

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

LocationLewisburg, Pa.
 Founded (Enrollment)..... 1846 (3,892)
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Nickname..... Bison
 Colors Blue and Orange
 Conference The Patriot League
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COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach..... Dave Cecchini
 Alma Mater Lehigh University, '95
 Record at Bucknell 13-36 (6th season)
 Career Record.....30-74 (11th season)
 Offensive Coordinator..... John Bear
 Defensive Coordinator..... Chris Bowers
 Special Teams Coordinator Brad Jarman
 Assistant Coaches..... Vinny Giacalone, McNeil Parker, Sean Pearson,
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 Strength & Conditioning CoachMark Kulbis
 Video Coordinator..... Kiem LeGrant
 Athletic Trainers..... Kaiti Hager, Rayna Murphy, Maddy Miller
 Equipment Manager Liel Karstetter

FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Season 1883
 All-Time Record 615-630-51
 All-Time Patriot League Record 82-128-1
 Patriot League Championships 1 (1996)
 MAC Championships..... 1 (1965)
 Lambert Cup Titles 2 (1960,1964)
 AP All-Americans59 (most recent Alex Pechin, '19)
 AFCA All-Americans 12 (most recent Alex Pechin, '19)
 Academic All-Americans..... 25 (most recent Rick Mottram, '19)
 NFL Draft Picks.....7 (most recent Juli n Davenport, '17)
 Current NFL.....Juli n Davenport '16 (Falcons), Abdullah Anderson '17 (Titans)

TEAM INFORMATION

2024 Patriot League Preseason Poll..... 7th
 2023 Record..... 4-7
 2023 Patriot League Record (Finish).....1-5 (T-6th)
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/5
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost..... 6/5
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 42/32
 Newcomers..... 33
 CaptainsBrad Jamison, John Ohnegian, Alex Smith Jr., Casey Stephenson
 Returning All-Patriot League SelectionsBrad Jamison (LB) (2nd Team in 2023)
 2024 Preseason All-Patriot League Selections Matt Schearer (K)

BISON NOTES

Bucknell is back on the road this Saturday in search of its first win of the 2024 season when it visits VMI. It's the third year in a row the Bison and Keydets meet in week two, and they've split the last two matchups. The Bison got the best of the Keydets in Lewisburg last September with a 21-13 victory. A win on Saturday would give Bucknell a 5-3 advantage in the all-time series with VMI, which dates back to 1978.

Bucknell saw plenty of encouraging moments in last Saturday's season-opening loss at Navy, including a balanced offensive effort that saw the Bison jump out to a 7-0 lead. Bucknell registered 206 passing yards and another 106 yards on the ground against one of the FBS' toughest defenses in 2023. Ralph Rucker IV completed seven passes of nine yards or longer, including a 47-yard touchdown to newcomer Nate Anderson on Bucknell's first possession, despite facing a tough Navy pass rush. Michael Hardyway completed three more deep passes in the fourth quarter. Paul Neel posted a solid showing in his first start at running back as well, averaging five yards per carry on 12 attempts.

Defensively, the Bison picked off two Navy passes and forced punts on four other drives. Nick Hoying led all players with 11 tackles and an interception. On special teams, sophomore wide receiver TJ Cadden created explosive plays on both kickoff and punt return, and he added a game-high five receptions for 97 yards in a breakout performance.

VMI faced a tall task in week one with a trip to No. 15/16 William & Mary and fell 41-7. The Keydets are in their second season under head coach Danny Rocco, who turned the team around after a 1-10 season in 2022 and led the program to just its fourth five-win season in the last 20 years in 2023.

WITH A VICTORY BUCKNELL WOULD...

- move to 1-1 on the season for a second year in a row
- defeat the Keydets for a second season in a row
- improve to 5-3 in the all-time series with the Keydets
- improve to 2-1 against the Keydets under Cecchini
- move to 4-4 in road games since the start of last season

BUCKNELL AT A GLANCE

- Bucknell seeks its first win of the 2024 season when it visits VMI on Saturday. The Bison play their first two games on the road for the first time since the 2019 season. A win would give Bucknell a 1-1 start for a second straight season.
- The Bison opened their 139th season of football 0-1 with a 49-21 loss at Navy.
- The Bison were picked to finish seventh in the 2024 Patriot League Football Preseason Poll after finishing the 2023 campaign in a tie for sixth with a 4-7 (1-5 PL) record.
- Junior K Matt Schearer was named to the 2024 Preseason All-Patriot League Team for a second season in a row. The Bison also landed eight on the Phil Steele 2024 Patriot League Preseason All-Conference Team.
- Bucknell is in its sixth season under head coach Dave Cecchini, who was voted as the Patriot League Dick Biddle Coach of the Year during the 2021 spring campaign for leading the Bison to a spot in the first-ever Patriot League Championship Game following the abbreviated season. Cecchini's team is coming off a record-setting campaign in 2023 that saw the offense average 38.8 points per game over the final four contests.
- Bucknell returned a total of 42 letterwinners in 2023, a group that includes two fifth-year seniors, 18 seniors, 14 juniors and eight sophomores. 11 Bison are three-time letterwinners, and fifth-year RB Danny Meuser is a four-time letterwinner. Bucknell lost 32 letterwinners last year.
- Bucknell welcomed 33 newcomers this season, including 27 freshmen. Five newcomers transferred to Bucknell.
- The Bison welcomed a host of new faces to the staff during the offseason: special teams coordinator/linebackers coach Brad Jarman, running backs coach Jalen Banks, defensive line coach Codey Cole, assistant offensive line coach/run game analyst Ashley Cornwell, defensive quality control/comerbacks coach Roger Wright-Lester, and video coordinator Kiem LeGrant.
- Fifth-year senior OL Casey Stephenson, senior LB Brad Jamison, senior S Alex Smith Jr., and junior OL John Ohnegian were selected by their teammates to serve as team captains for the 2024 season. Stephenson is just the 12th multi-year captain in program history.
- The "CD" stickers Bucknell is wearing on its helmets are to honor fallen teammate Calvin Dickey, who tragically passed away in July.

INSIDE THE NAVY BOX SCORE

- Bucknell got off to an exciting start against the Mids with an opening-drive 47-yard touchdown pass from Ralph Rucker to Nate Anderson, but Navy went on to score 35 unanswered points and held on for a 49-21 win.
- The Mids piled up 437 yards on total offense, gaining 264 on the ground.
- Navy also scored a pair of long touchdowns, registering a 49-yard rush and a 42-yard pass.
- The Bison accumulated 337 yards of offense, 206 of which came through the air.
- RB Paul Neel led Bucknell's rushing attack in his first career start. The senior carried 12 times for 60 yards and a third-quarter touchdown.
- Rucker added 34 net rushing yards in addition to his 122 pass yards. He was under duress much of the game, absorbing four sacks.
- WR TJ Cadden hauled in five receptions for a career-high 97 receiving yards. He added a

INDIVIDUAL HONORS & AWARDS

MATT SCHEARER (62)

- 2024.....
- Preseason All-Patriot League Team 2023.....
- Preseason All-Patriot League Team 2022.....
- Two-time Patriot League Rookie of the Week (10/24), (11/14)

BRAD JAMISON (33)

- 2023.....
- Second Team All-Patriot League

RALPH RUCKER (10)

- 2023.....
- Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week (10/30)

ANEESH VYAS (90)

- 2023.....
- Patriot League Special Teams Player of the Week (9/25)

JUSTIN FISHER (99)

- 2021.....
- Patriot League Rookie of the Week (9/6)
- HM STATS National Freshman of the Week (9/6)

START CHART

John Schlendorf.....	23 (23)
Casey Stephenson.....	20 (10)
Charlie Kreinbucher.....	17 (15)
Aneesh Vyas.....	17 (0)
Alex Smith Jr.....	15 (12)
Jake Guy.....	15 (0)
Fredrick Sturgis.....	13 (0)
John Ohnegian.....	12 (12)
Brad Jamison.....	12 (12)
Ralph Rucker.....	11 (5)
Mason Taylor.....	10 (1)
Cade Rooney.....	9 (2)
Mason Jones.....	8 (3)
Xavier Allen.....	8 (1)
Eric Weatherly.....	8 (1)
Roman Pearson.....	8 (1)
Josh Gary.....	8 (1)
Gavin Willis.....	7 (1)
Marques Owens.....	7 (0)
Christian Spugnardi.....	7 (0)
Deuce Geter.....	6 (2)
Chris Sims.....	5 (0)
Kyle Fontes.....	5 (0)
Nathan Natoli.....	4 (2)
Jack Barnes.....	3 (1)
Brad Gerken.....	2 (0)
Aaron Davis.....	1 (1)
Grant Laws.....	1 (1)
Justin Fisher.....	1 (1)
Paul Neel.....	1 (1)
Nate Anderson.....	1 (1)
Derrick Anderson Jr.....	1 (0)
Danny Meuser.....	1 (0)

Note: Number in parentheses indicates streak of consecutive starts

BISON NOTES

52-yard kickoff return and a 24-yard punt return. His younger brother, freshman RB Michael Cadden, scored a late Bison touchdown in his first collegiate game.

- Sophomore Nick Hoying led Bucknell's defensive efforts with 11 tackles and his first career interception. Terian Williams II also grabbed an interception, and Brad Jamison recorded Bucknell's lone sack.

VMI AT A GLANCE

- VMI is 0-1 after falling 41-7 on the road at No. 15/16 William & Mary in last Saturday's season opener. Senior running back Hunter Rice provided the Keydets with their only score, rushing for a touchdown in the second quarter. Rice totaled 126 yards on the ground.
- VMI was picked to finish seventh out of nine teams in the 2024 SoCon Preseason Poll. The Keydets went 5-6 overall and 4-4 in conference games last season.
- Five Keydets earned Preseason All-Conference honors: Rice (1st Tm Offense), OL Tyriq Poindexter (1st Tm Offense), DL Dorian Starnes (1st Tm Defense), LB Eric Rankin (2nd Tm Defense), and KR Ivan Thorpe (2nd Tm Special Teams).
- VMI is under the direction of head coach Danny Rocco, who is in his second season with the program. Rocco is 126-72 for his career, having made previous stops at Liberty, Richmond and Delaware. Rocco was a National Coach of the Year Finalist last season after guiding VMI to five wins for just the fourth time in 20 years. The turnaround came after a 1-10 season in 2022. VMI ended last season with a 27-24 win over No. 14 Western Carolina.
- Rice paced the VMI offense last season as he did in this year's opener. He accumulated 867 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns in 2023, averaging 5.1 yards per carry. Rankin finished second on the VMI roster with 93 tackles and 3.5 sacks last season.
- Overall, VMI returned 13 starters and four of eight All-SoCon honorees from last season.

THE BUCKNELL/VMI SERIES

- Bucknell and VMI are meeting for a third consecutive season and for the eighth time since the series began in 1978. Six of the meetings have occurred in the last 11 years.
- Bucknell leads 4-3 in the all-time series with the Keydets. They have split the last four meetings. Bucknell won 21-13 in Lewisburg last September, and VMI won 24-14 in Lexington in 2022.
- Bucknell defeated the Keydets in 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the longest streak by either team in the series. The Keydets prevailed 23-17 in triple overtime in the 2016 meeting.
- VMI won the first-ever meeting, 25-14, in Lexington in 1978.

THE LAST MEETING WITH THE KEYDETS

- Bucknell held VMI scoreless through three quarters and never trailed in a 21-13 victory at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium Sept. 9, 2023. The Bison improved to 1-1 with the victory.
- Four of the game's five touchdowns occurred in the fourth quarter.
- An 18-yard touchdown pass from Ralph Rucker to Damian Harris late in the first quarter gave the Bison a 7-0 lead that lasted until 10:08 remained in the game. A 27-yard touchdown pass from VMI's Collin Ironside tied the game at 7-7, but Rucker struck again less than four minutes later with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Charlie Kreinbucher to regain the lead. The Bison added a rushing touchdown to go up 21-7, and the score proved pivotal as VMI added a late score with 1:31 to go to arrive at the 21-13 final.
- The Bison racked up 397 yards of offense on 76 plays in the win. Rucker posted a breakout performance, passing for 224 yards and two touchdowns while adding 47 rushing yards. Rushawn Baker added 105 yards on the ground. Damian Harris hauled in eight receptions for 101 yards.
- 220 of VMI's 295 yards were through the air. The Keydets also came away with the game's only turnover, recovering a fumble in the third quarter.
- Bucknell's pass rush was relentless in the game, as the defense piled up six sacks.

INSIDE THE BUCKNELL DEPTH CHART

- Bucknell's projected starters on offense have made a combined 105 starts at Bucknell.
- Bucknell's projected starters on defense have made a combined 104 starts at Bucknell.
- On offense, one fifth-year (OL Casey Stephenson), three seniors, six juniors and one sophomore (OL Xavier Allen) are expected to start.
- On defense, eight seniors, two juniors and one sophomore (LB Gavin Willis) are expected to start.
- 11 Bison have made at least 10 starts entering Saturday's game. S John Schlendorf leads the team with 23 career starts. Schlendorf and OL Casey Stephenson are the only two Bison with 20 or more career starts.
- Five Bison made their first career starts last week: WR Nate Anderson, RB Paul Neel, DL Grant Laws, DL Justin Fisher and CB Aaron Davis.
- Six Bison have starting streaks of 10 or more games in a row: Schlendorf (23), TE Charlie Kreinbucher (15), S Alex Smith Jr. (12), OL John Ohnegian (12), LB Brad Jamison (12) and Stephenson (10).
- Seniors Schlendorf and Smith Jr. have played in all 34 of the team's games over their three seasons.

IN THE RECORD BOOK

- QB Ralph Rucker set single-season records in passing completions (211), passing yards (2,537) and total yards (2,667) in 2023. He also tied the single-season passing touchdowns mark (21).

2024 PATRIOT LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Overall		Patriot League		Streak
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	
Georgetown	1-0	1.000	0-0	---	W1
Bucknell	0-1	.000	0-0	---	L1
Colgate	0-1	.000	0-0	---	L1
Fordham	0-1	.000	0-0	---	L1
Holy Cross	0-1	.000	0-0	---	L1
Lafayette	0-1	.000	0-0	---	L1
Lehigh	0-1	.000	0-0	---	L1

PATRIOT LEAGUE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Thursday, Aug. 29

Buffalo 30, Lafayette 13
Bowling Green 41, Fordham 17

Friday, Aug. 30

Army 42, Lehigh 7
Maine 17, Colgate 14

Saturday, Aug. 31

Navy 49, Bucknell 21
Georgetown 46, Davidson 24
Rhode Island 20, Holy Cross 17

Saturday, Sept. 7

Wagner at Lehigh, 12 p.m.
Georgetown at Marist, 12 p.m.
Lafayette at Monmouth, 1 p.m.
Bucknell at VMI, 1:30 p.m.
New Hampshire at Holy Cross, 2 p.m.
Villanova at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Fordham at Central Connecticut State, 6 p.m.

PATRIOT LEAGUE PRESEASON POLL

	'23 League		'23 Overall		Points
	W-L	Place	W-L	Pct.	
1 Lafayette (12)	5-1	1st	9-3	.750	72
2 Holy Cross	5-1	2nd	7-4	.636	56
3 Fordham (1)	2-4	5th	6-5	.545	53
4 Colgate (1)	4-2	3rd	6-5	.545	46
5 Georgetown	3-3	4th	5-6	.455	27
6 Lehigh	1-5	T-6th	2-9	.182	24
7 Bucknell	1-5	T-6th	4-7	.364	16

Number in parentheses indicates first-place votes

PATRIOT LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Player	Honor	Statistics
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BISON NOTES

- Rucker also tied for the second-most touchdown passes in a game (4) and set the record for the most passing yards in a single game (387).
- WR Eric Weatherly tied for fifth in the Bucknell record book with his seven receiving touchdowns.
- Bucknell's 400 passing attempts in 2023 were second-most in program history behind the 426 attempts in 2019. The team's 242 completions, 2,854 passing yards and 24 touchdown passes were each records.
- The Bison set a new program record with 259.45 average yards per game in 2023.

MILESTONES MET LAST WEEK

- Alex Smith Jr. recorded his 100th career tackle.
- Nick Hoying and Terian Williams recorded their first career interceptions.

MILESTONES TO WATCH

- Derrick Anderson Jr. needs 68 receiving yards to reach 500 for his career.
- Ralph Rucker is 341 passing yards away from 3,000 in his Bucknell career.

BISON AWARD WINNERS

- The Patriot League announced its first round of weekly awards on Monday, and two Bison received honorable mentions. WR TJ Cadden was an honorable mention for PL Special Teams Player of the Week after recording a 52-yard kickoff return and a 24-yard punt return at Navy. LB Nick Hoying was an honorable mention for PL Defensive Player of the Week for registering a game-high 11 tackles and an interception against the Mids.
- The Bison returned one All-Patriot League player, LB Brad Jamison.
- K Matt Schearer was named to the Preseason All-Patriot League Team in July. It was his second time being named to the Preseason All-Patriot League Team after earning the honor in 2023 as well.
- Eight Bison were named to the 2024 Phil Steele Patriot League Preseason All-Conference Team: K Schearer (1st Tm), LB Jamison (2nd Tm), QB Ralph Rucker (3rd Tm), WR Eric Weatherly (3rd Tm), OL Xavier Allen (3rd Tm), OL Casey Stephenson (3rd Tm), OL John Ohnegian (3rd Tm) and S John Schlenendorf (3rd Tm).
- The Bison lost First Team All-Patriot League CB Ethan Robinson as well as First Team All-Patriot League KR and Second Team All-League RB Coleman Bennett from last season.
- Bucknell returned one of its three Academic All-Patriot League honorees from last season: OL Ohnegian.
- Four current members of the roster have earned Patriot League Weekly Awards during their careers. QB Rucker was named PL Offensive Player of the Week last year (10/30), DL Aneesh Vyas was named PL Special Teams Player of the Week last year (9/25), K Schearer was named PL Rookie of the Week twice in 2022 (10/24 & 11/14), and DL Justin Fisher was named PL Rookie of the Week as well as HIMS National Freshman of the Week in 2021 (9/6).

HEAD COACH DAVE CECCHINI

- Dave Cecchini, one of the all-time great wide receivers in Patriot League history who has since gone on to achieve tremendous success in the coaching ranks, was named the 27th Bob Odell Head Football Coach at Bucknell University on February 6, 2019.
- Cecchini was voted as the 2021 Spring Patriot League Dick Biddle Coach of the Year for guiding the team to a spot in the Patriot League Championship Game. In addition, he was selected as a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, presented by STATS to the FCS Coach of the Year, for the second time in his career.
- In his first season at the helm, Cecchini led the Bison to a third-place finish in the Patriot League, their highest placement since they were the 2014 runners-up. Their Patriot League victories came over defending champion Colgate (32-14), rival Lehigh (20-10) and Georgetown (20-17); two of their three league losses came by a touchdown or less.
- In 2017 while at Valparaiso, Cecchini was a finalist for the American Football Coaches Association's FCS National Coach of the Year and the STATS FCS Coach of the Year awards; he was also voted as the Pioneer Football League Coach of the Year and the AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year.
- Since arriving at Bucknell, Cecchini's players have combined to earn 24 All-Patriot League First/Second Team awards as well as one First Team All-American.

INSIDE THE 2024 SCHEDULE

- This is the 139th season of football at Bucknell. The Bison played their first-ever game in 1883 and have played continuously since 1887.
- Bucknell is scheduled to play 12 games for just the third time in program history and for the first time since 2003. The Bison also played 12 games in 1916. Bucknell will host six home games for the first time since 2017.
- The Bison opened the 2024 slate against FBS opponent Navy. It's the fifth FBS team Bucknell has faced under head coach Dave Cecchini and the third time it has faced an FBS foe in the season opener.
- Bucknell goes on the road again in week two to face VMI for a third season in a row. The Bison and Keydets split the previous two meetings.
- Bucknell hosts Merrimack for its home opener on Sept. 14 for what will be the first-ever meeting between the two programs. The Bison then host Marist a week later for Family Weekend on Sept. 21 and will look to make it three consecutive wins over the Red Foxes in as many seasons.
- The Bison open Patriot League play on the road at Lehigh on Sept. 28 before hitting the bye week. They return from the bye on Oct. 12 with a trip to Penn for the first of two back-to-back games against Ivy League teams. Bucknell hosts Cornell on Oct. 19 over Homecoming Weekend. It marks the 45th time in the last 46 seasons that Bucknell has had at least one Ivy League program on the schedule.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS

- 1. Marques Owens MARCUS
- 4. Danny Meuser MUE-ser
- 6. Christian Petruzzello pet-tru-ZELL-oh
- 7. Tariq Thomas ta-REEK
- 10. Brandon Biagiarelli bee-AH-ja-rell-ee
- 14. Takai Whitmore ta-KYE
- 18. Bradley Pao POW
- 22. Nick Severin SEV-rin
- 24. Rostand Olama ROE-stond o-LA-ma
- 25. JJ Sebert SEE-burt
- 26. Deuce Geter GEE-tur
- 28. Anthony DiLascio di-LASS-ee-oh
- 30. William Caneer cah-NEER
- 31. Drew Cormier COR-meer
- 32. Finn Sposato spo-SA-to
- 33. Brad Jamison JAM-i-son
- 35. Charlie Meehleib MEE-lybe
- 40. Charlie McIntyre MACK-in-tire
- 41. Jack Bohm-Squicciarini bome-squich-a-REE-nee
- 44. Caden Allard KAY-den
- 45. John Schlen Dorf SCHLEN-dorf
- 49. Jason Ussery US-erry
- 56. Mark Mulhern MULL-hern
- 57. Jack Inserra in-SERR-a
- 58. Aidan Catania Cuh-TAHN-ee-ah
- 59. Dante Mascio MASS-ee-oh
- 60. Kieran Coscia KEE-ran KAH-shuh
- 61. Ryan Jedlicka jed-LICK-uh
- 66. Herschel Johal JOE-hall
- 67. Gustav Steffelin STEFF-eh-linn
- 76. Ashton Sempervive semper-VEE-vee
- 78. John Ohnegian oh-NEE-gee-ann
- 81. Christian Spugnardi spug-NAR-dee
- 82. Charlie "Chuck" Kreinbucher KRANE-buck-er
- 90. Aneesh Vyas uh-NEESH VEE-as
- 92. Daniel Sierk SEE-rk
- 94. Nick Niemynski ni-MIN-ski
- 96. Juan Garanton GARE-on-tonn
- 97. Dara Adeyemi DAH-ruh ah-de-YEM-ee
- 98. Seo Buffington SAY-oh

COACHES

- Dave Cecchini cha-KEE-nee
- Vinny Giacalone JACK-a-loan
- Mark Kulbis KUL-bis
- Braelon Roberts BRAY-lon

BISON NOTES

- A trip to Georgetown rounds out the month of October before the Bison play three of their final four games at home. The Bison and the Hoyas have played overtime games the last two years and have alternated wins over the last six meetings.
- Lafayette visits Lewisburg on Nov. 2, and Fordham comes to town Nov. 9 before Bucknell visits Holy Cross for its final road game. The regular season comes to a close at home against Colgate on Nov. 23.
- Bucknell's 2024 opponents went a combined 63-69 last season.
- Buknell's 2024 opponents are off to a combined 2-7 record this season.

2023 IN REVIEW

- Bucknell went 4-7 (1-5 PL) during the 2023 campaign but saw noticeable improvements in several areas, including a potent offense that set several school records. The four wins were the most in a single season by the Bison since 2017.
- The Bison earned wins over VMI, Cornell, Colgate and Marist. The 49-34 victory over Colgate was arguably the team's best performance, as it posted 593 total yards and seven touchdowns. They were the most points the Bison had scored since 2003, and the 593 total yards tied for second in program history.
- Bucknell was also competitive in most of its losses, including a heartbreaking 50-47 overtime thriller against Georgetown, a narrow 27-21 loss at Fordham, and a decent first-half showing in the season opener at James Madison before the Dukes went on to start the season 10-0.
- Bucknell set program records for single-season passing yards (2,854), passing touchdowns (24), and average yards per game (259.45). Quarterback Ralph Rucker set records for single-season completions (211), passing yards (2,537), total yards (2,667) and tied the single-season passing touchdowns mark (21). He also set several single-game highs.
- Bucknell got stronger toward the end of the season, averaging 38.8 points over the final four contests.
- Three Bison earned All-Patriot League honors at the end of the 2023 campaign. Cornerback Ethan Coleman landed on the First Team, linebacker Brad Jamison landed on the Second Team, and Robinson Bennett received First Team honors as a kick returner and Second Team honors as a running back.

FACILITY UPGRADES

- The Bison officially opened the doors to the Pascucci Team Center on April 15, 2024, completing a plethora of enhancements in and around Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in recent years that were made possible through the generous support of Michael Pascucci '58, P'81, P'87, G'21, G'22.
- Standing prominently between the turf practice field and the north end zone of the stadium, the new facility is a 16,000-square-foot athletics hub that features a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning facility with an expansive weight room that overlooks the turf practice field. Adjacent to the weight room is a sports medicine center.
- Specifically designed to bridge the practice and game-day fields, the team center's south facade offers sweeping views of Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Inside, a spacious team meeting room and conference room allows teams to review film and gather for off-field training and learning events. A Bison Fuel station ensures convenient access to nutritious snacks, supplements and hydration.
- Earlier phases of the project included the installation of a modern LED video board at the south end zone of Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in 2021 and the completion of a turf practice field in 2022.
- The Bucknell football team's locker room, located within Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium, was also redone over the summer and includes brand-new lockers, a player's lounge, and more.

CHRISTY MATHEWSON-MEMORIAL STADIUM'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

- Bucknell Athletics proudly celebrates Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium's 100th anniversary season in 2024. Over the course of 10 decades, the historic landmark has played host to more than 450 football games along with countless other athletic events and community gatherings. The Bison will celebrate a century of tradition throughout the 2024-25 academic year, and the Oct. 19 home game vs. Cornell will serve as the football team's official Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium 100th Anniversary Game during Homecoming Weekend.
- The picturesque Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium was dedicated in 1924 and was known originally as Memorial Stadium as a tribute to Bucknell's numerous war veterans. The stadium underwent a major renovation in 1989, and at that time it was rededicated to honor the iconic Christy Mathewson, who was a three-sport star and model student-athlete during his playing days at Bucknell.
- Bucknell is 256-186-10 all-time at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE BISON

- All of Bucknell's games this season will be broadcast on ESPN+ with the exception of the season opener at Navy, which will be shown on CBS Sports Network.
- All of the Bison's games will be broadcast on 100.9 The Valley (WVLY). The broadcast will also be available for internet streaming on BucknellBison.com.
- Bucknell is active on X (@Bucknell_FB) and Instagram (Bucknell_FB). Interact with the team using the hashtags #ACT and #rayBucknell.

UP NEXT

- Bucknell hosts Merrimack at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 14 for the team's 2024 home opener. It will be the first-ever meeting between the Bison and Warriors. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.



BUCKNELL TWO DEEP AT VMI

OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVER

3 — Josh Gary (Jr. / 5-11 / 210 / Upper Marlboro, Md.)
84 — Sam Milligan (So. / 6-3 / 220 / Swathmore, Pa.)

LEFT TACKLE

70 — Xavier Allen (So. / 6-5 / 315 / Silver Spring, Md.)
60 — Kieran Coscia (Jr. / 6-3 / 300 / Pittsfield, Mass.)

LEFT GUARD

74 — Casey Stephenson (5th. / 6-2 / 300 / Philadelphia, Pa.)
73 — Mason Jones (Sr. / 6-6 / 326 / Franklin, Tenn.)

CENTER

78 — John Ohnegian (Jr. / 6-2 / 304 / Ramsey, N.J.)
71 — Fredrick Sturgis (Sr. / 6-4 / 300 / Cincinnati, Ohio)

RIGHT GUARD

75 — Jake Guy (Sr. / 6-2 / 314 / Philadelphia, Pa.)
53 — Tim Andersen (So. / 6-2 / 295 / Madison, N.J.)

RIGHT TACKLE

77 — Nathan Natoli (Jr. / 6-6 / 295 / Olney, Md.)
56 — Mark Mulhern (So. / 6-6 / 331 / Chicago, Ill.)

TIGHT END

82 — Charlie Kreinbucher (Jr. / 6-5 / 260 / Butler, Pa.)
87 — Kyle Fontes (Jr. / 6-4 / 242 / York, Pa.)

WIDE RECEIVER

2 — Eric Weatherly (Jr. / 5-8 / 180 / St. John's, Fla.)
80 — TJ Cadden (So. / 6-0 / 195 / Phoenixville, Pa.)

WIDE RECEIVER

17 — Nate Anderson (Jr. / 6-0 / 185 / Fort Wayne, Ind.)
8 — Alex Brown (Jr. / 6-3 / 205 / Rumson, N.J.)

RUNNING BACK

21 — Paul Neel (Sr. / 5-10 / 205 / Charlotte, N.C.)
7 — Tariq Thomas (Fr. / 5-11 / 185 / Springfield, Mass.)

QUARTERBACK

10 — Ralph Rucker IV (Jr. / 6-0 / 207 / Lucas, Texas.)
9 — Michael Hardyway (Sr. / 6-0 / 208 / Oceanside, Calif.)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

52 — Jack Barnes (Sr. / 6-2 / 245 / Fayetteville, N.C.)
30 — William Caneer (So. / 6-3 / 238 / Huntsville, Ala.)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

90 — Aneesh Vyas (Sr. / 6-2 / 300 / West Chester, Ohio)
92 — Daniel Sierk (Jr. / 6-5 / 285 / Greensburg, Pa.)

NOSE

15 — Cade Rooney (Sr. / 6-3 / 295 / Berwyn, Pa.)
95 — Grant Laws (Sr. / 6-3 / 325 / Halifax, Mass.)

DEFENSIVE END

99 — Justin Fisher (Sr. / 6-6 / 270 / King of Prussia, Pa.)
97 — Dara Adeyemi (So. / 6-7 / 280 / Luton, England)

INSIDE LINEBACKER (MIKE)

33 — Brad Jamison (Sr. / 6-2 / 240 / Upper Township, N.J.)
47 — Jack Goheen (Jr. / 6-2 / 236 / Fishers, Ind.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER (WILL)

13 — Gavin Willis (So. / 6-0 / 230 / Louisville, Ky.)
23 — Nick Hoying (So. / 6-0 / 207 / Kings Mills, Ohio)

SAFETY

6 — Alex Smith Jr. (Sr. / 6-2 / 210 / Charlotte, N.C.)
9 — Terian Williams II (Jr. / 5-11 / 190 / Atlanta, Ga.)

SAFETY

20 — Mason Taylor (Sr. / 6-2 / 195 / San Pedro, Calif.)
38 — Brad Gerken (So. / 5-11 / 210 / San Clemente, Calif.)

SAFETY

45 — John Schlendorf (Sr. / 5-10 / 195 / Toms River, N.J.)
31 — Drew Cormier (So. / 6-1 / 200 / Burlington, Conn.)

CORNERBACK

5 — Roman Pearson (Jr. / 6-2 / 195 / Pickerington, Ohio)
14 — Takai Whitmore (So. / 5-11 / 180 / Boston, Mass.)

CORNERBACK

16 — Aaron Davis (Jr. / 5-11 / 190 / Brandywine, Md.)
11 — Chris Sims (Sr. / 5-9 / 185 / Haverford, Pa.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PLACE KICKER

62 — Matt Schearer (Jr. / 5-11 / 187 / Canonsburg, Pa.)
96 — Juan Garanton (Fr. / 5-11 / 170 / Tampa, Fla.)

KICKOFF SPECIALIST

91 — Matt Karic (Jr. / 5-8 / 170 / Los Altos, Calif.)
96 — Juan Garanton (Fr. / 5-11 / 170 / Tampa, Fla.)

PUNTER

62 — Matt Schearer (Jr. / 5-11 / 187 / Canonsburg, Pa.)
96 — Juan Garanton (Fr. / 5-11 / 170 / Tampa, Fla.)

LONG SNAPPER

61 — Ryan Jedlicka (Jr. / 5-10 / 230 / Greenwich, Conn.)
35 — Charlie Meehleib (Fr. / 6-4 / 232 / Elizabeth, Pa.)

HOLDER

91 — Matt Karic (Jr. / 5-8 / 170 / Los Altos, Calif.)
9 — Michael Hardyway (Sr. / 6-0 / 208 / Oceanside, Calif.)

KICKOFF RETURN

3 — Josh Gary (Jr. / 5-11 / 210 / Upper Marlboro, Md.)
7 — Tariq Thomas (Fr. / 5-11 / 185 / Springfield, Mass.)

PUNT RETURN

2 — Eric Weatherly (Jr. / 5-8 / 180 / St. John's, Fla.)
80 — TJ Cadden (So. / 6-0 / 195 / Phoenixville, Pa.)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Opponent	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	RB	QB
at Navy	E. Weatherly	X. Allen	C. Stephenson	J. Ohnegian	M. Jones	N. Natoli	C. Kreinbucher	J. Gary	N. Anderson*	P. Neel*	R. Rucker
at VMI											
MERRIMACK											
MARIST											
at Lehigh											
at Penn											
CORNELL											
at Georgetown											
LAFAYETTE											
FORHAM											
at Holy Cross											
COLGATE											
Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	WILL	MIKE	S	S	S	CB	CB
at Navy	J. Barnes	C. Rooney	G. Laws*	J. Fisher*	G. Willis	B. Jamison	J. Schlendorf	M. Taylor	A. Smith	A. Davis*	R. Pearson
at VMI											
MERRIMACK											
MARIST											
at Lehigh											
at Penn											
CORNELL											
at Georgetown											
LAFAYETTE											
FORHAM											
at Holy Cross											
COLGATE											
Marist											

* indicates player's first career start

2024 BUCKNELL ROSTER

No.		Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown / High School
0	**	Derrick Anderson Jr.	Jr.	WR	6-3	180	Fort Washington, Md. / Episcopal (Va.)
1	**	Marques Owens	Sr.	WR	5-10	190	Austell, Ga. / Harrison
2	*	Eric Weatherly	Jr.	WR	5-8	180	St. John's, Fla. / Bartram Trail / Duke
3	**	Josh Gary	Jr.	WR	5-11	210	Upper Marlboro, Md. / St. John's College HS
4	****	Danny Meuser	5th	RB	6-0	210	Dallas, Pa. / Dallas
4		Marco Sansone	Fr.	QB	6-0	190	St. Louis, Mo. / St. Louis University HS
5	**	Roman Pearson	Jr.	CB	6-2	195	Pickerington, Ohio / Pickerington Central
6	***	Alex Smith Jr. (C)	Sr.	S	6-2	210	Charlotte, N.C. / Hickory Ridge
6		Christian Petruzzello	Fr.	QB	6-3	216	Monrovia, Md. / Linganore
7		Tariq Thomas	Fr.	RB	5-11	185	Springfield, Mass. / Springfield Central
8	**	Alex Brown	Jr.	WR	6-3	205	Rumson, N.J. / Red Bank Catholic
9		Michael Hardyway	Sr.	QB	6-0	208	Oceanside, Calif. / Oceanside
9		Terian Williams II	Jr.	CB	5-11	190	Atlanta, Ga. / Johns Creek / Stanford
10	*	Ralph Rucker IV	Sr.	QB	6-0	210	Lucas, Texas / Lovejoy / Oklahoma
10		Brandon Biagiarelli	Fr.	LB	6-3	226	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Avonworth
11	***	Chris Sims	Sr.	CB	5-9	185	Haverford, Pa. / Haverford School
12	*	Luke Freeman	Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Tulsa, Okla. / Victory Christian School
13	*	Gavin Willis	So.	LB	6-0	230	Louisville, Ky. / Ballard
14		Takai Whitmore	So.	CB	5-11	180	Boston, Mass. / Dexter Southfield
15	***	Cade Rooney	Sr.	DL	6-3	295	Berwyn, Pa. / St. Joseph's Prep
15		Daniel Shuster	Jr.	WR	6-1	195	Camp Hill, Pa. / Camp Hill / RPI
16		Aaron Davis	Jr.	CB	5-11	190	Brandywine, Md. / Friendship Collegiate Academy / Wheeling University
17		Nate Anderson	Jr.	WR	6-0	185	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Homestead / Western Michigan
18		Bradley Pao	Jr.	CB	6-0	185	Mays Landing, N.J. / St. Augustine Prep
19		England Allen	So.	CB	5-10	180	Monclova, Ohio / Anthony Wayne
20	*	Mason Taylor	Sr.	S	6-2	195	San Pedro, Calif. / Adelanto
21	*	Paul Neel	Sr.	RB	5-10	205	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Catholic
22		Nick Severin	So.	S	6-3	190	Mahwah, N.J. / Don Bosco Prep
23	*	Nick Hoying	So.	S/LB	6-0	207	Kings Mills, Ohio / Kings
24		Rostand Olama	Fr.	CB	6-3	202	Yaounde, Cameroon / The Taft School
25		JJ Sebert	Fr.	S	6-0	185	Powell, Ohio / Pickerington North
26	*	Deuce Geter	So.	S	6-1	214	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge
27		Myles Cunningham	Fr.	CB	6-0	165	Decatur, Ga. / Greater Atlanta Christian School
28		Anthony DiLascio	So.	RB	5-11	195	Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. / Hasbrouck Heights
29		Logan Bush	Fr.	RB	5-10	208	Washington, N.J. / Don Bosco Prep
30		William Caneer	So.	DL	6-3	238	Huntsville, Ala. / Arab / Jacksonville State
31	*	Drew Cormier	So.	S	6-1	200	Burlington, Conn. / Choate Rosemary Hall
32		Finn Sposato	Jr.	S	5-11	200	Farmington, Conn. / Farmington
33	***	Brad Jamison (C)	Sr.	LB	6-2	240	Upper Township, N.J. / Ocean City
34		Darius Day	Fr.	S	5-11	185	Wayland, Mass. / Dexter Southfield
35		Charlie Meehleib	Fr.	DL	6-4	232	Elizabeth, Pa. / Elizabeth Forward
36		Michael Cadden	Fr.	RB	5-10	190	Oaks, Pa. / Episcopal Academy
37		Tristan Menconi	Fr.	WR	5-8	175	Frederick, Md. / Walkersville
38	*	Brad Gerken	So.	S	5-11	210	San Clemente, Calif. / San Clemente
39		Jackson Nowinski	Fr.	WR	6-0	170	Arlington, Va. / Washington-Liberty
40		Charlie McIntyre	So.	S	6-0	200	Wyomissing, Pa. / Wyomissing Area
41		Jack Bohm-Squicciarini	Fr.	TE	6-4	234	Long Beach, Calif. / Red Bank Catholic
42		Ryan Skoronski	Fr.	S	5-11	196	North Haven, Conn. / Hamden Hall
43		Owen Garwood	So.	WR	6-2	193	Ambler, Pa. / Saint Joseph's Prep
44		Caden Allard	Fr.	TE	6-3	215	San Jose, Calif. / Archbishop Mitty
45	***	John Schlendorf	Sr.	S	5-10	195	Toms River, N.J. / Donovan Catholic/Olympus (Utah)
46		Michael Crabtree	So.	S	5-10	185	Winhall, Vt. / Burr and Burton Academy
47	**	Jack Goheen	Jr.	LB	6-2	236	Fishers, Ind. / Cathedral
49		Jason Ussery	Fr.	S	6-3	190	Los Lunas, N.M. / Los Lunas
52	***	Jack Barnes	Sr.	DL/LB	6-2	245	Fayetteville, N.C. / Blair Academy (N.J.)
53		Tim Andersen	So.	OL	6-2	295	Madison, N.J. / Delbarton
54		Reuben Logan	Fr.	OL	6-3	271	Wichita, Kan. / Royse City
56		Mark Mulhern	So.	OL	6-6	331	Chicago, Ill. / Bethlehem Catholic (Pa.)
57		Jack Inserra	So.	DL	6-2	235	Saddle River, N.J. / Northern Highlands
58		Aidan Catania	Sr.	LB	5-11	225	West Chester, Pa. / Malvern Prep
59		Dante Mascio	Fr.	LB	5-11	205	Deland, Fla. / Deland
60	*	Kieran Coscia	Jr.	OL	6-3	300	Pittsfield, Mass. / Pittsfield
61	**	Ryan Jedlicka	Jr.	LS	5-10	230	Greenwich, Conn. / Greenwich
62	**	Matt Schearer	Jr.	P/K	5-11	187	Canonsburg, Pa. / Central Catholic
64		David LoGrasso	So.	OL	6-2	315	Lynnfield, Mass. / Belmont Hill
65		Tristan Arndt	Fr.	OL	6-3	297	Dublin, Ohio / Dublin Scioto
66		Herschel Johal	Fr.	OL	6-4	296	Vancouver, B.C., Canada / Clearwater Academy International
67		Gustav Steffelin	Fr.	OL	6-5	290	New York, N.Y. / Salisbury
68		D.K. Kim	Jr.	OL	6-5	312	Gimpo, South Korea / Allentown Central Catholic (Pa.)
70	*	Xavier Allen	So.	OL	6-5	315	Silver Spring, Md. / Gonzaga
71	***	Fredrick Sturgis	Sr.	OL	6-4	300	Cincinnati, Ohio / Archbishop Moeller
72		Noah Wright	Fr.	OL	6-3	308	Windermere, Fla. / Windermere
73	***	Mason Jones	Sr.	OL	6-6	326	Franklin, Tenn. / Franklin
74	***	Casey Stephenson (C)	5th	OL	6-2	300	Philadelphia, Pa. / St. Joseph's Prep
75	**	Jake Guy	Sr.	OL	6-2	314	Philadelphia, Pa. / Don Bosco Prep (N.J.)
76		Ashton Sempervive	Jr.	DL	6-2	295	New Egypt, N.J. / New Egypt

77	*	Nathan Natoli	Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Olney, Md. / Sherwood
78		John Ohnegian (C)	Jr.	OL	6-2	304	Ramsey, N.J. / Saint Joseph Regional
79	*	Rowan McGwin	Jr.	OL	6-6	300	Rochester, N.Y. / Irondequoit / Buffalo
80	*	TJ Cadden	So.	WR	6-0	195	Phoenixville, Pa. / Episcopal Academy
81	***	Christian Spugnardi	Sr.	TE	6-6	240	Bethlehem, Pa. / Allentown Central Catholic
82	**	Charlie Kreinbucher	Jr.	TE	6-5	260	Butler, Pa. / Butler Area
83		Rourke Kennedy	So.	WR	6-3	210	Franklin Park, Pa. / North Allegheny
84	*	Sam Milligan	So.	WR	6-3	220	Swathmore, Pa. / Strath Haven
85		AJ Bosch	Fr.	WR	5-7	165	Iselin, N.J. / Woodbridge
86		Braylen Burgess	Fr.	WR	6-0	180	Peachtree Corners, Ga. / Greater Atlanta Christian School
87	*	Kyle Fontes	Sr.	TE	6-4	242	York, Pa. / Central York
88		Will Rich	Fr.	TE	6-3	225	Lexington, Ky. / Lexington Christian Academy
89		Anthony DiMarco	So.	WR	6-3	214	Rochester, N.Y. / McQuaid Jesuit
90	**	Aneesh Vyas	Sr.	DL	6-2	300	West Chester, Ohio / Lakota West
91		Matt Karic	Jr.	P/K	5-8	170	Los Altos, Calif. / Saint Francis
92	**	Daniel Sierk	Jr.	DL	6-5	285	Greensburg, Pa. / Hempfield Area
93		Jack McGill	So.	WR	6-1	205	Mamaroneck, N.Y. / Mamaroneck
94		Nick Niemynski	Sr.	P/K	6-2	205	Blue Bell, Pa. / Germantown Academy
95	**	Grant Laws	Sr.	DL	6-3	325	Halifax, Mass. / Xaverian Brothers / UMass
96		Juan Garanton	Fr.	K	5-11	170	Tampa, Fla. / Carrollwood Day School
97		Dara Adeyemi	So.	DL	6-7	280	Luton, England / Putteridge / The Taft School
98		Seo Buffington	So.	DL	6-4	257	San Mateo, Calif. / Sacred Heart Prep / San Jose State
99	***	Justin Fisher	Sr.	DL	6-6	270	King of Prussia, Pa. / Upper Merion Area

* Varsity letters earned; (C) Captain

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Dave Cecchini (Lehigh '95), sixth season

Coordinators: John Bear (Trinity International '06) (Offensive/QBs); Chris Bowers (Wittenberg '99) (Defensive); Brad Jarman (Missouri State '18) (Special Teams/LBs);

Offensive Assistant Coaches: Vinny Giacalone (Carnegie Mellon '10) (Asst. Head Coach/TEs); Sean Pearson (Wagner '14) (OL); Braelon Roberts (Utah State '17) (WRs); Jalen Banks (Vanderbilt '16) (RBs); Ashley Cornwell (Wisconsin '22) (Asst. OL/Run Game Analyst)

Defensive Assistant Coaches: McNeil Parker (Kenyon College '10) (Safeties); Codey Cole (Kansas '19) (DL); Roger Wright-Lester (American Military University '13) (CBs)

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Mark Kulbis (Bowling Green '13)

Sport Administrator: Tim Pavlechko (Bucknell '91) (Deputy AD)

Support Staff: Doug Birdsong (Marshall '87) (Voice of the Bison); Ben Blumenthal (Longwood '16) (Athletic Communications); Jon Terry (Bucknell '93) (Athletic Communications); Kiem LeGant (Shippensburg '16) (Video); Kaiti Hager (Cal U (Pa.) '12) (Athletic Training); Rayna Murphy (Ball State '17) (Athletic Training); Liel Karstetter (Lock Haven '10) (Equipment); Tom Ford (Cazenovia College '19) (Ticketing)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

97	Adeyemi, Dara	DL	38	Gerken, Brad	S	18	Pao, Bradley	CB
44	Allard, Caden	TE	26	Geter, Deuce	S	5	Pearson, Roman	CB
19	Allen, England	CB	47	Goheen, Jack	LB	6	Petruzzello, Christian	QB
70	Allen, Xavier	OL	75	Guy, Jake	OL	88	Rich, Will	TE
53	Andersen, Tim	OL	9	Hardyway, Michael	QB	15	Rooney, Cade	DL
0	Anderson Jr., Derrick	WR	23	Hoying, Nick	LB/S	10	Rucker IV, Ralph	QB
17	Anderson, Nate	WR	57	Inserra, Jack	DL	4	Sansone, Marco	QB
65	Arndt, Tristan	OL	33	Jamison, Brad	LB	62	Schearer, Matt	P/K
52	Barnes, Jack	DL/LB	61	Jedlicka, Ryan	LS	45	Schlandorf, John	S
10	Biagiarelli, Brandon	LB	66	Johal, Herschel	OL	25	Sebert, JJ	S
41	Bohm-Squicciarini, Jack	TE	73	Jones, Mason	OL	76	Sempervive, Ashton	DL
85	Bosch, AJ	WR	91	Karic, Matt	P/K	22	Severin, Nick	S
8	Brown, Alex	WR	83	Kennedy, Rourke	WR	15	Shuster, Daniel	WR
98	Buffington, Seo	DL	68	Kim, D.K.	OL	92	Sierk, Daniel	DL
86	Burgess, Braylen	WR	82	Kreinbucher, Charlie	TE	11	Sims, Chris	CB
29	Bush, Logan	RB	95	Laws, Grant	DL	42	Skoronski, Ryan	S
36	Cadden, Michael	RB	54	Logan, Reuben	OL	6	Smith Jr., Alex	S
80	Cadden, TJ	WR	64	LoGrasso, David	OL	32	Sposato, Finn	S
30	Caneer, William	DL	59	Mascio, Dante	LB	81	Spugnardi, Christian	TE
58	Catania, Aidan	LB	93	McGill, Jack	WR	67	Steffelin, Gustav	OL
31	Cormier, Drew	S	79	McGwin, Rowan	OL	74	Stephenson, Casey	OL
60	Coscia, Kieran	OL	40	McIntyre, Charlie	S	71	Sturgis, Fredrick	OL
46	Crabtree, Michael	S	35	Meehleib, Charlie	DL	20	Taylor, Mason	S
27	Cunningham, Myles	CB	37	Menconi, Tristan	WR	7	Thomas, Tariq	RB
16	Davis, Aaron	CB	4	Meuser, Danny	RB	49	Ussery, Jason	S
34	Day, Darius	S	84	Milligan, Sam	WR	90	Vyas, Aneesh	DL
28	DiLascio, Anthony	RB	56	Mulhern, Mark	OL	2	Weatherly, Eric	WR
89	DiMarco, Anthony	WR	77	Natoli, Nathan	OL	14	Whitmore, Takai	CB
99	Fisher, Justin	DL	21	Neel, Paul	RB	9	Williams II, Terian	CB
87	Fontes, Kyle	TE	94	Niemynski, Nick	P/K	13	Willis, Gavin	LB
12	Freeman, Luke	LB	39	Nowinski, Jackson	WR	72	Wright, Noah	OL
96	Garanton, Juan	K	78	Ohnegian, John	OL			
43	Garwood, Owen	WR	24	Olama, Rostand	CB			
3	Gary, Josh	WR	1	Owens, Marques	WR			

Note: **Bold** indicates captain

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Superlatives

Oldest.....	Grant Laws (5/26/01)
Youngest.....	Noah Wright (6/27/06)
Tallest.....	Dara Adeyemi (6-7)
Shortest.....	AJ Bosch (5-7)
Heaviest.....	Mark Mulhern (331)
Lightest.....	AJ Bosch, Myles Cunningham (165)

In-Season Birthdays

August

31.....	Mason Jones
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September

1.....	Bradley Pao
2.....	Nick Niemyński
2.....	Ashton Sempervive
9.....	Caden Allard
12.....	Jack Inserra
17.....	Brad Gerken
18.....	Roman Pearson
22.....	Tristan Menconi
23.....	Nick Hoying
25.....	Fredrick Sturgis
27.....	Dante Mascio
28.....	Jack Goheen
28.....	Charlie Kreinbacher
28.....	Nathan Natoli
28.....	Chris Sims
29.....	Tristan Arndt
29.....	Terrian Williams II

October

8.....	Casey Stephenson
8.....	Ryan Skoronski
14.....	Anthony DiLascio
19.....	Michael Crabtree
25.....	John Schlendorf
29.....	Drew Cormier

November

10.....	Aaron Davis
13.....	Alex Brown
13.....	Luke Freeman
18.....	Cade Rooney
19.....	Owen Garwood

By Class

Fifth-Years.....	2
Seniors.....	21
Juniors.....	24
Sophomores.....	25
Freshmen.....	27

By Letterwinners

Fifth-Years:.....	2
Seniors.....	18
Juniors.....	14
Sophomores.....	8
Three-Time Letterwinners.....	12
.....	Jack Barnes, Justin Fisher, Brad Jamison, Mason Jones, Danny Meuser (4), Cade Rooney, John Schlendorf, Chris Sims, Alex Smith, Christian Spugnardi, Casey Stephenson, Fredrick Sturgis

By Position

Offense.....	51
Quarterbacks.....	4
Running Backs.....	6
Tight Ends.....	6
Wide Receivers.....	17
Offensive Linemen.....	18

Defense.....	43
Defensive Linemen.....	12
Linebackers.....	8
Safeties.....	14
Cornerbacks.....	9
Special Teams.....	5
Punters/Kickers.....	4
Long Snappers.....	1

By State

Alabama.....	1 (William Caneer)
California.....	7
Cameroon.....	1 (Rostand Olama)
Canada.....	1 (Herschel Johal)
Connecticut.....	4
England.....	1 (Dara Adeyemi)
Florida.....	4
Georgia.....	4
Illinois.....	1 (Mark Mulhern)
Indiana.....	2
Kansas.....	1 (Reuben Logan)
Kentucky.....	2
Maryland.....	7
Massachusetts.....	6
Missouri.....	1 (Marco Sansone)
New Jersey.....	12
New Mexico.....	1 (Jason Ussery)
New York.....	4
North Carolina.....	3
Ohio.....	7
Oklahoma.....	1 (Luke Freeman)
Pennsylvania.....	22
South Korea.....	1 (D.K. Kim)
Tennessee.....	1 (Mason Jones)
Texas.....	1 (Ralph Rucker IV)
Vermont.....	1 (Michael Crabtree)
Virginia.....	2

BISON MAJORS

97	Dara Adeyemi.....	Undeclared
44	Caden Allard.....	Undeclared
19	England Allen.....	Cell Biology/Biochemistry
70	Xavier Allen.....	Undeclared
53	Tim Andersen.....	Undeclared Management
0	Derrick Anderson Jr.....	Economics
17	Nate Anderson.....	Comparative/Digital Humanities
65	Tristan Arndt.....	Undeclared
52	Jack Barnes.....	Religious Studies
10	Brandon Biagiarelli.....	Undeclared Management
41	Jack Bohm-Squicciarini.....	Biology
85	AJ Bosh.....	Undeclared Management
8	Alex Brown.....	Economics
98	Seo Buffington.....	Undeclared
86	Braylen Burgess.....	Undeclared
29	Logan Bush.....	Undeclared
36	Michael Cadden.....	Undeclared
80	TJ Cadden.....	Undeclared Management
30	William Caneer.....	Biology
58	Aidan Catania.....	Political Science
31	Drew Cormier.....	Undeclared
60	Kieran Coscia.....	Economics
46	Michael Crabtree.....	Undeclared
27	Myles Cunningham.....	Undeclared
16	Aaron Davis.....	Critical Black Studies
34	Darius Day.....	Undeclared
28	Anthony DiLascio.....	Undeclared
89	Anthony DiMarco.....	Undeclared Management
99	Justin Fisher.....	Political Science

87	Kyle Fontes.....	Political Science
12	Luke Freeman.....	Art & Design
96	Juan Garanton.....	Mechanical Engineering
43	Owen Garwood.....	Undeclared
3	Josh Gary.....	Sociology
38	Brad Gerken.....	Undeclared Management
26	Deuce Geter.....	Undeclared
47	Jack Goheen.....	Undeclared
75	Jake Guy.....	Political Science
9	Michael Hardyway.....	Environmental Science
23	Nick Hoying.....	Chemical Engineering
57	Jack Inserra.....	Undeclared
33	Brad Jamison.....	Mechanical Engineering
61	Ryan Jedlicka.....	History
66	Herschel Johal.....	Undeclared
73	Mason Jones.....	Biology
91	Matt Karic.....	Finance
83	Rourke Kennedy.....	Undeclared Management
68	D.K. Kim.....	International Relations/Economics
82	Charlie Kreinbacher.....	Finance
95	Grant Laws.....	International Relations/Spanish
54	Reuben Logan.....	Undeclared
64	David LoGrasso.....	Undeclared
59	Dante Mascio.....	Undeclared Engineering
93	Jack McGill.....	Undeclared
79	Rowan McGwin.....	Finance
40	Charlie McIntyre.....	Undeclared
35	Charlie Meehleib.....	Undeclared
37	Tristan Menconi.....	Undeclared Management
4	Danny Meuser.....	Geology/Geography
84	Sam Milligan.....	Undeclared Management
56	Mark Mulhern.....	Biology
77	Nathan Natoli.....	Management & Organizations
21	Paul Neel.....	Finance
94	Nick Niemyński.....	Finance
39	Jackson Nowinski.....	Undeclared Management
78	John Ohnegian.....	Economics
24	Rostand Olama.....	Undeclared
1	Marques Owens.....	Environmental Studies
18	Bradley Pao.....	Economics
5	Roman Pearson.....	Psychology
6	Christian Petruzzello.....	Undeclared
88	Will Rich.....	Undeclared
15	Cade Rooney.....	Finance
10	Ralph Rucker IV.....	Political Science
4	Marco Sansone.....	Undeclared Management
62	Matt Schearer.....	Mechanical Engineering
45	John Schlendorf.....	Political Science
25	JJ Sebert.....	Undeclared
76	Ashton Sempervive.....	Finance
22	Nick Severin.....	Undeclared
15	Daniel Shuster.....	Business Analytics
92	Daniel Sierk.....	Mechanical Engineering
11	Chris Sims.....	Economics
42	Ryan Skoronski.....	Cell Biology/Biochemistry
6	Alex Smith Jr.....	Economics
32	Finn Sposato.....	Mech. Engineering/Mgmt. for Engineers
81	Christian Spugnardi.....	Economics
67	Gustav Steffelin.....	Undeclared
74	Casey Stephenson.....	Environmental Science
71	Fredrick Sturgis.....	Civil Engineering
20	Mason Taylor.....	Political Science
7	Tariq Thomas.....	Undeclared
49	Jason Ussery.....	Animal Behavior
90	Aneesh Vyas.....	Business Analytics
2	Eric Weatherly.....	Education
14	Takai Whitmore.....	Undeclared Management
9	Terian Williams II.....	Undeclared
13	Gavin Willis.....	Undeclared
72	Noah Wright.....	Mechanical Engineering

HEAD COACH DAVE CECCHINI



Dave Cecchini, one of the all-time great wide receivers in Patriot League history who has since gone on to achieve tremendous success in the coaching ranks, was named the 27th Bob Odell Head Football Coach at Bucknell University on February 6, 2019.

During the 2021 spring campaign, Cecchini was voted the Patriot League Dick Biddle Coach of the Year for leading Bucknell to a spot in the first-ever Patriot League Championship Game. Bucknell, picked to finish last in the preseason poll, knocked off Pennsylvania rivals Lafayette and Lehigh to earn a date with defending champion Holy Cross. In addition, Cecchini was selected as a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, presented by STATS to the FCS Coach of the Year, for the second time in his career.

Cecchini's Bison placed 11 on the 2021 Spring All-Patriot League Team, headlined by a school-record seven First Team selections. Senior linebacker Simeon Page became the fifth Bison to make four All-Patriot League Teams; he later joined Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year Rick Mottram on the Academic All-Patriot League Team.

In total, the Bison have combined for 24 All-Patriot League Team honors during Cecchini's tenure, including 12 First Team honorees, and 12 have landed on the Academic All-Patriot League Team.

Cecchini's 2023 team displayed one of the most prolific passing offenses in program history and rewrote the Bucknell record book in terms of passing numbers. The Bison set new single-season standards for passing completions (242), passing yards (2,854) and touchdown passes (24). Transfer quarterback Ralph Rucker set individual records in completions (211), passing yards (2,537) and total offense (2,667), and he tied the program's single-season passing touchdowns mark (21). Additionally, receivers Damian Harris and Eric Weatherly both eclipsed 600 yards receiving with the former setting the single-game receptions record (15) and the latter hauling in seven touchdowns on the year.

Bucknell achieved its highest win total during the Cecchini era in 2023, highlighted by a dominant victory on the road at Colgate (49-34). In Hamilton, the Bison recorded the second-most single-game total yardage (593) in school history, while Rucker broke the single-game passing yards record (387) and threw for four touchdowns, completing 33 of 44 attempts. The 49 points were the most Bucknell had ever scored on the Raiders.

Three Bison received All-Patriot League Team accolades following the 2023 campaign, with Coleman Bennett earning First Team honors as a return specialist and Second Team honors as a running back. Cornerback Ethan Robinson was named to the First Team Defense, and linebacker Brad Jamison received a Second Team nod. Bucknell also landed three players on the Academic All-Patriot League Team for a second consecutive season.

In 2019, Cecchini led the Bison to a third-place finish in the Patriot League, their highest placement since they were the 2014 runners-up. Their Patriot League victories came over defending champion Colgate (32-14), rival Lehigh (20-10) and Georgetown (20-17); two of their three league losses came by a touchdown or less. Bucknell faced a grueling non-conference schedule, featuring FBS opponent Temple and three nationally ranked FCS teams; the Bison ultimately finished the year with a 3-8 overall record.

Cecchini's offense set then-school records in completions (229) and passing attempts (426) during the 2019 season. All-Patriot League First Team wide receiver Brandon Sanders became the sixth Bison to make at least 50 catches in a single campaign while quarterback Logan Bitikofer cracked Bucknell's top 10 in single-season completions and single-season passing attempts. Defensively, the Bison excelled, leading the Patriot League in conference action in yards per play allowed (4.4), takeaways (14), sacks (32) and defensive touchdowns (4); they also finished second in total defense (319.7) and rushing defense (96.3).

Following the 2019 campaign, five Bison were recognized on the All-Patriot League Team while two made the Academic All-Patriot League squad. Punter Alex Pechin closed his record-breaking career by capturing numerous awards. Most notably, he was honored as an All-American by every entity that selects an All-America team, became the first football player

to earn three-straight Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards, won the inaugural FCS Punter of the Year award and was presented the prestigious STATS FCS Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award.

In 2021, Bucknell faced another challenging schedule highlighted by road games at then No. 11/12 Villanova and FBS opponent Army West Point. The Bison were a young team that sent 30 first-time starters to the field, a group that included two seniors, four juniors, 12 sophomores and 12 freshmen and represented just over 30 percent of the roster. At the conclusion of the season, wide receiver Dominic Lyles, who matched the school standard with three touchdown catches in a tight loss to Georgetown, and safety Brent Jackson, who became the first non-senior to be presented the Bison Gridiron Club Award as Team MVP since 2012, were voted to the Academic All-Patriot League Team.

Bucknell made massive strides defensively during the 2022 season, allowing nearly 10 fewer points per game than the year prior and finishing third in the Patriot League in points allowed per game. The Bison also gave up the fewest passing yards among Patriot League teams and led the league in interceptions. Four Bison landed on the All-Patriot League Team. Highlighting the All-League honorees was Jackson, who received the Bison Gridiron Club Award for a second time after leading the FCS in solo tackles per game.

The 2022 Bison pulled out several dramatic victories, defeating Pennsylvania-rival Lehigh with a last-minute field goal and upending Georgetown on the road in the team's first overtime victory since 2017. Bucknell won its last two games of the season, concluding with a 24-13 win over Marist at home.

The head coach at Valparaiso University from 2014 to 2018, Cecchini has a long track record of building explosive offenses at elite academic institutions. Previously the offensive coordinator at Lehigh, The Citadel and Harvard University, his offenses have shattered school records at his every stop, propelling his teams to a combined seven conference championships. An All-American wide receiver at Lehigh during his playing days in the early 1990s, Cecchini spent 13 of his previous 24 seasons as a coach at his alma mater.

In 2014, Cecchini took over a Valparaiso football program that had won just three games, all against the same opponent, in the four seasons before his arrival. The 2017 campaign saw Valparaiso reach new heights thanks to a potent offense that totaled 330 points and 4,398 yards, both good for second in school history. Picked to finish 10th of 11 teams in the Pioneer Football League, Valparaiso tied for third with a 5-3 record, its most league wins since 1961. Overall, Valparaiso finished above .500, at 6-5, for the first time since 2003.

For guiding Valparaiso's turnaround, Cecchini was a finalist for the American Football Coaches Association's FCS National Coach of the Year and the STATS FCS Coach of the Year awards; he was also voted as the Pioneer Football League Coach of the Year and the AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year.

Cecchini left Valparaiso as the program's winningest coach through 50 games since 1986. Other highlights of his time at Valparaiso included defeating rival Butler in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2005, going 4-0 in conference games at Brown Field in 2017 and sending two student-athletes to the 2018 FCS National Bowl, which showcases the FCS's top players.

Before becoming the 17th head football coach in Valparaiso history, Cecchini spent four seasons as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Lehigh. During his second stint on the

HEAD COACH DAVE CECCHINI

Mountain Hawk staff, Cecchini built one of the most proficient and explosive offenses in the nation. In 2011, Lehigh ranked in the FCS's top five in total offense (469.6) and passing offense (340.6) while averaging a Patriot League-best 32.5 points per game. Ten offensive players captured All-Patriot League laurels that season, headlined by Offensive Player of the Year Chris Lum. Lum, who was also the runner-up for the Walter Payton Award, broke the Patriot League's single-season record for passing yards (4,378) and touchdown passes (32). For his role in Lehigh's success, Cecchini was a finalist for the FootballScoop FCS Coordinator of the Year award.

With Cecchini guiding the offense, the Mountain Hawks went a combined 39-9 and won two Patriot League titles. Wide receiver Lee Kurfis led the nation in receiving yards per game (122.8) in 2013 while quarterback Mike Colvin finished fifth nationally in total offense (326.64) the year before. Under Cecchini's watch, four Mountain Hawks garnered All-America honors.

From 2007 to 2009, Cecchini served as The Citadel's offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach. During his first season in Charleston, the Bulldogs finished with their best record in 15 years, bolstered by an offense that set 16 school records, including points per game (39.5) and total offense (437.6). Cecchini mentored wide receiver Andre Roberts, a First Team All-American who set Citadel records in single-season receptions (95), receiving yards (1,334) and touchdown catches (15). Roberts was selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the third round of the 2010 National Football League Draft and played 13 seasons, earning First Team All-Pro honors in 2018 and Second Team All-Pro honors in 2020 and 2021.

Beginning in 2003, Cecchini spent three seasons as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at Harvard. His fast-paced offense paid immediate dividends, as the Crimson averaged 461 yards per game during his first campaign, a figure good for fourth nationally. The next season, Harvard went 10-0 and won the Ivy League championship. After the Crimson led the Ivy League in aggregate offense, the AFCA selected Cecchini as its 2005 Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coach Award winner.

Under Cecchini's tutelage, 14 Harvard records fell, including points per game (33.9). Among his charges was quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, the 2004 Ivy League Player of the Year who was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the 2005 NFL Draft and spent time with nine different organizations over his 17-season pro career.

Before his tenure in Cambridge, Cecchini spent nine seasons on his alma mater's staff. In 2000, Cecchini's first campaign as offensive coordinator, Lehigh went 11-0 during the regular season and reached the Division I-AA (now FCS) quarterfinals. Following that season, Cecchini was promoted to assistant head coach while retaining his responsibilities as offensive coordinator. In 2001, his up-tempo offense averaged 38.3 points per game, helping the Mountain Hawks secure their second-straight undefeated regular season and championship quarterfinal appearance. In Cecchini's first three seasons directing the offense, Lehigh posted a combined 31-6 record and captured two Patriot League titles.

During his playing days at Lehigh, Cecchini became a consensus First Team All-American after leading the nation in receptions and receiving yards per game in 1993. That season, he set Patriot League records in receptions (88), receiving yards (1,318) and touchdown receptions (15); his 15 touchdown catches remain the Patriot League standard to this day. Cecchini, who was later named to the Patriot League 15th Anniversary Team, graduated from Lehigh in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

Cecchini first joined the Mountain Hawk football staff as a tight ends coach. He also served as a running backs coach, quarterbacks coach and wide receivers coach before being promoted to offensive coordinator. During Cecchini's first stint in Bethlehem, Lehigh averaged more than 350 yards of offense and over 26 points per game.

Cecchini and his wife, Tammy, have two sons: Evan and Will. Tammy serves as Bucknell's head women's tennis coach.



Personal

Date of Birth: March 9, 1972
 Hometown: Bloomington, Minnesota
 Wife: Tammy (head women's tennis coach at Bucknell)
 Children: Sons Evan and Will

Education

Lehigh University, B.S. in marketing, 1995

Head Coaching Career

Year	School	Record	Pct.
2014	Valparaiso	4-8	.333
2015	Valparaiso	1-9	.100
2016	Valparaiso	4-7	.364
2017	Valparaiso	6-5	.545
2018	Valparaiso	2-9	.182
2019	Bucknell	3-8	.273
2021 Spring	Bucknell	2-2	.500
2021	Bucknell	1-10	.091
2022	Bucknell	3-8	.273
2023	Bucknell	4-7	.364
2024	Bucknell	0-1	.000
Totals		30-74	.288

Coaching Experience

Years	School	Position
1994-02	Lehigh	Tight Ends (1994) Running Backs (1995) Quarterbacks (1996) Wide Receivers (1997-99) Offensive Coordinator/WR (2000) Assistant Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator/QB (2001-02)
2003-05	Harvard	Offensive Coordinator/QB/WR
2006-09	The Citadel	Offensive Coordinator/WR
2010-13	Lehigh	Offensive Coordinator/QB
2014-18	Valparaiso	Head Coach
2019-pres.	Bucknell	Head Coach

Career Highlights

- Winner of seven conference championships
- 2021 Spring Patriot League Dick Biddle Coach of the Year
- 2021 Spring STATS FCS National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2017 AFCA FCS National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2017 STATS FCS National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2017 FCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year
- 2017 Pioneer Football League Coach of the Year
- 2011 FootballScoop FCS Coordinator of the Year
- Coached WR Andre Roberts, a 2010 NFL Draft pick, at The Citadel
- 2005 AFCA Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coach Award
- Coached QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, a 2005 NFL Draft pick, at Harvard
- 1993 consensus First Team All-American as Lehigh wide receiver
- Voted to the Patriot League 15th Anniversary Team



THE LAST TIME A BUCKNELL TEAM...

Shut out an opponent	Apr. 3, 2021 at Lehigh (6-0)
Was shut out by an opponent	Oct. 8, 2022 at Holy Cross (0-57)
Finished a game with a tie score	Nov. 14, 1987 vs. Lehigh (21-21)
Scored 40-49 points	Nov. 11, 2023 vs. Georgetown (47-50 OT)
Scored 50-59 points	Nov. 1, 2003 vs. Holy Cross (53-31)
Scored 60-69 points	Oct. 24, 1987 vs. Columbia (62-20)
Scored 70-79 points	Oct. 10, 1964 vs. Ohio Wesleyan in Newark, Del. (72-0)
Allowed 40-49 points	Aug. 31, 2024 at Navy (21-49)
Allowed 50-59 points	Nov. 11, 2023 vs. Georgetown (47-50 OT)
Allowed 60-69 points	Nov. 13, 2021 at Army West Point (10-63)
Allowed 70-79 points	Nov. 25, 1916 at Georgetown (0-78)
Allowed 80+ points	Oct. 8, 1966 at Temple (28-82)
Did not commit a turnover	Nov. 18, 2023 at Marist (38-21)
Forced five turnovers	Oct. 15, 2022 at Yale (4 INT, 1 fumble) (9-29)
Forced six turnovers	Sept. 3, 2016 at Marist (4 INT, 2 fumbles) (26-10)
Forced seven turnovers	Oct. 29, 2011 at Lafayette (3 INT, 4 fumbles) (39-13)
Committed five or more turnovers	Apr. 17, 2021 vs. Holy Cross (5 INT) (10-33)
Did not commit a penalty	Sept. 19, 2009 at Cornell (9-33)
Was penalized for at least 100 yards	Oct. 17, 2015 at Army West Point (105) (14-21)
Won an overtime game	Nov. 12, 2022 at Georgetown (24-21)
Played an overtime game	Nov. 11, 2023 vs. Georgetown (47-50)
Had two 100-yard rushers in the same game	Sept. 26, 2007 vs. Marist (Terrance Wilson 108 & Justin Pulgrano 101) (17-16)
Had two 100-yard receivers in the same game	Oct. 28, 2023 at Colgate (Josh Gary 139 & Will Eric Weatherly 132) (49-34)
Defeated a nationally ranked opponent	Oct. 26, 2013 vs. No. 15 Lehigh (48-10)
Played a nationally ranked opponent	Oct. 7, 2023 vs. No. 12/12 Holy Cross (27-55)
Played an FBS opponent	Aug. 31, 2024 at Navy (21-49)
Won 10 games	1997 (10-1)
Won eight games	2014 (8-3)
Had a winning season	2014 (8-3)

THE LAST TIME A BUCKNELL PLAYER...

Had 30 rushing attempts	Nov. 12, 2016 (Joey DeFloria (31) at Georgetown, 21-7)
Had 40 rushing attempts	Oct. 29, 2011 (Tyler Smith (42) at Lafayette, 39-13)
Had 100 yards rushing	Oct. 28, 2023 (Rushawn Baker (107) at Colgate, 49-34)
Had 200 yards rushing	Nov. 12, 2011 (Tyler Smith (204) at Fordham, 21-0)
Had a 60+ yard run	Oct. 15, 2022 (Rushawn Baker (75) at Yale, 9-29)
Had a 70+ yard run	Oct. 15, 2022 (Rushawn Baker (75) at Yale, 9-29)
Had three rushing touchdowns	Nov. 11, 2023 (Rushawn Baker vs. Georgetown, 47-50 OT)
Had four rushing touchdowns	Sept. 30, 2000 (Jabu Powell vs. Duquesne, 35-14)
Had five rushing touchdowns	Nov. 13, 2004 (Daris Wilson vs. Colgate, 42-7)
Completed a 50+ yard pass	Nov. 11, 2023 (Ralph Rucker to Derrick Anderson Jr. (65) vs. Georgetown, 47-50 OT)
Had three passing touchdowns	Nov. 18, 2023 (Ralph Rucker at Marist, 38-21)
Had four passing touchdowns	Oct. 28, 2023 (Ralph Rucker at Colgate, 49-34)
Had five passing touchdowns	Sept. 24, 1994 (Rob Glus at Harvard, 42-23)
Had 20 completions	Nov. 18, 2023 (Ralph Rucker (23) at Marist, 38-21)
Had 30 completions	Nov. 4, 2023 (Ralph Rucker (32) at Fordham, 21-27)
Had 50 passing attempts	Nov. 23, 2019 (Logan Bitikofor (50) at Fordham, 14-31)
Had 60 passing attempts	Oct. 27, 2001 (Todd Wenrich (67) at Fordham, 12-17)
Had 200 yards passing	Nov. 18, 2023 (Ralph Rucker (273) at Marist, 38-21)
Had 300 yards passing	Nov. 4, 2023 (Ralph Rucker (358) at Fordham, 21-27)
Had 100 yards receiving	Nov. 18, 2023 (Damian Harris (177) at Marist, 38-21)
Had 200 yards receiving	Oct. 11, 2014 (Will Carter (246) at Lehigh, 45-24)
Had 10 receptions	Nov. 18, 2023 (Damian Harris (15) at Marist, 38-21)
Had two touchdown receptions	Oct. 28, 2023 (Eric Weatherly at Colgate, 49-34)
Had three touchdown receptions	Oct. 23, 2021 (Dominic Lyles vs. Georgetown, 21-29)
Made a 40-yard field goal	Nov. 11, 2023 (Matt Schearer (41) vs. Georgetown, 47-50 OT)
Made a 50-yard field goal	Nov. 12, 2022 (Matt Schearer (50) at Georgetown, 24-21 OT)
Had three field goals in a game	Nov. 12, 2022 (Matt Schearer at Georgetown, 24-21 OT)
Had four field goals in a game	Oct. 14, 2017 (John Burdick at Cornell, 26-18)
Passed for a two-point conversion	Nov. 4, 2023 (Ralph Rucker to Damian Harris at Fordham, 21-27)
Rushed for a two-point conversion	Nov. 11, 2023 (Ralph Rucker vs. Georgetown, 47-50 OT)
Made seven extra points	Oct. 16, 1999 (Chris Lundberg vs. Duquesne, 49-20)
Made 10 extra points	Oct. 10, 1964 (Mike Seigfried vs. Ohio Wesleyan in Newark, Del., 72-0)
Had 10+ punts	Oct. 19, 2019 (Alex Pechin (11) at Towson, 7-56)
Had a 70+ yard punt	Nov. 23, 2019 (Alex Pechin (70) at Fordham, 14-31)
Had an 80+ yard punt	Sept. 22, 1984 (Mike Morrow (80) at Northeastern, 33-34)
Returned a punt for a touchdown	Aug. 30, 2014 (Josh Brake (62) vs. VMI, 42-38)
Returned a kickoff for a touchdown	Oct. 23, 2023 (Josh Gary (88) vs. Lehigh, 17-28)
Returned an interception for a touchdown	Mar. 27, 2021 (Blake Leake (41) vs. Lafayette, 38-13)
Returned a fumble for a touchdown	Nov. 23, 2019 (Rick Mottram (5) at Fordham, 14-31)
Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown	Oct. 13, 2018 (Gerrit Van Itallie (0) at Monmouth, 19-36)
Recorded two interceptions in a game	Sept. 15, 2018 (Bryan Marine at Penn, 17-34)
Recorded three interceptions in a game	Nov. 20, 2004 (Dante Ross at Duquesne, 30-20)
Recorded four interceptions in a game	Sept. 30, 2000 (Kevin Eiben vs. Duquesne, 35-14)
Forced two fumbles in a game	Oct. 16, 2021 (Ben Allen at Fordham, 22-66)
Recovered two fumbles in a game	Oct. 16, 2021 (Aneesh Vyas at Fordham, 22-66)
Had 15 tackles in a game	Nov. 4, 2023 (Gavin Willis (15) at Fordham, 21-27)
Had two sacks in a game	Nov. 11, 2023 (Tyler Alston vs. Georgetown, 47-50 OT)
Had three sacks in a game	Nov. 23, 2019 (Grayson Cherubino at Fordham, 14-31)
Had four sacks in a game	Nov. 18, 2017 (Simeon Page at Fordham, 9-20)
Had four tackles for a loss in a game	Nov. 23, 2019 (Gerrit Van Itallie at Fordham, 14-31)
Blocked a punt	Nov. 4, 2023 (Charlie Kreinbacher at Fordham, 21-27)
Blocked an extra point attempt	Sept. 23, 2023 (Aneesh Vyas vs. Penn, 21-37)
Blocked a field goal attempt	Sept. 23, 2023 (Aneesh Vyas vs. Penn, 21-37)
Recorded a safety	Nov. 19, 2016 vs. Fordham (22-36)

BUCKNELL'S RECORD WHEN...

Home	0-0
Away	0-1
Patriot League	0-0
Ranked Opponent	0-0
Leading after one quarter	0-1
Trailing after one quarter	0-0
Tied after one quarter	0-0
Leading at halftime	0-0
Trailing at halftime	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading after three quarters	0-0
Trailing after three quarters	0-1
Tied after three quarters	0-0
Games decided in overtime	0-0
Bison score first	0-1
Opponent scores first	0-0
Bison lead in time of possession	0-0
Opponent leads in time of possession	0-1
Bison run more plays	0-0
Opponent runs more plays	0-1
Bison run at least 65 plays	0-1
Bison run fewer than 65 plays	0-0
Bison outgain opponent	0-0
Opponent outgains Bison	0-1
Bison rush for 200+ yards	0-0
Opponent rushes for 200+ yards	0-1
Bison pass for 200+ yards	0-1
Opponent passes for 200+ yards	0-0
Bison have 400+ total yards	0-0
Opponent has 400+ total yards	0-1
Bison win turnover battle	0-0
Opponent wins turnover battle	0-0
Bison force at least two turnovers	0-1
Opponent forces at least two turnovers	0-1
Bison commit no turnovers	0-0
Opponent commits no turnover	0-0
Game is decided by more than 10 points	0-1
Game is decided by 10 or fewer points	0-0
Bison score 25 or more points	0-0
Opponent scores 25 or more points	0-1
Bison held under 25 points	0-1
Opponent held under 25 points	0-0
Day games	0-1
Night games	0-0
Games following a win	0-0
Games following a loss	0-0
Playing on grass	0-0
Playing on AstroTurf	0-0
Playing on FieldTurf	0-1

FCS PLAYER RANKINGS

Individual (Top 30)	Rank	No./Avg.
TJ Cadden (All-Purpose Yards)	7th	173.0
TJ Cadden (Receiving Yards)	20th	97.0
Nick Hoying (Total Tackles)	22nd	11.0
Nate Anderson (Yards/Reception)	7th	30.5
Matt Schearer (Punting Average)	12th	45.6



ABOUT VMI

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach: Danny Rocco
 Record at VMI: 5-7 (2nd season)
 Career Record: 126-72 (18th season)
 Conference: Southern Conference
 Stadium: Foster Stadium
 Capacity: 10,000
 Surface: Bermuda Grass
 2023 Record: 5-6
 2023 Conference Record: 4-4 (T-5th in SoCon)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Lexington, Va.
 Founded: 1839
 Enrollment: 1,600
 Nickname: Keydets
 Colors: Red and Yellow
 Superintendent: Ret. Maj. Gen. Cedric T. Wins
 Athletic Director: Jamaal Walton
 Website: VMIKeydets.com



SERIES INFORMATION

Series record Bucknell leads 4-3
 Last 10 meetings Bucknell leads 4-3
 First meeting 1978
 Last meeting 2023
 Record at home 2-1
 Record on road 2-2
 Record at neutral site 0-0
 Streak Bucknell won 1
 Last meeting Sept. 9, 2023 (Lewisburg, Pa.)
 Bucknell 21 – VMI 13
 Last Bison win Sept. 9, 2023 (Lewisburg, Pa.)
 Bucknell 21 – VMI 13
 Last meeting in Lexington Sept. 10, 2022
 VMI 24 – Bucknell 14
 Last Bison win in Lexington Oct. 3, 2015
 Bucknell 28 – VMI 22 (OT)

ALL-TIME RESULTS

Year	Site	Result
1978	Lexington, Va.	VMI, 25-14
2013	Lexington, Va.	BU, 35-23
2014	Lewisburg, Pa.	BU, 42-38
2015	Lexington, Va.	BU, 28-22 (OT)
2016	Lewisburg, Pa.	VMI, 23-17 (3OT)
2022	Lexington, Va.	VMI, 24-14
2023	Lewisburg, Pa.	BU, 21-13

TALE OF THE TAPE

BUCKNELL

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 337.0 (43rd)
 131.0 (49th)
 206.0 (37th)
 122.77 (45th)
 21.0 (40th)
 .500 (75th)
 437.0 (60th)
 264.0 (90th)
 173.0 (39th)
 49.0 (90th)
 1.000 (T-52nd)
 39.20 (36th)
5.25 (30th)
 19.3 (39th)
 0.00 (40th)
 1.00 (46th)
 26:59 (82nd)
 Ralph Rucker (122 yards)
 Paul Neel (60 yards)
 TJ Cadden (97 yards)
 Nick Hoying (11 tackles)

Overall Record
 League/Conference Record
 Total Offense
 Rushing Offense
 Passing Offense
 Passing Efficiency
 Scoring Offense
 Red Zone Offense
 Total Defense
 Rushing Defense
 Passing Defense
 Scoring Defense
 Red Zone Defense
 Net Punting
 Punt Returns
 Kickoff Returns
 Turnover Margin
 Team Sacks
 Time of Possession
 Leading Passer
 Leading Rusher
 Leading Receiver
 Leading Tackler

VMI

0-1
 0-0 SoCon
 241.0 (80th)
 145.0 (43rd)
 96.0 (99th)
 64.26 (104th)
 7.0 (82nd)
1.000 (T-1st)
 446.0 (63rd)
 205.0 (73rd)
 241.0 (65th)
 41.0 (72nd)
 1.000 (T-52nd)
 30.80 (90th)
 3.00 (33rd)
29.0 (12th)
 -1.00 (64th)
 0.00 (T-73rd)
 32:04 (35th)
 Collin Shannon (62 yards)
 Hunter Rice (81 yards)
 Hunter Rice (29 yards)
 Tahj Summey (9 tackles)

FCS rank in parenthesis
 Top-30 marks in **bold**

ALL-TIME RESULTS (CONT.)

THE LAST TIME THE BISON AND KEYDETS MET...

VMI	0	0	0	13	13
BUCKNELL	7	0	0	14	21

Sept. 9 >> Lewisburg, Pa. >> Mathewson-Memorial Stadium >> 6 p.m. >> Attendance: 1,465



Bucknell Football Wins Home Opener Over VMI, 21-13

The Bucknell football team defeated VMI 21-13 at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium for its home opener Saturday afternoon. The Bison put up strong numbers offensively, and the defense held the Keydets off the scoreboard through three quarters with an outstanding pass rush.

Bucknell (1-1) held on to a narrow 7-0 lead after scoring late in the first quarter. The touchdown lead would remain until VMI (1-1) tied things up in the fourth. Bucknell added two more touchdowns in the final seven minutes, and the Keydets were unable to overcome the deficit.

Bucknell's defense posted six sacks and eight tackles for loss. It limited the Keydets to 75 rushing yards (1.9 YPC). Brad Jamison supplied a team-high 12 tackles, and Connor Carretta recorded two of the Bison sacks with seven tackles.

The Bison put up 397 yards of offense, which were the most since the spring 2021 season opener. Ralph Rucker threw for 224 on 19-of-30 (63.3%) passing and tossed a pair of touchdowns. He also ran for 43 yards. Damian Harris collected eight receptions for a career-high 101 yards and a touchdown. Rushawn Baker rushed for 105 yards on 22 carries (4.8 YPC) and a touchdown. It was the third 100-yard game of his career.

Bucknell's defense forced five 3-and-outs in the game, including two in the opening quarter. The Bison scored on their second possession of the game, driving 80 yards on nine plays. Rucker hit Harris on a fade route for an 18-yard score and the team's first touchdown of the new season.

Both teams came up empty on the next 16 drives combined. The Bison punted on six consecutive drives, and the Keydets on six consecutive. VMI also missed a long field goal at the end of the first half and another in the third quarter.

Bucknell committed the only turnover of the game, fumbling with 2:53 to play in the third.

After the long stalemate, the final 10 minutes of the game were packed with action. VMI's game-tying touchdown came on a 27-yard flea flicker pass from quarterback Collin Ironside to Aidan Twombly.

Bucknell responded immediately. The Bison drove 79 yards on 11 plays, taking over three minutes off the clock and scoring on a 7-yard pass from Rucker to Charlie Kreinbucher. During that drive, Bucknell faced a 2nd-and-24 from its own 7-yard line before Rucker completed an 18-yard pass to Okeyo Ayungo on second down and a 31-yard pass to Harris on 3rd-and-6 on the following play. Harris had three receptions for 51 yards during the drive.

On VMI's ensuing drive, it was Bucknell's special teams that stepped up. Jack Goheen blocked the Keydets' punt attempt at their own 15-yard line, and Bucknell took over inside the VMI 10. Baker scored three plays later to give the Bison a 21-7 lead.

VMI scored once more on an -play, 39-yard drive, but only 1:30 remained, and the Keydets were unable to recover their onside kick attempt.

Other notable performances for Bucknell included a team-high 117 all-purpose yards for Coleman Bennett, who had 54 receiving, 24 rushing and 39 on returns. Jamison added a sack to his career high in tackles. Leake, Schlendorf and Mike Bright Jr. posted sacks as well. Ruben Anderson averaged 40.4 yards on eight punts, landing two inside the 20.

The win gave Bucknell a 4-3 lead in the all-time series against VMI and its first win over the Keydets since 2015. The Bison have now won back-to-back games at home, including last year's season finale against Marist.

GAME NOTES

- After Bucknell scored on its second possession of the game, it turned into a defensive battle in Lewisburg. Bucknell and VMI came up empty on the next 16 drives combined.

- Both teams awoke in the fourth quarter and scored a combined 27 points over the final 13 minutes of the game.

- Bucknell's defense racked up six sacks in the game, including two by Connor Carretta. Brad Jamison led the defensive effort with 12 tackles and a sack.
- Ralph Rucker completed 19 of 30 passes for 224 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He hit Damian Harris on an 18-yard touchdown and Charlie Kreinbucher on a 7-yard touchdown. Rucker also ran for 47 yards.

- Harris' 101 yard on eight receptions were a career high.

- Rushawn Baker rushed for 105 yards and a touchdown, averaging 4.8 yards per carry.

- VMI's Collin Ironside went 20-for-30 for 220 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Keydets offense.

- Jack Goheen blocked a VMI punt in the fourth quarter.

	VMI	BUCKNELL
FIRST DOWNS	20	21
Rushing	7	10
Passing	11	9
Penalty	2	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	75	173
Attempts	40	46
Avg. Per Rush	1.9	3.8
Rushing TDs	0	1
Yards Gained	122	206
Yds. Lost	47	33
NET YARDS Passing	220	224
Comp. - Att. - Int.	20-30-0	19-30-0
Avg. / Att.	7.3	7.5
Avg. / Comp.	11.0	11.8
TDs	2	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	295	397
Plays	70	76
Avg. / Play	4.2	5.2
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties - Yards	6-70	8-85
PUNTS-YARDS	9-329	8-323
Avg. / Punt	36.6	40.4
Net / Punt	31.4	29.6
Inside 20	3	2
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	1	2
Fair Catch	2	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-126	4-224
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	63.0	56.0
Net Yards / Kickoff	43.5	30.8
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	0	0
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	4-46-0	4-26-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	11.5	6.5
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	4-101-0	3-39-0
Kickoff: Avg. / Return	25.3	13.0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	0-0-0
MISCELLANEOUS		
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	30:09	29:51
1st Quarter	7:20	7:40
2nd Quarter	7:10	7:50
3rd Quarter	8:18	6:42
4th Quarter	7:21	7:39
3rd Down Conversions	5 of 15	6 of 14
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-3
Touchdowns	1-2	3-3
Field Goals	0-2	0-3
Sacks: Total - Yards	3-16	6-41
PAT: Total - Made	1-1	3-3
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-2	0-0

SCORING SUMMARY

Team	QT	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds	TOP	Score
BUC	1st	01:30	Harris 18yd pass from Rucker	Schearer kick	9-80	03:20	7-0
VMI	4th	10:08	Twombly 27yd pass from Ironside	Beck kick	7-58	02:53	7-7
BUC	4th	06:22	Kreinbucher 7yd pass from Rucker	Schearer kick	11-79	03:37	14-7
BUC	4th	03:26	Baker 1yd rush	Schearer kick	3-9	01:40	21-7
VMI	4th	01:31	Johnson 18yd pass from Ironside	Lemmond pass failed	8-39	01:46	21-13

TEAM LEADERS

BUCKNELL						VMI					
Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg	Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Baker	22	105	1	18	4.8	Rice	13	57	0	13	4.4
Rucker	15	47	0	17	3.1	Raymond	12	43	0	11	3.6
Bennett	8	24	0	9	3.0						
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack	Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Rucker	19-30-0	224	2	31	3	Ironside	20-30-0	220	2	27	6
Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg		Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	
Harris	8	101	1	31		Knox	6	88	0	27	
Bennett	4	54	0	29		Twombly	4	66	1	27	
Kreinbucher	2	17	1	10		Johnson	4	32	1	18	
Ayungo	2	16	0	18		Thorpe	3	28	0	17	
Weatherly	1	22	0	22							
Tackles	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Yds	Tackles	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Yds
Jamison	6	6	12	1	6	Knapp	5	4	9	--	--
Leake	6	2	8	1	7	Eller	5	4	9	0.5	1
Schlendorf	5	2	7	1	9	Dunn	5	3	8	0.5	4
Carretta	3	4	7	2.5	16	Oliver	3	4	7	0.5	2
Robinson	6	0	6	1	1	Summey	2	4	6	0.5	1
Fisher	3	2	5	--	--	Speight	4	1	5	1.5	8
Bright Jr.	2	2	4	1	4						

BISON CAREER HIGHS

DARA ADEYEMI (97)**DL | SO | 6-7 | 250**

Tackles: 1, 2X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

DERRICK ANDERSON JR. (0)**WR | JR | 6-3 | 175**

Receptions: 6 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

Receiving Yards: 115 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

Long Reception: 65 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Receiving Touchdowns: 2 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

NATE ANDERSON (17)**WR | JR | 6-0 | 185**

Receptions: 2 at Navy (8/31/24)

Receiving Yards: 61 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Reception: 47 at Navy (8/31/24)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

JACK BARNES (52)**DL | SR | 6-2 | 220**

Tackles: 7 at Villanova (9/11/21)

Tackles for Loss: 1, 3X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. Lafayette (10/1/22)

Blocked Punts: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/20/21)

Pass Breakups: 1, 2 times (last at Lafayette, 9/30/23)

BRANDON BIAGIARELLI (10)**LB | FR | 6-3 | 226**

Tackles: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

ALEX BROWN (8)**WR | JR | 6-3 | 195**

Passing Attempts: 9 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Passing Completions: 5 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Passing Yards: 62 vs. Colgate (10/29/22)

Long Pass: 40 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Rushing Attempts: 11 vs. Colgate (10/29/22)

Rushing Yards: 39 vs. Colgate (10/29/22)

Long Rush: 14 at Holy Cross (10/8/22)

Receptions: 1 at Lafayette (9/30/23)

Receiving Yards: 4 at Lafayette (9/30/23)

MICHAEL CADDEN (36)**RB | FR | 5-10 | 190**

Rushing Attempts: 5 at Navy (8/31/24)

Rushing Yards: 12 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Rush: 3 at Navy (8/31/24)

Rushing Touchdowns: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

TJ CADDEN (80)**WR | SO | 6-0 | 185**

Receptions: 5 at Navy (8/31/24)

Receiving Yards: 97 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Reception: 37 at Navy (8/31/24)

Punt Returns: 1, 2X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

Punt Return Yards: 24 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Punt Return: 24 at Navy (8/31/24)

Kickoff Returns: 2 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

Kick Return Yards: 52 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Kick Return: 52 at Navy (8/31/24)

DREW CORMIER (31)**S | SO | 6-1 | 200**

Tackles: 2 at Navy (8/31/24)

AARON DAVIS (16)**CB | JR | 5-11 | 190**

Tackles: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

ANTHONY DILASCIO (28)**RB | SO | 5-11 | 190**

Rushing Attempts: 1 at Marist (11/18/23)

Rushing Yards: 5 at Marist (11/18/23)

Long Rush: 5 at Marist (11/18/23)

JUSTIN FISHER (99)**DL | SR | 6-6 | 235**

Tackles: 9 at Sacred Heart (9/4/21)

Sacks: 0.5 at Colgate (10/28/23)

KYLE FONTES (87)**TE | SR | 6-4 | 220**

Receptions: 3 at VMI (9/10/22)

Receiving Yards: 15 at Cornell (10/14/23)

Receiving TDs: 1 at VMI (9/10/22)

Long Reception: 15 at Cornell (10/14/23)

LUKE FREEMAN (12)**S | JR | 6-2 | 190**

Tackles: 2 at Central Michigan (9/17/22), at VMI

(9/10/22)

JOSH GARY (3)**WR | JR | 5-11 | 190**

Receptions: 9 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Receiving Yards: 139 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, 2 times (last at Colgate, 10/28/23)

Long Reception: 49 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Kickoff Returns: 1, 3X (last vs. Georgetown, 11/11/23)

Long Kickoff Return: 88 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

Kickoff Return TDs: 1 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

BRAD GERKEN (38)**S | SO | 5-11 | 195**

Tackles: 7 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Pass Breakups: 1, 3X (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

Tackles for Loss: 1 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Sacks: 1 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 at Fordham (11/4/23)

DEUCE GETER (26)**S | SO | 6-1 | 205**

Tackles: 7 at Cornell (10/14/23)

Pass Breakups: 1, 3 times (last vs. Lehigh, 10/21/23)

JACK GOHEEN (47)**LB | JR | 6-2 | 210**

Tackles: 7 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

Tackles for Loss: 0.5 at Fordham (11/4/23)

Pass Breakups: 1 at Colgate (10/28/23)

MICHAEL HARDYWAY (9)**QB | SR | 6-0 | 180**

Passing Completions: 4 at Navy (8/31/24)

Passing Attempts: 5 at Navy (8/31/24)

Passing Yards: 84 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Pass: 37 at Navy (8/31/24)

Rushing Attempts: 1 at Lafayette (10/9/21)

Rushing Yards: 6 at Lafayette (10/9/21)

Long Rush: 6 at Lafayette (10/9/21)

NICK HOYING (23)**S/LB | SO | 6-0 | 195**

Tackles: 11 at Navy (8/31/24)

Tackles for Loss: 1 at Cornell (10/14/23)

Sacks: 0.5 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Interceptions: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

JACK INSERRA (57)**DL | SO | 6-2 | 215**

Tackles: 2, 2X (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

BRAD JAMISON (33)**LB | SR | 6-2 | 220**

Tackles: 12 vs. VMI (9/9/23)

Tackles for Loss: 2 at Lafayette (9/30/23)

Sacks: 1, 3X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

Pass Breakups: 2 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

Interceptions: 1 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Interception Return Yards: 18 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

RYAN JEDLICKA (61)**LS | JR | 5-10 | 180**

Tackles: 1 vs. Penn (9/23/23)

CHARLIE KREINBUCHER (82)**TE | JR | 6-5 | 230**

Receptions: 2, 5 times (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

Receiving Yards: 43 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Long Reception: 34 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, 3 times (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

Punt Blocks: 1 at Fordham (11/4/23)

GRANT LAWS (95)**DL | SR | 6-3 | 280**

Tackles: 1, 3X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

Tackles for Loss: 0.5 at VMI (9/10/22)

DANNY MEUSER (4)**RB | 5TH | 6-0 | 200**

Rushing Attempts: 21 vs. Penn (9/18/21)

Rushing Yards: 90 vs. Penn (9/18/21)

Long Rush: 36 at Yale (10/15/22)

Rushing TDs: 1 at Fordham (10/16/21), vs. Penn

(9/18/21)

Receptions: 4 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Receiving Yards: 13 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Long Reception: 10 vs. Fordham (4/10/21)

Kickoff Returns: 1 vs. Cornell (10/2/21)

Kickoff Return Yards: 11 vs. Cornell (10/2/21)

Long Kickoff Return: 11 vs. Cornell (10/2/21)

Punt Returns: 1 vs. Lehigh (11/6/21)

Punt Return Yards: 19 vs. Lehigh (11/6/21)

Long Punt Return: 19 vs. Lehigh (11/6/21)

All-Purpose Yards: 92 vs. Penn (9/18/21)

Blocked Punts: 1 vs. Lehigh (11/6/21)

SAM MILLIGAN (84)**WR | SO | 6-3 | 200**

Receptions: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

Receiving Yards: 9 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Reception: 9 at Navy (8/31/24)

Kickoff Returns: 2 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Kickoff Return Yards: 19 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Long Kickoff Return: 11 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Punt Returns: 1 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Punt Return Yards: 3 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Long Punt Return: 3 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

PAUL NEEL (21)**RB | SR | 5-10 | 190**

Rushing Attempts: 12 at Navy (8/31/24)

Rushing Yards: 60 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Rush: 18 at Navy (8/31/24)

Rushing Touchdowns: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

Receptions: 1, 6X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

Receiving Yards: 9 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

Long Reception: 9 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

BISON CAREER HIGHS

MARQUES OWENS (1)**WR | SR | 5-10 | 170**

Receptions: 4, 2 times (last at Georgetown, 11/12/22)

Receiving Yards: 69 at Colgate (10/30/21)

Long Reception: 40 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Kickoff Returns: 7 vs. Holy Cross (11/20/21)

Kickoff Return Yards: 111 vs. Holy Cross (11/20/21)

Long Kickoff Return: 21 vs. Holy Cross (11/20/21)

All-Purpose Yards: 128 vs. Holy Cross (11/20/21)

ROMAN PEARSON (5)**CB | JR | 6-2 | 180**

Tackles: 4, 3X (last vs. Georgetown, 11/11/23)

Pass Breakups: 2, 2 times (last vs. Lehigh, 10/21/23)

Interceptions: 1, 2 times (last vs. Lehigh, 10/21/23)

Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

CADE ROONEY (15)**DL | SR | 6-3 | 250**

Tackles: 6 vs. Holy Cross (11/20/21)

Tackles for Loss: 1 at JMU (9/2/23)

Interceptions: 1, 2 times (last at Colgate, 10/28/23)

RALPH RUCKER (10)**QB | SR | 6-0 | 207**

Passing Attempts: 48 at Fordham (11/4/23)

Passing Completions: 33 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Passing Yards: 387 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Passing Touchdowns: 4 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Long Pass: 65 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Rushing Attempts: 15 vs. VMI (9/9/23)

Rushing Yards: 47 vs. VMI (9/9/23)

Long Rush: 19 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

Rushing Touchdowns: 1 at Cornell (10/14/23)

MATT SCHEARER (62)**K | JR | 5-11 | 170**

Field Goals: 3 at Georgetown (11/12/22)

Long Field Goal: 50 at Georgetown (11/12/22)

PATs Made: 4, 2X (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

Punts: 5 at Navy (8/31/24)

Punt Yards: 228 at Navy (8/31/24)

Punting Average: 45.6 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Punt: 63 at Navy (8/31/24)

Punts Inside 20: 2 at Navy (8/31/24)

Kickoffs: 5, 2 times (last vs. Marist, 11/19/22)

Kickoff Average: 45.2 at Georgetown (11/12/22)

JOHN SCHLENDORF (45)**S | SR | 5-10 | 180**

Tackles: 14, 2 times (last vs. Penn, 9/23/23)

Sacks: 1, 3 times (last vs. VMI, 9/9/23)

Tackles for Loss: 1, 7X (last vs. Georgetown, 11/11/23)

Pass Breakups: 2, 4X (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

Forced Fumbles: 1 at Yale (10/15/22)

Fumble Recoveries: 1, 2 times (last at Colgate, 10/28/23)

Interceptions: 1 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

JJ SEBERT (25)**S | FR | 6-0 | 185**

Tackles: 2 at Navy (8/31/24)

ASHTON SEMPVIVE (76)**DL | JR | 6-2 | 260**

Tackles: 1, 3X (last at Navy, 8/31/24)

DANIEL SIERK (92)**DL | JR | 6-5 | 250**

Tackles: 1 at Central Michigan (9/17/22)

CHRIS SIMS (11)**CB | SR | 5-9 | 170**

Tackles: 7 at Cornell (10/14/23)

Pass Breakups: 1, 5X (last at Fordham, 11/4/23)

Interceptions: 1 at Holy Cross (10/8/22)

Interception Return Yards: 17 at Holy Cross (10/8/22)

ALEX SMITH JR. (6)**S | SR | 6-2 | 185**

Tackles: 9 vs. Penn (9/23/23)

Tackles for Loss: 1 vs. Cornell (10/2/21), vs. Penn (9/18/21)

Interceptions: 1, 4X (last vs. Georgetown, 11/11/23)

Interception Return Yards: 20 at Lehigh (10/22/22)

Sacks: 1 vs. Cornell (10/2/21)

Pass Breakups: 2, 3X (last at Fordham, 11/4/23)

Forced Fumbles: 1, 2 times (last vs. Lehigh, 10/21/23)

CHRISTIAN SPUGNARDI (81)**TE | SR | 6-6 | 215**

Receptions: 5 at Army West Point (11/13/21)

Receiving Yards: 30 at Army West Point (11/13/21)

Long Reception: 11 vs. Fordham (11/5/22)

Receiving TDs: 2 vs. Towson (9/3/22)

MASON TAYLOR (20)**S | SR | 6-2 | 185**

Tackles: 5 at JMU (9/2/23)

Tackles for Loss: 0.5 vs. Cornell (10/2/21)

Pass Breakups: 1, 3 times (last vs. Georgetown, 10/23/21)

TARIQ THOMAS (7)**RB | FR | 5-11 | 185**

Rushing Attempts: 6 at Navy (8/31/24)

Rushing Yards: 15 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Rush: 5 at Navy (8/31/24)

Kickoff Returns: 3 at Navy (8/31/24)

Kickoff Return Yards: 58 at Navy (8/31/24)

Long Kickoff Return: 29 at Navy (8/31/24)

ANEESH VYAS (90)**DL | SR | 6-2 | 265**

Tackles: 6 vs. Lafayette (10/1/22)

Tackles for a Loss: 1, 2 times (last at Georgetown, 11/12/22)

Sacks: 0.5 vs. Lafayette (10/1/22)

Forced Fumbles: 1 at Fordham (10/16/21)

Fumble Recoveries: 2 at Fordham (10/16/21)

Pass Breakup: 1, 2 times (last at Lafayette, 9/30/23)

Blocked kicks: 2 vs. Penn (9/23/23)

ERIC WEATHERLY (2)**WR | JR | 5-7 | 171**

Receptions: 10 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Receiving Yards: 132 at Colgate (10/28/23)

Long Reception: 40, 2 time (last vs. Holy Cross, 10/7/23)

Receiving Touchdowns: 2, 2 times (last at Colgate, 10/28/23)

Rushing Attempts: 6 at Marist (11/18/23)

Rushing Yards: 20 at Marist (11/18/23)

Long Rush: 7 at Marist (11/18/23)

Rushing Touchdowns: at Marist (11/18/23)

Punt Returns: 3 at Navy (8/31/24)

Punt Return Yards: 23 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

Long Punt Return: 23 vs. Holy Cross (10/7/23)

Kick Returns: 3 at Cornell (10/14/23)

Kick Return Yards: 57 at Cornell (10/14/23)

Long Kick Return: 31 vs. Georgetown (11/11/23)

TAKAI WHITMORE (14)**CB | SO | 5-11 | 170**

Tackles: 3 at Navy (8/31/24)

TERIAN WILLIAMS (9)**CB | JR | 5-11 | 190**

Tackles: 1 at Navy (8/31/24)

Interceptions: at Navy (8/31/24)

GAVIN WILLIS (13)**LB | SO | 6-0 | 212**

Tackles: 15 at Fordham (11/4/23)

Tackles for Loss: 0.5, 3X (last at Marist, 11/18/23)

Sacks: 0.5 at Marist (11/18/23)

Pass Breakups: 1 vs. Lehigh (10/21/23)

2024 GAME REPORTS: GAME 1

BUCKNELL	7	0	7	7	21
NAVY	6	22	7	14	49

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TEAM STATISTICS

	BUCKNELL	JMU
FIRST DOWNS	14	20
Rushing	6	13
Passing	6	7
Penalty	2	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	131	264
Attempts	39	53
Avg. Per Rush	3.4	5.0
Rushing TDs	2	4
Yards Gained	158	273
Yds. Lost	27	9
NET YARDS Passing	206	173
Comp. - Att. - Int.	15-29-0	10-19-2
Avg. / Att.	7.1	9.1
Avg. / Comp.	13.7	17.3
TDs	1	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	337	437
Plays	68	72
Avg. / Play	5	6.1
Fumbles - Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties - Yards	8-69	7-55
PUNTS-YARDS	5-228	4-168
Avg. / Punt	45.6	42
Net / Punt	39.2	36.8
Inside 20	1	3
50+ Yards	2	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	2	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-220	8-471
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	55.0	58.9
Net Yards / Kickoff	28.5	38.1
Touchbacks	0	2
Fair Catch	0	0
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	4-21-0	2-32-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	5.3	16.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	5-126-0	4-106-0
Kickoff: Avg. / Return	25.2	26.5
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	2-19-0	0-0-0
Fumble: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	0-0-0
MISCELLANEOUS		
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	26:59	33:01
1st Quarter	6:55	8:05
2nd Quarter	6:50	8:10
3rd Quarter	7:15	7:45
4th Quarter	5:59	9:01
3rd Down Conversions	6 of 17	10 of 17
4th Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	5-5
Touchdowns	2-4	5-5
Field Goals	0-4	0-5
Sacks: Total - Yards	1-7	4-22
PAT: Total - Made	3-3	5-6
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-1	0-0

GAME NOTES

• Bucknell got off to an exciting start against the Mids with an opening-drive 47-yard touchdown pass from Ralph Rucker to Nate Anderson, but Navy went on to score 35 unanswered points and held on for a 49-21 win.

• The Mids piled up 437 yards on total offense, gaining 264 on the ground.

• RB Paul Neel led Bucknell's rushing attack in his first career start. The senior carried 12 times for 60 yards and a third-quarter touchdown.

• Rucker added 34 net rushing yards in addition to his 122 pass yards. He was under duress much of the game, absorbing four sacks.

• WR TJ Cadden hauled in five receptions for a career-high 97 receiving yards. He added a 52-yard kickoff return and a 24-yard punt return. His younger brother, freshman RB Michael Cadden, scored a late Bison touchdown in his first collegiate game.

• Sophomore Nick Hoying led Bucknell's defensive efforts with 11 tackles and his first career interception. Terian Williams also grabbed an interception, and Brad Jamison recorded Bucknell's lone sack.

Football Drops Season Opener at Navy, 49-21

The Bucknell football team opened its 2024 season with a hard-fought 49-21 loss to Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent Navy on Saturday afternoon before 28,763 fans at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The Bison got out to an electric start with Ralph Rucker IV connecting with Nate Anderson on a 47-yard touchdown pass on the very first possession of the day, but the Midshipmen flipped the game around with a 22-point second quarter.

Rucker, who was under pressure for much of the contest, completed 11 of 24 passes for 122 yards and the touchdown to Anderson, a Western Michigan transfer making his Bison debut. Bucknell gained 337 total yards, including 131 on the ground, with starting running back Paul Neel leading the way with 60 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries.

TJ Cadden made a team-high five catches for 97 yards and was also impactful on special teams with a 24-yard punt return and a 52-yard kickoff return. Anderson, Josh Gary, and Eric Weatherly caught two passes apiece.

Nick Hoying led the defense with 11 total tackles, surpassing his total of 10 from his freshman season in 2023, and he also notched his first career interception. Stanford transfer Terian Williams II also intercepted a pass in his first game as a Bison.

"I thought our guys would fight for 60 minutes, and they absolutely did that," said head coach Dave Cecchini after the game. "They did not give up, they did not quit. They played just as hard on the last play of the game as the first play of the game; 60 minutes of football in hot, humid conditions."

Rucker found Anderson wide open down the left sideline for the opening score only 1:23 into the contest, but Navy answered about three minutes later when fullback Daba Fofanabroke ran loose up the middle for a 49-yard touchdown run. The Bison remained in the lead when the extra point was shoved wide to the right. Bucknell looked good to expand on the margin when Rucker engineered a 13-play drive down to the Navy 19, but the Midshipmen came up with a stop on 4th-and-2.

After the defense forced another punt, Neel started a drive with a good run up the middle, but on replay review it was ruled that Navy knocked the ball loose just before his knee went down, and the Mids were awarded the ball. Navy then took its first lead of the day on Alex Tecza's 3-yard TD run on the first play of the second quarter.

Blake Horvath tossed a pair of touchdown passes later in the period, and Navy took a 28-7 lead to the locker room.

Eli Heidenreich's second TD catch of the game made it 35 unanswered points for Navy before the Bison ended the run on Neel's 3-yard run that was set up by the Hoying interception. Rucker piled up 27 of his 34 rushing yards on the scoring drive.

Bucknell added one more touchdown in the final minute in a nice moment for the Cadden brothers. TJ caught a beautifully thrown deep ball by Michael Hardyway for a 37-yard hookup down to the two, and then younger brother Michael ran it in on the next play for the freshman's first career score.

Navy gained 264 yards on the ground, led by Fofana's 82 yards. Quarterbacks Horvath and Braxton Woodson combined to complete 10 of 19 passes for 173 yards and three touchdowns. The Midshipmen had a 437-337 edge in total yards and led 33:01-26:59 in time of possession.

Bucknell and Navy were meeting for the first time since 1925.

SCORING SUMMARY

Team	QT	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds	TOP	Score
BUC	1st	13:37	Anderson 47yd pass from Rucker	Schearer kick	4-65	01:23	7-0
NAV	1st	10:44	Fofana 49yd rush	Kirkwood kick missed	1-49	00:09	7-6
NAV	2nd	14:56	Tecza 3yd rush	Kirkwood kick	5-23	01:36	7-13
NAV	2nd	05:29	Heidenreich 9yd pass from Horvath	Kirkwood kick	9-59	03:29	7-20
NAV	2nd	00:14	Chatman 42yd pass from Horvath	Heidenreich pass	1-42	00:13	7-28
NAV	3rd	11:12	Heidenreich 20yd pass from Woodson	Kirkwood kick	9-40	03:41	7-35
BUC	3rd	03:06	Neel 3yd rush	Schearer kick	9-40	02:44	14-36
NAV	4th	08:33	Woodson 1yd rush	Kirkwood kick	7-58	03:07	14-42
NAV	4th	02:10	Reynolds 5yd rush	Kirkwood kick	7-31	04:34	14-49
BUC	4th	00:30	M. Cadden 2yd rush	Schearer kick	7-75	01:40	21-49

TEAM LEADERS

BUCKNELL

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Neel	12	60	1	18	5.0
Rucker	10	34	0	14	3.4
Thomas	6	15	0	5	2.5
M. Cadden	5	12	1	3	2.4

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Rucker	11-24-0	122	1	47	4
Hardyway	4-5-0	84	0	37	0

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Cadden	5	97	0	37
N. Anderson	2	61	1	47
Gary	2	15	0	9

Tackles	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Yds
Hoying	6	5	11	--	--
Willis	4	6	10	--	--
Schlendorf	4	5	9	--	--
Jamison	5	2	7	1.0	7

NAVY

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Fofana	8	82	1	49	10.3
Chatman	6	47	0	16	7.8
Tecza	12	40	1	7	3.3
Horvath	7	33	0	13	4.7

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Horvath	7-12-1	108	2	42	1
Woodson	3-7-1	65	1	39	0

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg
Heidenreich	4	74	2	39
Chatman	1	42	1	42
Norris	2	25	0	18

Tackles	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Yds
Campbell	5	5	10	1.5	3
Ramos	4	6	10	--	--
Pirris	4	4	8	2.5	9
Williams	5	1	6	--	--



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Team Statistics

	BUCK	OPP
Scoring	21	49
Points per game	21.0	49.0
Points Off Turnovers	7	14
First Downs	14	20
Rushing	6	13
Passing	6	7
Penalty	2	0
Rushing Yardage	131	264
Yards gained rushing	158	273
Yards lost rushing	27	9
Rushing attempts	39	53
Average per rush	3.4	5.0
Average per game	131.0	264.0
TDs Rushing	2	4
Passing Yardage	206	173
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-0	10-19-2
Average per pass	7.1	9.1
Average per catch	13.7	17.3
Average per game	206.0	173.0
TDs Passing	1	3
Total offense	337	437
Total plays	68	72
Average per play	5.0	6.1
Average per game	337.0	437.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	5-126	4-106
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-21	2-32
Int returns: #-Yards	2-19	0-0
Kick return average	25.2	26.5
Punt return average	5.3	16.0
Int return average	9.5	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-69	7-55
Average per game	69.0	55.0
Punts-Yards	5-228	4-168
Average per punt	45.6	42.0
Net punt average	39.2	36.8
Kickoffs-Yards	4-220	8-471
Average per kick	55.0	58.9
Net kick average	28.5	34.3
Time of possession / game	26:59	33:01
3rd-down conversion	6/17	10/17
3rd-down pct	35%	59%
4rd-down conversion	1/3	1/1





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	BUCK	OPP
4rd-down pct	33%	100%
Sacks by-Yards	1-7	4-22
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	3	7
Field goals - attempts	0-1	0-0
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(2-4) 50%	(5-5) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(2-4) 50%	(5-5) 100%
PAT-attempts	(3-3) 100%	(5-6) 83%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	0	28763
Games / Avg per game	0/0	1/28763
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Bucknell	7	0	7	7	0	21
Opponents	6	22	7	14	0	49



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Paul Neel	1	12	61	1	60	5.0	1	18	60.0
Ralph Rucker IV	1	10	56	22	34	3.4	0	14	34.0
Tariq Thomas	1	6	15	0	15	2.5	0	5	15.0
Michael Cadden	1	5	12	0	12	2.4	1	3	12.0
Danny Meuser	1	5	14	3	11	2.2	0	9	11.0
Team	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	39	158	27	131	3.4	2	18	131.0
Opponents	1	53	273	9	264	5.0	4	49	264.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Ralph Rucker IV	1	102.3	11-24-0	45.8	122	1	47	122.0
Michael Hardyway	1	221.1	4-5-0	80.0	84	0	37	84.0
Total	1	122.8	15-29-0	51.7	206	1	47	206.0
Opponents	1	160.2	10-19-2	52.6	173	3	42	173.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
TJ Cadden	1	5	97	19.4	0	37	97.0
Josh Gary	1	2	15	7.5	0	9	15.0
Nate Anderson	1	2	61	30.5	1	47	61.0
Eric Weatherly	1	2	10	5.0	0	9	10.0
Danny Meuser	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Kyle Fontes	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Paul Neel	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Sam Milligan	1	1	9	9.0	0	9	9.0
Total	1	15	206	13.7	1	47	206.0
Opponents	1	10	173	17.3	3	42	173.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
TJ Cadden	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	4	21	5.3	0	24
Opponents	2	32	16.0	0	23

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Terian Williams	1	8	8.0	0	8
Nick Hoying	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	2	19	9.5	0	11
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tariq Thomas	3	58	19.3	0	29
Terian Williams	1	16	16.0	0	16
TJ Cadden	1	52	52.0	0	52
Total	5	126	25.2	0	52
Opponents	4	106	26.5	0	31

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Paul Neel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nate Anderson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Michael Cadden	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Matt Schearer	-	0-1	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	3	0-1	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	21
Opponents	7	0-0	5-6	0	1	1	0	0	49

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Schearer	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Bucknell	Opponents
Navy	29	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Ralph Rucker IV	1	34	34	122	156	156.0
Michael Hardyway	1	5	0	84	84	84.0
Paul Neel	1	12	60	0	60	60.0
Tariq Thomas	1	6	15	0	15	15.0
Michael Cadden	1	5	12	0	12	12.0
Danny Meuser	1	5	11	0	11	11.0
Team	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	68	131	206	337	337.0
Opponents	1	72	264	173	437	437.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Matt Schearer	5	228	45.6	63	0	2	1	2	0
Total	5	228	45.6	63	0	2	1	2	0
Opponents	4	168	42.0	46	0	0	3	0	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Matt Karic	3	168	56.0	0	0			
Juan Garanton	1	52	52.0	0	0			
Total	4	220	55.0	0	0	4	28.5	36
Opponents	8	471	58.9	2	1	5	34.3	30

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
TJ Cadden	1	0	97	24	52	0	173	173.0
Tariq Thomas	1	15	0	0	58	0	73	73.0
Paul Neel	1	60	5	0	0	0	65	65.0
Nate Anderson	1	0	61	0	0	0	61	61.0
Ralph Rucker IV	1	34	0	0	0	0	34	34.0
Terian Williams	1	0	0	0	16	8	24	24.0
Danny Meuser	1	11	5	0	0	0	16	16.0
Josh Gary	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
Michael Cadden	1	12	0	0	0	0	12	12.0
Nick Hoying	1	0	0	0	0	11	11	11.0
Sam Milligan	1	0	9	0	0	0	9	9.0
Eric Weatherly	1	0	10	-3	0	0	7	7.0
Kyle Fontes	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
Team	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	131	206	21	126	19	503	503.0
Opponents	1	264	173	32	106	0	575	575.0



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick
23	Nick Hoying	1	6	5	11	.	.	1-11	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Gavin Willis	1	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	John Schlendorf	1	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
33	Brad Jamison	1	5	2	7	1-7	1-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Alex Smith Jr.	1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Cade Rooney	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
52	Jack Barnes	1	2	2	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Aneesh Vyas	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Takai Whitmore	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	JJ Sebert	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Drew Cormier	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Roman Pearson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Matt Karic	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	TJ Cadden	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Dara Adeyemi	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Brandon Biagiarelli	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
76	Ashton Sempervive	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Grant Laws	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Aaron Davis	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Terian Williams	1	1	.	1	.	.	1-8	.	.	.	.	.	.
61	Ryan Jedlicka	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Mason Taylor	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Justin Fisher	1	.	1	1
	Totals	1	45	30	75	2-8	1-7	2-19	0	3	0-0	0	0	0
	Opponents	1	40	36	76	7-26	4-22	0-0	1	6	2-0	2	1	0



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Bucknell - Game Highs

RUSHES	39	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	131	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	3.4	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	29	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	15	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	206	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	7.1	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	1	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	68	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	337	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.0	at Navy (08/31/2024)
POINTS	21	at Navy (08/31/2024)
SACKS BY	1	at Navy (08/31/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	14	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PENALTIES	8	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	69	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TURNOVERS	2	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS	5	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTING AVG	45.6	at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT	63	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	24	at Navy (08/31/2024)

Opponent - Game Highs

RUSHES	53	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	264	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.0	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD RUSHES	4	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	19	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	10	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	173	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	9.1	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	3	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	72	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	437	at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.1	at Navy (08/31/2024)
POINTS	49	at Navy (08/31/2024)
SACKS BY	4	at Navy (08/31/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	20	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PENALTIES	7	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	55	at Navy (08/31/2024)
TURNOVERS	2	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS	4	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.0	at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT	46	at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	23	at Navy (08/31/2024)



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RUSHES	12	Paul Neel at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	60	Paul Neel at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	Paul Neel at Navy (08/31/2024)
	1	Michael Cadden at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG RUSH	18	Paul Neel at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	24	Ralph Rucker IV at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	11	Ralph Rucker IV at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	122	Ralph Rucker IV at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	1	Ralph Rucker IV at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PASS	47	Ralph Rucker IV at Navy (08/31/2024)
RECEPTIONS	5	TJ Cadden at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	97	TJ Cadden at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Nate Anderson at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	47	Nate Anderson at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS	5	Matt Schearer at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTING AVG	45.6	Matt Schearer at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT	63	Matt Schearer at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Matt Schearer at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	24	TJ Cadden at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	52	TJ Cadden at Navy (08/31/2024)
TACKLES	11	Nick Hoying at Navy (08/31/2024)
SACKS	1	Brad Jamison at Navy (08/31/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	1	Jack Barnes at Navy (08/31/2024)
	1	Brad Jamison at Navy (08/31/2024)

Opponent - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	12	Alex Tecza at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	82	Daba Fofana at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	Shane Reynolds at Navy (08/31/2024)
	1	Alex Tecza at Navy (08/31/2024)
	1	Daba Fofana at Navy (08/31/2024)
	1	Braxton Woodson at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG RUSH	49	Daba Fofana at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	12	Blake Horvath at Navy (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	7	Blake Horvath at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	108	Blake Horvath at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	2	Blake Horvath at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PASS	42	Blake Horvath at Navy (08/31/2024)
RECEPTIONS	4	Eli Heidenreich at Navy (08/31/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	74	Eli Heidenreich at Navy (08/31/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Eli Heidenreich at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	42	Brandon Chatman at Navy (08/31/2024)
FIELD GOALS	none	
LONG FIELD GOALS	none	
PUNTS	4	Riley Riethman at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.0	Riley Riethman at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT	46	Riley Riethman at Navy (08/31/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Riley Riethman at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	23	Eli Heidenreich at Navy (08/31/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	31	Isaiah Bryant at Navy (08/31/2024)
TACKLES	10	Colin Ramos at Navy (08/31/2024)
	10	Jaxson Campbell at Navy (08/31/2024)





**2024-25 Bucknell Football
Games Played
All games**

##	Player	GP-GS	Navy
0	Derrick Anderson Jr.	1/0	XXX
1	Marques Owens	0/0	...
2	Eric Weatherly	1/1	START
3	Josh Gary	1/1	START
4	Danny Meuser	1/0	XXX
4	Marco Sansone	0/0	...
5	Roman Pearson	1/1	START
6	Christian Petruzzello	0/0	...
6	Alex Smith Jr.	1/1	START
7	Tariq Thomas	1/0	XXX
8	Alex Brown	1/0	XXX
9	Michael Hardyway	1/0	XXX
9	Terian Williams	1/0	XXX
10	Brandon Biagiarelli	1/0	XXX
10	Ralph Rucker IV	1/1	START
11	Chris Sims	1/0	XXX
12	Luke Freeman	1/0	XXX
13	Gavin Willis	1/1	START
14	Takai Whitmore	1/0	XXX
15	Cade Rooney	1/1	START
15	Daniel Shuster	0/0	...
16	Aaron Davis	1/1	START
17	Nate Anderson	1/1	START
18	Bradley Pao	1/0	XXX
19	England Allen	0/0	...
20	Mason Taylor	1/1	START
21	Paul Neel	1/1	START
22	Nick Severin	0/0	...
23	Nick Hoying	1/0	XXX
24	Rostand Olama	0/0	...
25	JJ Sebert	1/0	XXX
26	Deuce Geter	0/0	...
27	Myles Cunningham	0/0	...
28	Anthony DiLascio	0/0	...
29	Logan Bush	0/0	...
30	Will Caneer	1/0	XXX
31	Drew Cormier	1/0	XXX
32	Finn Sposato	0/0	...
33	Brad Jamison	1/1	START
34	Darius Day	0/0	...
35	Charlie Meehleib	1/0	XXX
36	Michael Cadden	1/0	XXX
37	Tristan Menconi	0/0	...
38	Brad Gerken	0/0	...
39	Jackson Nowinski	0/0	...
40	Charlie McIntyre	0/0	...
41	Jack Bohm-Squicciarini	0/0	...
42	Ryan Skoronski	0/0	...
43	Owen Garwood	0/0	...
44	Caden Allard	0/0	...
45	John Schlendorf	1/1	START
46	Michael Crabtree	0/0	...
47	Jack Goheen	1/0	XXX
49	Jason Ussery	0/0	...
52	Jack Barnes	1/1	START
53	Tim Andersen	1/0	XXX
54	Reuben Logan	0/0	...
56	Mark Mulhern	1/0	XXX
57	Jack Inserra	1/0	XXX
58	Aidan Catania	0/0	...

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59	Dante Mascio	0/0	...
60	Kieran Coscia	1/0	XXX
61	Ryan Jedlicka	1/0	XXX
62	Matt Schearer	1/0	XXX
64	David LoGrasso	1/0	XXX
65	Tristan Arndt	0/0	...
66	Herschel Johal	0/0	...
67	Gustav Steffelin	0/0	...
68	D.K. Kim	1/0	XXX
70	Xavier Allen	1/1	START
71	Fredrick Sturgis	1/0	XXX
72	Noah Wright	0/0	...
73	Mason Jones	1/1	START
74	Casey Stephenson	1/1	START
75	Jake Guy	0/0	...
76	Ashton Sempervive	1/0	XXX
77	Nathan Natoli	1/1	START
78	John Ohnegian	1/1	START
79	Rowan McGwin	0/0	...
80	TJ Cadden	1/0	XXX
81	Christian Spugnardi	1/0	XXX
82	Charlie Kreinbacher	1/1	START
83	Rourke Kennedy	0/0	...
84	Sam Milligan	1/0	XXX
85	AJ Bosch	0/0	...
86	Braylen Burgess	0/0	...
87	Kyle Fontes	1/0	XXX
88	Will Rich	0/0	...
89	Anthony DiMarco	0/0	...
90	Aneesh Vyas	1/0	XXX
91	Matt Karic	1/0	XXX
92	Daniel Sierk	0/0	...
93	Jack McGill	0/0	...
94	Nick Niemynski	0/0	...
95	Grant Laws	1/1	START
96	Juan Garanton	1/0	XXX
97	Dara Adeyemi	1/0	XXX
98	Seo Buffington	0/0	...
99	Justin Fisher	1/1	START

