

SAINT JOHN'S JOHNNIES

OFFICIAL 2021 SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME INFORMATION

4-Time National Champions • 1963, 1965, 1976, 2003

34 MIAC Titles • 30 Postseason Appearances

No. 5/6 SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY (3-0 OVERALL, 1-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

at CONCORDIA COLLEGE-MOORHEAD (1-2 OVERALL, 0-1 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Saturday, October 2, 2021; 1 p.m. | Jake Christiansen Stadium (cap. 7,000); Moorhead, Minn.



Nickname: Johnnies

Location: Collegeville, Minn.

Founded: 1857

Enrollment: 1,546

School Colors: Cardinal and Blue

Conference: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic (MIAC)

President: Dr. James Mullen

Athletic Director: Bob Alpers '82

Home Field (Capacity): Clemens Stadium (8,500)

Head Coach: Gary Fasching '81

SJU Record: 73-14 (Ninth season)

Overall Record: 73-14 (Ninth season)

Record vs. Concordia: 4-3



Nickname: Cobbers

Location: Moorhead, Minn.

Founded: 1891

Enrollment: 2,010

School Colors: Maroon and Gold

Conference: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic (MIAC)

President: William Craft

Athletic Director: Rachel Bergeson

Home Field (Capacity): Jake Christiansen Stadium (7,000)

Head Coach: Terry Horan

Concordia Record: 130-67 (21st Season)

Overall Record: 130-67 (21st Season)

Record vs. Saint John's: 6-13

SATURDAY'S GAME

Saint John's put up 423 yards of offense in a 31-25 win over then-No. 13 Bethel last Saturday (Sept. 25) in the MIAC opener. Senior wide receiver **Ravi Alston** (Lake Elsinore, Calif./Vista Murrieta) caught 11 passes for 159 yards and a touchdown and senior running back **Devon Vouk** (Sartell, Minn./Sartell-St. Stephen) rushed for 89 yards and two scores. Concordia suffered a 36-21 loss last weekend at Gustavus Adolphus. The Cobbers built a 14-0 lead, but an 89-yard kick return for a touchdown sparked 19 consecutive points for the Gusties. The two teams combined to score on the first six times the ball traded hands.

THE JOHNNIE RADIO NETWORK

Saturday's game can be heard live on WBHR-660 AM across central Minnesota, KDIZ-1570 AM in the Twin Cities and KOWZ-1170 AM in Waseca, which covers most of southern Minnesota and into western Wisconsin. Mark Lewandowski, Bryan Backes, Mike Carr and Charlie Carr will call all the action, beginning with Johnnies Magazine at 11 a.m. and the pre-game show at 11:30 a.m. The game will also be broadcast on the SJU football website via Stretch Internet. This is the 24th season SJU football can be heard worldwide over the internet.



SAME NIGHT, SAME PLACE FOR FOOTBALL WEEKLY

Tune in to Football Weekly during the football season this fall, each Thursday from 7-8 p.m., at the Blue Line Sports Bar & Grill in Sartell. Guests include head coach Gary Fasching, an SJU assistant coach, an SJU football student-athlete and a local high school head coach each week. The radio show airs live on WBHR-660 AM and gojohnnies.com via the Stretch Internet portal.

JOHNNIES & FASCHING ON KOOL-TV

Based out of Alexandria, Minn., KOOL-TV will again produce tape-delayed broadcasts of all Saint John's home football games, as well as the "Gary Fasching Coaches' Show," for the sixth consecutive season in 2021. The 30-minute show airs at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday night during the football season, followed by the tape-delayed home broadcast. Viewers outside of the KOOL-TV broadcast area will be able to watch the coaches' show and home-game broadcast as they are airing Tuesday nights on www.kooltv-mn.com. Neither broadcast will be archived online for future viewing. If you are not receiving KOOL-TV in your current television package, interested viewers are encouraged to visit www.getkooltv.com and sign the petition.



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2021 STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

Concordia (NCAA/MIAC)		Saint John's (NCAA/MIAC)
36.0 (47th/6th)	Scoring Offense	41.7 (25th/3rd)
28.3 (149th/6th)	Scoring Defense	21.7 (88th/3rd)
425.3 (44th/3rd)	Total Offense	499.0 (14th/1st)
403.3 (178th/7th)	Total Defense	292.7 (58th/2nd)
25:17	Avg. Time of Possession	31:01
PASSING		
345.0 (9th/1st)	Passing Offense	286.7 (37th/5th)
256.3 (189th/5th)	Passing Defense	215.7 (127th/4th)
8	Passing TD's	9
5	Passing TD's Allowed	7
149.5 (62nd/6th)	Pass Efficiency	150.4 (57th/5th)
141.5 (163rd/8th)	Pass-Efficiency Defense	134.6 (144th/7th)
RUSHING		
80.3 (197th/9th)	Rushing Offense	212.3 (32nd/1st)
147.0 (150th/7th)	Rushing Defense	77.0 (34th/3rd)
5	Rushing TD's	8
4	Rushing TD's Allowed	2
DEFENSE		
4	Sacks (Total)	7
19	Tackles For Loss (Total)	22
SPECIAL TEAMS		
13 (40.5)	Punts (Avg.)	6 (43.8)
13 (26.6)	Kick Returns (Avg.)	9 (20.6)
1 (12.0)	Punt Returns (Avg.)	7 (7.1)
N/A	Kickoff Coverage (Net Avg.)	43.0
TURNOVERS		
-1 (5/6)	Turnover Margin	-3 (2/5)
1	Interceptions	1
4	Interceptions Thrown	4
4	Fumbles Gained (Defensive)	1
2	Fumbles Lost	1
MISCELLANEOUS		
72.7% (8-11)	Red-Zone Offense	94.1% (16-17)
83.3% (10-12)	Red-Zone Defense	63.6% (7-11)
45.7% (21-46)	3rd-Down Offense	41.9% (13-31)
34.2% (13-38)	3rd-Down Defense	34.1% (14-41)
2,835 (2 games)	Avg. Home Attendance	7,747 (3 games)

2021 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Saint John's (3-0, 1-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Sept. 4	AURORA, Ill.	W, 39-33
Sept. 18	MARTIN LUTHER	W, 55-7
Sept. 25	BETHEL*	W, 31-25
Oct. 2	at Concordia*	1 p.m.
Oct. 9	AUGSBURG* (Homecoming)	1 p.m.
Oct. 16	ST. OLAF** (Family Weekend)	1 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Gustavus Adolphus*^	1 p.m.
Oct. 30	ST. SCHOLASTICA**	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Carleton*^	1 p.m.
Nov. 13	at MIAC Championship Week	1 p.m.

^ denotes a Northwoods Division game

Concordia (1-2, 0-1 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Sept. 4	VALLEY CITY STATE, N.D.	L, 32-35
Sept. 11	PRESENTATION, S.D.	W, 55-14
Sept. 25	at Gustavus Adolphus*	L, 21-36
Oct. 2	SAINT JOHN'S*	1 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Macalester*\$	1 p.m.
Oct. 16	BETHEL*\$	1 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Carleton*	1 p.m.
Oct. 30	AUGSBURG*\$	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Hamline*\$	1 p.m.
Nov. 13	MIAC CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK	1 p.m.

\$ denotes a Skyline Division game

Saint John's Football History

*thru Sept. 4

First Season	1900 (110th season)
All-Time Record	656-251-24 (.718)
All-Time MIAC Record	473-179-22 (.718)
All-Time Home Record	347-98-13 (.772)
All-Time Postseason Record	47-25 (.653)
NCAA Postseason Record	42-24 (.636)
All-Americans	140
Academic All-Americans	31
All-MIAC First-Team Selections	415

4 National Championships

1963 (NAIA), 1965 (NAIA), 1976, 2003

34 MIAC Championships

1932, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1953, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1985, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2018, 2019

30 Postseason Appearances

1963, 1965, 1969, 1976, 1977, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

26 NCAA Playoff Appearances

1976, 1977, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

11 Undefeated Seasons

1901, 1905, 1906, 1932, 1935, 1944, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1976, 2003

23 Seasons of 10+ Wins

1963, 1965, 1976, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019

CLEMENS STADIUM

Surface	SprinTurf (Artificial Grass)
Capacity	8,500
Opening Date	Saint John's Field (1908) Clemens Stadium (1997)
Last Turf Renovation	2012
All-Time Record	340-95-13 (.773)
Largest Crowd	17,327 Sept. 26, 2015 vs. St. Thomas

NEW GO JOHNNIES APP FOR MOBILE USERS

The Saint John's athletic department launched the Go Johnnies App in August, which is compatible with both iOS and Android devices. To download the app, visit the Apple App Store or Google Play, or search "Go Johnnies" in your device's app store. The new app provides Johnnie fans with a way to experience Saint John's Athletics throughout the year with features that include:

- Customizable push notifications for each of SJU's 11 varsity sports.
- Ability to purchase digital tickets for home SJU football and basketball games.
- Access to the Go Johnnies Network's live video streams, live stats and WBHR-660 AM The Bear's radio broadcasts.
- Exclusive promotions for upcoming events.
- Official rosters, stats and schedules.

Johnnie fans may purchase tickets and merchandise from the app, and can favorite their preferred sports to receive notifications for those specific SJU teams. CSB/SJU students can access their digital ticket for free admission to SJU basketball, football and hockey games. The Go Johnnies App is presented by Central Minnesota Federal Credit Union and is a collaboration between SJU's athletic media relations and sports marketing departments, and From Now On, a fan-engagement software and analytics company (FanX).

NEW SCOREBOARD WITHIN CLEMENS STADIUM



A new, state-of-the-art Formetco video scoreboard was installed in Clemens Stadium in early August. The high-definition, LED scoreboard – which is situated just in front of the southeast hillside – can display live footage from the football field and stands, as well as replays and recorded content.

The approximately 30 feet by 50 feet (1,400 square feet) scoreboard is a gift from the Sexton Family Foundation in recognition of legendary SJU head coach **John Gagliardi**, the winningest coach in college football history with 489 career victories.

The new scoreboard features a single-point sound system on top and is slightly larger than the videoboard at CHS Field in St. Paul (home of the St. Paul Saints), which is slightly under 27 feet by 49 feet (1,300 square feet). The task of operating the scoreboard will be part of the new Go Johnnies Network, which oversees live video streaming, the mobile app and more.

250+ YARDS AND 2+ TOUCHDOWNS PASSING

Sophomore quarterback **Aaron Syverson** (right; Minnetonka, Minn.) passed for 278 yards and two touchdowns in SJU's 31-25 win over Bethel last Saturday in Collegeville.



Trivia question: Who was the last SJU quarterback to throw for 250+ yards and 2+ touchdowns in his first three starts?

...Jackson Erdmann? No. Alex Kofoed? No. Willie Seiler? No.

The answer? Aaron Syverson.

The new Johnnie starter has thrown for 854 yards and eight touchdowns over his first three games, including two against nationally ranked opponents at the time. Although three other quarterbacks eclipsed 250 passing yards and threw for two touchdowns or more in their first Johnnie start, none were able to repeat the statistics in the second game (*see chart below*). Pat Kemper passed for 256 yards and three touchdowns in his first collegiate start Oct. 1, 1994, vs. Hamline (a 27-26 loss), but was injured in the game and did not make another start.

Aaron Syverson

Date	Opponent	Result	C-A-Y-TD
Sept. 4, 2021	Aurora, Ill.	W, 39-33	20-40-281-2
Sept. 18, 2021	Martin Luther	W, 55-7	14-22-295-4
Sept. 25, 2021	Bethel	W, 31-25	23-37-278-2

Willie Seiler

Date	Opponent	Result	C-A-Y-TD
Sept. 11, 1993	Maryville State, N.D.	W, 40-0	10-13-275-3
Sept. 18, 1993	Augsburg	W, 54-7	9-15-186-3
Sept. 25, 1993	at St. Olaf	W, 71-10	13-29-253-2

Rick Dougherty

Date	Opponent	Result	C-A-Y-TD
Oct. 8, 1983	at Gustavus Adolphus	W, 23-16	13-31-255-2
Oct. 15, 1983	Augsburg	W, 28-0	10-20-156-2
Oct. 22, 1983	at St. Olaf	W, 17-12	14-27-269-2

RAVI IN BUNCHES



Senior wide receiver **Ravi Alston** (*left*, Lake Elsinore, Calif./Vista Murrieta) caught 11 passes for 159 yards and a touchdown in the win over then-No. 13 Bethel. He was named the MIAC Offensive Player of the Week for the performance. Alston has 99 receptions for 1,615 yards (16.3 avg. per catch, 115.4 avg. per game) and 14 touchdowns over his last 14 games, including 20 catches for 347 yards (17.4 avg.) and a pair of touchdowns in two career games against Bethel. He accumulated 70 receiving yards or more in 13 of the 14 games. The lone holdout was the 47-14 win over Rose-Hulman (Ind.) on Nov. 16, 2019. His lone catch in that game was an 18-yard touchdown.

100-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Senior wide receiver **Ravi Alston's** performance last Saturday was his fourth career game of double-digit catches and his eighth of 100 yards or more (*see chart below*). He also has 104 career receptions, which are 14 behind Dave Arnold (1969-71) for 10th in SJU history.

Most 100-Yard Receiving Games in SJU History

Rk.	No.	Name (Years)
1.	22	Blake Elliott (2000-03)
2.	15	Chris Palmer (1992-95)
3.	11	Adam Herbst (1995-98)
4.	9	Todd Fultz (1988-90)
5.	8	Ravi Alston (2018-current)
	8	Kyle Gearman (2004-06)
	8	Jeremy Loretz (1991-94)

SERIES HISTORY

Saturday's game is the 87th meeting between SJU and Concordia. The Johnnies are 46-34-6 (.570) all-time against the Cobbers, including a narrow 19-18-1 record in Moorhead. SJU, however, is 10-1-1 against CC in the last 12 meetings in Moorhead.

SERIES NOTES

Series Record: SJU leads, 46-34-6 (Current Streak: CON, 1)

at Saint John's: SJU leads, 23-15-4 (Current Streak: CON, 1)

at Concordia-Moorhead: SJU leads, 19-18-1 (Current Streak: SJU, 3)

Neutral: SJU leads, 4-1-1 (Current Streak: SJU, 3)

Last Saint John's Win: Oct. 27, 2018 (42-14)

Last Concordia-Moorhead Win: Nov. 2, 2019 (19-18 OT)

Largest Margin of Saint John's Victory: 49 (1976)

Largest Margin of Concordia-Moorhead Victory: 41 (1929)

SERIES' BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES (By Yardage)

Rushing: **SJU**, Matt Malmberg, 24-178-4 TD (Nov. 13, 1993)
CON, Steve Grove, 38-175-2 TD (Sept. 24, 1988)

Passing: **SJU**, Ryan Keating, 20-41-387-4 TD (Nov. 3, 2001)
CON, Ethan Pole, 26-40-334-3 TD (Oct. 19, 1996)

Receiving: **SJU**, Jeremy Loretz, 7-165-1 TD (Nov. 13, 1992)
CON, Mark Lundstrom, 9-161-1 TD (Sept. 23, 1989)

ANOTHER WIN IN THE MIAC OPENER

The Johnnies improved to 68-24-7 (.722) all-time in their first MIAC game of the season, including a 33-10-4 (.745) record in Collegeville and a 5-0 record against Bethel (3-0 in Collegeville and 2-0 on the road), with last Saturday's 31-25 victory. It took SJU until its 11th season in the MIAC to win its first conference game of the season, a 7-0 home shutout of Hamline on Oct. 3, 1931. SJU was 0-6-4 in its first 10 conference openers and is 68-18-3 (.781) since.

THE OTHER MR. OCTOBER

Move over, Reggie Jackson. The Johnnies have compiled a perfect 25-0 record during the month of October in **Gary Fasching's** previous eight seasons as head coach.

CLAMPING DOWN

Bethel's opening drive last Saturday did not look promising for the Saint John's defense as the Royals converted three third-and-long opportunities (3-8, 3-15, 3-7) and scored a touchdown on fourth-and-four. BU, however, finished 2-for-10 on third down the rest of the game, though the visitors' final touchdown also came on fourth-and-four. Both SJU (34.1%, 14-41) and Concordia (34.2%, 13-38) have stingy defenses on third down so far this fall.

All-Time Series vs. Concordia

Year	Result	Date	Location
1923	CON, 3-0	Oct. 20	Collegeville
1924	CON, 13-7	Oct. 25	Moorhead
1925	CON, 14-7	Oct. 24	Moorhead
1926	SJU, 13-0	Oct. 23	Collegeville
1927	CON, 33-0	Oct. 22	Moorhead
1928	Tie, 6-6	Oct. 13	Collegeville
1929	CON, 41-0	Oct. 26	Moorhead
1930	CON, 7-0	Oct. 18	Collegeville
1931	CON, 29-0	Oct. 31	Moorhead
1932	Tie, 0-0	Oct. 29	Collegeville
1933	CON, 6-0	Oct. 28	Moorhead
1936	SJU, 13-0	Oct. 24	Collegeville
1937	SJU, 25-7	Oct. 23	Collegeville
1938	SJU, 33-6	Oct. 29	Moorhead
1939	SJU, 25-0	Oct. 14	Collegeville
1941	CON, 13-12	Oct. 25	Moorhead
1942	Tie, 14-14	Nov. 7	Collegeville
1946	CON, 19-6	Nov. 2	Moorhead
1951	SJU, 31-7	Oct. 20	Collegeville
1952	CON, 32-6	Oct. 18	Moorhead
1953	SJU, 7-6	Oct. 24	Collegeville
1954	SJU, 20-14	Oct. 23	Moorhead
1956	CON, 32-6	Oct. 20	Collegeville
1957	CON, 33-6	Oct. 26	Moorhead
1958	CON, 40-8	Oct. 31	Collegeville
1959	CON, 36-6	Sept. 19	Collegeville
1960	CON, 30-14	Sept. 24	Moorhead
1961	SJU, 48-6	Oct. 7	Collegeville
1962	SJU, 31-14	Oct. 13	Moorhead
1963	SJU, 28-0	Oct. 19	Collegeville
1964	CON, 20-0	Oct. 31	Moorhead
1965	SJU, 10-0	Nov. 6	Collegeville
1966	CON, 13-6	Sept. 24	Moorhead
1967	CON, 12-9	Sept. 30	Collegeville
1968	SJU, 7-0	Oct. 5	Moorhead
1969	CON, 20-6	Oct. 11	Collegeville
1970	CON, 16-7	Oct. 24	Moorhead
1971	SJU, 10-0	Oct. 30	Collegeville
1972	SJU, 32-7	Nov. 4	Moorhead
1973	SJU, 28-14	Sept. 22	Collegeville
1974	CON, 22-6	Nov. 2	Moorhead
1975	SJU, 28-17	Nov. 1	Collegeville
1976	SJU, 49-0	Oct. 16	Collegeville
1977	SJU, 31-0	Oct. 15	Moorhead
1978	CON, 17-0	Nov. 4	Collegeville
1979	SJU, 26-20	Nov. 3	Moorhead
1980	CON, 19-0	Oct. 18	Moorhead
1981	CON, 17-7	Oct. 24	Collegeville
1982	SJU, 14-10	Nov. 6	Collegeville
1983	SJU, 17-7	Nov. 5	Moorhead
1984	SJU, 13-9	Oct. 13	Collegeville
1985	SJU, 14-10	Oct. 12	Moorhead
1986	CON, 17-14	Oct. 25	Moorhead
1987	SJU, 20-18	Oct. 24	Collegeville
1988	CON, 28-7	Sept. 24	Collegeville
1989	Tie, 27-27	Sept. 23	Moorhead
1990	CON, 30-28	Nov. 10	Metrodome
1991	SJU, 24-7	Nov. 9	Metrodome
1992	Tie, 18-18	Nov. 13	Metrodome
1993	SJU, 44-21	Nov. 13	Metrodome
1994	SJU, 35-19	Nov. 5	Fargo, N.D.
1995	Tie, 14-14	Nov. 4	Collegeville
1996	SJU, 39-34	Oct. 19	Collegeville
1997	SJU, 20-12	Oct. 18	Moorhead
1998	SJU, 21-0	Oct. 17	Moorhead
1999	SJU, 7-3	Oct. 16	Collegeville
2000	SJU, 35-14	Nov. 11	Collegeville
2001	SJU, 28-14	Nov. 3	Fargo, N.D.
2002	SJU, 34-9	Oct. 26	Moorhead
2003	SJU, 24-12	Oct. 25	Collegeville
2004	CON, 21-20	Oct. 16	Collegeville
2005	SJU, 20-16	Oct. 15	Moorhead
2006	SJU, 14-12	Sept. 23	Moorhead
2007	SJU, 52-21	Sept. 22	Collegeville
2008	CON, 9-6	Sept. 20	Collegeville
2009	SJU, 31-19	Sept. 19	Moorhead
2010	SJU, 40-28	Sept. 18	Collegeville
2011	SJU, 28-21 (OT)	Sept. 17	Moorhead
2012	CON, 31-21	Sept. 22	Moorhead
2013	CON, 24-14	Sept. 28	Collegeville
2014	CON, 23-14	Sept. 20	Collegeville
2015	SJU, 24-16	Sept. 19	Moorhead
2016	SJU, 31-7	Nov. 12	Moorhead
2017	SJU, 10-3	Nov. 11	Collegeville
2018	SJU, 42-14	Oct. 27	Moorhead
2019	CON, 19-18 (OT)	Nov. 2	Collegeville

SJU HEAD COACH **GARY FASCHING**



THE FASCHING FILE

Born	Sept. 30, 1958
Hometown	Winsted, Minn.
High School	Holy Trinity, 1977
Wife	Cindy
Children	daughters, Laura and Megan sons, Jeff, Ryan and Scott
Degrees	Social Science; Saint John's, 1981 Sports Management; St. Cloud State, 2000

DURING FASCHING'S TENURE ON STAFF

All-Americans	68 (65 football, 3 track & field)
Academic All-Americans	22
All-MIAC First-Team Selections	165
MIAC Championships	13
	1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2018, 2019
Postseason Appearances	18
	1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

ASSISTANTS/SUPPORT STAFF

Defensive Coordinator	Jerry Haugen
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1976 (46th)
Offensive Coordinator/Receivers	Kole Heckendorf
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	North Dakota State, 2008 (9th)
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Brandon Novak
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2001 (22nd)
Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Line	Damien Dumonceaux
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2005 (16th)
Running Backs	Josh Bungum
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2016 (6th)
Quarterbacks	Michael Orts
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2009 (9th)
Linebackers	Matt Darling
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2004 (6th)
Offensive Line (Volunteer)	Mike Magnuson
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1990 (6th)
Offensive Line	Ben Eli
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2016 (5th)
Kickers (Volunteer)	Alexi Johnson
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2017 (4th)
Defense (Volunteer)	Andy Auger
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1995 (3rd)
Defense/Diversity & Student Success	Max Jackson
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2019 (1st)
Strength & Conditioning	Justin Rost
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Northwestern (Iowa), 2011 (9th)
Equipment Manager	Kevin Schiltz
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Augsburg, 1993 (18th)
Athletic Trainer	Scott Bierscheid
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	MSU-Mankato, 1992 (26th)
Athletic Media Relations Director	Ryan Klinkner
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2004 (16th)
Video	Sam Chalmers
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2021 (3rd)

STEPPING IN FOR THE LEGEND

A 1981 SJU graduate, Fasching became the 16th head coach in the 102-year history of Saint John's University football following the 2012 season. He succeeded John Gagliardi, who announced his retirement following 60 seasons at SJU, after serving 17 seasons as an assistant football coach and recruiting coordinator at SJU. Fasching was a three-year starter for Gagliardi and the Johnnies at linebacker during the 1978 and 1980-81 seasons. A knee injury held him out of the 1979 season.

AS AN ASSISTANT

The Johnnies posted a 164-39 record (120-22 MIAC) with 10 conference titles and 12 postseason appearances (22-11 playoff record), including the 2003 national championship, 2000 national runner-up performance and four national semifinal games during his tenure as an assistant coach. He also coached SJU's throwers as an assistant track and field coach from 1996-2011.

AT ST. CLOUD CATHEDRAL

Prior to joining the Johnnies' coaching staff, Fasching served as the head football coach at St. Cloud Cathedral High School from 1986-95, where he led the Crusaders to the State Class B title in 1992 and 1993.

FASCHING'S COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Position	Record	Notes
1982	St. Cloud Cathedral	Defensive Coordinator	6-3	
1983	St. Cloud Cathedral	Defensive Coordinator	3-6	
1984	St. Cloud Cathedral	Defensive Coordinator	5-4	
1985	St. Cloud Cathedral	Defensive Coordinator	6-4	
				20-17 (.541)
1986	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	4-5	
1987	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	2-6	
1988	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	7-3	
1989	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	6-5	
1990	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	2-7	
1991	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	1-7	
1992	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	10-4	Class B State Champions
1993	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	14-0	Class B State Champions
1994	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	4-5	
1995	St. Cloud Cathedral	Head Coach	7-4	
				57-46 (.553)
1996	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	11-1	MIAC Champions, NCAA
1997	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	6-4	
1998	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	11-1	MIAC Champions, NCAA
1999	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	11-2	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2000	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	13-2	National Runner-Up
2001	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	11-3	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2002	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	12-2	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2003	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	14-0	National Champions
2004	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	7-3	
2005	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	11-1	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2006	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	11-2	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2007	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	10-2	NCAA
2008	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	8-3	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2009	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	10-1	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2010	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	7-3	
2011	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	6-4	
2012	Saint John's	Defensive Assistant	5-5	
				164-39 (.808)
2013	Saint John's	Head Coach	7-3	
2014*	Saint John's	Head Coach	10-2	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2015	Saint John's	Head Coach	10-2	NCAA
2016	Saint John's	Head Coach	10-2	NCAA
2017*	Saint John's	Head Coach	9-2	NCAA
2018*	Saint John's	Head Coach	12-1	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2019*	Saint John's	Head Coach	12-2	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2021	Saint John's	Head Coach	3-0	
				73-14 (.839)

*MIAC Coach of the Year

SJU'S RECORD UNDER HEAD COACH GARY FASCHING

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	TOTAL
Record	7-3	10-2	10-2	10-2	9-2	12-1	12-2	3-0	73-14
MIAC	5-3	7-1	7-1	7-1	7-1	8-0	7-1	1-0	49-8
Non-Conference (Regular Season)	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	16-0
Postseason	---	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-1	---	8-6
Home	3-2	5-1	6-1	5-1	6-0	8-0	5-1	3-0	41-6
Away	4-1	5-1	4-1	5-1	3-1	3-1	6-1	---	30-7
Neutral	---	---	---	---	0-1	1-0	1-0	---	2-1
Ranked (AFCA/D3football.com)	2-2	7-1	10-2	10-2	9-2	12-1	12-2	3-0	65-12
vs. Ranked (AFCA/D3football.com)	1-1	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	4-1	2-0	15-10
Ranked vs. Ranked (AFCA/D3football.com)	---	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	4-1	2-0	12-9
Score First	5-1	8-0	8-0	8-0	9-1	11-0	8-2	2-0	59-4
Opponent Score First	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-1	1-1	4-0	1-0	14-10
Leading at Half	5-1	8-0	10-0	9-0	8-0	12-0	9-0	2-0	63-1
Trailing at Half	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	0-1	3-2	1-0	7-11
Tied at Half	1-0	1-1	0-1	---	1-0	---	---	---	3-2
Leading after Third Quarter	5-1	10-0	10-0	9-0	9-0	12-0	11-0	3-0	69-1
Trailing after Third Quarter	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	---	3-11
Tied after Third Quarter	1-0	0-1	---	---	---	---	0-1	---	1-2
Overtime	0-1	---	---	---	---	---	0-1	---	0-2
September	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-1	4-1	4-0	3-0	3-0	26-5
October	3-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	---	25-0
November	1-2	4-1	3-1	3-1	2-1	4-0	4-1	---	21-7
December	---	---	---	---	---	0-1	1-1	---	1-2
Scoring less than 20 points	2-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	---	5-11
Scoring 20+ points	5-1	10-0	10-0	10-1	8-0	12-0	10-0	3-0	68-2
Scoring 30+ points	2-0	5-0	8-0	9-0	7-0	11-0	10-1	3-0	55-1
Scoring 40+ points	---	2-0	8-0	8-0	6-0	10-0	7-0	1-0	42-0
Allowing less than 20 points	6-0	9-0	8-0	8-0	9-1	9-0	7-1	1-0	57-2
Allowing 20+ points	1-3	1-2	2-2	2-2	0-1	3-1	5-0	2-0	16-11
Allowing 30+ points	---	---	0-2	1-2	---	---	2-1	1-0	4-5
Rushing for less than 100 yards	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	4-1	---	8-8
Rushing for 100+ yards	6-2	10-1	10-0	9-1	8-1	11-0	8-1	3-0	65-6
Rushing for 200+ yards	2-0	7-0	8-0	7-0	6-0	5-0	3-1	2-0	40-1
Rushing for 300+ yards	---	3-0	---	2-0	3-0	2-0	---	---	10-0
Passing for less than 200 yards	5-2	9-2	6-0	2-1	4-2	---	---	---	26-7
Passing for 200+ yards	2-1	1-0	4-2	8-1	5-0	12-1	12-2	3-0	47-7
Passing for 300+ yards	---	---	---	1-0	1-0	3-1	9-2	1-0	15-3
Passing for 400+ yards	---	---	---	---	---	1-1	6-0	---	7-1
Totalling less than 200 yards	---	---	---	---	0-1	---	---	---	0-1
Totalling 200+ yards	7-3	10-2	10-2	10-2	9-1	12-1	12-2	3-0	73-13
Totalling 300+ yards	6-2	9-1	9-0	9-1	8-0	12-1	12-2	3-0	68-7
Totalling 400+ yards	1-0	3-0	7-0	8-0	6-0	10-1	10-1	3-0	49-2
Allowing less than 100 yards	---	---	---	3-0	3-0	1-0	---	---	7-0
Allowing less than 200 yards	---	2-0	1-0	7-0	5-0	3-0	4-0	1-0	23-0
Allowing less than 300 yards	3-1	6-0	5-0	7-0	9-0	7-0	6-1	2-0	45-2
Allowing 300+ yards	4-2	4-2	5-2	3-2	0-2	5-1	6-1	1-0	28-12
Having a 100-yard Rusher	2-0	10-0	8-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	28-3
Having 2 100-yard Rushers	---	1-0	---	---	---	1-0	---	---	2-0
Having a 100-yard Receiver	3-0	---	3-1	4-0	2-0	4-1	10-2	3-0	29-4
Having a 200-yard Receiver	---	---	---	---	---	1-0	1-0	---	2-0
Opponent 100-yard Rusher	4-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	0-1	2-0	2-0	---	11-6
Opponent 100-yard Receiver	2-1	3-0	4-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	3-0	2-0	20-1
No Turnovers	1-0	5-0	4-0	3-0	3-1	6-0	3-0	---	25-1
Less than 3 Turnovers	3-3	9-2	10-0	9-1	9-2	10-0	11-1	3-0	64-9
3+ Turnovers	4-0	1-0	0-2	1-1	---	2-1	1-1	---	9-5
No Takeaways	2-0	1-1	1-1	---	1-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	10-3
Less than 3 Takeaways	3-2	4-2	6-2	6-2	5-2	7-1	7-2	3-0	41-13
3+ Takeaways	4-1	6-0	4-0	4-0	4-0	5-0	5-0	---	32-1
30:00+ Possession	4-2	7-1	4-0	10-1	7-0	5-0	4-1	2-0	43-5
Less than 30:00 Possession	3-1	3-1	6-2	0-1	2-2	7-1	8-1	1-0	30-9

GRINDING IT OUT

Historically a ground-and-pound offense that runs up the time of possession, Bethel found itself on the opposite side of the strategy last Saturday. SJU had the ball for 35:28, including 20:54 of the second half, and ran 26 more offensive plays (81-55) than the Royals.

The Johnnies' first two scoring drives of the game consisted of 15 (for 77 yards) and 14 (for 58 yards) plays. The last time SJU put together consecutive scoring drives of 14 plays or more occurred Oct. 27, 2007; a 51-34 home win over St. Thomas: 17 plays (for 67 yards) and 14 plays (for 69 yards).

THE LAST GAME

at Saint John's 31, Bethel 25

There were a number of times in last Saturday's MIAC opener against Bethel when it looked like the tide had turned against Saint John's. And each time, senior wide receiver **Ravi Alston** and the Johnnies' offense was there to turn it right back, holding the line in a 31-25 victory before a crowd of 9,133 at a sun-splashed Clemens Stadium.

It was required several times – each occasion coming after Bethel had scored to cut a double-digit Johnnies' lead to just five or six points. Twice, the Saint John's offense answered with touchdown drives of their own, and the third time they put together a 10-play possession that ran the final 5:01 off the clock to seal the victory.



SJU trailed 6-0 most of the first half before quarterback **Aaron Syverson** connected with Alston on a 12-yard touchdown pass with 4:55 to go before halftime. The touchdown sent SJU into the locker rooms up 7-6. A 25-yard field goal early in the third quarter by freshman kicker **Conor Pavelko** (Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman) increased that lead to 10-6, then senior running back **Devin Vouk** (left) expanded the margin to 17-6 when he scored the first of his two touchdowns – this one a 4-yard run with 6:32 left in the third quarter.

A 1-yard touchdown run by Bethel's Aaron Ellingson cut the Johnnies' lead to 17-12 with 4:35 left in the third quarter before SJU answered with a seven play, 71-yard scoring drive capped by a 9-yard touchdown pass from Syverson to 6-foot-7 junior tight end **Alex Larson** (Woodbury, Minn./East Ridge). Then, after Bethel quarterback Jaran Roste scored on a 4-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 24-19 early in the fourth quarter, the Johnnies drove 92 yards in seven plays to score on a 1-yard run by Vouk.

Bethel hung in there, scoring on a 58-yard pass from Roste to Joey Kidder to cut the gap to 31-25 with 5:08 still to play. But the offense made sure that was the last time the Royals saw the ball, converting twice on third down on their final drive, including an acrobatic 10-yard catch by Alston on 3rd-and-four at the Johnnies' 41. SJU also had a big fourth-down conversion when Vouk carried for three yards on 4th-and-1 at the Bethel 40.

SJU's defense held the Royals to 61 yards on 26 carries (2.3 avg.), while the Johnnies smashed for 147 yards on 44 attempts (3.3). The home team out-gained BU, which entered the game with the third-best scoring defense in NCAA Division III (7.0 ppg.), by a 425-294 margin.

at Gustavus Adolphus 36, Concordia 21

In Concordia's second game of the season, it was an 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown that sparked the Cobbers to a 55-14 home victory over NAIA Presentation (S.D.). Last Saturday, an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Gustavus Adolphus swung the momentum en route to a 36-21 win over Concordia.

The Cobbers had just taken a 14-10 lead in the first five minutes of the second quarter on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Tanner Dubois to Zach Wolf, but on the ensuing kickoff, the Gusties were able to create a lane up the left sideline that allowed the returner to go 89 yards for the score. The score started a string of 19 consecutive points for the Gusties.

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Concordia would get to within eight points on a Peyton Mortenson 1-yard run at the start of the fourth quarter but then Gustavus would finish the game with a 9-play, 65-yard drive to push the final total to 36-21. Senior Andy Gravdahl posted his second straight game of 125 receiving yards or more with seven catches for 127 yards and the team's first touchdown.

THE LAST MEETING

Concordia 19, at Saint John's 18 (OT)

Then-No. 4 Saint John's rolled to 581 yards of offense but committed 5 turnovers in a 19-18 overtime loss to Concordia back on Nov. 2, 2019, in Collegeville.

Senior running back **Henry Trost** (Lindstrom, Minn./Chisago Lakes) banged in from 1 yard out to give SJU an 18-12 lead to cap the first possession of overtime. The Johnnies converted the 2-point attempt, but were called for an illegal-man-downfield penalty. The ensuing extra-point attempt was blocked for the third time of the game. On fourth-and-nine, the Cobbers' Matt Bye made an acrobatic, 24-yard catch for what proved to be the game-winning score on Concordia's possession in OT. SJU deflected the pass, which was the Cobbers' third completion of the game, Bye juggled it and caught it on his back in the end zone.

The Johnnies struggled to execute on special teams in the loss. Concordia returned the opening kickoff 78 yards to the SJU 16-yard line, but missed a 25-yard field goal four plays later. A muffed punt return gave the Cobbers the ball on SJU's 9-yard line early in the second quarter. CC punched it in two plays later to gain a 7-6 lead. The Cobbers' second PAT block was returned by Marshall King for two points to tie the game at 12-12 early in the third quarter.

SJU scored points on 2 of its 6 trips to the red zone and was 2-for-6 on fourth down. Three of the four empty drives ended inside the Cobbers' 9-yard line: an interception in the end zone from the 8-yard line, turnover on downs on the 9-yard line and an interception on fourth down from the 7-yard line. The Johnnies scored points on 25 of their 35 red-zone trips and went 8-for-16 on fourth down in their previous seven games.

SJU held Concordia to 249 yards of offense, including 81 yards after halftime (one first down and 51 yards of offense, combined, in the third and fourth quarters). The Cobbers had seven possessions after halftime in regulation, six of which were punts (five were three-and-outs). The other possession was a kneel-down to send the game to overtime.

Quarterback Jackson Erdmann '19 threw a career-high four interceptions in the loss. He finished 22 of 42 for 356 yards. He connected with tight end Jack Kemper '20 for a 70-yard touchdown pass on the game's fourth offensive play of the second half to give SJU a 12-10 lead (right). The blocked-PAT return, however, tied the game soon after.



Ravi Alston caught a 79-yard pass down to the CC 9-yard line on the next possession, but Erdmann was intercepted four plays later on fourth-and-goal. Alston finished with a team-leading 112 yards on four receptions. Trost churned out 110 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries (9.2 avg.) in the loss. He gave SJU a 6-0 lead with the first of his two 1-yard rushing scores with 3:29 left in the opening quarter.

The loss snapped SJU's 20-game home win streak and served as its first defeat at Clemens Stadium since 2016 (33-21 to St. Thomas on Sept. 24).

JOHNSON NAMED AN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Senior offensive lineman **Tyler Johnson** (right, Willmar, Minn.) was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America second team July 14. The Academic All-District and All-America teams are voted upon and selected by registered members of CoSIDA.



The Johnnies have had 17 football Academic All-Americans in the last 17 seasons (31 overall).

Johnson is a mathematics major with a 3.98 GPA and a two-time Academic All-MIAC honoree. He caught two passes, both for touchdowns, as a tight end in 2019, but put on 30 pounds and transitioned to offensive tackle for 2020-21.

FOLLOWING SJU'S 2021 OPPONENTS

• Sept. 4 vs. Aurora, Ill.

2021 Record: 2-2 (2-0 NACC)

Last Week: W, 70-20 vs. Rockford (Ill.), Sept. 25

This Week: at Wisconsin Lutheran, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: BYE (Oct. 9)

W, 39-33



• Sept. 18 vs. Martin Luther

2021 Record: 1-3 (0-0 UMAC)

Last Week: L, 27-35 vs. Alma (Mich.), Sept. 25

This Week: vs. Greenville (Ill.), Oct. 2, 12 p.m.

Next Week: at Crown, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

W, 55-7



• Sept. 25 vs. Bethel (Tackle Cancer)

2021 Record: 2-1 (0-1 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Last Week: L, 25-31 at No. 5/6 Saint John's, Sept. 25

This Week: vs. Gustavus Adolphus, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at Hamline, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

W, 31-25



• Oct. 2 at Concordia

2021 Record: 1-2 (0-1 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Last Week: L, 21-36 at Gustavus Adolphus, Sept. 25

This Week: vs. No. 5/6 Saint John's, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at Macalester, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

1 p.m.



• Oct. 9 vs. Augsburg (Homecoming)

2021 Record: 1-2 (1-0 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Last Week: W, 54-14 at St. Scholastica, Sept. 25

This Week: vs. St. Olaf, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at No. 5/6 Saint John's, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

1 p.m.



• Oct. 16 vs. St. Olaf (Family Weekend)

2021 Record: 2-1 (1-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: W, 40-27 vs. Macalester, Sept. 25

This Week: at Augsburg, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: vs. Carleton, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

1 p.m.



• Oct. 23 at Gustavus Adolphus

2021 Record: 3-0 (1-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: W, 36-21 vs. Concordia, Sept. 25

This Week: at No. 16/17 Bethel, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at St. Scholastica, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

1 p.m.



• Oct. 30 vs. St. Scholastica

2021 Record: 0-1 (0-1 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: L, 14-54 vs. Augsburg, Sept. 25

This Week: at Hamline, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: vs. Gustavus Adolphus, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

1 p.m.



• Nov. 6 at Carleton

2021 Record: 3-0 (1-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: W, 35-7 vs. Hamline, Sept. 25

This Week: at Macalester, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at St. Olaf, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

1 p.m.



• Nov. 13 at TBD (MIAC Championship Week)

1 p.m.



SJU vs. 2021's OPPONENTS

Opponent	Result/Time	Series	First	Last	Streak
Aurora, Ill.	W, 39-33	SJU, 2-0	2019	2021	W2
Martin Luther	W, 55-7	SJU, 2-0	2018	2021	W2
Bethel	W, 31-25	SJU, 33-9	1978	2021	W7
at Concordia	1 p.m.	SJU, 46-34-6	1923	2019	L1
Augsburg	1 p.m.	SJU, 70-9-2	1926	2019	W7
St. Olaf	1 p.m.	SJU, 44-14-1	1922	2019	W7
at Gustavus Adolphus	1 p.m.	SJU, 51-32-3	1923	2019	W6
St. Scholastica	1 p.m.	SJU, 3-0	2014	2017	W3
at Carleton	1 p.m.	SJU, 37-0	1983	2019	W37
at TBD (MIAC)	1 p.m.	---	---	---	---

288-98-12 (.739)

THREE JOHNNIES ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Three Johnnies were named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District VI football team June 10. The honor was the second consecutive for senior running back **Henry Trost** and the first for senior cornerback **Tommy Deters** (Maple Plain, Minn./Orono) and senior offensive lineman **Tyler Johnson**. SJU has had 46 Academic All-District selections in the past 16 seasons.

BACKES NOMINATED FOR CAMPBELL TROPHY



Senior quarterback **Chris Backes** (left; St. Cloud, Minn./Tech) was named one of the 176 semifinalists for the 2021 William V. Campbell Trophy and is a candidate for the 2021 National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athlete Awards. Backes is one of 39 football student-athletes from NCAA Division III and one of two from the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) to be nominated for the Campbell Trophy. Bethel quarterback Jaran Roste is the other.

Since 1995, 20 Johnnies have been nominated for the Campbell Trophy. SJU is the lone program out of the 672 NCAA schools to have nominated a Campbell Trophy scholar-athlete each of the past 19 seasons.

The award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation, and up to 14 of the candidates will be named recipients of a prestigious NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award. Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, candidates for the awards must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility (this criteria was relaxed for 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 season), have a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first-team player or significant contributor and demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

Launched in 1959, the NFF National Scholar-Athlete program awards \$18,000 scholarships that can be used for the honorees' postgraduate education. SJU has produced three NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award winners: linebacker Carter Hanson '17 (2016), linebacker Matt Hawn '06 (2005) and wide receiver Chris Palmer '96 (1995). The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 27 and each of them will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class. One of the finalists will be named the winner of the 32nd Campbell Trophy during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 7 and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to \$25,000.

An economics major with a 3.98 GPA, Backes was selected to the 22-man, 2020 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team and earned the 2018 and 2019 MIAC Elite 22 Award for having the highest cumulative GPA among the conference's top two teams at the end of the regular season.

The three-time Academic All-MIAC honoree (minimum 3.5 GPA) has played in each of SJU's last 30 games as the team's holder on field goals and PAT's and appeared in 18 games at quarterback. Backes has a 191.4 career pass-efficiency rating (20 of 28 passing for 282 yards and three touchdowns), as well as 172 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 36 career carries.

Off the field, Backes is in his fifth year volunteering for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as a member of the SJU football team. He was strictly a fundraiser as a freshman and sophomore (2017-18), was a board member in 2019 and is in his second season as the recruitment director (2020, 2021). Backes spearheaded SJU football's 2019 fundraising effort for St. Jude's, where the team raised over \$38,000, and visited the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Nashville in summer 2019.

Backes was a member of SJU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in 2019-20 and served as the organization's president in 2020-21. SJU's SAAC meets monthly to help plan events for Special Olympics and to organize fundraising efforts for Kids Fighting Hunger, SJU's annual meal-packing event during Lent. Backes also volunteered at the local No Kid Hungry meal-packing event, through Kids Fighting Hunger, at the local St. Cloud Convention Center in January 2017 and January 2020.

Backes is a member of OIKOS, SJU's Economics Honor Society, which organizes several conversations on the economics of a current event or topic each semester during the academic year and regularly sponsors other events related to economics. He also volunteered at the Church of St. Joseph's (St. Joseph, Minn.) local fish fry during Lent and for its annual Thanksgiving meal in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

D3football.com Poll (Sept. 26)

No.	School (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Votes	Prev.	Others Receiving Votes:
1.	North Central, Ill. (16)	3-0	610	1	Baldwin Wallace 42, Berry 33,
2.	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (8)	4-0	588	2	Birmingham-Southern 28, Wabash 26,
3.	UW-Whitewater	3-0	581	3	Centre 21, Chapman 21, Albion 19, RPI 18,
4.	Mount Union, Ohio (1)	3-0	564	4	Randolph-Macon 17, Ursinus 17, Aurora
5.	Wheaton, Ill.	2-1	500	5	14, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 14, UW-Stout
6.	Saint John's	3-0	490	6	11, Wartburg 10, Trinity (Texas) 10, Howard
7.	Hardin-Simmons, Texas	3-1	458	7	Payne 10, Carthage 3, UW-River Falls 3,
8.	UW-Oshkosh	2-0	421	8	Ohio Wesleyan 2, Salve Regina 2, Widener
9.	Linfield, Ore.	2-0	417	9	1.
10.	Delaware Valley, Pa.	3-0	398	10	
11.	Washington and Jefferson, Pa.	4-0	350	11	
12.	Union, N.Y.	4-0	308	12	
13.	Central, Iowa	4-0	306	14	
14.	Salisbury, Md.	2-1	294	15	
15.	Johns Hopkins, Md.	4-0	267	18	
16.	Bethel	2-1	243	13	
17.	Ithaca, N.Y.	3-0	231	19	
18.	Whitworth, Wash.	3-0	172	20	
19.	Cortland State, N.Y.	3-0	121	25	
20.	UW-La Crosse	2-1	101	23	
21.	Hobart, N.Y.	4-0	85	---	
22.	John Carroll, Ohio	1-2	81	21	
23.	Muhlenberg, Pa.	3-1	73	24	
24.	Westminster, Pa.	2-1	51	---	
25.	Susquehanna, Pa.	4-0	49	---	

AFCA Poll (Sept. 27)

No.	School (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Votes	Prev.	Others Receiving Votes:
1.	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (24)	4-0	1,138	1	John Carroll 68, Rensselaer 64, Baldwin Wallace 52,
2.	North Central, Ill. (19)	3-0	1,102	4	Gustavus Adolphus 43, Randolph-Macon
3.	UW-Whitewater (3)	3-0	1,087	2	42, Berry 36, Westminster (Pa.) 32,
4.	Mount Union, Ohio (1)	3-0	1,082	3	Widener 25, UW-Stout 24, Trinity (Texas)
5.	Saint John's	3-0	954	5	22, Birmingham Southern 21, Washington
6.	UW-Oshkosh	2-0	900	7	& Lee 14, Chapman 13, Ursinus 9, Centre
7.	Delaware Valley, Pa.	3-0	846	8	8, Wartburg 6, California Lutheran 5,
8.	Linfield, Ore.	2-0	812	9	Redlands 5, Brockport State 4, Merchant
9.	Hardin-Simmons, Texas	3-1	753	6	Marine 4, Howard Payne 3, Ohio Wesleyan
10.	Wheaton, Ill.	2-1	730	10	3, Chicago 2, Aurora 1, UW-River Falls 1.
11.	Union, N.Y.	4-0	657	11	
12.	Central, Iowa	4-0	649	13	
13.	Washington and Jefferson, Pa.	4-0	621	12	
14.	Johns Hopkins, Md.	4-0	616	14	
15.	Ithaca, N.Y.	3-0	439	19	
16.	Salisbury, Md.	2-1	434	17	
17.	Bethel	2-1	349	15	
18.	Wabash, Ind.	3-0	320	20	
19.	Cortland State, N.Y.	3-0	302	23	
20.	UW-La Crosse	2-1	283	22	
21.	Muhlenberg, Pa.	3-1	159	25	
22.	Whitworth, Wash.	3-0	155	---	
23.	Hobart, N.Y.	4-0	141	---	
24.	Albion, Mich.	4-0	137	---	
25.	Susquehanna, Pa.	4-0	102	---	

Recent MIAC Scores/Upcoming Games

Sept. 25 (Last Saturday)

Augsburg 54 @ St. Scholastica 14
No. 13/15 Bethel 25 @ No. 5/6 Saint John's 31
 Concordia 21 @ Gustavus Adolphus 36
 Hamline 7 @ Carleton 35
 Macalester 27 @ St. Olaf 40

Oct. 2 (This Saturday)

Carleton @ Macalester, 1 p.m.
 Gustavus Adolphus @ No. 16/17 Bethel, 1 p.m.
No. 5/6 Saint John's @ Concordia, 1 p.m.
 St. Olaf @ Augsburg, 1 p.m.
 St. Scholastica @ Hamline, 1 p.m.

Oct. 9 (Next Saturday)

Augsburg @ No. 5/6 Saint John's, 1 p.m.
 No. 16/17 Bethel @ Hamline, 1 p.m.
 Carleton @ St. Olaf, 1 p.m.
 Concordia @ Macalester, 1 p.m.
 Gustavus Adolphus @ St. Scholastica, 1 p.m.

Oct. 16 (In 2 Weeks)

No. 16/17 Bethel @ Concordia, 1 p.m.
 Hamline @ Gustavus Adolphus, 1 p.m.
 Macalester @ Augsburg, 1 p.m.
St. Olaf @ No. 5/6 Saint John's, 1 p.m.
 Carleton @ St. Scholastica, 1:30 p.m.



2021 MIAC Standings

NORTHWOODS DIVISION

	Division	PF	PA	MIAC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA
Saint John's	0-0	0	0	1-0	31	25	3-0	125	65
Carleton	0-0	0	0	1-0	35	7	3-0	136	20
Gustavus	0-0	0	0	1-0	36	21	3-0	143	97
St. Olaf	0-0	0	0	1-0	40	27	2-1	86	80
St. Scholastica	0-0	0	0	0-1	14	54	0-1	14	54

SKYLINE DIVISION

	Division	PF	PA	MIAC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA
Augsburg	0-0	0	0	1-0	54	14	1-2	111	80
Bethel	0-0	0	0	0-1	25	31	2-1	112	45
Hamline	0-0	0	0	0-1	7	35	2-1	91	101
Concordia	0-0	0	0	0-1	21	36	1-2	108	85
Macalester	0-0	0	0	0-1	27	40	1-2	65	136

ALL-REGION ANCHOR

Saint John's led the West Region with a program-record eight D3football.com All-West Region honorees in 2019, ahead of UW-Whitewater (7) and Chapman, Calif. (6). The Johnnies have had 40 All-West Region honorees over the last six seasons.



In addition to senior wide receiver **Ravi Alston**, senior center **Nick Neumann** (right, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) returns out of the eight honorees in 2021. The duo also serves as SJU's lone All-MIAC first-team returners from 2019. Neumann has started SJU's last 32 games at center and anchored an offense that finished the 2019 season second in NCAA Division III in first downs (339) and passing yards per game (371.4), and sixth in both passing efficiency (178.49) and total offense (512.9 ypg.).

A PLAYOFF REGULAR

The NCAA berth in 2019 was SJU's 30th postseason appearance in program history and the 26th at the Division III level. The bid was also the sixth consecutive in seven seasons under the direction of head coach **Gary Fasching**, which tied the MIAC record held by former head coach John Gagliardi.

Most Consecutive Postseason Appearances in MIAC History

No.	Name	Years
6	Gary Fasching, Saint John's	2014-19
	John Gagliardi, Saint John's	1998-2003
5	John Gagliardi, Saint John's	2005-09
4	Glenn Caruso, St. Thomas	2009-12, 2014-17

MIAC TITLE NO. 34

SJU clinched a share of its MIAC-record 34th conference championship, and the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Playoffs, with a 70-0 shutout of Hamline on Nov. 9, 2019. St. Thomas earned the other share of the title with a 17-7 home win over Bethel the following week. The Johnnies, however, earned the conference's automatic bid thanks to their 38-20 win over the Tommies Oct. 19 at Allianz Field in St. Paul.

MIAC Titles, Won or Shared (since 1920)

School	No.	Last Title
Saint John's	34	2019
Gustavus	22	1987
St. Thomas*	21	2019
Concordia	18	2004
St. Olaf	6	1979
Bethel	5	2013
Hamline	5	1988
Minnesota-Duluth*	3	1973
Augsburg	2	1997
Carleton	2	1992
Macalester	2	1947
Saint Mary's%	1	1928

*no longer a member of the MIAC

%no longer competes in MIAC football

ANOTHER 10-WIN SEASON

The Johnnies' 12-2 record in 2019 was their 23rd 10-win season in program history. No other MIAC program has even half of that total.

10-Win Seasons, Among MIAC Schools

School	No.	Last
Saint John's	23	2019
Concordia	7	2005
Bethel	5	2018
St. Scholastica	2	2014
Augsburg	1	1997
Gustavus	1	1987
Carleton	0	-
Hamline	0	-
Macalester	0	-
St. Olaf	0	-

SJU FOOTBALL, BY THE NUMBERS (entering the 2021 season)

.717 - Saint John's all-time winning percentage, the highest in NCAA Division III history and the sixth-best in all of college football (among those with 75 seasons or more).

4 - Gagliardi Trophy recipients (wide receivers Chris Palmer in 1996 and Blake Elliott in 2003, linebacker Carter Hanson in 2016 and quarterback Jackson Erdmann in 2018).

4 - National championships (1963, 1965, 1976, 2003).

7 - Undefeated and untied seasons.

9 - MIAC Mike Stam Award recipients, as the conference's most valuable lineman. Established in 1990, SJU's most recent honoree was Ben Barch '20 in 2019.

16/19 - For the 16th time in the last 19 seasons, and 21st time overall, Saint John's led NCAA Division III in on-campus football attendance in 2017. The Johnnies led Division III in total attendance (47,297) and finished second in average per game in 2018.

20 - MIAC Most Valuable Players, beginning with Jim Lehman '56 in 1955 and the most recent, Jackson Erdmann '19, in 2018.

30 - Postseason appearances, including the 1969 Mineral Water Bowl (a 21-0 win over Simpson, Iowa).

34 - MIAC championships, beginning with the first in 1932.

72 - Postseason games (47-25 record).

91 - Out of 109 seasons in which SJU has finished without a losing record. Fifteen of the 18 losing seasons occurred before 1945.

110 - The 2021 football season is the 110th at SJU.

140 - 107 Johnnies have earned All-America honors a total of 140 times.

415 - 294 Johnnies have earned All-MIAC first-team honors a total of 415 times.

472 - All-time MIAC wins, a .718 winning percentage (472-179-22 record).

653 - All-time victories, the seventh-most in NCAA Division III history. SJU is the only school in the top 10 that has played less than 120 seasons.

SJU FOOTBALL BY DECADE (thru Sept. 25)

Decade	Record (Pct.)
1900's	15-14-0 (.517)
1910's	<i>did not compete</i>
1920's	12-40-4 (.250)
1930's	45-19-7 (.683)
1940's	33-23-3 (.585)
1950's	51-27-1 (.652)
1960's	65-21-3 (.747)
1970's	70-20-2 (.772)
1980's	71-25-2 (.735)
1990's	96-17-2 (.843)
2000's	107-19-0 (.849)
2010's	88-26-0 (.772)
2020's	3-0-0 (1.000)

BEST WINNING PERCENTAGE (entering the 2021 season)

*minimum 75 seasons, all divisions of college football

Team	Div.	W	L	T	Pct.	Seasons
1. Ohio State	FBS	931	327	53	.730	131
2. Alabama	FBS	929	331	43	.729	126
Notre Dame	FBS	918	328	42	.729	131
4. Michigan	FBS	964	350	36	.727	141
5. Oklahoma	FBS	917	329	53	.726	126
6. Saint John's	III	653	251	24	.717	109
7. Texas	FBS	923	378	33	.704	128
8. Southern California	FBS	852	352	54	.699	127
9. Yale	FCS	916	380	55	.698	147
UW-Whitewater	III	615	260	21	.698	95

THE LAST TIME...

* Postseason game # Metrodome

SAINT JOHN'S Rushing

300+ Yards	Nov. 17, 2018 (375, vs. Martin Luther)*
350+ Yards	Nov. 17, 2018 (375, vs. Martin Luther)*
400+ Yards	Sept. 18, 1999 (469 vs. Macalester)
50+ Attempts	Sept. 22, 2018 (51, vs. Carleton)
60+ Attempts	Oct. 15, 2016 (60, vs. Carleton)
70+ Attempts	Nov. 3, 1984 (74, at Macalester)
5 Rushing TD's	Nov. 9, 2019 (6, at Hamline)
6 Rushing TD's	Nov. 9, 2019 (6, at Hamline)
7 Rushing TD's	Nov. 4, 2017 (8, at Hamline)

Passing

300+ Yards	Sept. 18, 2021 (301, vs. Martin Luther)
400+ Yards	Dec. 7, 2019 (407, at Wheaton, Ill.)*
500+ Yards	<i>Never</i>
40+ Attempts	Sept. 4, 2021 (41, vs. Aurora, Ill.)
50+ Attempts	Dec. 14, 2019 (50, at UW-Whitewater)*
60+ Attempts	<i>Never</i>
30+ Completions	Nov. 23, 2019 (30, vs. Aurora, Ill.)*
40+ Completions	<i>Never</i>
4 Passing TD's	Sept. 18, 2021 (5, vs. Martin Luther)
5 Passing TD's	Sept. 18, 2021 (5, vs. Martin Luther)
6 Passing TD's	Sept. 28, 2019 (6, at Carleton)
7 Passing TD's	Nov. 10, 2018 (7, vs. Thomas More, Ky.)
3+ Interceptions	Nov. 2, 2019 (4, vs. Concordia)
4+ Interceptions	Nov. 2, 2019 (4, vs. Concordia)
5+ Interceptions	Oct. 28, 2000 (5, at Bethel)

Combination Offense

300-Yard Passer + 100-Yard Rusher	Nov. 2, 2019 vs. Concordia (356, Jackson Erdmann; 110, Henry Trost)
200-Yard Passer + 100-Yard Rusher + 100-Yard Receiver	Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Aurora, Ill. (281, Aaron Syverson; 148, Henry Trost; 123, Alex Larson)
200-Yard Passer + 100-Yard Rusher	Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Aurora, Ill. (281, Aaron Syverson; 148, Henry Trost)
100-Yard Rusher + 100-Yard Receiver	Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Aurora (281, Aaron Syverson; 123, Alex Larson)

Total Offense

400+ Yards	Sept. 25, 2021 (421, vs. Bethel)
500+ Yards	Sept. 18, 2021 (554, vs. Martin Luther)
600+ Yards	Nov. 30, 2019 (646, at Chapman, Calif.)*
700+ Yards	Oct. 26, 2019 (749, at St. Olaf)
75+ Plays	Sept. 25, 2021 (81, vs. Bethel)
85+ Plays	Sept. 6, 2014 (89, vs. UW-River Falls)

Scoring

14 Points or Less	Sept. 7, 2019 (W, 14-7 at UW-Stout)
40+ Points	Sept. 18, 2021 (W, 55-7 vs. Martin Luther)
50+ Points	Sept. 18, 2021 (W, 55-7 vs. Martin Luther)
60+ Points	Nov. 9, 2019 (W, 70-0 at Hamline)
2-Point Conversion	Sept. 4, 2021 (W, 39-33 vs. Aurora, Ill.) (Aaron Syverson rush)
Opp. Scoreless	Nov. 9, 2019 (W, 70-0 at Hamline)
Opp. Scoreless (Home)	Oct. 12, 2019 (W, 19-0 vs. Bethel)
Opp. Scoreless (Road)	Nov. 9, 2019 (W, 70-0 at Hamline)
2+ Shutouts in Season	2019 (2) 19-0 (vs. Bethel), 70-0 (at Hamline)
3+ Shutouts in Season	2018 (4) 27-0 (vs. UW-Stout), 59-0 (vs. Carleton), 52-0 (at Augsburg), 51-0 (vs. Hamline)
4+ Shutouts in Season	2018 (4) 27-0 (vs. UW-Stout), 59-0 (vs. Carleton), 52-0 (at Augsburg), 51-0 (vs. Hamline)
No Opp. Off. TD	Sept. 18, 2021 (W, 55-7 vs. Martin Luther)
No Opp. Off. TD (Home)	Sept. 18, 2021 (W, 55-7 vs. Martin Luther)
No Opp. Off. TD (Road)	Nov. 9, 2019 (W, 70-0 at Hamline)
Allowed 30+ Points	Sept. 4, 2021 (W, 39-33 vs. Aurora, Ill.)
Allowed 40+ Points	Nov. 23, 2019 (W, 51-47 vs. Aurora, Ill.)*
Allowed 50+ Points	Oct. 1, 2011 (L, 7-63 at St. Thomas)

SJU Scoreless	Sept. 29, 1990 (L, 0-21 at Hamline)
SJU Scoreless (Home)	Nov. 4, 1978 (L, 0-17 vs. Concordia)
SJU Scoreless (Road)	Sept. 29, 1990 (L, 0-21 at Hamline)
SJU Scoreless (Neutral)	Oct. 5, 1945 (L, 0-30 vs. St. Thomas at St. Cloud)
No SJU Off. TD	Nov. 24, 2001 (W, 9-7 vs. UW-Stevens Point)*
No SJU Off. TD (Home)	Nov. 24, 2001 (W, 9-7 vs. UW-Stevens Point)*
No SJU Off. TD (Road)	Sept. 29, 1990 (L, 0-21 at Hamline)

Turnovers

No SJU Turnovers	Nov. 23, 2019 (vs. Aurora, Ill.)*
4+ SJU Turnovers	Nov. 2, 2019 (5, vs. Concordia)
5+ SJU Turnovers	Nov. 2, 2019 (5, vs. Concordia)
3 SJU Fumbles Lost	Nov. 5, 2016 (vs. Hamline)
4+ SJU Fumbles Lost	Sept. 29, 2018 (4, at Augsburg)
4+ Takeaways	Nov. 16, 2019 (5, vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind.)
5+ Takeaways	Nov. 16, 2019 (5, vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind.)
6+ Takeaways	Oct. 13, 2018 (7, vs. St. Thomas)

Defense

50 Rush Yards or Less	Nov. 30, 2019 (46, at Chapman, Calif.)*
100 Pass Yards or Less	Sept. 18, 2021 (73, vs. Martin Luther)
100 Total Yards or Less	Nov. 3, 2018 (98, vs. Hamline)
200 Total Yards or Less	Sept. 18, 2021 (161, vs. Martin Luther)
4+ Interceptions	Nov. 16, 2019 (4, vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind.)
5+ Interceptions	Oct. 13, 2018 (5, vs. St. Thomas)
Scored a Safety	Nov. 4, 2017 (W, 72-6 at Hamline)

Miscellaneous

10 First Downs or Less	Sept. 23, 2017 (6, vs. St. Thomas at Target Field)
30+ First Downs	Nov. 30, 2019 (30, at Chapman, Calif.)*
No Penalties	Sept. 4, 2010 (vs. Northwestern)
10+ Penalties	Sept. 1, 2018 (10, vs. UW-Stout)
40:00+ of Poss.	Sept. 6, 2014 (44:10, vs. UW-River Falls)
Less Than 25:00 of Poss.	Dec. 7, 2019 (23:35, vs. Wheaton, Ill.)*
0 Punts	Sept. 29, 2018 (at Augsburg)
7+ Punts	Sept. 23, 2017 (9, vs. St. Thomas at Target Field)
10+ Punts	Dec. 2, 2000 (10, at Central, Iowa)*
Overtime Game	Nov. 2, 2019 (OT; L, 18-19 vs. Concordia)
Double-Overtime Game	Nov. 2, 2013 (2OT; L, 20-23 at Gustavus)
Triple-Overtime Game	<i>Never</i>

JOHNNIE PLAYER

Rushing

100+ Yards	Sept. 4, 2021 (148, Henry Trost vs. Aurora, Ill.)
150+ Yards	Oct. 20, 2018 (159, Henry Trost vs. St. Olaf)
200+ Yards	Oct. 17, 2015 (201, Sam Sura vs. Gustavus)
250+ Yards	Sept. 13, 2014 (281, Sam Sura at UW-Eau Claire)
Quarterback 100+ Yards	Oct. 30, 1993 (104, Ken Pletcher at Macalester)
30+ Carries	Nov. 7, 2015 (35, Sam Sura at Bethel)
35+ Carries	Nov. 7, 2015 (35, Sam Sura at Bethel)
40+ Carries	Nov. 8, 2014 (40, Sam Sura vs. Bethel)
3+ TD	Nov. 23, 2019 (3, Kai Barber vs. Aurora, Ill.)*
4+ TD	Nov. 14, 2015 (4, Sam Sura vs. St. Olaf)
5+ TD	Oct. 2, 2004 (5, Corey Weber vs. Hamline)
Quarterback 3+ TD	Oct. 25, 2014 (3, Nick Martin vs. Carleton)
Quarterback 4+ TD	Nov. 20, 1976 (5, Jeff Norman vs. Augustana, Ill.)*
Quarterback 5+ TD	Nov. 20, 1976 (5, Jeff Norman vs. Augustana, Ill.)*
50-Yard Run	Sept. 18, 2021 (50, Entebbe Bates vs. Martin Luther)
60-Yard Run	Nov. 17, 2018 (69, Henry Trost vs. Martin Luther)*
70-Yard Run	Oct. 20, 2018 (80, Henry Trost vs. St. Olaf)
80-Yard Run	Oct. 20, 2018 (80, Henry Trost vs. St. Olaf)
90-Yard Run	Sept. 27, 1980 (91, Pat Stone vs. Hamline)
2 w/100+ Yards	Oct. 20, 2018 vs. St. Olaf (159, Henry Trost; 107, Adam Essler)
2 w/2+ TD Each	Nov. 9, 2019 at Hamline (2, Dylan Cerney; 2, Kenneth Udoibok)

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Passing

300+ Yards	Dec. 14, 2019 (342, Jackson Erdmann at UW-Whitewater)*
400+ Yards	Dec. 7, 2019 (407, Jackson Erdmann at Wheaton, Ill.)*
30+ Comp.	Nov. 23, 2019 (30, Jackson Erdmann vs. Aurora, Ill.)*
50-Yard Comp.	Sept. 18, 2021 (57, Aaron Syverson vs. Martin Luther)
60-Yard Comp.	Sept. 18, 2021 (69, Aaron Syverson vs. Martin Luther)
70-Yard Comp.	Nov. 30, 2019 (70, Jackson Erdmann at Chapman, Calif.)*
4+ TD	Sept. 18, 2021 (4, Aaron Syverson vs. Martin Luther)
5+ TD	Dec. 7, 2019 (5, Jackson Erdmann at Wheaton, Ill.)*
6+ TD	Nov. 17, 2018 (6, Jackson Erdmann vs. Martin Luther)*
Non-QB Passing TD	Oct. 27, 2018 (79, Will Gillach at Concordia)

Receiving

150+ Yards	Sept. 25, 2021 (159, Ravi Alston vs. Bethel)
200+ Yards	Nov. 23, 2019 (216, Ravi Alston vs. Aurora, Ill.)*
10+ Receptions	Sept. 25, 2021 (11, Ravi Alston vs. Bethel)
15+ Receptions	Nov. 8, 2003 (15, Blake Elliott vs. Bethel)
3+ TD	Nov. 10, 2018 (4, Will Gillach vs. Thomas More, Ky.)
4+ TD	Nov. 10, 2018 (4, Will Gillach vs. Thomas More, Ky.)
2 w/100+ Yards	Dec. 7, 2019 at Wheaton, Ill.* (146, Blake Patrick; 101, Matt Mohr)
3 w/100+ Yards	Nov. 30, 2019 at Chapman, Calif.* (164, T.J. Hodge; 104, Ravi Alston; 103, Henry Trost)
2 w/2 TD Each	Dec. 7, 2019 at Wheaton, Ill.* (2, Ravi Alston; 2, Blake Patrick)

Defense

15+ Tackles	Oct. 27, 2018 (15, Nathan Brinker/Max Jackson at Concordia)
2+ Sacks	Sept. 28, 2019 (2, J.W. Windsor at Carleton)
3+ Sacks	Oct. 8, 2016 (3, Nathan Brinker at Augsburg)
Fumble Return TD	Oct. 13, 2018 (99, Max Jackson vs. St. Thomas)
2 Fumble Return TD	Sept. 24, 1994 (10 & 24 yards, Brian Kohorst vs. Augsburg)
2 Interceptions	Sept. 7, 2019 (2, Chris Harris at UW-Stout)
3 Interceptions	Sept. 3, 2016 (3, Leonard Gutierrez vs. St. Scholastica)
4 Interceptions	Oct. 18, 2003 (4, Paul Gans vs. Augsburg)
Interception TD	Nov. 16, 2019 (26, Tommy Deters vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind.)
2 INT TD's, 1 Player	Nov. 20, 1999 (66 & 92, Beau LaBore vs. UW-Stevens Point)*
2 INT TD's, 2 Players	Nov. 14, 2009 vs. Carleton (36, Nate Anderson lateral from Billy Lawrence; 59, Ethan Eid)

Special Teams

Kick Return TD	Nov. 19, 2016 (82, Evan Clark vs. UW-Platteville)*
Allowed Kick Return TD	Oct. 5, 2019 (99, Le'Andre Benion vs. Augsburg)
Punt Return TD	Nov. 3, 2018 (60, Max Jackson vs. Hamline)
2 PR TD's, 1 Player	Oct. 13, 2001 (66 & 46, Blake Elliott vs. Gustavus)
2 PR TD's, 2 Players	Sept. 25, 1993 vs. St. Olaf (77, Tony Lesch; 79, Mark Smith)
Allowed Punt Return TD	Oct. 6, 2007 (75, Andrew Schmiesing vs. St. Olaf)
3 FG	Nov. 10, 2012 (3, Jimmie Mattson at Bethel)
40-Yard FG	Sept. 19, 2015 (42, Alexi Johnson at Concordia)
60-Yard Punt	Nov. 19, 2019 (60, Cole Milz vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind.)
Blocked Extra Point	Sept. 4, 2021 (Collin Franz vs. Aurora, Ill.)
Returned PAT for 2 Points	Oct. 18, 2014 (Trevor Warner at Gustavus)
Blocked Field Goal	Sept. 28, 2019 (Collin Franz at Carleton)
Blocked Punt	Dec. 1, 2018 (Ryan LaCasse at Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas)*
FR TD & PR TD	Oct. 17, 1992 vs. Bethel (31-yard FR & 72-yard PR, John Beutz)
PR TD & INT TD	Dec. 14, 1963 vs. Prairie View A&M, Texas* (41-yard PR, Bob Spinner; 44-yard INT, John McCormick)

OPPONENT

100-Yard Receiver	Sept. 25, 2021 vs. Bethel (129, Joey Kidder)
100-Yard Rusher	Nov. 16, 2019 vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind. (117, Garrett Wight)
300-Yard Passer	Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Aurora, Ill. (341, Gavin Zimbelman)
Blocked Extra Point	Dec. 7, 2019 at Wheaton, Ill. (Team)*
Returned PAT for 2 Points	Nov. 2, 2019 vs. Concordia (Marshall King)
Blocked Field Goal	Nov. 30, 2019 at Chapman, Calif. (Dillon Keefe)*
Blocked Punt	Dec. 14, 2019 at UW-Whitewater (Jaylon Edmondson)*
Blocked Punt for TD	Oct. 1, 2011 (28, Jack Gavin at St. Thomas)
Fumble Return TD	Sept. 24, 2016 (57, Anthony King-Foreman vs. St. Thomas)
Interception TD	Sept. 18, 2021 vs. Martin Luther (22, Ben Arndt)
Scored a Safety	Dec. 14, 2019 (L, 32-35 at UW-Whitewater)*

NO STRANGER TO THE POSTSEASON

The 2019 postseason appearance was the Johnnies' 30th (26th at the NCAA Division III level) and sixth consecutive, which tied its own MIAC record (1998-2003). SJU is tied with Washington & Jefferson (Pa.) for second in NCAA Division III history in postseason appearances and is third in playoff wins. The Johnnies made four other postseason appearances and have a 47-25 (.653) record overall: three in the NAIA (1963, 1965, 1982) and one showing at the Mineral Water Bowl (1969).

Most NCAA Division III Playoff Appearances Since 1973 (entering the 2021 season)

Team	No.
1. Mount Union, Ohio	31
2. Saint John's	26
Washington & Jefferson, Pa.	26
4. Central, Iowa	21
5. Ithaca, N.Y.	19
Wittenberg, Ohio	19
8. UW-Whitewater	17
9. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas*	16
Rowan, N.J.	16
10. Augustana, Ill.	15
Linfield, Ore.	15
Wesley, Del.	15

Most NCAA Division III Playoff Wins Since 1973 (entering the 2021 season)

Team	No.
1. Mount Union, Ohio	104
2. UW-Whitewater	55
3. Saint John's	42
4. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas*	34
5. Rowan, N.J.	31
6. Wesley, Del.	30
7. Ithaca, N.Y.	28
8. Linfield, Ore.	26
9. Washington & Jefferson, Pa.	23
10. Augustana, Ill.	22
Central, Iowa	22
Wittenberg, Ohio	22

HE'S DEFINITELY NO STRANGER

Which Johnnie has been part of each NCAA postseason appearance, dating back to 1976? The answer is defensive coordinator **Jerry Haugen** '76, who is in his 46th season on the Johnnies' coaching staff. He has coached in 66 NCAA postseason football games, which accounts for six additional seasons in playoff games alone. The Johnnies have posted a 392-94-5 (.803) overall record and a 297-59-4 (.831) MIAC record with Haugen



as a defensive coach. Since 1978, his defense has finished in the top two of the MIAC in total defense 23 times, including 13 of the past 18 seasons, and in scoring defense 28 times, including 20 of the past 24 seasons. As a player (*left*), Haugen was a four-year starter and gained All-MIAC honors as a defensive back in 1975. He ranks second on the school's career interception list with 15 (first place without postseason games).

A LOT OF GAMES, A LOT OF WINS

The Johnnies' NCAA second-round win in 2018 was also the 380th with **Jerry Haugen** as an assistant football coach at SJU. The late Bobby Bowden, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and long-time head coach at Florida State (1976-2009), has the fourth-most wins in college football history with a 377-129-4 record. All told, Haugen has been a part of 1,540 wins (2,511 games) at SJU as a player and coach across four different sports, as well as 35 conference championships (including four MIAC Playoff titles in baseball) and 41 postseason appearances.

Sport	Record	Years (Seasons)	MIAC/Nat'l
Football (Assistant Coach)	395-94-5	1976-current (46)	23/27
Football (Player)	26-9-1	1972-75 (4)	2/0
Baseball (Head Coach)	888-671-5	1978-current (44)	7/6
Baseball (Player)	44-43	1973-76 (4)	1/2
Hockey (Head Coach)	40-64-3	1977-81 (4)	0/0
Basketball (Assistant Coach)	147-76	1981-89 (8)	2/6
Total	1,540-957-14 (.616)		35/41

PROGRAM WIN NO. 650

The 47-14 win over Rose-Hulman (Ind.) on Nov. 16, 2019, enabled SJU to become the eighth program in Division III history to reach 650 (653-251-24 all-time record). The Johnnies already own Division III's best winning percentage, among programs with 75 seasons played or more, at .717 (see chart on p. 11).

Best NCAA Division III Record, By Wins (entering the 2021 season)

Rk.	School	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1.	Mount Union, Ohio	123	813	388	38	.672
2.	Wittenberg, Ohio	126	780	363	31	.678
3.	Washington & Jefferson, Pa.	129	755	396	40	.651
4.	Widener, Pa.	138	710	432	39	.618
5.	Wabash, Ind.	133	696	392	59	.633
6.	Williams, Mass.	134	656	387	47	.623
7.	Saint John's	109	653	251	24	.717
8.	Amherst, Mass.	140	651	420	54	.603
9.	Franklin & Marshall, Pa.	132	642	499	47	.560
10.	Central, Iowa	112	633	330	26	.653

LEADING THE MIAC IN WINS

The Johnnies' 31-7 victory at Concordia-Moorhead on Nov. 12, 2016, was the program's 450th in MIAC play. SJU has the best winning percentage in conference play, .718 (472-179-22), which is even better when broken down by eras: modern history, since 1946 (.774); during John Gagliardi's tenure, 1953-2012 (.780); and during the 21st century, since 2000 (.840).

All-Time MIAC Record (entering the 2021 season, by winning percentage)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Saint John's	472	179	22	.718
2. Concordia	413	227	18	.641
3. Gustavus	400	266	13	.599
4. Bethel	194	158	3	.551
5. St. Olaf	231	274	11	.458
6. Hamline	247	415	14	.376
7. Carleton	106	228	0	.317
8. Augsburg	176	440	13	.290
9. Macalester	141	378	25	.282

600+ WINS

The Johnnies' 2014 NCAA Division III playoff win over St. Scholastica enabled SJU to become the second college football program in Minnesota to reach 600 for its history.

Most Wins in Minnesota College Football History (entering the 2021 season)

School	W	L	T	Pct.	Seasons
1. Minnesota	709	528	44	.571	137
2. Saint John's	653	251	24	.717	109
3. St. Thomas	623	350	32	.636	115
4. Concordia-Moorhead	538	308	38	.630	102
5. Minnesota-Duluth	536	273	24	.658	87
6. Gustavus Adolphus	509	363	21	.582	105
7. MSU-Mankato	481	388	27	.552	94
8. Carleton	481	491	25	.495	125
9. St. Olaf	465	393	20	.541	102
10. St. Cloud State	463	378	21	.549	92

SJU'S WINNING TRADITION

The 2019 season's 12-2 record marked SJU's 52nd consecutive without a losing record.

Consecutive Seasons (entering the 2021 season)

MIAC Team	Without a Losing Record
1. Saint John's	52
2. Bethel	26
3. Concordia	13
4. St. Scholastica	10
5. Gustavus	7
6. St. Olaf	2
7. Augsburg	1
8. Carleton	0
Hamline	0
Macalester	0

Current Statistical Leaders

THE COBBERS' STAT LEADERS

Rushing	Gms.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Tanner Dubois	3	22	125	5.7	1	23
Ba Blamo	2	12	43	3.6	0	13
Ben Hoggarth	3	23	25	1.1	2	5
Peyton Mortenson	2	10	23	2.3	2	9

Passing	Gms.	Att.	Comp.	Int.	TD	Yards
Tanner Dubois	3	126	85	4	7	979
Noah Halmar	2	4	4	0	1	56

Receiving	Gms.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Andy Gradvahl	3	26	331	12.7	3	71
Zach Wolf	3	14	226	16.1	3	80
Dawson Schaffer	1	4	102	25.5	0	45
Wyatt Curtis	3	7	90	12.9	1	38

Defense	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Noah Jenson	15	7	22	1.5-5	---	---
Ty Moser	11	9	20	1.5-6	---	---
Marshall King	10	4	14	---	---	---
Chase Dockter	6	7	13	3.0-9	1.0-3	---
Sam Hegg-Entzion	6	7	13	1.0-7	1.0-7	---

THE JOHNNIES' STAT LEADERS

Rushing	Gms.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Henry Trost	3	40	254	6.3	3	30
Devin Vouk	3	34	144	4.2	3	21
Aaron Syverson	3	17	82	4.8	0	29

Passing	Gms.	Att.	Comp.	Int.	TD	Yards
Aaron Syverson	3	100	57	4	8	854
Cooper Downs	1	1	1	0	1	6

Receiving	Gms.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Ravi Alston	2	16	234	14.6	1	34
Jimmy Buck	3	15	224	14.9	2	69
Alex Larson	2	9	147	16.3	3	41
Matt Mohr	1	7	70	10.0	0	10

Defense	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Erik Bjork	9	11	20	0.5-1	---	---
Seth Morem	8	10	18	5.0-23	2.5-18	---
Ethan Stark	13	3	16	2.0-7	---	---
Octavius Wilson Jr.	10	5	15	2.5-10	1.0-6	---

BLAKE ELLIOTT '03 ON HALL OF FAME BALLOT

Former Saint John's award-winning student-athlete Blake Elliott '03 (right) was named to the College Football Hall of Fame ballot for the ninth consecutive year in June. Elliott, who played wide receiver for the Johnnies from 2000-03, is one of 177 former student-athletes on the ballot, including one of 99 from the NCAA divisional and NAIA ranks. The announcement of the 2022 inductees will be made in January. Those selected will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame during the 64th NFF Annual Awards Dinner Dec. 6, 2022, and permanently enshrined at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.



Elliott excelled for the Johnnies for four years and ended his career as the recipient of the Gagliardi Trophy and a national championship in 2003; a season that included Gagliardi's record-breaking 409th career victory. He owns three NCAA playoff records, two MIAC records and 29 SJU receiving records. Elliott was a three-time All-American, a two-time MIAC Player of the Year, a Gagliardi Trophy finalist as a junior in 2002 and was invited to play in both the AFCA Aztec Bowl and Hula Bowl following the 2003 season. His NCAA all-divisions record for consecutive games played with a reception (47) ended in 2008.

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Active Career Leaders

Rushing Yards

1. Henry Trost (140 att.)	1,006
2. Chris Backes (36 att.)	172
3. Devin Vouk (34 att.)	144

Rushing Touchdowns

1. Henry Trost	18
2. Devin Vouk	3
2. Chris Backes	2

Passing Yards (C-A-I-TD)

1. Aaron Syverson (57-100-4-8)	854
2. Chris Backes (20-28-0-3)	282

Receptions

1. Ravi Alston	104
2. Matt Mohr	44
3. Henry Trost	29
4. Blake Patrick	24

Receiving Yards

1. Ravi Alston	1,678
2. Matt Mohr	700
3. Blake Patrick	568
4. Henry Trost	519

Receiving Touchdowns

1. Ravi Alston	14
2. Henry Trost	5
3. Blake Patrick	4
4. Alex Larson	2

Yards from Scrimmage (Rushing+Receiving)

1. Ravi Alston	1,678
2. Henry Trost	1,525
3. Matt Mohr	726
4. Blake Patrick	578

All-Purpose Yards (Rushing+Receiving+Returns)

1. Henry Trost	1,713
2. Ravi Alston	1,678
3. Matt Mohr	894
4. Blake Patrick	616

Tackles

1. Seth Morem	61
2. John Kohler	57
3. Tommy Deters	51
4. Kyle Kornovich	50

Tackles for Loss

1. Seth Morem	15.0
2. Metoriah Faoliu	8.0
3. Michael Wozniak	5.5

Sacks

1. Seth Morem	6.0
2. Metoriah Faoliu	4.0
3. Michael Wozniak	2.5

Interceptions

1. John Kohler	2
2. Tommy Deters	1
Carter Seymour	1

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He ended his career second all-time in all NCAA divisions in catches (327) and second in NCAA Division III in touchdown receptions (56). Elliott posted 369 receptions for 4,826 yards and 63 touchdowns in his career, as well as 744 rushing yards and eight touchdowns on 109 carries (prior to the 2002 season, the NCAA did not recognize playoff-game stats in season or career totals). Elliott was just as dangerous on special teams as he was on the offensive side of the ball, totaling 3,065 yards and seven touchdowns on 195 returns, kickoff and punt combined.

To be eligible for the ballot, players must have been named a first-team All-American by a major/national selector as recognized and utilized by the NCAA for their consensus All-America teams; played their last year of intercollegiate football at least 10 years prior; played within the last 50 years and cannot be currently playing professional football. From the coaching ranks, 223 individuals have achieved Hall of Fame distinction, including SJU's John Gagliardi (Class of 2006).

WINS IN FIRST 7 SEASONS, FIRST 87 GAMES

SJU's Gary Fasching is off to the best start, in regard to wins, by any head coach in the program's history. That history includes the likes of college football's all-time wins leader, John Gagliardi. Fasching also has John's number in regard to their respective first 87 games coached at SJU.

Among SJU Football Coaches With Six Seasons Coached or More

Coach	First 7 Seasons	First 87 Games	Total at SJU
Gary Fasching	70-14 (.833)	73-14 (.839)	72-14 (.837)
John Gagliardi	38-18-1 (.675)	62-23-2 (.724)	465-132-10 (.774)
Joe Benda	29-12-7 (.677)	50-29-8 (.621)	57-32-8 (.629)

LEADING THE MIAC IN ATTENDANCE

Saint John's attracted the fourth-most spectators in NCAA Division III, 29,847 over six games, in 2019. The numbers were also fourth on a per-game average (4,974). The Johnnies led Division III in total attendance with 47,297 fans the previous season in 2018. That cumulative total was greater than 98 Football Championship Subdivision teams and all but one of the 167 Division II programs (Grand Valley State's total of 67,865). SJU finished second nationally in Division III with an average of 5,912 spectators over eight games, including two in the NCAA playoffs. The Johnnies have finished in Division III's top two in per-game attendance 18 of the last 19 seasons.

2019 SJU vs. FCS/Division II in Upper Midwest Attendance

	School	NCAA	Gms.	2019 Att.	Avg.
1.	North Dakota State	FCS	9	156,962	17,440
2.	South Dakota State	FCS	8	87,764	10,971
3.	Northern Iowa	FCS	7	59,023	8,432
4.	North Dakota	FCS	6	50,040	8,340
5.	South Dakota	FCS	6	30,225	5,038
6.	Saint John's	III	6	29,847	4,974
7.	MSU-Mankato	II	6	24,792	4,132
8.	Augustana (S.D.)	II	6	17,277	2,880
9.	St. Cloud State	II	6	16,610	2,768
10.	Northern State (S.D.)	II	6	16,057	2,676

On This Date in Johnnie Football History...

The Johnnies are 8-3 all-time on October 2: 1908 at St. Cloud State (W, 14-0); 1937 vs. UW-River Falls (L, 6-12); 1948 at Hamline (L, 6-14); 1954 vs. Macalester (W, 41-0); 1959 at St. Thomas (W, 6-0); 1971 vs. Hamline (W, 29-16); 1976 vs. Augsburg (W, 62-12); 1993 at Gustavus Adolphus (W, 55-14); 1999 vs. Augsburg (W, 55-0); 2004 at Hamline (W, 41-6); and 2010 vs. St. Thomas (L, 26-27 OT).

1959 at St. Thomas (W, 6-0): Saint John's downed St. Thomas 6-0 on this date 62 years ago. The game was slowed by mud thanks to a steady downpour during the Friday-night game under the lights at O'Shaughnessy Stadium. The game's turning point came late in the third quarter when Fred Philipson blocked a UST punt to give SJU the ball on the Tommies' 19-yard line. Later, Tom Irving powered in from three yards out for the lone score.

1993 at Gustavus Adolphus (W, 55-14): Fullback Matt Malmberg rushed for 86 yards and four touchdowns (right) and quarterback Willie Seiler passed for 305 yards and three scores as SJU rolled to a 55-14 win at Gustavus Adolphus 28 years ago. Wide receiver Ryan Murray caught seven passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns, while Chris Palmer snagged five receptions for 94 yards and a score. The Johnnies recorded 599 yards of offense and forced five turnovers in the victory.



1999 vs. Augsburg (W, 55-0): The Johnnies' offense and defense clicked on all cylinders in a 55-0 rout of Augsburg 22 years ago. Running back Chris Moore rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns, and caught a touchdown from quarterback Corey Stanger. Stanger connected with wideout Ben Sieben for a touchdown in the second quarter and also rushed for two scores. SJU's defense book-ended the game's scoring with a pair of interceptions returned for touchdowns, Eric Serbus in the first quarter (43 yards) and Brandon Novak in the fourth (35 yards).

2019 MIAC Attendance Leaders

	School	Gms.	2019 Att.	Avg.
1.	Saint John's	6	29,847	4,974
2.	Concordia	5	17,569	3,514
3.	Bethel	5	14,874	2,975
4.	St. Thomas	4	8,379	2,095*
5.	Gustavus Adolphus	5	10,467	2,093
6.	St. Olaf	5	9,307	1,861
7.	Carleton	5	6,089	1,218
8.	Hamline	6	6,755	1,126
9.	Augsburg	4	1,826	457

*does not include the crowd of 19,508 that attended the Johnnie-Tommie game at Allianz Field

BEST RECORD SINCE 1990, NCAA DIVISION III

The Johnnies enter the 2021 season with the third-best winning percentage (.824) in NCAA Division III football since 1990, and the third-most wins (292) during that span (among programs with 200 games played or more).

Winning Percentage (min. 200 games played)

.951	Mount Union, Ohio (401-20-1)
.858	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (242-40)
.824	Saint John's (292-62-1)
.817	UW-Whitewater (294-66)
.815	Linfield, Ore. (258-58-1)
.812	Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (277-64)
.811	Wittenberg, Ohio (263-61-1)
.791	Central, Iowa (253-67)
.790	Wartburg, Iowa (256-68)
.790	Wheaton, Ill. (250-66-1)

Wins

401	Mount Union, Ohio (401-20-1, .951)
294	UW-Whitewater (294-66, .817)
292	Saint John's (292-62-1, .824)
277	Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (277-64, .812)
263	Wittenberg, Ohio (263-61-1, .811)
258	Linfield, Ore. (258-58-1, .815)
256	Wartburg, Iowa (256-68, .790)
253	Central, Iowa (253-67, .791)
250	Wheaton, Ill. (250-66-1, .790)
246	Rowan, N.J. (246-90-1, .731)

SJU'S HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES (thru Sept. 25)

CHRONOLOGICAL

Name	Yrs. (Seasons)	Record (Pct.)
John O'Leary	1900-01 (2)	4-2-0 (.667)
Ignatius Vonderhaar	1902 (1)	0-1-0 (.000)
Peter Boquel	1903-04 (2)	3-2-0 (.600)
Harry Comeau	1905-06 (2)	3-0-0 (1.000)
Frank Cassidy	1907 (1)	1-3-0 (.250)
William Brennan	1908-09 (2)	4-6-0 (.400)
Edward Cahill	1920-21 (2)	1-6-0 (.143)
Fred Sanborn	1922-23 (2)	3-8-0 (.273)
Eugene Aldrich	1924 (1)	1-4-1 (.250)
Wilfred Houle	1925-29 (5)	7-22-3 (.266)
Joe Benda	1930-36, 1941-42, 1945-49 (14)	57-32-8 (.629)
George Durenberger	1937-40 (4)	20-10-1 (.661)
Henry Welsch	1944 (1)	1-0-1 (.750)
John McNally	1950-52 (3)	13-9-0 (.591)
John Gagliardi	1953-12 (60)	465-132-10 (.774)
Gary Fasching	2013-current (9)	73-14-0 (.839)

WINS - OVERALL

1.	John Gagliardi	465
2.	Gary Fasching	73
3.	Joe Benda	57

PCT. - OVERALL (min. 15 games)

1.	Gary Fasching	.839 (73-14)
2.	John Gagliardi	.774 (465-132-10)
3.	George Durenberger	.661 (20-10-1)

WINS - MIAC

1.	John Gagliardi	362
2.	Gary Fasching	49
3.	Joe Benda	35

PCT. - MIAC (min. 10 games)

1.	Gary Fasching	.860 (49-8)
2.	John Gagliardi	.780 (362-99-9)
3.	George Durenberger	.625 (12-7-1)

WINS - HOME

1.	John Gagliardi	241
2.	Gary Fasching	41
3.	Joe Benda	30

PCT. - HOME (min. 15 games)

1.	Gary Fasching	.872 (41-6)
2.	John Gagliardi	.818 (241-52-4)
3.	Joe Benda	.722 (30-10-5)

A JOHNNIE WITH THE JAGUARS



Offensive tackle **Ben Bartch** '20 became the 10th Johnnie to be drafted in the NFL when he was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars with the 10th pick of the fourth round (No. 116 overall) in the 2020 NFL Draft. He appeared in 13 games for the Jaguars, including one start at left guard, and totaled 219 offensive stats (47 on special teams) in 2020.

Bartch was the lone NCAA Division III attendee at the 2020 Reese's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala. Although he did not play in the game, Bartch received rave reviews during the three days of practices leading up to the event. He attended the 2020 NFL Scouting Combine in late February, but did not participate in the drills or measurements due to the injury suffered during the final Senior Bowl practice. A D3football.com first-team and Associated Press second-team All-American in 2019, Bartch started all 14 games at left tackle in 2019.

He made 27 straight starts at tackle after he switched from tight end during the 2018 preseason. Through a combination of hard work in the weight room and repeated consumption of a now-famous (or infamous) protein shake recipe (ingredients include seven scrambled eggs, cottage cheese, quick grits, peanut butter, bananas and Gatorade), Bartch gained over 50 pounds and started on the line's left side immediately.

JOHNNIES DRAFTED IN THE NFL

Ben Bartch '20 became the 10th Johnnie to be drafted into the National Football League in April 2020.

- 1949 - End Red Maenhout, New York Bulldogs (12th round-No. 113)
- 1955 - Tackle Dick Coy, Chicago Cardinals (19th round-No. 218)
- 1957 - Guard Chuck Froehle, Baltimore Colts (19th round-No. 222)
- 1963 - Offensive tackle Tom McIntyre, Minnesota Vikings (18th round-No. 240)
- 1964 - Offensive tackle John McDowell, Green Bay Packers (9th round-No. 125)
- 1965 - Defensive tackle Paul Labinski, Minnesota Vikings (16th round-No. 219)
- 1967 - Guard Fred Cremer, Minnesota Vikings (12th round-No. 296)
- 1972 - Defensive end Steve Setzler, San Francisco 49ers (12th round-No. 304)
- 1974 - Defensive tackle Kurt Wachtler, Minnesota Vikings (15th round-No. 389)
- 2020 - Offensive tackle Ben Bartch, Jacksonville Jaguars (4th round-No. 116)

2021 - SJU's SCORING DRIVES

Team (Date)	Plays-Yds.	Span	Qtr.	Clock	Down-Dist.	Scoring Play
Aurora, Ill. (9/4/21)	5-64	1:42	1	2:39	2-3	Alex Larson 16-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Aurora, Ill.	8-66	3:28	2	9:56	1-G	Henry Trost 4-yard run (Pavelko kick)
Aurora, Ill.	3-46	0:55	3	12:18	2-1	Alex Larson 26-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Aurora, Ill.	4-59	2:07	3	1:04	2-G	Henry Trost 5-yard run (Pavelko kick)
Aurora, Ill.	13-63	5:12	4	7:41	4-G	Conor Pavelko 25-yard field goal
Aurora, Ill.	5-28	2:47	4	3:12	2-6	Devin Vouk 9-yard run (Syverson run)
Martin Luther (9/18/21)	6-50	2:54	1	11:59	1-G	Henry Trost 4-yard run (Pavelko kick)
Martin Luther	4-88	2:06	1	4:12	2-4	Jimmy Buck 69-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Martin Luther	1-57	0:09	2	6:56	1-10	Alec Ganz 57-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Martin Luther	3-45	1:00	2	3:40	1-10	Jimmy Buck 20-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Martin Luther	5-75	2:20	3	6:56	2-5	R.J. Altidort 16-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick failed)
Martin Luther	5-24	2:00	3	1:57	2-3	Tony Underwood 6-yard run (Pavelko kick)
Martin Luther	8-71	4:37	4	6:53	4-G	Chris Backes 1-yard run (Pavelko kick)
Martin Luther	5-82	3:02	4	0:37	2-G	Todd Jager 6-yard pass from Cooper Downs (Pavelko kick)
Bethel (9/25/21)	15-77	7:31	2	4:55	3-G	Ravi Alston 12-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Bethel	14-58	5:54	3	9:00	4-G	Conor Pavelko 25-yard field goal
Bethel	4-31	1:06	3	6:32	2-G	Devin Vouk 4-yard run (Pavelko kick)
Bethel	7-71	3:14	3	1:15	2-G	Alex Larson 9-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Pavelko kick)
Bethel	7-92	3:33	4	8:26	1-G	Devin Vouk 1-yard run (Pavelko kick)

2021 - SJU's SCORING DRIVES ALLOWED

Team (Date)	Plays-Yds.	Duration	Qtr.	Clock	Down-Dist.	Scoring Play
Aurora, Ill. (9/4/21)	5-76	1:36	2	13:24	1-G	Trey Madsen 6-yard pass from Gavin Zimbelman (Kerr kick)
Aurora, Ill.	8-75	3:50	2	6:06	1-G	Trey Madsen 7-yard pass from Gavin Zimbelman (Kerr kick)
Aurora, Ill.	7-70	2:12	2	0:36	2-G	Brock Harner 9-yard pass from Gavin Zimbelman (Kerr kick blocked)
Aurora, Ill.	8-71	3:32	3	8:40	3-G	Cameron Moore 10-yard pass from Gavin Zimbelman (Kerr kick)
Aurora, Ill.	6-72	3:03	4	12:53	2-2	Brock Harner 20-yard pass from Gavin Zimbelman (Zimbelman pass failed)
Martin Luther (9/18/21)	---	---	2	12:36	2-9 (SJU)	Ben Arndt 22-yard interception return (Kehren kick)
Bethel (9/25/21)	13-63	7:20	1	7:33	4-4	Bryce Kunkle 19-yard pass from Jaran Roste (Hanson kick failed)
Bethel	7-70	1:51	3	4:35	1-G	Aaron Ellingson 1-yard run (Roste pass failed)
Bethel	8-71	4:04	4	12:04	2-G	Jaran Roste 4-yard run (Hanson kick)
Bethel	4-64	0:48	4	5:08	4-4	Joey Kidder 58-yard pass from Jaran Roste (Hanson kick failed)

2021 - TRACKING THE TURNOVERS

Takeaways (2)	Qtr.	SJU Result
FUM - Aurora, Ill. (Franz/Morem)	4th	End of Game
INT - Martin Luther (Seymour)	3rd	TD
TOTAL: 2 takeaways for 7 points (1-for-2 scoring)		

Turnovers (5)	Qtr.	Opp. Result
INT - Aurora, Ill. (Reyna)	1st	TD
INT - Aurora, Ill. (Reyna)	2nd	TD
FUM - Martin Luther (N. Nordlie)	1st	Downs
INT - Martin Luther (B. Arndt)	2nd	TD*
INT - Bethel (Farm)	1st	Punt
TOTAL: 5 turnovers for 20 points (3-for-5 scoring)		

*play was returned for a touchdown

SJU: -3 Turnovers (2/5), -13 Points Off Turnovers (7/20)

2021 - EXPLOSIVE PLAYS (20+ YARDS)

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Ravi Alston	4	--	--	4	--	--	--	--
Troy Feddema	4	--	2	--	2	--	--	--
Jimmy Buck	3	1	--	3	--	--	--	--
Alex Larson	3	1	--	3	--	--	--	--
Tony Underwood	2	--	--	1	1	--	--	--
Entebbe Bates	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Alec Ganz	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--
Matt Mohr	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Blake Patrick	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Aaron Syverson	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Henry Trost	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Devin Vouk	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--

TOTAL: 23 (3 TD)

Rushing: 6 (0 TD)

Passing: 14 (3 TD)

Kickoff Returns: 3 (0 TD)

Punt Returns: 0 (0 TD)

Interception Returns: 0 (0 TD)

Blocked Kick/Fumble Returns: 0 (0 TD)

2021 - LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rush: 50, Entebbe Bates vs. Martin Luther (Sept. 18)

Pass Reception: 69, Jimmy Buck from Aaron Syverson vs. Martin Luther (Sept. 18)

Kickoff Return: 34, Tony Underwood vs. Martin Luther (Sept. 18)

Punt Return: 19, Nick VanErp vs. Aurora, Ill. (Sept. 4)

Interception Return: 23, Carter Seymour vs. Martin Luther (Sept. 18)

Blocked Kick/Fumble Return: N/A

Punt: 49, Spencer Ell vs. Bethel (Sept. 25)

Field Goal: 25, Conor Pavelko vs. Aurora, Ill. (Sept. 4)/Bethel (Sept. 25)

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Saint John's Offense

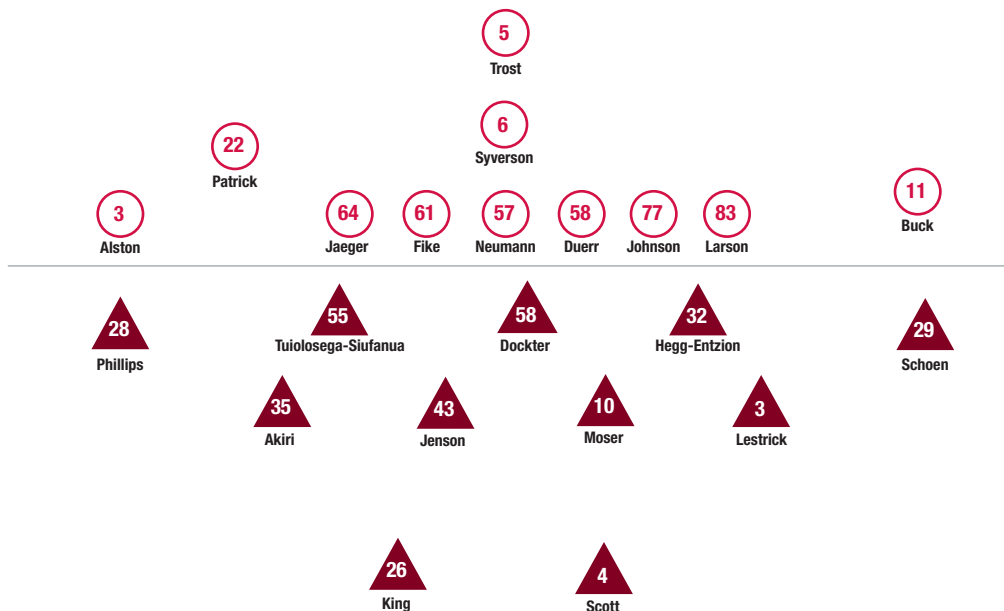
WR	3	Ravi Alston, Sr. (6-3, 205)
WR	11	Jimmy Buck, So. (6-3, 210)
LT	77	Tyler Johnson, Sr. (6-3, 265)
LG	58	T.J. Duerr, Jr. (6-1, 310)
C	57	Nick Neumann, Sr. (6-2, 310)
RG	61	Jarod Fike, Sr. (6-2, 290)
RT	64	Joe Jaeger, Jr. (6-2, 250)
TE	83	Alex Larson, Jr. (6-7, 245)
WR	22	Blake Patrick, Sr. (6-1, 165)
QB	6	Aaron Syverson, So. (6-0, 190)
RB	5	Henry Trost, Sr. (5-10, 205)

Concordia Defense

DE	55	Mykal Tuilosega-Siufanua, Sr. (5-10, 290)
NG	58	Chase Dockter, Jr. (5-11, 260)
DE	32	Sam Hegg-Entzion, Sr. (6-0, 240)
OLB	35	Joseph Akiri, Jr. (6-0, 185)
MLB	43	Noah Jenson, Sr. (6-1, 220)
MLB	10	Ty Moser, Jr. (6-3, 205)
OLB	3	Rob Lestrack, Sr. (6-0, 220)
CB	28	Nathan Phillips, Sr. (6-1, 195)
S	26	Marshall King, Sr. (6-2, 190)
S	4	Noble Scott, Sr. (5-9, 160)
CB	29	Grant Schoen, Sr. (5-11, 175)

Saint John's Special Teams

K	12	Conor Pavelko, Fr. (5-10, 180)
	96	Reese Marek, Jr. (6-0, 175)
P	95	Spencer Ell, So. (5-11, 185)
LS	45	Jack Eibensteiner, Jr. (6-0, 220)
H	10	Chris Backes, Sr. (6-0, 195)
KR	9	Troy Feddema, So. (5-9, 190)
	26	Tony Underwood, So. (5-9, 180)
PR	7	Nick VanErp, Jr. (5-11, 170)
	24	Cayden Saxon, Jr. (6-3, 195)



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Concordia Offense

WR	2	Wyatt Curtis, Sr. (5-10, 180)
WR	9	Zach Wolf, Sr. (5-10, 185)
LT	56	Ethan Tong, So. (6-4, 270)
LG	77	Jonah Gordon, Fr. (6-2, 280)
C	66	Collin Fleisch, Sr. (6-1, 260)
RG	72	Abel Perry, Sr. (6-6, 330)
RT	75	Peyton Amundsen, Jr. (6-3, 265)
WR	5	Andy Gravdahl, Sr. (5-10, 185)
WR	15	Pete Narum, Jr. (6-2, 195)
QB	7	Tanner Dubois, Sr. (6-0, 190)
RB	8	Ben Hoggarth, Sr. (5-11, 205)

Saint John's Defense

DE	48	Seth Morem, Sr. (6-3, 235)
DT	93	Metoriah Faoliu, Sr. (6-1, 265)
DT	91	Michael Wozniak, Jr. (6-3, 245)
DE	19	Collin Franz, Sr. (6-4, 245)
LB	43	Kyle Kornovich, Sr. (6-1, 210)
LB	49	Erik Bjork, Jr. (5-11, 220)
LB	0	Octavius Wilson Jr., Jr. (5-11, 220)
CB	7	Tommy Deters, Sr. (5-11, 185)
S	10	Mateo Cisneros, So. (5-11, 185)
S	18	Ethan Stark, Jr. (6-1, 195)
CB	20	Dwayne Wade Jr., Sr. (5-9, 170)

Concordia Special Teams

P	36	Damien Silus, Fr. (6-0, 155)
K	36	Damien Silus, Fr. (6-0, 155)
LS	49	J.J. Lord, Sr. (6-0, 250)
KR	5	Andy Gravdahl, Sr. (5-10, 185)
	9	Zach Wolf, Sr. (5-10, 185)
PR	5	Andy Gravdahl, Sr. (5-10, 185)

