

2016 LHU Football Preseason Notes:

**Below are notes recapping the 2015 season and previewing what's to come in 2016.*

New Era:

The start of the 2016 season marks Dave Taynor's second at LHU and he quickly has the Bald Eagles rolling in a new direction.

The Bald Eagles 2016 Coaching Staff:

Dave Taynor (2nd Season) – Head Coach

Randi Moore (3rd Season) – Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach

Bill Nickell (2nd Season) – Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach

J. Stephen Pribble (2nd Season) – Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receiver Coach

Kevin Smith (2nd Season) – Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach

Rashad Elby (2nd season) - Defensive Backs Coach/Director of Football Operations

Dave Keeny (1st Season) – Tight Ends/H-Back Coach

Patrick McMullen (1st Season) – Running Back Coach/Offensive Assistant

Kevin McGiveron (1st Season) – Running Back Coach

Shaun Jones- Student Assistant (Offense)

Tony Ballon – Student Assistant (Defense)

Greg Segara – Administrative Student Assistant

New faces:

- On defense, LHU will benefit from the addition of transfer Kevin Chapple. While at Urbana, the 2015 All-Mountain East Conference (MEC) selection, recorded 23 sacks in three seasons at Urbana, and is one of the MEC's all-time leaders in sacks.
- Freshman Destyn Woody is projected to see significant time at linebacker. He's 1 of 37 true-freshmen on the 2016 roster (also six redshirt-freshmen).

Walton under center:

QB Caleb Walton was nothing short of sensational during the 2015 season and looks to cap his record-breaking career in style. Last season, he threw for 2,541 yards, marking his second straight season over the 2,000-yard mark. It's the fourth-most ever for a single season and he's just the second player in school history to pass for over 2,000 yards in two different seasons. Walton finished the season with 23 passing TDs, a single-season school record. In all, Walton was responsible for 26 touchdowns last year (23 passing TDs, 3 rushing TDs), also a school record. Walton enters 2016 with 47 career passing TDs, the second-most in LHU history and 5,856 career passing yards, the second-most in school history. He now has 15 games with over 200 passing yards and four with over 300.

Offensive surge:

Offensively, the Bald Eagles will look to pick up right where they left off. Lock Haven's 2015 offense will go down as the one of the best in school history. LHU set a single-season record with 4,603 total yards of offense. Lock Haven's 277 points scored were the second-most ever for a single-season. The 2015 offense ranks sixth all-time in rushing yards with 1,839 yards and

fourth in passing yards with 2,764. On paper the 2016 offense has all the right pieces and should bring another exciting season.

Defensive leadership:

Several of Lock Haven's top-10 leaders in tackles return from last season, including defensive back Rahjeir Miles-Eubanks, who registered 93 total tackles last season (93 was 2nd on team). Both Miles-Eubanks and Daniel Strawbridge finished with 61 solo stops. The duo will look to lead a talented defensive unit that registered at least one takeaway in nine of 11 games last season. In all, LHU returns five defensive starters from last season.

**Strawbridge is out with an injury.*

Trio of All-Conference players back:

The Bald Eagles 2016 roster features three returning All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) players, including running back Malyk Harris, tight end Del'Vaughn Dennis and defensive standout Daniel Strawbridge. Strawbridge was a 2016 All-PSAC East First Team defensive selection (DB), while both Harris (RB) and Dennis (TE) were Second Team offensive picks. Strawbridge finished with 82 tackles, including 61 solo stops, the fifth-most in the PSAC. He also had a team-best eight pass breakups. Strawbridge's 6.1 tackles per game ranked second in the league and 14th in all of Division II football. Harris, who didn't make his first start of the season until Week 8 in a thrilling comeback win at Millersville, finished with 929 rushing yards and five touchdowns. His 84.5 yards per game were the seventh-most in the PSAC and the second most of any player from the Eastern Division. Harris now owns two of Lock Haven's all-time top-10 single-game rushing performances, including the sixth-best mark in school history (224 yards vs. Kutztown). Dennis averaged 57.2 yards per game (21st PSAC). He had 38 catches and four TDs in nine games (7 starts). Dennis caught two TDs in the win over Millersville including the game-winner as time expired. In the double-OT thriller at Bloomsburg in Week 10, Dennis had nine catches for a career-high 140 yards. Dennis was also a 2015 All-Region selection and gives the Bald Eagles another dynamic offensive threat in the pass-game thanks to his speed and size.

Strawbridge is projected to miss Week 2 action with an injury.

Krupko scores big in classroom:

In April (2016), senior wide receiver Dan Krupko was named a Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Collegiate Scholar-Athlete. Krupko enjoyed a stellar 2015 season for the Bald Eagles and also excelled in the classroom, achieving a 3.8 GPA. Krupko was the Bald Eagles main playmaker, finishing with 37 catches and a team-high eight touchdowns after starting all 11 games. He averaged 56 receiving yards per game and 16.65 yard per catch.

Walton named MTC Player of the Year:

In May (2016), quarterback Caleb Walton was named the Manheim Touchdown Club's 2015 Small College Player of the Year. The Manheim, Pennsylvania native and Manheim Central High School graduate received the Dr. Gene Carpenter Award for the Small College Player of

the Year and deservedly so after the LHU quarterback turned in a remarkable effort for the Bald Eagles during the 2015 season.

Over 200 not once, twice:

In Week 8 (Saturday, October 24, 2015) last season, running back Malyk Harris made his first career start and rushed for 200 yards on 28 carries. Two of his 28 carries went for TDs. The very next week (Week 9, October 31, 2015) vs. Kutztown, Harris rushed for 224 yards on 24 carries.

Strength in the run-game:

Last season, the Bald Eagles ran for three of their greatest individual performances in school history.

Bald Eagles all-time single-game rushing leaders:

Three of LHU's top 13 single-game rushing performances came last season behind an experience offensive line. Four of five offensive line starters are set to return in 2016.

1. 318 Mike Kresovich 1981 vs. Indiana (PA)
2. 272 Joe Speese 1978 vs. Salisbury State
3. 238 Joe Speese 1978 vs. Shippensburg
4. 233 John Kaluzny 2005 vs Mansfield
5. 225 Steve Housler 1977 vs. Indiana (PA)
- 6. 224 Malyk Harris October 31, 2015 vs. Kutztown**
7. 223 Jim Blacksmith 1966 vs. Shippensburg
8. 210 Justin Marshall 2000 vs. Cheyney
9. 201 Mike Kresovich 1981 vs. Shippensburg
- 10. 200 Malyk Harris October 24, 2015 vs. Millersville**
11. 197 Sean Fisher 1997 vs. Clarion
12. 194 Maurice Walker 2001 vs. Cheyney
- 13. 193 Beau Swales September 26, 2015 vs. East Stroudsburg**

Points on the board:

Lock Haven's 56 points scored in the Week 7 (October 17, 2015) win over Cheney last season marked Lock Haven's most points scored in game since LHU beat Edinboro, 56-21 in 1968.

- LHU scored 59 points in 1947 (Won, 59-0 vs. Alliance).
- LHU scored 65 points in 1931 (Won, 65-0 vs. Kutztown).

30 or more:

The 2015 season marked the first time LHU has scored 30+ points in four games during a season since the Bald Eagles did it in 1979. Lock Haven went 9-2 (6-0 PSAC West) in 1979 on the way to the PSAC title. LHU scored 30 or more points five times, all wins during that '79 season.

2015 30+ points scored -

Week 4 vs. ESU: L, 37-34

Week 6 at Shippensburg: L, 44-34

Week 7 vs. Cheyney: W, 56-20

Week 8 at Millersville: W, 36-28

1979 30+ points scored –

Week 3 vs. Bloomsburg: W, 31-21

Week 8 vs. Shippensburg: W, 35-27

Week 8 vs. California (Pa.): W, 40-0

Week 10 vs. Slippery Rock: W, 42-26

Week 11 vs. Cheyney (PSAC Championship): W, 48-14

Where the 2015 offense ranks:**Team Rushing**

Rank	Yr.	Yards
1.	1985	2,394
2.	1979	2,213
3.	1986	2,124
4.	1981	2,046
5.	1978	2,019
6.	2015	1,839

Team Passing

Rank	Yr.	Yards
1.	1994	3,044
2.	1993	3,028
3.	1995	2,984
4.	2015	2,764

Total Offense

Rank	Yr.	Yards
1.	2015	4,603
2.	1994	4,423
3.	1993	4,186
4.	1979	4,020
5.	1995	3,885

Single-Season Points Scored

Rank	Yr.	Points
1.	1979	314
2.	2015	277
3.	1993	259
4.	1999	232
5.	2002	222

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