

RECORD: 8-3*; MAAC: 6-0 (FIRST)

* - record includes 2001 ECAC Bowl; season stats - per NCAA guidelines - do not

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATT.
Aug. 30	VMI	W	41-18	5,030
Sept. 8	SAINT PETER'S	W	28-10	3,521
Sept. 22	at Butler	W	33-23	6,127
Sept. 29	DAYTON	L	16-42	4,829
Oct. 6	at Georgetown	L	13-15	1,419
Oct. 20	LA SALLE	W	34-0	4,020
Oct. 27	SIENA	W	55-0	2,775
Nov. 3	at Fairfield	W	51-19	3,177
Nov. 10	at Marist	W	21-10	913
Nov. 17	CANISIUS	W	63-15	3,285
Dec. 1	SACRED HEART*	L	15-31	3,446

* - ECAC Bowl at Rooney Field

TEAM STATISTICS	DU	OPP
First Downs	209	150
Rushing	94	72
Passing	101	64
Penalty	14	14
Rushing Yardage	2,005	1,189
Yards Gained	2,277	1,503
Yards Lost	272	314
Rushing Attempts	423	387
Yards Per Rush	4.7	3.1
Yards Per Game	200.5	118.9
Rushing TDs	22	8
Passing Yardage	2,233	1,487
Attempts-Completed	259/129	281/138
Percentage-Ints.	49.8/19	49.1/21
Yards Per Catch	17.3	10.8
Yards Per Game	223.3	148.7
Passing TDs	22	7
Sacked/Yards Lost	18/123	23/174
Total Offense	4,238	2,676
Total Plays	682	668
Yards Per Play	6.2	4.0
Yards Per Game	423.8	267.6
Fumbles/Lost	21/16	21/11
Penalties/Yards	62/513	61/560
Third Down Conversions	57-126 (45.2%)	44-148 (29.7%)
Fourth Down Conversions	5-16 (31.3%)	7-22 (31.8%)
Avg. Time of Possession	30:36	29:16

SCORING BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total (ppg.)
Opponent	94	105	75	81	0	355 (35.5)
Duquesne	38	34	30	50	0	152 (15.2)

PASSING	ATT-COM-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	EFFIC.
Niel Loebig	244-121-19	49.6	2,112	22	186	136.48
Chris Siegle	11-5-0	45.5	90	0	23	114.18
Mike Driehorst	4-3-0	75.0	31	0	13	140.10
DU TOTALS	259-129-19	49.8	2,233	22	186	135.59
OPP TOTALS	281-138-21	49.1	1,487	7	177	86.84

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	IN 20	BLK
Joe Maker	40	1,394	34.8	62	3	8	0
DU TOTALS	40	1,394	34.8	62	3	8	0
OPP TOTALS	59	2,091	35.4	67	5	10	2

RUSHING	NO	YDS	YPC	LG	TD	YPG
Donte Small	219	985	4.5	135	6	109.4
Josh Rue	122	916	7.5	186	12	91.6
Matt Hrutkay	28	111	4.0	27	2	11.1
Mike Hilliard	6	33	5.5	19	1	33.0
Chris Siegle	9	25	2.8	20	1	5.0
Richard Schmidt	3	15	5.0	8	0	1.5
Adam Brewer	1	1	1.0	1	0	1.0
Mike Driehorst	2	-6	-3.0	0	0	-0.9
Joe Maker	1	-11	-11.0	0	0	-1.1
Niel Loebig	32	-64	-2.0	14	0	-6.4
DU TOTALS	423	2,005	4.7	186	22	200.5
OPP TOTALS	387	1,189	3.1	27	8	118.9

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	YPC	LG	TD	YPG
Jeremy Conley	41	766	18.7	158	11	76.6
Yardon Brantley	35	719	20.5	186	7	71.9
Randy Vulakovich	21	313	14.9	167	1	31.3
Donte Small	10	119	11.9	153	1	13.2
Josh Rue	7	115	16.4	149	2	11.5
Loran Cooley	6	87	14.5	21	0	8.7
Matt Mrdjenovich	4	47	11.8	20	0	5.2
David Breit	2	31	15.5	16	0	3.9
Tim Broderick	1	13	13.0	13	0	1.6
Mike Hilliard	1	12	12.0	12	0	12.0
Tim Schwartzmiller	1	11	11.0	11	0	11.0
DU TOTALS	129	2,233	17.3	186	22	223.3
OPP TOTALS	138	1,487	10.8	177	7	148.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	NO	RUSH	PASS	TOT	YDS/G
Niel Loebig	276	-64	2,112	2,048	204.8
Donte Small	219	985	0	985	109.4
Josh Rue	122	916	0	916	91.6
Chris Siegle	20	25	90	115	23.0
Matt Hrutkay	28	111	0	111	11.1
DU TOTALS	682	2,005	2,233	4,238	439.7
OPP TOTALS	668	1,189	1,487	2,676	290.1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Randy Vulakovich	28	148	5.3	21	0
Mike Hilliard	2	3	1.5	3	0
Dave Pucka	2	18	9.0	9	0
Jerry Troop	1	2	2.0	2	0
John Rodgers	1	14	14.0	0	0
Bill Arbogast	0	10	0.0	10	0
DU TOTALS	34	195	5.7	21	0
OPP TOTALS	15	84	5.6	20	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Josh Rue	10	197	19.7	30	0
Donte Small	6	167	27.8	189	1
Leigh Bodden	4	55	13.8	20	0
Darryl Clark	4	83	20.8	23	0
Matt Hrutkay	3	21	7.0	19	0
Randy Vulakovich	2	98	49.0	169	1
Tim Broderick	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Jeremy Conley	1	11	11.0	11	0
DU TOTALS	31	631	20.4	189	2
OPP TOTALS	58	1,028	17.7	83	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	Yardon Brantley	7	0	0	0	0	0	42		
Leigh Bodden	9	51	5.7	t40	1	John Harris	0	0	2	23	0	0	29		
Dave Pucka	5	104	20.8	t85	1	Earl Bellisario	0	0	1	15	0	0	18		
Joe Pavlick	3	43	14.3	43	0	Randy Vulakovich	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Trent Wissner	1	8	8.0	8	0	Matt Hrutkay	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Erik Hackeman	1	4	4.0	4	0	Dave Pucka	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Josh Rue	1	4	4.0	t4	1	Leigh Bodden	1	0	0	0	0	1	8		
James Antinopoulos	1	10	10.0	10	0	Chris Siegle	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
DU TOTALS	21	224	10.7	t85	3	Mike Hilliard	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
OPP TOTALS	19	330	17.4	t100	3	Amar Watson	0	0	0	0	0	1	2		
						Niel Loebig^	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
						Team	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
SCORING	TDS	2XPT	FGM	PAT	SAF	DXPT	PTS	DU TOTALS	50	1	3	38	1	2	355
Josh Rue	15	0	0	0	0	0	90	OPP TOTALS	18	1	8	14	0	2	152
Jeremy Conley	11	1	0	0	0	0	68	^ - Loebig threw for 22 TDs							
Donte Small	8	0	0	0	0	0	48								

DEFENSE

	U/A	TOT	TEL-YDS	SK-YDS	FF	FR	INT-YDS	PD	BK	SAF
Trent Wissner	67/25	92	8-18	1.0-6	0	1	1-8	0	0	0
James Antinopoulos	51/39	90	7-15	1.0-8	0	2	1-10	2	1	0
Dave Pucka	38/5	43	1-1	0	0	1	5-104	2	0	0
Mitchell Zobb	27/16	43	4-12	2.0-16	0	0	0	2	0	0
Erik Hackeman	37/5	42	3-3	0	1	0	1-4	7	0	0
Bill Arbogast	27/13	40	13-36	3.0-31	0	1	0	0	0	0
Joe Pavlick	29/9	38	2-5	0	0	2	3-43	5	0	0
Leigh Bodden	27/7	34	3-12	0	2	0	9-51	5	0	0
Philip Polony	23/10	33	8-37	5.5-34	1	0	0	1	0	0
John Rodgers	16/17	33	3-12	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mitch Fedorko	6/14	20	1-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jared Lischner	9/10	19	1-3	1.5-10	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jerome Venable	12/3	15	0	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Bailey	12/2	14	5-27	3.0-24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Ford	7/3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jerry Troop	3/6	9	1-9	0.5-9	0	1	0	1	0	0
Jason Fizzarotti	6/3	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mark DiNatale	7/1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amar Watson	6/2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Anthony Patton	4/2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Rue	5/0	5	3-22	4.0-37	0	0	1-4	1	0	0
Matt Hrutkay	3/1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Earl Bellisario	3/0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tim Pichette	3/0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Schmidt	2/1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jeremy Conley	3/0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yardon Brantley	2/0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
David Breit	2/0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donte Small	2/0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ed Westrick	2/0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niel Loebig	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Siegle	0/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Brewer	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Lindsey	0/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Haye	0/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Antinopoulos	0/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Wilczynski	0/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angelo Pughiano	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Byrne	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Bowser	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edsel Torres	0/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	0/0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
DU TOTALS	446/200	646	63-213	23.0-174	7	1	21-224	28	3	1
OPP TOTALS	412/276	688	71-163	18.0-123	16	16	19-330	38	0	0

GAME #1

#2 DUQUESNE 41, VMI 18

August 30, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Records: Duquesne (1-0); VMI (0-1)

warm, hazy at kickoff — 83 degrees (night game)

Redshirt freshman Niel Loebig, who learned he had won a three-way battle for the starting quarterback job four days before kickoff, played like a seasoned veteran, completing 22-of-31 passes for 303 yards and two touchdowns in leading Duquesne to a convincing 41-18 season-opening win over VMI at Rooney Field. Loebig's outstanding debut overshadowed a record-setting night by junior All-America candidate Leigh Bodden, who picked off two first-half passes to give him a school-record 14 interceptions for his career. Loebig started hot, completing 8-of-9 passes for 126 yards in leading the Dukes to a 14-3 lead after one quarter. The 6-3, 215-pounder answered a 24-yard VMI field goal by guiding the Dukes on an eight-play, 73-yard drive capped by a nine-yard touchdown run by Josh Rue to give DU a lead it would never relinquish. Following Bodden's first interception, the Loebig-led Dukes went 77 yards on eight plays to take a 14-3 lead on a 22-yard pass from Loebig to junior Jeremy Conley. Mike Hilliard added a nine-yard TD run and safety Dave Pucka returned a fumble 81 yards to give Duquesne a 27-5 second-quarter lead. VMI's Gene Cauthen, who rushed for a career-high 154 yards, cut the DU advantage to 27-11 with a two-yard scoring run with seven seconds left in the half. Duquesne's Donte Small (30 carries for 96 yards) capped an 80-yard drive with a two-yard run to put the Dukes up 34-11 with 8:30 to go in the third quarter. DU completed its fourth drive of 70 yards or more with a 10-yard pass from Loebig to Conley to push the lead to 41-11 before Cauthen closed out the scoring with a one-yard run with 14:46 to go in the game. Duquesne, who outgained VMI 474 to 347, enjoyed a 303- to 148-yard edge through the air. Sophomore Yardon Brantley caught a career-high seven passes for a career-best 123 yards, while junior Jeremy Conley added 97 yards on seven catches, including two touchdowns. Linebackers Trent Wissner and Mitchell Zobb paced the Duquesne defense with 13 and 10 tackles, respectively. Derik Screen paced VMI with 12 stops.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
VMI	3	8	0	7	18
DUQUESNE	14	13	14	0	41

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (30-96-1); VMI - Cauthen 22-154-2)

Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (31-22-1-303-2);

VMI - Gibson (29-14-2-148-0)

Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Brantley (7-123-0), Conley (7-97-2);

VMI - Snelling (5-41-0), Reel (1-60-0)

Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Wissner (13/12); VMI - Screen (12/6)

GAME #2

#1 DUQUESNE 28, ST. PETER'S 10

September 8, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Records: Duquesne (2-0, 1-0); St. Peter's (1-1, 0-1)

warm, humid — 85 degrees

Duquesne relied on a stellar effort from its defense to extend its winning streak to eight games with a 28-10 win over Saint Peter's. The game, which also saw the Dukes extend their Rooney Field win streak to 14 games, was the MAAC opener for both schools. Duquesne struck first when senior tailback Donte Small capped a six-play, 60-yard drive with a 35-yard touchdown run with 3:25 left in the first quarter. DU upped its lead to 14-0 when freshman quarterback Niel Loebig connected with junior wide receiver Jeremy Conley on a 53-yard scoring pass on the Dukes' first possession of the second quarter. Saint Peter's got on the board on a 22-yard James Galea field goal with 47 seconds left in the first half. The field goal came after the Peacocks covered a Loebig fumble, which was the Dukes' fourth turnover of the first half. Darryl Clark returned the ensuing kickoff 23 yards to the Duquesne 45. After a two-yard run by Small, Loebig hit Conley for 34 yards before firing a 19-yard strike to full-

back Josh Rue with just seven seconds left to give the Dukes a 21-3 edge at the half. Small tacked on a two-yard touchdown run with 2:58 left in the third quarter for Duquesne's final points. Small led the DU offense with 20 carries for 108 yards against a stingy Saint Peter's defense. Conley finished with three catches for 106 yards to pace the Dukes' receiving corps. Loebig finished the game 5-of-14 for 114 yards and two touchdowns. Fellow freshman Chris Stiegle also saw his first action as a Duke, completing 3-of-5 passes for 51 yards. Senior middle linebacker James Antinopoulos and junior defensive end Bill Arbogast led the defensive charge with nine tackles each. Arbogast, who was making his first career start at defensive end, added a game-high five tackles for loss (-12 yards). Sophomore defensive end Philip Polony added 2.5 sacks for the Dukes, who limited Saint Peter's to 196 total yards (2.8 yards per play). DU's defensive effort helped counteract an uncharacteristic six Duquesne turnovers.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
SAINT PETER'S	0	3	0	7	10
DUQUESNE	7	14	7	0	28

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (20-108-2); SPC - Harris (20-48-0)

Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (14-5-2-114-2);

SPC - Harris (21-11-2-75-1)

Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Conley (3-106-1); SPC - Wood (3-27-0)

Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Antinopoulos (9/8), Arbogast (9/6); SPC - Wasielewski (10/8)

GAME #3

#1 DUQUESNE 33, BUTLER 23

September 22, Butler Bowl, Indianapolis, Ind.

Records: Duquesne (3-0; 1-0); Butler (1-2)

partly cloudy — 70 degrees

An opportunistic Duquesne offense turned three of four Butler turnovers into touchdowns in a 33-23 win in Indianapolis. The victory extended DU's NCAA Division I-AA-long win streak to nine games. An inspired Butler team, playing before a homecoming crowd of 6,127, scored first when Mario Brocchi capped a 14-play, 53-yard drive with a 36-yard field goal at the 9:30 mark of the second quarter. On Butler's next possession, Duquesne middle linebacker James Antinopoulos stepped in front of a DeWayne Ewing pass and returned it to the Duquesne 38. Seven plays later, DU's redshirt freshman quarterback Niel Loebig connected on the first of four touchdown passes on the day — this one a 12-yarder to Jeremy Conley. With just under two minutes left in the half, Duquesne's Jerry Troop recovered a Butler fumble at the Bulldogs 12-yard line, setting up another Loebig-to-Conley 12-yard scoring pass. The Dukes saw their 14-3 lead shrink to five when Brocchi connected on a pair of third-quarter field goals, the second coming from 30 yards out with 6:30 to go. Duquesne took over on its 20-yard line and handed off twice to Donte Small before Loebig found Randy Vulakovich for a 67-yard, catch-and-run touchdown to put the game out of reach. Three minutes later, Loebig hit Conley for a 19-yard score to put the Dukes up 26-9 at the end of three quarters. Josh Rue finished the scoring for Duquesne with a 16-yard run that capped a seven-play, 66-yard drive. Loebig finished the game 20-of-41 for 279 yards and four touchdowns. Conley (6-82-3) and Vulakovich (6-101-1) led DU's receivers with six catches each. Duquesne's defense held Butler's DeWayne Ewing to 211 yards on the afternoon. Ewing, who entered the game with a Butler career-record 6,119 yards passing, went 20-of-37, was intercepted once and sacked six times. Trent Wissner led the Dukes' defensive charge with a game-high 12 stops.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
DUQUESNE	0	14	12	7	33
BUTLER	0	3	6	14	23

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Rue (9-68-1); BU - Hall (20-60-0)

Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (41-20-2-279-4);

BU - Ewing (37-20-1-211-0)

Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Vulakovich (6-101-1);

BU - Derickson (7-88-0)

Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Wissner (12/8); BU - Mann (8/8)

GAME #4

#2 DAYTON 42, #1 DUQUESNE 16

September 29, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Records: Duquesne (3-1; 1-0); Dayton (4-0)
 partly cloudy, mild — 58 degrees

Second-ranked Dayton relied on the big play in defeating top-ranked Duquesne 42-16 at Rooney Field. The Flyers, who were outgained by the Dukes 399-316, returned three of their five interceptions 100, 10 and 64 yards for scores in ending DU's NCAA Division I-AA-long win streak at nine. The loss also snapped Duquesne's 14-game home win streak. Dayton jumped out to a 7-0 lead on a four-yard run by quarterback Kelly Spiker with 7:10 left in the first quarter. Spiker then hit Ben Winters for a 77-yard score with 47 seconds to go in the first quarter to put the Flyers up 14-0. Duquesne struck back when Jeremy Conley pulled in a 58-yard touchdown pass from Niel Loebig to cut the deficit to seven early in the second quarter. But Dayton quickly answered, as Spiker scored on a run from eight yards out following an 83-yard kickoff return by Ryan Jones. Duquesne answered with a 20-yard Earl Bellisario field goal to cut the lead to 21-10, forced a Dayton punt, then drove to the Flyer three-yard line when Dayton's Mark Kasmer intercepted a tipped pass three yards deep in his own end zone and returned it 100 yards for a score. Duquesne once again managed to answer by driving 60 yards on four plays to score on a 34-yard Loebig to Conley touchdown pass with five seconds left in the half to cut the Dayton lead to 28-16 at intermission. Duquesne forced Dayton to turn the ball over on downs to start the second half, but on the Dukes' ensuing possession, Dayton's Tyler Bowersock picked off a third-and-24 pass and returned it 10 yards for a score to put the game out of reach. UD picked off Loebig three more times in the second half — including an NCAA Division I-AA record-tying third for a score when Aaron Furman returned an errant toss 64 yards with 1:35 left in the game. Duquesne's Loebig finished the game 18-of-35 for 337 yards despite the five interceptions. Conley, who added a 34-yard touchdown catch in the second half, finished with eight catches for 204 yards. Spiker led Dayton with 90 yards rushing and two TDs on 12 carries. He also completed 7-of-12 passes for 136 yards. Dayton, who held Duquesne's leading rusher Donte Small to 29 yards on 17 carries, bottled up the Dukes running game. The Duquesne defense, led by a game-high 16 tackles by middle linebacker James Antinopoulos, surrendered 316 yards, but could not overcome DU's six turnovers.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
DAYTON	14	14	14	0	42
DUQUESNE	0	16	0	0	16

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (32-173-0); DAY - Spiker (12-90-2)

Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (35-18-5-337-2); DAY - Spiker (12-7-2-136-1)

Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Conley (8-204-2); DAY - Winters (2-88-1)

Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Antinopoulos (16/11); DAY - McNamara (8/6)

GAME #5

GEORGETOWN 15, #5 DUQUESNE 13

October 6, Kehoe Field, Washington, D.C.
 Records: Georgetown (1-3); Duquesne (3-2, 1-0)
 cool, windy — 57 degrees

Byron Anderson's return of a blocked extra point with 3:46 left proved to be the difference as Georgetown defeated Duquesne 15-13 on a windy afternoon at GU's Kehoe Field. The return capped a wild final five minutes that saw Duquesne drive to the Georgetown seven-yard line before turning it over on downs with 4:32 remaining. Georgetown, nursing a 13-7 lead it held since the 7:51 mark of the second quarter, failed to gain a yard on consecutive plays before DU's Josh Rue made a leaping interception and returned it four yards for a score to tie the game and set up Anderson's dramatic return. The Dukes had one last chance after Rue pounced on a John Sims fumble at the Duquesne 49 with 2:10 to go. After gaining one

first down and advancing to the Georgetown 39, quarterback Niel Loebig misfired on four consecutive passes as the Dukes turned it over on downs with 1:04 to go and watched Georgetown run out the clock. Duquesne opened the scoring when Loebig hit wide receiver Yardon Brantley for an 86-yard touchdown on the first play of its second drive of the game. Georgetown tied the score on a 15-yard pass from Sean Peterson to Aaron Brown with 6:14 to go in the first quarter to cap a 33-yard drive. It was the last touchdown either team would score until Rue's interception return. The Duquesne offense, which was plagued by turnovers for the second consecutive week, turned it over on each of its final five possessions of the first half. Georgetown turned a Loebig fumble and interception into a pair of Marc Samuels field goals to take a 13-7 lead at the half. On its first possession of the second half, Duquesne drove 41 yards to the Georgetown two-yard line, but was turned away four consecutive times by the Hoya defense. It was the closest either team came to scoring in the quarter, as Duquesne turned it over twice and Georgetown turned it back three times in the second half. Loebig had a rough afternoon for the Dukes, completing 6-of-22 passes for 124 yards, one touchdown and five interceptions. He was also sacked five times. Donte Small, who sat out the first quarter for disciplinary reasons, finished the game with 173 yards on 32 carries for DU. Trent Wissner and James Antinopoulos led the Duquesne defense with 12 tackles each. Leigh Bodden and Dave Pucka also intercepted passes for DU. Duquesne outgained Georgetown 326-187, and held the Hoyas to just one third down conversion on 16 attempts.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
DUQUESNE	7	0	0	6	13
GEORGETOWN	7	6	0	2	15

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (32-173-0); GU - Sims (21-68-0)

Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (22-6-5-124-1); GU - Peterson (28-15-3-99-1)

Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Brantley (2-96-1); GU - Sims (5-7-0)

Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Wissner (12/9), Antinopoulos (12/6); GU - Craffey (8/5)

GAME #6

#6 DUQUESNE 34, #10 LA SALLE 0

October 20, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Records: Duquesne (4-2; 2-0); La Salle (3-3, 1-3)
 sunny, mild — 64 degrees

Donte Small enjoyed a record-setting day on offense and the defense pitched a shutout as Duquesne defeated La Salle 34-0 to up its record to 4-2 and remain perfect at 2-0 in the MAAC. Small, who posted 213 all-purpose yards on the afternoon, became the leading rusher in school history on a 12-yard run on a 4th-and-1 play with 11:17 left in the third quarter. The 5-8, 185-pound senior, who rushed for 137 yards on 33 carries, upped his career rushing total to 3,877 yards — 47 yards more than former record holder Pedro Bowman (1981-84). Duquesne's first six points came from an unexpected source as freshman placekicker John Harris, who was making his first career appearance, capitalized on a 41-yard catch-and-run by wide receiver Jeremy Conley with a 29-yard field goal and then added a 21-yard field goal following a 43-yard interception return by Joe Pavlick. Small then took a swing pass from quarterback Niel Loebig and raced 53 yards for a score to put the Dukes up 13-0 early in the second quarter. The Duquesne defense, which held La Salle to just 118 yards and six first downs on the day, got stronger as the game went on, allowing just a pair of Explorer first downs in the second half. The Dukes added three more scores in the fourth quarter on a four-yard pass from Loebig to Yardon Brantley, a five-yard TD run by Small and a six-yard scoring jaunt by fullback Josh Rue to complete the scoring with 5:30 left in the game. Loebig finished 10-of-24 for 192 yards and two scores for the Dukes. DU's Jeremy Conley led all receivers with 92 yards on four catches. Trent Wissner led the defensive charge with seven tackles (six solo) and an interception. Rue added a pair of sacks for -20 yards as a pass rush specialist.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
LA SALLE	0	0	0	0	0
DUQUESNE	6	7	0	21	34

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (33-137-1); IAS - Crimmel (17-68-0)
 Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (24-10-1-192-2);
 IAS - Szydlak (15-7-2-46-0)
 Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Conley (4-92-0); IAS - McKeown (5-25-0)
 Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Wissner (7/6); IAS - Rothenbur (11/6)

GAME #7**#5 DUQUESNE 55, SIENA 0**

October 27, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Records: Duquesne (5-2, 3-0); Siena (1-6, 1-4)
 windy, cold, periodic rain — 39 degrees

Duquesne combined the running of fullback Josh Rue and record-setting tailback Donte Small with yet another outstanding defensive performance in a convincing 55-0 win over Siena at Rooney Field on Saturday. The victory upped the Dukes' record to 3-0 in the MAAC Football League and set up a showdown for first place at Fairfield (4-3, 4-0) next week. The loss dropped Siena to 1-4 in the MAAC and 1-6 overall. Duquesne, who entered the game ranked sixth nationally in total defense, limited Siena to 145 yards and just nine first downs on the afternoon in posting its second consecutive shutout. Offensively, Duquesne rolled to a season-high 537 yards, including 364 on the ground. Small, Duquesne's all-time leading rusher, carried 27 times for a season-high 186 yards and two touchdowns (19, 1), in upping his career rushing total to 4,063 yards. Small also finished with 212 all-purpose yards, enabling him to pass Joe Rosato (1994-97) and become DU's all-time all-purpose yardage leader. Rue also enjoyed his top rushing game of the season, as he carried 16 times for a career-high 158 yards and three scores. Rue, who scored on runs of 2, 42 and 2 yards, averaged 9.9 yards per carry on the afternoon. Quarterback Niel Loebig, who was an economical 10-of-14 for 121 yards, threw a pair of touchdown passes (11 yards to Yardon Brantley and 8 yards to Jeremy Conley). The Loebig-to-Brantley strike opened the scoring with 4:13 left in the first quarter. On Siena's next possession, DU's Leigh Bodden forced a fumble that was recovered by middle linebacker James Antinopoulos at the Siena 19. On the next play, Small sprinted around left end to put the Dukes up 14-0. Small and Rue added short touchdown runs to put the Dukes up 28-0 at the half. Rue added a pair of TDs in the third quarter from 42 and two yards out to put Duquesne up 42-0. Loebig connected with Conley on the last play of the third quarter to make the score 49-0. Matt Hrutkay finished the scoring with a 5-yard run with 8:23 to go. Siena did not advance past the Duquesne 50-yard line in the second half.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
SIENA	0	0	0	0	0
DUQUESNE	14	14	21	6	55

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (27-186-2); SIE - Brown (4-25-0)
 Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (14-10-0-121-2);
 SIE - Karolus (25-11-0-92-0)
 Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Conley (4-36-1); SIE - McCormack (5-64-0)
 Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Antinopoulos (6/2); SIE - Serie (11/9)

GAME #8**#5 DUQUESNE 51, #9 FAIRFIELD 19**

November 3, Alumni Field, Fairfield, Conn.
 Records: Duquesne (6-2, 4-0); Fairfield (4-4, 4-1)
 partly cloudy — 65 degrees

Duquesne saved its top effort of the season for its biggest game of the season in defeating Fairfield 51-19 before a homecoming crowd of 3,177 at Fairfield's Alumni Field. The win left the Dukes alone atop the MAAC Football League with a 4-0 record (6-2 overall), and dropped Fairfield's league mark to 4-1 (4-4 overall). The victory also put Duquesne in the driver's seat for the 2001 ECAC Bowl that will pit the MAAC champion against the Northeast Conference winner on December 1. Duquesne's 'big play' people made all of the big plays to

key the win. The Dukes drew first blood on a perfectly thrown 23-yard touchdown pass from Niel Loebig to Yardon Brantley to cap a game-opening 73-yard drive. Following a Fairfield punt, Duquesne marched 80 yards on 11 plays to make the score 13-0 on a four-yard run by Josh Rue. Fairfield then took advantage of a 32-yard kickoff return to cover 48 yards on 10 plays to cut the lead to 13-7 on Anthony Cuppari's one-yard plunge. With the crowd back in the game, Fairfield kicked off to Duquesne's Donte Small, who promptly tucked the ball in and took it 89 yards for a score. The Dukes made it 26-7 on Jeremy Conley's acrobatic one-handed catch of a 29-yard pass from Loebig with 1:16 left in the first half. Duquesne didn't let up in the second half, as it stretched its lead to 40-7 on an 85-yard pass from Loebig to Brantley followed by an 85-yard interception return for a score by safety Dave Pucka. Rue added a nine-yard touchdown run with 10:22 left. The Dukes also scored twice on blocked extra point returns. For the second consecutive week, Small (25-104) and Rue (13-103), running behind the blocking of left guard Hakim Carroll and left tackle Steve Lindsey, topped the 100-yard rushing mark. Loebig finished the game 6-of-15 for 186 yards and three scores, while Brantley paced the receiving corps with 108 yards on his two TD grabs. Pucka led the DU defense with nine tackles (8 solo) and two interceptions. Leigh Bodden and Joe Pavlick also added INTs for the Dukes.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
DUQUESNE	19	7	14	11	51
FAIRFIELD	7	0	0	12	19

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (25-104-0), Rue (13-103-2); FF - Watson (13-112-0)
 Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (15-6-1-186-3); FF - Cerchio (31-12-3-176-0)
 Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Brantley (2-108-2); FF - Bishop (6-97-0)
 Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Pucka (9/8), Antinopoulos (9/6); FF - Corello (12/4)

GAME #9**#5 DUQUESNE 21, MARIST 10**

November 10, Leonidoff Field, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
 Records: Duquesne (7-2, 5-0); Marist (2-6, 1-4)
 sunny — 52 degrees

Duquesne scored 14 points in a 1:57 span early in the fourth quarter to erase a three-point deficit and defeat Marist 21-10 at Leonidoff Field at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. With the victory, Duquesne (7-2, 5-0) extended its Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Football League win streak to 15 games, and in the process moved to within one win of clinching its third consecutive MAAC Football League title. Marist (2-6, 1-4) took advantage of a 64-yard pass play from Kevin Bielen to Sean Stellato to set up a two-yard Rommel Surname touchdown run to take a 7-0 lead with 9:55 to go in the first quarter. The Red Foxes maintained the one touchdown lead until Duquesne quarterback Niel Loebig guided the Dukes on a nine-play, 84-yard drive in the closing moments of the first half to tie the score. DU, which took over on the Marist 16 with 2:13 left, rode the right arm of Loebig, who completed 6-of-8 passes for 79 yards including a six-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Conley to cap the drive. Marist took advantage of a Loebig fumble in the third quarter to take a 10-7 lead on a 37-yard field goal by Brett Briggs. The Red Foxes, who recovered the ball on the Duquesne 22, managed just four yards on three plays before settling for the field goal. The Dukes looked to regain the lead in the closing moments of the third quarter when fullback Josh Rue reached the goal line, only to fumble the ball out of the end zone with 1:25 left. The DU defense, which limited Marist to just three first downs in the second half, forced a Red Foxes punt, and on the second play of the fourth quarter Loebig hit Yardon Brantley in stride on a crossing pattern for a 59-yard touchdown. On Marist's next possession, DU defensive tackle John Rodgers blocked a Charles Fowler punt that was recovered by the Dukes' Bill Arbogast at the Marist nine-yard line. On the next play, Rue took the ball in for a score to give Duquesne a 21-10 lead with 12:39 to go. Marist did not reach Duquesne territory the rest of the game. Brantley paced the DU offense with a career-high 136 yards receiving on six catches. Loebig finished the game 14-of-32 for 237 yards and two TDs. Rue led the Duquesne ground game with 102 yards on 14 carries. Middle linebacker James Antinopoulos led the Dukes' defense with 12 tackles. Dave Pucka, Joe Pavlick and Leigh Bodden intercepted one pass each for the Dukes.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
DUQUESNE	0	7	0	14	21
MARIST	7	0	3	0	10

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Rue (14-102-1); MC - Rulliano (9-28-0)
 Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (32-14-0-237-2); MC - Bielen (24-11-3-193-0)
 Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Brantley (6-136-1); MC - Stellato (4-102-0)
 Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Antinopoulos (12/3); MC - Lawson (13/7)

GAME #10
#4 DUQUESNE 63, CANISIUS 15
 November 17, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Records: Duquesne (8-2, 6-0); Fairfield (1-9, 1-6)
 sunny, mild — 65 degrees

Duquesne senior running back Josh Rue ran for a school record 317 yards and three touchdowns in leading Duquesne to a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Football League title-clinching 63-15 win over Canisius at Rooney Field. The victory also insured the Dukes (8-2, 6-0) a spot in the 2001 ECAC Bowl against Northeast Conference champion Sacred Heart (10-0, 8-0) on December 1. The loss ended Canisius' season at 1-9 (1-6 in the MAAC). The 6-3, 245-pound Rue, who was playing in his final regular-season home game as a Duke, totaled a school-record 409 yards of total offense in nearly single-handedly helping the Dukes clinch their MAAC record third consecutive league crown. Duquesne was also playing without all-time leading rusher Donte Small, who missed the game to take a teaching certification exam. Rue's 317 yards broke Small's old school record of 290 set last year vs. Georgetown. The game was never in doubt as Duquesne All-America candidate Leigh Bodden intercepted Canisius quarterback Frank Fusco's first two passes — setting up Rue for a two-yard touchdown and returning the second 40 yards for a score. Duquesne's Niel Loebig then hit Yardon Brantley with a 20-yard TD pass before Rue broke a run 86 yards for a score to put the Dukes up 27-0 after one quarter. Backup quarterback Chris Siegle added a one-yard plunge and Rue scored from seven yards out with 1:37 left in the half to give the Dukes a 40-0 lead at intermission. Rue led the first-half onslaught with 211 yards on 16 carries. Rue picked up where he left off in the second half, taking a pass from Loebig and racing 49 yards for a score to put the Dukes up 47-0. Canisius got on the board when Fusco hit Eric Mitchell with a one-yard TD pass to cap a 10-play, 70-yard drive at the end of the third quarter. At the start of the fourth quarter, Loebig had a pass intercepted in the end zone by Canisius' Hubert Hanks. Hanks was hit by Duquesne's Brantley and fumbled. The ball was then picked up by Canisius' Scott Lathrop who was then tackled in the end zone for a Duquesne safety. DU's Randy Vulakovich then took the ensuing free kick 69 yards for a touchdown to put Duquesne up 56-7. Matt Hrutkay added a three-yard run with 2:29 left for Duquesne's final score. Fusco hit Tom Zabawa with a 13-yard touchdown pass with 42 seconds left for Canisius. Rue was the one-man wrecking crew for Duquesne with his 317 yards rushing on 31 carries including TD runs of 2, 86 and 7 yards. He also caught two passes for 62 yards, including a 49-yard TD and added two kickoff returns for 30 yards. Brantley led Duquesne's receivers with six catches for 102 yards and one touchdown. Loebig finished 10-of-16 for 219 yards and two TDs. Duquesne finished the game with 595 yards of total offense and averaged a whopping 9.6 yards per play.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
CANISIUS	0	0	7	8	15
DUQUESNE	27	13	7	16	63

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Rue (31-317*-3); CC - Schmidli (15-61-0)
 Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (16-10-2-219-2); CC - Fusco (41-21-2-242-2)
 Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Brantley (6-115-1); CC - Zabawa (6-102-1)
 Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Wissner (11/8); CC - Coratti (7/6)

* - school records 317 yards rushing and 409 all-purpose yards for Duquesne's Josh Rue

ECAC BOWL
#1 SACRED HEART 31, #4 DUQUESNE 15
 November 31, Rooney Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Records: Sacred Heart (11-0); Duquesne (8-3)
 sunny, mild — 65 degrees

Sacred Heart's defense registered a key fourth-quarter sack and followed that with a 35-yard fumble return to put 14 points on the board in the final three minutes in pulling away for a 31-15 win over Duquesne in the ECAC Bowl at Rooney Field. Sacred Heart, who came into the game ranked No. 1 by The Sports Network, jumped out to a 17-0 halftime lead over the No. 4 Dukes on a 69-yard interception return by Brian Pawlowski followed by an 8-yard TD pass from Justin Holtfreter to Marvin Royal to cap a 74-yard drive. Duquesne stymied Sacred Heart's first series of the second half with a fourth down sack, before taking the ball 60 yards and scoring on a 25-yard pass from Niel Loebig to Jeremy Conley. Later in the third quarter, the Dukes pulled to within eight when Sacred Heart snapped the ball out of the end zone on a punt attempt. DU took the ensuing free kick and marched 53 yards on seven plays before scoring on another Loebig-to-Conley hook up — this one on a fade pattern covering 7 yards. Duquesne ran the same play on its two-point conversion attempt, but defensive back Kiheme Cowan batted the ball away to preserve Sacred Heart's 17-15 advantage. With just under five minutes remaining, Duquesne took possession on its 10 after a Sacred Heart punt. Loebig, attempting to pass, was hit from the blind side and fumbled, with the Pioneers recovering at the 1. Three plays later Holtfreter threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Royal to give Sacred Heart a 24-15 lead with 2:53 remaining. Josh Rue returned the kickoff 42 yards, but on the first play from scrimmage Loebig was sacked, fumbled and could only watch as Sacred Heart's Osain Mitchell took the ball 35 yards for the game-ending score. Duquesne's defense, led by Trent Wissner's 17 tackles, stopped Sacred Heart twice on fourth-and-short situations in the second half to fuel the Dukes' comeback. Small led all rushers with 134 yards on 29 carries and Conley took game receiving honors with five catches for 95 yards. Loebig completed 14-of-28 passes for 196 yards for DU. For Sacred Heart, Holtfreter completed 18 of 26 for 196 yards and Royal rushed for 50 yards on 25 carries. The Pioneer defense finished the game with eight sacks, an interception and two fumble recoveries. The Dukes outgained the Pioneers 297 to 265.

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
SACRED HEART	3	14	0	14	31
DUQUESNE	0	0	15	0	15

LEADERS

Rushing (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Small (29-134-0); SH - Royal (25-50-0)
 Passing (Att./Comp./Int./Yds./TD): DU - Loebig (28-14-1-196-2); SH - Holtfreter (26-18-2-196-2)
 Receiving (Att./Yds./TD): DU - Conley (5-95-2); SH - Gonzalez (5-74-0)
 Tackles (Tot./Solo): DU - Wissner (17/11); SH - Dymond (11/4)