

JOHNNIE FOOTBALL

OFFICIAL 2022 SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME INFORMATION

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

35 MIAC Titles • 31 Postseason Appearances

No. 2 SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY (2-0 OVERALL, 0-0 MIAC)

at No. 20 BETHEL UNIVERSITY (1-1 OVERALL, 0-0 MIAC)

Saturday, September 24, 2022; 1 p.m. | Royal Stadium (cap. 3,500); Arden Hills, Minn.



Nickname: Johnnies

Location: Collegeville, Minn.

Founded: 1857

Enrollment: 1,515

School Colors: Cardinal and Blue

Conference: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic (MIAC)

President: Dr. Brian Bruess

Athletic Director: Bob Alpers '82

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

Head Coach: Gary Fasching '81

SJU Record: 83-15 (10th season)

Overall Record: 83-15 (10th season)

Record vs. Bethel: 8-1



Nickname: Royals

Location: Arden Hills, Minn.

Founded: 1869

Enrollment: 2,918

School Colors: Blue and Gold

Conference: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic (MIAC)

President: Ross Allen

Athletic Director: Greg Peterson

Home Field (Capacity): Royal Stadium (3,500)

Head Coach: Steve Johnson

Bethel Record: 235-106-1 (33rd Season)

Overall Record: 235-106-1 (33rd Season)

Record vs. Saint John's: 9-23

SATURDAY'S MATCHUP

Saint John's returns to competition following its bye week and after the Johnnies earned their second consecutive win over a top-20 team with a 37-34 win over fast-paced, then-No. 19 UW-River Falls on Sept. 10 in Collegeville. SJU passed for 329 yards and built a 37-19 lead before the Falcons scored 15 points in the game's final 3:30. Bethel, like SJU, also had its bye last weekend but suffered a different fate - a 10-7 road loss at UW-Platteville - Sept. 10. BU was without its starting quarterback, Jaran Roste, who suffered an injury to his non-throwing arm during the opening drive of the 2022 season (Sept. 3's season opener vs. Pacific Lutheran, Wash.). Saturday's game is the first between the two programs since SJU's thrilling, 29-28 win in the 2021 MIAC championship game on Nov. 13 in Arden Hills. The Johnnies trailed 21-8 at halftime.

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 25th season SJU football can be heard worldwide over the internet.



-Football Weekly at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22: senior tight end **Alex Larson** (Woodbury, Minn./East Ridge), co-defensive coordinator **Brandon Novak** '01 and head coach **Gary Fasching**.

-Johnnies Magazine at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24: SJU senior soccer midfielder **Matt D. Anderson** (Omaha, Neb./Creighton Prep) and junior golfer **Blake Schuler** (Waconia, Minn.).

DOWNLOAD THE GO JOHNNIES APP

In August 2021, the Saint John's athletic department launched the Go Johnnies App, 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 app provides Johnnie fans easy access to features that include customizable push notifications for each of SJU's 11 varsity sports; the 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; and official rosters, stats and schedules. The Go Johnnies App is presented by Magnifi Financial (formerly 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).

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STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

Bethel (NCAA/MIAC)		Saint John's (NCAA/MIAC)
24.0 (121st/10th)	Scoring Offense	30.5 (76th/8th)
9.5 (21st/1st)	Scoring Defense	22.0 (100th/7th)
311.5 (157th/9th)	Total Offense	329.5 (136th/8th)
284.5 (64th/2nd)	Total Defense	362.5 (123rd/8th)
28:48	Avg. Time of Possession	30:10
PASSING		
157.0 (187th/9th)	Passing Offense	299.0 (29th/4th)
187.5 (86th/3rd)	Passing Defense	229.5 (149th/6th)
3	Passing TD's	5
1	Passing TD's Allowed	4
102.2 (180th/10th)	Pass Efficiency	148.3 (64th/5th)
99.7 (45th/4th)	Pass-Efficiency Defense	132.5 (135th/9th)
RUSHING		
154.5 (89th/6th)	Rushing Offense	30.5 (239th/10th)
97.0 (67th/4th)	Rushing Defense	133.0 (116th/8th)
3	Rushing TD's	3
1	Rushing TD's Allowed	2
DEFENSE		
3	Sacks (Total)	7
8	Tackles For Loss (Total)	16
SPECIAL TEAMS		
10 (39.8)	Punts (Avg.)	12 (38.1)
4 (17.8)	Kick Returns (Avg.)	6 (15.2)
2 (2.0)	Punt Returns (Avg.)	2 (2.5)
36.9	Kickoff Coverage (Net Avg.)	41.5
TURNOVERS		
-1 (3/4)	Turnover Margin	-1 (3/4)
2	Interceptions	1
2	Interceptions Thrown	2
1	Fumbles Gained (Defensive)	2
2	Fumbles Lost	2
MISCELLANEOUS		
100.0% (7-7)	Red-Zone Offense	88.9% (8-9)
14.3% (1-7)	Red-Zone Defense	85.7% (6-7)
29.2% (7-24)	3rd-Down Offense	35.7% (10-28)
7.4% (2-27)	3rd-Down Defense	35.3% (12-34)
2,122 (1 game)	Avg. Home Attendance	10,783 (2 games)

2022 SCHEDULES/RESULTS

Saint John's (2-0, 0-0 MIAC)

Sept. 3	UW-WHITEWATER	W, 24-10
Sept. 10	UW-RIVER FALLS	W, 37-34
Sept. 24	at Bethel*	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	CONCORDIA* (Homecoming)	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Augsburg*	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	at St. Olaf*^	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS*^ (Family Weekend)	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	at St. Scholastica*^	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	CARLETON*^	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	MIAC CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK*	1 p.m.

*denotes an MIAC game

^denotes a Northwoods Division game

Bethel (1-1, 0-0 MIAC)

Sept. 3	PACIFIC LUTHERAN, Wash.	W, 41-9
Sept. 10	at UW-Platteville	L, 7-10
Sept. 24	SAINT JOHN'S*	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Gustavus Adolphus*	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	HAMLIN*^	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	CONCORDIA*^	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Macalester*^	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	ST. OLAF*	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Augsburg*^	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	at MIAC Week*	1 p.m.

*denotes an MIAC game

^denotes a Skyline Division game

Saint John's Football History

*thru Sept. 10

First Season	1900 (111th season)
All-Time Record	666-252-24 (.720)
All-Time MIAC Record	480-179-22 (.721)
All-Time Home Record	353-99-13 (.773)
All-Time Postseason Record	48-26 (.649)
NCAA Postseason Record	43-25 (.632)
All-Americans	144
Academic All-Americans	34
All-MIAC First-Team Selections	429

4 National Championships

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

35 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, 2021

31 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, 2021

27 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, 2021

11 Undefeated Seasons

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

24 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, 2021

CLEMENS STADIUM

Surface	SprinTurf (Artificial Grass)
Capacity	8,500
Opening Date	Saint John's Field (1908) Clemens Stadium (1997)
Last Turf Renovation	2022, 2012 Installed in 2002
All-Time Record	346-96-13 (.775)
Largest Crowd	17,327 Sept. 26, 2015 vs. St. Thomas

WOZNIAK NAMED TO GOOD WORKS TEAM



Senior defensive lineman **Michael Wozniak** (left, New Hope, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) was one of 22 student-athletes across all divisions of college football named to the 2022 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team on Monday (Sept. 19). This year marks the 31st anniversary of the award, which was established in 1992 to recognize a select group of college football players who have made a commitment to service and enriching the lives of others. A fan vote will run from now until Nov. 22 at www.ESPN.com/Allstate to decide this year's Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Captain. Fans may cast one vote per device each day. Wozniak is one of four honorees from the NCAA Division III level – joining Matthew Feldick of Bethel, Alan Gorny of Johns Hopkins (Md.) and Matt Lilja of Mount Union (Ohio) – and one of six defensive linemen.

Wozniak is the sixth Johnnie to be named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and the fifth in the last six seasons: quarterback **Chris Backes** '21, offensive lineman **Ben Barch** '20, quarterback **Jackson Erdmann** '19 and wide receiver **Will Gillach** '19. Defensive end **Kevin McNamara** '07 was the first SJU student-athlete to receive the honor in 2006. The full list of SJU's honorees and nominees is below.

A 2022 *Lindy's* Preseason All-American and a 2021 D3football.com All-America first-team selection, Wozniak has nine tackles (five solo), including 4.5 for a loss and three sacks, as well as a forced fumble through the season's first two games. He totaled 3.5 tackles for loss, three sacks and the forced fumble in the Johnnies' 24-10 win over then-No.-4 Wisconsin-Whitewater Sept. 3 and was named MIAC Football Defensive Player of the Week for the performance. Wozniak has 11 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks in his last four games going back to last season, and 22.5 tackles for loss and 13.5 sacks in 22 career games.

Wozniak started all 12 games and finished with a team-leading 15.5 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks, including 6.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks in two NCAA playoff games, last fall. He totaled 30 tackles (20 solo), five quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup. He returned to the field in 2021 after suffering a season-ending hand injury on the first defensive play of the 2019 season – a tackle for loss – at Wisconsin-Stout.

Off the field, Wozniak is in his fifth year raising money for a pair of SJU football's initiatives, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Tackle Cancer. He was also a member of the Johnnies' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which holds an annual Kids Fighting Hunger meal-packing event every March, for two academic years (2020-21 and 2021-22). Wozniak also helped organize a swim meet for local Special Olympians in Spring 2022 in Col-legeville. Back home, Wozniak volunteered to coach 2nd- and 3rd-grade youth football for the Armstrong Cooper Youth Football Association. In addition to his exemplary athletic performance and community service experience, Wozniak is also a decorated student. He was named to the 2021 College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America first team and is a two-time Academic All-MIAC honoree (minimum 3.5 GPA) with a 3.86 GPA in accounting.

MIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 12)



Senior defensive lineman **Metoriah Faoliu** (left, Wildomar, Calif./Vista Murrieta) and sophomore kicker **Conor Murphy** (Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman) were named the MIAC Football Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week, respectively, last Monday (Sept. 12). Faoliu totaled 11 tackles (eight solo), including 3.5 for a loss, 1.5 sacks and a quarterback hurry in the win over UW-River Falls and was also named to D3football.com's National Team of the Week for the performance. He currently leads the team in solo tackles (10), is second in total tackles (15) and has 4.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and three hurries in two games this season. Murphy, meanwhile, went 4-for-4 on his PAT attempts and made a 39-yard field goal, the Johnnies' longest since 2017, in the victory.

NON-CONFERENCE WINS

The Johnnies are now 35-4 (.897) in regular-season, non-conference games since 2002, including an 18-0 record under the direction of head coach **Gary Fasching**, and 35-14 against members of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC).

GOOD FROM 39 YARDS OUT

As mentioned above, the 39-yard field goal off the foot of sophomore **Conor Murphy** Sept. 10 was the Johnnies' longest since Sept. 16, 2017, when Zach Barwick '19 made a 39-yarder in the 56-7 road win at St. Olaf. The distance is tied for the fifth-longest during head coach **Gary Fasching's** tenure (see below). The top-three distances during that time are held by assistant coach **Alexi Johnson** '17, while the program record of 52 yards is a tie between **Russell Gliadon** '10 (set in 2009) and another assistant coach, **Jimmie Mattson** '13 (set in 2011).

SJU's Longest Made Field Goals During Fasching's Tenure as Head Coach (since 2013)

Yds.	Name	Date	Opponent
43	Alexi Johnson	Sept. 5, 2015	Dubuque, Iowa
42	Alexi Johnson	Sept. 19, 2015	at Concordia
40	Alexi Johnson	Sept. 6, 2013	at UW-River Falls
39	Conor Murphy	Sept. 10, 2022	UW-River Falls
39	Zach Barwick	Sept. 16, 2017	at St. Olaf
38	Zach Barwick	Sept. 22, 2018	Carleton
38	Alexi Johnson	Sept. 27, 2014	at St. Thomas

IN THE POLLS

Saint John's stayed at No. 2 in the latest D3football.com Top 25 poll released Sunday night (Sept. 18) and debuted at No. 2 in the first American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top 25 poll of the 2022 season posted Monday (Sept. 19). The Johnnies climbed two spots to No. 2 in the D3football.com poll following their second win over a nationally ranked opponent - then-19 UW-River Falls - Sept. 10. The ranking is SJU's highest since it was No. 2 in the week nine and 10 polls by the AFCA. The last time the Johnnies were ranked No. 2 and/or received first-place votes by D3football.com both occurred in the 2004 preseason poll (nine months after the program's fourth national championship in December 2003). Bethel moved up one spot to No. 20 by D3football.com and received votes in the AFCA's first set of rankings.

SERIES HISTORY

Saturday's game is the 44th meeting between Saint John's and Bethel going back to 1978. The Johnnies are 34-9 all-time against the Royals, including a 14-6 record in Arden Hills. SJU won the first 20 meetings in the series before BU won nine of the next 15 from 1999-2013. The Johnnies, however, have responded with eight straight victories by a 228-117 margin.

SERIES NOTES

Series Record: SJU leads, 34-9 (Current Streak: SJU, 8)

at Saint John's: SJU leads, 19-3 (Current Streak: SJU, 4)

at Bethel: SJU leads, 14-6 (Current Streak: SJU, 4)

Neutral: SJU leads, 1-0 (Current Streak: SJU, 1)

Last Saint John's Win: Nov. 13, 2022 (29-28)

Last Bethel Win: Nov. 16, 2013 (28-7)

Largest Margin of a Saint John's Victory: 65 (1993)

Largest Margin of a Bethel Victory: 21 (2011, 2013)

SERIES' BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

**by yardage*

Rushing: **SJU,** Matt Malmberg, 29-157-2 TD (Sept. 17, 1994)
BU, Mike Johnson, 33-190-0 TD (Oct. 27, 2001)

Passing: **SJU,** Willie Seiler, 19-23-337-5 TD (Oct. 16, 1993)
BU, Scott Kirchoff, 29-49-333-1 TD (Oct. 28, 2000)

Receiving: **SJU,** Ravi Alston, 9-188-1 TD (Oct. 12, 2019)
BU, Eric Carlson, 7-208-1 TD (Sept. 20, 1986)

A RANKED SJU VS. BU SHOWDOWN

The Johnnies are 5-5 against the Royals in Arden Hills as a ranked/received votes (rv) team in the American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA) poll since 2000 (*see chart below*), though SJU has won each of the last four. The 2019 meeting in Collegeville was the first since 2003 in which both teams were ranked in the top 10 nationally.

Series Since 2000, Ranked/Received Votes in AFCA Poll

Date	SJU	BU	Location	Result
Oct. 28, 2000	5	18	Arden Hills	BU, 43-36
Oct. 27, 2001	rv	5	Collegeville	SJU, 34-0
Nov. 8, 2002	6	---	Metrodome	SJU, 31-26
Nov. 8, 2003	2	10	Collegeville	SJU, 29-26
Oct. 9, 2004	10	rv	Collegeville	SJU, 37-0
Oct. 8, 2005	5	---	Arden Hills	SJU, 30-9
Nov. 11, 2006	3	rv	Collegeville	BU, 28-13
Nov. 10, 2007	2	16	Arden Hills	BU, 17-14
Oct. 4, 2008	16	rv	Arden Hills	BU, 14-9
Oct. 3, 2009	6	rv	Collegeville	SJU, 16-14
Oct. 9, 2010	25	rv	Arden Hills	BU, 17-14
Oct. 8, 2011	---	17	Collegeville	BU, 41-20
Nov. 10, 2012	---	25	Arden Hills	BU, 27-22
Nov. 16, 2013	---	6	Collegeville	BU, 28-7
Nov. 8, 2014	18	12	Collegeville	SJU, 31-8
Nov. 7, 2015	13	---	Arden Hills	SJU, 21-0
Oct. 1, 2016	14	---	Arden Hills	SJU, 42-27
Sept. 30, 2017	12	---	Collegeville	SJU, 21-13
Oct. 6, 2018	9	rv	Arden Hills	SJU, 34-16
Oct. 12, 2019	4	9	Collegeville	SJU, 19-0
Sept. 25, 2021	5	15	Collegeville	SJU, 31-25
Nov. 13, 2021	5	12	Arden Hills	SJU, 29-28
Sept. 24, 2022	2	rv	Arden Hills	?

All-Time Series vs. Bethel

Year	Result	Date	Location
1978	SJU, 19-17	Sept. 30	Arden Hills
1979	SJU, 45-32	Sept. 29	Collegeville
1980	SJU, 42-10	Oct. 11	Collegeville
1981	SJU, 17-6	Oct. 17	Arden Hills
1982	SJU, 49-21	Nov. 13	Arden Hills
1983	SJU, 16-0	Nov. 12	Collegeville
1984	SJU, 42-0	Sept. 15	Arden Hills
1985	SJU, 20-13	Sept. 14	Collegeville
1986	SJU, 41-7	Oct. 4	Collegeville
1987	SJU, 62-9	Oct. 3	Arden Hills
1988	SJU, 42-7	Oct. 8	Collegeville
1989	SJU, 9-7	Oct. 7	Arden Hills
1990	SJU, 20-0	Nov. 3	Collegeville
1992	SJU, 34-12	Oct. 17	Collegeville
1993	SJU, 77-12	Oct. 16	Arden Hills
1994	SJU, 48-20	Sept. 17	Collegeville
1995	SJU, 49-14	Sept. 16	Arden Hills
1996	SJU, 52-8	Nov. 2	Collegeville
1997	SJU, 17-14	Nov. 1	Arden Hills
1998	SJU, 19-3	Oct. 10	Collegeville
1999	BU, 24-20	Oct. 9	Arden Hills
2000	BU, 43-36	Oct. 28	Arden Hills
2001	SJU, 34-0	Oct. 27	Collegeville
2002	SJU, 31-26	Nov. 8	Metrodome
2003	SJU, 29-26	Nov. 8	Collegeville
2004	SJU, 37-0	Oct. 9	Collegeville
2005	SJU, 30-9	Oct. 8	Arden Hills
2006	BU, 28-13	Nov. 11	Collegeville
2007	BU, 17-14	Nov. 10	Arden Hills
2008	BU, 14-9	Oct. 4	Arden Hills
2009	SJU, 16-14	Oct. 3	Collegeville
2010	BU, 17-14	Oct. 2	Arden Hills
2011	BU, 41-20	Oct. 8	Collegeville
2012	BU, 27-22	Nov. 10	Arden Hills
2013	BU, 28-7	Nov. 16	Collegeville
2014	SJU, 31-8	Nov. 8	Collegeville
2015	SJU, 21-0	Nov. 7	Arden Hills
2016	SJU, 42-27	Oct. 1	Arden Hills
2017	SJU, 21-13	Sept. 30	Collegeville
2018	SJU, 34-16	Oct. 6	Arden Hills
2019	SJU, 19-0	Oct. 12	Collegeville
2021	SJU, 31-25	Sept. 25	Collegeville
2021*	SJU, 29-28	Nov. 13	Arden Hills

**MIAC Championship game*

FAMILIAR FOES

Following 17 years as an assistant to **John Gagliardi**, Saint John's head coach **Gary Fasching** is certainly familiar with Bethel head coach Steve Johnson, but the familiarity goes back even further. Fasching assisted Johnson while he was the head coach at nearby St. Cloud Cathedral High School from 1982-85. Johnson taught physical education, while Fasching taught social studies. Fasching later replaced Johnson as head coach in 1986 after he left Cathedral to be a graduate assistant coach at the University of Minnesota. Johnson spent one year with the Gophers and two more at Montana State before taking over at Bethel in 1989. Fasching (*right*), meanwhile, led the Crusaders to the State Class B title in 1992 and 1993 and collected a 57-46 career record over 10 seasons from 1986-95, the most wins and longest tenure in school history.



CAREER DAY FOR BUCK



Junior wide receiver **Jimmy Buck** (*left*, Orono, Minn.) recorded career highs in receptions (9) and receiving yards (149) two weeks ago in the Johnnies' win over nationally ranked Wisconsin-River Falls. Four of his nine catches converted third downs: 23 yards (3rd-12), 11 (3rd-9), 8 (3rd-4) and 16 (3rd-8). Buck has 15 catches for a team-leading 196 yards so far this fall. He is averaging 16.8 yards per catch (20 receptions for 336 yards) with two touchdowns over his last five games going back to last season, when he played all 12 games and snagged 33 passes for 551 yards and seven scores.

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	72 (69 football, 3 track & field)
Academic All-Americans	25
All-MIAC First-Team Selections	176
MIAC Championships	14
1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2021	
Postseason Appearances	19
1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021	

ASSISTANTS/SUPPORT STAFF

Defensive Coordinator	Jerry Haugen
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1976 (47th)
Offensive Coordinator/Receivers	Kole Heckendorf
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	North Dakota State, 2008 (10th)
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Brandon Novak
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2001 (23rd)
Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Line	Damien Dumonceaux
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2005 (17th)
Running Backs	Josh Bungum
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2016 (7th)
Offensive Line (Volunteer)	Mike Magnuson
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1990 (7th)
Offensive Line	Ben Eli
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2016 (6th)
Kickers (Volunteer)	Alexi Johnson
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2017 (5th)
Defense (Volunteer)	Andy Auger
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1995 (4th)
Offense (Student)	Adam Magarian
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2023 (3rd)
Defense/Diversity & Student Success	Max Jackson
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2019 (2nd)
Defensive Line	Collin Franz
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2021 (1st)
Linebackers (Volunteer)	Tom Wicka
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1990 (1st)
Strength & Conditioning	Justin Rost
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Northwestern (Iowa), 2011 (10th)
Equipment Manager	Kevin Schiltz
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Augsburg, 1993 (19th)
Assistant Equipment Manager	Jim Platten
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 1974 (24th)
Athletic Trainer	Scott Bierscheid
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	MSU-Mankato, 1992 (27th)
Athletic Media Relations Director	Ryan Klinkner
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2004 (17th)
Video	Sam Chalmers
Alma Mater, Year (Season)	Saint John's, 2021 (4th)

FOLLOWING 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	11-1	MIAC Champions, NCAA
2022	Saint John's	Head Coach	2-0	
				83-15 (.847)

*MIAC Coach of the Year

SJU'S RECORD UNDER HEAD COACH GARY FASCHING

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	TOTAL
Record	7-3	10-2	10-2	10-2	9-2	12-1	12-2	11-1	2-0	83-15
MIAC	5-3	7-1	7-1	7-1	7-1	8-0	7-1	8-0	---	56-8
Non-Conference (Regular Season)	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	18-0
Postseason	---	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-1	1-1	---	9-7
Home	3-2	5-1	6-1	5-1	6-0	8-0	5-1	7-1	2-0	47-7
Away	4-1	5-1	4-1	5-1	3-1	3-1	6-1	4-0	---	34-7
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	11-1	2-0	75-13
vs. Ranked (AFCA/D3football.com)	1-1	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	4-1	4-1	2-0	19-11
Ranked vs. Ranked (AFCA/D3football.com)	---	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	4-1	4-1	2-0	16-10
Score First	5-1	8-0	8-0	8-0	9-1	11-0	8-2	9-1	1-0	67-5
Opponent Score First	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-1	1-1	4-0	2-0	1-0	16-10
Leading at Half	5-1	8-0	10-0	9-0	8-0	12-0	9-0	9-0	2-0	72-1
Trailing at Half	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	0-1	3-2	2-1	---	8-12
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	10-0	2-0	78-1
Trailing after Third Quarter	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	---	4-12
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	2-0	28-5
October	3-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	5-0	---	30-0
November	1-2	4-1	3-1	3-1	2-1	4-0	4-1	3-1	---	24-8
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	11-1	2-0	78-3
Scoring 30+ points	2-0	5-0	8-0	9-0	7-0	11-0	10-1	10-0	1-0	63-1
Scoring 40+ points	---	2-0	8-0	8-0	6-0	10-0	7-0	6-0	---	47-0
Allowing less than 20 points	6-0	9-0	8-0	8-0	9-1	9-0	7-1	8-0	1-0	65-2
Allowing 20+ points	1-3	1-2	2-2	2-2	0-1	3-1	5-0	3-1	1-0	18-12
Allowing 30+ points	---	---	0-2	1-2	---	---	2-1	1-1	1-0	5-6
Rushing for less than 100 yards	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	4-1	0-1	2-0	10-9
Rushing for 100+ yards	6-2	10-1	10-0	9-1	8-1	11-0	8-1	11-0	---	73-6
Rushing for 200+ yards	2-0	7-0	8-0	7-0	6-0	5-0	3-1	6-0	---	44-1
Rushing for 300+ yards	---	3-0	---	2-0	3-0	2-0	---	1-0	---	11-0
Passing for less than 200 yards	5-2	9-2	6-0	2-1	4-2	---	---	2-0	---	28-7
Passing for 200+ yards	2-1	1-0	4-2	8-1	5-0	12-1	12-2	9-1	2-0	55-8
Passing for 300+ yards	---	---	---	1-0	1-0	3-1	9-2	3-0	1-0	18-3
Passing for 400+ yards	---	---	---	---	---	1-1	6-0	1-0	---	8-1
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	11-1	2-0	83-14
Totalling 300+ yards	6-2	9-1	9-0	9-1	8-0	12-1	12-2	10-1	1-0	76-8
Totalling 400+ yards	1-0	3-0	7-0	8-0	6-0	10-1	10-1	9-0	---	55-2
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	4-0	---	26-0
Allowing less than 300 yards	3-1	6-0	5-0	7-0	9-0	7-0	6-1	9-1	1-0	53-3
Allowing 300+ yards	4-2	4-2	5-2	3-2	0-2	5-1	6-1	2-0	1-0	30-12
Having a 100-yard Rusher	2-0	10-0	8-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	5-0	---	32-3
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	4-0	1-0	31-4
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	1-0	1-0	13-6
Opponent 100-yard Receiver	2-1	3-0	4-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	3-0	3-1	1-0	22-2
No Turnovers	1-0	5-0	4-0	3-0	3-1	6-0	3-0	2-0	---	27-1
Less than 3 Turnovers	3-3	9-2	10-0	9-1	9-2	10-0	11-1	9-1	2-0	72-10
3+ Turnovers	4-0	1-0	0-2	1-1	---	2-1	1-1	1-0	---	10-5
No Takeaways	2-0	1-1	1-1	---	1-0	1-1	3-0	1-1	1-0	11-4
Less than 3 Takeaways	3-2	4-2	6-2	6-2	5-2	7-1	7-2	8-0	---	46-13
3+ Takeaways	4-1	6-0	4-0	4-0	4-0	5-0	5-0	3-0	1-0	36-1
30:00+ Possession	4-2	7-1	4-0	10-1	7-0	5-0	4-1	8-1	1-0	50-6
Less than 30:00 Possession	3-1	3-1	6-2	0-1	2-2	7-1	8-1	3-0	1-0	33-9

TWO WITH 100+ RECEIVING YARDS

Junior wide receiver **Jimmy Buck** and senior tight end **Alex Larson** (*right*; Woodbury, Minn./East Ridge) gave Saint John's its first game of two, 100-yard receivers since 2019 against UW-River Falls. In addition to Buck, Larson caught seven passes for 101 yards, the second 100-yard receiving game of his collegiate career. The last occurrence was Dec. 7, 2019 at Wheaton, Ill. (NCAA quarterfinals): 146 yards by Blake Patrick '21 and 101 by senior wide receiver **Matt Mohr** (Chisago City, Minn./Chisago Lakes).



ANOTHER TOUCHDOWN FOR LARSON

Senior tight end **Alex Larson's** first-quarter touchdown reception against UW-River Falls was his third of the season and 11th of his career. The 11 career touchdown catches tie him with Josh Overman '11 for sixth in SJU history among tight ends, in only 13 games played at the position.

Most Receiving Touchdowns by a Tight End in SJU History

Rk.	No.	Name	Years
1.	19	Nate Kirschner	1997-00
2.	15	Tom Ramboldt	1988-91
3.	14	Jared Streit	2015-18
4.	12	Mike Ramler	1987-89
	12	Chris Biggins	1980-83
6.	11	Alex Larson	2019-current
	11	Josh Overman	2007-10

OVER 300 YARDS FOR SYVERSON

Junior quarterback **Aaron Syverson** (Minnetonka, Minn.) recorded his first 300-yard passing game - 329 yards on 22 of 40 passing for two touchdowns and one interception - in the Sept. 10 win over UW-River Falls. With the win, Syverson improved to 9-0 as an SJU starting quarterback.

Best Winning Percentage by an SJU Starting Quarterback (min. 7 starts)

Rk.	Pct.	Name	W-L-T Record (Year/s)
1.	1.000	Aaron Syverson	9-0 (2021-current)
	1.000	Craig Muyres	19-0 (1962-63)
3.	.923	Willie Seiler	12-1 (1993)
4.	.900	Tom Linnemann	27-3 (1998-00)
5.	.897	Ryan Keating	26-3 (2001-03)

TOUCHDOWN ON 4TH-AND-10

Senior wide receiver **Nick VanErp's** (Battle Lake, Minn./Ottertail Central) first career touchdown - a 30-yard pass from junior **Aaron Syverson** - came on fourth-and-10 and gave SJU a 20-19 lead with 33 seconds left in the first half on Sept. 10 vs. UW-River Falls. The fourth-down touchdown was SJU's ninth on fourth-and-10 or farther since 2002 (*see chart below*).

SJU's Touchdowns on 4th-and-10 or Farther (since 2002)

Down	Date	Opponent	Touchdown
4th-11	Sept. 14, 2002	Hamline	29-yard pass L. Clintsman from Denne
4th-22	Sept. 11, 2004	Northwestern	31-yard pass Lofboom from Kofoed
4th-19	Oct. 29, 2005	St. Olaf	25-yard pass Beaudry from Crees
4th-13	Nov. 12, 2005	at St. Thomas	20-yard pass Royce-Diop from Kofoed
4th-11	Nov. 24, 2007	at Central, Iowa*	20-yard pass B. Weber from Kofoed
4th-10	Nov. 12, 2016	at Concordia	28-yard pass Clark from Alvord
4th-16	Nov. 19, 2016	UW-Platteville*	25-yard pass Gillach from Erdmann
4th-15	Oct. 21, 2017	Gustavus	23-yard pass Gillach from Erdmann
4th-10	Sept. 10, 2022	UW-River Falls	30-yard pass VanErp from Syverson

*an NCAA Division III Playoff game

THE LAST GAME

at No. 4 Saint John's 37, No. 19 UW-River Falls 34 (Sept. 10)

Then-No. 4 Saint John's defeated its second consecutive nationally ranked opponent, then-No. 19 UW-River Falls, by a score of 37-34 two weeks ago (Sept. 10) in Collegeville. UWRF gave SJU all it could handle, piling up 460 yards of total offense (the most surrendered by the Johnnies since a victory over Aurora, Ill. in the first round of the 2019 Division III playoffs) and taking an early 7-0 lead on a 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

The Falcons then pulled ahead 19-14 after a nine-yard touchdown run by quarterback Kaleb Blaha and a 17-yard touchdown catch by Luke Kush with 1:44 remaining in the first half. In all, Blaha threw for 283 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 122 yards and another in UW-River Falls' effective hurry-up offensive scheme.

But SJU – which had led 14-7 after a 20-yard touchdown catch by senior tight end **Alex Larson** in the first quarter and a 1-yard touchdown run by senior running back **Henry Trost** (Lindstrom, Minn./Chisago Lakes) in the second – regained the lead just before halftime when junior quarterback **Aaron Syverson** connected with senior wide receiver **Nick VanErp** on a 30-yard touchdown pass (right). The score, VanErp's first of his career, came on a fourth-and-10 play. The ensuing two-point conversion attempt failed, but SJU led 20-19 going into the locker rooms. Syverson threw for 329 yards - his first 300-yard passing game - and two touchdowns.



The Johnnies suffered a big loss when Trost left the game with an apparent ankle injury in the second quarter. He did not return, meaning juniors **Tony Underwood** (Eagan, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) and **Troy Feddema** (St. Cloud, Minn./Tech) carried the load the rest of the way in a running back corps already without **Devin Vouk**, a key contributor from last year who was injured this summer and will miss the entire season. Feddema, especially, answered the call – rushing for two big second-half touchdowns sandwiched around a 39-yard field goal by sophomore **Conor Murphy** that helped SJU pull away. The touchdowns were the first and second of Feddema's collegiate career.

The Falcons scored a pair of touchdowns late in the fourth quarter to trim an 18-point Johnnies' lead to just three with 20 seconds remaining. But SJU recovered an onside kick to close things out.

at UW-Platteville 10, No. 11 Bethel 7 (Sept. 10)

Then-No. 11 Bethel suffered a 10-7 loss at UW-Platteville two Saturdays ago (Sept. 10). The Pioneers out-gained the Royals 262-162 (205-41 in the first half), though BU held UWP to 57 yards of offense in the final 30 minutes, including only 16 yards of offense in the fourth quarter.

Platteville missed a 21-yard field goal on its opening possession, but got on the board first marching in from seven yards out to cap a 12 play, 83-yard drive. George Bolt's second interception of the day set up UWP to gain a 10-0 lead thanks to a 49-yard field goal with 4:29 left before halftime.

The Royals cut the deficit to three points when Bolt connected with Micah Niewald for a 19-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter. With just over four minutes remaining in the game, Hugo Cifuentes' 41-yard, field-goal attempt fell short. The Pioneers gained two yards on fourth-and-one and ran out the rest of the clock for the win.

THE LAST MEETING

Saint John's 29, at Bethel 28 (Nov. 13, 2021)

The Johnnies won a wild, 29-28 last-second victory over Bethel in the MIAC championship game last Nov. 13 (2021) in Arden Hills. Senior tight end **Alex Larson** hauled in a three-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Chris Backes** '21 on fourth-and-goal with one second left on the clock. That touchdown – and the extra-point by sophomore **Conor Murphy** that followed – gave Saint John's the lead for the first time in a matchup in which they had trailed by 14 early and 21-8 at the half.

The Johnnies turned the ball over on downs twice in the fourth quarter with Bethel leading by six points – once at the Royals' 6 with just under six minutes to go, then again at their own 34 with 2:59 remaining. Yet, when the defense stopped Bethel on downs at the Johnnies' 29 with 1:59 left on the clock, the offense got one last chance. And this time, Larson and company made it count, marching 72 yards in eight plays.

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FOLLOWING SJU'S 2022 OPPONENTS

• Sept. 3 vs. UW-Whitewater

W, 24-10



2022 Record: 2-1 (0-0 WIAC)

Last Week: W, 17-3 at Berry (Ga.), Sept. 17

This Week: BYE

Next Week: at No. 10 UW-La Crosse, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Sept. 10 vs. UW-River Falls

W, 37-34



2022 Record: 2-1 (0-0 WIAC)

Last Week: W, 63-27 vs. Northwestern (Minn.), Sept. 17

This Week: BYE

Next Week: vs. UW-Stevens Point, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Sept. 24 at Bethel

1 p.m.



2022 Record: 1-1 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Last Week: BYE

This Week: vs. No. 2 Saint John's, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at Gustavus Adolphus, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Oct. 1 vs. Concordia (Homecoming)

1 p.m.



2022 Record: 2-0 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Last Week: BYE

This Week: vs. Gustavus Adolphus, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.

Next Week: at No. 2 Saint John's, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Oct. 8 at Augsburg

1 p.m.



2022 Record: 2-0 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 SKYLINE)

Last Week: W, 45-7 at Martin Luther, Sept. 17

This Week: vs. St. Scholastica, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.

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

• Oct. 15 at St. Olaf

1 p.m.



2022 Record: 1-1 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: BYE

This Week: at Macalester, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

Next Week: vs. Augsburg, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Oct. 22 vs. Gustavus Adolphus (Family Weekend) 1 p.m.

2022 Record: 1-1 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: L, 25-28 vs. UW-Stout, Sept. 17

This Week: at Concordia, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.

Next Week: vs. No. 20 Bethel, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.



• Oct. 29 at St. Scholastica

1 p.m.



2022 Record: 1-1 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: W, 63-14 at Crown, Sept. 17

This Week: at Augsburg, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.

Next Week: vs. Hamline, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Nov. 5 vs. Carleton

1 p.m.



2022 Record: 2-0 (0-0 MIAC, 0-0 NORTHWOODS)

Last Week: W, 41-7 vs. Minnesota-Morris, Sept. 17

This Week: at Hamline, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.

Next Week: vs. Macalester, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

• Nov. 12 vs. TBD (MIAC Championship Week)

1 p.m.



SJU vs. 2022's OPPONENTS

Opponent	Result/Time	Series	First	Last	Streak
UW-Whitewater	W, 24-10	UWW, 4-2	2002	2022	W1
UW-River Falls	W, 37-34	SJU, 9-1	1937	2022	W9
at Bethel	1 p.m.	SJU, 34-9	1978	2021	W8
Concordia	1 p.m.	SJU, 47-34-6	1923	2021	W1
at Augsburg	1 p.m.	SJU, 71-9-2	1926	2021	W8
at St. Olaf	1 p.m.	SJU, 45-14-1	1922	2021	W8
Gustavus Adolphus	1 p.m.	SJU, 52-32-3	1923	2021	W7
at St. Scholastica	1 p.m.	SJU, 4-0	2014	2021	W4
Carleton	1 p.m.	SJU, 38-0	1983	2021	W38
TBD (MIAC)	1 p.m.	---	---	---	---

302-103-12 (.739)

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The win provided SJU with its 35th MIAC title and 24th 10-win season. The NCAA berth was SJU's 31st postseason appearance in program history and the 27th at the Division III level. The bid was also the seventh consecutive under the direction of head coach **Gary Fasching**, which broke his tie for the MIAC record held by former head coach **John Gagliardi**.

But it didn't seem like the Johnnies' day in the first half as Bethel roared out to a 14-0 lead on a pair of touchdown passes from Jaran Roste – the first a 48-yarder to Joey Kidder and the second a 23-yard connection to Micah Niewald.

SJU cut the gap to 14-8 on a 1-yard touchdown run by Backes with 12:05 to play in the second quarter, but a 22-yard touchdown pass from Roste to Gabe Ante sent the Royals into the locker room leading 21-8. SJU, however, did not allow an offensive touchdown in the second half. Bethel's only score came with 3:46 left in the third quarter when – after a 3-yard touchdown run by SJU senior running back **Henry Trost** cut the gap to six – BU linebacker David Brandt returned a blocked punt 10 yards for a touchdown to make the score 28-15.

The Johnnies again pulled within six on a 1-yard touchdown run by Trost (who finished the day with 23 carries for 93 yards) with 11:46 remaining. But SJU couldn't follow up on its next possession which ended when Backes was stopped for no gain on 4th-and-one at the Bethel 6.

The defense stepped up and forced the Royals to punt the ball away, but the Johnnies gained only two yards before three-straight incompletions meant Bethel got the ball back on downs at the SJU 34 with less-than-three minutes to go. The Royals – with backup quarterback George Bolt in for an injured Roste – managed to gain just five yards before being stopped on fourth down at the SJU 29.



A 36-yard pass from Backes to junior wide receiver **Jimmy Buck** put SJU at the Bethel 35 (left). Then Backes carried for a gain of 25 to make it first-and-goal at the 10. But three plays later, the Johnnies were still only at the Bethel 3 and the clock had run down to the final seconds. That's when Backes fired off a final pass

to Larson at the pylon on the SJU side of the end zone. Backes threw for 151 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 103 yards and another score – the first time a Johnnie quarterback crossed the 100-yard rushing mark in a game since Ken Pletcher ran for 104 yards on four carries at Macalester on Oct. 30, 1993.

TROST TOUCHDOWNS



Senior running back **Henry Trost** (left) ended the 2021 regular season 10th in NCAA Division III in scoring (11.6 ppg.), 11th in rushing touchdowns (17) and 13th in both points scored (102) and total touchdowns (17).

Trost is currently tied for third in SJU history with 34 career rushing touchdowns, thanks in large part to a 13-touchdown season in 2019 and 18 more in 2021 (see chart below). His 39 total touchdowns are eighth all-time, one behind Chris Moore '01 and Chris Palmer '96 in a tie for sixth.

Trost has scored 36 touchdowns, including 32 rushing, over his last 27 games and has 1,596 rushing yards on 265 career attempts, an average of 6.0 yards per carry, and 2,189 yards from scrimmage on 303 career touches (7.2 avg.).

Most Rushing Touchdowns in SJU History

Rk.	No.	Name (Years)
1.	48	Sam Sura (2012-15)
	48	Matt Malmberg (1991-94)
3.	34	Henry Trost (2018-current)
	34	Jay Konzemius (1988-91)
	33	Tim Schmitz (1974-77)
6.	31	Chris Moore (1997-00)
	31	Jeff Norman (1974-77)
8.	30	Rick Bell (1979-82)
	30	Jim Lehman (1953-55)
10	25	Kent Crowley (1999-02)

Current D3football.com Poll (Sept. 18)

No.	School (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Votes	Prev.	Others Receiving Votes:
1.	North Central, Ill. (13)	2-0	601	1	Rensselaer 32, Huntingdon 24, UW-Platteville 22, Lake Forest 20, George Fox 13, Washington (Mo.) 10, Berry 9, Muhlenberg 8, Washington & Jefferson 6, Ursinus 4, DePauw 4, Mount St. Joseph 2, Rowan 2, Case Western Reserve 1, Centre 1, Endicott 1, Ripon 1, Salisbury 1.
2.	Saint John's (6)	2-0	597	2	
3.	Mount Union, Ohio (4)	2-0	579	3	
4.	UW-Whitewater	2-1	550	4	
5.	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	2-1	524	5	
6.	Hardin-Simmons, Texas (1)	2-0	501	6	
7.	Trinity, Texas (1)	3-0	460	7	
8.	Linfield, Ore.	2-0	435	8	
9.	Johns Hopkins, Md.	3-0	415	9	
10.	UW-La Crosse	3-0	385	11	
11.	Wheaton, Ill.	1-1	368	10	
12.	Ithaca, N.Y.	3-0	334	13	
13.	Cortland State, N.Y.	3-0	332	14	
14.	Delaware Valley, Pa.	3-0	277	15	
15.	UW-Oshkosh	2-1	263	16	
16.	UW-River Falls	2-1	240	17	
17.	Carnegie Mellon, Pa.	3-0	214	20	
18.	Randolph-Macon, Va.	3-0	194	19	
19.	Heidelberg, Ohio	3-0	161	22	
20.	Bethel	1-1	145	21	
21.	Susquehanna, Pa.	3-0	133	23	
22.	Wartburg, Iowa	3-0	75	---	
23.	Albion, Mich.	3-0	67	---	
24.	Central, Iowa	2-1	66	12	
25.	Union, N.Y.	3-0	48	---	

Current AFCA Poll (Sept. 19)

No.	School (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Votes	Prev.	Others Receiving Votes:
1.	North Central, Ill. (34)	2-0	1,149	---	Bethel 117, Lake Forest 89, Stevenson 65, Washington (Mo.) 59, Trine 49, Muhlenberg 41, Salisbury 36, Berry 30, Mount St. Joseph 30, Rowan 27, Rensselaer 25, Huntingdon 24, Endicott 23, George Fox 20, Ursinus 18, Centre 14, Wabash 14, Washington & Jefferson 14, Aurora 12, Westminster (Pa.) 11; UW-Platteville 11, Howard Payne 10, Belhaven 9, John Carroll 7, Gustavus Adolphus 4, Hope 4, Case Western Reserve 3, Chicago 3, Coe 3, Olivet 1.
2.	Saint John's (9)	2-0	1,107	---	
3.	Mount Union, Ohio (2)	2-0	1,085	---	
4.	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (1)	2-1	951	---	
5.	UW-Whitewater	2-1	941	---	
6.	Hardin-Simmons, Texas (1)	2-0	901	---	
7.	Linfield, Ore.	2-0	827	---	
8.	Trinity, Texas	3-0	819	---	
9.	Johns Hopkins, Md.	3-0	817	---	
10.	UW-La Crosse	3-0	781	---	
11.	Delaware Valley, Pa.	3-0	645	---	
12.	Cortland State, N.Y.	3-0	643	---	
13.	Ithaca, N.Y.	3-0	580	---	
14.	Wheaton, Ill.	1-1	499	---	
15.	Randolph-Macon, Va.	3-0	375	---	
16.	UW-Oshkosh	2-1	358	---	
17.	UW-River Falls	2-1	312	---	
18.	Heidelberg, Ohio	3-0	308	---	
19.	Carnegie Mellon, Pa.	3-0	253	---	
20.	Albion, Mich.	3-0	244	---	
21.	Susquehanna, Pa.	3-0	229	---	
22.	DePauw, Ind.	3-0	202	---	
23.	Wartburg, Iowa	3-0	196	---	
24.	Union, N.Y.	3-0	158	---	
25.	Central, Iowa	2-1	122	---	

Recent MIAC Scores/Upcoming MIAC Games

Sept. 10 (2 Weeks Ago)

No. 11 Bethel 7 @ UW-Platteville 10
Crown 20 @ Carleton 84
Luther (Iowa) 27 @ St. Olaf 55
Martin Luther 7 @ Macalester 43
Minnesota-Morris 21 @ Hamline 34
No. 19 UW-River Falls 34 @ No. 4 Saint John's 37
Concordia 42 @ Presentation (S.D.) 13
BYE - Augsburg, Gustavus Adolphus, St. Scholastica

Sept. 17 (Last Saturday)

Augsburg 45 @ Martin Luther 7
Minnesota-Morris 7 @ Carleton 41
St. Scholastica 63 @ Crown 14
UW-Stout 28 @ Gustavus Adolphus 25
BYE - No. 21 Bethel, Concordia, Hamline, Macalester, No. 2 Saint John's, St. Olaf

Sept. 24 (Saturday)

Carleton @ Hamline, 1 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus @ Concordia, 1 p.m.
No. 2 Saint John's @ No. 20 Bethel, 1 p.m.
St. Scholastica @ Augsburg, 1 p.m.
St. Olaf @ Macalester, 7 p.m.

Oct. 1 (Next Saturday)

Augsburg @ St. Olaf, 1 p.m.
No. 20 Bethel @ Gustavus Adolphus, 1 p.m.
Concordia @ No. 2 Saint John's, 1 p.m.
Hamline @ St. Scholastica, 1 p.m.
Macalester @ Carleton, 1 p.m.



2022 MIAC Standings

NORTHWOODS DIVISION

	Division	PF	PA	MIAC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA
Saint John's	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2-0	61	44
Carleton	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2-0	125	27
Gustavus	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1-1	87	48
St. Olaf	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1-1	68	71
St. Scholastica	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1-1	63	64

SKYLINE DIVISION

	Division	PF	PA	MIAC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA
Augsburg	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2-0	68	22
Concordia	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2-0	56	25
Hamline	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2-0	73	35
Macalester	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2-0	88	31
Bethel	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1-1	48	19

SINCE 2018

The Johnnies entered the 2022 season with a 35-4 record since 2018: 2018 (12-1), 2019 (12-2) and 2021 (11-1). All four losses were decided by three points or less. SJU is one of 11 NCAA Division III teams to record 30 wins or more during that span, 10 of which reached the mark without the use of the unpredictable, COVID-19 season of 2020-21 that SJU did not compete in.

Division III Football Teams With 30+ Wins Since 2018 (entering the 2022 season)

School	Record Since 2018	Record w/o 2020-21
Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	47-1 (.979)	42-1
Mount Union, Ohio	42-3 (.933)	38-3
UW-Whitewater	38-4 (.905)	38-4
North Central, Ill.	37-4 (.902)	37-4
Saint John's	35-4 (.897)	35-4
Muhlenberg, Pa.	35-5 (.875)	35-5
Central, Iowa	32-5 (.865)	30-5
Delaware Valley, Pa.	31-5 (.861)	31-5
Wheaton, Ill.	30-5 (.857)	30-5
Hardin-Simmons	30-6 (.833)	26-5
Johns Hopkins, Md.	30-7 (.811)	30-7

PRESEASON HONORS

Senior defensive lineman **Michael Wozniak** and senior tight end **Alex Larson** were named to the D3football.com Preseason All-America team Aug. 15. Wozniak was named to the first team and Larson earned second-team honors. Both were named to *Lindy's* preseason All-America first team earlier this summer. Wozniak earned D3football.com All-America first-team honors last season (see *Wozniak's 2021 stats on page 2*) and Larson received fourth-team accolades.

The 6-foot-7 Larson played 11 of the 12 games and finished second on the team in receptions (33) and receiving touchdowns (8), and third in receiving yards (476) last fall for the Johnnies. The eight receiving touchdowns were the fourth-most by a tight end in SJU history. His biggest touchdown reception was the game-winning, three-yard score from Chris Backes '21 with one second remaining – as the Johnnies erased a 13-point deficit to win the MIAC championship with a 29-28 victory at then-No. 12 Bethel.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Three Saint John's football student athletes – offensive lineman Tyler Johnson '21, running back **Henry Trost** and defensive lineman **Michael Wozniak** were named College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-Americans last winter. Johnson and Wozniak were named to the first team, while Trost earned second-team honors. The distinction is the second consecutive for Johnson, who was named to the 2020-21 Academic All-America second team in July 2021 (a timeframe due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The Johnnies have now had 20 football Academic All-Americans in the last 18 seasons (34 overall).

Nominees must be of a sophomore academic standing or better, with a 3.30 GPA or higher. The Academic All-District and All-America teams are voted upon and selected by registered members of CoSIDA.

FIVE JOHNNIES ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Five Johnnies were named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District VI football team last fall. The honor was the third consecutive for running back **Henry Trost** and the second for both cornerback **Tommy Deters** '22 and offensive lineman **Tyler Johnson** '21. A pair of defensive linemen, **Collin Franz** '21 and **Michael Wozniak**, earned their first Academic All-District distinction. SJU has now had 51 Academic All-District selections in the past 17 seasons.

CISNEROS EARNS MIAC ELITE 22 AWARD



Junior safety **Mateo Cisneros** (left; Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View) earned the MIAC's Elite 22 Award for football last season. Modeled after the NCAA Elite 90 Award, the MIAC Elite 22 Award for football is presented to the individual with the highest GPA among the student-athletes who played in the MIAC Championship game. The honoree must be a sophomore, junior or senior and in at least his second season of competition with his current team.

A biology major (pre-medicine emphasis) with a 3.93 GPA, Cisneros played all 12 games for the Johnnies in 2021, including starts in the last 10. He totaled 24 tackles (15 solo), an interception (Oct. 23 at Gustavus Adolphus) and a fumble recovery (Oct. 9 vs. Augsburg).

SJU FOOTBALL, BY THE NUMBERS (entering the 2022 season)

.719 - 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.

10 - MIAC Mike Stam Award recipients, as the conference's most valuable lineman. Established in 1990, SJU's most recent honoree was defensive lineman Seth Morem '22 in 2021.

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 finished second in Division III in total attendance (51,945) and average per game (6,493) in 2021.

21 - MIAC Most Valuable Players, beginning with Jim Lehman '56 in 1955 and the most recent, wide receiver Ravi Alston '21, in 2021.

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

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

74 - Postseason games (48-26 record).

92 - Out of 110 seasons in which SJU has finished without a losing record. Fifteen of the 18 losing seasons occurred before 1945.

111 - The 2022 football season is the 111th at SJU.

144 - 110 Johnnies have earned All-America honors a total of 144 times.

429 - 305 Johnnies have earned All-MIAC first-team honors a total of 429 times.

480 - All-time MIAC wins, a .721 winning percentage (480-179-22 record).

664 - 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. 10)

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	13-1-0 (.929)

BEST WINNING PERCENTAGE (entering the 2022 season)

**minimum 75 seasons, all divisions of college football*

	Team	Div.	W	L	T	Pct.	Seasons
1.	Alabama	FBS	942	333	43	.731	127
	Ohio State	FBS	942 [^]	329	53	.731	132
3.	Notre Dame	FBS	929	330	42	.730	132
4.	Michigan	FBS	976	352	36	.729	142
5.	Oklahoma	FBS	928	331	53	.728	127
6.	Saint John's	III	664	252	24	.719	110
7.	Texas	FBS	928	385	33	.702	129
	UW-Whitewater	III	628	261	21	.702	96
9.	Linfield	III	628	262	30	.699	106
10.	Yale	FCS	921	385	55	.697	148

THE LAST TIME...

* Postseason game # Metrodome

SAINT JOHN'S Rushing

300+ Yards	Oct. 30, 2021 (371, vs. St. Scholastica)
350+ Yards	Oct. 30, 2021 (371, vs. St. Scholastica)
400+ Yards	Sept. 18, 1999 (469 vs. Macalester)
50+ Attempts	Nov. 13, 2021 (53, at Bethel)
60+ Attempts	Oct. 15, 2016 (60, vs. Carleton)
70+ Attempts	Nov. 3, 1984 (74, at Macalester)
5 Rushing TD's	Oct. 30, 2021 (5, vs. St. Scholastica)
6 Rushing TD's	Nov. 9, 2019 (6, at Hamline)
7 Rushing TD's	Nov. 4, 2017 (8, at Hamline)

Passing

300+ Yards	Sept. 10, 2022 (329, vs. UW-River Falls)
400+ Yards	Oct. 2, 2021 (410, at Concordia)
500+ Yards	<i>Never</i>
40+ Attempts	Sept. 10, 2022 (329, vs. UW-River Falls)
50+ Attempts	Dec. 14, 2019 (50, at UW-Whitewater)*
60+ Attempts	<i>Never</i>
30+ Completions	Oct. 2, 2021 (30, at Concordia)
40+ Completions	<i>Never</i>
4 Passing TD's	Nov. 20, 2021 (4, vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
5 Passing TD's	Oct. 30, 2021 (5, vs. St. Scholastica)
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	Oct. 9, 2021 vs. Augsburg (207, Aaron Syverson; 107, Henry Trost; 110, Matt Mohr)
200-Yard Passer + 100-Yard Rusher	Oct. 9, 2021 vs. Augsburg (207, Aaron Syverson; 107, Henry Trost)
100-Yard Rusher + 100-Yard Receiver	Oct. 9, 2021 vs. Augsburg (207, Aaron Syverson; 110, Matt Mohr)

Total Offense

400+ Yards	Nov. 13, 2021 (410, at Bethel)
500+ Yards	Oct. 30, 2021 (643, vs. St. Scholastica)
600+ Yards	Oct. 30, 2021 (643, vs. St. Scholastica)
700+ Yards	Oct. 26, 2019 (749, at St. Olaf)
75+ Plays	Sept. 10, 2022 (77, vs. UW-River Falls)
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	Nov. 20, 2021 (W, 41-14 vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
50+ Points	Oct. 30, 2021 (W, 81-0 vs. St. Scholastica)
60+ Points	Oct. 30, 2021 (W, 81-0 vs. St. Scholastica)
2-Point Conversion	Nov. 20, 2021 (W, 41-14 vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)* (Devin Vouk rush)
Opp. Scoreless	Oct. 30, 2021 (W, 81-0 vs. St. Scholastica)
Opp. Scoreless (Home)	Oct. 30, 2021 (W, 81-0 vs. St. Scholastica)
Opp. Scoreless (Road)	Oct. 2, 2021 (W, 49-0 at Concordia)
2+ Shutouts in Season	2021 (4) 49-0 (at Concordia), 50-0 (vs. Augsburg), 56-0 (vs. St. Olaf), 81-0 (vs. St. Scholastica)
3+ Shutouts in Season	2021 (4) 49-0 (at Concordia), 50-0 (vs. Augsburg), 56-0 (vs. St. Olaf), 81-0 (vs. St. Scholastica)
4+ Shutouts in Season	2021 (4) 49-0 (at Concordia), 50-0 (vs. Augsburg), 56-0 (vs. St. Olaf), 81-0 (vs. St. Scholastica)
No Opp. Off. TD	Oct. 30, 2021 (W, 81-0 vs. St. Scholastica)
No Opp. Off. TD (Home)	Oct. 30, 2021 (W, 81-0 vs. St. Scholastica)
No Opp. Off. TD (Road)	Oct. 2, 2021 (W, 49-0 at Concordia)
Allowed 30+ Points	Sept. 10, 2022 (W, 37-34 vs. UW-River Falls)
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. 20, 2021 (vs. Lake Forest, 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	Oct. 30, 2021 (4, vs. St. Scholastica)
5+ Takeaways	Oct. 26, 2021 (5, vs. St. Olaf)
6+ Takeaways	Oct. 13, 2018 (7, vs. St. Thomas)

Defense

50 Rush Yards or Less	Oct. 16, 2021 (50, vs. St. Olaf)
100 Pass Yards or Less	Nov. 20, 2021 (100, vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
100 Total Yards or Less	Nov. 3, 2018 (98, vs. Hamline)
200 Total Yards or Less	Nov. 30, 2021 (164, vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
4+ Interceptions	Nov. 16, 2019 (4, vs. Rose-Hulman, Ind.)
5+ Interceptions	Oct. 13, 2018 (5, vs. St. Thomas)
Scored a Safety	Sept. 3, 2022 (W, 24-10 vs. UW-Whitewater)
Scored 2 Safeties	Sept. 3, 2022 (W, 24-10 vs. UW-Whitewater)

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	Nov. 27, 2021 (vs. Linfield, Ore.)*
10+ Penalties	Oct. 23, 2021 (13, at Gustavus Adolphus)
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. 3, 2022 (9, vs. UW-Whitewater)
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	Nov. 20, 2021 (143, Devin Vouk vs. Lake Forest, 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	Nov. 13, 2021 (103, Chris Backes at Bethel)
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	Oct. 23, 2021 (3, Henry Trost at Gustavus Adolphus)
4+ TD	Oct. 9, 2021 (4, Henry Trost vs. Augsburg)
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	Nov. 20, 2021 (50, Devin Vouk vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
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	Sept. 10, 2021 (329, Aaron Syverson vs. UW-River Falls)
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. 3, 2022 (52, Aaron Syverson vs. UW-Whitewater)
60-Yard Comp.	Nov. 6, 2021 (63, Chris Backes at Carleton)
70-Yard Comp.	Nov. 30, 2019 (70, Jackson Erdmann at Chapman, Calif.)*
4+ TD	Nov. 20, 2021 (4, Chris Backes vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
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	Sept. 10, 2022 vs. UW-River Falls (149, Jimmy Buck; 101, Alex Larson)
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. 3, 2022 (3.0, Michael Wozniak vs. UW-Whitewater)
3+ Sacks	Sept. 3, 2022 (3.0, Michael Wozniak vs. UW-Whitewater)
Fumble Return TD	Oct. 30, 2021 (3, Carter Seymour vs. St. Scholastica)
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	Oct. 30, 2021 (36, Hillary Makori vs. St. Scholastica)
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 and 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	Nov. 20, 2021 (Dwayne Wade Jr. vs. Lake Forest, 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	Nov. 20, 2021 (2, Jaeden Frost, Godswill Pepple vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*
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. 3, 2022 vs. UW-Whitewater (100, Tyler Holte)
100-Yard Rusher	Sept. 10, 2022 vs. UW-River Falls (122, Kaleb Blaha)
300-Yard Passer	Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Aurora, Ill. (341, Gavin Zimbleman)
Blocked Extra Point	Sept. 3, 2022 vs. UW-Whitewater (Matt Burba)
Returned PAT for 2 Points	Nov. 2, 2019 vs. Concordia (Marshall King)
Blocked Field Goal	Oct. 9, 2021 vs. Augsburg (Lionel Gates)
Blocked Punt	Nov. 13, 2021 at Bethel (Jacob Holmen)
Blocked Punt for TD	Nov. 13, 2021 (10, David Brandt at Bethel)
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	Nov. 20, 2021 (W, 41-14 vs. Lake Forest, Ill.)*

FOUR ALL-REGION RETURNEES

Saint John's followed a program-record eight D3football.com All-West Region honorees in 2019 with a new mark of nine - now labeled as Region 9 - in 2021. The Johnnies have had 49 All-Region honorees over the last seven full seasons.

In addition to senior tight end **Alex Larson** and senior defensive lineman **Michael Wozniak**, senior defensive lineman **Metoriah Faoliu** and senior running back **Henry Trost** return out of the nine honorees in 2022.

ALL-MIAC HONORS

Nineteen Johnnies earned 2021 All-MIAC honors, including 11 on the first team, and SJU swept all three major conference awards last fall. Of the 19 honorees, 10 return to the field in 2022. Wide receiver Ravi Alston '22 was named the Jim Christopherson MIAC Most Valuable Player, defensive lineman Seth Morem '21 shared the MIAC's Mike Stam Award with Gustavus Adolphus' Zach Jakes as the conference's most outstanding lineman, and head coach **Gary Fasching** was named the MIAC John Gagliardi Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive season, and fifth time in his nine-year tenure.

Senior linebacker **Erik Bjork** (right; Mahtomedi, Minn.), senior defensive lineman **Metoriah Faoliu**, tight end **Alex Larson**, senior wide receiver **Matt Mohr** (Chisago City, Minn./Chisago Lakes), running back **Henry Trost** and defensive lineman **Michael Wozniak** were named to the first team.



Junior wide receiver **Jimmy Buck** (Orono, Minn.), senior offensive lineman **T.J. Duerr** (Buffalo, Minn./St. Michael-Albertville) and senior defensive back **Ethan Stark** (Sartell, Minn./Sartell-St. Stephen) were named to the All-MIAC second team. Sophomore kicker **Conor Murphy** was All-MIAC honorable mention.

MIAC TITLE NO. 35

The Johnnies' comeback win in the 2021 MIAC Championship game at Bethel clinched the program's MIAC-record 35th conference title and the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Playoffs.

MIAC Titles, Won or Shared (since 1920)

School	No.	Last Title
Saint John's	35	2021
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
St. Scholastica	0	-----

*no longer a member of the MIAC

%no longer competes in MIAC football

A WINNING TRADITION

The Johnnies' 10-0 record last season clinched the program's 53rd consecutive without a losing record. Bethel (8-2), Carleton (7-3), Gustavus Adolphus (8-2) and St. Olaf (5-5) joined SJU with a non-losing season in 2021.

Consecutive Seasons

MIAC Team	Without a Losing Record
1. Saint John's	53
2. Bethel	27
3. Gustavus	8
4. St. Olaf	3
5. Carleton	1
6. Augsburg	0
Concordia	0
Hamline	0
Macalester	0
St. Scholastica	0

WINS IN FIRST 8 SEASONS, FIRST 98 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 98 games coached at SJU.

Among SJU Football Coaches With Six Seasons Coached or More

Coach	First 8 Seasons	First 98 Games	Total at SJU
Gary Fasching	81-15 (.844)	83-15 (.847)	83-15 (.847)
John Gagliardi	42-21-2 (.662)	70-26-2 (.724)	465-132-10 (.774)
Joe Benda	32-16-7 (.645)	---	57-32-8 (.629)

ANOTHER 10-WIN SEASON IN 2021

The Johnnies' 10-0 record during the 2021 regular season served as their 24th 10-win season in program history. No other MIAC program has half of that total and four schools have yet to achieve the feat (Carleton, Hamline, Macalester and St. Olaf).

10-Win Seasons, Among MIAC Schools

School	No.	Last
Saint John's	24	2021
Concordia	7	2005
Bethel	5	2018
St. Scholastica	2	2014
Augsburg	1	1997
Gustavus	1	1987

A PLAYOFF REGULAR

The 2021 NCAA berth was SJU's 31st postseason appearance in program history and the 27th at the Division III level. The bid was also the seventh consecutive in nine seasons (including the 2020 non-season due to COVID-19) under the direction of head coach **Gary Fasching**, which broke the tie for the MIAC record held by former head coach **John Gagliardi** (1998-2003).

Most Consecutive Postseason Appearances in MIAC History

No.	Name	Years
7	Gary Fasching, Saint John's	2014-21
6	John Gagliardi, Saint John's	1998-2003
5	John Gagliardi, Saint John's	2005-09
4	Glenn Caruso, St. Thomas	2009-12, 2014-17

IN THE NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

The 2021 postseason appearance was the Johnnies' 31st (27th at the NCAA Division III level) and seventh consecutive. SJU is second in NCAA Division III history in postseason appearances and third in playoff wins. The Johnnies made four other postseason appearances and have a 48-25 (.658) 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 2022 season)

Team	No.
1. Mount Union, Ohio	32
2. Saint John's	27
3. Washington & Jefferson, Pa.	26
4. Central, Iowa	22
5. Ithaca, N.Y.	19
Wittenberg, Ohio	19
8. UW-Whitewater	18
9. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas*	17
10. Linfield, Ore.	16
Rowan, N.J.	16

Most NCAA Division III Playoff Wins Since 1973 (entering the 2022 season)

Team	No.
1. Mount Union, Ohio	107
2. UW-Whitewater	58
3. Saint John's	43
4. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas*	39
5. Rowan, N.J.	31
6. Wesley, Del.	30
7. Ithaca, N.Y.	28
Linfield, Ore.	28
9. Central, Iowa	24
10. Washington & Jefferson, Pa.	23

Current Statistical Leaders

THE ROYALS' STAT LEADERS

Rushing	Gms.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Bryce Kunkle	2	38	162	4.3	1	29
David Geebli	1	8	66	8.3	2	17
Jaran Roste	1	2	40	20.0	0	27

Passing	Gms.	Att.	Comp.	Int.	TD	Yards
George Bolt	2	58	27	2	3	314
Jaran Roste	1	0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	Gms.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Micah Niewald	2	13	135	10.4	1	25
Joey Kidder	2	3	76	25.3	1	56
Aaron Ellingson	2	5	38	7.6	1	14
Gabe Ante	2	4	37	9.3	0	13

Defense	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Matthew Feldick	12	4	16	---	---	1-33
Nate Farm	12	3	15	1.0-1	---	---
Thomas Wurdemann	9	5	14	0.5-4	---	---
Collin Curtis	3	7	10	---	---	---

THE JOHNNIES' STAT LEADERS

Rushing	Gms.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Henry Trost	2	22	48	2.2	1	8
Troy Feddema	2	16	38	2.4	2	14

Passing	Gms.	Att.	Comp.	Int.	TD	Yards
Aaron Syverson	2	74	47	2	5	598

Receiving	Gms.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Alex Larson	2	16	185	11.6	3	27
Jimmy Buck	2	15	196	13.1	0	41
Nick VanErp	2	6	144	24.0	1	52
Troy Feddema	2	4	35	8.8	0	17

Defense	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Erik Bjork	5	14	19	0.5-1	---	---
Metorah Faoliu	10	5	15	4.5-13	2.0-6	---
Cayden Saxon	8	4	12	---	---	---
Ethan Stark	9	3	12	---	---	---

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 victories. The Johnnies already own Division III's best winning percentage (among programs with 75 seasons played or more) at .719 and enters the 2022 season one win behind Williams (Mass.) for sixth-most in Division III history.

Best NCAA Division III Record, By Wins (entering the 2022 season)

Rk.	School	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1.	Mount Union, Ohio	124	826	389	38	.674
2.	Wittenberg, Ohio	127	787	366	31	.678
3.	Washington & Jefferson, Pa.	130	763	399	40	.651
4.	Widener, Pa.	139	717	436	39	.618
5.	Wabash, Ind.	134	703	395	59	.633
6.	Williams, Mass.	135	665	387	47	.626
7.	Saint John's	110	664	252	24	.719
8.	Amherst, Mass.	141	656	424	54	.602
9.	Franklin & Marshall, Pa.	133	648	504	47	.560
10.	Central, Iowa	113	645	331	26	.657

Active Career Leaders

Rushing Yards

1. Henry Trost (265 att.)	1,596
2. Troy Feddema (43 att.)	207
3. Tony Underwood (31 att.)	146
4. Aaron Syverson (54 att.)	103

Rushing Touchdowns

1. Henry Trost	34
2. Troy Feddema	2
3. Aaron Syverson	1
Tony Underwood	1

Passing Yards (C-A-I-TD)

1. Aaron Syverson (172-262-8-22)	2,366
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Receptions

1. Matt Mohr	71
2. Alex Larson	51
3. Jimmy Buck	48
4. Henry Trost	38

Receiving Yards

1. Matt Mohr	1,011
2. Jimmy Buck	747
3. Alex Larson	661
4. Henry Trost	593

Receiving Touchdowns

1. Alex Larson	11
2. Jimmy Buck	7
3. Henry Trost	5
4. Matt Mohr	4

Yards from Scrimmage (Rushing+Receiving)

1. Henry Trost	2,189
2. Matt Mohr	1,046
3. Jimmy Buck	747
4. Alex Larson	661

All-Purpose Yards (Rushing+Receiving+Returns)

1. Henry Trost	2,377
2. Matt Mohr	1,348
3. Jimmy Buck	747
4. Alex Larson	661

Tackles

1. Erik Bjork	103
2. Metoriah Faoliu	92
3. John Kohler	64
4. Carter Seymour	58

Tackles for Loss

1. Michael Wozniak	22.5
2. Metoriah Faoliu	21.0
3. Carter Seymour	7.5
4. Erik Bjork	5.5

Sacks

1. Michael Wozniak	13.5
2. Metoriah Faoliu	9.0
3. Hayden Sanders	1.5
Octavius Wilson, Jr.	1.5

Interceptions

1. John Kohler	3
4. Bjork, Cisneros, Makori, Mrachek, Seymour, Stark, Theisen, Wilson Jr., Yaggie	1

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 all-time victories.

Most Wins in Minnesota College Football History (entering the 2022 season)

School	W	L	T	Pct.	Seasons
1. Minnesota	718	532	44	.572	138
2. Saint John's	664	252	24	.719	110
3. St. Thomas	630	353	32	.636	116
4. Minnesota-Duluth	545	276	24	.659	88
5. Concordia-Moorhead	542	314	38	.628	103
6. Gustavus Adolphus	517	365	21	.584	106
7. MSU-Mankato	487	393	27	.552	95
8. Carleton	488	494	25	.497	126
9. St. Olaf	470	398	20	.541	103
10. St. Cloud State	463	378	21	.549	92

CONTINUING TO LEAD THE MIAC

The Johnnies' 31-7 victory at Concordia-Moorhead on Nov. 12, 2016, was the program's 450th in MIAC play. SJU ended the 2021 regular season with the MIAC's best winning percentage in conference play, .721 (480-179-22), which is even better when broken down by eras: modern history, since 1946 (.777); during John Gagliardi's tenure, 1953-2012 (.780); and during the 21st century, since 2000 (.847).

All-Time MIAC Record (entering the 2022 season, by winning percentage)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Saint John's	480	179	22	.721
2. Concordia	416	232	18	.638
3. Gustavus	406	268	13	.600
4. Bethel	200	160	3	.555
5. St. Olaf	235	278	11	.459
6. Hamline	249	421	14	.374
7. Carleton	111	231	0	.325
8. Augsburg	180	444	13	.293
9. Macalester	143	384	25	.282
10. St. Scholastica	0	8	0	.000

On This Date in Johnnie Football History...

The Johnnies are 5-8 all-time on September 24: 1932 vs. St. Paul Luther (W, 32-0); 1937 at Gustavus Adolphus (L, 12-13); 1938 at St. Norbert, Wis. (L, 6-28); 1948 at North Dakota (W, 14-0); 1960 at Concordia (L, 14-30); 1966 at Concordia (L, 6-13); 1977 vs. St. Thomas (W, 25-20); 1983 vs. St. Thomas (L, 14-41); 1988 vs. Concordia (L, 7-28); 1994 at Augsburg (W, 37-14); 2005 at Gustavus Adolphus (W, 41-14); 2011 vs. Augsburg (L, 31-32); and 2016 vs. St. Thomas (L, 21-33).

1932 vs. St. Paul Luther (W, 32-0): SJU's Al Ethen intercepted the first pass attempted by Phalen Luther and returned it for a touchdown to give the Johnnies an early 7-0 lead in the 1932 season opener, on this date 90 years ago. "Big George" Klasen galloped across the field for the second touchdown to give SJU a 13-0 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Si Ryan scored a pair of touchdowns on the ground, including a 55-yard jaunt. Bill Arth punched in the final touchdown with a short run to bring the final score to 32-0. The shutout was the first of 11 consecutive for SJU as the Johnnies went 4-0-1 in the MIAC (6-0-1 overall) to win their first conference championship.

1977 vs. St. Thomas (W, 25-20): The Johnnies drove 80 yards on their first possession with Jeff Norman scoring from the one-yard line to go ahead 7-0 on Homecoming Day. Despite the early lead, the Johnnies turned the ball over twice and UST took advantage both times to take the halftime lead, 14-7. The Johnnies responded early in the third quarter when Tim Schmitz bolted down the field for a 52-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 14-13. SJU re-gained the lead on its next possession with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Norman to Tom Hager. Schmitz increased the Johnnies' lead to 25-14 with an eight-yard run halfway through the fourth quarter. SJU gained 363-yards of offense, including 293 rushing-yards, to UST's 243. Schmitz gained 155 yards on 19 carries, while Mark McCullen added 117 yards on 21 attempts for SJU.

2005 at Gustavus Adolphus (W, 41-14): Then-No. 8 SJU started the scoring on its first drive, taking the ball 68 yards in 13 plays, capped by a 2-yard touchdown pass from Alex Kofoed to Casey Haugen. Just over two minutes later, Gustavus tied the game at 7-7 with a three-yard touchdown run. SJU, however, scored the game's next 13 points to gain a 20-7 lead. Anthony Schmidt connected on a 21-yard field goal with 11:29 left in the quarter and John Cloeter returned an interception 61 yard for a touchdown less than two minutes later. Schmidt made another field goal, this time from 35 yards out, but GAC scored a touchdown just before halftime. The Johnnies went on to score 21 unanswered points in the second half to secure the victory. SJU out-gained the Gusties 433-288 as Kofoed finished 26 of 39 passing for 331 yards. Defensively, Damien Dumonceaux had nine solo tackles, including one for a loss.

NO STRANGER TO THE POSTSEASON

Trivia question: Which Johnnie has been part of each NCAA postseason appearance, dating back to 1976? The answer is **Jerry Haugen**, who is in his 47th season on the Johnnies' coaching staff. He has coached in 68 NCAA postseason football games, which accounts for nearly seven additional seasons in playoff games alone. The Johnnies have posted a 404-95-5 (.807) overall record and a 305-59-4 (.834) MIAC record with Haugen



as a defensive coach. Since 1978, his defense has finished in the top two of the MIAC in total defense 25 times, including 15 of the past 20 seasons, and in scoring defense 30 times, including 22 of the past 26 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** '76 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 1,574 wins (2,563 games) at SJU as a player and coach across four different sports, as well as 36 conference championships (including four MIAC Playoff titles in baseball) and 42 national postseason appearances.

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Years (Seasons)</i>	<i>MIAC/Nat'l</i>
Football (Assistant Coach)	405-95-5	1976-current (47)	24/28
Football (Player)	26-9-1	1972-75 (4)	2/0
Baseball (Head Coach)	912-688-5	1978-current (45)	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	1,574-975-14 (.617)		36/42

BLAKE ELLIOTT '03 ON HALL OF FAME BALLOT

Former Saint John's award-winning student-athlete Blake Elliott '03 was named to the College Football Hall of Fame ballot for the 10th consecutive year in June. Elliott, who played wide receiver for the Johnnies from 2000-03, is one of 176 former student-athletes on the ballot, including one of 96 from the NCAA divisional and NAIA ranks. The announcement of the 2023 inductees will be made in January. Those selected will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame during the 65th NFF Annual Awards Dinner Dec. 5, 2023, and permanently enshrined at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Elliott (*right*) excelled at SJU 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.



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. Elliott was just as dangerous on special teams as he was on offense, totaling 3,065 yards and seven touchdowns on 195 total returns.

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 its 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, 226 individuals have achieved Hall of Fame distinction, including SJU's John Gagliardi (Class of 2006).

LEADING IN ATTENDANCE

Saint John's attracted the second-most spectators in NCAA Division III, both overall (51,945) and per game (6,493), over eight home games in 2021. The cumulative total (51,945) was greater than 107 Football Championship Subdivision teams and all but one of the 167 Division II programs (Grand Valley State's total of 76,334). SJU finished second nationally in Division III with an average of 6,493 spectators over eight games, including two in the NCAA playoffs. The Johnnies have finished in Division III's top two in per-game attendance 19 of the last 20 seasons.

2021 SJU vs. FCS/Division II in Upper Midwest Attendance

<i>School</i>	<i>NCAA</i>	<i>Gms.</i>	<i>2021 Att.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
1. North Dakota State	FCS	9	135,905	15,101
2. South Dakota State	FCS	7	88,678	12,668
3. North Dakota	FCS	5	48,305	9,661
4. Northern Iowa	FCS	5	33,784	6,757
5. Saint John's	III	8	51,945	6,493
6. South Dakota	FCS	6	34,898	5,816
7. Northern State (S.D.)	II	5	24,574	4,915
8. MSU-Mankato	II	6	28,491	4,749
9. St. Thomas	FCS	4	18,954	4,739
10. Mary (N.D.)	II	5	17,336	3,467

2021 MIAC Attendance Leaders

<i>School</i>	<i>Gms.</i>	<i>2021 Att.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
1. Saint John's	8	51,945	6,493
2. Bethel	5	18,439	3,688
3. Concordia	6	15,726	2,621
4. Gustavus Adolphus	5	11,463	2,293
5. Carleton	4	7,944	1,999
6. St. Olaf	5	9,972	1,994
7. Hamline	5	3,515	703
8. Macalester	5	3,356	671
9. St. Scholastica	4	2,515	629
10. Augsburg	5	2,687	537

BEST RECORD SINCE 1990, NCAA DIVISION III

The Johnnies entered the 2022 season with the third-best winning percentage (.827) in NCAA Division III football since 1990 and the third-most wins (303) (among programs with 200 games played or more).

Winning Percentage (min. 200 games played)

.951	Mount Union, Ohio (414-21-1)
.865	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (257-40)
.827	Saint John's (303-63-1)
.821	UW-Whitewater (307-67)
.819	Linfield, Ore. (269-59-1)
.810	Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (285-67)
.807	Wittenberg, Ohio (270-64-1)
.796	Central, Iowa (265-68)
.792	Wheaton, Ill. (260-68-1)
.787	Wartburg, Iowa (263-71)

Wins

414	Mount Union, Ohio (414-21-1, .951)
307	UW-Whitewater (307-67, .821)
303	Saint John's (303-63-1, .827)
285	Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (285-67, .810)
270	Wittenberg, Ohio (270-64-1, .807)
269	Linfield, Ore. (269-59-1, .819)
263	Wartburg, Iowa (263-71, .787)
265	Central, Iowa (265-68, .796)
260	Wheaton, Ill. (260-68-1, .792)
257	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (257-40, .865)

AMONG ESPN'S TOP 50 FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

Saint John's was ranked No. 18 out of ESPN's top 50 programs over the last 150 years in August 2019. The ranking formula included a program's number of national titles and various winning percentages: dominance (best 50 seasons in program history), since integration (1969-2018), early modern (1919-1968) and pre-modern (1869-1918). ESPN noted: "It is not true that the Johnnies' late head coach, John Gagliardi, coached against Frank Leahy. But it is true that Gagliardi became head coach at Saint John's in 1953, the last season that Leahy coached at Notre Dame, and didn't retire until 2012, after 60 seasons and 465 victories. Saint John's, according to our metrics, had one of the 10 most successful programs of the past 100 years. That's another way of saying Gagliardi won 27 conference titles and four national championships."

ESPN's Top 20 College Football Programs

Rk.	Team	Div.	Rating	National Titles
1.	Alabama	FBS	74.9	15
2.	Notre Dame	FBS	72.9	13
3.	Ohio State	FBS	69.6	8
4.	Oklahoma	FBS	68.5	7
5.	Southern California	FBS	67.3	9
6.	Michigan	FBS	67.2	9
7.	Yale	FCS	66.7	18
8.	Nebraska	FBS	64.2	5
9.	Texas	FBS	64.0	4
10.	North Dakota State	FCS	63.6	15
11.	Princeton	FCS	62.8	15
12.	Penn State	FBS	61.6	4
13.	Harvard	FCS	60.8	8
14.	Tennessee	FBS	59.2	2
15.	Louisiana State	FBS	59.0	4
16.	Mount Union	III	58.7	13
17.	Miami	FBS	58.4	5
18.	Saint John's	III	58.3	4
19.	Florida State	FBS	57.4	3
20.	Auburn	FBS	56.82	2

SJU'S HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES

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 (10)	83-15-0 (.847)

WINS - OVERALL

1.	John Gagliardi	465
2.	Gary Fasching	83
3.	Joe Benda	57

PCT. - OVERALL (min. 15 games)

1.	Gary Fasching	.847 (83-15)
2.	John Gagliardi	.774 (465-132-10)
3.	George Durenberger	.661 (20-10-1)

WINS - MIAC

1.	John Gagliardi	362
2.	Gary Fasching	56
3.	Joe Benda	35

PCT. - MIAC (min. 10 games)

1.	Gary Fasching	.875 (56-8)
2.	John Gagliardi	.780 (362-99-9)
3.	George Durenberger	.625 (12-7-1)

WINS - HOME

1.	John Gagliardi	241
2.	Gary Fasching	47
3.	Joe Benda	30

PCT. - HOME (min. 15 games)

1.	Gary Fasching	.870 (47-7)
2.	John Gagliardi	.818 (241-52-4)
3.	Joe Benda	.722 (30-10-5)

A JOHNNIE WITH THE JAGUARS



Offensive tackle **Ben Barch** '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 snaps (47 on special teams) in 2020. Barch followed that with 11 starts and right guard and 704 offensive snaps (43 on special teams) in 2021. Barch 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, Barch received rave reviews during the three days of practices leading up to the event. He attended the 2020 NFL Scouting Combine that 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, Barch 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 included scrambled eggs, cottage cheese, quick grits, peanut butter, bananas and Gatorade), Barch gained over 50 pounds and started on the line's left side immediately.

JOHNNIES DRAFTED INTO THE NFL

Ben Barch '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 Barch, Jacksonville Jaguars (4th round-No. 116)

A JOHNNIE IN VIENNA

Quarterback Jackson Erdmann '19 has had quite the post-graduate path in football following his senior season in 2019. He participated in The Spring League during Fall 2020 and followed that by leading the Wild Aces to Fan Controlled Football's championship in the inaugural season. Now, Erdmann has led the Vienna Vikings to a 10-2 record and face the Hamburg Sea Devils Sept. 25 in the European Football League's championship game.



A 2019 Gagliardi Trophy finalist and the award's recipient in 2018, Erdmann earned his third consecutive All-MIAC first-team honor and led NCAA Division III in passing yards (5,040) - 28 yards shy of the Division III single-season record of 5,068 - as a senior in 2019. He owns MIAC and SJU records for passing touchdowns (139) and passing yards (11,639), as well as 12 other school passing records.

2022 - TRACKING THE TURNOVERS

Takeaways (3)	Qtr.	SJU Result
INT - UW-Whitewater (Kohler)	1st	INT
FUM - UW-Whitewater (Saxon)	2nd	TD
FUM - UW-Whitewater (Sanders)	3rd	TD
TOTAL: 3 takeaways for 14 points (2-for-3 scoring)		

Turnovers (2)	Qtr.	Opp. Result
INT - UW-Whitewater (Koelblinger)	1st	Safety
FUM - UW-Whitewater (Hein)	4th	Punt
INT - UW-River Falls (Schumacher)	2nd	TD
FUM - UW-River Falls (Johnson)	4th	Downs

TOTAL: 4 turnovers for 4 points (1-for-4 scoring)

Off Turnovers (+10, 14/4)

2022 - EXPLOSIVE PLAYS (20+ YARDS)

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Nick VanErp	4	1	--	4	--	--	--	--
Jimmy Buck	3	--	--	3	--	--	--	--
Matt Mohr	2	--	--	--	2	--	--	--
Alex Larson	2	1	--	2	--	--	--	--

TOTAL: 11 (2 TD)

Rushing: 0 (0 TD)

Passing: 9 (2 TD)

Kickoff Returns: 2 (0 TD)

Punt Returns: 0 (0 TD)

Interception Returns: 0 (0 TD)

Blocked Kick/Fumble Returns: 0 (0 TD)

2022 - LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rush: 14, Troy Feddema vs. UW-River Falls (Sept. 10)

Pass Reception: 52, Nick VanErp from Aaron Syverson vs. UW-Whitewater (Sept. 3)

Kickoff Return: 22, Matt Mohr vs. UW-Whitewater (Sept. 3)

Punt Return: 5, Nick VanErp vs. UW-River Falls (Sept. 10)

Interception Return: 0, John Kohler vs. UW-Whitewater (Sept. 3)

Blocked Kick/Fumble Return: N/A

Punt: 57, Spencer Ell vs. UW-River Falls (Sept. 10)

Field Goal: 39, Conor Murphy vs. UW-River Falls (Sept. 10)

2022 - SJU's SCORING DRIVES

Team (Date)	Plays-Yds.	Span	Qtr.	Clock	Down-Dist.	Scoring Play
UW-Whitewater (9/3/22)	---	---	1	7:53	2-9 (Opp.)	Safety (snap over quarterback into end zone)
UW-Whitewater	5-28	2:33	2	2:45	3-4	Alex Larson 5-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Murphy kick)
UW-Whitewater	---	---	3	6:50	4-10 (Opp.)	Safety (snap over punter into end zone)
UW-Whitewater	2-17	0:38	3	4:36	1-G	Zach Jungels 7-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Murphy kick)
UW-Whitewater	5-80	2:27	4	10:46	2-8	Alex Larson 9-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Murphy kick blocked)
UW-River Falls (9/10/22)	6-66	2:25	1	5:25	2-8	Alex Larson 20-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Murphy kick)
UW-River Falls	7-33	3:50	2	14:55	2-G	Henry Trost 1-yard run (Murphy kick)
UW-River Falls	7-75	1:11	2	0:33	4-10	Nick VanErp 30-yard pass from Aaron Syverson (Syverson pass failed)
UW-River Falls	10-75	3:27	3	11:33	1-G	Troy Feddema 3-yard run (Murphy kick)
UW-River Falls	10-45	4:47	3	4:11	4-16	Conor Murphy 39-yard field goal
UW-River Falls	5-37	2:12	4	7:58	1-G	Troy Feddema 5-yard run (Murphy kick)

2022 - SJU's SCORING DRIVES ALLOWED

UW-Whitewater (9/3/22)	8-55	4:37	1	1:44	4-8	Nate Custer 31-yard field goal
UW-Whitewater	7-78	3:50	3	11:05	2-G	Tyler Holte 4-yard pass from Evan Lewandowski (Custer kick)
UW-River Falls (9/10/22)	8-70	2:29	1	7:57	2-G	Michael Krueger 1-yard run (Henry kick)
UW-River Falls	13-76	3:46	2	5:07	1-G	Kaleb Blaha 9-yard run (Henry kick failed)
UW-River Falls	6-51	2:25	2	1:44	1-10	Luke Kush 17-yard pass from Kaleb Blaha (Blaha pass failed)
UW-River Falls	15-75	4:28	4	3:30	3-G	Michael Krueger 2-yard pass from Kaleb Blaha (Kush pass from Blaha)
UW-River Falls	8-67	2:02	4	0:20	2-10	Aaron Childers 50-yard pass from Kaleb Blaha (Scheberl kick)

When Saint John's Has the Ball

Saint John's Offense

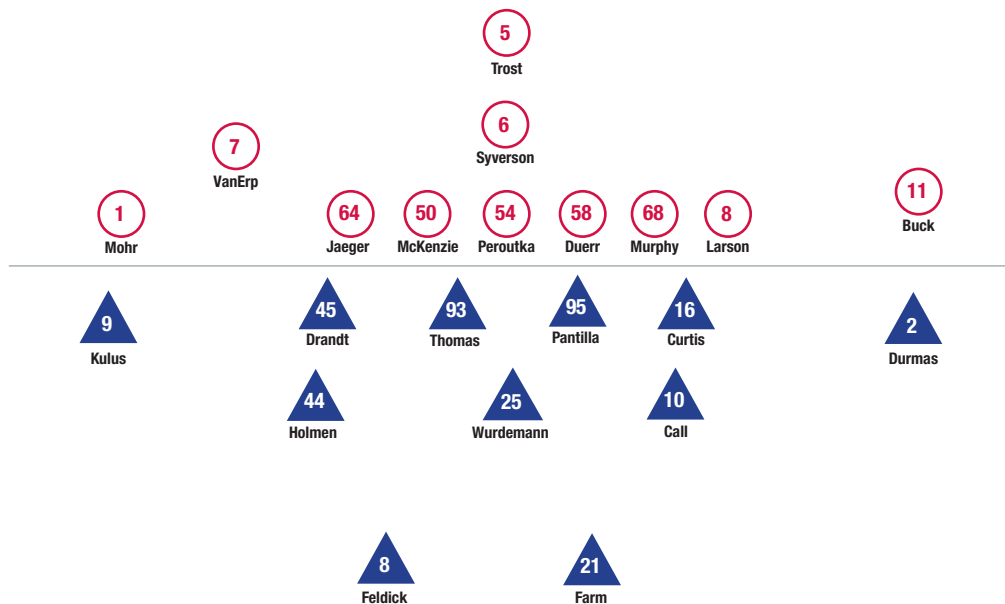
WR	11	Jimmy Buck, Jr. (6-4, 210)
WR	7	Nick VanErp, Sr. (5-11, 170)
LT	68	Cameron Murphy, Sr. (6-5, 310)
LG	58	T.J. Duerr, Jr. (6-2, 315)
C	54	Grant Peroutka, So. (6-1, 265)
RG	50	Nick McKenzie, So. (6-1, 280)
RT	64	Joe Jaeger, Sr. (6-2, 285)
TE	8	Alex Larson, Jr. (6-7, 240)
WR	1	Matt Mohr, Sr. (6-0, 200)
QB	6	Aaron Syverson, Jr. (6-0, 190)
RB	5	Henry Trost, Sr. (5-10, 205)

Bethel Defense

DE	16	Colin Curtis, Sr. (6-0, 245)
NG	95	Reese Pantilla, So. (6-2, 275)
DT	93	Aidan Thomas, Jr. (6-3, 245)
DE	45	David Brandt, Sr. (6-2, 230)
LB	44	Jacob Holmen, So. (6-3, 235)
LB	25	Thomas Wurdemann, Jr. (5-11, 215)
LB	10	Isaac Call, So. (6-3, 195)
CB	2	Kamari Durmas, So. (6-0, 190)
SS	8	Mathew Feldick, Sr. (5-11, 210)
FS	21	Nathan Farm, So. (6-1, 215)
CB	9	Danny Kulus, Jr. (5-9, 170)

Saint John's Special Teams

K	12	Conor Murphy, So. (5-10, 180)
P	95	Spencer Ell, Jr. (5-11, 185)
SS	45	Jack Eibensteiner, Sr. (6-0, 220)
LS	42	Landon Glenna, Jr. (5-11, 200)
H	7	Nick VanErp, Sr. (5-11, 170)
KR	1	Matt Mohr, Sr. (6-0, 200)
	7	Nick VanErp, Sr. (5-11, 170)
PR	7	Nick VanErp, Sr. (5-11, 170)



When Bethel Has the Ball

Bethel Offense

WR	15	Micah Niewald, So. (5-10, 170)
WR	2	Joey Kidder, So. (6-3, 210)
LT	63	Josh Helling, So. (6-5, 300)
LG	73	Travis Sinclair, Sr. (6-5, 320)
C	51	Evan Ginter, Jr. (6-3, 280)
RG	56	Jason Miller, Sr. (6-3, 305)
RT	69	Michael Williams, Sr. (6-1, 295)
HB	84	Ethan Sailer, So. (6-5, 255)
WR	26	Aaron Ellingson, So. (6-1, 205)
QB	9	Jaran Roste, Sr. (6-4, 220)
RB	47	Bryce Kunkle, Sr. (5-11, 220)

Saint John's Defense

DE	8	Metoriah Faoliu, Sr. (6-1, 270)
DT	91	Michael Wozniak, Jr. (6-3, 255)
DT	97	Zach Frank, So. (6-2, 250)
DE	55	Nick Harris, Sr. (6-3, 240)
LB	3	Cooper Yaggie, So. (6-0, 200)
LB	49	Erik Bjork, Jr. (5-11, 215)
LB	44	Carter Seymour, Sr. (6-2, 210)
CB	2	John Kohler, Sr. (6-0, 190)
S	10	Mateo Cisneros, Jr. (5-11, 190)
S	18	Ethan Stark, Sr. (6-1, 195)
CB	24	Cayden Saxon, Sr. (6-3, 200)

Bethel Special Teams

PAT	33	Hugo Cifuentes, So. (5-10, 185)
KO	87	David Erickson, Fr. (6-2, 175)
P	13	Will Eliason, So. (6-0, 175)
H	7	George Bolt, Jr. (6-2, 220)
PR	85	Nic Jones, Sr. (5-7, 165)
KR	85	Nic Jones, Sr. (5-7, 165)

