

2005 Rhode Island Football



2005 Schedule

September

3	FORDHAM	12:00 p.m.
10	at Central Connecticut State	5:00 p.m.
17	WILLIAM & MARY	12:00 p.m.
24	at Massachusetts	6:00 p.m.

October

1	at Brown	1:00 p.m.
8	TOWSON (Homecoming)	12:00 p.m.
15	at New Hampshire	12:00 p.m.
22	at Villanova	3:00 p.m.
29	HOFSTRA (Family Day)	12:00 p.m.

November

12	at Maine	2:00 p.m.
19	NORTHEASTERN	12:00 p.m.

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Quick Facts

■ General

Address:Three Keaney Road, Suite One
Kingston, R. I. 02881
 Founded:1892
 Enrollment:14,791
 Nickname:Rams
 School Colors: .Light Blue, Dark, Blue, White
 Stadium:Meade Stadium (5,180)
 Affiliation:NCAA I-AA
 Conference:Atlantic 10 Conference
 President:Dr. Robert Carothers
 Alma Mater:Edinboro, 1965
 Athletic Director:Tom McElroy
 Alma Mater:St. Bonaventure, 1974
 Phone:(401) 874-5245

■ Head Coach

Head Coach:Tim Stowers
 Alma Mater (Year):Auburn (1980)
 Record at URI:22-35 (5)
 Career Record:73-58 (11)
 Phone:(401) 874-2406

■ Coaching Staff

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 Tony BrinsonDefensive Line
 RaShan FrostDefensive Line
 Ashley IngramOffensive Line,
Recruiting Coordinator
 Jeff McNerneyDefensive Coordinator,
Safeties
 Harold NicholsOffensive Coordinator,
Quarterbacks, B-Backs
 Peter QuaweyCornerbacks
 Jeff WeaverA-Backs, Wide Receivers
 James WillisLinebackers
 Terry SauerbryStrength & Conditioning

■ Lettermen Returning (37)

Offense:12
 Defense:22
 Specialists:3

■ Starters Returning (15)

Offense:5
 Defense:8
 Specialists:2

■ Specialists Returning (3)

■ Lettermen Lost (12)

Offense:6
 Defense:6
 Specialists:0

■ Starters Lost (9)

Offense:6
 Defense:3
 Specialists:0



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Front cover- Coach **Tim Stowers** looks for the improvement to continue in 2005. Rhode Island team captains for 2005 include senior quarterback **Jayson Davis** (No. 7), red-shirt senior A-Back **Calvin Poole** (No. 21), red-shirt senior defensive back **Rod Chance** (No. 1) and senior defensive end **Pat O'Neill** (No. 52).

Inside front cover- **Dr. Robert Carothers**, president of the University of Rhode Island, announced plans to refurbish Meade Stadium. Plans call for a \$2 million first phase which includes the installation of a new scoreboard and refurbishing the east stands of the stadium. The scoreboard will include a message center and other features to enhance a fan's enjoyment of the game. The east stands will be fitted with a vinyl covering providing more comfort, better appearance and esthetics. These upgrades are expected to be completed in 2005.

Inside Back Cover- Rhode Island's high-octane offense has set rushing records in the last four seasons. The veteran defensive unit looks to continue to make life tough on opponents.

Back Cover- Red-shirt junior **Raquan Pride** (No. 19), junior linebacker **Steve Marrella** (No. 56) and red-shirt junior defensive back **Virgil Gray** (No. 35) will anchor Rhode Island's much-improved defense this season. Red-shirt senior jack-of-all-trades **Jordan Bowers** (No. 8) has seen action at wide receiver, quarterback and on special teams during his career.

Ram Football History

By Jim Norman and Mike Ballweg

Rhode Island celebrates 107 years of playing the game of football at Kingston in 2005, and we think a few historical highlights will be most appropriate in both words and pictures.

Of course, four persons just about stand by themselves in Ram gridiron annals: The late Pat Abbruzzi, the runner; Tom Ehrhardt, the passer; Brian Forster, the receiver; and the late Steve Furness, the defensive specialist.

Rhody's Little All-America halfback of the early 1950's, Pat Abbruzzi still holds several New England, Yankee Conference (now Atlantic 10 Conference) rushing marks and went on to professional All-League status while playing with the Montreal Allouettes of the Canadian Football League. He was named to the Allouettes all-time all-star team and later became a celebrated Rhode Island Interscholastic League football coach.

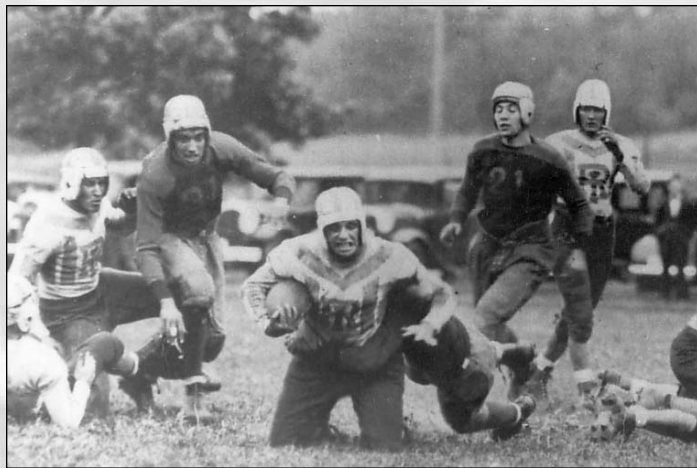
Tom Ehrhardt, a two-time 1AA All-America quarterback, who set just about every passing mark in New England and the Conference, while leading URI to its finest hours in the sport in 1984 and 1985, "owns the book" for signal-callers at Rhode Island and Atlantic 10. He's the only football player in Ram history to have his jersey number (12) retired, led the nation in passing in 1985, and accomplished all of this in only two years.

Holder of ten NCAA receiving records at the time of his graduation, Forster is the all-time receiver in Ram history and still holds many National, Eastern, New England and Conference records. Playing as a tight-end, his 3,944 receiving yards are 1,200 more than any other Rhode Island pass catcher. He helped lead the Rams to their pair of NCAA playoff appearances in 1984-85.

Furness, who starred at Rhody in both football and track while earning 12 varsity letters, played both defensive end and tackle for the Rams, earning All-America honors as well as Eastern, New England and Conference plaudits. He went on to a superlative 11-year NFL career, the finest ever for a URI athlete, playing regularly at tackle for four Pittsburgh Steeler Super Bowl teams as a member of the famed "Iron Curtain" defense.

Others left an indelible mark on Rhody football such as All-America halfback Louis "Duke" Abbruzzi whose records were broken by his younger brother Pat; Jimmy Adams, Joe Almonte, Don Almy, Alan Arbuse, Rollie Bettez; Arthur "Archie" Boulet, Henry Brenner, who played regularly despite being deaf; Frank Briden, Don Brown, Joe Buesing, Gus Buonaiuto, Bill Butler, Sylvester "Cappy" Capalbo, Art Carlin, Albert "Bud" Carpenter, Brad Carson, Larry Caswell, Walter Doll, and Paul Cieurzo, who would later serve as a Ram coach, interim athletic director and longtime professor of physical education;

Also, Owen Conroy, Ed Cox, Bob Cragan, Mark Cruise, Armand Cure, Ed "Ebba" Dahl, Romeo "Buck" DeBucci, All-America defensive tackle Tony DeLuca, Tony DiMaggio, Frank DiPiro, Ed DiSimone, Bob DiSpirito, Bill Dolan, Walter Doll, Don Dwyer, Paul Faulkner, Paul Fitzgerald, Charles Flaherty, Edward "Duke" Fracassa, Fran Geiselman, Angelo Gencarelli, Little All-America lineman Charlie



Gibbons, Ken Goff, Joe Hall, Manoog "Manny" Heditsian, Bob Hoder, Charles "Chuck" Hunt, Alec Hurwitz, Warner "Flip" Keaney, Matthew "Matty" Kearns, Chris Latos, Charles "Jigger" Lazarek, John Leach, and Albert "Joe" LeBoeuf, for whom the top annual award to URI's male athlete is named;

Also, Bob Lepper, who served as an interim director of athletics; Terry Lynch, Bob Mairs, John Mantenuto, Ev McDaniel, Sylvester "Molly" McGee, Harold "Hal" Melkonian, John Messina, Bob Miller, Harold Moore; two-time, first-team academic All-America running-back Richard "Rick" Moser who played regularly on special teams for the Pittsburgh Steelers on two Super Bowl teams; Bob Mudge, Tom Mut, Dick Narcessian, John "Jack" O'Leary, Cliff Pace, Larry Panciera, Roger Pearson, Bob Peltier, Pasquale "Pat" Pezzelli, Bernard "Slick" Pina, Joe Pinto, Bill Poland, Grant Potter, Ken Potter, Milt Price, John Rego, Dameon Reilly, and John Rollins;

Also, Bill Rowe, Bill Rutledge, Mike Sarkesian, Charles "Chuck" Scarpulla, Earl Shannon, Bob Sherman, Harold "Cap" Smith, Ray Stevens, John Sullivan, Bob "Big Moon" Taylor, Tony Tetro, Steve Tosches, Bill Tully, Bob Underhill, Jim Warren, Calvin "Cal" Whitfield, Norm Wilcox, Jeff Williams, Jim Wright and Tom Wright ... each a URI Athletic Hall of Famer.

And so many others down through the years that go into the annals of Rhode Island football history...names that come to mind such as John Anderson, Bobby Apgar, Charlie Babbitt, Dick Bell, Estes Benson, Ben Bottone, Charlie Bounty, Dennis Breen, Bill Britt, Mark Brockwell, John Bush, Cy Butler, Dan Callahan, Guy Carbone, Chris Cassara, All-America free-safety Mike Cassidy, Tom Cataldo, Lou D'Agostino, Pete Dalpe, Chy Davidson, Larry Deschene, T.J. DelSanto, Mark Dennen, Bob Donfield, Ray Draghetti, Ken Duval, Charlie Edmonds, Bob Ehrhardt, Greg Farland, Frank Ferrara, Frank Finizio, Greg Fournier, Steve Garofalo, Dick Grann, Ralph Guerriero, Michael Griffin, Dave Grimsich, and Henry Hill;

Also, Tony Hill, Chris Hixson, and Terry Hogg, Brian Hunte, Dave Jamison, Eric Jenkins, James Jenkins, Lajhon Jones, Frantzy Jourdain, Chris Keneally, Brent Kaufman, Everett Keane, John Klumbach, Ken Kuzman, Shane Laisle, Bob Linder, Tom Marhefka, Frank Marinella, Ken Mastrole, Mike Matkevich, Paul McNulty, Frank Morey, Dennis Murphy, Bob Novelli, Dave O'Donnell, Tony Ozello, All-America offensive-tackle Rich Pelzer, Chris Poirier, Jim Pratt, Rich Remondino, Barney Rinaldi, and All-America tight-end Darren Rizzi;

Also, Jim Roberson, Jon Rodgers, Bob Seccareccia, Leroy Shaw, Harvey Silvers, Pete Sinagra, Howie Small, Lance Small, All-America cornerback Kevin Smith, Bob Soderlund, Tom Spann, Leon Spinney, Greg Sturgis, Mark Swistak, Dennis Talbot, Skip Thomas, John Thompson, Shane Vergari, Matt Walker, All-America offensive-tackle Bob White, Dave Wienke, Ray Williams, Wendall Williams, Fearon Wright and Wayne Zdanowicz. Each gained various post-season honors during their starring careers at Kingston, and contributed in special ways to the overall success of the URI gridiron program throughout the years.

The start of football at Rhode Island State College with student coaches in 1895; then in 1898, the late, renowned faculty member and URI Hall of Famer Marshall "Tip" Tyler took over the reins and coached for 10 seasons. Tyler Hall on the URI Kingston campus is named after him. A succession of coaches followed, until 1920,



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when the legendary, late Hall of Famer Frank "Menty" Keaney came on the scene and for the next 21 years his Rams won 70 games on the gridiron. Rhode Island played football on an unnamed, "informal" field on the plains, west of the main campus for the first 31 years the sport was played at Kingston.

The "Ram" was adopted as Rhode Island State College's official mascot for all sports on March 8, 1923 with the first "live" Ram coming on the gridiron scene on November 21, 1929. Live mascots were housed on campus for many years until the 1960's when it was no longer feasible to maintain a live animal. Since that time, a live mascot was used during only the 1974 season before being brought to life again in 1983. The origin of the mascot is believed to have involved the University's historical agricultural thrust when the Institution was founded in 1892 as the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts under the Land Grant Act of 1862.

In 1928, under the direction of Keaney, Meade Field was constructed, named 10 years later after the late Hall of Famer John "Jack" Meade '15, an influential engineer and State Legislator, and "built by hand" through the dint of back-breaking labor by athletes, students and others. The venerable stadium was completed in 1933 to include a field house, and a year later, west concrete stands to hold about 1,000 fans and a small press box. The facility also featured a cinder running track, wooden east stands and eventually, end zone seating. The stadium "celebrates" its 76th year this fall.

Then came that memorable moment in 1935 when Rhode Island defeated Brown (13-7) in varsity competition for the first time in history ... in 1947 when the Rams became a charter member of the Yankee Conference, consisting then of the six New England Land-Grant Universities, and won their first League game ever, a 20-13 triumph over Massachusetts ... in 1952 when Bob DiSpirito kicked the extra-point to beat Brown (7-6), breaking another winless drought against the Bruins, and finishing the season 7-1;

That fall, the Rams shared a slice of the Conference title for the first time, winning the most games overall in 54 years of playing the sport, and then tying that mark in 1978 (7-3), again in 1982 (7-4), and smashing it in 1984 and 1985, each year going 10-3...and the 1955 club, under the tutelage of legendary coach Harold "Hal" Kopp, which went undefeated during the regular season and played URI's only official post-season bowl game, the Refrigerator Bowl, against Jacksonville State (losing 12-10) at Evansville, Ind.;

In 1964 when the Rams played their first home night game at Mt. Pleasant Stadium in Providence beating Northeastern (20-11) ... 1972 when Rhody trounced Hampton Institute (27-0) at Kingston in the only night contest played at Meade (portable lights were brought into the field) ... and in 1973 when URI made more history as the first U.S. collegiate team to play American football on the European Continent, when the Rams defeated (36-6) a U.S. Air Force team at Frankfurt, Germany in a game dubbed "The Turkey Bowl."

The game was broadcast on radio throughout the World on the Voice of America and Armed Forces Radio Networks through the auspices of the URI Sports Network ... 1975 when Rhode Island opened against St. Mary's University of Halifax, Nova Scotia under the lights at Cranston Stadium, marking the first time in history that a Ram team played an international opponent in a regular season's contest. Rhody won the game, 33-0 ... and in 1977 when URI upset the then number-one NCAA Division II team in the nation, New Hampshire, in a 21-20 shocker at Kingston;

In 1978, URI moved up to the then new NCAA football I-AA alignment, along with all Yankee Conference teams, while at the same time a new look appeared on the Kingston Campus, as 50-row concrete, steel and aluminum stands and a new press box, along with concession and restroom facilities (in 1980), were installed on the east side of Meade Stadium, the seating capacity increased to about 9,000, including "free" seating on the lawns on either side of the west stands, and we saw Meade Stadium become a reality. Gone was the old cinder track and wooden stands, and end zone seating



was a thing of the past. "Temporary" wooden bleachers were replaced by aluminum stands on the west side of the field on each side of the old concrete stands, and the east side became the "home bench" area. The flag grouping at the southwest corner of the stadium was dedicated in 1980 to former director of athletics and Hall of Famer Maurice "Mo" Zarchen.

Then, in 1981, with the Yankee Conference winner gaining an automatic qualifier to the NCAA I-AA Playoffs, the Rams earned a berth with a turn-around season that resulted in a 4-1 Conference slate that tied for the League title. Rhody was assigned to play Idaho State in a first-round contest at Pocatello, as coach Bob Griffin returned to the scene of earlier triumphs, but the Rams lost the game (51-0) to the Bengals ... 1982 when the team not only won seven games for the third time in history, but also had a record 13 players named as all-conference selections, and the late offensive-tackle Rich Pelzer was named as Rhode Island's first I-AA All-America footballer.

That same year, on September 18 at Orono, the Rams defeated Maine (58-55) in what was then the longest game in NCAA gridiron history at any level (six overtimes, 10 quarters, and a total game time of 3 hours, 46 minutes). It was the first overtime contest in conference annals. The contest was so unusual that the College Hall of Fame created a special exhibit in its behalf ... 1983 when history was made as CBS-TV came to Kingston to regionally televise in New England the first TV game to be originated from Meade Stadium, and the Rams did themselves proud, defeating Maine (24-16) before a capacity crowd and vast television audience.

Rhody fashioned its third straight winning season (6-4) that fall, while at the same time, the old press box on the west (visitors) side of the stadium, which was used for special presidential and athletic administration functions, had an upper-level photography/broadcasting deck added. A new computerized scoreboard was installed in 1986 and the presidential box was modernized in 1988.

Then followed the "storybook" 1984 campaign which reached "fairy-tale" proportions with a 10-3 (all-time mark) record, national second place (best ever) final I-AA NCAA poll ranking, Eastern supremacy as the ECAC team-of-the-year,



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and winner of the Lambert-Meadowlands Cup (another first for URI), a share of the conference title (4-1 record) and advancement to the NCAA Playoffs for a second time in four seasons. The Rams lost (32-20) in the semifinals to eventual national champion Montana State in Big Sky Country at Bozeman on a frozen field. URI drew a first-round bye and defeated (23-17) Richmond at Kingston in a quarterfinal contest. On October 20, the largest crowd in Meade Stadium history (13,052) saw the Rams defeat a formidable Boston University eleven during the regular season, 22-7.

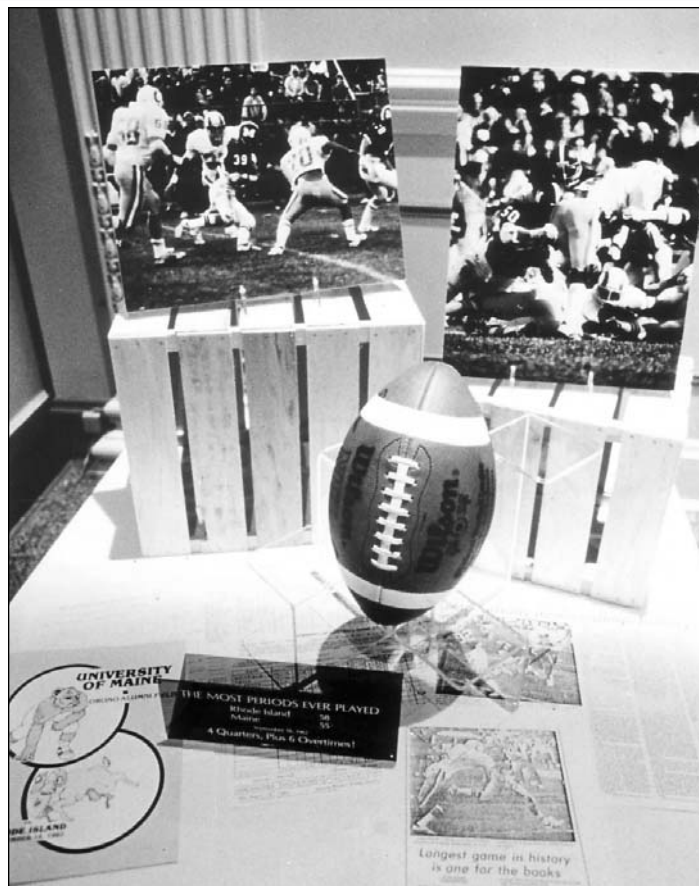
A year later, Rhode Island repeated their 10-3 record, only to do it a bit better with the school's first undefeated and untied (5-0) Conference title in 39 years of league play, gaining the NCAA Playoffs, and ECAC team-of-the-year and Lambert-Meadowlands Cup plaudits once again, leading the country in passing (another first), going as far as the NCAA quarterfinals, losing (59-15) to eventual national runner-up Furman at Greenville, S.C. and finishing 7th in the nation's I-AA poll. The Rams beat Akron (35-27) at Kingston to gain the quarterfinals. Rhody won a record eight straight during the course of the season, and URI teams had fashioned five winning seasons in a row for the only time in history.

The 1986 season, although disappointing, nevertheless produced the number-one passing team in the Yankee Conference for a fourth straight year and marked the first formal League competition against Richmond and Delaware ... in 1988, Rhody played the Yankee Conference's newest member, Villanova, for the first time and a year later, made further history by hosting Villanova at Milan, Italy in a regular season league contest. It was the first game on Italian soil for U.S. collegiate teams.

The Rams struggled for the next five campaigns, with Griffin succeeded at the head coaching helm by Floyd Keith who had a 7-4 record and finished first in the conference in 1995, to break the string. Rhode Island has had only one winning season since, when current coach Tim Stowers' 2001 team was 8-3, the third most wins in a Ram campaign. Griffin concluded his 17 year career at Kingston with the most wins (79) in URI football history, and had the second longest tenure as a coach, next to Keane's 21 years at the helm. Griffin won 100 games in his head coaching career at Idaho State and URI. The "Menty's" teams won 70 games.

During the summer of 2000, the field house and west concrete grandstand and original press box were demolished to make room for the Ryan Center, reducing the current capacity of Meade Stadium to 5,180. For two seasons, the Rams used a tent in front of the Tootell Center as a locker room. When the Ryan Center opened in 2002, the new facility housed a state-of-the-art football locker room, modern athletic training room and a coach's locker room. Last year, a fund drive was started to increase the seating capacity at Meade Stadium with the addition of nearly 2,300 seats on the west side of the stadium.

Eventually, six additional teams would enter the conference, namely Boston University, Hofstra, James Madison, Northeastern, Towson and William & Mary, with the current total 12 teams in the Atlantic 10 which will again employ a two-division format. On July 1, 1997 the Atlantic 10 Football Conference assumed oper-



ational control of the Yankee Conference, marking the end of a 50-year legacy. The latter League developed from the old New England College Conference of Intercollegiate Athletics. Vermont dropped football in 1974 and later, Boston University did likewise in 1997. In 1978, the Yankee Conference had disbanded in all sports with the exception of football.

And then there are the other coaches over the years ... dedicated men such as the late Bill Beck who coached for five seasons ... the late Paul Cieurzo, who held the reins for four campaigns during the difficult World War II years, retiring from the classroom in 1976 with 41 years of service to the University as senior member of the faculty ... the late Hal Kopp, who has the winningest (.707) record at Kingston: 28-11-2 in five seasons, and even in retirement continued to aid the Ram coaching staff, believed to be the oldest (well into his 80's) active coach in the nation ... he also spent 15 seasons as the radio color analyst on the URI Sports Network ... Keane, Cieurzo, Griffin and Kopp are each Hall of Famers ... George Cobb, Jim Baldwin, Fred Murray, all deceased ... Herb Maack who also coached five years, John Chironna, Jack Zilly for seven campaigns; Jack Gregory, coach for six seasons, Keith for seven seasons, and Stowers who begins his fifth campaign at URI this fall.

And there are the directors of athletics ... Keane ... the late Hall of Famer Fred Tootell, Cieurzo, Zarchen, Lepper, the late John Chuckran, Tom Dougan, McKinley Boston, Ron Petro and Tom McElroy, who is in his second year at the Rhody helm this fall. Part of the color and excitement must include the late internationally renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. A.A. "Savy" Savastano ... the late nationally recognized athletic therapist Dick Cole, who spent 34 years at Kingston ... the late legendary sports information directors Bill Mokray (13 years), Tom Doherty (27 years); Jim Norman (22 years), who doubled as play-by-play radio "Voice of the Rams" for both football and basketball for 34 years, and for whom the Meade Stadium press box was named in 2003. Cole, Doherty, Mokray, Norman and Savastano are URI Hall of Famers.

There are many, many others who have contributed to the success of Rhody football over the years. The tradition and history are here and the next century on the Ram gridiron promises to be as memorable as the first 106 campaigns.



The Greatest Teams: 1955

After six consecutive losing seasons, coach **Hal Kopp** got the Rams back on track. In 1952, the Rams reversed the trend by posting a 7-1 mark. Rhode Island recorded back-to-back 6-2 worksheets in 1953 and 1954, finishing in a first-place tie and second place, respectively, in the Yankee Conference.

In 1955 Rhode Island fans were enjoyed Rhode Island's first (and only) bowl bid in school history. The Rams had gone through the regular season unbeaten for the first (and only) time, and the eyes of New England were upon them. The ears, anyway. In lieu of TV coverage, radio stations in Providence, Boston and Springfield would carry the game.

There were only six bowls for the major teams back then and nine for the small-college crowd. Therefore, Rhode Island's invitation to the eighth annual Refrigerator Bowl in Evansville, Ind. was a major accomplishment.

The Rams had gone 6-0-2, tying two of their first three foes before outscoring the last five 119-29 and winning the Yankee Conference title. Their opponent, Jacksonville (Ala.) State, had gone 9-1 and shut out six straight rivals.

As the Rams left for Indiana, morning classes were delayed for a rally on the quad to see them off. In a whirlwind, two-day drive, 1,011 students paid a nickel each to sign a telegram of encouragement.

At the time, Evansville billed itself as "the refrigerator capital of the world," and that wasn't the only reason the name fit. Despite the bone-chilling bold, a respectable 8,500 fans showed up at the 13,000-seat Reitz Bowl on Friday afternoon, Dec. 4. Tickets ranged from \$1.80 to an extravagant \$3 for the best seat in the house.

In an old-fashioned test of strength, Jacksonville State's Billy Hicks smashed for 165 yards and Rhode Island's **Eddie DeSimone** ran up the gut for 105. **Chuck Hunt** made 17 tackles for the Rams, and **Jimmy Jerue** gave them a 3-0 lead just before halftime with a 38-yard field goal -- the first of his life.



Rhode Island went back on top 10-6 in the third quarter with another field goal attempt -- a fake this time, with DeSimone hauling in a TD pass from **Bob Sammartino**. But Jacksonville State scored following a fumble in the final period. The Rams drove to the 10-yard line with 1:25 remaining before losing a fumble.

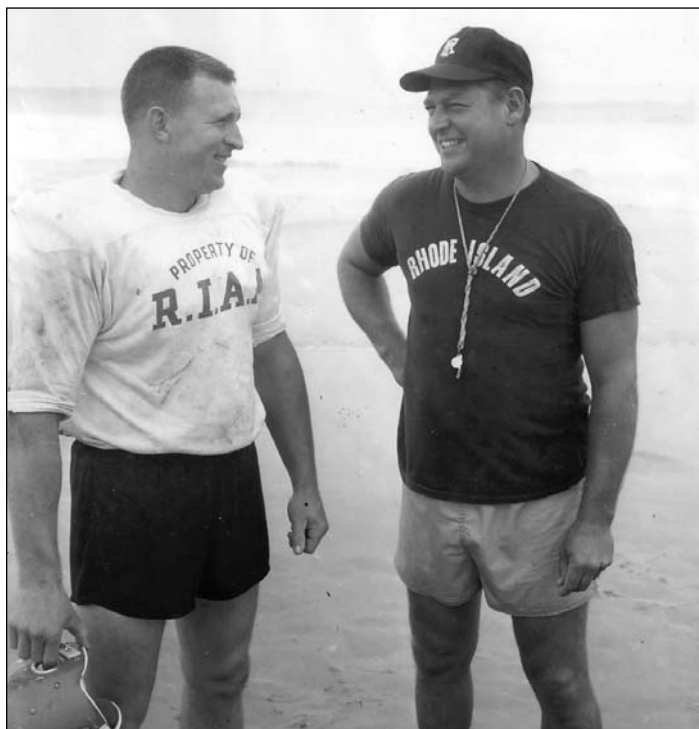
Kopp was named New England coach of the year. Offensive tackle **Charles Gibbons**, center **Charles Hunt**, offensive tackle **Robert Novelli** and running back **DiSimone**, earned first-team All-Yankee Conference honors.

1955 (6-1-2)

- 4-0-1 (1st) in Yankee Conference
- 2-0-1 home, 4-0-1 away, 0-1 neutral
- Coach Hal Kopp

9/17	13-13	T	at Northeastern
9/24	7-0	W	MAINE (4,000)
10/1	13-13	T	NEW HAMPSHIRE (4,000)
10/8	16-0	W	at Vermont (5,000)
10/15	39-15	W	at Massachusetts (4,500)
10/22	19-7	W	at Brown (16,000)
10/29	20-7	W	SPRINGFIELD (HC) (4,500)
11/12	25-0	W	at Connecticut (14,500)
12/4	10-12	L	Jacksonville State (N) (8,500) (RB)

RB- Refrigerator Bowl (Evansville, Ind.)



The Greatest Teams: 1984

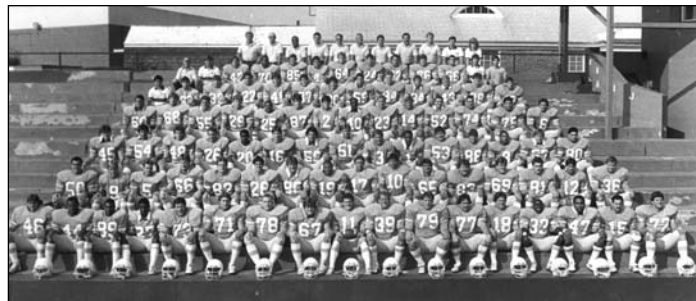


Yankee Conference co-champion, Rhode Island finished second in the final NCAA Poll, the highest national ranking in school history. Coach **Bob Griffin's** team won the Lambert-Meadowlands Cup emblematic of the top team in the East and earned the Yankee Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA I-AA Playoffs.

Behind record-setting quarterback **Tom Ehrhardt**, the Rams were sixth in the nation in passing, averaging 306.5 yards per game through the air. The defensive unit was strong, as well. Rhode Island allowed just 16.1 points per game, third best in the ECAC.

Griffin was named Yankee Conference coach of the year, Kodak Region I coach of the year, New England Coach of the Year and Words Unlimited coach of the year.

Ehrhardt was named All-American along with tight end **Brian Forster**. Ehrhardt, Forster, guard **Greg Sturgis**, wide receiver **Dameon Reilly**, defensive end **Charlie Bounty** and defensive back **Tony Hill** earned All-New England honors. Ehrhardt was named the Yankee Conference player of the year and Forster, Reilly, Sturgis, Bounty, Hill, linebacker **Mark Brockwell**, receiver **Tony DiMaggio**, offensive tackle **Rich Capolongo**, running back **Rich Kelley**, defensive lineman **Bob Dana** and defensive back **Bernie Moran** earned All-Yankee Conference recognition.



The 1984 Rams and the Record Book

- 319 passes completed, second in school history
- 559 passes attempted, second in school history
- 3,985 yards passing, second in school history
- 37 touchdown passes, second in school history
- 974 plays, second in school history
- 5,017 total yards, second in school history
- 42 touchdowns, second in school history
- 303 points scored, third in school history
- 271 first downs, second in school history
- 385.9 yards average total offense, fourth in school history
- 8,087 average home attendance, fifth in school history

1984 (10-3)

- **4-1 (tie-1st) in Yankee Conference**
- **5-0 home, 5-3 away**
- **Coach Bob Griffin**

9/1	31-21	W	HOWARD (3,520)
9/8	31-10	W	LAFAYETTE (6,858)
9/15	0-19	L	at Holy Cross (9,911)
9/22	27-0	W	at Maine (8,000)
9/29	34-13	W	at Brown (12,523)
10/6	20-19	W	MASSACHUSETTS (10,227)
10/13	30-22	W	at Northeastern (4,650)
10/20	22-7	W	BOSTON UNIVERSITY (HC) (13,052)*
10/27	24-16	W	at Lehigh (12,500)
11/3	12-14	L	at New Hampshire (14,335)
11/17	29-19	W	at Connecticut (4,799)
12/1	23-17	W	RICHMOND (10,446)**
12/8	20-32	L	at Montana State (12,697)**

*-Largest crowd in Meade Stadium history

** - NCAA I-AA Playoffs

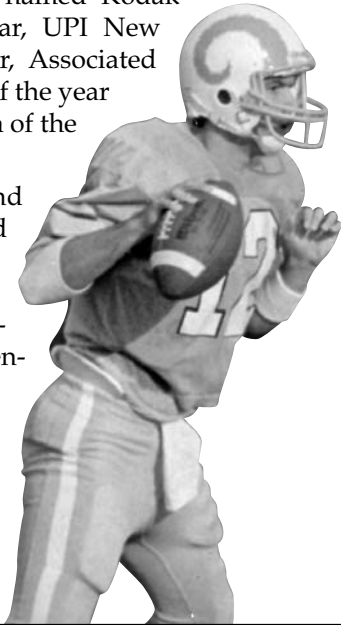
The Greatest Teams: 1985

The 1985 edition of the Rams posted a 10-3 mark, equally the marks of the 1984 squad. Led by quarterback **Tom Ehrhardt**, the Rams repeated as Yankee Conference champion and won the Lambert-Meadowlands Cup for the second consecutive year. The Words Unlimited team of the year was undefeated in Yankee Conference play, posting a 5-0 mark.

Coach **Bob Griffin** repeated as Yankee Conference coach of the year. He also was named Kodak Region I coach of the year, UPI New England coach of the year, Associated Press New England coach of the year and Words Unlimited coach of the year.

Ehrhardt and tight end **Brian Forster** were named All-Americans for the second straight season and were joined by wide receiver **Dameon Reilly** and offensive tackle **Bob White**.

Nine players earned All-New England recognition including Ehrhardt, Forster, White, Reilly, strong safety

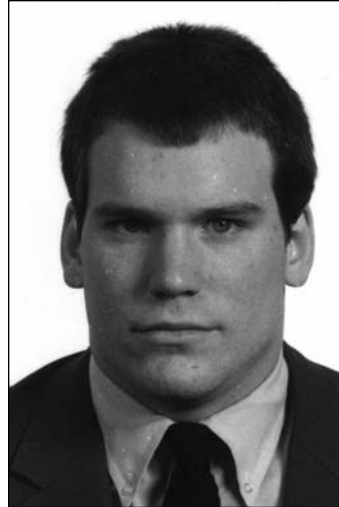


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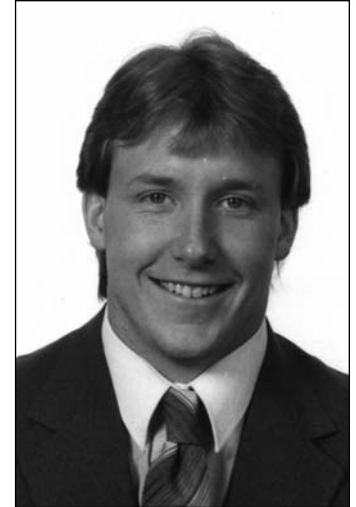
- **5-0 (1st) in Yankee Conference)**
- **7-0 home, 3-3 away**
- **Coach Bob Griffin**

9/7	13-29	L	at Delaware (15,465)
9/14	46-0	W	HOWARD (6,628)
9/21	34-14	W	MAINE (9,442)
9/28	27-32	L	at Brown (10,399)
10/5	7-3	W	at Massachusetts (6,871)
10/12	45-38	W	at Lehigh (13,500)
10/19	34-19	W	at Boston University (4,164)
10/26	41-19	W	LAFAYETTE (HC) (12,933)
11/2	30-20	W	NEW HAMPSHIRE (10,114)
11/9	34-21	W	NORTHEASTERN (9,421)
11/16	56-42	W	CONNECTICUT (8,897)
11/30	35-27	W	AKRON (7,317)*
12/7	15-59	L	at Furman (9,454)*

*- NCAA I-AA Playoffs



Brian Forster



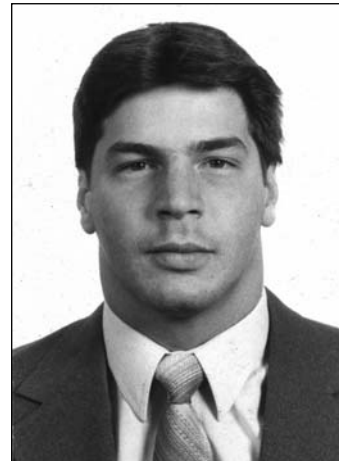
Mike Cassidy

Guy Carbone, free safety **Mike Cassidy**, cornerback Ray Williams, defensive tackle **Brad Carson** and receiver **Tony DiMaggio**.

Ehrhardt, Carson, Cassidy, Forster, Reilly, White and Williams all earned All-Yankee Conference honors, as well.

1985 Rams and the Record Book

- 419 passes completed, most in school history
- 761 passes attempted, most in school history
- 5,321 passing yards, most in school history
- 47 touchdown passes, most in school history
- 1,034 plays, most in school history
- 6,037 total yards, most in school history
- 58 touchdowns, most in school history
- 417 points scored, most in school history
- 344 first downs, most in school history
- 464.4 yards average total offense, most in school history
- 9,250 average home attendance, second most in school history



Tony DiMaggio

Meade Stadium

Meade Stadium, in its 76th year as the "Home of the Rams," was constructed in 1928. On June 2, 1938, the facility was named in honor of the late John E. "Jack" Meade (Class of '15). A devoted fan, he was said to have never missed a home football or basketball game until his death in 1972 at the age of 78. Meade was the holder of the number one certificate as a registered professional engineer and was the deputy director of public works and engineer for the city of Providence for 32 years. A powerful leader in the General Assembly, Meade was named by Governor Theodore F. Green to the Board of Regents for Rhode Island State College (later named the University of Rhode Island) and Rhode Island College of Education. He was honored with a lifetime award by the alumni association in 1938 and was a member of the URI Century Club. He was posthumously inducted into the Rhode Island Athletic Hall of Fame in



1972.

Meade Field, as it was known in the early years, originally included only a few seats on the west side of the field. In 1933, a Football Field House was constructed, which served as the Rams' locker room for years. A year

later, the west concrete stands were constructed under the direction of athletic director Frank Keaney. The stands and a small press box were built to accommodate 1,500 fans.

The facility was renamed Meade Stadium in 1978 when a 50-row concrete, aluminum and steel grandstand opened bringing the seating capacity to 8,000 under the guidance of Athletic Director Maurice Zarchen. A larger press box, concession stand and rest room facilities were added in 1980. Total cost of the project was \$600,000 and brought the seating capacity to 8,000. New natural turf was installed in 1983 and a computer-

Meade Stadium's Top 25 Crowds

1.	13,052	Boston University	Oct. 20, 1984	W	22-7
2.	12,933	Lafayette	Oct. 26, 1985	W	41-21
3.	12,211	Northeastern	Oct. 8, 1983	W	30-10
4.	12,092	Connecticut	Nov. 17, 1973	T	7-7
5.	11,231	New Hampshire	Oct. 24, 1987	L	14-28
6.	10,446	Richmond	Dec. 1, 1984	W	23-17
7.	10,443	Massachusetts	Oct. 4, 1980	L	8-26
8.	10,230	Boston University	Oct. 16, 1982	L	16-26
9.	10,228	Boston University	Oct. 20, 1989	L	13-15
10.	10,227	Massachusetts	Oct. 6, 1984	W	20-19
11.	10,145	Maine	Oct. 19, 1991	W	52-30
12.	10,114	New Hampshire	Nov. 2, 1985	W	30-20
13.	10,000	Connecticut	Nov. 14, 1991	W	34-29
14.	9,882	Boston University	Oct. 18, 1986	L	0-17
15.	9,842	Northeastern	Oct. 10, 1981	W	33-0
16.	9,841	Southern Connecticut	Oct. 22, 1983	W	17-7
17.	9,737	Brown	Nov. 7, 1981	L	8-10
18.	9,624	New Hampshire	Oct. 21, 1981	W	14-12
19.	9,515	Brown	Sept. 27, 1986	L	7-27
20.	9,442	Maine	Sept. 21, 1985	W	34-14
21.	9,437	New Hampshire	Nov. 3, 1973	W	40-16
22.	9,421	Northeastern	Nov. 9, 1985	W	34-21
23.	9,407	Massachusetts	Oct. 6, 1989	L	13-16
24.	8,897	Connecticut	Nov. 16, 1985	W	56-42
25.	8,813	New Hampshire	Oct. 29, 1977	W	21-20



Meade Stadium



ized scoreboard was added in 1986.

During the summer of 2000, the Field House and west grandstand were demolished to make room for the Ryan Center, reducing the seating capacity of Meade Stadium to 5,180. For two seasons, the Rams utilized a tent in front of the Tootell Complex as a locker room. When the Ryan Center opened in 2002, the facility housed a state-of-the-art football locker room, modern athletic training room and a locker room for coaches.

In 2005, Dr. Robert Carothers, president of the University of Rhode Island, announced first phase plans to refurbish Meade Stadium. Plans call for a \$2 million first phase which includes the installation of a new scoreboard and refurbishing the east stands of the stadium. The scoreboard will include a message center and other features to enhance a fan's enjoyment of the game. The east

stands will be fitted with a vinyl covering providing more comfort, better appearance and esthetics.



Year	Record	Attendance (Average)
1928	2-3	
1929	3-0	
1930	5-0	
1931	2-0	
1932	1-3	
1933	4-1	
1934	2-1	
1935	2-1	
1936	3-0	
1937	1-2	
1938	1-1	
1939	2-1	
1940	3-0	
1941	3-0	
1942	1-0	
1943	No team-World War II	
1944	No team-World War II	
1945	1-0	2,500 (2,500)
1946	1-0	5,000 (5,000)
1947	2-2	15,000 (3,750)
1948	2-1	11,000 (3,667)
1949	0-4	15,400 (3,850)
1950	3-0	11,212 (3,737)
1951	3-1	16,200 (4,050)
1952	3-0	15,712 (5,237)
1953	2-1	13,000 (4,333)
1954	4-0	16,200 (4,050)
1955	2-0-1	12,500 (4,167)
1956	2-2	18,818 (4,705)
1957	2-1	8,000 (2,667)
1958	2-2	14,101 (3,525)
1959	0-2-1	13,000 (4,333)
1960	2-1	10,700 (3,567)
1961	0-3-1	16,200 (4,050)
1962	0-4	18,944 (4,736)
1963	3-1	16,600 (4,150)
1964	1-3	27,000 (6,750)
1965	1-3	21,800 (5,450)
1966	0-4	23,400 (5,850)
1967	3-1	31,200 (7,800)
1968	3-1	22,300 (5,575)
1969	2-3	26,500 (5,300)
1970	2-1	28,100 (9,367)
1971	0-4	36,827 (9,207)
1972	2-2	27,099 (6,775)
1973	2-1-1	34,915 (8,729)
1974	4-2	26,536 (4,423)
1975	1-4	25,208 (5,042)
1976	1-2	18,252 (6,084)
1977	4-1	32,439 (6,488)
1978	4-1	25,717 (5,243)
1979	1-3-1	24,241 (4,848)
1980	2-2	20,453 (5,113)
1981	5-1	50,032 (8,339)
1982	3-2	37,032 (7,604)
1983	4-2	48,469 (8,078)
1984	5-0	44,103 (8,821)
1985	7-0	64,752 (9,250)
1986	1-5	43,207 (7,201)
1987	1-4	36,017 (7,203)
1988	2-3	29,003 (5,801)
1989	0-4	25,772 (6,443)
1990	4-2	39,116 (6,528)
1991	2-3	34,119 (6,824)
1992	1-4	24,003 (4,801)
1993	3-2	21,510 (4,302)
1994	0-5	21,037 (4,207)
1995	4-2	30,247 (5,041)
1996	4-2	22,560 (3,760)
1997	1-4	17,464 (3,493)
1998	1-4	20,871 (5,041)
1999	1-5	20,163 (3,361)
2000	1-4	19,660 (3,932)
2001	4-1	24,306 (4,861)
2002	3-3	21,045 (3,508)
2003	2-4	20,786 (3,464)
2004	2-4	19,691 (3,282)
Total	162-142-5 (.532)	1,437,039 (4,651)

Game Day

Fall in New England is about cool weather, the changing colors of the leaves ... and college football. Beginning in 1895, just three years after the founding of the University, the school has fielded a football team.

Game day begins in the early morning hours. The training room is open for business, the press box is readied and the finishing touches are put on the playing field.

Players head to the training room to be taped before team meetings and final preparations.



Game Day

Outside Meade Stadium, fans begin pre-game cookouts, coaches go over the game plan one more time, radio broadcasters begin their pre-game shows, cheerleaders head for the field and the band begins to go through their routines.

At 12:00 p.m., the band plays the National Anthem, the teams take the field, team captains meet with the referees for the coin toss. Minutes later, there is the kickoff and college football is in the air.



The University

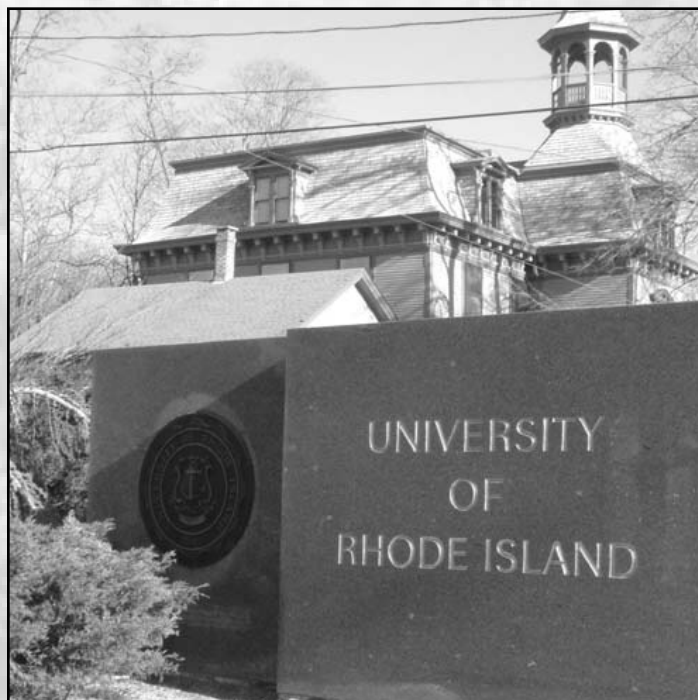
The University of Rhode Island's 1,200-acre main campus is located in the village of Kingston in rural Southern Rhode Island, just six miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It is 30 miles from Providence, the capital of the state, and is close to historical Newport and within easy reach of Boston and New York.

Founded in 1892, URI is a land-grant, sea-grant and urban-grant university with a diverse international student body of 14,791.

The University is known nationally for its teaching excellence, research and service to the state and is a valued resource for individuals, businesses, organizations and municipalities.

The University sponsors a number of educational and cultural events throughout the year on its four campuses located in Kingston, Providence, Narragansett and West Greenwich. The URI W. Alton Jones Conference Center in West Greenwich also offers a wooded setting for business retreats, team building and conferences.

A uniquely collaborative, personal and innovative public institution, the University is opening doors to the future for its students with education that emphasizes communications, quantitative analysis, and critical thinking.



The University



The Ocean State



Nicknamed the Ocean State because of its more than 400 miles of coastline, Rhode Island offers many recreational opportunities from sailing, boating, swimming and fishing to beach-going. The state boasts more than 100 beaches and 2,300 acres of beautiful parks.

The nation's smallest state, Rhode Island covers 1,214 square miles and the greatest distance from one point to another is 48 miles.

According to the 2000 census, its population was 1,048,319. The largest city is Providence with a population of more than 100,000. Warwick, the location of the state airport, has a population of 85,000.

Rhode Island Colony was founded in 1636 by Roger Williams after being banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for his religious views. He settled at the tip of Narragansett Bay near the Mashassuck River, calling the site Providence and declaring it as a place of religious freedom. Historically, the land of Rhode Island is unique because it was purchased twice, once from the



The Ocean State

King of England, and once from the Native American tribes which lived on the land.

On May 18, 1652 Rhode Island passed the first law in North America making slavery illegal. This is particularly interesting since Rhode Island was the location of the first slaves in the English colonies and the colony actively participated in the early days of the slave trade.

Rhode Island was the last state to ratify the United States Constitution (May 29, 1790) and did so only under the threat of being declared a foreign nation and having its exports taxed.



Media Information

■ Press Box

The press box is located on the east side of Meade Stadium. It is open three hours (9:00 a.m.) before game time. Following the game, telephone lines are available in the press box on a first-come, first-served basis. However, writers may prefer to file from the Ryan Center press room which is located adjacent to the interview room.

■ Media Credentials

Media credentials for all Rhode Island home games can be obtained by contacting the Athletic Media Relations Office. All media credentials will be available at the WILL CALL window at the Ryan Center Athletic Ticket Office which is located on the north end of the building.

Accredited photographers are not allowed in the team bench areas, in accordance with NCAA regulations.

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■ Media Parking

Limited parking is available behind the east grandstand of Meade Stadium directly behind the press box. A credential is required in order to gain access to the media parking lot.

■ Media Releases

Complete game notes will be available on Monday afternoons. The game notes will be available on Rhode Island's official athletic web site, GoRhody.com.

■ Radio Information

In accordance with Atlantic 10 Conference policy, three telephone lines are available for the visiting team's official radio station at no charge to league opponents. Additional telephone lines are available at \$75 per line by contacting the Athletic Media Relations Office. The fee should be paid in advance unless other arrangements have been made. Due to signage commitments, visiting radio stations are not permitted to display signage or banners from the press box.

■ Press Box Telephones

Main Press Box	(401) 874-4616	
Home Radio	(401) 874-5360	(401) 874-5361
Campus Radio	(401) 874-5364	
Visiting Radio	(401) 874-2885	(401) 874-2886
	(401) 783-7433	

■ Locker Room Policy

Rhode Island's football locker room is closed to all media. All interviews will take place in the interview room located in the Ryan Center.

■ Post-Game Procedure

Prior to the conclusion of the game athletic media relations staff will solicit post-game player interview requests for both teams.

Following a 15-minute cooling off period, the visiting coach and requested players will report to the interview room in the Ryan Center. Coach Tim Stowers and members of the Rhode Island football team will then be available in the interview room.

Adjacent to the interview room is the press room where telephone lines are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Directions to the University of Rhode Island

■ From the north

Follow Interstate 95 South to Exit 9 (Route 4 South) toward North Kingstown. Follow Route 4 South/Route 1 South for 13 miles. Turn right onto Route 138 West/Mooresfield Road at the traffic signal. Travel four miles on Route 138 West and pass the main entrance of the University of Rhode Island. Turn right at the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 138 West with Plains Road. Follow Plains Road one mile to Meade Stadium.

■ From the south

Follow Interstate 95 North to Exit 3A (Route 138 East) toward Kingston/Newport. Follow for nine miles and turn left on to Plains Road at the traffic signal. Follow Plains Road for one mile to Meade Stadium.

Media Information

■ Atlantic 10 Weekly Teleconference

Every Monday from Aug. 29-Nov. 21, the Atlantic 10 Conference will conduct a teleconference from 10:00-12:10 p.m. with each of its head football coaches. Each coach will have a 10-minute period to discuss his team and answer questions from the media. Members of the media are strongly encouraged to participate in the questioning. For the access number, contact the Atlantic 10 Conference or any sports information office.



Below is the schedule for the teleconference:

10:00	Atlantic 10 update
10:10	Dave Clawson, Richmond
10:20	Jimmye Laycock, William & Mary
10:30	Andy Talley, Villanova
10:40	Rocky Hager, Northeastern
10:50	Mickey Matthews, James Madison
11:00	Jack Cosgrove, Maine
11:10	Don Brown, Massachusetts
11:20	Tim Stowers, Rhode Island
11:30	K.C. Keeler, Delaware
11:40	Sean McDonnell, New Hampshire
11:50	Joe Gardi, Hofstra
12:00	Gordy Combs, Towson

Atlantic 10 Television Schedule

Date	Game	Time	Network
Sept. 3	Georgia Southern at Northeastern	2:00 p.m.	CN8
Sept. 10	Lehigh at Delaware	7:00 p.m.	CN8
Sept. 17	William & Mary at Rhode Island	12:00 p.m.	A-10 TV, Cox-3
Sept. 17	Northeastern at Villanova	7:00 p.m.	CN8
Sept. 24	Pennsylvania at Villanova	7:00 p.m.	CN8
Oct. 1	Villanova at New Hampshire	12:30 p.m.	CN8
Oct. 1	Rhode Island at Brown	1:00 p.m.	Cox-3
Oct. 8	Hofstra at Delaware	12:00 p.m.	A-10 TV
Oct. 15	James Madison at Massachusetts	12:00 p.m.	CN8
Oct. 15	Richmond at Delaware	3:00 p.m.	CN8
Oct. 22	Northeastern at New Hampshire	12:00 p.m.	CN8
Oct. 22	James Madison at Delaware	12:00 p.m.	CSTV
Oct. 29	New Hampshire at Massachusetts	12:00 p.m.	CN8
Oct. 29	Delaware at Maine	12:00 p.m.	CN8
Nov. 5	Massachusetts at Delaware	1:00 p.m.	CN8
Nov. 12	Richmond at Towson	12:00 p.m.	A-10 TV
Nov. 12	Massachusetts at Army	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Nov. 19	Delaware at Villanova	1:00 p.m.	CN8

Schedule subject to change.

■ Tim Stowers Radio Show

The Tim Stowers Radio Show with host Steve McDonald airs each Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. beginning Aug. 29 from the Food Court at the Warwick (R.I.) Mall. The show airs statewide on WHJJ-AM (920) and can be heard over the Internet at www.GoRhody.com.

■ Rams-on-Radio Network

For the 45th consecutive year, Rhode Island fans throughout southern New England will be able to follow the Rams live on radio. Clear Channel Communications and WHJJ-AM (920) will serve as the flagship station of the Rams-on-Radio Network. WJZS-FM (99.3) will also carry the games.



Rhode Island boasts the most comprehensive radio package in school history. WJZS-FM will carry an unprecedented number of games including football, men's and women's basketball. The combination of WHJJ-AM and 99.3 Swing-FM gives Rhode Island athletics coverage throughout southern New England. All Rhode Island games and coach's shows can be heard over the Internet at www.GoRhody.com.

Rhode Island will utilize all four stations in the Clear Channel group including WHJJ-AM, WHJY-FM, Coast 93.3, B-101 along with billboard advertising to make its most aggressive marketing effort ever to increase season ticket sales and interest in Rhode Island athletics.

In his 11th season handling the play-by-play duties, Steve McDonald has been WHJJ's sports director for the last 16 years. The lifelong Rumford, R.I. native graduated from Providence in 1984. McDonald is involved with the Pawtucket Red Sox television broadcasts and has been honored with the Associated Press Award for Sports Play-by-Play and the AIAW's Media Award.

Terry Lynch, a former player and assistant coach for the Rams, joined the broadcast team in 2001. He was a quarterback and tight end for the Rams from 1979-82. Lynch was named third-team All-New England in 1980. Following his playing days, he spent 15 years on the Rhode Island sidelines as an assistant coach. The 1984 Rhode Island graduate was inducted into the URI Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. Lynch currently serves as the athletic director at South Kingstown High.

Rhode Island's games can be heard live over the Internet at www.GoRhody.com. In addition, the games are available over the telephone on Teamline by calling (800) 846-4700. Rhode Island's code is 2606. Teamline charges for this service.



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When Rhode Island head football coach Tim Stowers talks about the prospects for the 2005 season, among the keys to victory, he includes one key that few coaches will admit.

"We've got to create our own luck through good execution," Stowers said.

As well as a team can have a hold on all facets of football, if they don't have luck on their side, success is that much more difficult to achieve. A punt burying a team inside the one-yard line, a first down made by the nose of the football or an interception can have as much to do with luck as they do with execution.

Over the past few seasons the Rams have not had Lady Luck on their side.

While luck isn't something a team can necessarily control, proper execution can limit the negative effects of being struck with some bad luck and maximize the good fortune when the bounces go your way. And the teams that execute the best usually have one thing in common: Experience.

Senior quarterback in **Jayson Davis (6-0, 190, Sr.)** enters his



Jayson Davis

fourth-year as a starter, and the Rams boast a total of 14 juniors and seniors entering preseason practice as starters.

"We have an older, mature quarterback and older skill players, so that should minimize mistakes," Stowers said. "We have to avoid turnovers and we can't give up big plays on defense."

Offensively the Rams have led the Atlantic 10 Conference, the top Division I-AA football conference in the nation, in rushing in each of the last four seasons. Although Rhody will miss 1,000-yard rusher Jason Ham, who graduated in the spring, the spread offense with Davis at the helm will have no problem gaining yards.

"I believe the offense will pick up where it left off before Jayson Davis was injured," Stowers said. "We want the offense to rush for 300 yards per game and throw for 150. We are a running football team, so we're not looking for total balance, but Jayson has improved on his passing ability and we don't want to become too one-dimensional."

On defense the Rams instituted a whole new defensive scheme last year and improved from the nation's 117th ranked defensive unit to 79th in 2004.

"If you look at the stats, we made significant improvement on yards given up," Stowers said. "Then if you look at points allowed it's misleading because our offense gave up a lot of points off turnovers, which is something we obviously need to cut down."

This will be defensive coordinator **Jeff McNerney's** second year and he has eight starters returning from last year's unit with plenty of experience under his system.

"The defense made progress with a new scheme and new attitude last year," Stowers said. "Now we just have to continue to improve every day."

"If you look at 106 years of Rhody Ram football, we always seem to start out well, but don't finish strong," Stowers said. "Every year we always play well at the beginning, right until about Homecoming and then when Daylight Savings Time begins and it starts getting darker earlier, our season starts to darken too. We're trying to change that this year. We're committed to finishing the season strong."

Having a fulltime strength and conditioning coach for the first time ever will help get the Rams in better physical shape, which should cut down on injuries and keep the team fresh throughout the season.

"We're very excited to have Terry Sauerbry as our full time strength and conditioning coach," Stowers said. "He is already working to get our guys bigger, faster and stronger."

But Stowers and his staff went as far as altering the typical fall practice schedule to better prepare the Rams for Saturday afternoons.

Instead of practicing under the lights on cold New England nights during the latter part of the season, Rhody will hold



Virgil Gray

morning practices on Tuesday and Thursday of each week and also practice an hour earlier on Wednesdays.

"We're changing the late season history by addressing the problem," Stowers said. "We will always be practicing in the daylight on our major work days. By practicing Thursday morning it also gives the players more than 48 hours to recuperate by game time on Saturday."

When Stowers proposed the new practice plan to the Player Value Committee, an advisory group of players that serves as a liaison between the coaches and team members, they welcomed the change.

"This way the players can get practice out of the way in the morning and then focus on academics the rest of the day," Stowers said. "A lot of the upperclassmen have required classes for their major that are only offered in the afternoon, so this makes it easier on them."

OFFENSE

The Rhode Island offense rushed for 3,074 yards, the second most in school history, to go with 29 touchdowns in 2004. Rhody has led the Atlantic 10 in rushing in each of the last four seasons and finished fourth in the nation of 117 Division I-AA schools in 2004, averaging 279.5 yards per game on the ground.

But the Rams ran the ball 84.3 percent of the time and averaged only 83.1 passing yards per game.

Davis enters his fourth year as the starting quarterback having worked on his passing in the off-season, which will lead to a more productive offense in 2005.

"Jayson Davis is a senior now and he has the ability to throw the ball," Stowers said. "We are going to take advantage of that weapon this season. We're not looking for complete balance, but we want to mix it up more."

Rhode Island also has to limit the turnovers, which were the main reason behind the Rams finishing 10th in the Atlantic 10 in scoring offense at 24.1 points per game. Rhody led the nation with 24 fumbles lost, an average of 2.2 giveaways per game.

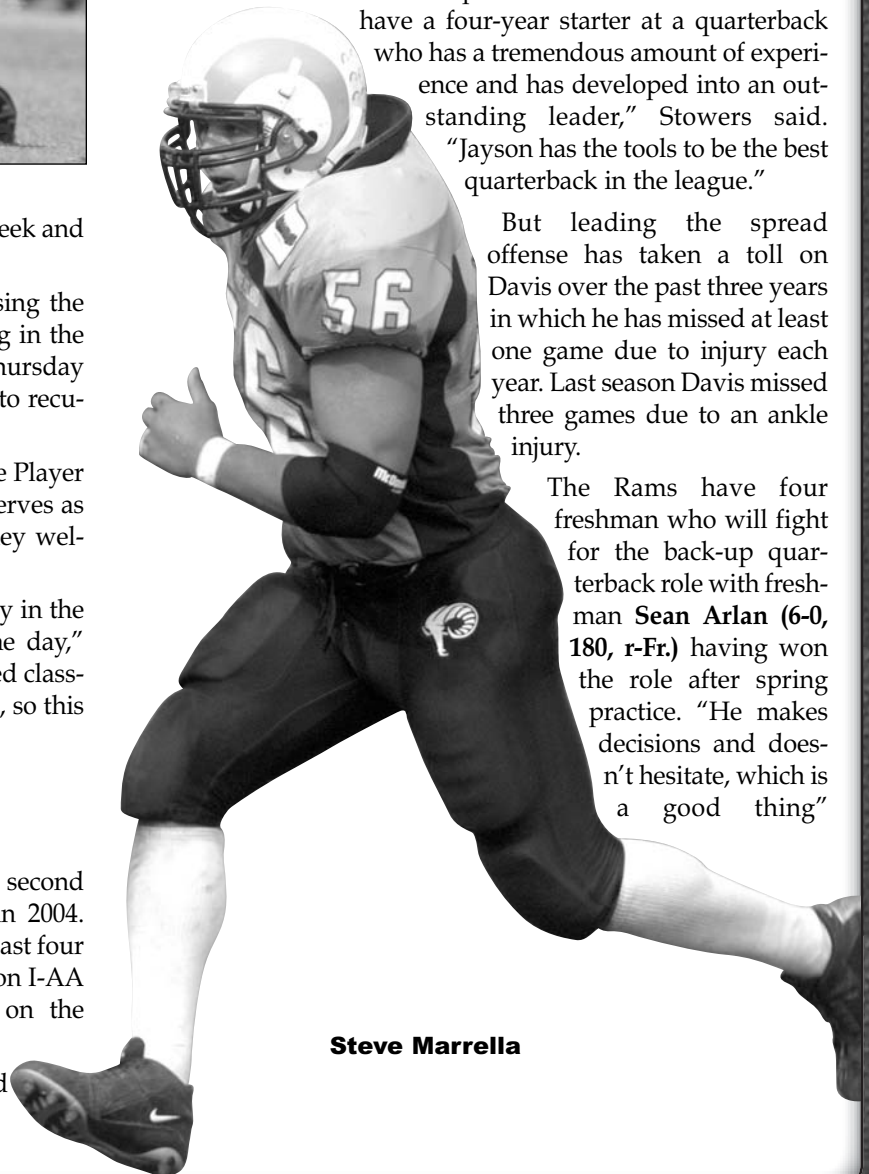
■ Quarterback

A three-year starter, Davis rushed for 466 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2004 and passed for 788 yards and five TDs, while completing 51.6 of his passes.

"The real positive about this team is we have a four-year starter at a quarterback who has a tremendous amount of experience and has developed into an outstanding leader," Stowers said. "Jayson has the tools to be the best quarterback in the league."

But leading the spread offense has taken a toll on Davis over the past three years in which he has missed at least one game due to injury each year. Last season Davis missed three games due to an ankle injury.

The Rams have four freshman who will fight for the back-up quarterback role with freshman **Sean Arlan (6-0, 180, r-Fr.)** having won the role after spring practice. "He makes decisions and doesn't hesitate, which is a good thing"



Steve Marrella

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Stowers said of the former East Providence (R.I.) High star. "He's faster than he appears.

Marcel Roberson (5-9, 180, Fr.), John Butler (6-0, 180, Fr.) and **Derek Cassidy (6-2, 190, Fr.)** all have shown the ability to run the spread offense and will only improve more as they become comfortable with the system.

■ Offensive Line

While two starters return from 2004, Stowers believes the offensive line is the most talented group since he arrived in Kingston five seasons ago. "Our offensive line has the best ability that we've had since I've been here," Stowers said.

Shamel Lewis (6-2, 250, r-Jr.) will move from right tackle to left tackle and **Drew Owens (6-1, 275, r-So.)** is the starting center. Stowers calls Lewis and right tackle **Mark Stolte (6-2, 252, r-So.)** two of the best tandem tackles he's coached.

Andre Douglas (6-5, 260, r-Fr.) looks to be the starter at right guard, while **Mike Cummings (6-2, 320, r-So.)** will start at left guard. **Steve Moll (6-2, 260, r-So.)** and **Fran Dempsey (6-2, 275, r-Fr.)** will see time at left and right tackle, respectively. **Antal Keszthelyi (6-3, 270, r-Fr.)** will play left guard and **Robert Crudup (6-2, 305, Fr.)** will play right guard as a true freshman. **Kane Crume (6-3, 280, Jr.)** will back up Owens at center.

■ A-Back

The Rams have a lot of depth at A-Back with five players to use for the two running back spots.

Jerell Jones (5-8, 170, r-Jr.), who has been a big play-maker for the

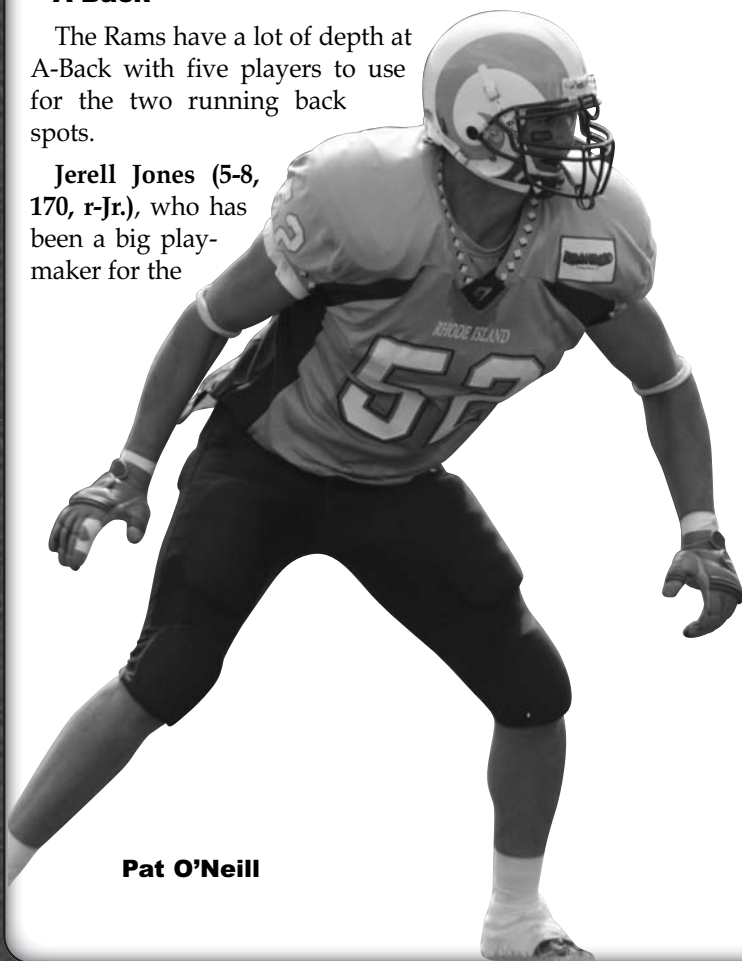


Rod Chance

Rams, returns as a starter after rushing for seven touchdowns a year ago. Captain **Calvin Poole (5-9, 190, r-Sr.)** rushed for 503 yards, averaging 6.3 yards per carry in 2004. **Jeff West (58, 180, r-Sr.)** also saw significant playing time last fall, giving the Rams three A-Backs with plenty of experience. **Andrew Varner (5-10, 180, r-Fr.)** and **Jimmy Hughes (5-10, 175, r-Fr.)** do not have the game experience of Jones, Poole and West, but they showed they can effectively play the position in spring ball.

■ Wide Receiver

With the Rams looking to throw the ball more this season, Davis has some talented targets at wide receiver. **Keith Brown (5-11, 190, r-Sr.)** returns after a year off. Brown averaged 13.2 yards per catch in 2003, catching 17 passes for 224 yards. **Jordan Bowers (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)** returns after averaging 12.6 yards per catch in 2004. **Nick Delgrasso (6-5, 215, Fr.)** and **Chris Dickerson (6-3, 190, r-Fr.)** give the Rams height at the position, while Stowers sees **Ryan Jefferson (5-10, 162, r-Fr.)** as someone who improves every day.



Pat O'Neill

■ B-Back

The B-Back, which is the second marquee position in the spread offense, is one of the question marks heading into the 2005 season. Three of Stowers' five years in Kingston, the Rams have boasted a 1,000-yard B-Back with David Jamison doing it twice and Jason Ham eclipsing the mark once. In the two years when the Rams didn't have an individual reach 1,000 yards, the position accounted for over 1,000 yards. Stowers believes the candidates for B-Back have the ability to get the job done.

Chad Campbell (6-0, 212, r-Jr.) looks to be the starter heading into preseason practice after playing in eight games last season, averaging 4.6 yards per carry.

"Chad has done well for us, he's got good feet in the tackle box," Stowers said. "He just needs to work on picking up his endurance so he can finish a football game for us."

Joe Casey (5-10, 200, Fr.) is a tough runner who sits second on the depth chart after spring ball, while Stowers feels **Johnathan Pitt-Coombs (6-0, 210, r-Fr.)** could have the most ability of the three B-Backs.

■ Tight End

Kyle Edwards (6-6, 240, r-Jr.) is the Rams only tight end and last year he was used more for blocking than for catching passes. But the one catch he did make in 2004 went for 28 yards and this spring the Rams got him more involved in the offense.

DEFENSE

The Rams continued to improve on their new attitude and scheme in spring practice and with 22 returning lettermen, including eight returning starters, the Rams look to become a defensive force in 2005.

■ Defensive Line

The defensive line enjoys the most depth of any area on the team, including three starters from last year in nose guard **Chad Waltrip (6-1, 265, r-Jr.)**, right end **Pat O'Neill (6-3, 220, Sr.)** and right tackle **Jason Green (6-3, 275, r-Jr.)**.

Waltrip will move over to right tackle, while **Nick Levy (6-1, 265, r-So.)** will take over at nose guard. **Dan Heffron (6-2, 225, r-Jr.)** will play left end and **Keith Peacock (6-1, 230, Sr.)** has the nod at right end. Captain **Pat O'Neill (6-3, 220, Sr.)** will be in the mix at right end, while **Jon Hines (6-5, 255, r-Jr.)** will see time at right tackle. **Mike Paino (6-2, 250, r-Sr.)** will also be in the mix, along with **Kevaughn Johnson-Henry (6-1, 215, r-Fr.)**.

■ Linebackers

The Rams also have a lot of depth at linebacker that will be interchangeable between the strong side, weak side and middle linebacker positions. Two-year starter **Steve Marrella (6-2, 247, Jr.)** is back to lead the linebacker corps after finishing second on the team in tackles last season with 80.

Adam Elmore (6-3, 200, r-So.) and **Larry Brantley (6-1, 215, So.)** join **Mizarian Farley (6-0, 220, Jr.)** as starters heading into the fall. Stowers said **Alfonso Dormu (5-11, 215, Fr.)** has the most athletic ability of the bunch, while **Chris Duncan (6-0, 210, Jr.)** was a starter in 2003 and will be back on the field this fall.

Damien Gresko (6-2, 235, So.), who has a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA, will see action at middle linebacker, while Marrella and **Jeff Ball (6-0, 220, r-Fr.)** also will see time at linebacker.

■ Secondary

Stowers saw a change in the attitude and improved play in the secondary and is expecting that improvement to carry over into 2005.

Virgil Gray (5-10, 180, r-Jr.) is the team's best corner, while captain **Rod Chance (5-10, 180, r-Sr.)** tied Gray for the team lead in interceptions with three apiece last season. **Ki'Ameer Johnson (6-1, 185, Jr.)** tops the depth chart at right corner back heading into preseason practice.

Andre Anderson (6-0, 185, r-Sr.) will play strong safety and **Raquan Pride (6-1, 190, r-Jr.)** will utilize his speed as the free safety.

The Rams have several prospects in the secondary who could see plenty of playing time in 2005. **Andrew Ferguson (5-10, 175, Fr.)**, **Michael Bland (5-11, 180, Fr.)**, **Adrian Owen (6-3, 200, So.)**, **Tre Timbers (5-10, 177, r-So.)** and **Rajiv Lundy (6-0, 275, Fr.)** give the Rams depth in the secondary.

■ Special Teams

Colin Gallagher (6-0, 195, r-Jr.) will be the placekick and can also fill-in as the punter, while **Bryan Giannecchini (5-10, 170, So.)** will handle the punting duties and serve as the back-up place kicker.

Matt Tyrrell (5-10, 207, r-Jr.) will handle the short snapping, while Gresko will be the long snapper. Crume will back-up both the short and long snapping positions.

The Rams depth at linebacker will help with special teams play.

Raquan Pride



Depth Chart

Offense

■ Left Tackle

- 72 Shamel Lewis (6-2, 250, r-Jr.)
- 71 Steve Moll (6-2, 260, r-So.)

■ Left Guard

- 73 Mike Cummings (6-2, 320, r-So.)
- 60 Antal Keszthelyi (6-3, 270, r-Fr.)

■ Center

- 66 Drew Owens (6-1, 275, r-So.)
- 77 Kane Crume (6-3, 280, Jr.)

■ Right Guard

- 63 Andre Douglas (6-5, 260, r-Fr.)
- 78 Dan Goodman (6-3, 235, r-Fr.)

■ Right Tackle

- 57 Mark Stolte (6-2, 252, r-So.)
- 76 Fran Dempsey (6-2, 275, r-Fr.)

■ A-Back

- 5 Jerell Jones (5-8, 170, r-Jr.)
- 28 Jimmy Hughes (5-10, 175, r-Fr.)

■ B-Back

- 22 Chad Campbell (6-0, 212, r-Jr.)
- 37 Joe Casey (5-10, 200, Fr.)

■ A-Back

- 21 Calvin Poole (5-9, 190, r-Sr.)
- 23 Andrew Varner (5-10, 180, r-Fr.)

■ Quarterback

- 7 Jayson Davis (6-0, 190, Sr.)
- 14 Sean Arlan (6-0, 180, r-Fr.)

■ X

- 8 Jordan Bowers (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)
- 82 Nick Delgrasso (6-5, 215, Fr.)

■ Z

- 84 Keith Brown (5-11, 190, r-Sr.)
- 85 Chris Dickerson (6-3, 190, r-Fr.)

Defense

■ Left End

- 95 Dan Heffron (6-1, 225, r-Jr.)
- 54 Keavaughn Johnson-Henry (6-1, 215, r-Fr.)

■ Nose Guard

- 58 Nick Levy (6-1, 265, r-So.)
- 92 Will Stanton (6-1, 340, Sr.)

■ Right Tackle

- 55 Chad Waltrip (6-1, 265, r-Jr.)
- 97 Jon Hines (6-5, 255, r-Jr.)

■ Right End

- 44 Keith Peacock (6-1, 230, Sr.)
- 52 Pat O'Neill (6-3, 220, Sr.)

■ Strongside Linebacker

- 31 Adam Elmore (6-3, 200, r-So.)
- 42 Alfonso Dormu (5-11, 215, Fr.)

■ Middle Linebacker

- 51 Larry Brantley (6-1, 215, So.)
- 56 Steve Marrella (6-2, 247, Jr.)

■ Weakside Linebacker

- 19 Mizarian Farley (6-0, 220, Jr.)
- 59 Damien Gresko (6-2, 235, So.)

■ Left Cornerback

- 1 Rod Chance (5-10, 180, r-Sr.)
- 2 Virgil Gray (5-10, 180, r-Jr.)

■ Free Safety

- 3 Raquan Pride (6-1, 190, r-Jr.)
- 24 Adrian Owen (6-3, 200, So.)

■ Strong Safety

- 4 Andre Anderson (6-0, 185, r-Sr.)
- 18 Michael Bland (5-11, 180, Fr.)

■ Right Cornerback

- 6 Ki'Ameer Johnson (6-1, 185, Jr.)
- 33 Andrew Ferguson (5-10, 175, Fr.)

Special Teams

■ Punter

- 17 Bryan Giannecchini (5-10, 170, So.)
- 16 Colin Gallagher (6-0, 195, r-Jr.)

■ Placekicker

- 16 Colin Gallagher (6-0, 195, r-Jr.)
- 17 Bryan Giannecchini (5-10, 170, So.)

■ Holder

- 8 Jordan Bowers (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)
- 7 Jayson Davis (6-0, 190, Sr.)

■ Punt Returner

- 5 Jerell Jones (5-8, 170, r-Jr.)
- 8 Jordan Bowers (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)

■ Kickoff Returner

- 5 Jerell Jones (5-8, 170, r-Jr.)
- 8 Jordan Bowers (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)



Coaching Staff

Head Coach Tim Stowers



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Assistant, Jacksonville State, 1984-85
Assistant, Georgia Southern, 1985-90
Head Coach, Georgia Southern, 1990-96
Assistant, Temple, 1998-00
Head Coach, Rhode Island, 2000-present

As Tim Stowers enters his sixth season as head coach at the University of Rhode Island, he looks forward to coaching a very experienced football team. The 2005 team enters the season with the maturity and experience of his 2001 Rhody squad that went 8-3 and was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation. Now Stowers has to get the current Rams to gel like that senior-laden team did in 2001.

The 2005 Rams have 13 seniors on the roster and 14 of the projected starters are either juniors or seniors. The 2001 squad had 15 seniors, 11 of which were starters, including quarterback Vince Nedimyer. The 2005 Rams will also be led by a senior quarterback in Jayson Davis, who has been the starter since his freshman in 2002, and has mastered running Stowers' spread offense.

"We have a lot of older players at skill positions, including quarterback, so that should cut down on mistakes," Stowers said. "We have a large group of guys who have played a lot of football for us. That will only benefit us."

Also similar to the 2001 team is the lack of respect the Rams received from the conference coaches. Rhody was picked ninth in 2001, only to finish one game out of first place. This year the Rams are picked at the bottom of the Atlantic 10, but that doesn't bother Stowers. He has faced adversity before.

Stowers faced adversity at the age of 12, when his dad died of a heart attack at a way-too-soon 46. He faced it again in 1976 when legendary coach Bear Bryant put an end to a childhood dream by telling Stowers he wasn't Alabama football material. Then again in 1995 when Georgia Southern told him: Sorry, Coach, one national title in six years just doesn't cut it.

In 2000, Stowers' first Rhode Island team started 0-5 before shocking 13th-ranked James Madison 7-6 on Homecoming Day. The Rams beat Northeastern the following week and upset Connecticut in the next-to-last game, going 3-3 over the final six weeks and setting a hopeful tone for Stowers' second season in Kingston. Even so, the 2001 Atlantic 10 coaches' preseason poll had them finishing ninth.

What the coaches didn't see were the improvements taking

shape off the field: a rejuvenated booster group, a new 2,000-square-foot weight room, a newly landscaped practice field, renovated offices, a TV show, a bigger budget. Stowers took a hands-on approach, writing the booster club newsletters himself, selling TV sponsorships, speaking to countless community groups.

In 2001, his second year at Rhode Island, he literally turned the program around – from a 3-8 record in 2000 to an 8-3 mark and a No. 20 national ranking in Division I-AA. It was Rhode Island's best record and first national ranking since 1985. The Rams ran out to a school-record 7-0 start and for several weeks owned the No. 4 spot, their second-highest ranking ever. On the way up, they stunned two other No. 4 teams (Delaware and Hofstra) and topped 24th-ranked William & Mary.

Stowers, the 16th head coach in team history, shared Coach of the Year honors in the Atlantic 10 Conference with Maine's Jack Cosgrove after the Rams finished one game out of first place. He wound up seventh in the voting for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the I-AA Coach of Year. On Nov. 29, 2001, five days after the season finale, he was rewarded with a new five-year contract taking him through the 2006 season.

"I've made no secret that I consider this to be the best place I've ever coached," said Stowers, a former Auburn lineman who was born Feb. 8, 1958 in Union Springs, Ala. "The people here have been great to work with. Any time we've needed help, people have stepped forward. I'm proud to be the head football coach at Rhode Island."

Since the 2001 season the Rams have struggled through injuries and had to deal with inexperience, but in 2005 Rhody has the experience and talent to get back to the top of the Atlantic 10.

In 2003, the Rams finished second in the nation in rushing and played Division I-A Cincinnati, leading the Bearcats much of the way before falling 31-24. In 2004, Rhody led the Atlantic 10 in rushing for the fourth-straight year.

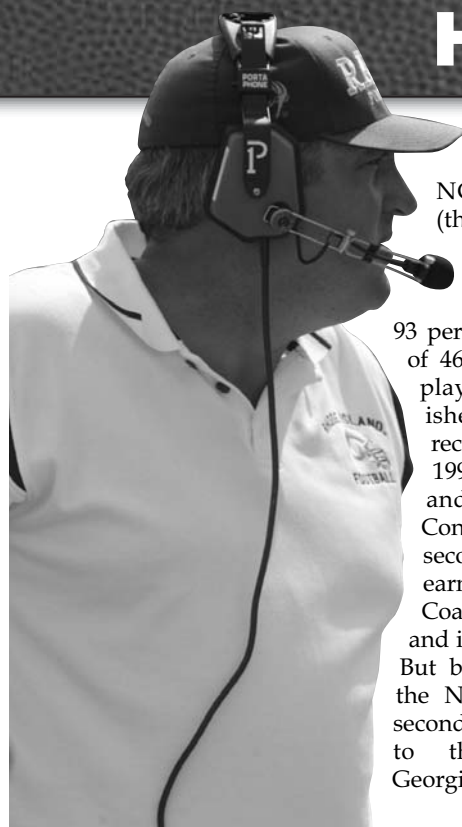
The improvements to the program have continued through Stowers' hard work and dedication. Through fundraising efforts, \$2 million of improvements will be made to Meade Stadium over the next two years.

A new scoreboard will be ready for the 2005 season, along with a refurbishing of the east stands of the stadium. The scoreboard will include a message center and other features to enhance a fan's enjoyment of the game. The east stands will be fitted with a vinyl covering providing more comfort, better appearance and esthetics. As part of future renovations, plans call for the addition of 1,400 seats to the stadium's west side, linked to the Ryan Center concourse.

Stowers also keeps his players involved in the community, having led the Rams in the National Alliance For Autism Research Autism Walk for the past two years.

Stowers had success at a young age, coaxing Georgia Southern (12-3) to the 1990 national championship after a 1-3 start, earning himself the I-AA Coach of the Year award at the age of 32. Problem was, the Eagles had won three national titles in the previous five years (1985, '86 and '89) under Erk Russell, who retired and bequeathed his football estate to Stowers, his offensive coordinator. Stowers earned three rings under Russell and acquired another in his first fling at head-coaching. He wasn't just the most successful coach in I-AA in 1990, he was the youngest as well. And he was the first coach in I-AA history to win a national title his first time out.

Head Coach Tim Stowers



Stowers led the Eagles to two more NCAA playoff berths (three altogether in his six years as head man), nurtured 12 all-Americans, graduated 93 percent of his seniors (43 of 46), went 6-2 in NCAA playoffs games and finished with an overall record of 51-23 (.689). In 1993 the Eagles went 10-3 and won the Southern Conference crown in their second year as a member, earning him the league's Coach of the Year award, and in '95 they finished 9-4. But both years they exited the NCAA playoffs in the second round, a cardinal sin to the ultra-demanding Georgia Southern faithful.

"When we won the national title, it was like taking a shower with a raincoat on," Stowers drawled in his slow Southern baritone. "We had so much success so soon, it was expected every year. It was like coaching at Notre Dame or Alabama. Anytime you follow a legend [like Russell], your tenure won't be as long as the legend's was. They'll always say, 'Coach So-and-So would have done it like this'"

"That's why I wanted to coach somewhere where I could put my stamp on the football program. That's a much easier situation than going somewhere where they've always won. It's a lot more fun being a pioneer."

"When we first started at Georgia Southern," he recalled, "we didn't have a lot of anything. We had a nice stadium to play in, but after that the weight room wasn't nice, the training room wasn't nice, the practice fields weren't nice and the recruiting budget was low. But we took the attitude that - and we also took the attitude here at Rhode Island - that if you don't have the best of everything, then make the best of everything you have."

Stowers first took that attitude when he lost his father. "I hadn't been very mature and I realized, 'Hey, I've got to grow up. I've got to be the man of the house. I've got to be a better student.'"

When Alabama spurned him, he went to Auburn and earned two letters (1977-78) as a linebacker, offensive and defensive line-

Tim Stowers Year-by-Year

Year	Position	School	W	L	T	Pct.	Post-Season			
1979	Assistant	Auburn	8	3		.727				
1980	Assistant	Auburn	5	6		.455				
1981	Assistant	Auburn	5	6		.455				
1982	Assistant	Auburn	9	3		.750				Tangerine Bowl champion
1983	Assistant	Auburn	11	1		.917				Sugar Bowl champion
1984	Assistant	Jacksonville State	4	5	1	.450				
1985	Assistant	Georgia Southern	13	2		.867	4	0	1.00	National Champion
1986	Assistant	Georgia Southern	13	2		.867	4	0	1.00	National Champion
1987	Assistant	Georgia Southern	9	4		.692	1	1	.500	
1988	Assistant	Georgia Southern	12	3		.800	3	1	.750	
1989	Assistant	Georgia Southern	15	0		1.00	4	0	1.00	National Champion
1990	Head Coach	Georgia Southern	12	3		.800	4	0	1.00	National Champion
1991	Head Coach	Georgia Southern	7	4		.636				
1992	Head Coach	Georgia Southern	7	4		.636				
1993	Head Coach	Georgia Southern	10	3		.769	1	1	.500	
1994	Head Coach	Georgia Southern	6	5		.556				
1995	Head Coach	Georgia Southern	9	4		.693	1	1	.500	
1998	Assistant	Temple	2	9		.182				
1999	Assistant	Temple	2	9		.182				
2000	Head Coach	Rhode Island	3	8		.273				
2001	Head Coach	Rhode Island	8	3		.727				
2002	Head Coach	Rhode Island	3	9		.250				
2003	Head Coach	Rhode Island	4	8		.333				
2004	Head Coach	Rhode Island	4	7		.364				

Record as head coach at Georgia Southern	51	23	.689	(Six years)
Record as head coach at Rhode Island	22	35	.278	(Five years)
Overall head coaching record	73	58	.557	(11 years)

Head Coach Tim Stowers

Tim Stowers vs. All Opponents

Opponent	Ga.	Southern Rhode Island	Total
Appalachian State	2-1	0-0	2-1
Auburn	0-1	0-0	0-1
Brown	0-0	3-2	3-2
Bryant	0-0	1-0	1-0
Central Connecticut State	0-0	1-0	1-0
Central Florida	3-0	0-0	3-0
Cincinnati	0-0	0-1	0-1
Citadel	3-1	0-0	3-1
Concord	1-0	0-0	1-0
Connecticut	0-0	1-0	1-0
Delaware	0-0	2-2	2-2
East Tennessee State	2-1	0-0	2-1
Eastern Kentucky	1-2	0-0	1-2
Florida A&M	1-1	0-0	1-1
Florida State	0-1	0-0	0-1
Fordham	0-0	1-1	1-1
Furman	4-0	0-0	4-0
Georgia	0-1	0-0	0-1
Glennville State	1-0	0-0	1-0
Hampton	0-0	1-0	1-0
Hofstra	0-0	2-3	2-3
Idaho	1-0	0-0	1-0
Jacksonville State	1-0	0-0	1-0
James Madison	3-0	2-2	5-2
Liberty	1-0	0-0	1-0
Maine	0-0	0-4	0-4
Marshall	1-3	0-0	1-3
Massachusetts	0-0	1-4	1-4
Miami (Fla.)	0-2	0-0	0-2
Middle Tennessee State	2-1	0-0	2-1
Mississippi College	1-0	0-0	1-0
Montana	0-1	0-0	0-1
Nevada	1-0	0-0	1-0
New Hampshire	0-0	2-2	2-2
Nicholls	1-0	0-0	1-0
Northeast Louisiana	1-1	0-0	1-1
Northeastern	0-0	2-3	2-3
Richmond	0-0	1-3	1-3
Samford	1-0	0-0	1-0
Savannah State	4-0	0-0	4-0
South Carolina State	1-0	0-0	1-0
Syracuse	0-0	0-1	0-1
Tennessee-Chattanooga	4-0	0-0	4-0
Towson	0-0	1-0	1-0
Troy State	2-1	0-0	2-1
Valdosta State	2-0	0-0	2-0
Villanova	0-0	0-3	0-3
VMI	3-0	0-0	3-0
Western Carolina	3-1	0-0	3-1
West Georgia	0-1	0-0	0-1
William & Mary	0-0	1-4	1-4
Youngstown State	0-3	0-0	0-3
Total	51-23 (.689)	22-35 (.278)	73-58 (.557)

man under coach Doug Barfield. He spent his freshman year on the JV squad, but as a sophomore in 1977 he became the last Tiger to play regularly on both offense and defense in the same game.

"Alabama said I was a step too slow to play in the SEC," he recalled, "but Auburn offered me a scholarship. Auburn's program was down at that time, but it gave me a better opportunity to play – to play earlier. So it worked out fine. 'Bama won back-to-back national championships when I was in college, but we beat every SEC team we played except them."

When a back injury ended his playing career before his senior year – an ailment that still plagues him – Stowers jumped right into coaching and spent three years as a student assistant coach (1979-81), working mainly with the JV. He moved up to head JV coach in 1982 and '83 while helping Pat Dye and the varsity staff win back-to-back bowl games. The Tigers topped Boston College and Doug Flutie 33-26 in the 1982 Tangerine Bowl, finishing 9-3, and they edged Michigan 9-7 in the 1983 Sugar Bowl to go 11-1.

Stowers then spent one year (1984) as an assistant under Joe Hollis at Jacksonville State (Ala.) State before joining the Georgia Southern staff. After his 11-year stint there, he spent two years at Temple (1998-99). His line helped the Owls rank third in rushing in the Big East in 1998.

Stowers and his wife, Gaye, are the parents of two children: son T.J., who will play at James Madison beginning this fall, and daughter Kathryn Lee.



Assistant Coaches

Dustin Bayer

■ Offensive Line

Birthdate: June 15, 1982

Hometown: Endicott, N.Y.

Education: B.S., Rhode Island, 2005

Coaching: Assistant, Rhode Island, 2005-present

Assignments:

Coach offensive linemen
 Assist with strength and conditioning program
 Assistant Player Value Committee liaison
 Assist Video/DVD coordinator
 Offensive film liaison
 Game day sideline organization
 Assist "Do It Right" Committee coordinator
 Monitor academic progress of players



A standout offensive lineman for the Rams from 2001-04, Dustin Bayer joined the Rhode Island coaching staff following the completion of his senior season. Bayer earned a host of honors as a senior. He was named third-team All-American by Associated Press and landed a spot on The Sports Network's All-American Team. The Endicott, N.Y. native also earned All-New England recognition and first-team All-Atlantic 10 honors, as well. With Bayer anchoring the offensive line, Rhode Island has set school rushing records the last four years.

Bayer will assistant coach Ashley Ingram in coaching Rhode Island's young offensive line. With just two starters returning along the offensive line in red-shirt junior tackle Shamel Lewis and red-shirt sophomore center Drew Owens, Bayer will work to develop Rhode Island's inexperienced line.

In addition to spending four years learning the trade as an offensive lineman, Bayer moved into the coaching ranks in the spring and has an excellent knowledge of Rhode Island's blocking schemes and offensive philosophy.

A stalwart on the offensive line, Bayer helped open holes for Rhode Island talented stable of running backs. The Rams rushed for 2,565 yards in 2001, 2,904 yards in 2002, 4,005 yards in 2003 and 3,074 yards last season. The punishing rushing attack amassed a league-best 279.5 yards per game with 29 touchdowns.

In addition to coaching Rhode Island's offensive linemen, Bayer will handle a host of administrative duties, as well. He will assist with the strength and conditioning program for football and will assist with the analysis and breakdown of game film. He will also assist in monitoring the team's academic progress.

He will also serve as a link between the coaching staff and players as assistant Player Value Committee liaison. The Player Value Committee handles a host of issues between the members of the coaching staff and members of the team. Previously, Bayer had served as a member of the Player Value Committee as a player representative.

The 23-year old Bayer received a bachelor's degree in communications studies from Rhode Island in 2005.

Tony Brinson

■ Defensive Line

Birthdate: September 27, 1973

Hometown: Ridgefield, N.J.

Education: B.S., Rhode Island, 1995
 M.A., St. Peter's, 2000

Coaching: Student Assistant, Rhode Island, 1993-94

Assistant, Ridgefield (N.J.) High, 1995

Assistant, Kean, 1996-2000

Assistant, Rutherford (N.J.) High, 2000

Assistant, Bryant, 2001-04

Assistant, Rhode Island, 2004-present

Recruiting: North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Massachusetts

Assignments:

Coach defensive linemen
 Video and DVD coordinator
 Daily film coordination
 Checkerboard liaison
 Assist "Do Right" Committee coordinator
 Proctor Study Hall
 Monitor academic progress of players



A former walk-on at Rhode Island for coach Bob Griffin, Tony Brinson returned to his alma mater in 2004. He works with the team's defensive linemen with emphasis on defensive ends for coach Tim Stowers.

The Ridgefield, N.J., native was a member of the Ram football team from 1991-93 where he played defensive back. Following two years on the scout squad, Brinson turned his energies toward a career in coaching and worked as a student assistant for coach Floyd Keith. In 1993, he assisted with the running backs and coached Rhode Island's defensive backs in 1994 before graduating from URI.

He returned to his high school alma mater at Ridgefield High where he served as an assistant coach and head junior varsity coach for a year. A year later, he joined the coaching staff at Kean under coach Brian Carlson. Brinson coached the team's wide receivers in 1996 before serving as defensive coordinator defensive backs and outside linebackers coach his final three seasons. Brinson spent a year as defensive coordinator at Rutherford (N.J.) High under long-time friend coach Gary Andolena in 2000 helping the team to 4-5 record after the team posted a 1-8 record a year earlier.

Moving back to the Ocean State, Brinson returned to the collegiate level in 2001 as an assistant to Jim Miceli at Bryant. After a season working with the team's wide receivers and serving as recruiting coordinator, Brinson coached defensive backs, handled recruiting and was special teams coordinator in 2002-03. While at Bryant, his secondary was ranked seventh nationally in pass efficiency defense and produced four All-Northeast-10 Conference honorees and one first-team all-league punter.

Brinson is active on a national-level and has also served as defensive coordinator for two senior college all-star games. He assisted at the 1996 Division III All-Star Holiday Bowl and the 1997 Division III All-Star East-West Bowl where he served as defensive coordinator and secondary coach in both games.

At Rhode Island, he is responsible for coaching the team's defensive linemen, assisting with the tutorial program for student-athletes, monitoring academic progress of players and is responsible for the team's video, film and CD program.

Brinson earned a bachelor's degree in fishery science from Rhode Island in 1995. He added a master's degree in education from St. Peter's in 2000.

Assistant Coaches

RaShan Frost

■ Defensive Line

Birthdate: April 19, 1978

Hometown: Fort Washington, Md.

Education: B.S., Auburn, 2000
M.Ed., Auburn, 2001

Coaching:

Graduate Assistant, Auburn, 2000-01
Assistant, Illinois State, 2002-04
Assistant, Rhode Island, 2005-present

Recruiting:

Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C.

Assignments:

Coach defensive linemen
Ticket liaison
Film exchange
Compliance contact
Computer liaison
Defensive computer breakdown
Monitor academic progress of players



RaShan Frost enters his first season at Rhode Island after spending the last three years as an assistant coach at Illinois State. He, along with Tony Brinson, is responsible for coaching Rhode Island's defensive linemen. With three starters returning, the defensive line could be one of the team's strengths in 2005. Defensive end Chad Waltrip, nose guard Nick Levy and right end Pat O'Neill form a solid up-front nucleus for the Rams.

Frost's responsibilities also include defensive computer breakdowns, handling film exchange and serving as ticket liaison. He is also the primary contact for compliance issues and assists in monitoring the academic progress of the team.

A native of Fort Washington, Md., Frost was named a 1995 Maryland High School Scholar-Athlete for football. Later that year, he won the state indoor track & field shot put championship for class 3A.

Frost played at Auburn from 1996-99 as a defensive lineman, earning a letter. During that time, the Tigers won the Independence Bowl in 1996 and the Peach Bowl in 1998. After his playing career with the Tigers, Frost helped coached Auburn to back-to-back bowl games, playing in the Citrus and Peach Bowls. During his playing days, the Tigers claimed three Southeastern Conference Western Division championships.

He served as a student assistant, administrative assistant working with the defensive line.

A two-time Academic All-SEC selection, Frost earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2000. In 2001, he received his master's in education, also from Auburn. He was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Following graduation from Auburn, he moved to Illinois State where he toiled for three years as a defensive line coach. He also served as team's recruiting coordinator. At Illinois State, he helped coach two players to All-America honors. In 2002, Jonathan Friend was named second-team All-American by The Sports Network and set the school's single-season record for tackles-for-loss. In 2003, Ray Robinson earned second-team All-America honors from The Sports Network while setting the school's single-season (14) and career (25) sack record.

Frost and his wife, Keisha, are the parents of a son, Kaleb.

Ashley Ingram

■ Offensive Line, Recruiting Coordinator

Birthdate: March 31, 1973

Hometown: Iron City, Ga.

Education: B.S., North Alabama, 1996
M.A., North Alabama, 1997

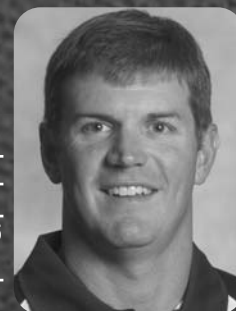
Coaching:

Graduate Assistant, North Alabama, 1996-98
Graduate Assistant, Temple, 1998
Assistant, North Cobb High, 1998-99
Assistant, West Alabama, 1999
Rhode Island, 2000-present

Recruiting: Upstate New York, Georgia, Florida, northern Pennsylvania

Assignments:

Coach offensive linemen
Recruiting coordinator
NCAA eligibility, NCAA Clearinghouse, Admissions
Class registration and scheduling
Study Hall liaison
Admission's Office liaison
Player Value Committee liaison
Special teams protection
Monitor academic progress of players



The Rhode Island rushing records haven't been totally rewritten since Ashley Ingram came to town, but that's because he's only been around since 2000. Give him time. In just four seasons as the offensive line coach, Ingram has helped produce the top five rushing totals in school history.

In 2000 the Rams churned for 2,244 rushing yards before piling up 2,565 yards on the ground in 2001. In 2002, the Rams rushed for 2,904 yards and led the Atlantic 10 in rushing. In 2003, Rhode Island finished second in the nation set another school record for rushing with 4,005 yards in 2003. Last season, Rhode Island amassed 3,074 yards on the ground.

Not bad for a young coach. But not totally unexpected from someone who came out of a Georgia town called Iron City and earned three national championship rings as a player at North Alabama.

Ingram earned four letters as an offensive lineman at North Alabama, helping the Lions win the NCAA Division II crown in 1993, '94 and '95. As a senior in '96 he served as team captain and was named to the Gulf South Conference all-academic team for the second straight year. Ingram helped North Alabama to a total of 41 wins from 1993-95, a collegiate record for any three-year period.

Ingram earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1996 and added a master's in education a year later.

In 1997 he launched his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, working with the tight ends and helping the Lions (9-3) return to the NCAA playoffs. He spent the 1998 spring semester as a graduate assistant coach at Temple, where he worked under offensive line coach Tim Stowers.

In July 1998 he was named an assistant coach and physical education teacher at North Cobb High in Kenesaw, Ga. That fall he helped lead the team to a 6-4 mark and Cobb High earned a berth in the AAAA state playoffs.

In July 1999 he signed on as offensive line coach at Division II West Alabama, his first full-time college job. He helped engineer a running attack that rolled up 253 yards a game.

Assistant Coaches

Jeff McInerney

■ **Defensive Coordinator, Safeties**



Birthdate: June 22, 1960

Hometown: Bethlehem, Pa.

Education: B.S., Troy State, 1982
M.S., Slippery Rock, 1985

Coaching:

Student/Graduate Assistant, Slippery Rock, 1981-82
Graduate Assistant, Troy State, 1983-84
Assistant, Troy State, 1985-87
Assistant, Southern Illinois, 1988-89
Assistant, Texas-El Paso, 1989-90
Assistant, Georgia Southern, 1990-92
Assistant, Rice, 1992-94
Assistant, Duke, 1994-96
Assistant, Southern California, 1996-98
Assistant, Oregon State, 1998-99
Assistant, Nevada-Las Vegas, 1999-2000
Assistant, Tulsa, 2000-02
Assistant, North Dakota State, 2002-04
Assistant, Rhode Island, 2004-present

Recruiting: Connecticut, New York, south Florida, central Pennsylvania

Assignments: Defensive coordinator

Devise defensive game plan
Develop defensive playbook
Coach safeties
Special teams coordinator
"Do Right" Committee coordinator
Monitor academic progress of players

Jeff McInerney, a veteran of 24 years as an assistant coach at 13 different schools, was named defensive coordinator and defensive ends coach by coach Tim Stowers on March 22, 2004.

It isn't the first time that Stowers and McInerney have team up. McInerney served as an assistant to Stowers at Georgia Southern from 1990-92.

The 45-year old native of Bethlehem, Pa., began his coaching sojourn at Slippery Rock from 1981-82 as a graduate assistant. He returned to his alma mater, Troy State, where he was an assistant from 1983-87 and helped lead them to the 1985 Division II national championship. He then moved to Southern Illinois where he coached the team's linebackers in 1988-89. After working as recruiting coordinator and linebackers coach at Texas-El Paso from 1989-90, he served as co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach to Stowers at Georgia Southern from 1990-92. With a rock-solid defense and legendary rushing attack, the Eagles won the 1990 I-AA national title.

Following his stint at Georgia Southern, he moved to Rice where he coached the team's defensive ends at Rice from 1992-94. McInerney moved to Duke where he coached defensive ends in 1995 and was defensive coordinator and linebackers coach in 1996. After working at Southern California (1994-96) as defensive line coach, he coached defensive ends at Oregon State from 1998-99. In 1999-2000, he worked at UNLV as defensive coordinator and defensive line coach.

From 2002-03, he was at Tulsa serving as assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and line coach in 2001-02 and coaching special teams and linebackers in 2003. He spent the last year as defensive line and special teams coach at North Dakota State before accepting Stowers' call.

A 1982 graduate of Slippery Rock, McInerney earned a master's degree from Troy State in 1985.

McInerney and his wife, Leslie, have two children: Ryan (born Feb. 28, 1986) and Amy (born May 29, 1990).

Harold Nichols

■ **Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks, B-Backs**



Birthdate: November 26, 1967

Hometown: New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Education: B.S., Presbyterian, 1989

Coaching:

Assistant, Presbyterian, 1990-91
Assistant, Georgia Southern, 1992-96
Assistant, Presbyterian, 1997-99
Assistant, Rhode Island, 2000-present

Recruiting:

Central Florida, eastern Pennsylvania

Assignments:

Offensive coordinator
Devise offensive game plan
Develop offensive playbook
Coach quarterbacks and B-Backs
Football camp director
Monitor academic progress of players

In the 10 years Harold Nichols has worked for Tim Stowers, first at Georgia Southern (1992-96) and now at Rhode Island (2000-present), he's helped produce three Top 20 teams and two NCAA quarterfinalists.

Nichols heads into his sixth year as offensive coordinator at Rhode Island and his 10th as a top aide to Stowers. In his triple role of offensive coordinator, quarterback coach and running back coach, he's played a major role in turning the Rhode Island offense into one of the most potent ground attacks in Division I-AA.

In 2000, the Rams rang up a then-school record 2,244 yards on the ground. In 2001 they piled up 2,565 yards for a 233.2 average, third highest in the Atlantic 10 and a new school record. The Rams topped that total by amassing 2,904 yards in 2002. In 2003, the Rams rambled for 4,005 yards on the ground, second most in the nation, while setting the Atlantic 10 record and yet another school rushing mark. The Rams rushed for 3,074 yards in 2004, second most in school annals.

A native of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Nichols played quarterback for Presbyterian from 1985 through '89 while majoring in political science and earning a bachelor's degree in December 1989. He stayed on at Presbyterian and began his coaching career the following month assisting with the quarterbacks and running backs.

After two years at Presbyterian, he moved on to Georgia Southern, where Stowers had won the Division I-AA title in 1990. From 1992-96, in five years, Nichols helped the Eagles to a 33-15 mark and two NCAA playoff appearances. Each time, in 1993 and '95, they won their opening-round game but fell in the quarterfinals to the eventual national champion (Youngstown State, then Montana) and finished 10-3. Nichols coached wide receivers, running backs, defensive ends and kickers, and he served as recruiting coordinator.

In 1997 Nichols returned to Presbyterian for three years as recruiting coordinator and as coach of the wide receivers and kickers. He helped head coach Daryl Dickey take the Blue Hose from 5-6 in '97 to 8-3 and 7-4 the next two seasons before rejoining Stowers at Rhode Island.

Nichols and his wife, Dee, are the parents of a son and two daughters: Cameron and Corey (both born on April 16, 2001) and Cassie (born June 23, 1998).

Assistant Coaches

Peter Quawey

■ Cornerbacks

Birthdate: January 29, 1975

Hometown: Providence, R.I.

Education: Michigan State, 1998

Coaching:

Assistant, Central (R.I.) High, 1998-01

Assistant, Dean, 2001-03

Assistant, Duquesne, 2003-04

Assistant, Rhode Island, 2004-present

Recruiting:

West coast

Assignments:

Coach cornerbacks

Assist Video and DVD coordinator

Proctor Study Hall

Assist "Do Right" Committee coordinator

Monitor academic progress of players



Jeff Weaver

■ A-Backs and Wide Receivers

Birthdate: November 10, 1975

Hometown: Beaver Falls, Pa.

Education: B.S., Rhode Island, 1998

Coaching:

Assistant, Allegheny, 1999

Assistant, Rhode Island, 2000-present

Recruiting:

Western and central Pennsylvania, western Florida

Assignments:

Coach slotbacks and wide receivers

Coach kickoff returners and extra point and field goal up backs

Team travel coordinator

Housing and dining liaison

Equipment contact

Monitor academic progress of players



Peter Quawey, a native of Providence, R.I., was named an assistant football coach at Rhode Island on March 26, 2004 by coach Tim Stowers. The 30-year old Quawey has on-the-field coaching responsibilities working with the team's cornerbacks. In addition, he has a number of off-the-field responsibilities. He assists with Rhode Island's video and film system, breaks down practice and game film, proctors student hall and monitors the team's academic progress. In addition, he will use his many contacts in recruiting the west coast for Rhode Island.

Quawey has been successful at all levels. He was part of a successful football program as a player at Michigan State, part of a winning program at Central High in Providence as both a player and as an assistant coach and part of successful programs at Dean and at Duquesne where he made the transition from a player to an assistant coach.

In 2003, Quawey served as defensive backs coach for head coach Greg Gattuso at Duquesne. The Dukes finished the season with an 8-3 record and won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship. The Dukes ranked first in the conference in scoring defense (18.4 ppg), fourth in pass defense (190.8 ypg) and second in total defense (315.5 ypg). Two of Quawey's defensive backs, Armar Watson and Tim Pichette, earned first-team All-MAAC honors.

Quawey was a standout player at Providence's Central High where he finished his scholastic playing career in 1994. He was an invited walk-on at Michigan State from 1996-98 but had his playing career for the Spartans cut short by injuries. After earning his bachelor's degree from in 1998, he joined the coaching staff at his high school alma mater, Central High, in 1998 where he coached three all-state players in two years.

From 2001-03, Quawey spent two seasons as defensive backs coach at Dean where his entire defensive secondary earned first-team all-conference recognition in 2001. Dean led the conference in interceptions in both of Quawey's seasons as a member of the coaching staff.

As a college quarterback, Jeff Weaver succeeded through hard work and determination. He is using the same recipe as a coach. Weaver, who went from reserve to record setter at Rhode Island from 1995 to '98, is in his sixth year on the Ram coaching staff.

After helping coach the defensive secondary (2000) and wide receivers (2001), Weaver was named A-Backs coach in 2002 and added coaching responsibilities for the team's wide receivers in 2004. In addition, he coaches the kickoff returners, extra point and field goal up backs, coordinates team travel, serves as the housing and dining liaison and monitors the team's academic progress.

An all-state pick from Beaver Falls, Pa., Weaver sat out a red-shirt year at Rutgers in 1994 before transferring to Rhode Island. As a senior in 1998, Weaver completed 58 of 107 passes for 765 yards and four touchdowns, with three interceptions. His 54.2 completion percentage is the eighth highest in school history.

In his second start of the year, on Oct. 31, 1998, Weaver earned a far more prominent spot in the Rhode Island record book by hitting on 17 of 20 passes for a school-record .850 completion percentage in a 28-21 win over James Madison in Kingston. He threw for a career-high 247 yards. On Nov. 21 he wrapped up his career by connecting 11 of 19 passes for 209 yards and two touchdowns at Villanova. In the closing minutes, he drilled a 17-yard TD strike to Michael Grasso.

At Blackhawk High in Beaver Falls, the 6-1 signal-caller led his team to a 27-3 record over three years, capped by an appearance in the AAA state title game in 1993. He made first-team all-conference and honorable mention all-state that year after completing 63 percent of his passes for more than 1,300 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also played two years as a backup guard in basketball.

Weaver went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Rhode Island in 1998, majoring in finance. After graduation he went back to western Pennsylvania and spent a year as an assistant at Allegheny before returning to his alma mater.

Weaver and his wife, Jessica, were married on July 1, 2005.

Assistant Coaches

James Willis

■ Linebackers

Birthdate: September 2, 1972

Hometown: Huntsville, Ala.

Education: B.S., Auburn, 2003

Coaching:

Student assistant, Auburn 2001-02

Graduate assistant, Auburn, 2003

Assistant, Rhode Island, 2004-present

Recruiting:

Delaware, northern Virginia, southern New Jersey, Philadelphia and south Florida

Assignments:

Coach linebackers

Pro scout contact

Referees contact

Interpret football rules

Oversee practice field and equipment

Monitor academic progress of players



Terry Sauerbry

■ Strength & Conditioning Coach

Birthdate: December 27, 1970

Hometown: Langhorne, Pa.

Education: B.S., Maryland, 1998

M. Ed., Temple, 2000

Coaching:

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach, Maryland, 1997-98

Associate Head Strength & Conditioning Coach, Temple, 1998-2005

Strength & Conditioning Coach, Rhode Island, 2005-present

Assignments:

Strength & conditioning coordinator

Training room contact

Player rehabilitation

Monitor weight room



James Willis, who had a seven-year career in NFL, was named assistant coach at Rhode Island by coach Tim Stowers on March 25, 2004. He was a standout collegiate player, a successful player in the NFL and a coach with experience in the SEC.

Willis was a standout for the Green Bay Packers (1993-94), Philadelphia Eagles (1995-98) and Seattle Seahawks (1999) and also played for the Birmingham Bolts in the XFL before moving into the coaching ranks.

Willis, one of the finest linebackers in Auburn history, works with the team's linebackers. An excellent communicator and motivator, the defensive unit showed considerable improvement in 2004 in his first season at Rhode Island.

He is responsible for rules interpretations, overseeing practice sessions and equipment, serving as the primary contact with professional scouts and referees and monitors team's academic progress.

A native of Huntsville, Ala., Willis played at Auburn under Pat Dye. He led the team in tackles in 1990 (123 tackles) and 1992 (126 stops). His best game was on Nov. 17, 1990 when he made 18 tackles in a 33-10 victory over SEC rival Georgia. The linebacker was voted to Auburn's All-Decade team for the 1990s.

A fifth round draft pick of the Packers, he spent two years in Green Bay before moving to Philadelphia where he played for coach Ray Rhodes. He was second on the team in tackles in 1996 with 77 stops. He tied for the team lead in tackles with 82 in 1997. The middle linebacker registered 105 stops in 1998, second on the team.

In 2001, he played linebacker for coach Gerry DiNardo with the Birmingham Bolts in XFL where he was named Defensive MVP while leading the team in tackles with 70.

Following his playing days, he returned to Auburn where he completed work on his bachelor's degree in adult education. While working on his bachelor's degree, he served as a student assistant and graduate student assistant for the Tigers, getting his first taste of collegiate coaching.

Willis and his wife, Shalane, have two children: Jade (born Jan. 22, 1995) and Jalen (born Aug. 21, 2000).

Terry Sauerbry joined the Rhode Island staff in January 2005 after spending seven years as the associate head strength & conditioning coach at Temple. Sauerbry is responsible for establishing individual workout regimens and programs for Rhode Island's football players. He is responsible for overseeing the weight room and organizes and schedules the facility for use by Rhode Island's student-athletes. In addition, he assists with player injury rehabilitation and prevention.

A native of Langhorne, Pa., Sauerbry played his scholastic football at Neshaminy High where he was a standout offensive lineman for coach John Chaump. He earned a football scholarship at Maryland where he played center for the Terps under coaches Joe Krivak and Mark Duffner (1989-92).

After his playing days, he worked as an assistant in Maryland's strength & conditioning program while completing his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 1997-98. He moved to Temple where he served as associate head strength & conditioning coach to Chris Hudak and more recently Bruce Seidman while completing work on a master's degree in sports administration. He spent seven years working with the Owls before accepting the head position at Rhode Island.

He and his wife, Christine, are expecting their first child in November.



Peter Quawey



James Willis

Academic Support



Academic Support Services for student-athletes at the University of Rhode Island is designed to foster responsibility and enthusiasm for learning. The program emphasizes the University's commitment to education and graduation and is under the direction of the Associate Dean of University College located in Roosevelt Hall.

The Academic Enhancement Office, a satellite of University College, is located in the Mackal Field House. This office is in close proximity to coaches and student-athletes. Learning Specialists Michael Scott and Gina Sperry meet regularly with student-athletes who need additional academic support. They are experts in dealing with students and their challenges and offer academic monitoring and on going needs assessment. In addition, Winkle Kelley, coordinator for unassigned student-athletes, meets with first year student-athletes and others, which are not assigned to a learning specialist. Her office is located in Roosevelt Hall.

The University is proud of the academic achievements of its student-athletes. In the spring 2005 semester, 88 student-athletes earned Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll recognition by posting a 3.5 or higher grade point average. In the fall 2004 semester, a total of 71 student-athletes were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

In the fall 2004 semester, eight teams had a 3.0 or higher semester grade point average. Four other teams had a grade point average of 2.9 or higher. A total of 116 student-athletes earned Dean's List recognition.

In the spring 2005 semester, nine teams posted semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher and four others boasted a semester average of 2.9 or higher with 144 student-athletes earning Dean's List honors. The overall spring semester grade point average for Rhode Island's student-athletes was 2.9 with 144 earning Dean's List recognition.

Information on Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes can be found on the web at www.uri.edu/univcol/athadv/



The **RHODY Life Skills Program** is committed to the "total development" of the student-athlete. The mission of the program is to educate and provide the student-athlete with experiences to encourage the development of a well-balanced individual. The program focuses on five commitment areas designed to promote personal growth: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, career development and community outreach. In collaboration with campus and community resources, the RHODY Life Skills Program offers a variety of workshops, seminars, and activities designed to prepare RHODY student-athletes for life's challenges beyond the playing arena.

The **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)** provides student-athletes the opportunity to offer input regarding athletic policies that affect the student-athlete community. The purpose of SAAC is to promote efficient and effective communication between the athletic department administration and the student-athlete population. SAAC is composed of two representatives from each of the University's 22 sports programs.

RAM (Responsible Alcohol Management Choices) is a student-athlete led organization whose mission is to contribute to making the URI athletics program a safer, healthier and more successful place to compete. The goal as peer leaders includes acting as liaisons between student-athletes and the entire student body, reducing the risk of alcohol related problems for the university community, and most importantly, empowering students to make informed choices.



Academic Honors

URI student-athletes earned a host of off-the-field honors in 2004-05.

■ **NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship:** Joy Hess (field hockey), Heidi Westerling (cross country, track & field), finalist

■ **Academic All-American:** Joy Hess, field hockey (NFHCA Academic All-American), Melanie Kasperek (soccer) second-team ESPN Academic All-American

■ **Academic All-District Team:** Megan Kasperek (soccer), Academic All-District I, Melanie Kasperek (soccer) Academic All-District I and NSCAA/Adidas Academic All-Region, Wayne Russo (baseball) CoSIDA District I Academic All-American

■ **NCAA Leadership Conference:** Dominic Moccia (swimming & diving), Emily Anderson (cross country, track & field), Erin Fleming (tennis), Jason Green, (football)

■ **National STUDENT-Athlete Day Courageous Student-Athlete Giant Steps Award:** Destiny Woodbury (track & field)

■ **Rhode Island House of Representatives Scholar-Athlete Awards:** Nicholas Barbera (tennis), Teddy Gibbons (football), Sasha Gotsmanov (soccer), Joy Hess (field hockey), Kevin Lopes (track & field), Brigid Narewski (field hockey), Michael Rainville (baseball), Jenn Stryko (track & field), Destiny Woodbury (track & field), Marilyn Woodford (rowing)

■ **Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete of the Year:** Cindy Smith (cross country), Heidi Westerling (cross country, track & field)

■ **Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference Teams:** Emily Anderson (cross country, indoor track & field), Amy Brown (field hockey), Kyle Edwards (football), Colin Gallagher (football), Joy Hess (field hockey), Megan Kasperek (soccer), Melanie Kasperek (soccer), Drew Owens (football), Cindy Smith (cross country), Heidi Westerling (cross country, indoor track & field), Adam Zucconi (indoor track & field)

■ **Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Fall 2004):** Christopher Almonte (football), Emily Anderson, (track & field), Jill Anderson (softball), Dawid Badecki (soccer), Thomas Barek (track & field), Nicholas Barbera (tennis), Erin Baxter (swimming & diving), Molly Bergren (soccer), Amy Blitzer (tennis), Amy Brown (field hockey), Lindsey Casagrande (tennis), Kaitlin Chaput (field hockey), John Curreri Jr. (baseball), Joel Dargan (soccer), Francis Dempsey (football), Erin Di Vincenzo (track & field), Darlene Dorion (rowing), Katherine Dunlop (track & field), Nicole Eastzer (track & field), Kyle Edwards (football), Cassie Erickson (rowing), Danielle Gerz (soccer), Kenneth Fahey (golf), James Finneran (track & field), Rachel Furman (tennis), Bryan Giannecchini (football), Damien Gresko (football), Patrick Griffin (track & field), Katherine Guilfoyle (track & field), Jason Ham (football), Joy Hess (field hockey), Kristin Hinz (track & field), Kevin Hopper (track & field), Jaime Hughes (softball), Curtis Horne (football), Fraser Hunt (golf), Thorunn Jonsdottir (soccer), Melanie Kasperek (soccer), Megan Kasperek (soccer), Matthew Klaas (track & field), Courtney Klenk (track & field), Claire Landon (soccer), Kathryn L'Heureux (field hockey), Mathew Lorie (soccer), Diana Lucek (track & field), Lisa Mangione (swimming & diving), Stephen Mateka (track & field), Kourtney McMenamin (swimming & diving), Kelly McTurk (soccer), Matthew Miranda (baseball), Dominic Moccia (swimming & diving), Thomas

Opp (track & field), Marissa Owens (rowing), Michael Rainville (baseball), Jeannie Records (field hockey), Kayla Reels (soccer), Luis Rodrigues (track & field), Marie Rolfe (volleyball), Wayne Russo (baseball), Robin Ryan (rowing), Mark Sauter (soccer), Andrea Scott (swimming & diving), Ryan Sheatsley (swimming & diving), Cindy Smith (track & field), Ginny Sorrell (swimming & diving), Holly Stettner (track & field), Jen Stryko (track & field), Lucy Summers (rowing), Robert Sutphen (tennis), Lori Sutton (rowing), Jamie Sweeney (track & field), Erica Sweitzer (track & field), Andrew Tervooren (tennis), Jodi Tveitmoe (swimming & diving), Michael Van Wyck (football), Thomas Venedam (baseball), Heidi Westerling (track & field), Kelly Whelan (swimming & diving), Ivy Zuidhof (volleyball)

■ **Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Spring 2005):** John Curreri, Jr. (baseball), Michael Lefort (baseball), Gil Pina (baseball), Jeff Kalapos (basketball), Erin Cournoyer (basketball), Jennifer Dygon (basketball), Christopher Almonte (football), Francis Dempsey (football), Kyle Edwards (football), Bryan Giannecchini (football), Damien Gresko (football), Jason Ham (football), Curtis Horne (football), Michael Van Wyck (football), Amy Brown (field hockey), Joy Hess (field hockey), Kelly Johnson (field hockey), Kathryn L'Heureux (field hockey), Cathryn Newell (field hockey), Brianne Nichols (field hockey), Jennifer Perry (field hockey), Jeannie Records (field hockey), Jennifer Wallace (field hockey), Fraser Hunt (golf), Jennifer Coburn (rowing), Darlene Dorion (rowing), Elizabeth Matthews (rowing), Beth McArdle (rowing), Marissa Owens (rowing), Catherine Pruszynski (rowing), Lori Sutton (rowing), Kevin Algozer (soccer), Joel Dargan (soccer), Mark Sauter (soccer), Joseph Spofford (soccer), Lukasz Tumicz (soccer), Molly Bergren (soccer), Danya Bowden (soccer), Grace Dawson (soccer), Lauren Forgione (soccer), Danielle Gerz (soccer), Thorunn Jonsdottir (soccer), Megan Kasperek (soccer), Melanie Kasperek (soccer), Kelly McTurk (soccer), Kayla Reels (soccer), Jill Anderson (softball), Heather Pelletier (softball), Courtney Wall (softball), Michael Cimino (swimming & diving), Dominic Moccia (swimming & diving), Adam Obst (swimming & diving), Ryan Sheatsley (swimming & diving), Reid Strellner (swimming & diving), Erin Baxter (swimming & diving), Julianna Kent (swimming & diving), Lisa Mangione (swimming & diving), Kourtney McMenamin (swimming & diving), Cassandra Mizia (swimming & diving), Caroline Rousseau (swimming & diving), Andrea Scott (swimming & diving), Melissa Settar (swimming & diving), Ginny Sorrell (swimming & diving), Jodi Tveitmoe (swimming & diving), Nicholas Barbera (tennis), Matthew Jones (tennis), Andrew Tervooren (tennis), Amy Blitzer (tennis), Lindsey Casagrande (tennis), Rachel Furman (tennis), Meredith Haas (tennis), Amy Resnick (tennis), Sean Bramley (track & field), James Finneran (track & field), Patrick Griffin (track & field), Stephen Mateka (track & field), Luis Rodrigues (track & field), Stephen Salisbury (track & field), Emily Anderson (track & field), Christina Bizon (track & field), Margie Boltzer (track & field), Caitlyn Densing (track & field), Katherine Dunlop (track & field), Katherine Guilfoyle (track & field), Kristen Hinz (track & field), Courtney Klenk (track & field), Diana Lucek (track & field), Janet Pailles (track & field), Cindy Smith (track & field), Holly Stettner (track & field), Jennifer Stryko (track & field), Erica Sweitzer (track & field), Heidi Westerling (track & field), Marie Rolfe (volleyball), Eva Scofield (volleyball), Ivy Zuidhof (volleyball)

■ **ECAC Robbins Scholar-Athlete Award:** Joy Hess (field hockey)

■ **Rhode Island Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Distinguished Athlete of the Year Award:** Heidi Westerling, cross country (track & field)

■ **A. Robert Rainville Student Leadership Award:** Katie Stailing (basketball)

■ **URI President's Award:** Katherine Dunlop (track & field) Aquaculture and Fishery Technology, Joy Hess (field hockey), Communicative Disorders, Jennifer Stryko (track & field) Nutrition & Dietetics

■ **University College Scholar:** Kathy Guilfoyle (cross country, track & field)

■ **Scholastic Achievement Award:** Safi Mojidi (basketball)

■ **William Gould Award for All-Around Outstanding Achievement:** Pascale Delaunay (track & field)

■ **Jackie Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award:** Randy Brooks (basketball)

■ **Althea Gibson Scholar-Athlete Award:** Pascale Delaunay (track & field)

■ **Onyx Senior Honor Society:** Pascale Delaunay (track & field)

■ **Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman Honor Society):** Jill A. Anderson (softball), Francis W. Dempsey (football), Nicole D. Eastzer (cross country), Danielle C. Gerz (soccer), Damien J. Gresko (football), Patrick M. Griffin (track & field), Kevin G. Hopper (track & field), Matthew W. Klaas (track & field), Stephen Mateka (track & field), Thomas S. Opp (track & field), Nanci Jeannie Records (field hockey), Ryan P. Sheatsley (swimming & diving)

■ **Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society):** Kathryn Brantley (gymnastics), Pascale Delaunay (track & field), Kristin M. Hinz (track & field), Megan O'Shea (cross country, track & field), Marie Wolfe (volleyball), Jennifer Stryko (track & field), Heidi Westerling (cross country, track & field)

■ **Phi Beta Kappa (Liberal Arts Honor Society):** Emily Anderson, cross country (track & field), Erin Baxter (swimming & diving), Melanie Kasperek (soccer), Courtney Klenk (cross country, track & field), Lauren Wurm (gymnastics)

■ **Chi Alpha Sigma (National College Athlete Honor Society):** Emily Anderson (cross country, track & field), Nicholas Barbera (tennis), Erin Baxter (swimming & diving), Christina Bizon (track & field), Amy Blitzer (tennis), Kathryn Bramley (gymnastics), Amy Brown (field hockey), Danielle Clarke (gymnastics), Kyle Edwards (football), Joy Hess (field hockey), Jodie Hughes (softball), Megan Kasperek (soccer), Melanie Kasperek (soccer), Courtney Klenk (cross country, track & field), Michael Lefort (baseball), Kathryn L'Heureux (field hockey), Diana Lucek (track & field), Dominic Moccia (swimming & diving), Marissa Owens (rowing), Janet Pailles (track & field), Kayla Reels (soccer), Wayne Russo (baseball), Melissa Skudris (gymnastics), Cynthia Smith (cross country, track & field), Virginia Sorrell (swimming & diving), Jennifer Stryko (track & field), Lori Sutton (rowing), Jamie Sweeney (cross country, track & field), Erica Sweitzer (cross country, track & field), Jodie Tveitmoe (swimming & diving), Thomas Venedam (baseball), Courtney Wall (softball), Heidi Westerling (cross country, track & field), Lauren Wurm (gymnastics)

Sports Medicine

The Rhode Island sports medicine staff provides university student-athletes with the best care in both the prevention and rehabilitation of injuries. The sports medicine staff provides injury management, rehabilitation and treatment to ensure safe participation of Rhode Island's student-athletes. The staff manages coverage of every practice and competition.

The Dr. Richard Cole Athletic Training Room was opened in 1978 and is named in honor of Rhode Island's longtime athletic trainer. The facility includes a 1,600-square foot main training room with satellite training rooms in the Ryan Center and Football Facility Building adjacent to the football practice field.

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