helped make Hilliman an All-State tailback and the first in school history to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season.

"He's a year older and we were (opposites in position) in practice and it was a good battle back and forth a lot of times," said Hilliman. "There were a lot of chippies and a lot of fights but that's my dude, Shane's my guy.

I would stay over his house on weekends in high school because he (lived) really close. I almost got him to come here but something happened in the recruiting. But he's phenomenal and I can't wait to play against him."

Hilliman sat out most of spring ball recovering from surgery to repair a broken foot suffered last season. He went back to work fulltime in training camp and felt no apprehension about facing hostile opposition for the first time in just under a year.

"It was really fun and a game day atmosphere is what you live for," said Hilliman. "You work all week to go out and have a great production in the game, and I love football and I love to play the game."

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The Eagles have a diverse stable of running backs that include senior scatbacks Myles Willis and Tyler Rouse and sophomore Richard Wilson. The 6-foot, 229-pound Hilliman understands his role.

"I have a workhorse mentality and our backs can do a lot of things," said Hilliman. "I try to be the workhorse who can keep the chains moving on short yardage and break home runs when I have to.

I try to be that dynamic big back."

# Close loss was another learning experience for BC

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 8, 2016

Letting a win slip from its grasp in the season opener against Georgia Tech was more than a deflating feeling for Boston College.

It was a familiar one.

BC has had many painfully close losses over the past four years. Under coach Steve Addazio, the Eagles are 5-11 in games decided by 7 points or fewer. It gets worse in even tighter games. When the margin of the win is a field goal or less, the Eagles are 2-10.

The last time the Eagles won a one-score game was Nov. 1, 2014, a 33-31 win over Virginia Tech in which they held off a Hokies team that ran off 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Since then, close games have haunted the Eagles. They've lost eight straight one-score games, in seemingly every way possible.

In 2014, they pushed an undefeated Florida State team to the brink but couldn't keep the Seminoles from driving down the field for the game-winning field goal with three seconds left. They reached the Pinstripe Bowl that season, but their loss to Penn State in that game was decided by a missed extra point.

They lost all eight of their Atlantic Coast Conference games last season, five by 3 points or fewer.

In Dublin last Saturday, the Eagles were three minutes away from putting it all behind them, only to have history repeat when Georgia Tech put together an 11-play, 59-yard touchdown drive for a 17-14 win.

In the aftermath of each close loss comes scrutiny and second-guessing. Addazio's decision to try a field goal instead of going for it on fourth-and-1 in the third quarter against Georgia Tech was fuel for skeptics. As was calling three straight running plays to drain the clock and protect a 14-10 lead rather than hunting for another score to put away the Yellow Jackets.

But Addazio stood by his decisions.

"Every time you get in these games that are 3-point games, everyone's got the reason why," Addazio said. "You would've won if you had done something differently.' It's human nature.

"You get into close games, you go back and say, 'If you had gone for it on fourth-and-2, we'd have won the game.' 'If we had kicked two field goals, we'd have won the game.' 'We should've blitzed on fourth down.' 'We should've been aggressive on the last series and just went after them.' 'That kind of philosophy, you never win with.'

"I mean, it's all over the place and everybody's got an opinion about that.

"I know what football is, and I know what you have to do with your team. What you do is evaluate who you are and you play the percentages.

"And anybody's going to look me in the eye and say that we shouldn't have played the percentage that our defense would win the game in the end, I'd say b.s., you know?"

In each scenario, Addazio said, he played the percentages.

Had he known Colton Lichtenberg would push his 35-yard field goal attempt to the left, off the upright, he would have gone for the first down. But the BC defense had squeezed five straight three-and-outs and a fumble out of the Yellow Jackets.

"Sure if I was doing it right now, I'd go for it," said Addazio. "Because I saw the outcome. We didn't make the field goal. But if we made the field goal and we go up, 10-7, you've got 3 points up on a team who wasn't moving the ball well.

"It's part of the development of our program right now and it's hard. It's frustrating and it's hard."

On the late drive, the choice to keep the ball on the ground and put the game in the hands of the defense was simple, Addazio said.

Ideally, the two handoffs to Jon Hilliman would've gone for more than a net of 1 yard. The third-and-9 the Eagles faced was a low-percentage scenario.

"You'd have a much different mind-set on third-and-6 if you're on schedule — or third-and-7, third-and-5," said Addazio. "So in that particular situation, especially with the weather and in Game 1, we felt like, 'You know what? They're not moving the ball on us. Let's get this ball punted out of here and let's win it on defense.'"

When the Eagles backed Georgia Tech into a fourth-and-19, it seemed like there'd be no reason for second-guessing. But all the percentages went out the window when Justin Thomas completed a 22-yard pass to Qua Searcy to extend the drive and ultimately set up the go-ahead score.

It opened the door for criticism of Addazio "playing not to lose."

"We executed our plan and we got them to fourth-and-[19]," Addazio said. "So I would say that that plan probably wasn't that far off, other than the fact they converted fourth-and-19."

BC quarterback Patrick Towles understood the decision to put the game in the defense's hands.

"They made plays all day long," Towles said. "As a competitor, you want the ball in your hands, but playing on this team, you trust the defense, and I trust them that if that would happen, they'd beat them nine out of 10 times."

In the future, Addazio said, he won't be shy about taking chances on offense.

"We've developed our throw game quite a bit in the offseason — and that was evident in the game," Addazio said. "I feel like we're heading in the right direction. We're going to probably have the opportunity to take more shots."

Until the Eagles break this disappointing trend in close games, the second-guessing will be there, but Addazio is confident things will turn.

"It's a shame what happened Saturday that we didn't get that win," Addazio said. "But we've got to use that to fuel us as we move forward to grow and to go win our share of those games when they come down to the wire."

"Simple plays have to be made and you have to be able to make them or they come back and they haunt you."

# Dot's Miranda dons the Maroon and Gold— again

Griffin Connolly | Dorchester Reporter | September 8, 2016

He emerged from the tunnel to roars of applause, in a foreign country, with thousands of hungry eyes eagerly anticipating the imminent clash of helmets and bodies.

As he looked around, a state of shock taking hold, he saw the ESPN cameras, the field beneath his feet.

“This is it,” he thought. “This is big time.”

With that, Boston College freshman and Uphams Corner native Isaiah Miranda stormed onto the football field with his teammates to take on Georgia Tech in the schools' season opening showcase in Dublin, Ireland. The Eagles would leave the field in hair-tearing defeat, 17-14, after leading for much of the second half.

Miranda is no stranger to BC's maroon and gold. The 6-foot-0, 230-pound walk-on was a standout middle linebacker at BC High in Dorchester, where his four sacks, two forced fumbles, and team-leading 97 tackles (18 for loss of yards) his senior year propelled him to the Catholic Conference All-star team.

Miranda was a member of the National Honor Society in high school and has enrolled in Boston College's undergraduate business school, diverging from most of his teammates, who often select what are widely considered easier course loads in the arts and sciences to accommodate the grueling demands of their football schedules.

Still, football predominates, and Miranda has had to adjust from playing a pivotal role as the centerpiece of his high school defense to mostly staking out the sidelines in college.

“From high school to college... the game is way faster,” he said. “In terms of plays and schemes, the playbook is very in depth. In high school, it's simplified, and players play off instinct. But now you're playing with the best of the best.”

Back at BC High, if he made the wrong initial read on a given play, Miranda was often able to recover with his superior athleticism and make the tackle. But in college, that split second can make the difference between successfully chasing down the ball carrier and getting lost at sea among waves of players--players who are bigger, faster and stronger than anything he has ever faced.

“We're in a top five conference,” Miranda said, referring to BC's status in NCAA Division One's Atlantic Coast Conference, “playing schools like Clemson and Florida State.”

Choosing Boston College wasn't a chance draw from the hat for Miranda. His father, Nelson, an administrator at BC High, is a Boston College alumnus. So, too, are his aunt and a pair of cousins.

“It was,” he said, “more familiar to me. Lots of colleges came across. BC was always closer.”

But the decision play for Boston College wasn't always his. College football's national signing day this past February, where hundreds of student-athletes--including a number of Miranda's own high school teammates--sign letters of intent to play for their selected schools, came and went without an offer from the Eagles.

“It was very stressful,” Miranda told ESPNBoston.com later that month, “and seeing all my friends and people around me committing and deciding where they were going didn't help.”

Weeks droned by until one day in late February at BC High, right before lunch, Miranda got pulled out of class and told to go see Jonathan Bartlett, the school's athletic director and football coach. Miranda didn't know what was the matter. When he entered Bartlett's office, the coach said, “I got a call from BC...” Miranda's head began racing. “Is it good?” he replied. He called back from the office, and a BC assistant answered; he had a spot on the team.

Miranda felt, more than anything, a sense of relief. His next move was a no-brainer. Miranda made his way to his dad's office and told him the news.

“He was happy--ever since me and my brother were younger, he wanted us to go to BC,” he said, “because he thinks it's the best school ever.”

# **BOSTON COLLEGE IS HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

**Adam Powell | ACCsports.com | September 9, 2016**

Boston College missed a golden opportunity to pick up its first ACC victory in two seasons when it played Georgia Tech in Dublin, Ireland Sept. 3. The Eagles held a 14-7 lead midway through the fourth quarter, only to give up 10 unanswered points in the game's final six minutes, including a devastating touchdown drive, to suffer a 17-14 loss to the Yellow Jackets.

Reminiscent of the last-second loss to Syracuse in the 2015 season finale, the loss to Georgia Tech symbolized yet another game in which BC played well, but just couldn't make the key plays in high-leverage moments to hang on in the end.

But unlike the Eagles basketball squad, which appears multiple years away from competitiveness, the results of the Syracuse and Georgia Tech games suggest that Boston College isn't that far away from being a winner again in the ACC in football.

# BC ends skid by beating UMass

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 10, 2016

FOXBOROUGH — The football gods were practically daring Boston College coach Steve Addazio to kick a field goal.

The Eagles were facing a fourth-and-5 from the 27-yard line early in the first quarter against UMass, but the mere sight of the uprights was enough to rattle the nerves of an Eagles team that had struggled to find ways to consistently kick footballs through them.

BC's starting kicker, Colton Lichtenberg, was on the sideline nursing a strained quad, punter Mike Knoll was thrown into the job, and asking him to kick a 44-yarder when the longest field goal he had made in two seasons was from 40 yards seemed like asking too much.

"I didn't want to put him in that position at that distance," Addazio said. "I wanted to put him in a situation where he could make it and get some confidence."

So, Addazio rolled the dice and went for it. It backfired immediately. The Eagles couldn't convert, and three plays later, UMass was in the end zone after quarterback Ross Comis found tight end Adam Breneman all by himself over the middle for a 58-yard touchdown.

The Eagles offense climbed out of the early hole, the defense wreaked havoc and forced turnovers, but Addazio still had to prove that he could trust his kicking game.

So he called on Knoll twice.

When Knoll knocked down a pair of field goals that gave the Eagles breathing room, Addazio could exhale. The Eagles snapped a streak of nine losses going back to last season with a 26-7 win over the Minutemen at Gillette Stadium.

The failures of the kicking game have been glaring for the past two seasons, but its success on Saturday was quietly pivotal. In a matter of about three minutes, Knoll made two field goals, matching the total he finished with last season in on-and-off kicking duties.

"I'm always ready whenever the team needs me," Knoll said. "It's unfortunate that Colton went down, but he'll be back and he'll be kicking lights-out and it's going to be good."

"Whoever's out there, we've got to get our job done and that's what we plan to do. We've made thousands of kicks in practice and it's good to get your confidence up and happy with what we did."

Going down early to a UMass team they had beaten eight straight times was a shellshock for the Eagles.

"Being down, that was a real surprise," said BC wideout Jeff Smith.

The momentum started to turn when quarterback Patrick Towles hooked up with Smith on back-to-back deep balls for 46- and 36-yard touchdowns that put the Eagles up, 13-7, going into the half. When the offense came out flat to start the third quarter, Knoll made sure none of that momentum was lost.

On the Eagles' third drive of the quarter, he split the uprights from 40 yards. The next drive, he nailed one from 37 yards.

"Being able to do that, it kept momentum alive and we were able to build up points," Addazio said. "That has to happen in the style of game we play . . . Those 3 points, they matter. They matter all the time."

They were points that BC had become accustomed to leaving on the field, especially a week ago in an opening 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech in which Lichtenberg missed two field goal attempts.

"Listen, would've, should've, could've," Addazio said. "If we could've kicked the two field goals last week, we would've had a different outcome, right? We all know it's critical. When you get in the red zone, it's deflating if you come away with no points. You're not going to score all touchdowns. In a perfect world, you'd like to score all touchdowns, but you certainly have to score your field goals."

Generating offense was a struggle for UMass all day. The Minutemen mustered 29 yards of total offense after the first quarter. The Eagles defense terrorized Comis, sacking him eight times, looting him for an interception and a fumble. Linebacker Connor Strachan led the way with 2.5 sacks to go with six tackles, a forced fumble, and a recovery.

The Eagles got a 12-for-22, 191-yard, two-touchdown performance from Towles, but struggled at times to move the ball, particularly on the ground with Jon Hilliman picking up just 63 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries.

The value in being able to get points even when they didn't get in the end zone couldn't be overstated.

"Sometimes it's the difference between wins and losses," Towles said.

# Battle of the Bay State goes Boston College's way

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 11, 2016

FOXBORO — After a year in the wilderness, the passing game has returned to Boston College.

Quarterback Patrick Towles threw two deep touchdown strikes to wide receiver Jeff Smith in the Eagles' 26-7 victory over UMass in the Battle of the Bay State yesterday at Gillette Stadium.

Last season, BC (1-1) had the worst passing game in the Atlantic Coast Conference, with a 111.17 yards per game average. Towles, in his first season at The Heights as a graduate transfer from Kentucky, completed 12-of-22 passes against the Minutemen (0-2) for 191 yards, with the two TDs and an interception.

"We have confidence in our throw game and confidence in our field general," Eagles coach Steve Addazio said. "I think our passing attack is really starting to improve and continues to grow and you are probably going to see a lot more of that. Patrick did a great job leading our team and Jeff Smith made some really tremendous catches for us and some really great stuff happened."

BC rolled up 344 yards of total offense (153 rushing), but the victory was secured by a defense that limited UMass to minus-23 rushing yards, produced eight sacks and forced three fumbles.

Linebackers Matt Milano, Connor Strachan and Ty Schwab combined for 21 tackles, including 5.5 for a loss, and 3.5 sacks. Strachan stripped UMass quarterback Ross Comis (11-for-28, 145 yards, TD, interception) on a scramble and later recovered a fumble.

"Our defensive effort was great today," Addazio said. "They just did an unbelievable job to hold them to 122 yards of total offense."

Backup kicker Mike Knoll, subbing for an injured Colton Lichtenberg, converted on field goal attempts of 40 and 37 yards in the third quarter to put BC up 19-7 going into the fourth. The Eagles closed out the scoring on tailback Jon Hilliman's 15-yard run with 4:14 to play.

"Being able to score in the red zone kept momentum alive and built up points, and that has to happen in the style of game we play," Addazio said.

Before the Eagles defense began its domination, the Minutemen opened the scoring in the first quarter.

On third-and-8 from the UMass 42, Comis connected on a pass over the middle to Adam Breneman. The tight end turned up field and outraced the pursuit for a 58-yard touchdown.

Towles responded in the second quarter with two big first-down pass plays to Smith for a 13-7 BC lead.

On first-and-10 from the UMass 46, Towles hit Smith (five receptions, 98 yards) on a deep post pattern for his first touchdown as a receiver. Smith, who started three games at quarterback last season, had two passing touchdowns last season. Knoll missed the PAT wide right to leave the Minutemen ahead, 7-6.

The Eagles defense gave Towles a short field when Comis was stripped by Strachan from behind on the UMass 36. On the next play, Towles took a shotgun snap and found Smith at the goal line for the score and, after Knoll converted, the six-point lead that stood into the third quarter.

"If we can continue to throw the ball on first down it will help us win," Towles said. "Teams don't expect us to strike on first down, and Jeff made two incredible plays."

# BC notebook: Connor Strachan shoulders load for defense

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 11, 2016

FOXBORO — Boston College middle linebacker Connor Strachan didn't let a sore shoulder and missed practice time deter him.

The 6-foot, 237-pound junior from Wellesley recorded a career-high 2.5 sacks, six tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery to help the Eagles dismantle the UMass offense yesterday in a 26-7 victory at Gillette Stadium.

Strachan injured his shoulder in a 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech in the season opener in Dublin. He had eight tackles and four tackles for a loss against the Yellow Jackets.

"As long as I'm cleared to play I'm going to play. I'm going at full speed," said Strachan. "I'm not going to go out there and not play at full speed and be disrespectful of all my teammates."

The Eagles defense held UMass to minus-23 yards rushing, the second-lowest total allowed in program history. UMass tailback Marquise Young gained 27 yards on 17 carries while beleaguered quarterback Ross Comis was 11-for-28 passing for 145 yards and a touchdown.

BC forced three turnovers that were converted into 10 points. The pass rush registered eight sacks to tie the school's single-game record. Linebacker Matt Milano and defensive ends Zach Allen, Harold Landry and Wyatt Ray were in on the sack attack.

UMass began three of its seven drives in the second half inside the 20-yard line. The Eagles relentless defense allowed quarterback Patrick Towles to begin five drives on the UMass side of the field.

"They are absolutely incredible and I'm a fan. I sometimes have a fan's mentality when I get to watch them on the sidelines," Towles said of his defensive mates. "They really pull for each other and always make plays on the football."

### Hit the post

Wide receiver Jeff Smith's two touchdown catches in the second quarter came on post patterns.

Smith scored BC's first touchdown on a 46-yard pass from Towles that cut UMass' lead to 7-6. He followed with a 36-yard reception that put BC ahead to stay with 3:08 to play in the half.

"I pretty much used my speed to get behind the path of the ball and they were in two perfect spots for me to make a play on," Smith said.

Smith started three games at quarterback as a true freshman last season but made the conversion to wide receiver when Towles transferred from Kentucky. He finished the game with five catches for 98 yards.

### Ground down

BC coach Steve Addazio was not satisfied with his team's efforts in the run game. The Eagles finished with 153 net yards on 41 attempts for a 3.7 average.

Featured tailback Jon Hilliman, who rushed for over 100 yards against Georgia Tech, finished with 54 yards on 22 carries for a 2.5 average per carry. Towles led the Eagles with 66 yards on 12 carries, the majority of which were scrambles under pressure. Tailback Myles Willis had 22 yards on three carries and recorded 66 yards on two kickoff returns.

### Huber steps up

Strachan wasn't the only middle linebacker to make a difference in the game. UMass play caller Shane Huber recorded six tackles, with 1.5 tackles for a loss and an interception he returned 27 yards to the BC 20.

Huber was a high school teammate of Hilliman, wide receiver Charlie Callinan and tight end Mike Giaccone at St. Peters Prep in Jersey City, N.J.

### Tom the deity

During pregame warm ups, the UMass offense set up on the north end zone facing the parking lot. While performing a group stretching exercise the Minutemen appeared to be genuflecting toward the mural of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady on the Gillette Stadium lighthouse.

# The long pass may be back in BC's arsenal

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 12, 2016

Patrick Towles knew about Boston College's run-happy reputation before he transferred to the Heights from Kentucky in the offseason.

So when he took a shot downfield on first down and hooked up with Jeff Smith for a 46-yard scoring strike in the second quarter of Saturday's game, it didn't just catch UMass off guard — it caught everyone off guard.

Then, after UMass quarterback Ross Comis fumbled at his own 36, Towles did it again on the first play of the next drive. Before the Minutemen could get their wits about them, Towles aired out another deep ball to Smith, who made a gorgeous grab in the back of the end zone.

"People don't expect the shots on first down, especially from us," said the BC quarterback.

The Eagles went from being down, 7-0, to up, 13-7, before UMass could blink. The ability to look downfield for big plays added a game-changing dynamic to a BC offense that was sorely lacking in fireworks a year ago.

"I think it does so much for your offense," Towles said. "Sometimes a lot of pro-style offenses have a habit of getting a little predictable. But I think if we continue to be able to throw the ball on first down, that's going to help us stay on schedule.

BC had the fourth-worst passing attack in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2015, and the deep ball was generally never a threat. The Eagles' longest pass play last season was a 66-yard bomb from Troy Flutie to Thadd Smith against Duke. Only eight passes went longer than 30 yards.

Video: Towles 46-yard TD pass

The Eagles leaned on their rushing attack, and they won't veer from that this season. But they will attempt to be more balanced.

"I think we're looked at as more of a run-heavy team, so that kind of opens things up," Smith said. "So now that we're starting to throw the ball, we hopefully can be more balanced and really make plays."

The way coach Steve Addazio laid out his vision of the Eagles offense before the UMass game suggested that he still prefers a run-oriented attack, but the increased confidence in the passing game will create more opportunities to take shots down the field.

"I think that our team will always be a team where we believe that you need to run for 200 yards, OK?" Addazio said. "But I think that we'll have an opportunity, based on who you're playing and the style of game you're playing, to be able to throw that ball. We feel like we can throw that ball right now.

"Now, we can run it too. We need to make sure we run it. That's part of what a balanced attack is, and that's what gives you an advantage in this pro-style offense. If we start to become a throw team all over the place, we're not going to be very productive.

"While it's gotten a lot better and we're getting confidence in it, which is a great thing, for us to think that in this conference we're going to beat people doing that, that's not who we are."

Video: Towles 36-yard TD pass

The comparison Addazio drew was to the traditional pro-style West Coast offense that Stanford has stuck to in a Pac-12 conference loaded with innovative and explosive attacks.

"We're more like Stanford," Addazio said. "We've got to balance people out, we've got to use multiple groupings and formations, and I think there was great evidence to show that we're really finally heading down that path."

## BC'S LONGEST PASS PLAYS OF 2015

66 yards, Troy Flutie to Thadd Smith, vs. Duke Oct. 3

39 yards, Jeff Smith to Tyler Rouse, vs. Clemson, Oct. 17

37 yards, John Fadule to David Dudeck, vs. North Carolina State, Nov. 7

36 yards, Troy Flutie to Myles Willis, vs. Louisville, Oct. 24

34 yards, Troy Flutie to Harrison Jackson, vs. Howard, Sept. 12

33 yards, John Fadule to Tyler Rouse vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 31

32 yards, John Fadule to Michael Walker, vs. North Carolina State, Nov. 7

30 yards, Troy Flutie to Sherman Alston vs. Northern Illinois, Sept. 26

28 yards, Jeff Smith to Charlie Callinan, vs. Wake Forest, Oct. 10

28 yards, Jeff Smith to Thadd Smith, vs. Louisville, Oct. 24

28 yards, John Fadule to Charlie Callinan, vs. Virginia Tech, Oct. 3

## **Ex-quarterback Jeff Smith catches on at wide receiver for Boston College**

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 14, 2016**

Jeff Smith has experienced a touchdown pass from both perspectives in his tenure at Boston College.

Smith made the transition from quarterback to wide receiver during spring ball, and Saturday he emerged as the focal point of the Eagles' air attack during a 26-7 victory against UMass in the Battle of the Bay State at Gillette Stadium.

Smith put BC ahead to stay with touchdown catches of 46 and 36 yards from quarterback Patrick Towles. Both touchdowns were on post patterns from opposite sides of the field. Smith led BC with five catches for 98 yards and recorded his first touchdowns as a split end.

The Eagles (1-1) could use repeat performances from Smith and Towles when they travel to Blacksburg, Va., to take on Virginia Tech in an ACC clash on Saturday at Lane Stadium.

"Once Pat came, I spoke with coach, and he said I had to be on the field to help the team," Smith said yesterday of his transition to receiver. "I was down to do that for the team, but it certainly wasn't a simple choice. The first couple of weeks, it was kind of tough, but I got over it, and it is definitely working now."

The 6-foot-1, 192-pound sophomore from St. Petersburg, Fla., was recruited by BC coach Steve Addazio as a dual-threat quarterback out of Clearwater Central Catholic High School.

Smith was pressed into service before he was ready last season when starter Darius Wade broke his ankle against Florida State on Sept. 18. Smith appeared in nine games with three starts and completed 27-of-82 passes for 253 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. He used his legs to compliment his arm by rushing for 450 yards on 71 carries with six touchdowns.

Smith has fully transitioned to receiver but can't help but reason like a quarterback in team meetings and on the field.

"When I'm out there, I still kind of study the techniques of the (defensive) linemen and pick up what kind of blitzes are coming and the protection," Smith said. "That kind of lets me know where I need run my routes, and I definitely pay attention to that during meetings. Playing quarterback before helps because I have an idea of what coverages I need to beat."

Smith's transition was hindered by some minor nagging injuries in training camp. Despite limited reps together in camp scrimmages, Towles got a sense of Smith's commitment in areas away from the field. Towles found Smith three times in the Eagles' 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech in the season opener in Dublin, Ireland.

Those baby steps against the Yellow Jackets set up the big plays against the Minutemen.

"His work ethic is incredible," Towles said. "He's put plenty of work in to get better, and he's asked me great questions on how he can get more open and run certain routes. He showed that on Saturday, and it is only going to get better."

# Allen stars for Boston College football in Battle of Bay State

Dave Stewart | NC Advertiser | September 16, 2016

Zach Allen was a monster as the Boston College Eagles topped in-state rival UMass in the Battle of the Bay State, 26-7, Saturday at Gillette Stadium.

Allen, a 2015 graduate of New Canaan High School, racked up six tackles, including three solo, and had one and a half sacks for minus-eight yards.

He also had two and a half tackles for a loss, costing UMass minus-12 yards, and came up with a huge fumble recovery in the red zone late in the first half.

The Eagles trailed 7-0 in the first half but scored the final 26 points to get the win going away.

After BC had taken a 13-7 lead in the second quarter, an interception put the UMass at the Eagles' 20-yard line with a chance to regain the lead.

Boston College linebacker Connor Strachan sacked UMass QB Ross Comis and forced a fumble, which was recovered by Allen, ending the threat.

For the season, Allen, a sophomore DE, had nine tackles, six solo, with three tackles for a loss.

The Eagles lost to Georgia Tech in Ireland in their opener and are now 1-1 heading into week three. They'll take on Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., at 3:30 p.m., Saturday.

Boston College will then be home for the next four games as it hosts Wagner (Sept. 24), Buffalo (Oct. 1), Clemson (Oct. 7), and Syracuse (Oct. 22). The Eagles' next road trip will be to North Carolina State on Oct. 29.

# Boston College Quarterback Soars Like an Eagle

Trent Battle | National Catholic Register | September 16, 2016

Most young men do not seriously consider either a career in the NFL or a vocation to the priesthood. However, Patrick Towles is doing both.

The 6-foot-5, 240-pound quarterback led the Highlands High School Bluebirds to three consecutive state championships (2010-2012) in Kentucky. He was the starter for the University of Kentucky Wildcats the past two seasons, helping his team gain consecutive 5-7 records in a very tough Southeastern Conference.

This season, Towles, who transferred to Boston College, will lead the Eagles' attempt to improve upon their 3-9 record in 2015. The grandson of Major League Baseball Hall of Famer and former U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, is looking forward to the challenge. His 1-1 Eagles are set to take on the Virginia Tech Hokies on Sept. 17.

Towles spoke of his move to Boston, his family's sporting legacy and his recently reinvigorated spiritual life with Register correspondent Trent Beattie.

Why did you transfer from the University of Kentucky to Boston College?

I graduated from the University of Kentucky in December of 2015 with a degree in political science, so things were completed, from an academic standpoint — at least for undergraduate studies. I do want to start graduate-level theology, but Kentucky isn't the place for that.

On the athletic side, I want to play in the NFL, and since Boston College has a pro-style offense, it just seemed like a great fit. BC has had a lot of players get drafted over the years, and I'd like to be among those in the next class.

What do you think of your Boston College experience so far?

My experience at BC so far has been nothing short of incredible. From the city to the school to my team, everyone has done everything they possibly can to make me feel home. I'm extremely grateful for that, and it makes me look forward with high hopes to the [rest of the] season.

You had stated that the coolest thing about school (at Kentucky) was that you got to attend with your sister. How did you get that family-friendly mindset?

Our parents raised us to live out the saying that "Friends come and go, but family is forever." We are a super-close family, so I was excited to go to school with my sister, who is two years older than I am. In the time we were both there, we ate lunch together a few times a week. I got to learn about what she was doing to become an elementary-school teacher, and she helped me to transition from high school to college.

What my older sister (and older brother) did to prepare me is what I like to do to prepare my younger brother. We just help each other out and encourage each other to do things well academically, athletically and in life overall. Having this support and sense of purpose can take you really far.

Your grandfather is Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher and former U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning. People talk of you "having your grandfather's arm," but do you think your athletic ability is more mental than genetic?

I think there's surely a genetic component to it, but you can't just put everything on automatic pilot and think you'll do well because of who your grandfather is. No matter what talents you're given by God, it's up to you to work with them and get as much out of them as you can. That's the part that is more mental. You need the desire to do well and the perseverance to bring things to completion.

You've been gaining a more complete understanding of the Catholic faith in the past year and a half. How did that come about?

I went on a SEEK retreat, sponsored by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (Focus), in Nashville. That started to open my eyes to the immense greatness the Catholic Church has to offer all of us. From there, I met David West, a former Auburn football player who became a Focus missionary and was stationed at the University of Kentucky.

Interacting with David was so advantageous for me. It goes without saying that the Catholic aspect was most important, but it did help that he had played college football, too. That made talking with him so much easier, because he knows the collegiate athlete's experience.

With David's help, I led a Bible study for the football players at Kentucky. About seven or eight guys would regularly attend it, and I'd prepare beforehand by going to Eucharistic adoration. In order to know the written word, we need to know the Word who became a man — the same One who dwells with us today in all of our tabernacles.

Rediscovering the Eucharist is central to your recent faith journey, isn't it?

It is. There are so many amazing things about being Catholic, but the Eucharist is the most amazing. We take for granted that God wants to be with us, and we can see that desire of his in many ways — in the other sacraments, the Bible, our family and friends, religious art and music, but the Eucharist manifests, in an unmatched manner, the extraordinary love God has for us.

Knowing that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist is essential to appreciating the Catholic faith. It's just not possible for someone to know about Jesus' Real Presence and then leave the Church. How could anyone intentionally depart from the one Person who is their salvation? No amount of fellowship or biblical study can replace the very Person who is the center of all good.

Even those of us who stay in the Church don't truly understand how remarkable Eucharistic adoration is. If we did, our churches would be filled all day and all night. Adoration is an intimate experience with the Creator of the universe and the Redeemer of mankind — not just theoretically or by signs or symbols, but really and truly. The same Lord who walked in the Holy Land and preached the Good News 2,000 years ago is still here in the Eucharist.

Do you have a patron saint?

My confirmation saint from eighth grade was St. Sebastian, whose patronage is really fitting for a football player. I also like St. Patrick and St. Maximilian Kolbe. All three of these men showed great courage while pursuing Christian virtue, which I have a great respect for.

St. Maximilian's story is the one that happened nearest to our time, in the first half of the 20th century. He endured harassment and brutality at the hands of the Nazis, and he even volunteered to take the place of a man (a husband and father) who had been selected among concentration-camp prisoners to be killed.

Talk about real manhood. Today we have so many distorted notions of what it means to be a man, but the Church gives us the real picture in the saints and, of course, in Christ himself. He's the eternal High Priest who outshines any false forms of manhood — forms whose proper place is to be let go of in the confessional.

A Catholic priest hearing confessions and forgiving sins in persona Christi is, aside from the Eucharist, the most amazing thing about the Church. As a great priest told me, the important part is not that we have sinned, but that we are seeking forgiveness. Some people are deterred from going to confession because they're ashamed and know they should have done better, but that's exactly why we should go. We reveal our weakness, get forgiven and are strengthened to do better the next time.

One of the surest ways to do better is to pray better. Father Jacques Philippe has written about how important a prayer life is in his book *Time for God*. An active life of prayer is only possible with humility, because with that, we realize how much we need God. Then we converse with him as children would to their benevolent Father, who gives them whatever they need to do his will.

While it's not common, former college quarterbacks such as Joe Fitzgerald, Thomas Haan and Joe Freedy have become priests. Have you considered becoming a priest?

I don't know for sure what the future holds for me, but a career in the NFL and/or a vocation to the priesthood might be part of it. Every Catholic young man should consider priesthood, and I think my grandmother has been praying every day of my life that I would become a priest. You could say that my future is in the past, in the sense that, whatever happens, it will be due to my grandfather's arm or my grandmother's hands (folded in prayer).

# BC's Patrick Towles confident in hostile environments

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 17, 2016

For a quarterback in enemy territory, it can be hard to find one's bearings.

Boston College's Patrick Towles finds comfort.

The 6-foot-5, 253-pound graduate transfer from Kentucky will experience the most hostile environment in the Atlantic Coast Conference when the Eagles (1-1) take on Virginia Tech (1-1) today in Blacksburg, Va.

"I like playing away more than I like playing at home just because it makes you focus more," said Towles. "It is kind of like the world vs. you mentality and you've got to feel like it's 100 guys playing against 80,000."

"I love that. We (Kentucky) went into South Carolina last year and there were 85,000 and we got after them. There is nothing better in a stadium than hushing 85,000 people."

"We love that and we want to do that (today). But they are a great team and pose a really good challenge for us and we are excited to get after them."

In 22 starts with Kentucky, Towles saw his fair share of large, enthusiastic SEC crowds. Towles anticipates a similar atmosphere today at Lane Stadium because this interdivisional rivalry means a lot for both programs.

BC is coming off a 26-7 victory over UMass and is looking to snap its nine-game ACC losing streak that dates back to a 28-7 victory over Syracuse on Nov. 29, 2014.

The game marks the ACC debut of Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente, who replaced the legendary Frank Beamer. Fuentes, 40, is the youngest coach in the conference and follows a mastermind that guided Va. Tech to three Big East and four ACC championships.

The Hokies are coming off a 45-24 loss to Tennessee at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. The Hokies played in front of 156,990 fans, the largest live audience for an NCAA or NFL game. Lane Stadium should be a welcomed sight for the Hokies after the giveaway (five turnovers) at Bristol.

"(The Hokies) are a really tough opponent in a really tough place to play," said Towles. "I've never been there but I've been to a lot of tough places so I don't think that is going to be anything out of the ordinary."

"It's just going to be a really good challenge for us."

One of the first moves Fuentes made was to retain the services of longtime defensive coordinator Bud Foster. Foster began his tenure in Blacksburg as an assistant coach in 1987 and became defensive coordinator in 1995.

Foster hasn't deviated from his "Lunch Pail" defense while under new management. Despite the lopsided score against the Vols, Virginia Tech's defense has forced 15 three-and-outs in two games. Three of the seven touchdown drives mounted against the Hokies began at or inside the Virginia Tech 10-yard line.

BC first-year offensive coordinator Scott Loeffler served Beamer in that capacity for three seasons before joining Steve Addazio's staff. Loeffler understands the core principles of Foster's defenses that have been national statistical leaders for decades.

"They are extremely aggressive and they are going to take away what you do the best with a multiple check system," said Loeffler. "He is a good friend and one of the best defensive coordinators in the country."

## BOSTON COLLEGE AT VIRGINIA TECH

3:30 p.m. — Lane Stadium, Blacksburg, Va.

TV: ESPNU — Radio: WEEI (850 AM)

## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. The Eagles offense can't have quarterback Patrick Towles leading the ground game (66 yards) like he did against UMass. The offensive line needs greater cohesion and tailback Jon Hilliman must gain more than 2.5 yards per carry.
2. Kicker Mike Knoll replaced Colton Lichtenberg and delivered on field goals of 40 and 37 yards against UMass. But he also missed a PAT following the Eagles' first touchdown. BC can't afford to leave a single point on the field against Bud Foster's defense.
3. The Eagles front seven must contain and pressure first-year quarterback Jerod Evans, who threw for four touchdowns in his debut against Liberty. Evans has thrown for more than 200 yards in two starts. Sophomore tailback Travon McMillian is a breakaway threat who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season.

# Steve Addazio looks to home game as fix for reeling BC football

Keith Pearson | Boston Herald | September 20, 2016

Boston College vs. Virginia Tech Football Highlights (2016)  
ACC Digital Network

After being trounced in every facet of the game during a 49-0 loss at Virginia Tech, Boston College will attempt to right the ship heading into the home opener on Saturday against FCS school Wagner.

Coach Steve Addazio said the Eagles were tentative in their first on-campus road game of the season after playing Georgia Tech in Ireland and UMass at Gillette Stadium.

"I felt like we played really fast in the first two games," Addazio said. "I felt like we played slow on Saturday, slower, a little bit tentative, a little bit, 'What's coming at us here?' both sides of the ball, special teams. Some of that is the venue, and some of that is our inexperience and some of that is making sure we're aware of our inexperience and our venue. I think that was an anomaly and sometimes that happens in football. We created some real negative momentum for ourselves very, very early that we were not able to really push back on."

An early turnover resulted in the Hokies' first score, and on the ensuing kickoff BC's Myles Willis returned it 100 yards for a touchdown, only to have it called back for a illegal block penalty. The Eagles ended up at their own 8-yard line.

Addazio said Sunday's practice dealt primarily with fundamentals and getting back to basics, particularly on offensive.

The Eagles were anemic in this area with just 124 total yards, rushing 28 times for 44 yards. Quarterback Patrick Towles was 9-for-28 passing for 80 yards and an interception. This all explains Mike Knoll setting a school record with 13 punts.

The inability to move the ball led to BC consistently facing third-and-long, averaging more than 8 yards to go while converting 4-of-17 third downs. This also contributed to the Hokies' offense working with a short field for much of the game.

"I want to do a little less," said Addazio. "I want to make sure we can really focus on our fundamentals. Less focus on scheme, more focus on fundamentals and playing as fast as we can play and try to get rid of as many mistakes as we can on the field."

"I think that will help us. I'm not saying that's the answer to all the ails that happened on Saturday, I'm saying that's something we need to do, on both sides of the ball and in the kicking game."

BC (1-2, 0-2 ACC) gets a two-week reprieve from ACC foes with nonleague games against Wagner of the Northeast Conference and Buffalo of the Mid-American Conference. Then, it's back to the ACC as No. 5 Clemson pays a visit on Oct. 7.

"We're anxious to get home and play at home. We just can't wait to play at home," Addazio said. "It's hard to believe we're going into the fourth game of the year and we haven't been in our home stadium yet. That'll be a good thing to play at home. The familiarity, that's a good thing. I think our guys are excited for that, and looking forward to it. I am too."

Wagner, which has wins over Div. 2 St. Anselm and NAIA member Concordia, and then winless Buffalo the following week should give the Eagles a chance to build some momentum.

Otherwise, questions about Addazio's future at The Heights will grow louder.

"The personal thing doesn't mean a thing to me," said Addazio, who is 18-23 overall and 8-18 in ACC play at BC. "We've got a game on Saturday and we'll go win the game. That's the only way I think about things. There's a game to be played. Go win the game.", Reid sent a note to Tucky, writing, "It's funny the way the world works."

# BC football wins home opener over Wagner

Gary Washburn | Boston Globe |  
September 24, 2016

The resounding win was expected, after all Wagner was an FCS school picked to finish last in the Northeast Conference and the Seahawks pretty much had nothing left after a 55-yard touchdown run three minutes into Saturday's game with Boston College.

The remaining 57 minutes were about the Eagles. Coach Steve Addazio was hardly impressed following their 42-10 win in front of 22,728 at Alumni Stadium on a picturesque afternoon for football at the Heights.

Addazio bit his tongue several times during his postgame media session, emphasizing the inconsistency of the offensive line and the seven penalties, one that wiped out an impressive punt return for a touchdown by Tyler Rouse.

After a 49-0 drubbing on Sept. 17 at the hands of Virginia Tech, Addazio wanted to instill some offensive confidence in his team and he emphasized the rush. It was effective against the smallish Seahawks. BC rushed for four touchdowns and 300 yards, including two by sophomore running back Jon Hilliman, who finished with 83 yards.

The Eagles carried the ball 56 times compared with just 20 passes. The strategy was to establish the run, dominate the trenches, and coast to victory, and after allowing an early touchdown that was accomplished.

"We're a young team that's growing, there are some nice signs of things," Addazio said. "We've got to continue to fertilize this and grow this team and let this team learn how to win, learn how to mature, learn how to close things out."

Quarterback Patrick Towles added two rushing touchdowns and two passing TDs in his best effort since joining the program as a graduate transfer. Towles, despite his 6-foot-5-inch, 253-pound frame, rushed for 11 touchdowns during his three-year career at Kentucky.

He showed that versatility Saturday by scampering for a 17-yard score on a broken play to give BC the lead for good with 1:50 left in the first quarter.

"Our thing with him is, I'm a big believer in move the chains, move the chains," Addazio said. "In Florida [as an assistant coach], we won a national championship by moving the chains. When we had breakdowns on third down Tim [Tebow] would find a way to move the chains. When you're three and out, you can't call the game. So if the pocket breaks down, got to get the first down. We're continuing to work on that."

Towles is in the unusual position of being a senior leader on a team of youngsters, but he's also a newcomer.

He hit receiver Jeff Smith for a 58-yard score for a 21-10 lead midway through the second quarter and then added a 1-yard run on a sneak later in the period.

"It's kind of a weird situation, I guess," he said of being a veteran and a newcomer at the same time. "When you come in as a quarterback you are expected to be the leader on the field. I came in January and didn't really say a lot and just went through the workouts and talked with my work ethic. Then during practice in the spring, I started talking a little more. This summer and fall was really, really good."

Hilliman scored 13 touchdowns as a true freshman but saw his 2015 season limited to four games and two scores with a fractured foot. Before Saturday, his return had been pain-staking, averaging 3.2 yards per carry, including just 2 yards on 10 carries against Virginia Tech.

Against Wagner, he broke off a 41-yarder in the first half while redshirt freshman Davon Jones led the Eagles with 90 yards on 12 carries, including a 26-yarder, matching his season total from the first three games.

Despite a slew of youthful running backs, Addazio is trying to establish a committee that can pierce defenses late in games. Hilliman, a bull at 229 pounds, is the leader of the group.

"I feel like those are the things I'm supposed to do, not to be cocky or anything, if the hole is that big," he said of his 41-yard run. "I try still to instill that type of mental thing where when guys are weak, that's usually when you're strong. I always try to be that type of back and as the game goes on and when things get a little tighter and you have to put guys away, I feel like I could be that [effective runner] easily."

# Boston College runs wild, pounds Wagner

Mark Chiarelli | Boston Herald | September 25, 2016

Boston College entered yesterday's game against Wagner following a week of practice in which it turned the attention inward, focusing on a litany of necessary self-corrections following a drubbing last week against Virginia Tech.

It certainly helps when your next opponent plays in the FCS ranks, too.

BC rumbled to a 42-10 win in front of 22,728 fans at its Alumni Stadium opener, riding a decided power advantage within the trenches against an undersized Wagner front seven to a season-high 490 yards in the win.

The Eagles (2-2) racked up 300 rushing yards and four scores on the ground alone.

"We made a decision today going into the game," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "We felt like we hadn't really run the ball well yet, up to what our standard is. We wanted to emphasize really running the football today."

Still, Addazio said the results were "consistently inconsistent."

He often reverted to BC's youth and inexperience. He noted their mistakes — BC committed seven penalties for 85 yards — while remaining mindful the building blocks remain in place for what he believes is a bright future. If he were to forget, a running game led by redshirt sophomore Jon Hilliman and redshirt freshman Davon Jones served as a quick reminder.

Hilliman ran for 83 bruising yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries, while Jones added 90 yards on 12 carries. Quarterback Patrick Towles added two rushing touchdowns while also throwing for two scores — including an impressive 58-yard play-action strike to deep threat Jeff Smith to make it 21-10 midway through the second quarter.

"We'll just see how long we can ride the wave from this game and continue to get better as the weeks progress," Hilliman said.

A week ago, a deafening Virginia Tech atmosphere "wreaked havoc" on the offensive line's communication, according to Addazio. Yesterday's more serene environment certainly aided BC, which soundly handled a team it was expected to beat, holding Wagner (2-1) to 107 total yards of offense.

Still, it likely won't quell most concerns surrounding the Eagles following a lackluster start to the season. Wagner, which went 1-10 last season as a member of the Northeast Conference, beat Division 1 St. Anselm and NAIA-level Concordia College to begin its season. The Seahawks didn't look overmatched, at least initially, racing out to a 7-0 lead on a 55-yard touchdown run by quarterback Alex Thomson.

The Eagles answered by turning to the bruising Hilliman, handing it off to him five straight times — including a 41-yard dash down the left sideline — to set up a 1-yard touchdown to tie the game two minutes later.

"I feel like those are the things I'm supposed to do," Hilliman said. "Not to be like cocky or arrogant or anything, but I think I'm supposed to do that when the hole is that big."

Consistently generating running room is BC's bugaboo, and Addazio knows it, saying this season continues to be a growing experience. Just as there are days like last week's 49-0 loss, there will be positive steps like yesterday.

"We're going to get to a point when they have a good run together," Addazio said of the offensive line. "When BC's been good, that's been the case. You get those lines where you get them to a point where they make a good run together."

"And we're going to get to that point. This year is going to be a work in progress with that, but we're going to get to that point."

# Boston College carries momentum into Buffalo game

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 27, 2016

Boston College got a desired dose of positive reinforcement in Saturday's 42-10 victory against Wagner in the home opener at Alumni Stadium.

"It's great to get a win, and it was good for our team to feel that positivity," Eagles coach Steve Addazio said yesterday.

"I would say we had a lot of things going on that were positive, and those are the things that you look for."

Addazio is a big believer in building football momentum, and the Eagles (2-2) have an excellent chance to improve to 3-2 when they host Buffalo (1-2) on Saturday at Alumni Stadium. The Bulls also have some momentum after upsetting Army, 23-20, in overtime.

After two early Atlantic Coast Conference losses that included a late fourth-quarter collapse against Georgia Tech (17-14) in Ireland, and a tumultuous implosion at Virginia Tech (49-0), the Eagles needed a home walkover against an FCS foe.

The Eagles had the leading defense in the ACC going into Blacksburg, Va. The Hokies, led by dual-threat quarterback Jerod Evans, made efficient use of 13 possessions and 77 plays on short fields to eviscerate the BC defense with 476 yards of total offense. The Eagles defense was traumatized by the Hokies' up-tempo style that led to chunk plays and third-down conversions.

"When you play some of those more challenging games early, it can get you out of that development flow," Addazio said. "When you have a more veteran team, you are going to handle that better."

"But no matter who you are, when you play those games early and you win them, they can really be great catapults for you. When you lose them, it can have real backward momentum for you. People just don't understand how important momentum is."

The BC defense reverted back to shutdown mode against Wagner. The Seahawks were limited to 107 yards of total offense, seven first downs and only held the ball for 22:48.

The Bulls are an FBS program from the Mid-American Conference and present a more significant challenge to the Eagles defense. A strong showing against the Bulls will help the BC defense when ACC play resumes against No. 5 Clemson on Friday, Oct. 7, at Alumni Stadium.

"We want to play (defense) fast and physical with fundamentals," Addazio said. "Really fast, really physical with fundamentals. I thought we did that on defense."

"We did all our things, but we played fast."

The Eagles offense was effectively balanced with 300 rushing yards and 190 passing on 12 completions by quarterbacks Patrick Towles and Darius Wade. Addazio and first-year offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler added an up-tempo component with satisfactory results. Addazio didn't rule out using it Saturday.

"There are some advantages, and that's something we just want to keep," Addazio said. "We work on (that), and we have the ability to pull that into our plan when we want to do that."

# Davon Jones has switched gears at BC

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 29, 2016

When the puzzle pieces in Davon Jones's recruiting process started falling into place two years ago, it seemed like the road ahead of him would be fairly straightforward.

Jones had made a name for himself as a defensive back at St. John's Shrewsbury, where he started from the time he stepped on the field. His reputation for being a big hitter rang out almost as much as the hits themselves. He piled up 100-plus tackles each season from his sophomore to senior year, and almost all of them were loud. He had an offer from Coastal Carolina and interest from the University of Massachusetts, but he had ties to Boston College and a relationship with then-defensive coordinator Don Brown, which made the decision to commit to BC a simple one.

He seemed earmarked for becoming an important piece of one of the best defenses in the nation.

But plans changed, and Jones was more than willing to adapt.

After Jones redshirted as a freshman defensive back a year ago, Eagles coach Steve Addazio came to him with a different vision for the role he'd play.

It wasn't on defense. It was in the Eagles' backfield.

The traits that made Jones such a menacing defensive back — his power, his thirst for contact — translated into him becoming a dynamic and punishing running back.

When Addazio approached Jones about making a position change, Jones never thought twice about it.

"I didn't question the coaching," Jones said. "Because if Addazio believes in me, he has to obviously see something. Having an open eye to doing anything was kind of my go-to. So switching to running back wasn't really a big deal for me."

Jones took the spring to adjust, then preseason camp to fully immerse himself into life on the other side of the ball. Addazio eased him into it early in the season, spreading eight carries over the first three games. Last week, in BC's 42-10 victory against Wagner, Addazio turned Jones loose. He gave him 12 carries and watched the 5-foot-10-inch, 214-pounder produce 90 yards.

It was a glimpse of the potential that sparked the idea in the first place.

"I think he just continues to grow," Addazio said. "I think we've seen that. Continue to let him touch the ball a little bit more. I think it was great for him to touch the ball. He's got a tremendous, unique vision. He's strong to the hole and I think we saw that."

"Each game has gained more. And that's valuable to us. Very, very valuable. We all know at that position, it's hard to run the gamut without injuries. Very, very difficult for anybody. It's a physical league."

Still, Jones's transition is unique. He was a two-way player in high school as a defensive back and wide receiver. But he had no experience as a running back. What Eagles running backs coach Brian White saw, though, was a player with the skill set to transition smoothly.

"The fact that he never played running back is very rare," White said. "But he has innate running skills, great ball skills, and great spatial awareness. I think he's the exception more than the rule. I don't think that guys like Davon come around every day that can make this transition as easily as he's made it, which makes him a special young man."

In his 30 years of coaching, White worked with gifted backs such as Ron Dayne at Wisconsin and Jeff Demps at Florida. But they had experience carrying the ball before college.

Jones, meanwhile, was a blank slate.

"He's got a lot of natural ability," White said. "So the first steps are to make sure that mentally, you get him up to speed. He's done a great job both mentally and physically and he's put himself in position to really contribute and help this football team."

Jones credited junior running back Jonathan Hilliman with helping him get up to speed with the offense.

"He took a lot of his time in the spring to help me on film to just be able to learn the game and get into a smooth transition," Jones said.

Hilliman never even considered the idea that helping Jones would come at the expense of his own carries.

Instead, he knew the benefit of developing as much depth as possible on a team that emphasized running the football.

“If you’ve got more than one guy to worry about, then that always helps you out,” Hilliman said. “It also helps out and benefits the team. So that was great to see, to make sure that everybody was able to contribute.”

That unselfishness is important, White said.

“I’ve coached a lot of running back groups over the years and that’s very, very, very rare,” he said.

As the season goes on, Addazio said Jones’s role will only increase.

“I’m just trying to take advantage of any reps I get to try to help this team,” Jones said. “I just appreciate the trust my coaches have in me to be able to go play and compete and try to help my team have a chance to win.”

# Boston College 35, Buffalo 3: Eagles' offense finally catches fire

Eric Avidon | MetroWest News | October 1, 2016

CHESTNUT HILL — In a steady rain on a slate gray afternoon, Boston College warmed up slowly.

The team's offense couldn't muster much of anything the first few times it had the ball against visiting Buffalo, even though it was facing what was statistically the second-worst rushing defense in the nation. But then the Eagles heated up, scoring touchdowns on three of their final four possessions of the first half to spark a 35-3 win over the Bulls.

The victory improves BC to 3-2 on the season, though the Eagles' victories are over UMass, Wagner, and Buffalo and they're 0-2 in the ACC after going 0-8 last year. Next for BC is a visit from Clemson on Friday night, beginning a stretch of five straight conference games that will go a long way toward determining the Eagles' bowl fate.

"We've been slow starting a lot," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "When you play in tough environments against good teams those slow starts can really cost you. They're breakdowns up front. It just seems like with our young guys it takes a little while to get in a groove. ... It's almost like they have to play to get a feel for what's happening in front of them. We've got to change that; we've got to fix that."

At the same time, Addazio noted, "It was a dominating performance."

Amid the constant drizzle, the day started ominously for BC.

The Eagles won the coin toss and elected to receive, then chose to throw on first down against Buffalo's 127th-ranked rushing defense. The pass lost a yard. Then came a run that got stuffed, followed by an incomplection, and BC was forced to punt.

The Eagles' next possession was stalled by two runs that went for negative yardage, and their third possession went three-and-out like the first.

Finally, as the first quarter wound down, BC's offense began performing as expected — the defense, meanwhile, was dominating.

After three runs resulted in a first down, BC quarterback Patrick Towles connected with tight end Chris Garrison for a 44-yard gain down to the Buffalo 11-yard line. Garrison suffered a broken left tibia on the play and was taken off the field on a stretcher, but four plays later running back Davon Jones took a toss from Towles to the left, spun away from a defender and fell into the end zone to cap a 71-yard drive and give the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

The BC defense quickly forced a three-and-out.

The offense took advantage, and on third-and-goal from the Buffalo 7, Towles scrambled, then connected with wide receiver Charlie Callinan diving in the back of the end zone for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

Things took a turn for the worse on BC's next possession when Towles was strip-sacked deep in BC territory and Buffalo turned it into a field goal, but the Eagles responded with their most impressive drive of the day.

It began poorly, but running back Tyler Rouse caught a screen pass for 27 yards on third-and-18. Towles hit Jones on a wheel route for 38 yards to get down to the Buffalo 15, and Towles connected with wide receiver Michael Walker for a touchdown on third-and-goal with 21 ticks left in the second quarter to finish an 84-yard drive and put BC up 21-3.

BC added fourth-quarter touchdowns by Jon Hilliman, finishing a 78-yard drive highlighted by a 44-yard catch and run by Jeff Smith, and Richard Wilson.

"We've come a long way," said Towles, who completed 14-of-25 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. "I think it was important for us to come out and play great today. We had two awesome days of practice ... and I think it really showed today."

While the BC offense needed time to warm up, the defense was scorching from the start.

The Bulls gained just 17 yards in the first quarter, eight in the second, 30 in the third, and 12 in the fourth — and were outgained 400-67 overall. Their only points came after a three-and-out following a fumble deep in BC territory, and they managed a mere five first downs (BC amassed 21).

On a per play basis, Buffalo averaged 1.6 yards.

"We saw most of the plays that they ran at practice," said safety John Johnson, "so we were on top of them."

"I think it was a pretty clean performance, but it was expected," added defensive end Harold Landry. "We were supposed to do that. We don't expect anything less. Now we're just ready to get back into ACC play, and get ready for Clemson on Friday night."

BC handled its business on a cold, gray, early October afternoon. Just as it handled its business against the teams on its schedule it needed to beat to stay in the race toward bowl eligibility.

But now business picks up, and slow starts won't be as easy to overcome.

# Patrick Towles throws for 2 TDs, BC beats Buffalo 35-3

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BOSTON -- Boston College's defense did what was expected. Now, the Eagles will find out how good it really is against powerful Clemson.

Patrick Towles threw for two touchdowns, Davon Jones and Jon Hilliman each ran for one and the Eagles coasted past Buffalo, 35-3 on Saturday afternoon.

It was the second straight win for the Eagles (3-2) after they beat FCS-school Wagner last week.

The Eagles, who entered with the nation's sixth ranked defense, dominated on the defensive side.

"I think it was a pretty clean performance," Eagles defensive end Harold Landry said. "It was expected. We were supposed to do that. We don't expect nothing less."

On Friday, the Eagles host No. 5 Clemson when they return to Atlantic Coast Conference play.

Towles, a graduate transfer from Kentucky, completed 14 of 25 passes for 234 yards with no interceptions. He also ran eight times for 18 yards, but fumbled it away twice.

Hilliman had 54 yards rushing and Jones 53 for the Eagles.

"Totally dominating performance," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "It's great to get a win and go out and do what we needed to do."

Buffalo (1-3) was held to just 67 total yards. Quarterback Tyree Jackson completed 9 of 21 for only 42 yards, and the Bulls had just 26 yards on the ground.

"Never had any semblance of any type of sustained drive or movement, so that's disappointing," Buffalo coach Lance Leipold said.

With a steady mist blowing most of the game on a cool day, the Eagles came out throwing the ball more than usual and opened a 21-3 lead at halftime.

"They definitely have some players on that team -- on their defense," Jackson said. "They have some really big athletes. Their front seven is probably one of the best in the country."

BC redshirt freshman receiver Chris Garrison made an outstanding catch to set up the first TD, but was taken off the field on a stretcher after the play in the first quarter with a fractured left tibia.

Garrison made a leaping grab on 44-yard pass from Towles at the Bulls' 11-yard line, but he came down awkwardly on his leg. Trainers called for a stretcher and an air cast was put on before he was taken off.

Five plays later, Jones had a 1-yard scoring run to push the Eagles ahead 7-0.

Midway into the second quarter, Towles topped an 11-play, 54-yard drive with a 7-yard TD toss to Charlie Callinan.

After a 28-yard field goal by Buffalo's Adam Mitcheson, Towles connected on an 11-yard TD pass to receiver Michael Walker along the back line of the end zone -- just over the outstretched hands of linebacker Jarrett Franklin -- to make it 21-3 with 21 seconds left in the half.

## TAKEAWAY

Buffalo: The Bulls had just 25 total yards -- two first downs -- in the opening half in falling to 1-26 against Power Five schools. They are 2-7 all-time against BC.

Boston College: The Eagles did what was expected against the weaker Bulls, taking over after a slow start. Now, they return to Atlantic Coast Conference play on Friday night, hosting No. 5 Clemson in a bid to end their string of 10 straight league losses. They were 0-8 in conference play last year.

## SIT BACK AND WATCH

BC's players said they'd enjoy watching Clemson host No. 3 Louisville on Saturday night, two teams they play at home later this season.

The Eagles also host Louisville on Nov. 5.

"It's safe to say our whole team will be watching," Towles said. "We know (the Tigers) roll in here on Friday."

## PAID OFF

BC had 400 total yards, rushing for 142 despite more of an emphasis on throwing.

"We had two awesome days of practice, probably the best since I've been here," Towles said. "I think it really showed today."

## UP NEXT

Buffalo: Hosts Kent State in its Mid-American Conference opener next Saturday.

Boston College: Plays Clemson in a nationally-televised game on Friday.

# Boston College dominates Buffalo on both sides of ball

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 2, 2016

Boston College coach Steve Addazio's plan for the 2016 season combined a balanced offense with an aggressive defense.

The Eagles provided an equal measure of both in yesterday's 35-3 victory over Buffalo before 24,203 fans under wet and windy conditions at Alumni Stadium.

BC rolled up 400 yards of total offense, with 258 in the air and 142 on the ground. BC's evenhanded approach yielded 21 first downs on 84 plays, and a whopping 43:07 of possession.

The BC defense held Buffalo to 67 total yards, the third fewest in team history, and limited the Bulls to five first downs. Defensive end Ray Smith and strong safety John Johnson had five tackles each to lead the way.

"It was great to get a win and I thought it was a dominating performance," said Addazio. "It is great to get a win when you go out and do what you need to do and get ready to get back into conference play."

BC improved to 3-2, and 3-0 against nonleague opponents. The Eagles resume ACC play on Friday night against defending conference champion Clemson, looking to snap a 10-game ACC losing streak.

BC quarterback Patrick Towles enjoyed his best effort of the season, going 14-of-25 passing for 234 yards and two touchdowns. The tailback tandem of Jon Hilliman and Davon Jones combined for 107 yards and two touchdowns on 33 carries.

The Eagles put the game away with a well-executed eight-play, 78-yard scoring drive early in the fourth quarter. The big play of the march was a 43-yard connection from Towles to Jeff Smith that set up a first-and-goal from the Buffalo 4-yard line. Hilliman gained 35 yards on nine carries, the last a 1-yard sweep that put BC up 28-3 with 9:40 remaining in the game.

"Winning is fun and I do like throwing the ball," said Towles. "I think we have come a long way, and I think it was important for us to come out and play great today and our defense dominated like they usually do."

BC did suffer a big loss in the first quarter. Towles underthrew Chris Garrison, forcing the redshirt freshman back into coverage. He made the catch on the Buffalo 11, but suffered a fractured tibia in his left leg.

"Obviously it's not what we want but he made a really good play, and we talked all week how I wasn't going to overthrow him," said Towles. "Now I kind of wish I overthrew him a little bit."

Davon Jones capped the eight-play, 71-yard drive with a 1-yard sweep to make it 7-0 with 35 seconds left in the first quarter.

After a Buffalo three-and-out, BC had a 54-yard, 11-play drive that ended on a 7-yard pass from Towles to wide receiver Charlie Callinan in the back of the end zone.

Buffalo got on the board with Adam Mitcheson's 28-yard field goal to make it 14-3 with 6:28 left in the half. BC went up 21-3 when Towles capped an 11-play, 84-yard drive with an 11-yard bullet to Michael Walker with 21 seconds to play in the half.

# BC receiver Chris Garrison out indefinitely

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 3, 2016

Going into its most challenging game of the season Friday night against No. 3 Clemson, Boston College will have to reshuffle its receiving corps to account for the loss of Chris Garrison, who is out indefinitely after fracturing his left tibia Saturday in the Eagles' 35-3 win over Buffalo.

Garrison landed awkwardly on his left leg after coming back to make a leaping 44-yard catch on an underthrown ball from quarterback Patrick Towles. Garrison had to be taken off the field on a stretcher.

"I saw him in the hospital yesterday," said coach Steve Addazio on Monday. "His spirits were good, he's doing great. The good news is, he's going to come back and be as good as new and have a great future and a great career ahead of him."

In five games, Garrison had five catches for 90 yards. He gave the Eagles versatility as both a receiver and a tight end.

"It shuffles us up a little bit because he was kind of a dual guy," Addazio said. "But we'll compensate with other ways. He played a lot of snaps and was really doing a great job."

"He was a redshirt freshman who was making a real impact on the football team. So you hate to lose, obviously, anybody, but he's going to leave a real void now that we've got to account for."

Redshirt freshmen receivers Ben Glines and Nolan Borgersen will likely see their roles increase.

Neither has recorded a catch this season, but Addazio said, "Those guys have been working really hard. We really like Benny Glines a lot, and Nolan. They're young and they're still learning, but you'll probably see a little bit more of those guys."

## Crack in the line

Since opening the season with a 102-yard performance on 17 carries against Georgia Tech, Jonathan Hilliman hasn't come close to reaching the 100-yard plateau.

The low point for the junior, who returned this year after a fractured foot ended his sophomore season, was a 10-carry, 2-yard struggle against Virginia Tech.

The past two weeks, he has split carries with redshirt freshman Davon Jones. Hilliman ran the ball 19 times against Wagner for 83 yards and two touchdowns, including a 41-yard breakaway. He got another 19 attempts against Buffalo for 54 yards and a score.

The reason for some of the inconsistency, Addazio said, is less Hilliman and more the offensive line.

"We're just at that juncture where we could have four guys [on the line] really rocking off the ball and knocking people back," Addazio said. "But there's one error by one person and it's at the point of attack and what could be a 15-yard run is now a 1-yard run or a minus-1 or a minus-2, and that's what's happening an incredible amount of time."

A consistent barometer on offense for Addazio is rushing for 200 yards, but aside from the 300 yards the Eagles piled up against Wagner, they've yet to reach it.

"If five guys were getting their tail whipped, you'd be a little concerned," Addazio said. "It's never really that case. But in the same breath, that inconsistency is hurting the productivity. So I think that's been a bit of just that inconsistency in the run game that we're working really hard at correcting."

## Up against it

The Eagles have lost five straight games against ranked opponents, including two losses to Clemson. Their last win against a Top 25 team came in 2014, when they upset No. 9 Southern Cal, 37-31. Under Addazio, the Eagles are 1-7 against ranked opponents. Going back to 2008, the Eagles are 1-17 against ranked teams . . . With a short week to prepare, the Eagles practiced Monday on what's typically an off day. Offensive and defensive starters went head-to-head for 15 snaps to make sure both sides, after facing Wagner and Buffalo the previous two weeks, are ready for a higher-game speed against Clemson. "Just to keep the speed of the game alive, the intensity of the play, the speed of the play, because we're so young," Addazio said. "If we were a veteran team, I wouldn't do that, because they know how to ramp that up. The risk you run is the physicality of the whole thing. You can't do that for a whole season. You wear down after a while."

# Harold Landry has freedom on Boston College defense

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Harold Landry enjoys the ability to “think outside the scheme,” a freedom he has earned from first-year Boston College defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni.

Pasqualoni coaches Landry on the precept that individuals who are allowed to think and act at their position can have a greater influence on the outcome of a game than schemes in a playbook.

“Coach Pasqualoni has done a great job with the edge rushers on the team,” Landry, a defensive end, said yesterday. “It is not so much the schemes but how you develop as a pass rusher rather than relying on the play that’s called.

“He has taught me so much about techniques and the fundamentals of being a pass rusher. You wouldn’t want to rely on your defensive coordinator to put you in position to get a sack. You should be able to trust yourself the way coach Pasqualoni has trusted me in that way.”

Landry and the rest of the defense face the ultimate test when the Eagles (3-2, 0-2 ACC) take on No. 3 and defending conference champion Clemson (5-0, 2-0) on Friday at Alumni Stadium.

“I’m not too focused on myself, but I do know that big-time players make big-time plays in big-time moments and of course I’m looking forward to Friday night,” Landry said. “We’re all pumped up for it, and we always want to play good. We’ve got to focus our defense as a whole and playing good so we can give our offense as many chances to score.”

The first man to tap into Landry’s talents as a fringe pass rusher was former BC defensive coordinator Don Brown, who left to serve in that capacity for head coach Jim Harbaugh at Michigan.

Landry played a huge role in BC finishing as the top-ranked defense in the nation last season. He played in 12 games, with 11 starts, and finished with 60 tackles, 15.5 tackles for losses and 4.5 sacks. Those were solid numbers on a swarming, aggressive defense that involved a lot of moving parts.

Pasqualoni has spent the better part of his coaching career in the NFL with four different teams: the Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, Chicago Bears and most recently the Houston Texas, who have the league’s reigning defensive player of the year in J.J. Watt.

The defensive game plan in college football is more about containing athletic, dual-threat, read-option quarterbacks like Clemson’s Deshaun Watson, a 2015 Heisman Trophy finalist and reigning ACC offensive player of the year.

Employing a 320-pound defensive end to drive an offensive tackle back into the pocket has gone the way of the fullback in college football. Defensive ends in today’s ACC look just like Landry who is 6-foot-3 and 250 pounds, with explosive speed to attack from the edge. In five starts this season, Landry has 15 tackles with 7.5 tackles for losses and a team-high 5.5 sacks.

“In the ACC, there are a lot of fast, athletic quarterbacks, and you have to be quick on the edge and be prepared to defend the zone read and be ready to defend out in space,” Landry said.

# BC confident it can give No. 3 Clemson a battle

Emily McCarthy | Boston Globe | October 6, 2016

Since 2008, Boston College has a 1-17 record against ranked opponents. The Eagles' lone win was an upset of ninth-ranked Southern Cal in 2014.

The Eagles know the cards will be stacked against them Friday night when No. 3 Clemson comes to Alumni Stadium. They also know they have a chance to make a profound statement should they somehow find a way to hand Clemson its first loss of the year.

"These are the games that you play for," said BC sophomore defensive back Will Harris. "It's easy to go out when you're playing a lower-ranked opponent, but these are the games that you dream about. These are the games you always think about growing up, playing in these big games, especially at home."

BC (3-2) is still looking for its first Atlantic Coast Conference win since Nov. 29, 2014. Clemson (5-0) is chasing a second straight ACC title and hoping for another appearance in the national championship game.

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"There's a reason that they're rated No. 3 in the country," Eagles quarterback Patrick Towles said. "They're really good at pretty much everything."

"But, with that being said, we're confident in ourselves and we're going to go out and play Friday, we're going to let it hang out and just play loose and have fun out there."

The Eagles are coming off back-to-back wins over Wagner and Buffalo, but they were throttled by Virginia Tech in their previous ACC contest. The Hokies jumped out to a 14-0 lead after one quarter and never looked back, rolling to a 49-0 win.

Meanwhile, Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson threw for five touchdowns last week to lead the Tigers past former No. 3 Louisville, 42-36. Watson completed 20 of 31 passes for 306 yards and rushed for 92 yards on 14 carries.

"I heard a lot of people say earlier, 'Clemson, they're not scoring,'" said BC coach Steve Addazio. "Well, you saw Clemson on Saturday night. They stepped up like a heavyweight contender. And it was a heck of a football game and unbelievable to watch."

"They're a balanced team. They have a great throw game. Great rushing attack. Their quarterback is arguably the best player in America right now. Arguably. Phenomenal. Not only is he an elite athlete, but he can flat throw the football."

"The running back, Wayne Gallman, is a really good player. They've got a group of wide receivers that are well-documented with their speed and how good they are. And their tight end Jordan Leggett is a heck of a player."

The Clemson defense also sacked Heisman Trophy candidate Lamar Jackson five times and grabbed an interception.

"We just don't need to do anything crazy," Towles said. "You see a lot of those interceptions when guys try to improvise and guys try to go out of kind of the scheme of the play."

"I'm confident in [offensive coordinator Scot] Loeffler, I'm confident in our offense, in our offensive scheme and as long as we stay within ourselves we'll be fine."

"There's going to be a lot of things that are taken away. We have to stay patient, stay within ourselves, and find the open guy. There's going to be at least one open guy, we hope."

The Eagles will wear red bandana print gloves and cleats Friday night to honor the memory of BC alumnus Welles Crowther, who lost his life in the Sept. 11 terror attacks but saved more than a dozen others.

Crowther carried a red bandana with him at all times and wore one under his BC lacrosse helmet.

"It will be a great atmosphere," Addazio said. "It's a red bandana game, celebrating the life of Welles Crowther and his selflessness. And I think it will be a great atmosphere and obviously a tremendous challenge for us."

# BC 'backers strong

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 7, 2016

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney factored the numbers 13 and 28 into the Tigers' offensive game plan for tonight's Atlantic Coast Conference encounter with Boston College at Alumni Stadium.

Those are the numbers respectively worn by middle linebacker Connor Strachan and strong-side linebacker Matt Milano for the Eagles. Swinney praised both linebackers and their contributions to the top-ranked defense (202 yards per game) in the nation on Wednesday.

"They are excellent up front with big physical guys and probably two of the best linebackers we'll play against this year are those numbers 13 and 28," said Swinney.

"I don't know where they get these guys. It's like every year since I've been competing against Boston College they have these great linebackers. I'm telling you 28 is a really great linebacker and 13 is so active. You can tell he is a great leader and just makes a lot of tackles."

The defending ACC champion Tigers (5-0, 2-0) moved up to No. 3 in the national rankings following a physically and emotionally draining 42-36 victory over Louisville.

The game featured two of the nation's most dynamic quarterbacks in a head-to-head matchup with Heisman Trophy implications. Clemson is led by reigning ACC player of the year and 2015 Heisman finalist Deshaun Watson.

Swinney dismissed the obvious factors that could result in a potential letdown against BC. The Tigers were pressed to the wall by Louisville and have a short week to prepare for a league road game at a distant port.

"We've just got to stay committed to doing the things it takes and continuing to pay the price and take them one at a time," said Swinney. "We have to put our best foot forward every week so that we have an opportunity for a great postseason."

The Eagles (3-2, 0-2) resume conference play after posting nonleague wins over Wagner and Buffalo. The Eagles could snap a 10-game ACC losing streak by recording their first victory over a top-five opponent since beating No. 1 Notre Dame on Nov. 20, 1993.

Following the Eagles disastrous showing at Virginia Tech on Sept. 17, when they were held to 124 total yards, the BC ground and passing games were rejuvenated in back-to-back wins.

The tailback tandem of Jon Hilliman and Davon Jones provided solid rushing numbers and that allowed quarterback Patrick Towles to distribute the ball with play-action passes. Towles passed for 234 yards against Buffalo while the BC defense held the Bulls to 67 total yards, the third lowest in school history.

"We absolutely believe at Boston College that you need to run the football to win," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "But what we like to do is establish some consistency on offense and we've been throwing the ball more this year than we have in the past with more balance."

# BC hopes to end ACC losing streak vs. Syracuse

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 17, 2016

The Atlantic Coast Conference losing streak that has haunted Boston College since last season is now up to 11 games.

The Eagles will get another chance to shake off those demons when they face Syracuse Saturday at Alumni Stadium, and they'll go into the game in a position that's been largely unfamiliar to them recently: They'll be the favorites.

BC hasn't been favored against an ACC opponent since the last time they faced Syracuse last Nov. 28, and the Orange defied the oddsmakers that day, beating the Eagles, 20-17.

As much as the cloud of the losing streak still hovers over the Eagles, at 3-3, they're still clinging to the possibility of putting together six wins and returning to a bowl game.

But the opportunities — and the margin for error — are only getting slimmer.

"They're all important as you start to go into the back half of this season," coach Steve Addazio said. "You've only got so many shots left.

"The facts are that we've got six games ahead of us, and they're all tough. Every one of them."

Addazio said there wasn't mounting pressure to get the monkey of the losing streak off their backs.

"Every game's got an unbelievable importance level," he said. "And that's not cliché. That just is what it is. I don't care who you're playing. Every week, it's like it's all your focus.

"Right now, all my focus is just on playing and beating Syracuse. I don't really look into anything beyond that, around it, or behind it. It's just let's get a game plan together, let's go play as fast and as hard as we can, and let's go beat Syracuse, and that's our goal."

Since letting what seemed like a sure win against Georgia Tech slip away at the beginning of the season, the Eagles' ACC losses have gone from heartbreaking to crushing.

Virginia Tech steamrolled them, 49-0, in Blacksburg, Va., a month ago, then Clemson came to Alumni Stadium two weeks ago and flattened them, 56-10.

They lost their eight conference games a year ago by an average of 10 points, but the games were competitive. This year, they're getting blown out by 33 points per game.

After Syracuse — which is 3-4 and coming off its biggest win of the season, 31-17 over Virginia Tech — the Eagles run a gantlet of conference rivals, so when Addazio says every game is a must, he means it literally.

"Nowadays, every game has got so much importance," Addazio said. "I really look at it like every week, you go with everything you have every week. I don't really look at it much different than that. This is a big game because it's the one that we're playing and it's Syracuse and that's a Northeast natural rival game for us and they're big.

"I've focused a lot more on where we need to improve, where we need to get better, where our mistakes were, how do we correct those mistakes. I'm constantly interested in the development of our team, and sometimes it's easy to see, sometimes it's not."

After Syracuse, the Eagles take a trip to North Carolina State, host Louisville, go to Tallahassee to face Florida State, come back home for a nonconference game against Connecticut, then wrap up the season in Winston-Salem against Wake Forest. But looking ahead isn't something BC can afford to do.

"If you start jumping around, it just isn't productive," Addazio said. "I've never been around anything any different than that. I think the minute you do that, you run amok.

"All of a sudden you're going through a game and guys are going through the motions and not playing real hard because they're maybe worried about the next game or something. That happens. Because it's human nature. You can't let it.

"When it's really good, you think you're really good. When it's not going good, you think you're not.

"Go to practice, go as hard as you can, watch the tape, see what you see. What you're seeing on tape is usually what it is, and just continue to go after each game one week at a time. That's the only thing you can do."

# Tyler Rouse's punt returns put Boston College in good position

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 19, 2016

Tailback Tyler Rouse has benefited greatly from Boston College's shutdown defense this season.

The 5-foot-8, 198-pound senior has carried his running skills over to the return game and has emerged as one of the nation's top punt returners.

Rouse's work on special teams and as a third-down option out of the backfield will be key components to the game plan for BC (3-3, 0-3 ACC) on Saturday when Syracuse (3-4, 1-2) comes to Alumni Stadium for a pivotal conference matchup.

"Tyler's done a great job there, and he's done a great job everywhere," Eagles coach Steve Addazio said yesterday. "You give him a job to do, and he does the job exactly the way you want it to be done."

Addazio examined his special teams options in training camp and decided to factor Rouse into the punt game. Rouse embraced the challenge.

"The coach asked me to do a job, and I went after it wholeheartedly, and they had the belief in me that I could do it," Rouse said at Monday's practice. "That's why I wanted to take it on, and I took it on and kind of enjoyed it, and it went on from there. I'm just doing what I'm asked to help my team win."

Rouse's average of 14.9 yards per punt return leads the ACC and is good for sixth in the nation. He made a huge first impression with two returns for a combined 36 yards in the season opener against Georgia Tech in Dublin, Ireland.

In the home opener against Wagner last month, Rouse went for a career-long 53 yards. He also had a career-best 44-yard kickoff return in the win.

The following week, Rouse set a new personal best with a 59-yard punt return in a win against Buffalo on his way to a career high of 116 all-purpose yards.

Rouse's high average is the result of several factors. He seldom signals for a fair catch, possesses an uncanny ability to make the gunner miss and enjoys sound blocking in front of him.

"You got guys running down on you and you have to adapt and adjust and make people miss," Rouse said. "It's a little instinctual and a lot of practice."

"We practice it all the time, and the whole punt return team has done a great job giving me time to get some return yards."

A Homecoming Day game against the Orange is twice as meaningful to Rouse, who grew up in the Syracuse suburb of Baldwinsville, N.Y. He was named the Gatorade Player of the Year in New York following his senior season in high school but was not tendered a scholarship offer by the Orange. In last year's meeting, Rouse ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns in a 20-17 loss to the Orange at the Carrier Dome.

"I'm really looking forward to it, and it is a big rivalry game anyway," he said. "It inspires me every year because I get to have my family and friends at the game, and that makes me feel like the old days."

# Connor Strachan's toughness a family trait

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Even when Connor Strachan was just a tyke, he was a tough one. His family saw the signs early.

There was the time the family was cooking out at their Nantucket beach house when Strachan was little. Some hot coals were laying around. Strachan fell into them and burned himself.

He didn't scream, he didn't cry.

"He just ran into the water," his father, Brian Strachan, remembered. "Then he just kept playing. I just remember as a little kid, he had a high tolerance for pain."

There was the time when Strachan was 10 and playing ice hockey. He checked another kid so hard, he was ejected. But the collision wasn't necessarily malicious and deserving of a game misconduct.

"I think it was just more or less he ran into the kid," Brian said.

Then there were all the lumps Strachan took hanging around his older brother, Brian. Like most siblings, they split the hereditary traits down the middle — Connor had the size, Brian had the athletic ability. Brian also had three years on his little brother.

"We used to play mini-hockey when we were little kids," Brian said. "I probably beat him up a couple too many times, and he'd never go tell my parents. He'd always go play sports with me and my friends and being the younger guy, even though he was getting beat up, we'd always make sure he'd be able to tough it out and keep playing."

When they got older, they played football and lacrosse together at St. Sebastian's School and Brian would bring him along for summer workouts to get Connor started early.

"I remember I brought him to my first one and he puked everywhere," Brian said. "I actually wasn't like 'Are you all right?' I made fun of him for not being tough enough."

Brian knew his father grew up the ninth of 10 kids in a three-bedroom house in Burlington. He knew how hard his father was on his own younger brother, Steve. Brian Sr. played football at the University of New Hampshire, got a degree in business and works in private wealth management for Morgan Stanley.

Steve starred at Boston College, was the MVP of the Eagles' 1985 Cotton Bowl victory over Houston, and played seven seasons in the NFL.

"They grew up pretty tough and the only way to really make it was football," Brian Jr. said. "My dad used to talk about how he was tough on his younger brother, Steve, and Steve used to talk about how that really helped him."

"So growing up, I always knew Connor actually had a lot more size than I did, but I probably had more God-given ability. So I was always pretty tough on him."

But it was always more about steel sharpening than sibling rivalry. It hardened Connor, a junior linebacker, into the rock of Boston College's defense. He's made 29 tackles (7½ for losses) and 2½ sacks, stepping on the field every game this season despite a shoulder injury that's hampered him since the opener against Georgia Tech.

Even with the injury, there's never been a question whether he'd suit up.

"It's been a tough year for him this year," said Eagles coach Steve Addazio. "He's been nicked up. I don't think he's practiced a full week since Ireland. He's been dealing with different shoulder deals. He's able to rally back for the games. He's been dinged up pretty good, but he keeps rolling. He's a tough kid."

For Strachan, the approach is obvious: If he's cleared to play, and he can help the team, then he will.

"I'm not worried about what my stats will be or my individual performance," Strachan said. "It's more so if I can be a positive aspect on the team then I'm going to do it."

Thinking back on the little kid in Nantucket, Strachan's father wasn't surprised at all

"Even at a young age, he was a tough kid," he said. "He was just born like that. That's the way he was built."

Ready for challenges

Before he could afford to provide his family a life in Wellesley, Brian Sr. grew up watching his parents do their best to provide for 10 children.

The best way to go to college was to earn a scholarship, which he did.

“The idea is to do well at work and make money and change the life for your kids,” he said.

He knew there were families that grew up with more.

“I used to get jealous of all the rich kids when I was young,” he said, chuckling.

But when he looks at his own children, Brian sees kids who want to work as hard as he did, even if their path was made smoother by his painstaking effort.

“Maybe that affected them growing up, I don’t know,” Brian Sr. said. “I think that depending on where you grow up, it kind of shapes who you are as you grow older. I think what they saw is that you weren’t given any special talent. You kind of had to make it yourself. No one’s going to hand you anything.”

To this day, both Connor and Brian bristle at the idea that anything came easy.

“We’re from Wellesley, which people look at it like a wealthy town,” Brian said. “We wanted to make it clear that we’re not the typical Wellesley spoiled, rich kids. And I think that’s the reason Connor plays the way he does, and why he’s so tough is because he doesn’t want to be looked at as someone who’s soft.”

Brian had his eyes on Boston College, but former coach Frank Spaziani wasn’t impressed with his workout. He went on to become a standout wide receiver at Brown. When he had the choice between wading into the waters of undrafted free agency or starting a career in the working world, he put up his cleats and got into banking. But Brian, now 24, lives vicariously through his younger brother.

“It’s my first season not playing, but watching him is definitely fun,” Brian said. “I go to every single game. I talk to him daily about it and it’s letting me stay in the game. That was part of [my] decision to not keep playing. It was the ability to watch him play all the time.”

From the time he was in middle school, Connor was playing above his age. When he got to high school, he made the varsity as a freshman.

“He was always around older kids, but he was physically sometimes as big as them, so it really didn’t matter,” said Brian Sr. said. “Even though he was young and playing on an upper level, he was never afraid.”

Connor welcomed the challenge.

“When you’re younger, it’s not only a challenge to play up to the level of the other guys but there’s also the whole thing where you don’t want to let them down,” Connor said. “It’s just kind of been a drive I’ve had from within, I guess.”

When it came time for Connor to make his college decision, his choices were BC or Harvard. An Ivy League education seemed like a no-brainer, but it wasn’t. His uncle Steve knew as much, because he had been in the same situation. He had an offer from Harvard but also had a strong bond with Jack Bicknell, BC’s head coach at the time, and wanted to play on a bigger stage. So when Connor made his decision, Steve understood.

“Connor always said if I’m at Harvard and BC’s playing USC on national television and I’m in my dorm at Harvard, I think I’ll jump out the window,” his father said. “He just wanted to play at the highest level.”

Growing into a leader

Maturing into the centerpiece of BC’s defense was a three-year process for Strachan. He started all 13 games as a freshman, trying his best to simply be a sponge.

“I kind of tried to absorb everything from everyone,” he said.

He took over middle linebacker duties as a sophomore and embraced the responsibilities that came with the job.

“I got more confident and I knew what I was doing,” he said. “So I knew that I was ready.”

This season, given his comfort level with and knowledge of BC’s defense, he was named a team captain.

“Now that I’ve got a grip on everything, it’s easy to be a leader, whether you’re really vocal or just by example,” he said.

Sometimes team-building is as simple as going back to Nantucket. The past few offseasons, Connor has invited teammates to stay with him and his family — 20-plus Division 1 football players squeezed into a three-bedroom, one-story home for a few days of laughing and grilling.

“I don’t like it at all, no,” his father said, jokingly. “But they have a good time, and they’re pretty well-behaved, so I got used to it after a couple years.”

For teammates, they know Connor will go out of his way on and off the field.

“He’s a good guy,” said senior linebacker Matt Milano. “He cares about other people. He’s not all about himself. He doesn’t just take care of himself. He really cares. Just little things like that. Always looking out for you.”

Seeing Connor play through his shoulder injury, has inspired his brothers on BC’s defense.

“It just makes you think about yourself,” Milano said. “Like, he’s playing with a hurt shoulder or whatever he’s got going on, and then you say, ‘Wow, something hurts on my body, he’s playing through it, why can’t I play through it?’”

# Boston College surprises N.C. State, snaps ACC losing streak

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RALEIGH, N.C. — It was hard to tell whether the not-quite-dry stream running down the face of Boston College coach Steve Addazio was sweat or tears.

Either one made sense.

The past season and a half of Boston College football has been draining — to the players, the coaches, and the fan base. Watching losses to Atlantic Coast Conference teams string together depleted morale week by week.

The 3½ hours it took to rally past North Carolina State, 21-14, on Saturday and finally shake the 12-game ACC losing streak felt just as taxing. It took emptying out every gadget in Addazio's playbook, overcoming constantly shifting momentum. It took a trick play in the red zone at one end of the field and a clutch play in the end zone at the other.

When BC walked off the field with its first win over an ACC opponent in two years, the sweat and the tears blended together.

"I'm sweating because I'm exhausted," Addazio said. "And they're tears of joy for my team, my players that fought their tails off today."

Times have been desperate for a while for a BC team in need of not only shedding its ACC skid, but to keep alive its hopes of returning to a bowl game. To pull out the win, Addazio matched the desperate times with desperate measures.

He reached deep into the playbook, rolling out unseen formations — some legal, some not — and making unexpected calls to put his playmakers in position to make plays.

None was bigger or more unexpected than the halfback pass he called with 4:43 to go in the fourth quarter with the Eagles on N.C. State's 14-yard line. Davon Jones took a handoff from quarterback Patrick Towles and then lobbed a wobbly pass to Tommy Sweeney for a touchdown that erased a 14-13 deficit and put the Eagles up, 21-14, after Towles found Sweeney for the 2-point conversion.

It was a play that the Eagles offense had been working on for the past two weeks. Jones, a defensive back turned running back, relished playing a small role as a quarterback.

"He loves it obviously, because he gets to throw the ball," said Towles. "So he gets excited about it. We got a great look for it. It was an aggressive call, which I love."

There was no guaranteeing the play would work, and before the play, Addazio told Jones, "If it's not wide open, don't throw it, because you don't want to give up the opportunity for a field goal."

The play came together the way the Eagles envisioned it. The defense followed Jones after the handoff, Jones spotted Sweeney in the end zone, and he let it fly.

From the sideline, Eagles defensive end Harold Landry was fighting nerves.

"I saw it took him a while to let go of it, I was a little worried," Landry said. "Then I saw him throw it, I was like, 'Ahhh.'"

In the end zone, Sweeney just had to wait for the ball to come down.

"Honestly, it wasn't that bad a ball," Sweeney said. "It was a little wobbly, but it came the right way. The coaches drew up the perfect play. I just had to slow up and I saw it was right there."

But BC had been here before, tortuously close enough to a win that evaporated.

And when N.C. State sophomore running back Nyheim Hines ran the ensuing kickoff back 56 yards to the BC 42, it felt the same.

"It's almost like, you know, somebody saying, 'It ain't gonna be easy, now. We're going to test you to the maximum level,'" Addazio said.

The only thing that kept Hines out of the end zone was a tackle by BC kicker Mike Knoll.

"Probably the player of the game for us," Towles said.

The Wolfpack got to BC's 2-yard line on a pass interference call in the end zone but this time the Eagles didn't budge.

They stuffed running back Matthew Dayes on back-to-back rushing attempts. On third and goal, quarterback Ryan Finley took a shot at the end zone, but BC cornerback Kamrin Moore was already reading Finley's mind.

The Eagles spent the week practicing red zone situations, and Moore knew that the fade route was coming.

He waited on it, hawked the pass, and came down with the interception that clinched the Eagles' most important win in two years.

"Game over," Moore said.

The win was the breakthrough Addazio had been looking for all season, with contributions coming from up and down the roster.

A game-time decision after injuring his hamstring last week against Syracuse, Towles went 18 of 33 for 204 yards. Sweeney caught five passes for 78 yards and the go-ahead touchdown. Receiver Jeff Smith was an X-factor, turning five rushing attempts into 70 yards, including a 60-yard TD run. Knoll knocked down two of his three field goal attempts to make him 6 of 7 on the season.

"It's a relief to me to see the joy and the tears and smiles on those kids' faces in that locker room," Addazio said. "That's what really grabbed me. You said was that tears or sweat, well, there's tears in there. To see that in that locker room may be one of the best feelings there is. That's why I'm in coaching. I don't care about all that other stuff. It's stuff.

"I've been coaching too long for that stuff. I appreciate that a bunch of players laid it on the line for each other today and that's what really, I won't forget. And that's what really gave me the joy that I had today, to watch them be rewarded for that. It's been a haul, but it'll make us stronger. Tough times don't last, tough people do."

# Boston College defense strong in streak-busting win over NC State

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RALEIGH, N.C. — The Boston College defense definitely played like the Atlantic Coast Conference's top-ranked unit Saturday.

The Eagles contained the run for 60 minutes and played outstanding pass defense in the second half of their 21-14 victory against North Carolina State at Carter-Finley Stadium.

BC limited the Wolfpack to 31 rushing yards and held featured tailback Matt Dayes to 45 yards on 19 carries. Dayes entered the game third in the ACC in rushing yards per game (97.4) and sixth in all-purpose yards (118.6).

"It was big because we knew their No. 1 target for us was Dayes and we had to stop him and the run game," said defensive end Harold Landry, who finished with four tackles and a sack, his ninth of the season.

The Eagles defense recorded seven tackles for loss, including two sacks for 17 yards. BC has held 20 of its last 33 opponents under 100 yards on the ground. BC limited NC State to 14 first downs, 5-of-16 on third down conversions and 0-3 on fourth down.

The Eagles complemented their efforts against the run with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. NC State quarterback Ryan Finley completed 23-of-41 for 307 yards but was held to 99 in the second half. BC remains tops in the ACC in total defense (295.5 yards per game) and run defense (93.6).

"We all knew what types of protections they were going to do," said Landry. "We had a good idea what they were going to do versus the looks we were going to give them."

BC defensive coordinator Jim Reid was home recovering from an undisclosed illness but drew up a solid game plan in practice. Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni made the defensive calls in Reid's absence.

"We just had a really good game plan put together for us and we went out and executed it," Landry said.

The Eagles defense enjoyed their signature sequence of the season on NC State's final drive of the game. A pass interference penalty in the end zone gave the Wolfpack a first-and-goal from the 2-yard line.

The Eagles' interior front, anchored by defensive tackle Truman Gutapfel, then held Dayes to -1 yards on two carries. BC cornerback Kamrin Moore picked off Finley in the end zone to end the threat.

"It was an unbelievable goal-line stand with unbelievable resolve," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "The resolve was all over the place and the goal-line stand and Kam Moore came up big on that fade ball in the end zone was the game-changer in the end."

The Eagles (4-4, 1-4) ended a 12-game ACC losing streak and got within two wins of bowl eligibility with four remaining. BC will host No. 5 Louisville and its dynamic quarterback Lamar Jackson on Saturday (noon). Jackson is second in the ACC in both rushing and passing and is the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy.

"Rome was not built in a day; it's one game and we know that," Addazio said. "It's one small step, it's one game but it's a step that we need."

# BC QB Patrick Towles excited for another shot at Louisville

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There are few neutrals in Boston College quarterback Patrick Towles' home state of Kentucky.

You either bleed Kentucky blue or Louisville red in one of the fiercest intra-state, cross-conference rivalries in college sports.

Towles, a graduate transfer from the University of Kentucky, played a big role in the gridiron version of the Wildcats vs. Cardinals blood feud. Towles will get his parting shot at Louisville when the Eagles (4-4, 1-4) host the No. 5-ranked Cardinals (7-1, 5-1) in an Atlantic Coast Conference match on Saturday (noon) at Alumni Stadium.

"Obviously they were our rival and I've been there," said Towles following a Tuesday morning practice at sun-splashed Alumni Stadium. Towles was in the middle of one of the three big rivalries that connect the ACC with the Southeastern Conference (Kentucky vs. Louisville, Florida vs. Florida State and South Carolina vs. Clemson).

"Where we grew up you either like Kentucky or you like Louisville and my family grew up blue so this kind of brings back a little bit of that here. They are an extremely talented team and we expect a great challenge on Saturday."

Towles played in two games with one start against Louisville as the Wildcats quarterback. He completed 14-of-28 for 176 yards in a 44-40 loss in 2014.

"We are excited about another opportunity in a different situation and they are an incredibly good football team and they have playmakers all over the field," said Towles.

While Towles is working overtime trying to rebalance the BC offense, his counterpart, Louisville field general Lamar Jackson, operates the best-oiled attack in the FBS.

Jackson is a leading Heisman Trophy candidate and he drives an offense that leads the nation in total offense (603.3 yards per game), scoring offense (50 points per game) and red zone touchdowns (35). Jackson leads the nation in rushing touchdowns (16) along with 22 passing scores.

"I love watching him play, he's a heck of a football player," said Towles.

# Boston College cooks up a 'special,' and wow was it fulfilling

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For the past couple of weeks, Boston College head coach Steve Addazio has been spending time in the kitchen.

Well, sort of.

A more accurate statement would be this: He's been cooking up the trick play he'd eventually call for Saturday's game-winning touchdown against North Carolina State, which would snap the Eagles' 23-months-long, 12-game losing skid against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents.

This type of play is what Addazio and his staff call "specials," and he likens them to items you keep in a drawer. You open the drawer and pull one out when an opportunity presents itself.

"We have a philosophy on these kinds of things that you put them in and run them for a week and you think, 'Oh, we're going to run them in that game,'" Addazio told USA TODAY Sports. "Usually you don't, and you work on them for another week. Some of these things have been worked on for two weeks, some of them three or four weeks. In practice, you're scouting them against the scout team, then you're trying to run them against your defense. You're constantly tweaking them and looking at them and saying, 'OK, we need a little more ...' It's kind of like when you make a soup. 'I need a little more salt, a little more pepper.'"

One of the football tweaks akin to seasoning? Running back Davon Jones' demeanor. He'd be taking the handoff, and he needed to sell the idea that he was going to run the ball. He had to be a good enough actor; that part needed to be perfected.

By the time Boston College found itself with the ball on the right hash at the 14-yard line with fewer than five minutes to go, trailing N.C. State by one point, Addazio felt that the soup was ready.

He made the call.

"We felt that that was the right time for it," Addazio said. "It was the right situational time. We were going to take a shot. We kind of reinforced it on the sideline (during an injury timeout). ..."

"At that point for us, it was a touchdown or a throwaway. It couldn't be anything in between. It was either wide open and we were going to throw it and complete it, or it wasn't going to be. We weren't going to try to force that ball. Sometimes you have to be careful — you put these things in and guys want to make a play. They really want to make a play so bad they kind of force it. ... You've got guys sometimes doing things that they don't do every day."

The coaches reminded Jones: Wide open or throw it away. They also reminded him to be confident, and to not be afraid of making a big play.

Jones lined up to the left of quarterback Patrick Towles, who took the shotgun snap before handing the ball off to Jones, who ran right. Jones shuffled about five steps before lofting a slightly wobbly pass toward the end zone.

Boston College running back Davon Jones, taking a handoff

Boston College running back Davon Jones, taking a handoff from quarterback Patrick Towles here, converted a game-winning play for the Eagles. (Photo: Mary Schwalm, AP)

"I was waiting to see if the safety came down to come try and stop the run, and then I saw he did come down and Tommy (Sweeney) was wide open," Jones said. "So, I threw it to him."

Sweeney said he had originally attempted to block his defender, but saw him running toward the play — and Jones.

"I just let him go — and that was the guy that would have covered me if it was a regular pass play," Sweeney said. "I was wide open and Davon hit me. We scored and acted crazy."

Image of the Football Four logo that links to the Football Four Podcast on iTunes

But the game was far from being over. A long Wolfpack kickoff return set up a short field for the N.C. State offense. A 32-yard Ryan Finley pass set up first-and-goal for the Wolfpack, and a Boston College defensive penalty gave them extra shots at the end zone. Still, six nerve-wracking plays after the trick-play go-ahead touchdown, the Eagles came up with an interception in the end zone.

And they'd go home with their first ACC win in two years.

"We finally got the monkey off our back so we were all celebrating pretty hard in the locker room," Sweeney said. "We were real excited and just jumping around and screaming. It was awesome."

Boston College coach Steve Addazio used a gutsy play

Boston College coach Steve Addazio used a gutsy play to catapult the Eagles to victory in Week 9.

Boston College's brand-new ACC winning streak will be put to the test next weekend, as the Eagles prepare to host No. 5 Louisville and Heisman Trophy frontrunner Lamar Jackson. And while they're focused on that, they're also still savoring Saturday's win — because, well, why not?

“Getting a win in college football, especially in the conference we're in, is just really not easy,” Addazio said. “To see the look on their faces ... to see them be able to get some validation for all the work and the effort they've put into the development of our team right now was a tremendous feeling. ... We work very hard around here. We practice very hard around here. I'm sure everybody does, but there's a lot of intensity in our program. Not to have validation for what you're doing can wear you down. I think our schedule and who we've played and when we played them, it hasn't been easy. We play some really outstanding teams, and continue to do so this week playing Louisville.

“As I told the team in the locker room — the feel, the smell, the taste of what this feels like and how we got there and how we had to come together as a team and how we had to draw from each other.

“In this world we're in, to me, there's a lot of people that feed off of negativity and tearing things down. We really wanted to be about lifting each other up. I think it was a real triumph to overcome all of the stuff — It'd been a while, and all that kind of stuff. Just to come together and kind of say, ‘You know what, what matters is what's right here in this room right now together. Together, we handled this together.’ That's a great feeling, and a great life lesson.”

# Kentucky-bred Patrick Towles ready to lead Boston College football against No. Louisville

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 2, 2016

Boston College will have a native-born Kentuckian managing its offense against No. 5 Louisville on Saturday at Alumni Stadium.

Eagles quarterback Patrick Towles has the experience and toughness to take the Cardinals' best shot because he's done it before. The graduate transfer from Kentucky once played a big role in the gridiron version of the bluegrass blood feud.

Towles played in two games, with one start, against Louisville while with the Wildcats. He completed 14-of-28 passes for 176 yards in a 44-40 loss in 2014. Towles would like nothing more than to lead BC (4-4, 1-4 ACC) to its second straight conference victory and take a parting shot at Louisville (7-1, 5-1) in the process.

"(The Cardinals) are an incredibly good football team and they have playmakers all over the field," Towles said yesterday.

Towles grew up in Fort Thomas, Ky., and his Kentucky-bred grandfather is Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Bunning, who later served his home state in the U.S. Senate.

"Where we grew up, you either like Kentucky or you like Louisville, and my family grew up blue, so this kind of brings back a little bit of that here," Towles said. "They are an extremely talented team, and we expect a great challenge on Saturday."

Cardinals quarterback Lamar Jackson drives an offense that leads the nation in total offense (603.3 yards per game), scoring offense (50 points per game) and red-zone touchdowns (35). Jackson leads the nation in rushing touchdowns with 16 and has 22 passing scores.

## First BCS rankings

Texas A&M was ranked fourth behind Alabama, Clemson and Michigan in the season's first College Football Playoff rankings.

The Aggies (7-1) were surprisingly a spot ahead of unbeaten Washington in the first of six selection committee rankings. The Crimson Tide (8-0), Tigers (8-0), Wolverines (8-0) and Huskies (8-0) are the only remaining undefeated teams from Power Five conferences and hold the top four spots in the latest Associated Press poll.

The 12-person committee, however, gave a nod to Texas A&M's strength of schedule. Ohio State was sixth and Louisville was seventh.

The final rankings will be released Dec. 4, with the top four teams moving on to the College Football Playoff semifinals on Dec. 31 at the Fiesta and Peach Bowls.

## UConn coordinates change

UConn head coach Bob Diaco shuffled his staff in an attempt to jump-start an anemic offense.

Diaco announced that he has demoted offensive coordinator Frank Verducci and moved running backs coach David Corley into that role. Verducci will stay on the staff and work with the tackles and tight ends.

The Huskies (3-6, 1-5 American), who have lost three straight games, face Temple (6-3, 4-1) on Friday. UConn ranks 106th out of 128 BCS teams in total offense and 126th in scoring offense.

# Lamar Jackson, Louisville rout BC football 52-7

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 5, 2016

Boston College's problems against ranked opponents were compounded by a lopsided 52-7 loss to No. 5 Louisville at Alumni Stadium today.

The Eagles fell to 4-5 and 1-5 in the ACC with their seventh straight loss to a ranked opponent (and 19th of the last 20 dating back to 2009). The Cardinals improved to 8-1 and 6-1 in the league.

The Cardinals rolled up a balanced 515 yards of total offense on 65 plays. Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson enhanced his Heiman Trophy credentials with just three quarters of work.

Jackson rushed for 185 yards on 15 carries with three touchdowns for 19 on the season. He completed 12-17 passes for 231 yards and four touchdowns and 26 on the season.

BC got on the board early in the second half after middle linebacker Connor Strachan recovered a Jackson fumble on the Louisville 42. On second and seven, Patrick Towles rolled right and threw a screen pass to Tyler Rouse on the left boundary.

Rouse weaved through traffic and scored to make it 38-7 with 11:45 to play in the third. The play was Towles' eighth touchdown pass of the season.

Louisville retaliated with an 8-play, 77-yard, drive go up 45-7 with 8:19 in the third. Jackson capped the march with a 13-yard sweep for his second touchdown.

Jackson compounded the humiliation when he faked handoff and went 53 yards through the middle of the BC defense for his third of the game and 19th on the season. The run put the Cardinals up 52-7 with 1:57 to play in the third.

The Cardinals needed less than 16 minutes and required on 13 plays on four drives to take a 28-0 lead with 14:44 to play in the second quarter. Jackson put Louisville up 7-0 on the third play of the Cardinals' opening drive. Jackson went 69 yards untouched on a quarterback draw through the middle of the BC defense.

Louisville went up 14-0 on the fourth play of their second possession. Jackson capped the 78-yard drive with a 30-yard strike to senior split end James Quick on a post route with 9:07 remaining in the first.

Louisville needed four plays on their fourth drive to go up 21-0 with 48 seconds to play in the first. Jackson connected on a 40-yard bomb to Jaylen Smith on a post route.

The Cardinals defense gave Jackson a short field when linebacker Keith Kelsey stripped BC tight end Tommy Sweeney on the BC 30. Linebacker Stacey Thomas picked up the loose ball and returned to the BC 10. On the first play, Jackson hit Quick on a crossing pattern to take a 28-0 lead.

Louisville went up 35-0 with 6:17 remaining on a 5-yard pass from Jackson to halfback Cole Hikutini. Jackson left the game following a interception by BC strong safety John Johnson and was replaced by Kyle Bolin who finished the half.

Louisville closed the scoring in the first half with a 26-yard field goal by Blanton Creque with six seconds to take a 38-0 lead into the break.

# Louisville 52, Boston College 7: Eagles fall in mismatch

Eric Avidon | MetroWest News | November 5, 2016

CHESTNUT HILL — The monumental upset did not materialize. There was no shock-the-world result at Alumni Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Instead, Boston College got bludgeoned by one of the best teams in the nation.

A week after a win at North Carolina State broke an ACC losing streak that had stretched to a humiliating 12 games, the Eagles had an opportunity to build on their emotional victory with at least a respectable showing against mighty Louisville, the No. 5 team in the AP Poll and the seventh-ranked team in the initial College Football Playoff rankings.

Instead, BC suffered one of the most lopsided losses in its long history — for the third time this season.

Louisville scored on the third play of the game, reached the end zone on five of its first six possessions, and rolled to a 52-7 win that looked every bit as easy as the final score suggests.

“We played a great football team today, and when you play a great football team you can’t turn the ball over, you can’t have penalties, you can’t have the self-inflicted mistakes that we had or it’s going to end up like that,” said BC coach Steve Addazio. “They average 50 points a game against some of the best teams in the conference. ... I’ve been around long enough to know that’s one of the top three most talented teams in America right now.

“That was a real operation right there.”

BC (4-5, 1-5 ACC) has now played three teams that are currently ranked, and been outscored 157-17 in those games — an average of 52.3-5.4.

And the 45-point margin on Saturday marked the third time the Eagles have been beaten by 45 points or more this season — something that hadn’t happened even once in a season since a 45-0 loss to Northwestern in 1961.

“We’ll grow from all this,” said Addazio. “We’ll learn and we’ll grow. ... It’s painful, but it helps you develop when you have to go match up against these levels of players. As our players grow and develop, these experiences will come back to (help) them in a positive way. Maybe not today.”

Unlike lopsided losses to Virginia Tech and Clemson when the BC defense was competitive early on before wearing down, the Eagles looked overmatched against quarterback Lamar Jackson and the Louisville offense from the very outset, and never showed differently.

Following two short runs on the first possession of the first quarter, the BC defense put Louisville (8-1, 6-1) in third-and-4, an opportunity to get off the field quickly against the No. 1 scoring offense and No. 2 total offense in the nation.

Instead, Jackson ran through the middle of the BC defense untouched for 69 yards and a 7-0 Louisville lead just 1:16 in.

After a BC punt, Jackson connected with James Quick on a post for a 30-yard touchdown to finish off a five-play, 78-yard drive that lasted 1:36. A Jackson-to-Jaylen Smith 44-yard touchdown pass late in the opening period finished a four-play, 88-yard drive that took 1:38.

In the first quarter alone, other than a three-and-out on their third possession, the Cardinals scored 21 points on 12 plays encompassing a total of 4:40.

Louisville added 17 points in the second quarter, with Jackson connecting on touchdown passes to Quick and Cole Hikutini before Blanton Creque kicked a 26-yard field goal in the final seconds of the first half for a 38-0 lead at the break.

Jackson added rushing touchdowns of 13 and 53 yards in the second half.

BC’s only points came early in the third quarter after Kevin Kavalec forced a fumble by Jackson and Connor Strachan recovered it at the Louisville 42-yard line.

Two plays later, Patrick Towles rolled right, then threw back left to Tyler Rouse for a 39-yard touchdown.

“That was probably the most talented team I’ve ever played against,” said safety John Johnson. “All around, they had a bunch of guys that can go.”

Jackson, who left the game late in the second quarter with a cramp in his forearm but returned in the third quarter after getting an IV at halftime, completed 12-of-17 passes for 231 yards and four touchdowns with one interception. He also ran for 185 yards and three scores.

“They said this was a great defense we were coming up to,” said Jackson, widely considered the frontrunner for the Heisman Trophy. “We watched film on them. It was a great defense, and it was easy.”

While the BC defense — which a year ago at Louisville held the Jackson, then a freshman, and the Cardinals to 17 points in a three-point loss — was getting torched, the BC offense was spinning its wheels in the middle of the field, gaining some ground but only scoring the seven points after a turnover.

The Eagles were held to 207 total yards, including just 57 on the ground on 37 carries.

“I can’t give enough credit to them. They played really, really well,” said Towles, who threw for 147 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

“We did not, so that’s why the score was what it was.”

# Boston College football not helped by murderer's row of teams on schedule

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 9, 2016

The Atlantic Division of the Atlantic Coast Conference is the toughest neighborhood in college football.

And unfortunately for Boston College, it resides in that neighborhood.

Coach Steve Addazio restates that biased but arguably accurate opinion every time the Eagles are matched up against one of the behemoths inside their patch of the ACC.

Like they are this week.

BC (4-5, 1-5) will battle its third ranked opponent of the season and second in consecutive games when the Eagles engage the No. 20 Florida State Seminoles (6-3, 3-3) on Friday night in Tallahassee, Fla.

BC plays Louisville (No. 5), Clemson (No. 3) and Florida State annually, with another annual game against Virginia Tech (No. 18) since the Hokies are the Eagles' designated crossover rival from the ACC's Coastal Division by virtue of their shared Big East history.

Each of those schools ranks among college football's strongest, with their sights set on the College Football Playoff nearly every season. That makes for a tough hole for BC, which has won just one ACC game in the past two seasons.

"There's no question we have some of the elite teams in college football, and they are all on our side, and we've got a big challenge ahead of us this week," Addazio said. "It's Friday night on the road in Tallahassee against a very talented Florida State team. You watch them and they are very explosive. It speaks really well to where the ACC is and what we are playing against."

BC played ranked foes three times in each of the past three years and only two, Southern California and Notre Dame, have been outside the ACC.

Clemson, the reigning ACC champion, and Louisville gave Boston College two top-five opponents this year, the first time that has been a challenge for the Eagles since 2002.

Virginia Tech was not ranked when it plastered BC, 49-0, in Blacksburg, Va., on Sept. 17. The Hokies were soon elevated into the Top 25 and have remained there. The Eagles were crushed, 56-10, at home by Clemson on Oct. 7, and then Louisville issued a bloody beat down with a 52-7 mauling last Saturday at Alumni Stadium. BC can take solace in the fact that Louisville demolished Florida State, 63-20, at home on Sept. 17, and Louisville's lone loss (42-36) was to Clemson on Oct. 1.

But Addazio knows the steep challenge his team faces.

"Louisville put 63 on Florida State, and I mean it is what it is, and this is what happens when you play some elite teams," Addazio said. "Louisville is averaging 50 points a game. That's their average, not their high, their average.

"If you can't see that for (what it is), then you don't understand football. Again that's not an excuse, just the facts."

# It gets no easier for BC with Florida State next

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 10, 2016

With three games left on the schedule, Boston College coach Steve Addazio has more weight on his shoulders than the still-feasible possibility of reaching a bowl game for the third time in four years could lift.

His name has started to surface in the national coaching carousel, with more observers sensing that his job may be in jeopardy. The Eagles are coming off a 45-point loss to No. 5 Louisville that gave them three losses to ACC opponents by at least 40 points this season.

And then there's the matter of a trip to Tallahassee to take on No. 20 Florida State on Friday night under the lights at Doak Campbell Stadium.

The Eagles are just two weeks removed from snapping a 12-game ACC losing streak, but back-to-back games against the conference's elite make it hard to build momentum.

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"This has kind of been our deal this year," said Addazio. "We've gone kind of like this right from the beginning where you have a hard time establishing momentum.

"We played an outstanding team last week. Everybody knows that. We play another outstanding team, on the road, this week. I think these are opportunities for you to develop and grow your team. They're challenging. But with challenges come opportunities.

"That's the way we see it. We have to really lock in on the things that we had to develop from last week's game that were controllable by us that we didn't do a good job with, and grow with that.

"That's our goal right now. To go down here, compete like crazy, get better, seal up some of the problems we had a week ago, and continue to move forward."

After Florida State, the Eagles have winnable games left on the schedule, with Connecticut coming to Alumni Stadium next week and a trip to Wake Forest finishing out the regular season.

But the gap between BC's rebuilding project and the ACC's top tier couldn't be more pronounced, with the Eagles losing seven straight games (and 19 of 20) to ranked teams.

They've lost six straight to the Seminoles going back to 2010. They're 1-7 all-time when the Seminoles are ranked.

"Florida State is without a doubt one of the measuring sticks in our conference, meaning they're in the upper echelon," Addazio said. "It's one of the high-water programs in the ACC, always has been. I think the guys will always feel like we're going down and just playing an elite team.

"Great players want to play great in big games. When you're playing Florida State, whether it's here or Tallahassee, you know it's an unbelievable arena and an opportunity to play a great program and great players. Hopefully what it does is bring out the best in you."

Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher very much respects the Eagles defense, having seen first-hand how rigid it can be. The Seminoles are 10-4 against the Eagles all-time, but three of BC's losses have been by 10 or less.

Last year, BC held the Seminoles to 217 total yards, but couldn't put any points on the board in a 14-0 loss. The year before that, the Eagles came within a field goal of stunning then-No. 1 ranked Florida State in Tallahassee.

The Eagles have struggled this season, but they've given Florida State trouble more times than not in Fisher's tenure.

With so many lopsided scores and so many big plays allowed, the BC defense may not strike the same kind of fear it did a year ago, but Fisher said it's dangerous.

"They're still outstanding," Fisher said. "They're still top 15 in the country, and I think they're top 10 in rushing defense, like 110 or 112 yards a game. Same type of guys, same type of players, same kind of physicality and how hard they play. Very similar type team."

# Florida State humbles BC, 45-7

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 11, 2016

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The four elite programs of the Atlantic Coast Conference have treated Boston College like a doormat.

Last night, Florida State rolled up 416 yards of total offense with 24 first downs in a 45-7 victory over the Eagles at Doak Campbell Stadium. FSU improved to 7-3 and 4-3 in the ACC while the Eagles fell to 4-6 and 1-6.

In games against four giants of ACC football — Virginia Tech, Clemson, Louisville and FSU — the Eagles were outscored 202-24 with one shutout.

FSU redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois completed 16-of-24 passes for 183 yards and three touchdowns before exiting the game with a shoulder contusion late in the third. Seminoles tailback Dalvin Cook rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown before retiring to the bench in the final quarter.

BC avoided the shutout when backup quarterback Darius Wade, who replaced ineffective starter Patrick Towles late in the fourth, drove the Eagles 75 yards on nine plays. Tailback Richard Wilson punched it in from the 1-yard line with 3:21 remaining.

Towles finished 3-of-11 passing for 29 yards before Wade took the helm.

The Eagles defense limited FSU's offense to one first down on the Seminoles' first two drives of the second half. Defensive end Kevin Kavalec stuffed the Noles' first drive with the Eagles' fourth sack of the game.

BC's offense remained stagnant over two possessions and gave the ball back to the Seminoles on their own 39. Francois began the Seminoles push up field with a 19-yard strike to split end Travis Rudolph to the BC 49.

Cook eclipsed the 100-yard plateau with a 29-yard run to the BC 15. After a 5-yard loss, Francois rolled right and threw a short dump pass to Rudolph at the 15 and from there he raced down the right sideline and dove over the pylon to make it 28-0 with 3:47 to play in the third.

Francois left the game on FSU's final possession of the third and was replaced by Sean Maguire. The redshirt senior put FSU up 35-0 on consecutive passes to sophomore split end Auden Tate. Maguire connected with on 33-yard strike to the BC 6. On the next play, Maguire rolled right and found Tate in the end zone for his second score of the game and sixth of the season.

In the first half, Francois eviscerated the Eagles' secondary with a spread formation on the Seminoles' opening possession. The drive went 80 yards on nine plays for a 7-0 with 8:50 to play in the first.

Francois completed six straight passes to four different receivers that accounted for 76 yards. Francois completed the trip with a 6-yard toss over the top to Tate.

The BC defense forced a three-and-out on the FSU 33, but handed the ball back when Michael Walker was flagged for roughing the punter. Francois followed with a 12-yard pass to Tate and a 17-yard keeper to the BC 22.

On third-and-goal from the 4, Francois hit sophomore split end Nyqwan Murray on a sideline pass to the right corner of the end zone to make it 14-0 with 1:08 to play in the first. Francois had completed 9-of-11 for 95 yards and two scores by the end of the first quarter.

The BC defense in general and the secondary in particular had a better showing in the second quarter. FSU went three-and-out on its first two possessions while Francois completed 1-of-4 passes and was sacked once.

Francois regained his traction of the Seminoles' third possession and the result was a 21-0 lead with 2:50 to play in the half. Francois opened the drive with a 19-yard run around left end to the BC 45. Cook completed the trip with a 19-yard touchdown run.

# BC football is no competition for Florida State

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 12, 2016

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Boston College's shot at a reaching bowl game is still realistic, but after another blowout loss to an Atlantic Coast Conference rival, the monstrous gap between the Eagles and their competition in the ACC couldn't be more apparent.

BC went into Doak Campbell Stadium Friday night under the lights in Tallahassee and got thumped, 45-7.

The Eagles lost by 30 or more points for the fourth time this season. The program had four 30-point losses from 1999 to 2015.

For BC coach Steve Addazio, the magnitude of the loss made no difference.

"A loss is a loss," Addazio said.

But Eagles quarterback Patrick Towles made it clear that looking at lopsided scoreboards so many times this season has taken its toll.

"It's tougher losing games like this," Towles said. "Losing the game like we did at Georgia Tech or Syracuse, those were close ones. You can kind of sometimes feel good about how you played in those football games, but in these, we feel this one hard.

An Eagles offense that came in as the worst in the conference both in scoring and yardage narrowly avoided being shutout for the second time this season. They've been shutout four times the past two years. The program went 60 games from 2010-14 without being held scoreless.

Towles completed just 3 of his 11 pass attempts for 29 yards, the Eagles combined for 96 rushing yards, and 39 of them came on a carry by Myles Willis in the first quarter. The 146 yards of offense the Eagles mustered was their second-lowest total of the season, and when they looked around for options, they had none.

"What you really saw was, "Where were we going with that ball on offense when it was really hard?" Addazio said. "Where were we going? Who was going to make a play? Where were we going? It's evident. And it's got to be from everybody."

Meanwhile, the Seminoles were flush with playmakers.

FSU's redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois picked apart BC's secondary, completing 16 of 24 passes for 183 yards and three touchdowns before leaving the game with a shoulder contusion late in the third quarter.

Running back Dalvin Cook racked up 108 rushing yards and touchdown. The performance gave him 3,937 yards for his career, leaving him 19 yards shy of passing Warrick Dunn for the school record.

For much of the season, slow starts had been an issue for the Seminoles. Opponents outscored them, 31-3, in the first quarter over their past five games.

Not against the Eagles.

On the opening drive, Francois marched the Seminoles 80 yards in nine plays, completing six of his first seven passes, capping it with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Auden Tate to put FSU up, 7-0.

Two drives later, Francois engineered a 10-play, 71-yard scoring drive, finding Nyqwan Murray.

A 19-yard dash by Cook with 2:50 left in the second quarter out the Seminoles up, 21-0, going into halftime.

The rest of the night felt like a formality. The Eagles didn't get on the board until 3:21 left in the game, when sophomore running back Richard Wilson punched in a 1-yard run.

"Listen, there's no doubt about who we played and the talent level. That's a very, very talented football team," Addazio said. "We have a hard time right now pushing back adversity. When momentum doesn't come naturally, we have a hard time creating it. That's been our issue.

"When we get in these kinds of games, against these caliber of teams that are playing at a high level right now, we have a hard time creating that momentum right now. That's where we are. And we've got to learn how to do that. It shows up in these kinds of games. Against the level of teams that we're playing against, it shows up. And that's when it looks like it gets ugly."

Even former BC coach Jeff Jagodzinski chimed in:

Despite losing for the fourth time in five games — by a combined margin of 137 points — the Eagles can still become bowl eligible with a win over UConn at Chestnut Hill next week and another in their season finale against Wake Forest Nov. 26.

The Eagles' losses this season may say they're a long way from respectability, but they're not far from accomplishing the goal of returning to a bowl game.

“Yeah, it [stinks] to lose, but we all know what’s ahead of us,” Harold Landry said. “Trying to get bowl eligibility, we’ve got to quickly put this one behind us, watch the film, gotta swallow it and get over it because we’ve got to go and beat UConn. So that’s where our main focus is right now.”

“Yeah, we wish we would’ve played better in the games that we lost by points like that. But it’s in the past and we’ve just got to focus on what’s ahead.”

But even Addazio couldn’t deny the obvious.

“We’ve got to play better than we did,” he said.

# Steve Addazio hopes to get BC offense on track

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 15, 2016

Boston College's woes on offense in Friday night's 45-7 loss at Florida State originated "up front," according to Eagles coach Steve Addazio.

Addazio intends to have that corrected when BC (4-6, 1-6) hosts the UConn Huskies in a regional rivalry match Saturday at Alumni Stadium. The Eagles can attain bowl eligibility if they win out against UConn and at Wake Forest on Nov. 26.

Addazio's power run offense depends on a physical offensive line that can surge off the snap, open seams for the ball carriers and give the quarterback pocket time to read receiver progressions.

None of that happened against a Seminoles defense that was big up front and fast in the secondary. BC was held to 146 yards of total offense, eight first downs and 1-of-12 on third-down conversions.

"I just feel like we have a tendency right now to lose our confidence and we've got to learn how to handle that," said Addazio during his weekly press briefing yesterday at Conte Forum.

The Eagles had a sequence early in the second quarter that highlighted their futility. Starting from their own 27, the Eagles gave up two sacks, suffered a delay-of-game penalty and mustered a 1-yard run by Davon Jones. Three plays, minus-17 yards.

"We're speaking up front so we've got to learn to handle those things up front," said Addazio. "When you are playing against a good opponent on the road like that, you've got to weather that better.

"There was good improvement on the line and we opened up that game with good improvement on the line. But then we hit adversity and fell apart up front and lost our confidence and didn't play at that same level as the game continued on."

Addazio said he intends to stick with quarterback Patrick Towles against the Huskies but will have back-up Darius Wade ready if the offense struggles against UConn's 76th-ranked defense.

Towles, a graduate transfer from Kentucky, experienced his worst statistical game Friday in 32 career starts. Towles was 3-of-11 passing for 29 yards before being relieved by Wade in the fourth quarter.

Wade engineered the Eagles' lone scoring drive that included a 21-yard pass to Michael Walker. Wade started three games in 2015, before suffering a season-ending ankle injury at home against Florida State in September.

"We do (start Towles) but every week we evaluate it and obviously Pat and Darius will split reps like they do most weeks," said Addazio. "You want to play the guys that are playing the best and whoever we put on the field in our opinion they give us the best chance to win."

The Eagles are over the worst stretch of the schedule as they were rocked by ranked opponents Clemson, Louisville and FSU. BC scored its lone ACC win (21-14) at North Carolina State on Oct. 29.

"Obviously you start out the year and one of the goals is to get bowl eligible," said Addazio. "That's still right in front of us and it all matters about UConn.

"We have to win on Saturday for there to be a conversation."

# New Canaan's Allen coming into his own at Boston College

Scott Ericson | Stamford Advocate | November 17, 2016

When the Boston College football team hosts UConn Saturday afternoon, Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill is going to feel like a reunion for Eagles defensive end Zach Allen.

Allen, a 2015 New Canaan High School graduate, has secured 25 tickets for family and friends from his home state to see him lock horns with the Huskies.

Allen also has many friends on the UConn team he will be facing, which he says only increases his excitement for this matchup up between two New England Division 1 programs.

"UConn is a big game for us. It's a rivalry, it's a battle of New England and we want to win and get those bragging rights," Allen said. "I know a good amount of the guys, I'm friends with a bunch of them on that team and that just adds to making this a fun game to play." Allen was also recruited by UConn before choosing life in the ACC at Boston College.

BC is 4-6 and would need to beat UConn and Wake Forest the following week to become bowl eligible. While making it to a bowl would be great, Allen says the Eagles are only concerned with the matter at hand, beating UConn.

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"We have had ups and downs this year, but I feel like we are moving in the right direction," Allen said. "We know we still have a chance to go to a bowl game but the focus is only on UConn right now. They are coming off a bye and we know they are going to be ready for us."

The 6-foot-5-inch, 275 pound Allen is currently having a solid sophomore season for the Eagles, starting every game at defensive end.

Against Massachusetts, Allen had a monster game with six tackles and 1.5 sacks. He also had two and a half tackles for a loss, costing UMass minus-12 yards, and came up with a huge fumble recovery in the red zone late in the first half.

He also recorded six tackles against Virginia Tech and recovered another fumble in a win over North Carolina State.

As a freshman, Allen played in all 12 games, mostly on special teams though he started seeing time on the defense toward the end of the season.

Allen said playing at New Canaan had him prepared for the rigors playin in the NCAA as Lou Marinelli runs his program similarly to a college and the high school carries high academic standards.

What Allen's time in the FCIAC did not prepare him for was the speed of the game in a Power 5 conference.

"Fairfield County is not really known for having burners," Allen said. "Then all of a sudden I'm on the field against Florida State and Clemson and NC State and these guys are so fast. Not only fast but everyone has size and speed. I've come a long way in two season and that is all due to the great leaders on this team who are always helping you make the transition from high school to college. I played with a lot of guys the last two years who are great examples."

Allen said he knew he could compete during the Clemson game his freshman season.

"I played a good amount of reps against Clemson last year and realized I could play with these guys," Allen said. "I saw I could hold my own and play with the best in the nation. I didn't make any big mistakes, I did what I needed to do and from there it's been going well."

Allen continues to improve and the next two seasons offer him the opportunity to shine in a national spotlight week after week.

This week, he just hopes to shine in front of the 25 family and friends he has coming to the game, garner some bragging rights with the neighbors to the west and help the Eagles stay bowl eligible.

# THE PICASSO OF THE QB PRESSURE: HAROLD LANDRY IS A SACK ARTIST

Brian Geisinger | ACCSports.com | November 15, 2016

Boston College won its first ACC football game since the 2014 season when it upset NC State in Raleigh last month. Despite that victory, though, 2016 has been a trying year for the Eagles.

The offense has mustered just 18.2 points per game, and Steve Addazio's record at the school has plummeted to 21-27 as rumors regarding his job security have swirled. He has just nine ACC wins in four seasons.

There has been one bright spot amid the fog, however: defensive end Harold Landry.

The junior pass-rusher who hails from North Carolina has sacked quarterbacks 11 times in just 10 games this season — tied for the most in the ACC. That total also ranks third nationally. His 15 tackles for loss have pushed opposing offenses back a total of negative-100 yards this season; he's the only player in the conference to have caused an entire football field of lost yardage.

This didn't all come out of nowhere, either. Landry was solid as a sophomore — 60 tackles, 3.5 sacks — for a Boston College defense that ranked No. 1 nationally in 2015 in terms of yards given up per game (254.3).

This year has been more challenging for the Eagles on that side of the ball, though. Boston College is giving up 77.6 more yards per game in 2016. After allowing just 15.3 points per game in 2015, BC's opponents have scored 28.1 points per game this fall — two touchdowns more than last season (15.3).

However, this isn't because of Landry or the defensive line. According to Football Study Hall, Boston College ranks second nationally in defensive line havoc rate; the Eagles are recording a tackle for loss, forcing a fumble or defending a pass on 9.6 percent of their plays. The national average is five percent. This is a major credit to Landry.

The ACC is stacked at the defensive end position, but Landry has made as good of a case as any for why he deserves first-team All-ACC status, even if he plays for a team with a losing record. Landry is a junior, which means he could depart to the NFL following this season.

# BC maintains hopes for a bowl bid

Anthony Gulizia | Boston Globe | November 19, 2016

Even after Boston College's 30-0 victory against UConn on Saturday at Alumni Stadium, after the Eagles had exercised their will against a sputtering Huskies team, coach Steve Addazio couldn't help but recall the missed opportunities that have made this season such a daunting climb.

It was not consecutive drubbings to Atlantic Coast Conference powerhouses Louisville and Florida State, teams that possess talent far superior to the Eagles, that stood out. It was the Eagles' shortcomings in winnable games such as a 17-14 loss against Georgia Tech in the season opener, when BC allowed a fourth-and-19 conversion on the Yellow Jackets' final scoring drive.

Those are the losses the Eagles will lament should they lose to Wake Forest on the road next weekend. Instead, BC (5-6) will try to roll the momentum from this week into a victory against the Demon Deacons to become bowl eligible.

"This has been a year that we haven't really been able to build any momentum or confidence," said Addazio. "It's just the way it's fallen and it's on me. Now, we're able to get back and get a little momentum and a little confidence, which is so critically important.

"The opener, you know, got away from us. So, we're fighting back right now to recapture, try to claw to get those wins in here right now. So we've got one more to go, and we've just got to keep growing."

Box score: BC 30, UConn 0

Quarterback Patrick Towles, who entered the game with an ACC-worst 49.8 completion percentage, turned in one of his more efficient outings of the season and exhibited the growth Addazio and the Eagles have been searching for.

A team built on pounding its opponents with a stout rushing attack, the Eagles ran for 154 yards. Towles completed 14 of 19 passes for 183 yards, including a 10-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Michael Walker that gave the Eagles a 17-0 lead in the third quarter. Towles's 73.7 percent completion percentage was his best in 11 starts at BC. The graduate transfer from Kentucky was 5 for 6 for 65 yards on the drive and guided the Eagles with short, quick passes.

"Coach Addazio told us after, that Tuesday was the best Tuesday [practice] since he's been here," Towles said. "I think that's a testament to the resolve of our football team, it was a great team win."

The Eagles extended their lead when Mike Knoll made a 24-yard field goal with 2:55 left in the third. In the fourth quarter, BC linebacker Matt Milano intercepted Donovan Williams's pass and returned it 19 yards for a touchdown, and Knoll tacked on a 39-yard field goal as UConn (3-8) lost its fifth consecutive game.

The BC defense allowed just 121 yards, had three interceptions, and four sacks. It was the Eagles' first shutout since they beat Howard, 76-0, last September. Williams, a true freshman, made just his second start for the Huskies.

"The quarterback was young . . . so we had to get good pressure on him, alter his reads, slow him down a bit," BC senior safety John Johnson said.

After a stagnant first quarter in which BC gained just 41 yards on 14 plays, the Eagles relied on their rushing attack to put together consecutive scoring drives to take a 10-0 lead entering halftime.

Facing fourth and 3 from the UConn 23 early in the second quarter, Knoll lined up for a 40-yard field goal attempt. The Huskies called a timeout to realign their personnel and BC went for it on the ensuing play. Towles gained 16 yards to bring the Eagles to the UConn 7.

"I thought our quarterback played extremely well today," Addazio said. "That made a huge difference. He was ripping the ball down and running with authority and throwing it with real confidence."

Redshirt freshman Davon Jones finished the drive with a 1-yard score to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 10:36 to play before halftime. Knoll added a 35-yard field goal on the Eagles' following possession.

Atlanta Falcons star and former BC quarterback Matt Ryan had his No. 12 Eagles jersey retired at halftime.

Ryan and the Eagles brought the nation's attention to Chestnut Hill in 2007 when he led the team to its first ACC Championship game. As a fifth-year senior, Ryan was named the ACC player of the year and the Eagles peaked at No. 2 in the country.

# Boston College eyes bowl eligibility with fifth win over UConn

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With its season on the brink of irrelevancy, Boston College delivered its most complete football game of the campaign.

The Eagles dominated on offense, defense and special teams to punish UConn, 30-0, in a nonleague game before 36,220 at Alumni Stadium yesterday.

BC (5-6) completed a New England sweep and remained in bowl contention headed into next week's ACC finale at Wake Forest. BC beat UMass on Sept. 10 at Gillette Stadium and recorded its first shutout since blanking Howard, 76-0, on Sept. 12, 2015.

"On offense, we were physical and threw the ball well playing maybe our most complete game," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "Our defense was lights out and our kick coverage was swarming."

"We are able to get a little confidence and a little momentum, which is so critically important to go on the road and play Wake Forest with a chance to get our sixth win."

BC rolled up 337 yards of total offense with 154 on the ground and 183 from the passing game. The Eagles recorded 16 first downs and were successful on 7-of-16 third-down conversions. BC enjoyed a staggering 40:06 to 19:54 advantage in time of possession.

BC quarterback Patrick Towles completed an efficient 14-of-19 passes for 183 yards and a touchdown. Towles routinely moved the chains with a crisp, short-passing game that included a 10-yard touchdown throw to Michael Walker.

Towles' lone explosive play was a 54-yard bomb to wide receiver Jeff Smith, who finished with 121 all-purpose yards. Towles opened the second half by completing 5-of-6 passes for 65 yards on a 75-yard, 13-play touchdown drive that put BC ahead 17-0.

"I think that is a testament to the resolve of our football team and it was a great win," said Towles. "The offense played awesome and (I am) just honored to be a part of this football team."

The Eagles defense befuddled UConn's freshman quarterback Donovan Williams, who was making his second start. BC held the Huskies to 121 yards of total offense with minus-6 rushing and recorded four sacks with three interceptions and a fumble recovery.

The defensive gem of the game was a 19-yard interception return for a touchdown by linebacker Matt Milano that made it 27-0 with 14:41 to play in the fourth quarter.

"I just saw the formation and knew what he was going to throw, so I stepped right in front of it," said Milano.

Kicker Mike Knoll was a one-man special-teams marvel. He was 3-for-3 on field-goal attempts with a long of 39 yards. Knoll had four kickoffs for touchbacks while the Eagles coverage units pinned the Huskies inside their own 8 three times. Knoll averaged 41 yards on three punts while return specialist Tyler Rouse netted 45 yards on three returns.

# Boston College kicker/punter Mike Knoll gets a boot out of double duty

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Mike Knoll has been an important factor in both red zones for Boston College this season.

The junior from Copley, Ohio, is a dual threat as the kicker and punter for the Eagles.

Knoll is enjoying a breakout year in both aspects of the kicking game despite a huge increase in workload. He ranks first in the ACC and 11th in the nation with a 90.9 field goal percentage (10-of-11) while the Eagles' cover team tops the conference.

Knoll leads the ACC in punts (75) while the Eagles coverage unit is fourth in the league.

Knoll will look to improve on all fronts when the Eagles (5-6, 1-6) visit Wake Forest (6-5, 3-4) in the season finale Saturday.

"I think the extra workload is worth it because the more you are on the field the more you get comfortable and I've really started to jell with both positions," Knoll said yesterday.

"It's been a good ride so far this season and I think the confidence has always been there. The more you are out there the more it feels like home and seeing a few go through the uprights always lifts your confidence level."

Knoll began his BC career under difficult circumstances and inflated expectations. He took over the position as a true freshman from Nate Freese, the most successful kicker in school history. Freese departed The Heights for the Detroit Lions as the Eagles' all-time leader in points (324) and field goals (70).

Knoll platooned most of his freshman year and, after securing the starting kicking position, saw his season end in disaster, missing a PAT in overtime in a 31-30 loss to Penn State in the Pinstripe Bowl.

Knoll shared the kicking duties with freshman Colton Lichtenberg last season and both struggled in a 3-9 season. Knoll regrouped in the offseason and won the two jobs in training camp.

"Sometimes adversity can really rattle guys and knock them to the ground and sometimes it can harden them," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "I think it kind of solidified him a little bit and we just keep rolling.

"He's absolutely more confident no doubt about that. He's gotten honored before his teammates for a couple of performances and that boosts anybody's self-confidence."

Knoll experienced his career day in last Saturday's 35-0 home victory over Connecticut. He was 3-for-3 in field goal attempts with a long of 39 yards and 3-of-3 in PAT kicks.

He had three kickoffs go to touchbacks and averaged 41 yards on three punts. UConn had 11 possessions, five of which began inside the 20-yard line. The Huskies' average starting field position was the 18.

Knoll credits the symmetry he's established with holder Troy Flutie and long snapper Leonard Skubal for his good fortune. He was equally generous toward the gunners and wedge busters that cover his kickoffs and punts.

"It's a good deal and you got to be close to those guys when the pressure is on because it is a 1.3 second operation," said Knoll. "It goes back to trust in the snapper and the holder and the process."

# Harold Landry sets the tone along BC's defensive line

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The seed was planted in Harold Landry's mind last season whenever he watched the way Mehdi Abdesmad went about his business on the Boston College defensive line.

Landry, a fellow defensive lineman, was just a sophomore. Abdesmad was a battle-tested senior. Landry looked at Abdesmad like a big brother.

"I really learned everything from him," Landry said.

He watched the painstaking steps Abdesmad took to work his way back from a left knee injury that cost him essentially two seasons. He paid close attention to how meticulously Abdesmad handled his rehab.

He saw how Abdesmad's attitude and work ethic turned him into a force on the Eagles' top-ranked defense and ultimately put him on a path to be signed by the Tennessee Titans. From all the observation, Landry had a template for himself.

"After he left, I knew I really had to start carrying myself the way he carried himself," Landry said. "And that's carry yourself as a man, carry yourself as a professional, take every day seriously, don't do anything half-speed, and just carry yourself in a manner where nobody can ever say anything about you."

Landry came into his junior season believing he had to set an example for a defense out to maintain its status as one of the best in the country.

After he had his knee scoped just before preseason camp, he was diligent about rehabbing, knowing that younger players such as sophomore defensive ends Zach Allen and Wyatt Ray were watching. Being on the field for the opener against Georgia Tech, even if he was limited to four snaps, was a statement.

"He just leads by example," Allen said. "He's always doing great things on and off the field, and we all — us younger guys, and even the older guys — try to emulate that."

"Even when he was hurt, he was still the hardest-working guy. He was always coming in early, leaving late, just trying to get better rehabbing and everything."

When the Eagles faced powerhouses Clemson, Louisville, and Florida State, many players were going into high-pressure environments for the first time, but Landry set the tone: the defense would refuse to be intimidated.

"The first one we played was Clemson," said Allen. "It was a different atmosphere, and just the way he came off — the first series he made a play — you just feed off of that. We got that he could play with anybody and he was telling us that we can play with them."

"I've been lucky to have him as a role model to go through the entire season with. Just his work ethic, you really know what it takes to be that successful and how to handle yourself. He really is right now a professional in the way he conducts himself. He's been a great leader for us."

"I think the young guys — Zach and Wyatt and the rest of the people on the D-line — they see how hard I work," said Landry, a 6-foot-3-inch, 250-pounder from Spring Lake, N.C. "And I think that puts in their mind, they want to be potentially where I'm at, in my situation."

"I think they know that they've got to work hard too. It's a great feeling when you can drag people along with you and everybody can have some success."

Even though a defense that gave up the fewest total yards in the country and the fourth-fewest points per game a year ago is now giving up 313 yards (12th overall) and 25.5 points (50th) per game, the BC run defense is still one of the best in the nation (103.0 yards per game, eighth).

BC has held six of its 11 opponents to less than 100 rushing yards and two of them to negative yardage (UMass minus-23, UConn minus-6). The only two running backs to put up 100 yards against BC were Clemson's Wayne Gallman (109) and Florida State's Dalvin Cook (108).

Landry has been a consistent playmaker. His 12 sacks are tied for third in the country, he is 15th in the nation with 16 tackles for losses (of 117 yards), and his seven forced fumbles lead all of college football.

"On defense, like on offense, you need to be explosive," said BC coach Steve Addazio, whose team visits Wake Forest Saturday in the regular-season finale. "Harold creates explosive plays. He's an explosive guy off the edge."

"Whether you're pressuring or coming in four-man or even a three-man, if he can get isolated one-on-one, he really can get home."

Landry has built on a sophomore season in which he had 60 tackles and 4.5 sacks and earned All-ACC honorable mention. He is one of 24 players on the watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award, given to the nation's top defensive end.

"His fundamental growth has been phenomenal," Addazio said. "That's the kind of play you need. You need a defensive end that can get home. I mean, those are explosive plays on the defensive side of the ball, kind of like perimeter people are sometimes or a tailback is home-run-hitting on the offensive side of the ball. They kind of go hand in hand.

"Harold has the chance to become one of our better pass rushers here in a long time, I would say."

Landry needs one sack to match the school season record shared by Mike Mamula (1994) and Erik Storz (1997). With 16.5 for his career, he's already eighth on BC's all-time sack list. Mathias Kiwanuka's record of 37.5 may not be out of reach.

The question is whether he will return for his senior season or test the waters of the NFL Draft. He is generally considered a top-five prospect among defensive ends.

Even though he has carried himself like a professional all season, he's holding off on thoughts about the next level.

"It's something I've got to consider," Landry said. "But right now, I'm just trying to keep my mind set up for Wake Forest."

# BC and Wake Forest are improved for rematch

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 25, 2016

In a way, the 3-0 rock fight that Boston College lost with Wake Forest last season was a microcosm of the year for both teams.

The year was painful. Both teams were 3-9, looking up from the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference's Atlantic Division. The only thing that separated Wake from BC was the field goal the Demon Deacons mustered. The Eagles may have had the most dominant defense in the country, but both teams had issues on offense that needed to be addressed.

More than anything, they were both trying to point themselves in the right direction.

A year later, both teams see signs of progress as they meet again Saturday at BB&T Field in Winston-Salem, N.C., for their regular-season finale.

The Demon Deacons (6-5, 3-4 ACC) have already secured their first bowl berth since 2011, but there's another carrot dangling in front of them. After seven straight losing seasons, a win over the Eagles would give Wake its first seven-win season since 2008, when they went 8-5.

"I said at the beginning of the year that we are very capable of being a bowl team this year, and I'm glad that we've achieved that goal," said Wake coach Dave Clawson. "But there's still more we want to get.

"We have a chance to win another football game on Saturday. We'll worry about bowl practice and where we go after that.

"Our focus right now is on BC."

The Eagles (5-6, 1-6) need one more win to become bowl-eligible. They took a backs-against-the-wall mentality into their matchup with Connecticut last week and came away with their most complete performance of the season in a 30-0 win. For all the lumps they've taken, the Eagles still have a chance to put together their third winning season in four years under coach Steve Addazio.

"We are just real focused on trying to get win No. 6," Addazio said. "That's a goal we set out at the beginning of the year, and it's still attainable in the last game of the year. So there's a lot on the line here and that's a good thing."

With three more wins than a year ago, Wake is tied for third in the country in win improvement. The turnaround is more dramatic on defense than anywhere else. A year ago, Wake had the worst turnover margin in the ACC at minus-13. This season, led by freshman safety Jessie Bates III and his five interceptions, they're tied for eighth in the country at plus-10.

"They are ball hawks," Addazio said. "They work at getting the ball out."

"That's our first mission," said Eagles quarterback Patrick Towles. "Take care of the football."

Despite four ugly losses of 30 or more points, the Eagles still have the 12th-ranked defense in the country in yards allowed, and Clawson knows what to expect.

"I think that's always been their trademark, that they have been excellent on defense every year," Clawson said. "Last year they were No. 1 in the country in defense and this year they are No. 2 in the ACC.

"So they are very physical. They have got great players on defense, All-Conference-caliber players, and they are very hard to run the football on, both because of who they play with and what they do schematically.

"Steve has never been a guy that cares about how many yards. He wants to win football games. He plays to his strengths, and the strength at BC has always been their offensive line and their defense."

Wake already has its bowl preparation plans set for next week, with practices scheduled. It's a position the Eagles want to be in.

"We want to keep playing as long as we can," said Addazio. "We think we have a really good, young, developing football program, and the greatest thing for us is the continuation after Saturday to keep practicing and building and growing. Because our kids love it, our coaches love it, and that's what we're striving for."

# BC in search of bowl-clinching sixth win in finale at Wake Forest

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 26, 2016

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Boston College wants to be eligible for a bowl bid.

And the Eagles hope the momentum from last week's win over UConn helps them reach the six-win plateau that makes a postseason game possible.

BC (5-6, 1-6 ACC) can achieve that with a win over Wake Forest (6-5, 3-4) in the regular-season finale today at BB&T Field. (While six wins would make the Eagles officially eligible for a bowl bid, they also have a head-scratching path to a spot even if they lose and finish 5-7.)

Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson has guided the Demon Deacons into bowl eligibility for the first time in his three seasons at the helm.

Meanwhile, BC coach Steve Addazio looks to become the second coach in school history to play three postseason games in his first four seasons. Jack Bicknell did it from 1981 to 1984.

"We are just real focused on trying to get win number six," said Addazio. "That's what we've focused with right now and that's a goal we set at the beginning of the year.

"It's still attainable in the last game, so there's a lot on the line here and that's a good thing. We are in for a tough game down there against a really good football team."

Wake Forest lost consecutive ACC games to No. 11 Louisville and No. 4 Clemson.

Clawson will start banged-up quarterback John Wolford, who sat out last Saturday's home loss to Clemson with ankle and shoulder ailments.

A victory would improve Wake's status in the ACC bowl hierarchy, so the Deacons have something important to play for. But Clawson conceded BC is playing with greater momentum and confidence since dispatching UConn with relative ease at Alumni Stadium.

"Now we've got to finish up against a very improved and, I would say, very improving Boston College team," said Clawson.

"They are probably playing their best football. They had a great win last week and it's a typical Steve Addazio-coached team. They are excellent on defense and extremely physical up front. I really like their secondary."

BC quarterback Patrick Towles displayed passing touch and game-management skills by guiding the Eagles to 337 yards of total offense and 16 first downs on 71 plays against the Huskies. He looked poised and confident completing 14-of-19 passes for 183 yards to seven different receivers.

"Everything we've got is going into this one," said Towles. "Our goal in the regular season is to play in the postseason and that opportunity is out there and we've got to go get it.

"A lot of teams don't want to play physical at this time of year, but that is not us. We play a physical brand of football and there is no rest for the weary."

Towles will employ a balanced pass/run ratio against the 51st-ranked defense in the FBS. The Deacons have allowed 22.5 points and 388.5 total yards per game with 161.6 on the ground and 226.8 in the air.

"I just want to win the football game whether I throw for 300 or I throw for 50," said Towles. "They are an extremely well-coached team and very disciplined on defense and they create a lot of turnovers.

"We have to take care of the football. That's our first mission, take care of the football."

# Boston College 17, Wake Forest 14: Eagles ready to bowl

Associated Press | MetroWest News | November 26, 2016

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Tommy Sweeney saw Boston College's defense do its part for most of Saturday's game against Wake Forest. The Eagles tight end realized the offense had to contribute, too.

Patrick Towles threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Sweeney with 8:03 remaining and Boston College's defense made two late stands in a 17-14 victory.

"We knew at some point we had to go down and win this game," Sweeney said.

The winning drive covered 73 yards on eight plays, including a fourth-and-6 conversion when Towles threw for 16 yards to Sweeney. The next pass was delivered to Sweeney in the back of the end zone.

"They put me in perfect position," Sweeney said of the play called by the coaches. "I just had to catch the ball."

The Eagles (6-6, 2-6 ACC), who've won two games in a row, are bowl eligible for the third time in four seasons.

"It's just an amazing feeling," defensive end Harold Landry said of becoming bowl-bound. "We're going to celebrate this win and getting bowl eligible and then we've got to get back to work."

Wake Forest's Mike Weaver was wide left on a 40-yard field goal attempt with 1:22 remaining. The Demon Deacons got the ball back again after a Boston College punt, but Lukas Denis' interception clinched the outcome with 15 seconds to play.

"I think it shows resiliency of our team," Boston College coach Steve Addazio said. "We battled, we scratched, we clawed, we hung in there and overcame a bunch of stuff. . We were able to scratch our way back in and get into a bowl game."

Wake Forest held a 287-167 advantage in total offense.

John Wolford threw a pair of third-quarter touchdown passes to help Wake Forest (6-6, 3-5) wipe out a 10-0 deficit. Wolford threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Cam Serigne, and then a 37-yard scoring strike to Cortez Lewis, who fell into the end zone while making the catch.

Boston College hadn't been scored upon for more than 105 minutes dating back to a Nov. 11 game at Florida State.

Two early turnovers enabled the Eagles to score twice in the first quarter.

John Johnson's interception of Wolford led to Mike Knoll's 22-yard field goal to open the scoring. After Wake Forest's Jessie Bates fumbled on a punt return, the Eagles went 25 yards, scoring on Myles Willis' 11-yard touchdown run.

Wake Forest's first good scoring chance stalled with a failed fourth-and-1 play from the Boston College 19 in the first quarter. A dropped pass on fourth-and-2 from the Boston College 32-yard line thwarted a second-quarter drive for the Demon Deacons.

Weaver missed a 51-yard field goal attempt in the final minute of the first half.

Boston College led 10-0 at halftime despite racking up only 58 yards of total offense.

BC NOTES: Addazio joins Jack Bicknell as the only other BC coach to become bowl-eligible in three of their first four years at the helm. ...

The Eagles improved to 6-0 in 2016 when leading at halftime.

Senior running back Myles Willis scored his first rushing touchdown of the season on a 11-yard carry late in the first quarter. It was Willis' first rushing touchdown since Nov. 1, 2014 at Virginia Tech and the fifth of his career. ...

Sophomore tight end Sweeney touchdown reception was his second of season and the 10th for Towles.

Senior running back Tyler Rouse registered his longest rush of the season, breaking to the outside for 27 yards in the fourth quarter. ...

Junior defensive end Landry tied a career-high with three sacks to put his name into the Boston College single-season record book. Landry surpassed Erik Storz (1997) and Mike Mamula (1994) to sit alone the single-season sack list with 15.0 sacks in 2016.

Landry has 19.5 career sacks, fourth in Boston College history. Mathias Kiwanuka (2002-05) owns the BC career record with 37.5 career sacks. ...

Senior defensive back Johnson recorded his sixth career interception on a pass deflected by Landry. Landry forced the pressure on Wake Forest quarterback Wolford and Johnson picked off the pass to give BC the ball at the Wake 12-yard line. The interception led to a BC field goal. ...

Junior linebacker Connor Strachan of Wellesley notched double-digit tackles for the first time in 2016, leading the Eagles with 10 on the day. ...

Junior K/P Knoll broke open the scoring for the game, connecting on a 22-yard field goal 4:44 into the first quarter. He is 11-for-12 connected on field goals in 2016.

# Bowl-eligible Boston College wins ugly over Wake Forest

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 27, 2016

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Bowl eligibility doesn't have to be pretty, but it is always inviting.

Boston College secured a bowl berth with an ugly, turnover-filled, penalty-plagued, offensively deficient 17-14 victory over Wake Forest yesterday at BB&T Field.

Steve Addazio became the second coach in program history to earn three bowl appearances in his first four seasons at The Heights. Jack Bicknell did the trick from 1981-84.

"A third bowl game in four years, that's a great accomplishment for our seniors," said Addazio. "I just really appreciate our players' grit and determination.

"Maybe the best lessons that you learn finding a way to win on the road in adverse conditions is that we were not playing well. Then closing it out and getting to a bowl."

BC improved to 6-6 and 2-6 in the Atlantic Coast Conference and secured the last of the 11 available ACC bowls. Wake finished at 6-6 and 3-5. BC was limited to 167 yards of total offense on 62 plays but took advantage of three Demon Deacons turnovers.

The Eagles defense held Wake Forest to 287 yards of total offense, turning the hosts into a one-man show. Quarterback John Wolford completed 16-of-33 passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions.

Wolford also led the Deacons in rushing with 69 yards on 14 carries but was sacked eight times for a loss of 47 yards. Junior defensive end Harold Landry led the assault with 4.5 sacks and finished with a BC record 15 on the season.

"Anything the defense can do to help this offense get their rhythm going is a great deal and we have to complement each other," said Landry. "We had each others' backs and the offense and defense were pumped."

The Demon Deacons didn't dent the scoreboard until midway through the third quarter. Their eight-play, 50-yard drive culminated with a 5-yard touchdown toss over the middle from Wolford to tight end Cam Serigne and cut BC's lead to 10-7.

The Deacons needed only three plays to take the lead the next time they touched the ball. Wide receiver Cortez Lewis torched BC cornerback Isaac Yiadom on a go route down the right sideline and hauled in a 37-yard pass from Wolford for his first touchdown of the season and a 14-10 edge with 4:53 left in the third.

BC quarterback Patrick Towles responded with his best clutch drive of the season. The Eagles drove 73 yards on eight plays to take a 17-14 lead with 8:03 to play in the fourth.

Tailback Tyler Rouse provided the big play with a 27-yard sweep down the right side to the Wake 33. Towles was able to convert on third-and-6 with a 16-yard pass to tight end Tommy Sweeney to the Wake 13. Towles completed the drive with a strike over the middle of the end zone to Sweeney.

"At that point it was time to pull our weight," said Towles. "Tommy was open all night long and he played a great football game."

# Boston College Notebook: Now eligible for bowl consideration, BC football on long list of possible games for ACC participants

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 27, 2016

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Boston College has options that seemed unimaginable three weeks ago.

The Eagles captured a second straight win and gained bowl eligibility with yesterday's 17-14 win against Wake Forest. BC improved to 6-6 overall and 2-6 in ACC play and will compete in one of the league's bottom-tiered bowl games sometime after Christmas.

It's likely the Eagles will learn their postseason destination after the ACC championship game between Clemson and Virginia Tech is played Saturday night in Orlando, Fla.

"I don't know if I would comment specifically on who I have talked to, but there is a lot of interest in Boston College," BC athletic director Brad Bates said.

The list of possibilities includes the Dec. 26 trio of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl, the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit and the Camping World Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., as well as the Military Bowl in Annapolis, Md., on Dec. 27. Two longshot considerations would be a return to the Pinstripe Bowl at New York's Yankee Stadium on Dec. 28 or the Hyundai Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 30.

There were only two bowl representatives in attendance for yesterday's game, Pesky Hill from the Camping World Independence Bowl and Will Webb from the Belk Bowl, which will be played on Dec. 28 in Charlotte, N.C. The Belk Bowl needs an in-state ACC representative and Wake Forest, North Carolina State and North Carolina are all bowl eligible.

BC lost to Arizona, 42-19, at the 2013 Independence Bowl but was a popular selection because of Andre Williams, who captured the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back and was a Heisman Trophy finalist.

Hill believes the Independence Bowl's television partner, ESPN, is interested in both the sizable population and average household income of the Greater Boston television market. He added that he was meeting with Bates last night.

"Both teams are in our picture and the Independence Bowl is guaranteed an ACC team and we think we will have an SEC team," Hill said. "The big advantage BC has is there are a lot of eyeballs. That is always going to be a plus for BC as opposed to the other teams we are looking at for TV markets. That is one of the considerations we look at as a bowl and ESPN likes that."

## Happy homecoming

Defensive end Harold Landry came to Boston College from Fayetteville, N.C., so he wanted to put on a show for the friends and family in attendance at BB&T Field. He didn't disappoint.

The 6-foot-3, 250-pound edge rusher recorded 4.5 sacks on Wake Forest quarterback John Wolford. Landry finished the regular season with a school record 15 sacks.

BC dropped Wolford eight times for minus-47 yards. Defensive tackle Truman Gutapfel, defensive back John Johnson and defensive end Kevin Kavalec had one sack apiece and linebacker Matt Milano assisted on one of Landry's takedowns.

"I think it is amazing we went 2-0 in North Carolina (including an October win at N.C. State)," Landry said. "There is no greater feeling than coming back home and beating teams in your home state and the stat record is a great feeling."

## Myles to go

Running back Myles Willis made two spectacular plays that directly led to the Eagles' first touchdown.

On special teams, Willis gave the offense a short field in the first quarter when he forced a fumble by Wake Forest's Jessie Bates on a punt return. BC started at the Demon Deacons 25, and five plays later, Willis scored on an 11-yard run for his first rushing touchdown of the season.

# Boston College can only guess about its bowl destination

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 28, 2016

Not long after Boston College walked out of Winston-Salem, N.C., with a win over Wake Forest that locked up the bowl berth it had been chasing all season, the guessing game started around the Eagles locker room.

They know they are in. But they have no idea where they'll be going.

Senior safety John Johnson checked out some of the bowl projections.

He saw a few experts saying BC would land in the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit. Others had the Eagles landing in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., or in Florida for the St. Petersburg Bowl.

Of all the possibilities, the Military Bowl in Annapolis would be the closest to a homecoming for the native of West Hyattsville, Md., but in his last go-round, he hopes the bowl gods choose a different destination.

"I'm from the area, so I don't really want to go to D.C.," he said.

The Eagles will wait until Sunday, when the bowl slate is announced, to find out where they'll end up. In the meantime, they're sorting out their plans.

"We're trying to plan our little trips or whatever, preparing things for after the game," Johnson said.

As Tier 2 bowls in the ACC selection order, Shreveport, Detroit, Annapolis, and St. Petersburg are all realistic possibilities. The Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium is a longer shot as a Tier 1 bowl.

The Independence Bowl hosted BC in 2013, when the Eagles lost, 42-19, to Arizona, and selection committee member Pesky Hill said BC will be in consideration again.

"The advantage of having BC is obviously a TV market," Hill said. "We'll listen to our TV partner, that's ESPN, we'll listen to what they have to say and I'm sure they'll like BC."

The 2013 game drew 36,917 fans, and Hill acknowledged that a bowl game 1,600 miles away from Boston wasn't necessarily the most attractive draw for the Eagles' fan base. But a game that featured two of the country's top running backs in BC's Andre Williams and Arizona's Ka'Deem Carey created an enticing matchup.

"To be totally honest, any team from the ACC is not going to travel big down to Louisiana the day after Christmas," Hill said. "I mean, that's just realistic."

"I know that two years ago, we had a great matchup — two top running backs, we thought that was a good thing to do and we were very happy with what BC did."

BC athletic director Brad Bates was reluctant to discuss any conversations he's had with bowl representatives, saying only, "There's a lot of interest in Boston College."

Defensive tackle Truman Gutapfel prefers to leave the guessing to everyone else.

"There's so much speculation right now," Gutapfel said. "They'll probably all be wrong. You never know. Coach [Paul] Pasqualoni was talking to us. He's been to so many bowl games in his life, he said, 'I've never been to a bad bowl game.'"

"Every one has their perks. We're just excited to go out and play."

Landry earns honor

After racking up a career-high three sacks against Wake Forest, defensive end Harold Landry had no idea the performance put him in the BC record book.

An individual milestone was the last thing on his mind. He was a couple of hours from his hometown of Fayetteville, N.C., and clinching a bowl berth in his backyard — with a second win in his home state, along with the one earlier in the year at North Carolina State — was sweet.

"I think it's just more amazing that we went 2-0 in North Carolina this season," said Landry. "Ain't no better feeling than coming back home, beating teams that are in your home state. It's a great feeling."

With 15 sacks in 2016, he moved past Erik Storz and Mike Mamula for the most in a season at BC.

Then on Monday, he was named second-team All-ACC by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association, on top of being the ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week for the second time this season. Eagles linebackers Matt Milano and Connor Strachan earned All-ACC honorable mention.

With 19.5 career sacks, Landry now sits fourth on BC's all-time list behind Mathias Kiwanuka (37.5), Mamula (24), and Chris Hovan (20.5).

After collecting 4.5 sacks as a sophomore a year ago, Landry gave the credit for this season's breakthrough to Pasqualoni, who came to BC as defensive coordinator after spending a season with the Houston Texans, where he had one of the most dynamic defensive linemen in the NFL in J.J. Watt.

"Coach P, man, he's done a great job with me," Landry said. "That's just my job, is to just get after the quarterback and do what I've got to do in the running game. If we stop the run and force them to pass, we know we've got a great chance for success."

Five down

The Eagles will make their 25th all-time bowl appearance and their 15th in the last 17 seasons. They're 13-11 in bowl games, but they've lost five straight since beating Michigan State in the Champs Sports Bowl in 2007 . . . The Eagles are the only ACC team to become bowl eligible with just two conference wins, but both victories were over bowl-eligible teams (North Carolina State and Wake Forest).

# Boston College reaches third bowl game in four seasons

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Boston College coach Steve Addazio will go bowling sometime after Christmas but it will be with a no-name offense.

This is a huge departure from Addazio's two previous postseason appearances when the Eagles had potent star power in the backfield.

Tailback Andre Williams led BC against Arizona in the Advocare V100 Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., after the 2013 campaign. Williams was the Doak Walker Award winner and a Heisman Trophy finalist. BC dropped a 42-19 decision to the Wildcats.

Quarterback Tyler Murphy led BC to upset wins over Southern California and Virginia Tech during the 2014 season and set the Atlantic Coast Conference record for rushing yards (1,184) by a quarterback in the process. The Eagles suffered a heartbreaking 31-30 overtime loss to Penn State in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium.

"We have a more well-rounded team but we don't have that go-to guy and that obviously is something that has haunted us this year as well," Addazio said. "You ride the roller coaster sometimes with these young skill guys but you can see the potential."

The Eagles attained bowl eligibility for the third time in four years with a 17-14 victory at Wake Forest Saturday. BC prevailed despite an attack that finished with 167 yards of total offense and 10 first downs on 62 plays.

Now, the Eagles are in line for one of the ACC's four lower-tier bowls. Nothing will be decided until after Saturday's conference title game between Clemson and Virginia Tech in Orlando, Fla.

Clemson is in contention for one of the four College Football Playoff spots, but a Virginia Tech upset would cause a ripple-down effect on the ACC bowl structure.

"The thing we wanted was to get bowl eligible and that's where we are and how you get there is never exactly how you planned," Addazio said. "We had one blip when we weren't bowl eligible last year."

"It's a credit to these players because it was so important to get our program back into another bowl game."

BC took advantage of two turnovers to go up 10-0 on the Deacons in the first quarter. The Eagles' stout defense held up in the first half but gave up two touchdowns and the lead in the third quarter.

Quarterback Patrick Towles responded with the defining drive of the season that began on the BC 27 with 12:38 to play in the game. Towles began the trip with a 13-yard run. Senior tailback Tyler Rouse followed with a 27-yard sweep down the right sideline.

BC's season was on the brink when Towles faced a fourth-and-6 from the Wake 29. Towles moved the chains with a 16-yard pass to tight end Tommy Sweeney. On second-and-10 from the Wake 13, Towles hit Sweeney on a crossing route in the end zone to take a three-point lead.

"It was our entire team and we have such a phenomenal defense and we talk about playing complementary football," Towles, in his first season with the Eagles as a graduate transfer, said. "(The defense) put us on their backs for most of this football game and giving up 14 points to a Division 1 college football team is damn good defense. At that point it was time to pull our weight."

# BC looks at many options for a bowl game

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Being a member of a Power Five conference affords Boston College a bounty of bowl possibilities.

The Eagles secured one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's 11 guaranteed postseason bowl games with Saturday's 17-14 victory over Wake Forest.

The ACC bowl structure will be finalized at the conclusion of the conference title clash between reigning champion and Atlantic Division-winner Clemson and Coastal Division-champ Virginia Tech on Saturday.

A Clemson victory would put the Tigers in the FBS national championship playoffs for the second straight season and off the ACC grid. In the event of a Virginia Tech upset the whole deck gets reshuffled.

The Hokies, as ACC champs, would go to the Capital One Orange Bowl in Miami Gardens, Fla., on Dec. 30. Clemson would likely go the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 31.

But for Boston College, the bowl options are more meager.

The Eagles finished at 6-6 and 2-6 in the ACC with wins over North Carolina State and Wake Forest. The early speculation has the Eagles facing either Army or a Big 10 qualifier in the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 26. The Black Knights are 6-5 and play traditional rival Navy on Dec. 10 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md.

Another possibility is a match against Temple in the Military Bowl on Dec. 27 at Annapolis, Md. The Owls are 9-3 and face Navy in Saturday's American Athletic Conference championship game and have a connection with BC. Eagles coach Steve Addazio coached at Temple for two seasons (2011-12) before coming to The Heights.

The other bowls in play are the Camping World Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., and the St. Petersburg Bowl at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. Both games would be Dec. 26. BC could face an SEC opponent in the Independence Bowl and an AAC foe in St. Pete.

"When we went to Shreveport my freshman year we were just happy to be there," said senior defensive tackle Truman Gutapfel yesterday at Conte Forum of the Eagles' 42-19 loss to Arizona.

"We didn't take the game too serious," Gutapfel continued, "but I think this is important for the program to go and actually win a bowl game. It has been a bit since we actually won a bowl game (2007). For me, it's a lot of fun but you have to remember you have to play a football game when you go to a bowl game."

Quarterback Patrick Towles had to transfer to Boston College to participate in a bowl game. At Kentucky, Towles played in 28 games with 22 starts and amassed some amazing passing statistics, but the Wildcats never won more than five games in a season in Lexington, Ky.

"My four years at UK we never went to one, so this is really special for me," said Towles. "I think I can share that with the rest of the team and a bowl game is special no matter where or when it is."

# Boston College players never gave up on Steve Addazio

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The night after Boston College was bludgeoned by Clemson, 56-10, back in October, an ominous account popped up on Twitter, stating its mission in its handle: “FireAddazioBC.”

Likely born out of the frustration of watching an Eagles team that had lost 11 straight ACC games, the feelings of the fan-created profile toward the BC coach couldn’t have been more blunt: “Steve Addazio should be fired as the head coach of Boston College football. He is so conservative and the program is horrible right now.”

It wasn’t the first time Addazio found himself in social media’s crosshairs. When he was an offensive coordinator under Urban Meyer at Florida, a fan created a “FireSteveAddazio” account, pleading to “save Gator football before it’s too late!”

Through the peaks and valleys of this season, Addazio became a dartboard.

A couple of prominent players who came through the BC program — quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and lineman Damien Woody — questioned his coaching decisions. Eight years removed from an acrimonious departure from BC, former head coach Jeff Jagodzinski (now an assistant at Georgia State) chimed in after the Eagles took a 45-7 loss to Florida State, tweeting, “Embarrassing. I can’t even watch this. Let me know when you want to be relevant again! You deserve better.”

As the season stretched on and BC’s bowl chances got slimmer, Addazio’s name circulated in the national media as one of the coaches on the hot seat.

When BC ultimately clinched its third bowl bid in four years under Addazio with a win over Wake Forest last Saturday, Addazio steered away from using it as validation in the face of criticism.

“It’s just coaching,” he said.

But his players threw their support behind their coach and his staff.

“It’s just an amazing feeling, just making everybody be quiet,” said defensive end Harold Landry. “Everybody tries to come at our coaching staff, man, but everybody in the program, we all love the coaches here and we wouldn’t have anybody else coaching us.”

The Eagles seemed to be at a breaking point several times this season. Their season-opening 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech was crushing. Not only did it take the air out of a team starting its season in Dublin, but it was a squandered opportunity to immediately put the ACC losing streak to bed.

They dealt with the gut punches of four losses by 30-plus points, but a 28-20 loss to Syracuse in October may have been more painful because it dealt a huge blow to the Eagles’ chances of bowl eligibility.

While the sky seemed to be falling on the program, running back Myles Willis said the people within it held firm.

“We’re all in it,” Willis said. “We also know that it means a lot when you have a coach that’s out there that’s willing to take a bullet for you. He could’ve went out there and blamed execution of the players and all that other stuff, because ultimately players make plays and if we don’t win a game then obviously players have a hand in that, too. You can’t blame it all on the coaches.

“But Coach Addazio, he faced the media and he took the bullet for all of us and he kept believing in us and we were able to pay him back and get that sixth win.”

Quarterback Patrick Towles understood the scrutiny well. In three seasons at Kentucky, the blame for the Wildcats missing out on bowl games fell on his shoulders.

“Going through what I went through at Kentucky, it really kind of puts things in perspective,” Towles said. “Coach Addazio preached the entire season, it’s about us. It’s about the people in the building.

“Everybody always has an opinion. Just because you have an opinion doesn’t mean people should listen to it — as unpopular an opinion as that might seem.

“We’re worried about our team, we’re worried about the people wearing the jerseys, the people that have been working with us in January and all summer and our staff and that’s it.

“We’re so happy for our fans and for our families to do this, because there’s a lot of people that didn’t think we could.”

For all the criticism, Addazio is the only coach in BC history besides Jack Bicknell to lead the Eagles to bowl games in three of his first four seasons.

“We’ve got total faith and trust in Coach Addazio,” said defensive tackle Truman Gutapfel. “Great coach. He really works as hard as he can to support the players here at BC and he does whatever he can to help BC.

“It’s pretty evident for the players because we’re around him all the time. Some of the media guys, they only see him on Saturday when he’s at his most passionate point and they kind of make judgment calls about him then.

“But we’re around him all the time and he’s a great guy, great coach, love playing for him.”

# **Boston College's Harold Landry receives two ACC honors**

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Boston College defensive end Harold Landry felt twice the love yesterday from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The junior from Spring Lake, N.C., was named the ACC's defensive lineman of the week for recording 4.5 tackles for losses and three sacks in Saturday's 17-14 victory against Wake Forest. Landry has two weekly honors this season and three in his career.

His body of work also was recognized when he was named to the All-ACC second team. Eagles linebackers Matt Milano and Connor Strachan collected honorable mention honors. BC is ninth in the nation and second in the ACC in total defense, allowing 310.6 yards per game.

"Harold . . . has been unblockable all year," BC defensive captain John Johnson said. "Quarterbacks fear that, and they double-team him, and sometimes that doesn't work."

Landry is BC's single-season sacks leader (15), but that is just one statistical aspect of his outstanding season on the edge. Landry leads the nation with seven forced fumbles, is tied for the lead in sacks and is fourth with 20.5 tackles for losses. The old single-season sack record of 13 was shared by Eric Storz (1997) and Mike Mamula (1994).

"Accomplishing the single-season sack record at BC is a great feeling, but I couldn't have done it without our coaches," Landry said. "They pushed me so hard, and this is reaping the rewards, and I'm so grateful to be where I am."

# BC quarterback Patrick Towles had something to prove

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Patrick Towles soaked in as much of the celebration as he could. He was slapping teammates on the back and howling “How ’bout that bowl game?” long after the Eagles secured a win over Wake Forest on Saturday that punched their ticket to the postseason.

But part of him was still very much invested in a game in Louisville.

He still bled Kentucky blue and hated Cardinal Red.

Finding out the Wildcats had spoiled Louisville’s season in a 41-38 upset was icing on the cake for Towles.

Towles spent two seasons as Kentucky’s starting quarterback. Both years, the Wildcats fell a win short of bowl eligibility. He transferred to Boston College when the disappointment of that season fell on his shoulders and he lost the job as the team’s starter. But if he was harboring even the slightest trace of bitterness about Kentucky reaching a bowl game for the first time since 2010 without him, he didn’t show it.

Leading the Eagles to a bowl game — and getting there himself for the first time — was less about proving Kentucky wrong and more about proving something to himself.

“My entire career, there’ve been moments where I just wasn’t good enough,” Towles said. “I was OK but just not what we needed. I felt like winning that sixth game finally kind of not only put our program over the hump, but myself over the hump.”

Towles completed 10 of 23 passes for 74 yards against Wake Forest. At times he looked tentative, tucking the ball as he’s done so many times this season and trying to use his legs to pick up yards.

But at the game’s most critical moment, he knew he’d have to make plays with his arm.

The Eagles were trailing, 14-10, in the fourth quarter and up to that point the offense was spinning its wheels. Towles thought about the way things ended last year at Kentucky. The Wildcats blew a 24-7 lead, he came in for the final drive with his team down 38-24. He marched Kentucky to the Louisville 24 and gave the Wildcats some hope of a late-game miracle, but he threw a plug-pulling interception. It was his last pass in a Kentucky uniform.

He refused to let the same thing happen again.

“At a point in that game, I started thinking to myself, we’re changing the tide,” Towles said.

He engineered an eight-play, 73-yard drive, rushing for 15 yards and completing 3 of 4 passes for 37 yards, capping it with a 13-yard scoring strike to tight end Tommy Sweeney up the seam for the touchdown that put the Eagles up for good.

“For me, personally, that drive was really, really big,” Towles said.

The transition to BC was by no means the storybook scenario Towles might’ve imagined when he decided to transfer. He had career lows in pass attempts (251), completions (128) and yards (1,579). The Eagles’ offense was the worst in the ACC in scoring (19.1 points per game) and total yardage (288.2 yards per game) and next to last in passing yardage (141.5 yards per game).

The fissures in faith started to show when the Eagles took a 49-0 loss to Virginia Tech in September. They were 1-2 to start the season and had two ACC losses hanging over them just three games into the season.

But if there were questions about how much different this season would be from last season, Towles answered them. “This season won’t be like last year,” he said.

Brought in to resuscitate an Eagles offense that was lifeless a year ago, the quarterback knew the onus was on him.

“We talked about, throughout the entire season, we wanted to play in the postseason,” Towles said. “Especially after last year, that was our goal. To be able to do that — I wish it wasn’t in the stressful fashion as it was — but nonetheless we’ll take it.”

In the locker room, Towles listened to his teammates guess at where they might land when bowls are announced on Sunday.

“I’m thinking I don’t care where we go,” he said. “I’ll play wherever. If we strap it up at Alumni Stadium one last time, that’ll be fine with me.”