

GAME SIX

SAINT FRANCIS AT DUQUESNE Saturday, October 11, 2025 NEC Front Row | 1:00 PM Rooney Field | Pittsburgh, Pa. Twitter: @RedFlashFB

STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING



SAINT FRANCIS Raphael Ekechi 147 yards | 2 TDs | 37 carries

DUOUESNE 349 yards | 1 TDs | 49 carries

SAINT FRANCIS

PASSING



RECEIVING

Nick Whitfield, Jr. 954 yards | 2 TDs | 96-149 comp-att

Tyler Riddell 1101 yards | 14 TDs | 88-146 comp-att

SAINT FRANCIS

DJ Maultsby 180 yards | 1 TDs | 11 receptions

DUQUESNE Joey Isabella

479 yards | 7 TDs | 38 receptions

SAINT FRANCIS



Geno Calgaro 24 solo | 30 assist | 54 total | 4.0 tfl

DUOUESNE Jabari Odoemenem 18 solo | 10 assist | 28 total | 4.5 tfl



SAINT FRANCIS Zachary Betts 3.0 sack | 34 yards

DUQUESNE Six players

A WIN WOLLD...

- · Be the team's second win at Rooney Field in the last three years · Improve the team record after a bye under head coach Chris Villarrial to 11-4 in his career.
- · Be the team's first win of the season
- Be the fourth straight year the Red Flash's first win is on the road Head into the bye week on a high note, and head back home with four consecutive home games on the horizon

THE MATCHUP

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY RED FLASH (0-5, 0-1 NEC)

Head Coach: Chris Villiarrial,

Record At School: 68-92 (15 playing seasons/16th as head coach)

Career Record: same Record Vs. Opponent: 4-9



DUQUESNE DUKES (3-3, 1-0 NEC)

Head Coach: Dave Cecchini

Record At School: 131-90 (21st season) Career Record: 159-111 (26th season)

Record Vs. Opponent: 13-5

FRANKIE'S TIDBITS IN A FLASH

- Saturday's game between Saint Francis and Duquesne marks the 50th meeting in the all-time series dating back to the 1914 campaign. The Dukes are the oldest rival of the Red Flash.
- Duquesne leads the series 39-10, with a 20-4 mark when the Red Flash was still a club team from 1914 to 1990, 19-6 since the Loretto program joined NCAA football, and 5-11 since the two teams started meeting on the gridiron in NEC play.
- The Dukes hold an 11-2 mark at Rooney Field dating back to the Red Flash NCAA football era. Saint Francis defeated the Dukes 23-13 on November 7, 1992, and ended a 10-game losing streak in the Steel City on October 30, 2021, with a 17-10 decision. In the last meeting in Pittsburgh, the Red Flash scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but dropped a 38-35 decision. During the 10-game losing streak at Rooney Field, Saint Francis was outscored 290-119 in those contests.
- The Red Flash is getting a little tour of the Keystone State. Before its bye, Saint Francis traveled 130 northeast of campus to play at Bucknell on September 27. Saint Francis now heads 77.2 miles west to face Duquesne. After another bye week, another team from the Pittsburgh area is on the slate for the Red Flash when Robert Morris comes to Saint Francis on October 25. Then, a team north of Pittsburgh, Mercyhurst, will make its way to DeGol Field on November 8.
- Under head coach Chris Villarrial, the Loretto program is 10-4 after a bye week. The Red Flash is 6-3 on the road in games after a bye, and will face Duquesne in Pittsburgh for the third-straight time after a bye. One of the team's biggest wins in program history came after a bye when the team defeated No. 22 Liberty 13-7 on September 30, 2017.
- Saint Francis' first win of the season has come on the road in each of the last three seasons and in four of the previous eight seasons. In three of the four times the win has been on the road, the team had not played at home to that point in the season for its first win (2016, 2019, 2022).
- After spending the first three weeks of the season traveling 3,403 miles roundtrip, starting on September 14, the Red Flash will spend the next 70 days in the state of Pennsylvania. The team will play five games at DeGol Field, two road games, and have two byes in this stretch before its regular season finale at Stonehill on November 22. Saint Francis traveled to Lousiana-Monroe (2,209 miles), Buffalo (421 miles) and CCSU (773 miles in the first 16 days of the season, but will only travel 1,524 miles in the final 71 days of the season round trip: at Bucknell, September 27 (260 miles); at Duquesne, October 11 (157 miles) and Stonehill (1,107 miles).
- To put these 71 days in perspective, the first day of fall is September 22, two days after the Red Flash home opener, while the team will not be on the road again until five days before Thanksgiving. The Saint Francis men's basketball team will play more road games between now and the football trip to Massachusetts, with three, and the defending NEC Champions do not open the season until November 4.
- · After the game against Duquesne, Saint Francis will have its second bye in three weeks before hosting four-straight games at DeGol Field. It will be the first time since the 2004 season that the Red Flash will host four-straight games in Loretto.

DEPTH AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

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(QB	>>	6	Whitfield		2	Hoenstine
I	RB	>>	3	Ekechi		4	Perryman
ı	WR	>>	9	Maultsby		16	Lambert
	WR	>>	83	Nelson		1	Hodge
I	WR	>>	12	Cameron		1	Hodge
	ΤE	>>	87	Raymond	(or)	99	London
I	LT	>>	55	Kayed		56	Evehe
I	LG	>>	62	Imbt		61	Haught
ľ	C	>>	53	Midea		60	Ancheta
I	RG	>>	64	Enick		58	Hampton
I	RT	>>	67	Van Tassell		77	Albright

DEFENSE

DT	>>	4	Courtney		9 Dantzleward
NT	>>	95	Miller		96 Malafu
DT	>>	44	Okoye		93 Santiago
0LB	>>	7	Betts		36 Slaughter
MIKE	>>	0	Calgaro		11 McMahon
WILL	>>	5	C Williams	or	25 Hockenberry
0LB	>>	8	Council		10 Cook
CB	>>	10	Cook		34 Kiersch
CB	>>	12	Nichols		42 Rosemond
FS	>>	19	Douglas		35 Walker
NICK	>>	2	Lewis		30 K Williams

DID YOU KNOW?



Saint Francis may have used the power of prayer to come from behind to beat Duquesne 29-16 on September 25, 1976. Excerpt from a story about this game. (Full story on page two of game notes). "Well, Big guy, I don't ask for many favors, but we really need a fumble." - Father Jonas McCarthy, T.O.R. What happened was that we were down 16-0 to the Dukes when we returned an interception for a touchdown to narrow the lead to 16-7. The next play, on the kickoff, the Dukes fumbled and our Red Flash recovered it. I think that the player who fell on the ball was Joe

Sheehan. Father McCarthy just shrugged his shoulders, smiled in his humble, laconic way, and said, "Sometimes, he comes through. You just have to ask." NOTE: Father McCarthy served as the football team's coach for eight years and was inducted into the Saint Francis Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996

2025 SCHEDULE



AT LOUISIANA MONROE MALONE STADILIN AUG 28 L, 0-29



AT BUFFALO IIR STADIIIM SEPT 6



AT CCSU ARUTE FIELD SEPT 13 L, 7-31



DELAWARE STATE DEGOL FIELD SEPT 20 L, 10-39



AT BUCKNELL SFPT 27 L, 23-30



AT DUOUESNE ROONEY FIELD OCT 11 1:00 PM





OCT 25

3:00 PM

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12:00 PM

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LIU DEGOL FIELD **NOV 15** 12:00 PM NFC FR



AT STONEHILL DEGOL FIELD 12:00 PM NFC FR

The night Father Jonas asked for "Divine Intervention": And Saint Francis defeated the Duquesne Dukes

By: Hugh Conrad

Father Jonas McCarthy, TOR, a Franciscan marvel who taught me a great lesson about the power of prayer

At first, I thought that the words were being uttered in jest.

"Well, Big guy, I don't ask for many favors, but we really need a fumble."

And then, I realized that Father Jonas McCarthy, T.O.R., was calling in his chits — everything that he had earned in his six years in the priesthood — and his eight years of preparation for it.

In essence, this was truly a prayer, a request for God to help Father Jonas' favorite St. Francis College Red Flash football team.

He was saying a prayer that the Duquesne Dukes would somehow place the ball on the turf at Portage High School football stadium — and that God should allow that to happen because that opposing team — in Jonas' eyes — was a group of nefarious "ne'er do wells."

This actually happened, I remember it well because I was standing with Father Jonas on the top of the Portage press box where he and I used to communicate information down to the bench.

So, with the Red Flash trailing by nine points, Jonas made a sign of the cross and put down his head.

What happened was that we were down 16-0 to the Dukes when we returned an interception for a touchdown to narrow the lead to 16-7.

The next play, on the kickoff, the Dukes fumbled and our Red Flash recovered it. I think that the player who fell on the ball was Joe Sheehan, but since that was 46 years ago, and since few of the records from those years now exist, I am not certain.

Jonas' reaction

After that recovery, we were jumping for joy, but I had an immediate need: As the de facto offensive coordinator, I had to send in an offensive play — and we had great field position.

However, on this day, after we had scored a TD to claw our way back into the game, Jonas realized that we really needed another TD.

This is an absolutely true story, and I was the only one up on that roof to verify that it took place. Believe me, for a person who still questioned the value of prayer, it was an impressive moment.

Father cast his eyes up toward the heavens, took a deep breath, and said in a reverent voice, "Big guy, I don't ask for many favors, but we really need a fumble."

Internally, I chuckled a little. What was the chance that this "Hail Mary" would be answered.

On the subsequent kickoff, our kickoff team forced a fumble, and we recovered.

After jumping up and down with excitement and calling the next offensive play, I looked at Father in amazement.

He just shrugged his shoulders, smiled in his humble, laconic way, and said, "Sometimes, he comes through. You just have to ask."

Recollection from September, 1976

"You just have to ask."

As someone who has struggled with the concept of prayer throughout my life, this was an impressive prayer. My problems with prayer is that they are never answered.

Or so it has seemed.

However, here I was witnessing a priest who just turned the game around for us.

We went on to score two more TDs and win the game, but I cannot even remember the final score. It may have been 21-16, but that is not what I remember.

I simply remember that devout, blue-collar Irishman asking for a favor from his maker — and having that request answered in a big way.

Father Jonas

Jonas and I had many conversations over the years. We would go "upstairs" and call down information to the bench, and Father was seldom at a loss for words.

After graduating from high school, Father entered the U.S. Army and served in Germany, where he played football for the army team. He entertained the linemen with his recollections of his stories about those years.

And what he received in return was a chance to attend college via the G.I. Bill. Father applied to and was accepted as a Civil Engineering student at what what then known as Carnegie Tech, now Carnegie Mellon, which was then, and now, listed as one of the top universities in the state — and the nation.

He graduated and worked in the private sector as an engineer, but as he told me so many times, he was not happy with his life.

Consequently, in his early 30s, he decided to enter the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The community based in Loretto, Pa. is one of a number who follow the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi.

When he was ordained a priest in 1970, he was almost 40 years old, yet he had an immediate impact on the campus. He served as an economics professor and then became the provincial of the priests who lived on campus. He served as an assistant coach for Art Martynuka from 1970 until his death in April 1979.

He was involved with the team as an advisor and served as chaplain of the men's basketball team. He also did PR for the college which was struggling with problems with people in the community during the 1970s. He ran for borough council and was a great ambassador for the college to those in Loretto.

And, he was an awesome Irish wit who had kissed the Blarney Stone more than once. His stories are legendary.

Jonas was one special guy, and like so many, I will never forget him — and the message he taught me about prayers being answered.



Saint Francis head coach **Chris Villarrial** is one of 15 Football Championship Series head coaches who also played in the National Football League. Villarrial was drafted in the fifth round (152nd pick) of the 1996 NFL draft by the Chicago Bears and played in the NFL as an offensive lineman for 10 seasons with the Bears and the Buffalo Bills, earning two All-Pro selections.

Villarrial is one of 10 FCS coaches drafted into the NFL, with five current head coaches having gone undrafted. Villarrial's 11-year career is the fifth-longest among the FCS head coaches, trailing only DeSean Jackson (15 years, Delaware State), Terrell Buckley (14 years, Mississippi Valley State), Chris Dishman (12 years, Texas Southern), and Michael Vick (11 years, Norfolk State). Villarrial and Dishman are the only players on this list who earned All-Pro honors.

As a head coach, Villarrial ranks fourth in wins against his NFL brethren. Kerwin Bell (Robert Morris, 117), Mike London (William & Mary, 99), Reggie Barlow (Tennessee State, 84) rank ahead of Villarrial's 68 wins at Saint Francis. Jackson and Vick will both make their head coaching debuts this season.

This season, Villarrial will face off against two head coaches who also played in the NFL. Saint Francis will host Delaware State on September 20 and Robert Morris on October 25. The game against the Hornets on September 20 will be Jackson's first road game as a head coach, while Jackson and Vick will square off for the first time on October 30, with the game moved to their former NFL home, Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

HEAD COACH	CURRENT SCHOOL	OVERALL SEASONS (AT SCHOOL)	OVERALL RECORD (AT SCHOOL)	YEAR DRAFTED Round/Pick	NUMBER OF SEASONS IN NFL	NFL TEAMS
Todd Whitten	Tarelton State	21st season (same)	143-85 (same)	Undrafted FA	1 season	NE
Kirwin Bell	Western Carolina	17th season (5th)	117-66 (24-23)	1988 7th/180	5 seasons	MIA, ATL, TB, NYJ, IND
Mike London	William & Mary	17th season (7th)	99-89 (37-28)	Undrafted FA	1 season	DAL
Chris Villarrial	Saint Francis	15th season (same)	68-89 (same)	1996 5th/152	11 seasons	CHI, BUF
Reggie Barlow	Tennessee State	14th season (1st)	84-60 (1-2)	1996 4th/110	8 seasons	JAX, OAK, TB
Dan Curran	Holy Cross	13th season (2nd)	59-67 (6-9)	Undrafted FA	3 seasons	NO, SEA
Bernard King, Jr.	Robert Morris	8th season (same)	25-48 (same)	1990 3rd/65	3 seasons	CIN, SEA, DAL
Brandon Moore	San Diego	4th season (3rd)	26-15 (13-12)	Undrafted FA	8 seasons	SF, NE, ARI, SD
Eddie Robinson, Jr.	Alabama State	4th season (same)	22-15 (same)	1992 2nd/50	10 seasons	HOU/TEN, JAX, BUF
Sam Shade	Alabama A&M	4th season (3rd)	20-16 (2-1)	1995 4th/102	7 seasons	CIN, WAS
Cris Dishman	Texas Southern	2nd season (same)	5-9 (same)	1988 5th/125	12 seasons	HOU OIL, WAS, KC, MIN
Terrell Buckley	Mississippi Valley St	2nd season (same)	1-12 (same)	1992 1st/5	14 seasons	GB, MIA, DEN, NE, TB, NYJ, NYG
DeSean Jackson	Delaware State	1st season (same)	2-1 (same)	2008 2nd/49	15 seasons	PHI, WAS, TB, LAR, OAK, BAL
Michael Vick	Norfolk State	1st season (same)	1-2 (same)	2001 1st/1	11 seasons	ATL, PHI, NYJ, PIT

> YEARS - NFL PLAYING CAREER

NFL DRAFT DRDER

Rk	Coach (Team) N	o. of S	<u>easons</u>
1.	DeSean Jackson (Delaware S	tate)	15
2.	Terrell Buckley (Miss Valley S	t.)	14
3.	Cris Dishman (Texas Southern	n)	12
4.	Chris Villarrial (Saint Franc	is)	11
	Michael Vick (Norfolk State)		11
6.	Eddie Robinson, Jr. (Alabama	St)	10
7.	Reggie Barlow (Tennessee St	:)	8
	Brandon Moore (San Diego)		8
9.	Sam Shade (Alabama A&M)		7
10.	Kirwin Bell (Western Carolina	1)	5
11.	Dan Curran (Holy Cross)		3
	Bernard King, Jr. (Robert Morr	is)	3
13.	Mike London (William & Mary	/)	1
	Bobby Rome II (Chicago St)		1
	Todd Whitten (Tarelton State)		1

Rk	Coach (Team) ROUI	ND/PICK, YEAR
1.	Michael Vick (Norfolk State)	1 (1) 2001
2.	Terrell Buckley (Miss Valley St.)	1 (5) 1992
3.	DeSean Jackson (Delaware State	2 (49) 2008
4.	Eddie Robinson, Jr. (Alabama St)	2 (50) 1992
5.	Bernard King, Jr. (Robert Morris)	3 (65) 1990
6.	Sam Shade (Alabama A&M)	4 (102) 1995
7.	Reggie Barlow (Tennessee St)	4 (110) 1996
8.	Cris Dishman (Texas Southern)	5 (125) 1988
9.	Chris Villarrial (Saint Francis)	5 (152) 1996
10.	Kirwin Bell (Western Carolina)	7 (180) 1988
11.	Dan Curran (Holy Cross)	Undrafted
	Mike London (William & Mary)	Undrafted
	Brandon Moore (San Diego)	Undrafted
	Bobby Rome II (Chicago St)	Undrafted
	Todd Whitten (Tarelton State)	Undrafted

FIRST TEAM ALL-PRO

Rk	Coach (Team)	
1.	Chris Villarrial (Saint Francis)	
2.	Cris Dishman (Texas Southern)	
	DeSean Jackson (Delaware State)	1

NFL VS. NFL COACHING BATTLE

9/6: Mississippi Valley St vs Tarleton St, 7:00 p.m.
9/13: Alabama A&M 23, Tennessee St 21
9/20: Delaware St at Saint Francis, 1 p.m.
9/27: Texas Southern at Mississippi Valley St, 5 p.m.
10/11: Mississippi Valley St at Alabama A&M, 2 p.m.
10/25: Robert Morris at Saint Francis, 3:00 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Alabama State, 2:30 p.m.

10/30: Norfolk State vs. Delaware St, 7:30 p.m. 11/15: Mississippi Valley St at Alabama St, 4 p.m. 11/22: Alabama A&M at Texas Southern, 2 p.m.

11/22. Alabama Adm at Idaas Southern, 2 p.m.

2025 SAINT FRANCIS SCHEDULE - SKINNY ON OPPONENTS AND DATE

GAME INFORMATION SERIES HISTORY/GAME RECAP ON THIS DATE at Louisiana Monroe - Saint Francis lost 29-0 in its first trip to the state of Lousiana - This was the first time Saint Francis will play on this date • The Red Flash held ULM to 10 points in the first half, tying for the fewest points Thu, Aug. 28 - The earliest the team played on this date prior to this season was August Monroe, La. allowed in the first half against an FBS school for the Loretto program. 30, 2014 at Fordham L, 0-29 - Geno Calgaro registered 12 tackles to lead the defense • The Red Flash has played four games in the month of August after also FSPN+ · The game was delayed for one hour and 43 minutes due to weather playing three times on August 31. The team is 1-3 in the month at Buffalo - Saint Francis lost 45-6 in its first meeting with Buffalo This will be the sixth game on this date and the first since 2014 Sat. Sept. 6 - Jordan Theodore, a native of Buffalo, scored on a two-yard run for the team's first · Khairi Dickson rushed for 148 yards and the game's first two touchdowns in Buffalo, N.Y. TD of the year a 27-13 win against Clarion on this date in 2014. Max Ward also had a rushing - Geno Calgaro (15 tackles) and Zachary Betts (10 tackles) both had career highs 3:30 pm TD, while Lance Geesey made field goals from 35 and 47 yards. · Craig Joyner and Corey Williams had their first career INT in the game ESPN+ • This will be the fourth time the team will play on the road and first since 2009 at CCSU - Saint Francis lost 31-7 at CCSU in the NEC opener - This will be the seventh game on this date and the first since 2018 - Jahmil Perryman registered the TD for the Red Flash on an eight-yard run, capping • The 2018 game was not supposed to happen on this date, but with the aid Sat, Sept. 13 of Hurricane Florence the game was moved from Richmond to Loretto and New Britain, Conn. a three-play 98-yard drive - Corey Williams had a career-high nine tackles, Geno Calgaro also had nine tackles played two days before the scheduled date. 12:00 pm - CCSU turned five Red Flash turnovers into three TDs · Saint Francis is looking for its first win on this date **NEC Front Row** Delaware State defeated Saint Francis 39-10 **DELAWARE STATE** • This will be the ninth game on this date and the first since 2014 - Brenden Hodge registered six catches for 134 yards, while Nick Whitfield Jr. was • It will be the third time that it will also be the team's home opener after the Sat, Sept. 20 1975 and 1997 games on this date marked the team's first game in the Pine 25-for-35 for 265 yards passing. Loretto, Pa. - Geno Calgaro paced the defense with 11 tackles. 1:00 pm • The Red Flash won the first two home games on this date, but are riding a · Kameron Chisholm scored the Red Flash TD on a one-yard pass. **NEC Front Row** three-game losing streak at Bucknell - Bucknell intercepted the ball in the end zone with 1.5 seconds left to end Saint - This will be the ninth game on this date and the first since 2014 - Saint Francis defeated Virginia-Lynchburg 80-0 on this date in 2014, a record Francis' comeback hopes. The Red Flash fell 30-23 to the Bison. Sat. Sept. 27 for most points in a game in team history along with a single-quarter record Lewisburg, Pa. Nick Whitfield Jr. went 31-for-44 for 377 yards passing and a touchdown. DJ Maults-35 points in the first quarter followed by 28 points in the second quarter. by (nine catches, 141 yards) and Peyton Nelson (11 catches, 131 yards) both registered 6:00 pm • It is the second time the team has been on the road in the state (2003, Robert their first career 100-yard games. ESPN+ Morris) on this date at Duquesne · It will be the 51st meeting all-time dating back to 1914 This will be the 10th game on this date and the first since 2014 Saint Francis has one win on this date in program history thanks to a 30-0 Sat, Oct. 11 · Each team has won two games in the last four meetings, but the Dukes are riding win against Salem in 1929 Pittsburgh, Pa. a two-game winning streak Anthony Doria threw for 398 yards to rank third in program history on the • The Red Flash ended a 10-game losing streak in Pittsburgh with a 17-10 win in 2021 1:00 pm single season charts against Albany on this date in 2003 **NEC Front Row** ROBERT MORRIS • It will be the 28th meeting in the series dating back to the 1994 season This will be the ninth game on this date and the first since 2014 Bob McHale set a program record with 33 tackles in a game against Geneva - It will be the first game in Loretto between two teams since 2019 Sat, Oct. 25 on this date in 1986 Loretto, Pa. • It will be a battle of two former NFL players (Chris Villarrial vs. Bernard King, Jr.) · It will be the eighth time in nine games Saint Francis will play a game at 3:00 pm - Saint Francis is looking for its first win in the series since 2018 and its first home home on this date NFC Front Row win since 2017 Saint Francis is 4-4 on this date WAGNER • It will be the 24th meeting in the series dating back to the 1992 season This will be the sixth game on this date and the first since 2014 Lance Geesey made four field goals, good for third on the program's single · Prior to last year's loss, the Red Flash had won four consecutive in the series for Sat, Nov. 1 season chart, in a 26-16 win against Duquesne on this date in 2014 Loretto, Pa. the first time in team history - Dan Kanauch registered 23 tackles against Frostburg State on this date in • The last time the two teams met in Loretto was a Thursday night on CBS Sports with 12:00 pm 1980 in Loretto **NEC Front Row** the Red Flash taking a 31-7 win on October 12, 2023 · Saint Francis is 1-1 at home on this date MERCYHURST - It will be 11th meeting against Mercyhurst dating back to the 1981 season This will be the sixth game on this date and the first since 2009 • Despite the two teams playing last year, this will be the first matchup in NEC play Sat, Nov. 8 Saint Francis defeated Gallaudet 12-0 on this date in 1987 Loretto, Pa. between the schools It will be fourth home game on this date and the first since the 2004 season 12:00 pm · Mercyhurst has won the last four games in the series including last year's tilt **NEC Front Row** • The last time the two teams met in Loretto was in 1996 LIU • It will be the fifth meeting between the two teams since 2019 This will be the sixth game on this date and the first since 2014 • Saint Francis wrapped up the 1997 season with a 30-7 win against La Salle on Sat, Nov. 15 • The Red Flash leads the matchup 4-1 including a come-from-behind 34-27 win last this date in the first game of the series that ran from 1997 to 2007 Loretto, Pa. season in Brookville • The Red Flash also defeated Robert Morris 40-7 on this date in 2014. It is one 12:00 pm - LIU's only win in the series was a come-from-behind 29-28 win the last time the of 10 times the Red Flash has scored 40 points in an NEC game under Villarrial. two teams met in Loretto **NEC Front Row** at Stonehill - Saint Francis has won all three meetings in the series that started in 2022 • This will be the third game on this date and the first since 2014 • It will be the second time the team will be in the New England area after · The Red Flash defeated Stonehill 34-0 last season in Loretto for the team's last Sat, Nov, 22 facing Bryant on this date in Rhode Island in 2008 North Easton, Mass. shutout on November 2, 2024 Bobby Fuller had 400 yards punting in that game against the Bulldogs for the • The Loretto program defeated the Skyhawks 15-10 in 2023 in the only meeting in the 12:00 pm fourth most in single-game history **NEC Front Row** series in Massachusetts

· All three games on this date will be vs teams from the New England area

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Loretto, Pa.
Enrollment	2,000
Founded	1847
Nickname	Red Flash
Facility	DeGol Field
Colors	Red. Black & White
Conference	
President	Fr. Malachi Van Tassell
Athletic Director	Jim Brazill

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Season1892
All-Time Record (Since 1909)276-462-16
All-Time NEC Record58-130
NEC Championships2 (2016, 2022)
First Team All-America9
Second Team All-America8
Third Team All-America11
Preseason All-America37
NEC Offensive Player of the Year4
NEC Defensive Player of the Year1
NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year5
NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year5
All-NEC First Team77
All-NEC Second Team60
Best Division I Season (Since 1993)2022 (9-3,.750)
Worst Division I Season (Since 1993)
Most HC Wins Chris Villarrial (68, 2010-pres.)
Best HC Win Percentage Emmet Russell (.786, 1925)

2024 REVIEW

Uverali Record4-7	
NEC Record2-5	,
NEC StandingsFifth	1
Biggest Win 23-17 at Kent State (9/7/24, first FBS win in team history))

COACHING STAFF ALMA MATER/SEASON

Chris Villarrial	IUP '95 (16th Season)
Marco Pecora	Pitt '12 (11th Season)
Jacob Craig	Pitt '15 (2nd Season)
Brian Wright	Towson '01 (16th Season)
Josh Hutchison	Temple '10 (12th Season)
Thomas Rogish	IUP '72 (6th Season)
Ben Bruni	Saint Francis '19 (5th Season)
Zach Morehead	California (Pa.) '17 (5th Season)
Martin Foray	Saint Francis '21 (3rd Season)
	(3rd Season)
Dan Gueguen	(3rd Season)

COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS DURING GAME

Chris Villarrial	On Field
Marco Pecora	On Field
Jacob Craig	On Field
Brian Wright	On Field
Josh Hutchison	On Field
Thomas Rogish	On Field
Brian Basile	On Field
Ben Bruni	Press Box
Zach Morehead	Press Box
Martin Foray	Press Box
Dan Gueguen	Press Box

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last time out... Bucknell intercepted the ball in the end zone with 1.5 seconds left to end Saint Francis' comeback hopes on September 27. The Red Flash fell 30-23 to the Bison.

- Nick Whitfield Jr. went 31-for-44 for 377 yards passing and a touchdown for the Red Flash.
 DJ Maultsby (nine catches, 141 yards) and Peyton Nelson (11 catches, 131 yards) both registered their first career 100-yard games. It marked the second-straight week a Red Flash receiver reached 100 receiving yards after Brenden Hodge had 131 yards against Delaware State on September 20. Maultby, who dazzled the Saint Francis faithful against the Hornets with an acrobatic catch, continued to showcase his ESPN Top-10 worthy plays against Bucknell, finishing with a career-high 141 yards on nine catches and his first career touchdown. Nelson had 11 catches for 131 yards. Nelson is the first receiver with 10+ receptions since Makai Jackson against Wagner on September 17, 2022. Maultsby and Nelson both went over 100 yards receiving, marking the first time since the game against Merrimack that the Flash had two receivers reach that standard. Dawson Snyder (163) and Jackson (116) both went over the mark in the 2022 contest.
- · Raphael Ekechi rushed for a pair of touchdowns.
- Colin Douglas paced the defense with eight tackles.

the word on the dukes... Duquesne comes into the contest 3-3 overall and 1-0 in NEC play after defeating Stonehill 34-14 in its NEC opener on October 4.

- Quarterback Tyler Riddell threw for 239 yards (19-for-31) with three touchdown passes against Stonehill. Running back Ness Davis registered 111 yards on the ground with one touchdown, while wide receiver Ryan Petras had three catches for 82 yards and two touchdowns. Tyson Meiguez, the current NEC Defensive Player of the Week, paced the Dukes' defense with nine tackles and a forced fumble.
- · Riddell has 1,101 yards passing on 88-for-146 passing and 14 touchdowns. Davis has rushed for 349 yards on 49 carries and a touchdown, while Joey Isabella is the leading receiver with 38 catches for 479 yards and seven touchdowns.
- Jabari Odoemenem powers the defense with 28 tackles (18 solo, 10 assisted), while Ethon Cole has 26 tackles (14 solo, 12 assisted). Odoemenem and **Dallas Harper** have a team-best two interceptions.

last time we met... Duquesne defeated Saint Francis 38-7 on October 12, 2024.

- Adrian Mejia, the team's third-string quarterback, came in during the first drive and completed 12 of 21 passes for 113 yards and a TD. The 113 yards passing were a career-high for Mejia, who has switched back to wide receiver in 2025. Jayden Ivory (63 yards) and Markell Holman (35 yards) each had four catches on the day, while Gavin Thompson caught the touchdown. Geno Calgaro fueled the Red Flash defense with nine tackles.
- Darius Perrantes went 15-for-30 for 185 yards passing and two touchdown passes. JaMario Clements had a rushing touchdown and 87 yards on 21 carries, while Joey Isabella had six receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown. Khatavian Franks paced the Dukes' defense with eight tackles.

NOTE: Saint Francis 2025 starting quarterback Nick Whitfield, Jr. missed last year's game due to injury, but came in for the final series in the 2024 clash in Pittsburgh.

in the nation and the nec... Geno Calgaro ranks 10th in the FCS with 54 tackles and ninth in tackles per game (10.8). The sophomore also leads the NEC in that category and is sixth in tackles for loss/average per game (6.0/1.00).

- Aidan Cirulli leads the NEC in punting yards (1,396), ranks third in punting average (41.3), and his 61-yard punt at Louisiana-Monroe currently is the second longest in the league. He also ranks fifth in FCS in punting yards and is 21st in punting average.
- · Nick Whitfield, Jr. has moved into fourth in the NEC in yards with 1,219. He is also third in the league in completion percentage
- Brenden Hodge is sixth in the circuit in receiving yards with 290 yards, while DJ Maultsby is ninth with 219 yards. Peyton Nelson is eighth in receptions (21). Both Maultsby (yards) and Nelson (receptions) led those categories for freshmen.
- Kendric Council is 10th in the NEC in tackles (36).

all in the family... Head coach Chris Villarrial has two coaches who are Saint Francis alums and played for Villarrial. Ben Bruni is a 2019 graduate of Saint Francis, a member of the 2016 Northeast Conference team, and is in his fifth season as the linebacker coach. Martin Foray is a 2021 graduate of Saint Francis and enters his third season as the cornerbacks coach.

- Bruni played four seasons and appeared in 44 games, finishing with 230 tackles (130 solo, 100 assisted), 18.5 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, and one INT. Foray played in 45 games during his four years as a student-athlete, accumulating 213 tackles (199 solo, 14 assisted), 7.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, and two interceptions. Foray earned All-NEC first team honors in his senior season.

all-nec preseason... Mason Imbt and Geno Calgaro were named to the All-Northeast Conference Preseason Team. Imbt, a redshirt junior offensive lineman, has been named to the preseason team for the second consecutive season. He appeared in a career-high 11 games in 2024 to help anchor the Red Flash offensive line. In his first two seasons in Loretto, he appeared in nine games, serving as a combo offensive lineman/tight end, and registered two catches for 22 yards, including a touchdown in 2023. Calgaro, a sophomore linebacker, paced the team in tackles (37 solo, 33 assisted), including 7.5 tackles for loss (third on the team) and also forced two fumbles. He was named an FCSA Central Freshman All-American last season.

preseason poll... Saint Francis was tabbed to finish sixth in the NEC Preseason Coaches Poll. CCSU, the defending NEC Champions, is the preseason favorite after receiving five of the eight first-place votes. Duquesne earned two votes to finish second, and Robert Morris garnered the final top vote to finish in a tie for third with LIU. Wagner, Saint Francis, Mercyhurst, and Stonehill rounded out the eight-team poll.

close to the 'lo... Hunter Albright (Hollidaysburg), Aidan Bilek (Hollidaysburg), Kaden Carpenter (Johnstown), Lukas Conner (Ebensburg), Gavin Hockenberry (Johnstown), Jeff Hoenstine (Martinsburg), Grayden Lewis (Johnstown), David Smith (Nanty Glo), and Paul Wedel (Duncansville) are local student-athletes from the Blair and Cambria Counties area.

longevity v... Saint Francis head coach Chris Villarrial is in his 15th season coaching a Red Flash team on the field and his 16th season overall after the Loretto program sat out the 2020 season due to COVID. His 15 seasons rank 21st among FCS head coaches, while his 68 wins are 32nd in FCS. He is second in the NEC to Duquesne's Jerry Schmitt (21 seasons/121 wins) in terms of years and wins in the NEC.

v a top 75 athlete... Saint Francis football head coach Chris Villarrial was named one of the 75 Greatest Male Athletes by the PSAC as part of celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the conference. Villarrial played at Indiana (Pa.) from 1992-95 and was a three-time All-American and three-time All-PSAC West selection at guard. The Crimson Hawks won the PSAC West Championships in his first three seasons with the team, appeared in the NCAA Division II National Semifinals in 1993 and 1994 and the National Championship Game in 1993. He also received the Jim Langer Award, presented to the nation's top NCAA Division II lineman, and has his number 75 retired by his alma mater.

SAINT FRANCIS - OFFENSE

POS	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
WR	9	DJ Maultsby	6-1	185	Fr.
OR	16	Denzel Lambert	6-3	175	So.
WR	83	Peyton Nelson	5-11	175	Fr.
OR	1	Brendan Hodge	5-10	190	Gr.
LT	55	Guzzy Kayed	6-5	312	R-So.
OR	56	Kevin Evehe	6-6	295	Fr.
LG	60	Ashtin Ancheta	6-2	300	R-Jr.
OR	61	Chase Haught	6-2	295	R-So.
С	53	Ben Midea	6-2	300	So.
OR	60	Ashtin Ancheta	6-2	300	Sr.
RG	64	Joe Enick	6-2	288	R-So.
OR	58	Nate Hampton	6-2	295	Fr.
RT	67	Connor Van Tassell	6-4	285	R-Jr.
OR	77	Hunter Albright	6-5	310	Fr.
TE	87	Scott Raymond	6-3	225	R-Jr.
OR	89	Brandon London	6-3	225	So.
WR	12	Bobby Cameron	6-1	158	R-So.
OR	1	Brendan Hodge	5-10	190	Fr.
QB	6	Nick Whitfield, Jr.	6-5	206	R-Jr.
OR	2	Jeff Hoenstine	5-10	191	R-So.
RB	3	Raph Ekechi	5-10	200	R-Jr.
OR	4	Jahmil Perryman	5-9	162	R-So.

SAINT FRANCIS - KICKING

POS	#	NAME	НТ	WT	YR
PK	18	Mac Plummer	5-10	174	R-Sr.
OR	37	Eli Tucker	6-0	200	Fr.
Н	14	Aidan Cirulli	5-11	175	R-Sr.
КО	37	Eli Tucker	6-0	200	Fr.
OR	18	Mac Plummer	5-10	174	R-Sr.
Р	14	Aidan Cirulli	5-11	175	R-Sr.
OR	37	Eli Tucker	6-0	200	Fr.
LS	47	Gavin Irons	6-2	235	Gr.

<u>TWO-DEEP TIDBITS - OFFENSE</u>

QUARTERBACKS

#6 Nick Whitfield, Jr. has a QB efficiency of 140.0 in his last two games, connecting on 57-for-80 with 648 yards passing and two touchdowns. Whitfield had a career night against Bucknell, completing 31 of 44 passes for 377 yards (both career highs). Whitfield has completed at least 26 passes in his last two games. The redshirt junior was 39-for-69 for 306 yards in his first three games (Louisiana-Monroe, Buffalo, and CCSU). He has registered 240+ passing yards in consecutive games and has reached that mark four times in his career.

 The Fredonia, N.Y., native, needs 46 yards to reach 1,000 passing yards for the second consecutive season. He can reach a new career-high for a season with 80 yards in the air after posting 1,033 yards last year in six games.

#2 Jeff Hoenstine is 4-for-8 this season with 18 yards passing, and is 41-for-72 in his career with 473 passing yards and three TDs. He has not played in the last two games.

RUNNING BACKS

#3 Raphael Ekechi registered an NCAA Division I career high of 54 yards rushing and two rushing touchdowns against Bucknell. He added three receptions for eight yards. Ekechi has 147 yards on the ground on 37 attempts this season.

• Ekechi, who came from Saint Francis from Ole Miss, did not appear in any games with the Rebels after playing two years at the NJCAA level at Compton College (2022) and Golden West College (2023) in the Southern California Football Association. Ekechi appeared in 15 games between the two schools, carry-

ing the ball 162 times for 769 yards and scoring seven touchdowns in those two seasons.

#4 Jahmil Perryman has 16 rushes for 88 yards and a touchdown in 2025, and nearly doubled his season output with 30 yards on five carries against CCSU on September 13, including 27 yards on two carries and a rushing TD against the Blue Devils. He also had a catch for 13 yards in the NEC opener. Perryman has 133 yards on 22 career carries and also has 22 receptions for 158 yards and a touchdown (in 2024) on his resume.

WIDE RECEIVERS

#1 Brenden Hodge, who did not play against Bucknell, registered the best game of his collegiate career against Delaware State with a career-high nine catches for 131 yards, including a 47-yard reception. The receiving yards were eight yards off his career high that he set at NCAA Division II Western Oregon, including a 74-yard touchdown reception against UT Permian Basin on October 28, 2023. He came to Saint Francis after two years at NCAA Division II Western Oregon. He started his collegiate career at El Camino Community College. Hodge registered 49 catches for 557 yards and four touchdowns in 22 games in his last two seasons.

• Hodge leads the team with 11 catches for 156 yards this season. Hodge was the first Red Flash player with 100 yards receiving since Gavin Thomas against Kent State on September 7, 2024, and the first player with six catches since Thomas in last year's meeting against Delaware State.

#9 DJ Maultsby has recorded 11 catches and 180 yards and a TD catch in his last two games after not registering a catch in his first three collegiate games. He was named NEC Rookie of the Week after posting nine catches for 141 yards and a TD against Bucknell, including two plays that were selected for the NEC Pick-6. He leads the NEC freshmen in receiving yards.

#12 Bobby Cameron, in his third season with Saint Francis, has registered a catch in his first two games this season for 19 yards, but has not had a reception in his last three contests. He had a career-long 10-yard reception against Buffalo in his second collegiate contest.

#16 Denzel Lambert has six catches for 74 yards in his last two games, including a career-high 48 yards on three catches, including a 31-yard reception against Bucknell.

#83 Peyton Nelson had a career-high 11 catches and 131 yards against Bucknell. He leads all NEC freshmen with 20 catches and is second to Maultsby with 175 yards. #9 DJ Maultsby has recorded 11 catches and 180 yards and a TD catch in his last two games after not

TIGHT END

#87 Scott Raymond had one catch in the first two games this season for six yards. For his career, Raymond has seven catches for 51 yards in 14 games. He has not played in the last three games.

#88 Mike Darcy has posted his first five receptions of his career in the previous three games, including three catches for 28 yards against Delaware State. He only had one catch against Bucknell, but it gave the Red Flash a first and goal at the three in the final minute of the game. Darcy came to Loretto from West Chester and moved to tight end last season, and was used primarily as a blocking tight end.

#89 Brendan London did not see action last year in Loretto and will be looking for his first collegiate action in the game.

OFFENSIVE LINE

#67 Connor Van Tassell, #64 Joe Enick, #55 Guzzy Kayed, #60 Ashtin Ancheta, and #53 Ben Midea have been the starters for the last four games.

· Van Tassell is in his third year with 15 games played on the offensive line, including 11 games last season. Enick is in his third season in Loretto and appeared in six games in 2024, as well as all four tilts in 2025. Kayed has played in his first four collegiate games despite being in his third year of college, after not seeing playing time in 2024 with Saint Francis or Emory & Henry (2023, redshirted). Ancheta made his Saint Francis debut this season after playing in seven games at Elizabeth City during the 2022-23 season. Midea is in his second year with the Red Flash and has earned the starting spot in five contests. #61 Chase Haught is in his third year with Saint Francis and has played seven times in the last two years.

#56 Kevin Evehe made his collegiate debut against Buffalo.

#77 Hunter Albright and #Nate Hampton all look to make their collegiate debuts against Bucknell.

#18 Mac Plummer is 15-for-24 on field goal attempts, including a career-long 50-yard field goal at Kent State. Plummer has 95 kickoffs in his career for 5,359 yards and 12 touchbacks. He averages 56.4 yards per kickoff.

#37 Eli Tucker has 14 kickoffs for 842 yards and four touchbacks this season for the Red Flash.

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#14 Aidan Cirulli currently ranks fifth in FCS on punting yards (1396) and is 21st in punting average (43.6). He has attempted 142 punts in four years and 27 games. He has posted 5,833 yards with 13 touchbacks and a 41.1 punting average. He boomed a career-high 69-yard punt at Eastern Michigan on September 21, 2024, and had a 61-yard punt against Louisiana-Monroe. His career punting average is currently tied with Andrew Zecca (41.1, 2015-18) and could also move past Zecca for fifth place (6,002 yards) on the career punt yard list this season. After registering 24 punts in the first three games, he has had just eight nurts in his lest two contacts. Ho will also be the holder on field goal attempts. had just eight punts in his last two contests. He will also be the holder on field goal attempts.

#47 Gavin Irons was a long snapper at Marian in 2024 for 10 games after transferring from Clemson, and has played five games with the Red Flash.

SAINT FRANCIS - DEFENSE

POS	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
DT	4	Jack Courtney	6-2	250	R-Sr.
OR	9	Zach Dantzlerward	6-4	287	R-So.
NT	95	Balaam Miller	6-4	311	R-So.
OR	96	Motuila Malafu	6-0	320	Gr.
DT	44	Ike Okoye	6-2	240	Sr.
OR	93	Christian Santiago	5-11	275	Jr.
LB	7	Zach Betts	5-10	263	Fr.
OR	36	Darian Slaughter	6-3	255	Fr.
MIKE	0	Geno Calgaro	5-10	214	So.
OR	11	Kent McMahon	6-1	220	R-So.
LB	8	Kendric Council	6-1	220	So.
OR	10	Kahmari Cook	6-2	203	So.
LB	27	Kahmari Cook	6-0	185	Fr.
OR	29	Cam Kiersch	5-10	180	Fr.
WILL	5	Corey Williams	6-2	192	So.
OR	25	Gavin Hockenberry	5-11	187	R-So.
FS	19	Colin Douglas	5-9	165	So.
OR	35	Arison Walker	5-9	175	Fr.
NB	2	Grayden Lewis	5-11	177	R-So.
OR	30	Ky' Mir Williams	5-11	165	Sr.
СВ	12	Malikai Nichols	6-0	160	So.
OR	42	Airriss Rosemond	6-0	170	Fr.

SAINT FRANCIS - RETURNS

POS	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
KR	14	Jamil Perryman	5-9	162	R-So.
OR	22	Najhee Adams	5-11	185	R-Sr.
PR	14	Jamil Perryman	5-9	162	R-So.

TWO-DEEP TIDBITS - DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

#4 Jack Courtney had a season-high three tackles at Bucknell. Courtney has appeared in 27 tilts in his career, recording 39 tackles (14 solo, 25 assisted), seven tackles for a loss, and an interception. He registered a career-high five tackles and a half sack at LIU on November 16, 2024.

#44 lke Okoye, who did not play at Bucknell, had 12 tackles in his first four games in a Red Flash uniform, including a season-best four against CCSU on September 13. He was on the roster at Liberty for four seasons. He appeared in 10 games for the Flames in 2020.

#95 Balaam Miller had a career-high six tackles at Buffalo on September 6 and against Delaware State. The redshirt junior has all 18 of his career tackles this season after playing in two games last season without registering a stat.

#9 Zach Dantzleward posted a career-high four tackles (three solo, one assisted) against Delaware State. The redshirt sophomore has four solo and six assisted tackles in his two seasons in the 'Lo after transferring from Old Dominion.

#96 Motuila Malafu registered a Saint Francis career-high six tackles against Delaware State (three solo, three assisted). Malafu came to Saint Francis after playing 13 games with 20 tackles (three solo, 17 assisted) and a half-sack in 2023-24 at Angelo State. He also played a season at Merced College.

#93 Christian Santiago posted a career-high three tackles at Buffalo. In his third season with Saint Francis, Santiago has registered five solo tackles and six assisted tackles in 13 games. He also has two tackles for loss and a half-sack on his resume.

LINEBACKERS

#0 Geno Calgaro has recorded 54 tackles this season, including a career-high 15 against Buffalo to become the first player since Carter Glassmyer against Sacred Heart on September 23, 2023, to register 15 tackles in a game. Calgaro ranks fifth in FCS in tackles and tackles per game (12.0). Calgaro has 112 tackles in his last 11 games, with eight contests with at least nine tackles.

#5 Corey Williams notched a career-high six tackles and his first collegiate interception against Buffalo. Williams ranks fourth on the team with 18 tackles (10 solo, eight assisted). He has appeared in six career games and registered all of his stats this season.

#7 Zach Betts ranks fourth on the team in tackles with 29 (19 solo, 10 assisted). He has posted at least seven tackles in three of the five games in 2025, including a career-high nine tackles against Buffalo. He leads the team with three sacks this season. In 12 career games, Betts has registered 25 solo tackles, 18 assisted tackles, 7.5 tackles for a loss, and four sacks, including a sack for a 21-yard loss against Delaware State.

#8 Kendric Council notched a career-high nine tackles against Delaware State after a seven-tackle performance against Buffalo. He ranks third on the team with 30 tackles (15 solo, 15 assisted). Council has 60 tackles (27 solo, 33 assisted) with 6.5 tackles for loss and one sack in his career. He notched his first career sack against Delaware State on October 5, 2024.

#10 Kahmari Cook has posted back-to-back career-high performances after registering five tackles against Delaware State and then seven tackles against Bucknell. He has 19 tackles (10 solo, nine assisted) in nine career games.

#11 Kent McMahon has appeared in nine games in three seasons with three solo and seven assisted tackles for 10 total tackles and one tackle for loss. He had three tackles (one solo, two assisted) in the season opener, setting a new career high.

#25 Gavin Hockenberry has appeared in four games, including the first two contests this season. He posted his first career tackle at Buffalo and finished the contest with four tackles (one solo, three assisted).

#29 Cam Kiersch made his collegiate debut against Buffalo and has appeared in three contests for the Red Flash.

#36 Darian Slaughter made his collegiate debut in the season opener with one assisted tackle.

CORNERBACK

#2 Grayden Lewis notched a career-high six tackles against CCSU after a then-career-high five tackles against Buffalo the week before. He has 13 tackles this season in three games.

#12 Malikai Nichols is in his second season in Loretto and has played in four games in his career. Nichols had his first career tackle against Louisiana-Monroe.

#19 Colin Douglas has 32 tackles in 2025 (21 solo, 11 assisted), including 24 tackles in his last three games after a career-high nine tackles against CCSU, seven against Delaware State, and eight against Bucknell.

#30 Ky'Mir Williams has registered two tackles against both CCSU and Bucknell.

#35 Arison Walker registered a career-high five tackles against Buffalo and has appeared in five games with eight tackles (four solo, four assisted).

#42 Airriss Rosemond also made his collegiate debut against Buffalo with his first two tackles.

RETURNS

#14 Jamil Perryman has attempted 16 kickoff returns in his career for 281 yards, including 10 for 161 yards this season. His best return was 35 yards against Bucknell. Perryman also has two punt returns on his resume.

#37 Najhee Adams has five kickoff returns in 2025 for 66 yards with a long of 18 yards against Delaware State. He played four years at Lafayette, where he appeared in 17 games and made four kick returns during his career, totaling 75 yards (all four returns occurred in 2021, with a long of 19 yards).

2025 NEC STANDINGS

TEAM	NEC	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
_CCSU	1-0	1.000	3-3	.500	W1
_ Duquesne	1-0	1.000	3-3	.500	W2
Mercyhurst	1-0	1.000	2-4	.333	W1
Stonehill	1-1	.500	2-4	.333	<u>L1</u>
New Haven	0-0	.000	3-3	.500	W1
Robert Morris	0-0	.000	1-4	.200	<u>L2</u>
Wagner	0-0	.000	1-4	.200	W1
Saint Francis	0-1	.000	0-5	.000	<u>L5</u>
LIU	0-2	.000	1-5	.167	<u>L4</u>

NEC TEAMS IN ACTION

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Mercyhurst at Wagner, 12:00 (NEC Front Row)
Western Connecticut at New Haven, 1:00 (NEC Front Row)
Saint Francis at Duquesne, 1:00 (NEC Front Row/Pittsburgh+)
CCSU at Robert Morris, 2:00

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, October 4, 2025

CCSU 42, Sacred Heart 35 0T Duquesne 34, Stonehill 14 New Haven 28, Pace 14 Mercyhurst 22, LIU 13 Merrimack 24, Robert Morris 7

NEC/ATLANTIC TOMORROW'S OFFICE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Brady Olson, Central Connecticut Quarterback, Senior, 6-4, Bellingham, MA/Milford (UMass)

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Tyson Meiguez, Duquesne Wide Receiver, Graduate Student, 6-2, Fairburn, CA/Creekside (Georgia Tech/Murray State)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jack Hennessey, Central Connecticut Kicker, Redshirt Freshman, 5-10, Endwell, NY/Maine-Endwell

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Ryan Petras, Duquesne Wide Receiver, Freshman, 5-9, Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park

NEC PRIME PERFORMERS

Brady Olson, CCSU (QB, Sr) Elijah Howard, CCSU (RB, Sr) Gavin Taylor, CCSU (LB, Sr) Ness Davis, DUQ (RB, R-Sr) Tyson Meiguez, DUQ (LB, Gr) Tyler Riddell, DUQ (QB, Gr) Norman Massey, LIU (DB, Sr) Zaon Laney, NHVN (RB, Sr)

NEC HONORS

Week 1: Geno Calgaro, Atlantic Tomorrow's Office/NEC Defensive Player of the Week

Calgaro paced the Red Flash with 12 tackles against FBS opponent Louisiana-Monroe in the season opener on August 28. Saint Francis held Louisiana-Monroe to 10 points in the first half, tying for the fewest points allowed in the first half against an FBS school in the Loretto program's history. The Red Flash also allowed 10 points in the opening half of the game against Akron on September 1, 2022. It was the third fewest allowed in any half after only allowing three points to Kent State in the second half on September 7, 2023, and seven points in the second half against Eastern Michigan on September 3, 2022. The sophomore was also named the NEC Defensive Player of the Week for the week of October 28-November 3. He was the NEC Rookie of the Week for that week, and for October 14-20.

Calgaro became the seventh player since 1997 to earn multiple NEC Defensive Player of the Week honors and the fifth under head coach Chris Villarrial. The sophomore joins Carter Glassmaker, Lorenzo Jerome, DaQuan Minter, Matthew Parker, and Jalen Wells as two-time honorees, while Da'lon Lee earned the NEC Defensive Player of the Week award two times in three seasons to hold the record with six weekly awards for top defender.

It marked the 33rd time since 1997 a Red Flash player has been named the NEC Defensive Player of the Week, and Calgaro is the 23rd different player to earn the distinction. It is the 27th time a player has been named NEC Defensive Player of the Week, and Calgaro is the 18th different recipient under Villarrial.

Week 2: Geno Calgaro, NEC Prime Performer

Calgaro paced the defense again with a career-high 15 tackles against FBS Buffalo on September 6, including two tackles for a loss. Calgaro posted 10 tackles for the second-straight game, both coming against FBS opponents. He has recorded double figures in tackles in four of his last five games, including three consecutive. The last time a Red Flash player had 15 tackles was Carter Glassmyer against Sacred Heart on September 23, 2023.

Week 4: Geno Calgaro, Brenden Hodge, NEC Prime Performer

Calgaro registered 12 tackles, including tackles for loss against the Hornets. Calgaro has registered at least nine tackles in all four games this season and double figures in three of them. Dating back to his last 10 games, he has 106 tackles and at least nine tackles in eight of those contests. The sophomore leads the NEC and ranks seventh in NCAA FCS for tackles and tackles per game.

Hodge registered nine catches for 131 yards against Delaware State on Saturday, including a 21-yard reception to help set up the first Red Flash score. Hodge just fell short of his career highs in receptions and yards after finishing with six catches for 134 yards on Saturday. Hodge posted seven catches and 139 yards in one game against UT Permian Basin on October 28, 2023. Hodge was the first Red Flash player with 100 yards receiving since Gavin Thomas against Kent State on September 7, 2024, and Hodge was the first player with six catches since Thomas in last year's meeting against Delaware State.

Week 5: DJ Maultsby, NEC Rookie of the Week; Maultsby, Peyton Nelson, Nick Whitfield, Jr., NEC Prime Performer

Maultsby registered nine catches for 141 yards (42 after the catch) and a touchdown for the Red Flash in the first-ever meeting against Bucknell. In the four scoring drives, the freshman had five catches for 108 yards and a touchdown to help Saint Francis register its best offensive game of the season. Maultsby registered a 15-yard reception on the first TD of the game, putting the Red Flash in Bucknell's territory. The freshman was then able to get a foot down, falling out of the end zone, to give the Loretto program a 14-10 lead at halftime. To start the second half, the freshman hauled in another spectacular catch on a 48-yard reception to set up a Mac Plummer 21-yard field goal for a 17-10 advantage. Looking to make a comeback, Maultsby converted a third and four with a 25-yard reception to go over 100 receiving yards for the first time in his career and then had a 10-yard catch on the drive that led to Saint Francis retaking the edge at 23-22. The freshman also had three catches for 23 yards on two other drives that nearly led to scores. He had four- and seven-yard receptions on the team's opening drive and nearly gave Saint Francis a 7-0 lead on a 28-yard touchdown, but his foot barely clipped the out-of-bounds line. He also had a 12-yard catch in the final drive of the game that stalled in the red zone with a chance to tie the game. He had a catch on five of the 11 drives for Saint Francis and had six catches for over 10 yards and two catches that went for 25 yards or more. After not registering a catch in his first three games, Maultsby has 11 catches for 180 yards and a touchdown in his last two contests and is now the NEC's freshman leader in receiving yards.

Maultsby becomes the 32nd player under head coach Chris Villarrial to earn NEC Rookie of the Week honors and the 40th time for the team dating back to the 1997 season. The Red Flash has had at least one top rookie every season under Villarrial with 21 different players earning the distinction in his 16 seasons. Maultsby is the 11th offensive player to be named the Rookie of the Week and the 18th time under the coach. He is the 13th different offensive player since 1997, and the 20th time a player on the Saint Francis offense has received the honor. Breaking it down by position, Maultsby is the sixth different receiver (fifth under Villarrial) and eighth time overall, joining Mekhi Workman (9-4-23), Makai Jackson (11-7-22), Elijah Sarratt (10-31-22, 9-26-22, 9-19-22), Ra'Shaun Henry (9-11-17), and Maurice Sales (11-17-03).

Maultsby is the fourth different player on the 2025 roster to receive a weekly major award, joining Geno Calgaro (11-4-24, 10-21-24), Jeff Hoenstine (10-7-24, 9-9-24), and Nick Whitfield Jr. (10-30-23). Calgaro is the only other player to earn a major weekly award this season after being named the NEC Defensive Player of the Week for the first week of the season. Calgaro was also named the NEC Defensive Player of the Week last season and twice garnered NEC Rookie of the Week distinction. Hoenstine was the NEC Offensive Player of the Week in 2024, and Whitfield was the NEC Offensive Player of the Week in 2023 for all the major weekly awards bestowed upon the players on this roster have honored them.

Maultsby, fellow wide receiver Peyton Nelson, and Whitfield picked up NEC Prime Performers for the week.

Nelson registered 11 catches for 131 yards (82 yards after the catch) for Saint Francis against Bucknell for his first 100-yard receiving game of his career. He registered eight of those receptions in the second half for 73 yards in the second half, including five catches for 47 yards on the almost game-tying drive to end the game. The freshman recorded a 10-yard catch to set up first and goal on the drive that gave the Red Flash a 23-22 edge in the fourth quarter. Nelson added a 48-yard reception in the first half. The freshman is the first receiver with 10+ receptions since Jackson against Wagner on September 17, 2022. Nelson leads the team with 20 catches and ranks second with 175 yards. He leads NEC freshmen in receptions and ranks second behind Maultsby in receiving yards.

Whitfield went 31-for-44 for 377 yards and a touchdown pass, along with five rushes for 26 yards, to total over 400 yards against the Bison. Both yards and completions were career-highs for the redshirt junior. During the Red Flash's four scoring drives, Whitfield was 12-for-17 for 188 yards and had five rushes for 26 yards. He was 3-for-4 for 51 yards passing to help the Red Flash tie the game at 7 early in the second quarter. He then helped Saint Francis take a 14-10 lead going into halftime, going 4-for-4 for 47 yards and a 10-yard touchdown pass to Maultsby in the final minute of the second quarter. To start the second half, Whitfield's 42-yard connection to Maultsby set up a Mac Plummer field goal to give the Flash a 17-10 advantage. He then orchestrated a go-ahead drive to give Saint Francis a 23-22 lead after connecting on 4 of 5 attempts for 48 yards, while the redshirt junior had 16-yard scamper to set up first and goal. Whitfield threw for over 300 yards, becoming the first quarterback to hit that mark since Cole Doyle against Merrimack in the de facto NEC Championship Game on November 19, 2022. The redshirt junior has completed 57 passes in his last two games for 658 yards passing. After being the first player since Jason Brown to have 25 completions, Whitfield is the first player since Brown to have 30 completions in a game against CCSU on November 9, 2019.

Calgaro leads the team with three Prime Performers this season, while Maultsby, Nelson, Whitfield, and Brenden Hodge each have one honor in 2025. It was Whitfield's second Prime Performer of his career after one in 2023, while Hoenstine and Plummer earned a Prime Performer last season.

THE LAST TIM	E (TEAM)	THE LAST TIME	E (INDIVIDUAL)
SCORING		ALL DUDDOCE VADDO	
80 or more		ALL-PURPOSE YARDS	
70 or more		400+ yards4	57, Kyle Harbridge vs. Morehead State (9/17/11)
60 or more		300+ yards	
50 or more		200+ yards Two players 150+ yards	Lymera Jorda Toney & Kamron Lewis (10/1/16)
40 or more			Jymere Jorda-Torrey & Namion Lewis (10/1/10)
30 or more	49, at CCSU (11/18/23)	RUSHING	
20+ in a half	22 (2nd), at Delaware State (10/5/24)	300+ yards34	16, Kyle Harbridge vs. Morehead State (9/17/11)
30+ in a half		250+ yards	291, Kyle Harbridge vs. Fordham (9/28/13)
21+ in a quarter		200+ yards	220, Marcus Bagley at Columbia (9/16/16)
		150+ yards18	3, Markell Holman at Delaware State (10/5/24)
OFFENSE		100+ yards18	3, Markell Holman at Delaware State (10/5/24)
400+ rushing yards		3+ rushing TDs	
300+ rushing yards		2+ rushing TDs A rush of 90+ yards	
200+ rushing yards	257, at Delaware State (10/5/24)	A rush of 80+ yards	97 DeMarcus McFlrov vs. CC30 (9/14/24)
200	277 -t D l II (0 /07 /05)	A rush of 70+ yards	
300+ passing yards			minimon, bomarodo moznoj voi oceo (6717/21)
250+ passing yards	3/7, at Bucknell (9/2//25)	PASSING	
COO . total affance words	C20 va Magney (10/17/15)	400+ yards	
600+ total offense yards500+ total offense yards	528, VS. Wagner (10/1//15)	350+ yards	377, Nick Whitfield at Bucknell (9/27/25)
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Throw 2 interceptions	at Wagner (10/10/24)	5+ passing TDs	5, Cole Doyle at Merrimack (11/19/22)
Threw 2 interceptions Threw 3 interceptions		4+ passing TDs	4, Cole Doyle at CCSU (11/18/23)
Tillew 3 illerceptions	dt Wagner (11/19/10)	3+ passing TDs	4, Cole Doyle at CCSU (11/18/23)
DEFENSE		Threw 3+ interceptions	3, Zack Drayer at Wagner (11/19/16)
Allowed less than 20 points	17 at Robert Marris (10/26/24)	Threw 2+ interceptions Pass of 70+ yards	
Allowed less than 10 points		Pass 01 70+ yarus	
Allowed zero touchdowns		RECEIVING	
Shut out an opponent		6+ catches	Maultsby (9), Nelson (11) at Bucknell (9/27/25)
Held opponent scoreless in a half		8+ catches	
Allowed less than 100 passing yards	59 at CCSU (11/18/23)	10+ catches	11, Peyton Nelson at Bucknell (9/27/25)
Allowed less than 100 rushing yards		Two players 5+ catches	Maultsby (9), Nelson (11) at Bucknell (9/27/25)
Allowed less than 50 rushing yards		Two players 10+ catches	Lisenby, Henry (12,10) at #17 CCSU (11/9/19)
Allowed less than 100 total offense yards		100+ yardsMa	ultsby (141), Nelson (131) at Bucknell (9/27/25)
7	g (6/27/17)	150+ yards	163, Dawson Snyder at Merrimack (11/19/22)
Recorded 3+ sacks	5, at Delaware State (10/5/24)	Two players 100+ yardsMa	ultsby (141), Nelson (131) at Bucknell (9/27/25)
Held opponent without a sack		2+ receiving TDs	2, Dawson Snyder at CCSU (11/18/23)
	, ,	3+ receiving TDsTD on first-career reception	Niek Whitfield Ir ve Merrimeek (10/29/22)
Recorded 2+ interceptions	2, at Buffalo (9/6/25)	Three players 5+ catches	
Recorded 3+ interceptions		' '	Silyder, Jackson, Sarratt (7, 0, 5) at Merriniack (11/19/22)
Recorded 5+ interceptions	7, vs. Sacred Heart (9/18/10)	DEFENSE	
		Interception for a TD	Jack Courtney, 20 yards, vs. Duquesne (11/12/22)
Returned an interception for a TD		Fumble return for TD	Fran Brown Jr., 0 yards, vs. CCSU (9/14/24)
Returned two interceptions for a TD		2+ sacks	2.0, Paul Tangelo at Dayton (8/31/24)
Returned a fumble for a TD	vs. CCSU (9/14/24)	3+ tackles for loss	3.0, Paul Tangelo at Dayton (8/31/24)
		2+ interceptions	
SPECIAL TEAMS		Two players 2+ interceptions	
Returned a kickoff for a TD	0 , ,	2+ forced fumbles	2, Paul Tangelo at Dayton (8/31/24)
Returned a punt for a TD	VS. LIU (10/9/21)	2+ fumble recoveries	2, Eddie Bierals at Dayton (8/31/24)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD		10 1 11	41.0 0 0 0 1 (0 00 05)
Blocked a punt		10+ tackles	
Recovered an onside kick	at Delaware State (10/5/24)	15+ tackles 20+ tackles	10, 0210 Calyalo, at Dullalo (9/0/23)
GAME SITUATIONS		30+ tackles	
	11 at Dolowara State (10/E/24)	True freshman tackle leader	
Came back from down 10+ to win Won when down at start of 4th			
Won when trailing at halftime		SPECIAL TEAMS	
Defeated a nationally ranked team		5+ field goals	
Defeated an FBS team		4+ field goals	
Won in overtime		3+ field goals	
Lost in overtime		10+ consecutive field goals made	
Won back-to-back games		Field goal make of 45+ yards	
Won 3+ consecutive games		Punt of 70+ yards	
Won 4+ consecutive games		Punt of 60+ yards	DI, Algan Cirulli at Louisiana-Monroe (8/28/25)
Won 5+ consecutive games		Kickoff return for TDD	lawario Crawtora, 94 yaras, vs. CCSU (9/14/24)
Won 6+ consecutive games		Punt return for TDBlocked a punt	
3+ consecutive games of 200+ rush yards		Blocked punt return for TD	
3+ consecutive game with an interception		Blocked a field goal	Shawn Phillins vs. CCSII (9/14/24)
3+ consecutive games with 21+ points		Blocked an extra point	
3+ consecutive games opponent under 21 points			,
Back-to-back NEC wins			
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SAINT FRANCIS WHEN...

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NEC			0-1
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Away			
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THIRD-FOURTH-POSSESSION

3rd-Down (Conversions														
Date	Opponent		Score	Ove	rall	1st	Qtr	2nd	Qtr	3rd	Qtr	4th	Qtr	Over	time
08/28/2025	at ULM	L	0-29	2-12	16.7	1-3	33.3	0-4	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/06/2025	at Buffalo	L	6-45	4-15	26.7	0-3	0.0	2-6	33.3	0-2	0.0	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0
09/13/2025	at Central Conn. St.	L	7-31	2-13	15.4	0-2	0.0	2-5	40.0	0-4	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/20/2025	Delaware St.	L	10-39	0-10	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-3	0.0	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/27/2025	at Bucknell	L	23-30	8-14	57.1	2-3	66.7	2-4	50.0	0-3	0.0	4-4	100.0	0-0	0.0
	Saint Francis			16-64	25.0	3-13	23.1	6-21	28.6	1-14	7.1	6-16	37.5	0-0	0.0
	Opponents			37-74	50.0	15-23	65.2	5-20	25.0	7-16	43.8	10-15	66.7	0-0	0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Ove	rall	1s	t Qtr	2nd	l Qtr	3rd	l Qtr	4th	Qtr	Over	time
08/28/2025	at ULM	L	0-29	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/06/2025	at Buffalo	L	6-45	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/13/2025	at Central Conn. St.	L	7-31	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/20/2025	Delaware St.	L	10-39	3-5	60.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
09/27/2025	at Bucknell	L	23-30	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
	Saint Francis			4-9	44.4	0-1	0.0	1-2	50.0	1-2	50.0	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0
	Opponents			6-10	60.0	1-1	100.0	3-4	75.0	1-2	50.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/28/2025	at ULM	L	0-29	29:11	07:52	08:06	05:57	07:16	00:00
09/06/2025	at Buffalo	L	6-45	22:41	03:40	08:55	04:28	05:38	00:00
09/13/2025	at Central Conn. St.	L	7-31	28:36	06:30	10:47	06:33	04:46	00:00
09/20/2025	Delaware St.	L	10-39	27:16	04:23	07:15	08:54	06:44	00:00
09/27/2025	at Bucknell	L	23-30	35:47	07:07	08:41	08:31	11:28	00:00
	Saint Francis		Total	143:31	29:32	43:44	34:23	35:52	00:00
			Avg.	28:42	05:54	08:45	06:53	07:10	00:00
	Opponents		Total	155:32	41:39	35:05	33:30	45:18	00:00
			Avg.	31:06	08:20	07:01	06:42	09:04	00:00



GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSIVE LEADERS

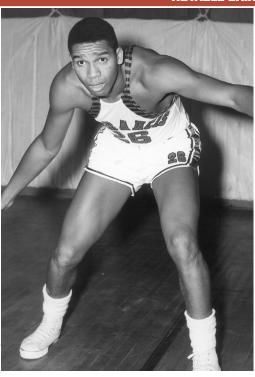
OPPONENT	PASS COMPLETIONS	PASS YARDS	RUSH ATTEMPTS	RUSH YARDS	RECEPTIONS	RECEIVING YARDS
ULM	Whitfield (9)	Whitfield (36)	Ekechi (10)	Ekechi (37)	Vines (2)	Vines (16)
BUF	Whitfield (17)	Whitfield (111)	Ekechi (8)	Ekechi (21)	Nelson (4)	Nelson (34)
CCSU	Whitfield (13)	Whitfield (159)	Ekechi (7)	Ekechi (35)	Dyson (3)	Gilland (71)
DSU	Whitfield (26)	Whitfield (271)	Adams (7)	Whitfield (22)	Hodge (6)	Hodge (131)
BUCK	Whitfield (31)	Whitfield (377)	Ekechi (12)	Ekechi (54)	Nelson (11)	Maultsby (141)
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RMU						
WC						
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GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE LEADERS

OPPONENT	TACKLES	TACKLES FOR LOSS	SACKS	INTS	FORCED FUMBLES	FUMBLES RECOV
ULM	Calgaro (12)	Calgaro (2)	Betts (1.5)	Harris (1)	Douglas/Jones (1)	None
BUF	Calgaro (15)	Calgaro (1.5)	None	Joyner/Williams (1)	None	None
CCSU	Douglas/Calgaro (9)	Okoye (3.5)	Betts/Okoye (0.5)	None	Douglas (1)	None
DSU	Calgaro (12)	Calgaro (2)	Betts (1.0)	Douglas (1)	None	None
BUCK	Douglas (8)	Four Players (1)	Council/Glassmyer (1.	0) None	None	None
DUQ						
RMU						
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NOTABLE SAINT FRANCIS ALUMNI

Maurice Stokes (1951-55) Stokes led the Frankies to the 1955 National Invitation Tournament and was named Most Valuable Player although his team finished fourth in the tournament. In his first college season, Stokes averaged 23.1 points and 26.5 rebounds per game. In the following season, he averaged 27.1 points and 26.2 rebounds game. Stokes remains Saint Francis' all-time leading rebounder with 1,819 and is second in scoring with 2,282 points. The Red Flash were 79-30 during Stokes' four seasons. During his three seasons in the NBA (1955-58), he grabbed more rebounds than any other player with 3,492 (Bob Pettit was second with 3,417) and also amassed 1,062 assists, which was second in the NBA only to Boston Celtics' point guard Bob Cousy (1,583). Stokes was named an All-Star and All-NBA Second Team for all three seasons of his career. He



was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in September 2004. On March 12, 1958, in the last game of the 1957–58 NBA regular season, Stokes was knocked unconscious after he drove to the basket, drew contact, and struck his head as he fell to the court. He was revived with smelling salts and returned to the game. Three days later, after recording 12 points and 15 rebounds in an opening-round playoff game against the Detroit Pistons, he became ill on the team's flight back to Cincinnati. Stokes later suffered a seizure and was left permanently paralyzed. He was diagnosed with post-traumatic encephalopathy, a brain injury that damaged his motor-control center. On June 9, 2013, the NBA announced that both Stokes and Jack Twyman would be honored with an annual award in their names, the Twyman–Stokes Teammate of the Year Award, which recognizes the player that embodies the league's ideal teammate that season.

Anthony J. Bova - Bova was a professional football player for the Pittsburgh Steelers during the 1940s. He played for the Steelers during World War II, when they temporarily merged with the Philadelphia Eagles (in 1943) and Chicago Cardinals (in 1944) to form the "Steagles" and "Card-Pitt". He played end, halfback, and quarterback during his career from 1942 to 1947. In 1942 he also played left end on defense and in 1947 scored a safety. In 1943 Bova led the NFL in average gain per completed pass in 1943, netting 419 yards in 19 completed aerials. He was also blind in one eye and partially blind in the other. He joined the United States Navy during World War II and reported for duty in February 1943 as a Seabee.[9] He was soon discharged from the navy due to his vision.

Paul Boyton - Boyton, known as the Fearless Frogman, was a showman and adventurer some credit as having spurred worldwide interest in water sports as a hobby, particularly open-water swimming. Boyton is best known for his water stunts that captivated the world, including crossing the English Channel in a novel rubber suit that functioned similarly to a kayak. As the founder of Sea Lion Park in 1895, Boyton is also known as the originator of the first modern amusement park with a fenced-in enclosure and admission charged at the gate.

Calvin Fowler (1959-62) - Fowler was the captain of the United States gold medal basketball team at the 1967 Pan American Games. He also was co-captain of the U.S. gold medal team at the 1968 Summer Olympics.

Mike Iuzzolino (1989-91) - Iuzzolino was selected by the Dallas Mavericks in the second round (35th pick overall) of the 1991 NBA draft. Iuzzolino, a 5-foot 10 inch point guard, played two years in the National Basketball Association (NBA), both with the Mavericks. He averaged 9.0 points per game in his career. In 1993, he signed as a free agent with the Orlando Magic, but was waived. After his NBA career, Iuzzolino played professionally in Italy and Spain. Iuzzolino was featured in the 1993 arcade edition of the popular video game NBA Jam.

Scott Layden (1978-81) - Layden graduated from Saint Francis with a degree in Business and Sports Marketing. He worked as an assistant coach for the Utah Jazz with his father, Frank, where he is generally considered for the selection of John Stockton with the 16th pick in the 1984 NBA Draft and Karl Malone the following year with the 13th pick. He also served as the general manager of the New York Knicks and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Bob Moore (1965-69) - Moore served as the Director of Public Relations with the Kansas City Chiefs for 21 years starting in 1989. He then served as the team's historian for eight years and is now a historian emeritus. Moore got his start in professional sports with the Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars for three years and also started as a sports information director at Saint Francis and Drexel. Moore was inducted into the Saint Francis Athletics Hall of Fame over the summer for his contributions to the Golden Era wing of the Saint Francis Hall of Fame.

John Naioti (1938-42) - Naioti played in the National Football League for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1942. He then went into the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a first lieutenant navigator and a member of the 603rd Squadron. On August 16, 1944, he flew on a mission from Nuthampstead, England to Delitzsch, Germany.[3] He completed his 32 combat missions on August 26, 1944, after a flight over Gelsenkirchen, Germany. After completion of his military service, he returned to the Pittsburgh Steelers and played in 1945. In 1945 he also kicked four point after touchdowns.

Kevin Porter (1968-72) - Over an 11-year NBA career, Porter averaged 11.6 ppg, 8.1 apg, while winning four assist titles. Basketball historian Bijan Bayne said, "What always stood out about Kevin Porter is that he was pass-first, in an era of Pistol, Clyde, Pearl, Tiny, Westphal and Jo Jo. That watered down his star quality. Porter himself added, "That's what I did. I got the ball to scorers. That's what kept me in the league that long."

Charles M. Schwab (1874-77) - Schwab was an American steel magnate. Under his leadership, Bethlehem Steel became the second-largest steel maker in the United States, and one of the most important heavy manufacturers in the world. Schwab also owned a 44-room summer estate on 1,000 acres (4 km2) in Loretto, Pennsylvania, called "Immergrün," German for "evergreen". The house featured opulent gardens and a ninehole golf course. Schwab's estate sold Immergrün after his death, and it is now Mount Assisi Friary owned by the Franciscan friars (Third Order Regular) who administer the adjacent Saint Francis University.

Brian Sell (1997-2001) - Sell represented SFU at the 2000 NCAA Division I XC Championships, where he ran the 10K in 31:17.1 and was an All-American. Sell placed third overall in the 2008 USA Olympic Team Trials Marathon in Central Park, New York City on November 3, 2007, with a time of 2:11:40, earning him a spot, along with Ryan Hall and Dathan Ritzenhein, on the U.S. men's marathon team at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, where he finished the Olympic Marathon in 22nd place with a time of 2:16:7.

Thomas Joseph Tobin (1966-69) - Tobin is an American prelate of the Roman Catholic Church. He was bishop of the Diocese of Providence in Rhode Island from 2005 to 2023.

Norm Van Lier (1966-69) - The Chicago Bulls selected Van Lier in the third round of the 1969 NBA draft, but immediately traded him to the Cincinnati Royals, with whom he led the NBA in assists in 1971. On January 5 of that year, Van Lier became the first player in NBA history to have a scoreless double-double with zero points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds in a victory against the Los Angeles Lakers. During his ten-year career, Van Lier was named to three NBA All-Defense First Teams and five NBA All-Defense Second Teams. He has the most selections alongside Michael Cooper to not be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. He was named to the All-NBA Second Team in 1974. Van Lier retired in 1979 with career totals of 8,770 points and 5,217 assists.

	SF-PA	OPP
Scoring	46	174
Points per game	9.2	34.8
Points Off Turnovers	6	40
First Downs	66	121
Rushing	16	68
Passing	46	38
Penalty	4	15
Rushing Yardage	299	1289
Yards gained rushing	440	1395
Yards lost rushing	141	106
Rushing attempts	124	232
Average per rush	2.4	5.6
Average per game	59.8	257.8
TDs Rushing	4	18
Passing Yardage	972	709
Comp-Att-Int	100-157-6	64-128-4
Average per pass	6.2	5.5
Average per catch	9.7	11.1
Average per game	194.4	141.8
TDs Passing	2	6
Total offense	1271	1998
Total plays	281	360
Average per play	4.5	5.6
Average per game	254.2	399.6
Kick returns: #-Yards	16-247	8-155
Punt returns: #-Yards	8-59	19-237
Int returns: #-Yards	4-27	6-38
Kick return average	15.4	19.4
Punt return average	7.4	12.5
Int return average	6.8	6.3
Fumbles-Lost	9-6	4-0
Penalties-Yards	40-308	24-260
Average per game	61.6	52.0
Punts-Yards	33-1396	17-771
Average per punt	42.3	45.4
Net punt average	35.5	41.3
Kickoffs-Yards	14-842	32-1846
Average per kick	60.1	57.7
Net kick average	37.2	39.8
Time of possession / game	28:42	31:06
3rd-down conversion	16/64	37/74
3rd-down pct	25%	50%
4th-down conversion	4/9	6/10
4th-down pct	44%	60%
Sacks by-Yards	7-43	14-102
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	6	24
Field goals - attempts	2-3	4-6
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(8-12) 67%	(24-28) 86%
Red-zone touchdowns	(6-12) 50%	(21-28) 75%
	(4-5) 80%	(16-20) 80%
PAI-attemnts	(4-3) 00/0	
PAT-attempts 2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	11-21 220/
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(1-3) 33%
•	(0-1) 0% 2007 1/2007	(1-3) 33% 31297 4/7824

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	тот
Saint Francis	7	17	10	12	0	46
Opponents	51	26	47	50	0	174



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Rushing

Rusning									
Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Raphael Ekechi	4	37	152	5	147	4.0	2	15	36.8
Jahmil Perryman	5	16	98	10	88	5.5	1	19	17.6
Nahjee Adams	5	20	51	9	42	2.1	0	7	8.4
Jordan Theodore	3	11	19	4	15	1.4	1	4	5.0
Nick Whitfield Jr.	5	23	84	73	11	0.5	0	18	2.2
Adrian Mejia	1	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	5	8.0
Josiah Bryson	1	3	4	0	4	1.3	0	3	4.0
Brenden Hodge	4	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Andrew Vines	4	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.5
Jeff Hoenstine	2	7	19	22	-3	-0.4	0	7	-1.5
Rocky Jones	2	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Aidan Cirulli	5	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-1.4
DJ Maultsby	5	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-1.6
Total	5	124	440	141	299	2.4	4	19	59.8
Opponents	5	232	1395	106	1289	5.6	18	90	257.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Rocky Jones	2	32	16.0	0	27
Arison Walker	4	16	4.0	0	12
Denzel Lambert	1	13	13.0	0	13
Jahmil Perryman	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total	8	59	7.4	0	27
Opponents	19	237	12.5	0	32

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Craig Joyner	1	6	6.0	0	6
Colin Douglas	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Corey Williams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jeremiah Harris	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	4	27	6.8	0	22
Opponents	6	38	6.3	0	28

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Nick Whitfield Jr.	5	114.6	96-149-6	64.4	954	2	71	190.8
Jeff Hoenstine	2	68.9	4-8-0	50.0	18	0	9	9.0
Total	5	112.3	100-157-6	63.7	972	2	71	194.4
Opponents	5	105.7	64-128-4	50.0	709	6	39	141.8

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jahmil Perryman	10	161	16.1	0	35
Nahjee Adams	5	66	13.2	0	18
Brenden Hodge	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total	16	247	15.4	0	35
Opponents	8	155	19.4	0	24

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Peyton Nelson	5	20	175	8.8	0	36	35.0
Brenden Hodge	4	11	156	14.2	0	47	39.0
DJ Maultsby	5	11	180	16.4	1	48	36.0
Andrew Vines	4	9	63	7.0	0	25	15.8
Raphael Ekechi	4	9	23	2.6	0	11	5.8
Emmanuel Dyson	2	7	43	6.1	0	10	21.5
Nahjee Adams	5	6	46	7.7	0	20	9.2
Mike Darcy	5	5	46	9.2	0	19	9.2
Jahmil Perryman	5	5	39	7.8	0	15	7.8
Denzel Lambert	3	3	48	16.0	0	31	16.0
Denzel Lambert	1	3	26	8.7	0	13	26.0
Scott Raymond	3	2	6	3.0	0	5	2.0
Bobby Cameron	3	2	19	9.5	0	10	6.3
Adrian Mejia	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jordan Theodore	3	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.3
Erik Sanchez	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Payton Wehner	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Kameron Chisholm	1	1	1	1.0	1	1	1.0
Lukas Gilland	1	1	71	71.0	0	71	71.0
Josiah Bryson	1	1	15	15.0	0	15	15.0
Total	5	100	972	9.7	2	71	194.4
Opponents	5	64	709	11.1	6	39	141.8

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	6	18	3.0	0	12



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Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Raphael Ekechi	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mac Plummer	-	2-3	4-5	-	-	-	-	-	10
Jordan Theodore	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jahmil Perryman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kameron Chisholm	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DJ Maultsby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	6	2-3	4-5	0	0	0	0	0	46
Opponents	24	4-6	16-20	0	1	1	0	0	174

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Mac Plummer	2-3	66.7	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	25	0
Opponents	4-6	66.7	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-3	0-0	49	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Saint Francis	Opponents		
ULM		49,(32)		
Buffalo		(27)		
Central Conn. St.	32	40,(35)		
Delaware St.	(25)			
Bucknell	(21)	(49)		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Nick Whitfield Jr.	5	172	11	954	965	193.0
Raphael Ekechi	4	37	147	0	147	36.8
Jahmil Perryman	5	16	88	0	88	17.6
Nahjee Adams	5	20	42	0	42	8.4
Jeff Hoenstine	2	15	-3	18	15	7.5
Jordan Theodore	3	11	15	0	15	5.0
Adrian Mejia	1	2	8	0	8	8.0
Josiah Bryson	1	3	4	0	4	4.0
Brenden Hodge	4	1	3	0	3	0.8
Andrew Vines	4	1	2	0	2	0.5
Rocky Jones	2	1	-3	0	-3	-1.5
Aidan Cirulli	5	1	-7	0	-7	-1.4
DJ Maultsby	5	1	-8	0	-8	-1.6
Total	5	281	299	972	1271	254.2
Opponents	5	360	1289	709	1998	399.6

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Aidan Cirulli	32	1396	43.6	61	1	6	8	6	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	33	1396	42.3	61	1	6	8	6	1
Opponents	17	771	45.4	61	1	2	5	4	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Eli Tucker	14	842	60.1	4	1			
Total		842	:	:	:	:	37.2	:
Opponents	32	1846	57.7	12	3	16	39.8	25



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Mac Plummer	2-3	66.7	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	25	0
Opponents	4-6	66.7	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-3	0-0	49	0

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			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Raphael Ekechi	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mac Plummer	-	2-3	4-5	-	-	-	-	-	10
Jordan Theodore	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jahmil Perryman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kameron Chisholm	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DJ Maultsby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	6	2-3	4-5	0	0	0	0	0	46
Opponents	24	4-6	16-20	0	1	1	0	0	174

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Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	тот
Saint Francis	7	17	10	12	0	46
Opponents	51	26	47	50	0	174

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Aidan Cirulli	32	1396	43.6	61	1	6	8	6	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	33	1396	42.3	61	1	6	8	6	1
Opponents	17	771	45.4	61	1	2	5	4	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Rocky Jones	2	32	16.0	0	27
Arison Walker	4	16	4.0	0	12
Denzel Lambert	1	13	13.0	0	13
Jahmil Perryman	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total	8	59	7.4	0	27
Opponents	19	237	12.5	0	32

Kick Returns

Rick Returns					
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jahmil Perryman	10	161	16.1	0	35
Nahjee Adams	5	66	13.2	0	18
Brenden Hodge	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total	16	247	15.4	0	35
Opponents	8	155	19.4	0	24

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jahmil Perryman	5	88	39	-2	161	0	286	57.2
Brenden Hodge	4	3	156	0	20	0	179	44.8
Peyton Nelson	5	0	175	0	0	0	175	35.0
DJ Maultsby	5	-8	180	0	0	0	172	34.4
Raphael Ekechi	4	147	23	0	0	0	170	42.5
Nahjee Adams	5	42	46	0	66	0	154	30.8
Lukas Gilland	1	0	71	0	0	0	71	71.0
Andrew Vines	4	2	63	0	0	0	65	16.3
Denzel Lambert	3	0	48	13	0	0	61	20.3
Mike Darcy	5	0	46	0	0	0	46	9.2
Emmanuel Dyson	2	0	43	0	0	0	43	21.5
Rocky Jones	2	-3	0	32	0	0	29	14.5
Denzel Lambert	1	0	26	0	0	0	26	26.0
Jeremiah Harris	5	0	0	0	0	22	22	4.4
Bobby Cameron	3	0	19	0	0	0	19	6.3
Josiah Bryson	1	4	15	0	0	0	19	19.0
Jordan Theodore	3	15	1	0	0	0	16	5.3
Arison Walker	5	0	0	16	0	0	16	3.2
Nick Whitfield Jr.	5	11	0	0	0	0	11	2.2
Payton Wehner	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
Adrian Mejia	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Scott Raymond	3	0	6	0	0	0	6	2.0
Craig Joyner	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	1.5
Erik Sanchez	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.3
Kameron Chisholm	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.0
Colin Douglas	5	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-0.2
Jeff Hoenstine	2	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.5
Aidan Cirulli	5	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-1.4
Total	5	299	972	59	247	27	1604	320.8
Opponents	5	1289	709	237	155	38	2428	485.6

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Nick Whitfield Jr.	5	172	11	954	965	193.0
Raphael Ekechi	4	37	147	0	147	36.8
Jahmil Perryman	5	16	88	0	88	17.6
Nahjee Adams	5	20	42	0	42	8.4
Jeff Hoenstine	2	15	-3	18	15	7.5
Jordan Theodore	3	11	15	0	15	5.0
Adrian Mejia	1	2	8	0	8	8.0
Josiah Bryson	1	3	4	0	4	4.0
Brenden Hodge	4	1	3	0	3	0.8
Andrew Vines	4	1	2	0	2	0.5
Rocky Jones	2	1	-3	0	-3	-1.5
Aidan Cirulli	5	1	-7	0	-7	-1.4
DJ Maultsby		1	-8	0	-8	-1.6
Total		281	299	972	1271	254.2
Opponents	5	360	1289	709	1998	399.6



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Team Defense

				Ta	ckles		Sacks	Pass	defen	se	Fumble	es	blk	d
##	Player	gp	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
0	Geno Calgaro	5	24	30	54	4-7								
19	Colin Douglas	5	21	11	32			11	3			2		
8	Kendric Council	5	15	15	30	4-8	1-2		2	1				
7	Zachary Betts	5	19	10	29	3.5-36	3-34			2			1	
10	Kahmari Cook	5	10	9	19	1.5-4	0.5-2							
95	Balaam Miller	5	10	8	18	2.5-7	0.5-1							
5	Corey Williams	5	10	8	18	2-3		1-0	1					
27	Jeremiah Harris	5	12	2	14			1-22						
2	Grayden Lewis	4	9	4	13				1					_
44	Ike Okoye	4	6	6	12	5-9	0.5-2	,						
13	Craig Joyner	4	8	2	10	1-10		1-6	2					
35	Arison Walker	5	4	5	9			,						
96	Motuila Malafu	5	4	5	9	1.5-4								
4	Jack Courtney	5	4	5	9	1.5-4								
9	Zach Dantzlerward	3	4	4	8	2-6				1				
92	Anthony Chuman	4	4	3	7									
93	Christian Santiago	5	4	3	7	1-6				1				-
94	Amondi James	4	3	3	6									
57	Dyrell Howard-Dolson	2	2	2	4	1.5-3	0.5-1			1				
30	Ky'Mir Williams	2	4		4				1					
29	Elijah Motley	1	3	1	4									
45	Darian Nelson	1	4		4			,	1					
11	Kent McMahon	3	2	2	4									
25	Gavin Hockenberry	2	1	3	4			,						
32	Collin Glassmyer	3	3		3	1-1	1-1							
6	Etinosa Igiebor	2	2	1	3									
29	Malik Gantt	2	2	1	3									
28	Dwayne Carter	2		2	2									
24	Shamar Jones	1	2		2							1	1	
47	Gavin Irons	5	2		2									
42	Airriss Rosemond	2	2		2									
33	Adrian Littleton	2	1	1	2									
39	Anthony Gengarella	2	1	1	2									
22	Nahjee Adams	5		1	1									
20	Erik Sanchez	3	1		1									
6	Nick Whitfield Jr.	5	1		1									
36	Darian Slaughter	1		1	1									
38	Hunter Giacomo	1	1		1									
31	Rocky Jones	2	1		1									
7	Andrew Vines	4	1		1									
23	Campbell Melzer	2		1	1									
12	Malikai Nichols	3	1		1				2					
4	Jahmil Perryman	5	1		1									
82	Efrain Quiles	3	1		1									
	Totals	5	210	150	360	32-108	7-43	4-27	13	6	0-0	3	2	0
	Opponents	5	172	112	284	36-163	14-102	6-38	15	11	6-18	6	1	0



IN THE RED ZONE

Saint Francis Inside Opponent Red-Zone

					Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	F	ailed t	0 50	core in	side	RZ
Date	Opponent		Score	In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/28/2025	at ULM	L	0-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	at Buffalo	L	6-45	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
09/13/2025	at Central Conn. St.	L	7-31	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/2025	Delaware St.	L	10-39	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/27/2025	at Bucknell	L	23-30	5	4	23	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Totals 8 of 12 (66.	7 %	6)	12	8	46	6	4	2	2	3	0	2	1	0	0

Opponents Inside Saint Francis Red-Zone

			Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	F	ailed t	o so	core in	side	RZ
Date	Opponent	Score	In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/28/2025	ULM	L 0-29	5	5	29	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	Buffalo	L 6-45	6	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Central Conn. St.	L 7-31	7	5	31	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
09/20/2025	Delaware St.	L 10-39	5	5	32	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/2025	Bucknell	L 23-30	5	4	27	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Totals 24 of 28	(85.7%)	28	24	150	21	15	6	3	4	3	0	0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

			First D	owns		Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-AttInt	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
ULM	0-29	7 / 24	4 / 15	3 / 7	0/2	27-81 / 43-311	12-20-1 / 14-26-1	50 / 123	47-131 / 69-434	76 / 28	1/1
Buffalo	6-45	7 / 32	1 / 25	6/6	0/1	21-4 / 63-370	18-31-0 / 11-22-2	115 / 133	52-119 / 85-503	31 / 84	1/2
Central Conn. St.	7-31	11 / 19	3 / 5	6/9	2/5	27-51 / 38-107	13-26-2 / 16-33-0	159 / 193	53-210 / 71-300	55 / 110	5/0
Delaware St.	10-39	16 / 23	4 / 14	11 / 5	1/4	20-62 / 54-292	26-36-2 / 8-21-1	271 / 92	56-333 / 75-384	73 / 83	3/1
Bucknell	23-30	25 / 23	4/9	20 / 11	1/3	29-101 / 34-209	31-44-1 / 15-26-0	377 / 168	73-478 / 60-377	98 / 143	2/0
Totals	46-174	66 / 121	16 / 68	46 / 38	4 / 15	124-299 / 232-1289	100-157-6 / 64-128-4	972 / 709	281-1271 / 360-1998	333 / 448	12 / 4

	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	TOP	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties	
Opponents	Conversion	Conversion	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards	Sacks
ULM	2-12 / 5-12	0-1 / 2-2	29:11 / 30:49	-01:38	3.0 / 7.2	2.5 / 4.7	2.8 / 6.3	8-46.9 / 2-48.0	6-58.0 / 5-45.0	2/3
Buffalo	4-15 / 11-17	1-2 / 2-4	22:41 / 37:19	-14:38	0.2 / 5.9	3.7 / 6.0	2.3 / 5.9	9-39.1 / 0-0.0	6-30.0 / 3-29.0	0/4
Central Conn. St.	2-13 / 4-15	0-0 / 1-2	28:36 / 31:07	-02:31	1.9 / 2.8	6.1 / 5.8	4.0 / 4.2	8-41.6 / 7-41.6	7-69.0 / 8-110.0	1/2
Delaware St.	0-10 / 10-17	3-5 / 1-1	27:16 / 32:04	-04:48	3.1 / 5.4	7.5 / 4.4	5.9 / 5.1	4-45.3 / 4-50.5	11-72.0 / 5-41.0	2/2
Bucknell	8-14 / 7-13	0-1 / 0-1	35:47 / 24:13	11:34	3.5 / 6.1	8.6 / 6.5	6.5 / 6.3	4-38.8 / 4-45.5	10-79.0 / 3-35.0	2/3
Totals	16-64 / 37-74	4-9 / 6-10	143:31 / 155:32	-12:01	2.4 / 5.6	6.2 / 5.5	4.5 / 5.6	33-42.3 / 17-45.4	40-308.0 / 24-260.0	7 / 14

GAME 1: AT LOUISIANA-MONROE (8/28/25)

ULM			7	3	7	12	29
CORI	NG SUN	IMARY					
Qtr	Time	Scoring Play					V-H
1st	09:25	ULM - #17 H.Herring 1 yd rush (#43 L.Stage	kick), 6-81, 02:59	9			0-7
2nd	01:55	ULM - #43 L.Stagg 32 yd FG, 11-60, 05:03					0-10
3rd	09:37	ULM - #3 B.McReynolds 13 yd pass from #	10 A.Armenta (#4	3 L.Stagg kick), 10	0-75, 05:23		0-17
4th	12:00	ULM - #10 A.Armenta 7 yd rush (#43 L.Sta	gg kick blocked), 1	15-91, 06:40			0-23
4th	04:39	ULM - #0 T.Griffin 19 yd pass from #9 L.Gr	aves (#43 L.Stagg	kick blocked), 4-3	33, 02:05		0-29

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- >> For the fourth time in the last five years, Saint Francis opened the season on the road at a FBS program at Louisiana-Monroe. The Warhawks defeated the Red Flash, 29-0.
- >> The defense showed some bright spots in the game, led by Geno Calgaro, who finished with 12 tackles, including seven solo tackles on the night.
- >> The game was delayed for an hour and 43 minutes due to the weather passing through the area.

TURNING POINT

Louisiana-Monroe posted a touchdown in the first quarter, a field goal in the second quarter, and then added three touchdowns in the second half for a 29-0 win.

FLASH MOMENTS

Jeremiah Harris recorded an INT on a tip with Louisiana-Monroe going for a 50-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

The defense also blocked two PAT attempts in the second half. Andrew Vines and Shamar Jones both got their hands on field goal attempts by Louisiana-Monroe.

Jahmil Perryman had a 14-yard rush in the third quarter for the longest play of the day for Red Flash.

FLASH NUGGETS

Calgaro registered 12 tackles. The All-NEC Preseason team selection notched at least nine tackles for the fifth time in the last seven games. The 12 tackles were the second most of his career after he registered a career-best 13 against Stonehill on November 2, 2024, and against Mercyhurst on November 23, 2024.

Andrew Vines, who had six tackles against Western Michigan on August 31, 2023, surpassed his career tackles total with eight tackles and 1.5 sacks. Vines had a block on a PAT in the fourth quarter.

Saint Francis held Louisiana-Monroe to 10 points in the first half, tying for the fewest points allowed in the first half against an FBS school for the Loretto program. The Red Flash also allowed 10 points in the opening half of the game against Akron on September 1, 2022. It was

FULL GAME	SFU	ULM
FIRST DOWNS	7	24
Rushing	4	15
Passing	3	7
Penalty	0	2
IET YARDS RUSHING	81	311
Rushing Attempts	27	43
Average Per Rush	3.0	7.2
Rushing Touchdowns	0	2
Yards Gained Rushing	101	327
Yards Lost Rushing	20	16
IET YARDS PASSING	50	123
Completions-Attempts-Int	12:20:1	14-26-1
Average Per Attempt	25	4.7
Average Per Completion	42	8.8
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
OTAL OFFENSE YARDS	131	434
Total offense plays	47	69
Average Gain Per Play	28	63
umbles: Number-Lost	0.0	2.0
renalties: Number-Yards	6-58	5-45
UNTS-YARDS	8-375	2-96
Average Yards Per Punt	8-375 46.9	2-96
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Net Yards Per Punt Inside 20	40.9	38
50+ Yards	2	1
Touchbacks	1	1
Fair catch	3	0
ICKOFF-YARDS	1-65	6-313
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	52.2
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40	43.2
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
'unt returns: Number-Yards-TD	000	3-28-0
Average Per Return	0.0	9.3
lickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	6-54-0	0.0-0
Average Per Return	9.0	0.0
nterceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-22-0	1-0-0
umble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	000	0.0-0
fiscellaneous Yards	18	0
Possession Time	29:11	30:49
1st Quarter	08:30	06:30
2nd Quarter	07:28	07:32
3rd Quarter	05:57	09:03
4th Quarter	07:16	07:44
hird-Down Conversions	2-12	5-12
ourth-Down Conversions	0-1	2-2
led-Zone Scores-Chances	0.0	5-5
Touchdowns	0	4
Field goals	0	1
lacks By: Number-Yards	2.9	3-19
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Pts Conversions	0.0	0.0

the third fewest allowed in any half after only allowing three points to Kent State in the second half on September 7, 2023, and seven points in the second half against Eastern Michigan on September 3, 2022.

Raphael Ekechi had 37 yards rushing on 10 carries, while Perryman added 25 yards on three rushes, including his 14-yard gain in the third quarter. Nick Whitfield Jr. was 9-for-16 for 36 yards in the first half. Peyton Nelson had two catches for seven yards in his collegiate debut.

It was the first time Saint Francis had traveled by plane to a game since visiting Montana in 2016, and the second time the team had played a game in the south.

GAME 2: AT BUFFALO (9/6/25)

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Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:20	BUF - #0 V.Snow 17 yd pass from #2 T.Roberson (#91 J.Howes kick), 4-27, 01:45	0-7
1st	07:01	BUF - #91 J.Howes 27 yd FG, 9-56, 03:39	0-10
1st	00:50	BUF - #5 A.Henderson 1 yd rush (#91 J.Howes kick), 12-56, 05:06	0-17
2nd	05:31	BUF - #5 A.Henderson 10 yd rush (#91 J.Howes kick), 6-51, 02:42	0-24
3rd	05:07	BUF - #2 T.Roberson 40 yd rush (#91 J.Howes kick), 10-91, 04:09	0-31
3rd	01:01	BUF - #2 T.Roberson 4 yd rush (#91 J.Howes kick), 5-43, 02:10	0-38
4th	10:06	SFU - #21 J.Theodore 1 yd rush (#18 M.Plummer kick missed), 7-29, 02:45	6-38
4th	04:52	BUF - #24 J.McNeil, Jr. 26 yd rush (#91 J.Howes kick), 9-60, 05:14	6-45

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- >> Saint Francis registered its first touchdown of the season after playing its second consecutive FBS program with a game against Buffalo.
- >> Jordan Theodore scored a two-yard rushing touchdown in his hometown.
- >> Geno Calgaro paced the defense again with a career-high 15 tackles against the Bulls, while Zachary Betts also had a personal-best 10 tackles.

TURNING POINT

Buffalo scored on its first three possessions to take the advantage and never looked back for a 45-6 win in the first-ever meeting between the two teams.

FLASH MOMENTS

After Craig Joyner notched his first career interception to set up the Red Flash at the Buffalo 27, Saint Francis cashed in with its first touchdown of the year. Whitfield hit Bobby Cameron for 10 yards and Peyton Nelson for 16 yards before a pair of Western Pennsylvania kids connected for the touchdown.Nick Whitfield Jr. handed the ball off to Jordan Theodore, who played at Sweet Home High School in Buffalo, for a two-yard touchdown. Whitfield played at Fredonia High School.

Saint Francis had its best drive in the first half in the final minutes of the second quarter. Whitfield was 7-for-10 on the drive for 55 yards. The big play in the drive was a 25-yard reception to Andrew Vines. Emmanuel Dyson also had his first two collegiate catches in the drive.

Corey Williams registered his first career interception with 11:48 left in the third quarter.

FLASH NUGGETS

Calgaro posted 10 tackles for the second-straight game, both coming against FBS opponents. The current Northeast Conference Player of the Week has recorded double figures in tackles in four of his last five games, including three consecutive. The last time a Red Flash player had 15 tackles was Carter Glassmyer against Sacred Heart on September 23, 2023.

Betts has tallied at least eight tackles in both games this season. Kendrick Council tied his career-high with seven tackles.

Whitfield, who grew up 50 minutes from Buffalo, went 17-for-27 on the afternoon with 111 yards passing. Nelson recorded a career-high four catches for 34 yards, including the 16-yard reception to set up Theodore's TD run in the fourth quarter.

FULL GAME	SFU	BUF
FIRST DOWNS	7	32
Rushing	1	25
Passing	6	6
Penalty	0	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	4	370
Rushing Attempts	21	63
Average Per Rush	0.2	5.9
Rushing Touchdowns	1	5
Yards Gained Rushing	49	374
Yards Lost Rushing	45	4
NET YARDS PASSING	115	133
Completions-Attempts-Int	18-31-0	11-22-2
Average Per Attempt	3.7	6.0
Average Per Completion	6.4	12.1
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	119	503
Total offense plays	52	85
Average Gain Per Play	2.3	5.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	0.0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-30	3-29
PUNTS-YARDS	9-352	0.0
Average Yards Per Punt	39.1	0.0
Net Yards Per Punt	33.2	0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	0	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	2.90	8-517
Average Yards Per Kickoff	45.0	64.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff	32.5	38.5
Touchbacks	1	6
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0.0-0	7-74-0
Average Per Beturn	0.0	10.6
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1:25:0	0.00
Average Per Return	25.0	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	260	0.00
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	000	2:14:0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	22:41	37:19
1st Quarter	04:30	10:30
2nd Quarter	08:05	06:55
3rd Quarter	05:29	09:31
4th Quarter	04:37	10:23
Third-Driver Conversions	4:15	11:17
Fourth-Down Conversions	4-15 1-2	11-1/
Fourth-Down Conversions Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1/2	24 56
Touchdowns	12	4
Field goals	0	
		1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-36
PAT Kicks	0-1	6-6
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0

Saint Francis had a pair of interceptions, marking the first two the team had multiple INTs since playing against Stonehill on September 30, 2023.

It marked the first time Saint Francis played in Buffalo since 1941. The game was also a homecoming for head coach Chris Villarrial after he spent the final three seasons of his NFL career with the Buffalo Bills.

It was the first time in team history the Red Flash played consecutive FBS programs. It was almost the one-year anniversary of the program's first win against an FBS program after the Loretto team defeated Kent State 23-17 on September 7, 2024.

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GAME 3: AT CCSU (9/13/25) SCORING SUMMARY **V-H** 0-7 7-7 Otr Time Scoring Play 1st 11:44 CCSU - #7 E.Howard 1 yd pass from #12 B.Olson (#92 J.Hennesse 1st 00:00 SFU - #4 J.Perryman 8 yd rush (#18 M.Plummer kick), 3-98, 01:19 07:17 CCSU - #20 D.Marcus 1 yd rush (#92 J.Hennessey kick), 6-35, 02:50 7-14 3rd 02:44 CCSU - #7 E-Howard 8 yd pass from #12 B.Olson (#92 J.Hennessey kick), 4-61, 02:00 4th 12:13 CCSU - #92 J.Hennessey 35 yd FG, 9-47, 03:38 4th 09:55 CCSU - #20 D.Marcus 6 yd rush (#92 J.Hennessey kick), 3-23, 01:00 7-21

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- >> Saint Francis falls to CCSU in the NEC football opener for both teams.
- >> Jahmil Perryman finished off a three-play 98-yard drive with two runs totaling 27 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown run.
- >> Colin Douglas had a career-high nine tackles.

TURNING POINT

The Red Flash had five turnovers in the game, and the Blue Devils turned three of those turnovers into touchdowns. The third turnover was off an interception, and CCSU used a six-play 35-yard drive to take the lead it would not relinquish in the third quarter. The Loretto program drops a 31-7 decision.

FLASH MOMENTS

Saint Francis got the ball on its own two-yard line and went the length of the field on three plays to tie the game at 7-all in the second quarter. The drive started with a 71yard pass from Nick Whitfield Jr., to Lukas Gilland for his first collegiate catch. Perryman then took the final 27 yards for the touchdown, thanks to a 19-yard rush and then an eight-yard touchdown run to even the score.

On the next offensive drive after the touchdown, the Red Flash had a nine-play, 59-yard drive. Raphael Ekechi started the drive with a 12-yard run and then had an 11-yard reception on the next play. Brenden Hodge had a 14-yard catch, but the drive ended with a missed 32-yard field goal.

FLASH NUGGETS

Perryman registered his second career touchdown, his first rushing touchdown. The redshirt sophomore notched his first touchdown on a 46-yard touchdown reception against Stonehill on November 2, 2024. Perryman had five rushes for 30 yards and one catch for 13 yards on the afternoon.

Douglas notched a career-high nine tackles, surpassing his five tackles in last year's meeting against the Blue Devils. Geno Calgaro also had nine tackles in the game, marking the seventh time in his previous nine games that he has finished with nine tackles.

Saint Francis' 98-yard drive marked the first time the Loretto program had a drive over 90 yards since the last meeting against CCSU on September 14, 2023. The drive was a one-play, 97-yard TD run by DeMarcus McElroy.Gilland's catch marked the first 70-yard reception for the Red Flash since Dawson Snyder hauled in a 77-yard reception against Eastern Michigan on August 31, 2023. He is the first freshman with a reception of more than 50 yards since Elijah Sarratt had a 65-yard catch against Stonehill on October 22, 2022. Cyrus Holder is

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the last freshman to make a 70yard reception with a 92-yard catch against Wagner on November 19, 2016. It was Holder's second career reception after posting a 23-yard touchdown earlier in the game and the 92yard TD is the second longest in team history.

Whitfield was 13-for-26 for 159 yards passing. Gilland led the team with reception yards (71), while Emmanuel Dyson had a team-high three catches for 21 yards. Ekechi had a team-high 35 yards rushing. Mike Darcy and Payton Wehner each notched their first collegiate catch on the afternoon.

It was the second consecutive season that Saint Francis and CCSU played in the third week of the season for the inaugural league game of the year.

GAME 4: DELAWARE STATE (9/20/25)

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Qtr	Time	Scoring Play					V-H
1st	07:23	DSU - #6 M.Gillis 3 yd rush (#46 P.Fisher-B	utler kick missed)	, 14-65, 05:31			6-0
1st	00:13	DSU - #7 J.Jones 1 yd rush (#46 P.Fisher-E	Butler kick), 11-73,	04:53			13-0
2nd	13:48	DSU - #7 J.Jones 90 yd rush (#46 P.Fisher-	Butler kick), 1-90,	00:12			20-0
2nd	09:49	SFU - #18 M.Plummer 25 yd FG, 8-56, 03:5	12				20-3
2nd	00:48	DSU - #1 D.Jackson 1 yd rush (#13 J.Saura	y rush failed), 11-	69, 03:48			26-3
3rd	09:26	SFU - #26 K.Chisholm 1 yd pass from #6 N	.Whitfield Jr. (#18	M.Plummer kick), I	8-51, 04:37		26-10
4th	01:37	DSU - #0 K.Bennett 21 yd rush (#46 P.Fish	er-Butler kick), 9-8	0, 04:30			33-10
4th	00:00	DSU - #0 K.Bennett 1 yd rush, 6-22, 01:23					39-10

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- >> Saint Francis falls to Delaware State on Saint Francis Athletics Champions Day in non-conference football action on Saturday.
- >> Brenden Hodge registered nine catches for 131 yards, while Nick Whitfield Jr. was 26-for-36 for 271 yards passing. >> Geno Calgaro paced the defense with 12 tackles.
- >> The Red Flash lost to the Hornets, 39-10.

TURNING POINT

Last season, Saint Francis scored 22 points in the fourth quarter to overtake Delaware State 28-17. The Hornets jumped out to a 26-3 lead going into halftime and then pulled away, not allowing the Red Flash a comeback for the second consecutive year.

FLASH MOMENTS

Saint Francis orchestrated a five-play 55-yard drive that resulted in a Mac Plummer 22yard field goal. Plummer was honored before the game as the 10th Martynuska Scholarship Award winner. A 21-yard reception by Hodge highlighted the field goal drive.

The Red Flash then sent the fans home happy with a free Big Mac as part of the new McDonald's Red Zone Challenge. Denzel Lambert had a couple of catches during the drive, and Whitfield got the Flash in the McDonald's Red Zone with an 18-yard scramble. Once in the McDonald's Red Zone, if Saint Francis scores a touchdown, fans can score a free Big Mac through the app at participating McDonald's locations. A Whitfield pass to Kameron Chisholm from one yard out gave the Red Flash its first McDonald's Red Zone touchdown in the third quarter.

DJ Maultsby registered his first two catches of his collegiate career, and his second reception will be one to remember after he caught a 34-yard pass from Whitfield at the Delaware State three-yard line while going out of bounds in the fourth quarter.

FLASH NUGGETS

FULL GAME FIRST DOWNS

Hodge, a transfer from NCAA Division II Western Oregon, just fell short of his career highs in yards after finishing with six catches for 134 yards on Saturday. Hodge posted seven catches and 139 yards in one game against UT Permian Basin on October 28, 2023. Hodge was the first Red Flash player with 100 yards receiving since Gavin Thomas against Kent State on September 7, 2024, and Hodge was the first player with six catches since Thomas in last year's meeting against Delaware State.

Whitfield set a new career high with 271 yards passing He had 268 yards passing against LIU on November 16, 2024. Whitfield's 26 completions marked the first time since Jason

Brown had 35 completions against CCSU on November 9, 2019, that a player completed at least 25 passes for the Red Flash. Calgaro has registered at least nine tackles in all four games

Passing Penalty NET YARDS RUSHING Rushing Attempts Average Per Rush Rushing Touchdowns Yards Gained Rushing Yards Lost Rushing NET YARDS PASSING Completions-Attempts-1 Passing Touchdowns
OTAL OFFENSE YARDS
Total offense plays
Average Gain Per Play
-umbles: Number-Lost
Penalties: Number-Yards this season and double figures in three of them. Dating back to his last 10 games, he has 106 tackles and at least nine tackles in eight of those contests. The sophomore came into the game leading the NEC and ranking fourth in FCS in tackles. Gckoff returns: Numb Average Per Return Interceptions: Number

The game featured two FCS head coaches who also played in the NFL: Saint Francis head coach Chris Villarrial and Delaware State Desean Jackson. Villarrial and Jackson are two of the 1515 FCS coaches who have NFL experience.

GAME 5: AT BUCKNELL (9/20/25)

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Saint Francis	0	14	3	6	23
Bucknell	7	3	12	8	30

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	02:15	BUCK - #21 T.Cadden 17 yd pass from #10 R.Rucker IV (#62 M.Schearer kick), 10-72, 04:47	0-7
2nd	12:46	SFU - #3 R.Ekechi 5 yd rush (#18 M.Plummer kick), 8-63, 04:22	7-7
2nd	03:18	BUCK - #62 M.Schearer 49 yd FG, 7-23, 02:54	7-10
2nd	00:10	SFU - #9 D.Maultsby 10 yd pass from #6 N.Whitfield Jr. (#18 M.Plummer kick), 5-59, 00:48	14-10
3rd	12:51	SFU - #18 M.Plummer 21 yd FG, 7-61, 02:09	17-10
3rd	10:57	BUCK - #10 R.Rucker IV 11 yd rush (#62 M.Schearer kick missed), 6-75, 01:49	17-16
3rd	06:13	BUCK - #26 M.Cadden 20 yd rush (#84 S.Milligan pass from #10 R.Rucker IV failed), 6-44, 02:14	17-22
4th	07:22	SFU - #3 R.Ekechi 6 yd rush (#9 D.Maultsby pass from #6 N.Whitfield Jr. failed), 11-81, 06:15	23-22
4th	05:14	BUCK - #7 T.Thomas 7 yd rush (#3 J.Gary pass from #10 R.Rucker IV), 7-75, 02:01	23-30

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- >> Bucknell intercepted the ball in the end zone with 1.5 seconds left to end Saint Francis' come-back hopes.. The Red Flash fell 30-23 to the Bison. >> Nick Whitfield Jr. went 31-for-44 for 377 yards passing and a touchdown for the Red Flash.
- >> DJ Maultsby (nine catches, 141 yards) and Peyton Nelson (11 catches, 131 yards) both registered their first career 100-yard games.
- >> Raphael Ekechi rushed for a pair of touchdowns
- >> Colin Douglas paced the defense with eight tackles.

TURNING POINT

Mike Darcy had an 11-yard catch to put the ball at the three-yard line with 12.5 seconds left. A pass interference call with 7.5 seconds on the clock pushed the ball back to the 18-yard line. A pass to the end zone was then intercepted, and the Bison kneeled down to escape with the victory.

After Ekechi gave the Red Flash a 23-22 lead with 7:22 left, Bucknell answered with a touchdown and two-point conversion to put the Bison ahead for good at 30-23 with 5:14 on the clock.

Saint Francis' drive after the Bucknell touchdown started at its own 13, and the connection of Whitfield to Nelson gave the Flash hopes. The two connected five times for 47 yards including a 14-yard catch on second and 18 deep in the Red Flash territory. Ekechi also had a 13-yard run, and Darcy's catch gave Saint Francis a first and goal at its own three before the INT.

After the Bison scored consecutive touchdowns, the Red Flash orchestrated a 12-play, 81-yard drive to retake the lead at 23-22 with 7:15 left in the game on Ekechi's second TD run on a six-yard scamper. Maultsby was key to setting up the go-ahead score with two catches for 35 yards to reach 100 yards receiving for the first time in his career. The play was a 25-yard connection from Whitfield to also give the quarterback a new career-high in passing.

At the start of the game, Saint Francis went nine plays and 63 yards to tie the game at 7 in the second quarter with 12:38 on the clock. The Red Flash gained 43 yards before the end of the first quarter on a 15-yard pass to Maultsby and a 28-yard completion to Nelson.

Saint Francis took the lead at 14-10 going into the locker room at halftime thanks to a five-play, 59-yard drive in the final minute of the half. Maultby had two catches for 20 yards on the go-ahead drive, including a nice catch to keep his feet inbounds for the TD. Nahjee Adams also had a great reception and run for 20 yards to set up the Whitfield to Maultsby score.

After connecting on a touchdown pass toward the end of the first half, Whitfield and Maultsby hooked up again in the first drive of the second half for 48 yards. That big play set up a Mac Plummer 21-yard field goal to extend the lead to 17-10 early in the third quarter.

FLASH NUGGETS

Whitfield threw for over 300 yards, becoming the first quarterback to hit that mark since Cole Doyle against Merrimack in the de facto NEC Championship Game against Merrimack on November 19, 2022. The redshirt junior has completed 57 passes in his last two games for 658 yards passing. After being the first player since Jason Brown to have 25 completions, Whitfield is the first player since Brown to have 25 completions in a game against November 19, 2019.

FULL GAME	SFU	BUCK
FIRST DOWNS	25	23
Rushing	4	9
Passing	20	11
Penalty	1	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	101	209
Rushing Attempts	29	34
Average Per Rush	3.5	6.1
Rushing Touchdowns	2	3
Yards Gained Rushing	117	218
Yards Lost Rushing	16	9
NET YARDS PASSING	377	168
Completions-Attempts-Int	31-44-1	15-26-0
Average Per Attempt	8.6	6.5
Average Per Completion	12.2	11.2
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	478	377
Total offense plays	73	60
Average Gain Per Play	6.5	6.3
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-79	3-35
PUNTS-YARDS	4-155	4-182
Average Yards Per Punt	38.8	45.5
Net Yards Per Punt	31	36.5
Inside 20	2	0
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	1	1
KICKOFF-YARDS	5:309	6-367
Average Yards Per Kickoff	61.8	61.2
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.6	38.7
Touchbacks	0	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-36-0	2-31-0
Average Per Return	12.0	15.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-62-0	5-106-0
Average Per Return	20.7	21.2
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0.00	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0.00	1-6-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	35:47	24:13
1st Quarter	09:15	05:45
2nd Quarter	06:33	08:27
3rd Quarter	08:31	06:29
4th Quarter	11:28	03:32
Third-Down Conversions	8-14	7-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-1	0-1

It marked the second-straight week a Red Flash receiver reached 100 receiving yards after Brenden Hodge had 131 yards against Delaware State seven days ago.

Maultby, who dazzled the Saint Francis faithful against the Hornets with an acrobatic catch, continued to showcase his ESPN Top-10 wor-thy plays against Bucknell, finishing with a career-high 141 yards on nine catches and his first career touch-down.Nelson had 11 catches for 131 yards. Nelson is the first receiver with 10+ receptions since Makai Jackson against Wagner on September 17, 2022.

Maultsby and Nelson both went over 100 yards receiving, marking the first time since the game against Merrimack that the Flash had two receivers reach that standard. Dawson Snyder (163) and Jackson (116) both went over the mark in the 2022 contest.

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77_	Hunter Albright	Fr.	<u>0L</u>		2	Grayden Lewis	R-So.	SAF	5-11	177	Johnstown, Pa. / Richland
60	Ashtin Ancheta	Sr.	0L	An-chet-uh	3	Raph Ekechi	R-Jr.	RB	5-10	200	Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Catholic
96	Gio Andrade	Fr.	DL	An-dread-e	4	Jack Courtney	R-Sr.	DL	6-2	250	Ashburn, Va. / Briar Woods
7	Zachary Betts	So.	0L		4	Jahmil Perryman	R-So.	WR	5-9	162	McKeesport, Pa. / McKeesport Area
72	William Bigham IV	Fr.	0L		5	Payton Wehner	So.	QB	6-0	170	Cranberry Township, Pa. / Central Catholic
65	Aidan Bilek	Fr.	DL	by-lick	5	Corey Williams	So.	SAF	6-2	192	Philadelphia, Pa. / Smyrna
84	Ryyan Brown	So.	DL		6	Etinosa Igiebor	R-Jr.	SAF	5-10	184	Carteret, N.J. / St. Thomas Aquinas
99	Wesley Brown	Fr.	DL		6	Nick Whitfield Jr.	R-Jr.	QB	6-5	206	Fredonia, N.Y. / Fredonia
28	Josiah Bryson	Fr.	RB		7	Zachary Betts	So.	0L	6-2	263	Bowie, Md. / Bishop McNamara
	•		ILB		7	Andrew Vines	Sr.	RB	5-11	195	Raleigh, N.C. / Garner Magnet (Lackawanna College)
0	Geno Calgaro	So.			8	Kendric Council	So.	ILB	6-1	220	Upper Marlboro, Md. / Charles Herbert Flowers
<u>12</u>	Bobby Cameron	R-So.	WR		8	Adrian Mejia	R-Jr.	WR	6-1	181	West Springfield, Va. / West Springfield
26	Kameron Chisholm	Fr.	WR		9	Zach Dantzlerward	R-So.	DL	6-4	287	Purcellville, Va. / Loudoun Valley (Old Dominion)
92	Anthony Chuman	Fr.	DL		9	DJ Maultsby	Fr.	WR	6-1	185	Melbourne, Fla. / Eau Gallie
14	Aidan Cirulli	R-Sr.	Р	Sir-rule-lee	10	Kahmari Cook	So.	ILB	6-2	203	Buffalo, N.Y. / Bennett
98	Lukas Conner	Fr.	K		11	Jake Hamilton	Jr.	QB	6-2	200	Colfax, Calif. / Reedley College
10	Kahmari Cook	So.	ILB	Ka-mar-ee	11	Kent McMahon	R-So.	ILB	6-1	220	Canonsburg, Pa. / Canon McMillan
89	Zach Couch	Fr.	TE	things you sit on for \$100	12	Bobby Cameron	R-So.	WR	6-1	158	Fairport, N.Y. / Fairport
8	Kendric Council	So.	ILB	tilligs you sit off for \$100	12	Malikai Nichols	So.	DB	6-0	160	Baltimore, Md. / Archbishop Curley
					13	Craig Joyner	R-So.	DB	5-9	165	Baltimore, Md. / Mount St. Joseph
4	Jack Courtney	R-Sr.	DL		14	Aidan Cirulli	R-Sr.	P	5-11	175	Wyomissing, Pa. / Wyomissing
9	Zach Dantzlerward	R-So.	DL	Danz-ler-ward	15	Frank Hoogerwerff	Fr.	QB	6-1	190	Avondale, Pa. / Avon Grove
88	Mike Darcy	Sr.	TE		<u>15</u>	Rocky Jones	Fr.	RB	5-8	160	Columbus, Ohio / Westland
43	Brayden DeWaal	Fr.	SAF		<u>16</u>	Denzel Lambert	So.	WR	6-3	175	Woodbridge, Va. / Woodbridge
<u>19</u>	Colin Douglas	So.	SAF		<u>17</u>	Lukas Gilland	Fr.	WR	6-0	185	Mineral, Ohio / Sandy Valley
3	Raphael Ekechi	R-Jr.	RB	eh-keh-chee	18	Mac Plummer	R-Sr.	K	5-10	174	Lebanon, Pa. / Annville Cleona
64	Joe Enick	R-So.	0L	eh-nick	<u>19</u>	Colin Douglas	So.	SAF	5-9	165	Brookeville, Md. / Our Lady of Counsel
56	Kevin Evehe	Fr.	0L	<u> </u>	21	Jordan Theodore	R-So.	RB	5-7	177	Buffalo, N.Y. / Sweet Home
	Marcus Fennell	R-So.	OL OL		22	Nahjee Adams	Gr.	RB	5-11	185	Easton, Pa. / Easton (Lafayette)
71					23	Campbell Melzer	R-So.	DB	6-0	167	Wexford, Pa. / North Allegheny
86	Ricky Fittin	Fr.	WR		24	Shamar Jones	Fr.	СВ	6-2		Baltimore, Md. / Riverdale Baptist
26	Bailey Frank	Fr.	SAF		25	Gavin Hockenberry	R-So.	SAF	5-11	187	Johnstown, Pa. / Westmont Hilltop
<u>39</u>	Anthony Gengarella	Fr.	S		26	Kameron Chisholm	Fr.	WR	6-2	195	Middletown, Pa. / Steelton-Highspire
41	Andy Gerasenko	Fr.	K		26	Bailey Frank	Fr.	SAF	5-11	190	Fairport, N.Y. / Fairport
38	Hunter Giacomo	Fr.	SAF		26	Nyzell Lash	So.	RB	5-10	190	Buffalo, N.Y. / Canisius
17	Lukas Gilland	Fr.	WR		27	Jermiah Harris	Fr.	CB	6-0	185	Washington D.C. / Hayfield Secondary School
32	Collin Glassmyer	R-So.	0L	Glass-meyer	27	Ben Hennon	So.	RB	5-10	005	New Castle, Pa. / Laurel
11	Jake Hamilton	Jr.	QB		28	Josiah Bryson	Fr.	RB	5-9	205	Stafford, Va. / Colonial Forge
			0L	_	29	Elijah Motley	Fr.	CB	5-11		Newark, N.J/ Weequahic
58	Nate Hampton	Fr.			30	Ky'Mir Williams	Fr.	SAF	5-11	004	Harrisburg Pa / Harrisburg
<u>27</u>	Jermiah Harris	Fr.	СВ		32	Collin Glassmyer	R-So.	OL.	6-2	224	York, Pa. / Central York
61	Chase Haught	R-So.	0L		34	Cameron Kiersch	Fr.	ILB C	6-1	220	Danville, Pa. / Danville
<u>27</u>	Ben Hennon	So.	RB		<u>35</u>	Arison Walker	Fr.	S	5-9	175	Aliquippa, Pa. / Aliquippa
25	Gavin Hockenberry	R-So.	SAF		33	Dyrell Howard-Dolson	So.	OLB	6-1	225	Niagara Falls, N.Y. / Canisius
1	Brenden Hodge	Gr.	WR		36	Giuseppe Pennolino	R-So.	ILB	6-1	208	Highland Mills, N.Y. / Archbishop Stepinac
2	Jeff Hoenstine	R-So.	QB	hoe-in-stine	36	Darian Slaughter	Fr.	LB	6-3	255	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Plum Borough
15	Frank Hoogerwerff	Fr.	QB		36	Paul Wedel	Fr.	P	6-2	200	Duncansville, Pa. / Hollidaysburg
	Dyrell Howard-Dolson		OLB		37	Eli Tucker	Fr.	K	6-0	200	Wheeling, W. Va. / Wheeling Central Catholic
33	·				38	Hunter Giacomo	Fr.	<u>S</u>	6-0	195	Charleston, W. Va / George Washington
<u>52</u>	Shamar Humphrey	R-So.			<u>39</u>	Anthony Gengarella	Fr.	<u>S</u>	5-10	175	Germantown, Md. / Germantown
6	Etinosa Igiebor	R-Jr.	SAF	Et-in-oh-sa lg-uh-bor	41	Andy Gerasenko	Fr.	K	5-9	160	Bellefonte, Pa. / Bellefonte
62	Mason Imbt	R-Jr.	0L	imp	42	Airriss Rosemond	Fr.	СВ	6-0	170	Cincinnati, Ohio / Princeton

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No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Pronuniciation
<u>47</u>	Gavin Irons	Gr.	LS	
<u>50</u>	Amari James	R-So.	DL	
94	Amondi James	R-So.	DL	
24	Shamar Jones	Fr.	СВ	
<u>15</u>	Rocky Jones	Fr.	RB	
1	Craig Joyner	R-So.	DB	
55	Guzzy Kayed	R-So.	0L	Kay-ed
34	Cameron Kiersch	Fr.	ILB	
1	Denzel Lambert	So.	WR	
51	Lane Lambert	Fr.	ILB	
26	Nyzell Lash	So.	RB	nie-zell
2	Grayden Lewis	R-So.	SAF	
81	James Lilley	R-Jr.	TE	
89	Brandon London	So.	TE	
96	Motuila Malafu	Gr.	DL	
9	DJ Maultsby	Fr.	WR	
68	Kyle McCaw	So.	0L	
59	Connor McElheny	Fr.	OLB	
11	Kent McMahon	R-So.	ILB	
8	Adrian Mejia	R-Jr.	QB	
23	Campbell Melzer	R-So.	DB	
53	Ben Midea	So.	OL	_
95	Balaam Miller	R-So.	DL	ba-laam
29	Elijah Motley	Fr.	CB	like the 80s band
83	Peyton Nelson	Fr.	WR	inc the 603 band
12	Malikai Nichols	So.	DB	
90	Vincent Okorie	Fr.	DL	0-kory
44	Ike Okoye	Gr.	DL	Oh-coy-yay
36	Giuseppe Pennolino	R-So.	ILB	OII-COy-yay
_	Jahmil Perryman	R-So.	WR	
<u>4</u> 18	Mac Plummer	R-Sr.	K	
			TE	
82	Efrain Quiles	R-So.		
46	Ahmad Ragland	Fr.	CB	
87	Scott Raymond	R-Jr.	TE	
42	Airriss Rosemond	Fr.	CB	
93	Christian Santiago	R-So.	DL	
36	Darian Slaughter	Fr.	LB	
49	David Smith	Fr.	DL	
<u>79</u>	Evan Smith	R-So.	OL_	
<u>73</u>	Harrison Snyder	So.	DL	
<u>78</u>	Chase Somers	So.	DL	
54	Savion Terry	So.	DL	
21	Jordan Theodore	R-So.	RB	
<u>55</u>	Hunter Tipton	Fr.	DL	
37	Eli Tucker	Fr.	K	
67	Connor Van Tassell	R-Jr.	0L	
7	Andrew Vines	Sr.	RB	
<u>35</u>	Arison Walker	Fr.	S	
<u>36</u>	Paul Wedel	Fr.	<u>P</u>	
5	Payton Wehner	So.	QB	
6	Nick Whitfield Jr.	R-Jr.	QB	

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Hometown / High School (Previous Colleg	Wt.	Ht.	Pos.	Yr.	Name	lo.
Keedysville, Md. / Oakda	185	6-0	SAF	Fr.	Brayden DeWaal	3
Silver Spring, Md. / Wheat	240	6-3	DL	Gr.	Ike Okoye	4
Houston, Texas / Kiski Pr	180	6-2	СВ	Fr.	Ahmad Ragland	6
Edinboro, Pa. / Cathedral Pr	235	6-2	LS	Gr.	Gavin Irons	7
Nanty Glo, Pa. / Central Camb	215	6-1	DL	Fr.	David Smith	.9
Oxon Hill, Md. / Bishop Iret	225	6-3	LB	R-So.	Amari James	0
Somerset, Pa. / Somers	210	6-1	ILB	Fr.	Lane Lambert	1
Harrisburg, Pa. / Harrisbu	220	5-10	OLB	R-So.	Shamar Humphrey	2
Medina, Ohio / Bucke	300	6-2	OL	So.	Ben Midea	3
Philadelphia, Pa. / Martin Luther King	225	6-2	DL	So.	Savion Terry	4
Novi, Mich. / Potomac (Emory & Heni	312	6-5	0L	R-So.	Guzzy Kayed	5
Lewistown, Pa. / Miff	275	6-2	DL	Fr.	Hunter Tipton	5
Randallstown, Md. / Randallstov	295	6-6	0L	Fr.	Kevin Evehe	6
Bowie, Md. / DeMatha Catho	295	6-2	0L	Fr.	Nate Hampton	8
Duncansville, Pa. / Bishop Guilfoy	228	6-2	OLB	Fr.	Connor McElheny	9
<u> mithfield, Va. / Nansemond River (Elizabeth City Sta</u>	300	6-2	0L	Sr.	Ashtin Ancheta	0
Frederick, Md. / Oakda	295	6-2	0L	R-So.	Chase Haught	1
Troy, Pa. / Tr	312	6-3	0L	R-Jr.	Mason Imbt	2
Jeannette, Pa. / Penn-Trafford (Central Michiga	288	6-2	0L	R-So.	Joe Enick	4
Hollidaysburg, Pa. / Hollidaysbu	260	6-0	DL	Fr.	Aidan Bilek	5
Purcellville, Pa. / Loudoun Vall	285	6-4	0L	R-Jr.	Connor Van Tassell	7
Parkesburg, Pa. / Octora	273	6-5	0L	So.	Kyle McCaw	8
Pittsburgh, Pa. / Upper Saint Cl	315	6-2	0L	R-So.	Marcus Fennell	1
Webster, N.Y. / Webster Schroed	290	6-4	0L	Fr.	William Bigham IV	2
Berwick, Pa. / Berwi	215	6-3	DL	So.	Harrison Snyder	3
Tokyo, Japan	250	5-11	DL	So.	Goki Abe	6
Hollidaysburg, Pa. / Hollidaysbu	310	6-5	0L	Fr.	Hunter Albright	7
Huntingdon, Pa. / Huntingd	260	6-3	DL	So.	Chase Somers	8
Randallstown, Md. / Mount Saint Jose	312	6-4	0L	R-So.	Evan Smith	9
Chambersburg, Pa. / Chambersbu	250	6-4	TE	R-Jr.	James Lilley	1
Abington, Pa. / Lansdale Catholic (Ursinu	206	6-3	TE	R-So.	Efrain Quiles	2
District Heights, Md. / Dr. Henry Wi	175	5-11	WR	Fr.	Peyton Nelson	3
Laurel, Md. / Lau	230	6-3	DL	So.	Ryyan Brown	4
Middlesex, N.J. / Middles	175	6-0	WR	Fr.	Ricky Fittin	6
Clarence, N.Y. / Claren	225	6-3	TE	R-Jr.	Scott Raymond	7
Landsdale, Pa. / North Pe	230	6-3	TE	Sr.	Mike Darcy	8
Glenshaw, Pa. / Sha	225	6-3	TE	So.	Brandon London	9
Fairport, N.Y. / MsQuaid Jes	220	6-0	TE	Fr.	Zach Couch	9
Bowie, Md. / Mt Zion Prep Acader	275	6-2	DL	Fr.	Vincent Okorie	0
Laurel, Md. / DeMat	315	6-1	DL	Fr.	Anthony Chuman	2
Erie, Pa. / McDow	275	6-0	DL	R-So.	Christian Santiago	3
Oxon Hill, Md. / Bishop Iret	290	6-5	DL	R-So.	Amondi James	4
Buffalo, N.Y. / Saint Franc	311	6-4	DL	R-So.	Balaam Miller	5
Woodbridge, Va. / Spotslyvar	305	6-0	DL	Fr.	Gio Andrade	6
	320	6-0	DL	Gr.	Motuila Malafu	6
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Maui, Hawaii / A Ebensburg, Pa. / Bishop Carr	155	6-0	K	Fr.	Lukas Conner	8

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/OC
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
WIDE RECEIVERS
RUNNING BACKS/SPEC. TEAMS
DEFENSIVE LINE
OFFENSIVE LINE/TIGHT ENDS
LINEBACKERS
CORNERBACKS
DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACH
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Chris Villarrial (15th season)
Marco Pecora (11th season, 6th as Offensive Coordinator, Pittsburgh '12)
Jacob Craig (2nd season, Clarion '17)
Brian Wright (17th seasion, Towson '87)
Josh Hutchison (12th season, Temple '10)
Thomas Rogish (7th season, Indiana (Pa.) '71)
Zach Morehead (5th season, California (Pa.) '17)
Ben Bruni (5th season, Saint Francis '19)
Martin Foray (3rd season, Saint Francis '21)
Brian Basile (4th season, Indiana (Pa.)
Dan Gueguen
Matt Hoyman (2nd season , California (Pa.) '24)



PLUMMER TO BE PRESENTED ARTHUR AND CARMELLA MARTYNUSKA SCHOLARSHIP IN PREGAME CEREMONY ON SATURDAY

Mac Plummer (Lebanon, Pa. / Annville Cleona), a member of the Saint Francis football team, is the 2025 recipient of the Arthur and Carmella Martynuska Scholarship. The award will be presented to Plummer during a pregame ceremony before the Red Flash home opener against Delaware State on Saturday.

Plummer, a kicker, hit a 50-yard field goal in Saint Francis' first-ever win against an FBS program in a 23-17 win against Kent State on September 7, 2024. The 50-yard field goal ties the second-longest in program history. The redshirt senior also connected on seven extra points in a 49-14 win against CCSU on November 18, 2023, which is the third most made extra points in team history.

A two-time College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honoree, Plummer is 13-for-22 on field goal attempts in his career and has 95 career kickoff attempts for 5,359 yards. Plummer is pursuing his degree in accounting.

The Arthur and Carmella Martynuska Scholarship has been presented annually to a member of the Saint Francis football team since the 2016 season. This year's recipient has appeared in 35 games during his career on the defensive line. He was named a 2024 Preseason All-NEC and 2023 All-NEC First Team selection. He tied the team lead with three sacks during the 2023 season. He provides volunteer work at Saint Francis' Sports For Kids Day and at High Street Body Shop. He is pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Management.

Plummer becomes the 10th player to earn the distinction, joining James Marks (2016), Jalen Wells (2017), Michael Ames (2018), Nicholas Rinella (2019), Corey Johnson (2020), Christian Massie (2021), Kerry Galloway (2022), Seth Osborne (2023), and Eddie Bierals (2023).

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FLASH 10 WITH ZACH BETTS

Get to know Saint Francis defensive standout Zach Betts as he sits down for this week's edition of Red Flash 10. From family influences and pregame rituals to hidden talents and personal goals, Betts shares what drives him on and off the field.

Q1. How has your family influenced your journey, and in what ways have they motivated you to succeed both on and off the field?

My family has had the biggest influence in my life. My siblings and I share a strong bond, and we have always pushed each other to work hard. Growing up, I saw how much effort my family put into everything they did, and it taught me the value of discipline and perseverance. Feeling blessed motivates me to make the most of my opportunities, both on the field and in life. I want to build a good future for myself, and I know I will always have the full support of my family behind me.

Q2. Do you have any pregame rituals or superstitions that help you get ready for kickoff?

Before every game, I make sure to pray first. Then I stretch and head to one of the hashes on the field, where I visualize where I am going to be and how I want to play. I listen to calm music — especially "Pearls" by Sade — because it clears my mind and reminds me to be grateful for the position I am in. Playing Division I football is truly a blessing, and once I step on that field, it is go time.

Q3. If you had to sum up your playing style in three words, what would it be? Versatile, strategic, and physical.

Q4. Who is a teammate you really admire, and why?

I would say both Geno Calgaro and Kendric Council. Last season, the three of us were second stringers, and Geno's work ethic set the foundation for all of us to grow into the team we are building for the Red Flash. This season, Geno earned NEC Defensive Player of the Week, which is a testament to his dedication and impact on the field. With Kendric, especially on game day, he can flip the switch, bring hustle to every play, and set the tone. I trust both of them, and being on the same page with those guys pushes me to hold myself to that same standard every time I step on the field.

Q5. If you were not playing football, what other sport would you love to compete in?

I would have to say basketball. I was an all-star in middle school, but once I got to high school, I transitioned to football. I realized I preferred contact, physicality, and the intensity of the game. That is when I really started to appreciate football more and knew it was the sport for me.

Q6. What is a hidden talent or hobby most people would not guess about you?

I can sing, I used to sing in the choir all through middle school and high school, and it is something a lot of people do not know about me.

Q7. Who is the funniest or most entertaining teammate, and what makes them stand out?

I would have to say Craig Joyner. He is a Baltimore guy through and through, with that big city energy and a loud personality that just fills any space. Everyone knows Craig — he is one of those guys you cannot miss, and he always finds a way to keep things light and entertaining.

Q8. What is your favorite football memory so far with the Red Flash?

Earning my scholarship last year was the biggest moment for me and my family. My recruitment flew under the radar, so it meant a lot to finally feel noticed after everything I went through to gain confidence. To see myself go from fifth on the depth chart to number one, with the chance to lead my team, was huge. It showed me that the future is in your own hands and depends on how much work you are willing to put in.

Q9. What do you miss most about home when you are in school?

The first thing I miss is my family. Everyone in my family is unique and quirky in their own way and being around them means a lot to me. I also miss my hometown — the way people are social, the daily interactions, and the sense of community. Those little things really stick with you when you are away.

Q10. What is one goal you have set for yourself this season, on or off the field?

On the field, I have set a standard for myself to record at least 10 sacks and no less than 50 tackles. Off the field, my goal is to keep pushing in the classroom and finish with nothing less than a 3.8 GPA.

That wraps up this edition of Red Flash 10. Stay tuned as we continue highlighting the personalities and stories driving Saint Francis football this season.

