# MEREVIII ET FOOTBALL

Mercyhurst Lakers



Duquesne Dukes



#### Oct. 26

Rooney Fleld | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 12:00 o.m.

2-6 Overall 0-2 NEC 5-2 Overall 3-0 NEC



# BY THE NUMBERS (2024)

Lakers	Stat Category	Dukes
2-6 (0-2)	Record (Conf.)	5-2 (3-0)
Adam Urena (1,973)	Passing Yards Leader	Darius Perrantes (1,171)
Adam Urena (20)	Passing TD Leader	Darius Perrantes (15)
Brian Trobel (325)	Rushing Yards Leader	JaMario Clements (688)
Brian Trobel (4)	Rushing TD Leader	JaMario Clements (4)
Cameron Barmore (611)	Receiving Yards Leader	John Erby (367)
Cameron Barmore (8)	Receiving TD Leader	Joey Isabella (5)
Tyler Buterbaugh (66)	Tackles Leader	Luke Miller (34)
Camden White (2.5)	Sacks Leader	Jack Dunkley (4.0)
Tyler Buterbaugh (1)	Interceptions Leader	Ty Howard (I)
Nathan Nagucki (3/4)	Field Goal Leader	Brian Bruzdewicz (4/6)

# AT A GLANCE

#### A Look Back

Mercyhurst comes off a season in 2023 in which they finished 2-9 and now look to take steps forward in the newest chapter of the program's history. In the team's two victories. Mercyhurst put on a strong showing on offense with 36 or more points in each of those games. Their first win came against former PSAC foe Lock Haven in the team's home opener in a 41-29 win while their second came against Clarion in a 36-35 thriller.

#### Top Returner

Mercyhurst brings back most of the talent on their roster from a season ago, hoping that the experience of their veteran laden group will help them reach new heights. The team had two players named to the Phil Steele Preseason NEC Second Team on defense in Camden White and Tyler Buterbaugh. White proved to be a strong presence on the line with 6.5 tackles for a loss and 2.5 sacks. Buterbaugh proved be another in a long line of great Laker linebackers with him being named to the PSAC West Defensive Second Team thanks to his 79 total tackles and 2.5 for a loss. On offense, quarterback Adam Urena returns after one of the most efficient seasons in program history from the position while the entire receiving core also comes back for 2024.

#### Lakers fall to the Pioneers on the road; Head to Pittsburgh to face Duquesne in conference matchup

The Lakers fell behind early and couldn't recover falling to SHU with a final score of 31-14. The Lakers failed to stop the Pioneers rushing attack surrendering three touchdowns on the ground. MU WR Cameron Barmore fell just short of eclipsing 100-yards receiving compiling 96-yards on 9 receptions, as HB Brian Trobel also racked up 96-yards on the ground.

The Lakers will head to Pittsburgh for an NEC matchup as they take on the Duquesne Dukes on November 2nd at noon. The Dukes are coming into the matchup undefeated in conference play and are currently on a five-game winning streak. The last time these two teams faced eacholher was on Oct. 23rd. 1993, the Lakers won the matchup 24-7. The Lakers also dominate the all-time series against the Dukes with an impressive (7-1-1) record, losing to Duquesne only one time, in 1981.

#### Next Gam

The Lakers next matchup will be at home and serve as their kids day match as they play Lincoln University in Erie, PA on November 9th, at Ilam.

# **2024 MERCYHURST SCHEDULE**

### August

29 v Wheeling 7:00 PM

# September

7 v Howard 7:00 PM
14 v Robert Morris\* 12:00 PM
21 v Montana State 1:00 PM
28 v Frostburg State 1:00 PM

### October

**5 v Buffalo State** 1:00 PM 12 v CCSU\* 12:00 PM 26 v Sacred Heart 12:00 PM

### November

2 v Duquesne\* 12:00 PM
9 v Lincoln TBA
23 v Saint Francis\* 1:00 PM

Home Games **BOLD** \*NEC Contests

### **2024 SEASON PROMOTIONS**

- The Lakers will host their Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night on 9/28 sponsored by Subway
- Mercyhurst has their Homecoming on 10/5 when they play Buffalo State, it will also be their Mental Health Awareness Day sponsoed by Hilinski's Hope as they host Lincoln
- The Laker's game on 11/9 is kids day
- Mercyhurst will hold Senior Day on 11/23 against Saint Francis with that contest also serving as their Faith and Family Weekend

# LAKER STAT LEADERS (2024)



**PASSING LEADERS**#16 Adam Urena
2024: 1,973, 20 TDS, 64.98 CMP%
#12 Alex Gevaudan
2024: 51 YDS, 1 TD, 100.00 CMP%
#7 Joe Kerbacher
2023: 49 YDS, 0 TDS, 100.00 CMP%



**RUSHING LEADERS**#I Brian Trobel
2024: 325 YDS, 4 TDS, 40.63 YPG
#3 Ayron Rodriguez
2024: 309 YDS, 2 TDS, 38.63 YPG
#9 Ernest Davis III
2024: 215 YDS, 1 TD, 26.88 YPG



RECIEVING LEADERS
#2 Cameron Barmore
2024: 50 REC, 611 YDS, 8 TDS
#6 Chaz Davis
2024: 26 REC, 285 YDS, 1 TD
#8 Rylan Davison
2024: 21 REC, 238 YDS, 2 TDS



**DEFENSIVE LEADERS**#32 Tyler Buterbaugh
2024: 66 TKL, 5 TFL, 0.0 SKS, | INT
#44 Zach Hill
2024: 57 TKL, 2.0 TFL, | FF
#5 Zack Helsley
2024: 56 TKL, 2.0 TFL, 2 PBU



**SPECIAL TEAMS LEADERS** #94 Nathan Nagucki 2024: 3/4 FGA, 75 FG%, 21 LONG #92 Hunter Pittman 2024: 15 PNT, 40.80 AVG, 58 LONG

# 2024 NUMERICAL ROSTER

# **ROSTER INFO**

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
ő	Max Malis	DL	Gr.	nı. 6'3"	285	Derry, Pa.
Ŏ	Russell Pytlak	TE	Gr.	6'3" 6'3" 6'1"	245	Rillton, Pa.
	Elijah Graĥam	DB	Jr.	6'["	205	Federal Way, Wa.
1	Brian Trobel Cameron Barmore	RB WR	Jr. Gr.	5'9" 6'6" 6'0" 5'11"	188 230	Mentor, Oh. Panama, NY
5	Anthony Mackey	DB	Jr.	6'N"	200	Carnegie, Pa.
3	Dillon Ferretti	LB	Gr.	5'  "	235	Greensburg, Pa.
2 3 3 4	Ayron Rodriguez	RB	Jr.	5'10" 6'1"	190	Winter Springs, Fl.
	Damon Banks	DL	Gr.	6'1"	285	Gary, In.
455667788999	Taylor Wright- Rawls Zack Helsley	WR DB	Jr. Gr.	6'2" 6'0"	170 195	York, Pa. Erie, Pa.
5 5	Austin Kim	QB	Sr.	บ บ ห"ว"	215	Brunswick, Oh.
Ğ	Chaz Davis	WŘ	Jr.	6'2" 5'8" 6'5" 6'2" 5'0" 5'10"	175	Jacksonville, Fl.
6	Jonas King	LB	Sr.	6'5"	260	Mount Pleasant, Pa.
7	Joe Kerbacher	WR	Jr.	6'2"	190	Northhampton, Pa.
/ 0	Dominic McGhee Rylan Davison	DB WR	Gr. Gr.	0 IU 6'10"	195 200	Solon, Oh. Conneaut, Oh.
Ř	Adrian Lewis	DL	Gr.	6'3"	248	Washington, D.C.
ğ	Ernest Davis III	RB	Gr.	6'3" 5'9" 5'0" 6'5" 5'11" 5'10"	200	Charlotte, NC
9	Joe Dombkowski	DB	Gr.	<u>5'10"</u>	180	Erie. Pa.
ĺ	Michael Davis	WR	Gr.	b'b''	220	Ypsilanti, Mi.
10 11	Keon'te Huguely Maddox Bernadino	DB WR	Jr. Fr.	ປ II 5'IN"	205 167	Dayton, Oh. Diamond Bar, Ca.
Ï	Will Thomas IV	LB	Gr.	6'3"	220	Columbus, Oh.
12	Alex Gevaudan	OB	Fr.	6'3"	185	Pittsburgh, Pa.
12 13	Josh Humphries	ĎB	So.	6'0"	206	Wexford. Pa.
13	Jaiden Hill	DB	Jr.	6'0"	175	Mckees Rocks, Pa.
13 14	Austin Urena Braydon Black	WR WR	Sr. Jr.	6'3" 6'3" 6'0" 6'0" 5'9" 6'0"	175 170	Chino Hills, Ca. Orlando, Fl.
14	Jeff Leavell	wn LB	SO.	6'I"	220	Hamburg, NY
15	Jason Mitchell	DB	Sr.	5'11"	175	Largo. Md.
15	Mike Pappas	RB	Sr.	5'9" 5'9"	205	Parma Heights. Oh.
16	Adam Urena	QB	Sr.	5'9"	175	Chino Hills, Ca.
16 17	Travell Wright Colin Melendez	ĽB TE	So. Fr.	ป II ค'จ"	235 243	Cleveland Heights,Oh Jamestown, NY
17	Colin Scharritter	ΰl	So.	6'N"	280	White Oak, Pa.
18	Daniel Dlugos	LB	Jr.	5'll" 6'3" 6'0" 6'2"	237	Greensburg, Pa.
18	Kyle Keckler	QB	<u>F</u> r.			_
19	Anthony Budak	ÒĒ	Fr.	6'4" 6'2" 6'1"	210	Niles, Oh.
19 20	Kyler Láing Nevan Novitski	ÌB LB	Gr. Sr.	0	245 240	Tallahassee, Fl. Gibsonia, Pa.
21	Tendai Gundumura Jr.	ÖB	Sr.	5'11"	175	Sacramento, Ca.
21 22 23 25 26	Landen Weis	LB	Sr.	6'2" 6'0" 6'1"	230	Corry, Pa. Bethlehem, Pa.
23	Christian Bell	DB	Jr.	6'0"	192	Bethlehem, Pa.
2D	Jerome Mullins	DB DB	So.	6´1´ 5'11''	170 170	Rochester, Pa.
20 27	Anez Jordan Tyler Benedict	LB	Fr. Gr.	6'0"	215	Pittsburgh, Pa. New Castle, Pa.
28	Broderick Washington	ίΒ	So.	6'0"	188	Morgantown, WV
29	Keonn Mallett	DB	So.	5'10"	180	Morgantown, WV
30	Elijah Binakonsky	LB	Şo.	6'1"	225	Jeannette, Pa.
ป 22	Márk Hawkins Jr. Tyler Buterbaugh	DB LB	Fr. Sr.	0 4 6'9"	190 230	Washington, DC Saxonburg, Pa.
33	Jonathan Askew	ŔB	Fr.	5' <u>9</u> "	200	Mount Veron, Oh.
31 32 33 35 35 36 37 38	Aleiandro Vazquez	ΤE	Jr.	6'4" 6'2" 5'9" 6'4"	230	Upland, Ca.
35	Blaze Grabowsky	LB	Sr.	6'0"	190	McKeesport, Pa.
36	Camariyon Bridges	DB	Şo.	5'ĬĬ"	190	Erie, Pa.
۵/ ۹۵	Amare Lattimore Adonis Marshall	WR DB	Fr. Fr.	<b>ଜ</b> 'በ"	170	Canton, Oh.
39	Braylon Beckwith	ĎB	Fr.	6'0" 6'0"	170	Canal Winchester,Oh.
40	Ryan Miller	RB	So.	5'11"		Erie, Pa.
41	Roman Cerminara	LB	Jr.	6'2" 6'0" 6'0"	230	Erie, Pa.
42	Ethen Knox	RB	Fr.	6'0"	197	Cranberry, Pa.
42 42 43	Austin Stewart Suhtaun Lewis	LB RB	So. Fr.	D U	205	San Diego, Ca.
40 44	Zach Hill	LB	Gr.	6'2"	218	Westerville, Oh.
46	Cioni Kaeo-Cruz	DB	Fr.	6'2" 5'10"	190	San Francisco. Ca.
47	Patrick Carter	LB	Fr.	6'3" 5'11"	225	Mendham, NJ
48	Brennan Moore	DB	Fr.	5'  "	195	Vandergrift, Pa.
49 50	Ethan Pillar Corov Cobb Jr	RB LB	Fr. Er	5'ii" 5'ii"	205 225	Gibsonia, Pa. Dotroit Mi
50 51	Corey Cobb Jr. Aidan Lin	rp rp	Fr. Jr.	J II β'??"	225 270	Detroit, Mi. East Amherst, NY
52	Samuel Petros	OL	Jr.	6'3" 6'2" 6'2"	295	Ashtabula, Oh.
53	Makarius Mosley	ĹB	Jr.	6'2"	220.	Groveport, Oh

### **PRONUNCIATIONS**

0 -Russell **Pytlak- (Pit-lack)** 

- 12- Alex **Gevaudan- (Guh-va-den)**
- 17 Colin **Scharritter- (Share-ritter)**
- 18 Daniel **Dlugos- (Da-Lug-us)**
- 21 Tendai Gundumura Jr.- (Gun-duh-murr-ah)
- 30 Elijah **Binakonsky- (Bena-con-ski)**
- 43 **Suhtaun** Lewis- **(Sue-taun)**
- 46 Cioni Kaeo-Cruz- (Sea-oni K-oh)
- 56 Weston **Phanco- (Fan-co)**
- 60 Victor **laquinta- (I-uh-quinta)**
- 72 Seamas Shumac- (Shay-mas Shoe-mack)
- 76 Caden **Pustelak- (Pus-tel-ick)** 88 - **Malte** Feil- **(Mal-ta)**
- 93 Nathan **Nagucki- (Na-Goo-key)**
- 96 Jacob **Clulow-(Clue-low)**

### CLASS BREAKDOWN

Grad Students	
Seniors	19
Juniors	24
Sophomores	20
Freshmen	41

#### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Ryan Riemedio, 3rd Seaosn

Associate Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator/OL Coach: Mike Waring

Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach: Thomas Sydeski

Chief of Staff/TEs Coach: Tom Herman

DBs Coach/Pass Game Coordinator: Elijah Altizer

Special Teams Coordinator/WRs Coach/Academic Coordinator: Fredrick

DL Coach: Kalleigh Burke

RBs Coach/Video Coordinator: Jaylen McNair

ILBs Coach: Chris Jones

Director of Football Operations: Mackenzie Bardol Graduate Assistant/OLBs Coach: Mason Osborn

Student Assistant: Marissa Del Corvo

#### MERCYHURST FACTS

Location	Erie, Pennsylvania
Enrollment	3,000
Founded	1926
President	Dr. Kathleen Getz
Assistant Vice President for Athletics	Joe Spano
Colors	Navy Blue, Forest Green, White
Conference	Northeast Conference
Home Facility	
Square Footage	5,000
Capacity	
Website	hurstathletics.com
Twitter	@Mercyhurstfb
Instagram	@Mercyhurstfb
Home Live Video	NEC Front Row



# 2024 NUMERICAL ROSTER (CONT.)

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# 54 55 55 56 57 58 59	Name Poyton Jones	Pos.	Yr.	Ht. 6'1"	Wt.	Hometown Twingburg Ob
<u>U4</u>	Payton Jones	LB	Fr.	01	225	Twinsburg, Oh.
55	Dylan Ellenberger	QL	So.	6'3" 6'4"	280	Erie, Pa.
55	Ramon McAndrews	DL	So.	b'.4"	305	Akron, Oh.
56	Weston Phanco	ŌĹ	Sr.	6'2"	285	New Wilmington, Pa.
57	Azadio Vargas	ĽB	Fr.			
58	Joev Balgo	OL	Jr.	5'10"	309	Melbourne, Fl.
59	Joey Balgo Da'Sean Anderson	ĎĒ	Fr.	5'll"	160	Beaver Falls, Pa.
60	Victor lanuinta	DĹ	So.	6'Ö"	300	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Al	Rvan Welch	ŌĹ	Gr.	Ř' <u>Ť</u> "	295	Canandaigua, NY
63	Peyton Molter	ĽB	Fr.	หิ'กิ"	190	Jeannette, Pa.
63 64	Ryan Welch Peyton Molter Taleem Thompson-Morris	ÕĹ	Gr.	Ř'Ř"	310	Salem, NJ
ŘŠ	Aaron Bowen	ŎĹ	Gr.	5'10" 5'11" 6'0" 6'5" 6'6" 6'2" 6'4"	285	North Huntingdon, Pa
66	Lukas Hemmelgarn	ŎĹ	So.	6' <i>\u03b4</i> "	300	Kenton, Oh.
65 66 67	Tavian Wilson	ĎĹ	Fr.	0 4	000	Kulluli, uli.
68	Andrew Bernard	ŎĹ	Gr.	<b>ቤ</b> 'Չ"	315	Lakewood. NY
70	Terrell Staton	ÖĹ	Sr.	0 0 6'6"	310	
/U 71	Connor Dovio	ŎĹ	Sr.	U U B'0"	30E	King George, Va.
/I 70	Spencer Davis Seamas Shumac	TE	οl. Fr	U Z 6'5"	295 235	Camarillo, Ca.
7 <u>C</u>	Ocaliigo oliuliigo	IE Ni	Fr.	0 i) e'o"	20U	Altoona, Pa.
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 80	Blake Hoegler	ÖĹ	Şo.	0 đ	310 290	Solon, Pa.
<i>1</i> 4	Carter Wilson	ŎĹ	Fr.	0.0	290	Fort Wayne, In.
/b	Xavier Reyda	ÖL	վr.	b b	305	Corry, Pa. Girard, Pa.
<u>/b</u>	Caden Pustelak	ŎĹ	Jr.	ם ס	315 295	giraro, Pa.
<u> </u>	Collin Null	QΪ	Ģr.	b´l´	295	Carthage, NY
<u>/8</u>	Nathan Edeza	ĎΓ	Jr.	61"	310	Saljnas, Ča.
/9	Keenan Banks	DĹ	Fr.	6'3"	235	Buffalo, NY
80	Darius Poles	WR	So.	5'9"	160	Rochester, NY
81	Jordan Woodard	WR	So.	6'2"	195	Fayetteville, NC
82 83 83	Ryan Moore	WR	Sr.	5'10"	171	Cincinnati, Oh.
83	Nicholas Williams	DB	Fr. So.	6'2"	182 230	Meadville, Pa.
83	Ashton Wilson	TE	So.	6'4"	230	Columbus, Oh.
84	Shakile Ferguson	ŴR	Fr.	5'10"	165	Johnstown, Pa.
85	Evan Van Dvke	WR	Fr.	6'I"	185	Orlando, Fl.
84 85 86	Nevevon Fifzgerald	WR	Fr.	6'3" 6'5" 6'5" 6'5" 6'5" 6'5" 6'5" 6'1" 6'1" 6'1" 6'1" 6'1" 6'5" 6'3"	203	Philadelnhia. Pa.
87 88 89 90 91	Sirod Musgrove	WR	Fr.	5'11"	150	Martinshurg, WV
88	Malte Feil	WR	Fr.	6'4"	195	Wheeling, WV Yandergrift, Pa.
ŘŠ	Isaiah Gonzalez	WR	Fr.	ñ'I''	180	Vandergrift, Pa.
ğΪ	Garrett McGuire	<u>р</u>	Fr.	รั′เเ"	164	Erie, Pa.
gi	Kaedon Kline	K/P	Fr.	Ř'Ä"	200	Grove City, Oh.
ä2	Hunter Pittman	Ď,	Jr.	5'IN"	200	Sanger Ca
05	Nathan Namucki	K	Sr.	Ř'ĺ\"	180	Sanger, Cá. Medina, Oh.
05 05	Nathan Nagucki Camden White	ĎL	Gr.	6'5"	265	Batavia, NY
06 30	Jacob Clulow	ĎĹ	Fr.	g,3	265 230	Bradenton, Fl.
92 93 95 96 97 98	Immanuel Williams	ĎĹ	Fr.	UU	700	DIAUGIIIOII, I I.
0/ 00	Roland Foliaki	ĎĹ	Fr.	6'1"	290	Seaside, Ca.
99 99	James Royal	DL	Sr.	6'3"	290 270	
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# **2024 ROSTER OVERVIEW**

#### **Talent Incoming**

Mercyhurst welcomes plenty of new talent to the roster with 55 newcomers on the roster. Of that group, is former Oil City High School running back Ethen Knox. The true freshman tail back put together a historic career during histime under the Friday night lights as he ammassed over 7,000 career yards. Knox finished with 2,340 yards to go along with 34 touchdowns during his senior year after 3,705 yards and 41 scores as a junior. He made headlines in 2022 when he broke a record previously held by All-Pro NFL running back Derrick Henry for games in a season with 400 or more rushing yards with six.

#### **Key Returners**

The Lakers bring back some of their top talent on offense from a season ago, hoping that will help carry them to success this time aorund. QB Adam Urena comes off one of the more prolific seasons under center with the majority of his offensive line set to return to go along with a familiar receiving core. His top target from last season, Joe Kerbacher, returns after a year in which he led the team in receptions (42) and receiving yards (584) Cameron Barmore also makes his way back with him closing in on 100 catches, 1,500 yards, and 20 TDs, helping him futher solidify himself as one of the best ever for the Lakers.

#### Third Year's the Charm

2024 marks the third season for Head Coach Ryan Riemedio at the helm for the Lakers with he and the rest of his staff looking to have an exciting year. He team comes off back-to-back 2-9 seasons under Riemedio for a career record of 4-18, hoping to turn things around. Riemeio hopes to avoid becoming the second coach in program history to have losing seasons in each of his first three years (Marty Schaetzle, 02-04) while becoming the first Pacific Islander head coach to win a Division I game.

#### A Look at the Coaching Staff

Mercyhurst Football added several new coaches to the mix for the 2024 season with two full-time members and one graduate assistant as well as a director of operations. Thomas Sydeski takes over as the play caller on offense while Chris Jones joins the defensive side of the ball as the ILBs coach. Mason Osborn goes from player to coach, now helping with the OLBs while Mackenzie Bardol joins the Lakers after her time with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish program, the second from their ranks to join Mercyhurst (Kaligh Burke).

# 2024 NEC WEST WEEKLY AWARDS

Week	Offense	Defense	Prime Performer
1			Cameron Barmore
2			Adam Urena
3			
4			Adam Urena
5	Adam Urena		Brian Trobel
6			Adam Urena
7			Brian Trobel, Tyler Buterbaugh
8			
9			
10			

# **NEC STANDINGS (2023)**

CCSU	IST
STONEHILL	2ND
MERRIMACK	3RD
DUQUESNE	4TH
LONG ISLAND	5TH
WAGNER	6TH
SACRED HEART	7TH
SFU	8TH

# 2024 NEC PRESEASON POLL

DUQUESNE	IST
SAINT FRANCIS	2ND
ROBERT MORRIS	3RD
LONG ISLAND	4TH
STONEHILL	5TH
WAGNER	6TH
CCSU	<i>7</i> TH
MERCYHURST	NR

# **ABOUT THE NEC**

As the Northeast Conference (NEC) enters its 44th year as an NCAA Division I athletic entity, the league's NEC mission has remained remarkably consistent: to provide opportunities for student-athletes to achieve their fullest potential in the classroom, in athletic competition and in the community.

Focusing on the areas of student-athlete achievement, academic excellence, integrity, sportsmanship, diversity, equity and inclusion, innovation, community partnership and national engagement, the NEC continues to make great strides under the leadership of Commissioner Noreen Morris, now in the 15th year of her tenure. With the NEC's Strategic Plan providing a blueprint for the future, there is no shortage of excitement headed into the 2024-25 season as the nine-strong NEC looks to stand out among its peers, while fostering a sense of #NECPride amongst its student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans.

When the Northeast Conference (NEC) was first established as the ECAC-Metro Conference back in 1981, the league's founders had one goal in mind: to create a competitive NCAA Division I men's basketball conference for unaffiliated schools on the Eastern seaboard. A single-sport entity at its inception, the NEC has grown far beyond expectations over the past four decades, having transformed itself into a 24-sport conference.

63799The remarkable success story of the Conference began to unfold in 1985, when the league began sponsoring additional sports. Three years later, a change of name was in order and the Northeast Conference as we know it today was born. With membership and sport sponsorship continuing to grow over the years, the NEC enjoys qualification or play-in access to 16 different NCAA Championships (baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's bowling, field hockey, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's rennis and women's volleyball).

Though the NEC has featured various incarnations since its inception, charter members FDU, LIU, Saint Francis U and Wagner remain part of the current nine-school alignment. They are joined by Central Connecticut (1997), Sacred Heart (1999), Merrimack (2019). Stonehill (2022) and Le Moyne (2023), along with Chicago State (2024) and Mercyhurst (2024), the league's newest members.

# LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Lakers Score 40at Lock Haven, 49-7, 9/10/22
Lakers Score 50 Buffalo State
55-0, 10/5/24
Shutout55-0 v Buffalo State,
10/5/24
300 Yard PasserAdam Urena, 305 v Buffalo State
10/5/24
100 Yard RusherDavid Alize, 130 at Alderson Broaddus, 9/3/22
100 Yard RecieverCameron Barmore, 103 v CCSU, 10/12/24
3+ TouchdownsAdam Urena, 6 v Buffalo State
10/5/24
Kickoff Return TouchdownDante Redwood, 96 yds at SHU IO/I3/I8
Defensive TouchdownAdonis Marshall, FR-TD at Montana State

### ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

### **Austin Alonge**

Assistant Athletic Director Marketing and Communications aalonge@mercyhurst.edu

### **Interview Requests**

To request an interview with Coach Riemedio or players throughout the week, please contact Austin Alonge to arrange a mutually agreed upon time for the interview.



# COACH RYAN RIEMEDIO



Ryan Riemedio mans the helm for the third year as the Head Coach at Mercyhurst University. He was named the Head Coach in waiting at the beginning of the 2021 seasonm taking on the head coaching duties in January 2022 after the retirement of 20-Year Head Coach Marty Schaetzle.

In Riemedio's first season, the Lakers finished 2-9, going 0-8 in the PSAC. The sixth coach in program history won each of his first two games, defeating Alderson Broaddus 45-28 and Lock Haven 49-7, for a margin of 94-35 in his first to career games. The team had two All-PSAC team members in Dustin Shoaf and Jacob Holl with Holl being named to D2Football.com Top 100.

The 2022 season marks II years for Riemedio at Mercyhurst. He led a defense this past season that ranked in the top 50 in all of Division II in Total Defense, Rushing Defense, Passing Yards Allowed, and 4th Down Conversions. The Defense had four PSAC West All-Conference Defensive Players (Keith Brickman (DB), Jehrod Gregory (DL), Jacob Holl (LB) and Tommy Zacharyasz (LB)). Along with his Defensive Coordinating duties, Riemedio will continue his role as the Assistant Head Coach and Coordinate Social Media, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, & Community Engagement opportunities for the football program.

In 2020, Riemedio was named the Defensive Coordinator and Linebackers Coach. The Lakers had an abbreviated COVID season in the Spring 2021. Even without a full season, Coach Riemedio was busy off the field. He was selected for the NGAA Leadership Collective in January of 2021. The Collective serves as a tool to progress towards an environment of diverse representation in collegiate coaching and athletics administration. After the Spring Season, Riemedio was one of 36 participants selected to participate in the NGAA | NFL Coaches Academy. The NGAA and NFL Coaches Academy provides current, full-time intercollegiate football coaches at NGAA member institutions an educational opportunity to build connections and develop leadership acumen to pursue their career aspirations, expand their knowledge and insight into the world of intercollegiate and NFL coaching. Riemedio also holds seats on multiple committees across the Mercyhurst campus. He served on the Presidential Search Committee, the Equity, Inclusion and Justice Initiative Committee, and Mercyhurst BEYOND Scholarships Committee. He is also a member of the Staff Senate and chairs the AthLE.A.D. (Learn, Educate & Advocate for Diversity) Student-Athlete committee.

In his eighth season, Riemedio lead the defensive line in 2019 that ranked 18th Nationally vs the Rush giving up 96.2 yards per game. Under his tutelage, Bradley Burrows and Ayron Thompson were named PSAC West All-Conference Players.

In 2018, he helped the defense that ranked 2nd in the PSAC / 35th in NCAA in Scoring Defense which allowed only 20.4 points per game. The defense also ranked 3rd in the PSAC / 44th in NCAA for total yards allowed with 331.7 yards per game. Following the season, Riemedio was selected by the PSAC to participate in the Minority Opportunities in Athletic Administration (MOAA) / D2 Governance Academy at the annual the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Conference. The MOAA/D2 Governance Academy provides intense training on Division II governance issues and strategic initiatives, introduce attendees to NCAA committee work and prepare young minority administrators for Division II committee service.

In his sixth season, Riemedio was a part of the Defensive Unit turnaround with first year Defensive Coordinator - David Kotulski. The 2017 defensive unit vastly improved giving up 14.2 less Points per Game and 40 less 1st Downs from 2016. In Rushing Defense, Mercyhurst eave up

12 less rushing touchdowns, 25.3 Less Rushing Yard Averaged per Game, and -1.2 Yards per carry compared to the 2016 season. Following the season. Riemedio was elevated to the Assistant Head Coaching Position by Head Coach Marty Schaetzle.

The 2016 season started a few weeks earlier for Riemedio as he had the opportunity to be an NFL Coaching Intern through the Bill Walsh Minority Fellowship Program with Super Bowl LII Champion Philadelphia Eagles. During his coaching fellowship, Riemedio gained valuable knowledge and experience while assisting with the Defensive Line and Special Teams. During the 2016 season, Riemedio help guide Defensive Linemen Ryan Carroll to an All-PSAC West Second Team Selection.

Riemedio resides in Erie with his fiancé Morgan, IO-year-old daughter, Amelia (Boogie), and 2-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, Kona.

	CAREER RECORD				
YEAR	TEAM	OVERALL	CONF.		
2022	Merychurst	2-9	0-8		
2023	Mercyhurst	2-9	1-6		
2024	Mercyhurst		0-2		



