

THE 1920s

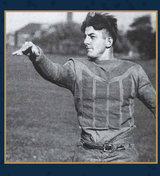
THE DAWN OF AN ERA

THE JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL LEGACY BEGINS IN THE ROARING TWENTIES AS SOLDIERS RETURNED FROM WORLD WAR I, JAZZ TOOK OVER POPULAR CULTURE AND SOUND CAME TO CINEMA. THE FIRST SQUAD PLAYS AT ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE, THE ORIGINAL NAME OF JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY. FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, THE TEAMS AND COACHING STAFFS BEGAN TO BUILD THE HARDWORKING, MOTIVATED CULTURE THAT DRIVES THE TEAM TODAY.



THE 1920s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



1920:

» Varsity football begins at St. Ignatius College with a 7-2 win over Hiram College.

1923:

» The team begins play under the John Carroll University name.

» Star player Dick Bright scores every point in a 25-0 season-ending defeat of Baldwin Wallace at League Park.





1927:

» Ralph Vince becomes head coach and the Blue Streaks record a winning season.

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THE 1930s

JOHN CARROLL FOOTBALL BECOMES TRADITION

IN THE SECOND DECADE OF THE PROGRAM, THE BLUE STREAKS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP A LEGACY OF SUCCESS. IN THE PROCESS, THE TEAM FINDS NEW TURF TO CALL COME, HAS A GAME BROADCAST LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ACHIEVES THE FIRST OF MANY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO COME.



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS



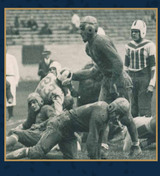
1931:

- John Carroll beats Adrian 26-6 in the first college game at Cleveland Stadium, the new home field for the Blue Streaks.
- The first game, against Case Tech, is a 19-0 win.
- This game also marks the first radio broadcast of a John Carroll football game.

1936:

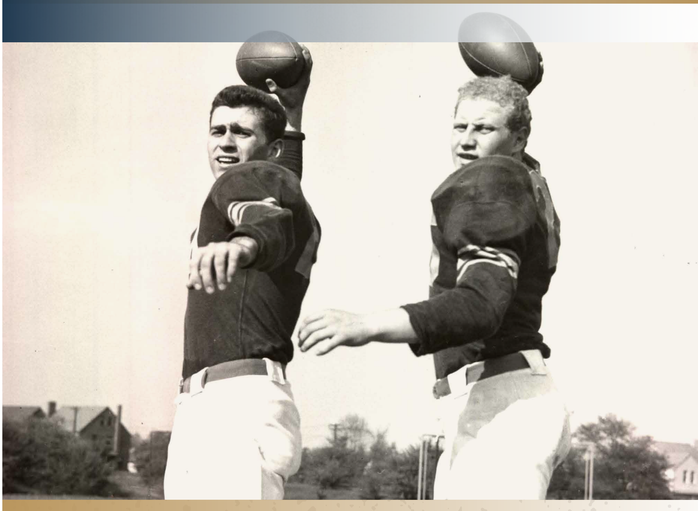
- Tom Conley (middle) becomes the new head coach.





1938:

- John Carroll captures the Ohio Athletic Conference crown and goes 6-2-1.
- The championship game against Western Reserve is witnessed by 20,000 fans.



THE 1940s

JOHN CARROLL FOOTBALL TAKES A HIATIS

THE GROWTH OF THE JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL PROGRAM IS INTERRUPTED AS AMERICA IS PLUNGED INTO WORLD WAR II. MANY JOHN CARROLL PLAYERS SET ASIDE THEIR FOOTBALL CAREERS TO BRAVELY JOIN THE SERVICE. THE PROGRAM RESUMES AFTER HOSTILITIES END WITH GENE OBERST AS HEAD COACH.



THE 1940s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



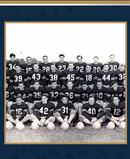
1942:

» Shaw Stadium becomes the new home field for the Blue Streaks.

1943:

» World War II causes suspension of the football program for three years.





1947:

» Freshman Carl Taseff rushes for five touchdowns in a 41-26 win at Niagara.

» Herb Eisele becomes the new head coach.

1948:

» Carl Taseff rushes for more than 1,000 yards.

» John Carroll concludes the season by defeating Canisius 14-13 in the Great Lakes Bowl at Cleveland Stadium.



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THE 1950s

DON SHULA BECOMES A JOHN CARROLL ICON

WITH GRIT, DETERMINATION AND DRIVE, THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM RACKS UP A WINNING DECADE. DON SHULA PLAYS HIS SENIOR YEAR, A GAME IS BROADCAST LIVE ON TELEVISION FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THE DECADE CONCLUDES WITH AN UNDEFEATED SEASON.



THE 1950s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

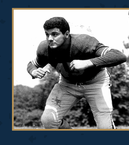


1950:

- John Carroll tops Syracuse 21-16 at Cleveland Stadium as Carl Taseff throws for one touchdown and runs for two more.
- Don Shula, Sig Holowenko and Taseff lead the Blue Streaks to an 8-2 season mark.
- Taseff scores 23 touchdowns for the season and earns All-American recognition.

1952:

- John Carroll defeats Case Tech 32-0 in the first televised game in school history.





1955:

- John Carroll begins competition in the President's Athletic Conference.

1959:

- John Ray becomes the new head coach of John Carroll University's football team.



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THE 1960s

HIGHER RECORDS, BIG TITLES AND A NEW HOME

THE DECADE BEGINS WITH A HARDENED DEFENSIVE LINE THAT SHATTERS NATIONAL RECORDS AND ENDS WITH A PAC TITLE. IN BETWEEN, THE PROGRAM THRIVES WITH SEVERAL BREAKOUT PLAYERS AND A PERMANENT ON-CAMPUS HOME WITH WASMER FIELD.



THE 1960s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

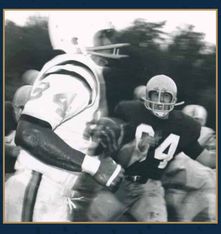


1962:

- Tim Gauntner, John Kovach and Ron Timparnaro lead a defense that posts five shutouts and sets numerous national defensive records.
- The Blue Streak's 7-0 record season is the second undefeated season in school history.

1963:

- Dick Koenig, Gus McPhie and Bob Spicer become offensive stars as John Carroll goes undefeated for the second straight year.
- Gordy Priemer and the Blue Streaks' defense allow only 28 points the entire season.





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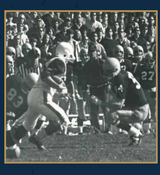
1965:

» Jerry Schweikert begins his tenure as John Carroll's head coach.

» John Carroll's defense gives up only 36 points in the season and the team finishes at 5-1-1.

1968:

» A 29-7 win over Case Tech at Wasmer Field is the first game played on campus.





1969:

» Ed Sandrick stands out on defense and John Carroll goes 7-1 and captures the President's Athletic Conference Title.

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THE 1970s

MORE BROKEN RECORDS AND MORE TITLES

THE JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL POWERHOUSE CONTINUES TO ROLL THROUGH ANOTHER DECADE WITH RECORD-BREAKING PLAYERS, WINNING SEASONS AND NUMEROUS CONFERENCE TITLES.



THE 1970s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



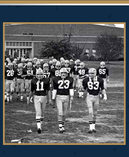
1971:

» Dan Carroll and Jim Bolland shine on offense, as John Carroll downs Allegheny 35-0 to win another conference title.

1973:

» Tim Barrett rushes for over 1,000 yards for the second straight year.

» The Blue Streaks win their last six games to finish 7-1-2 and take the conference championship.





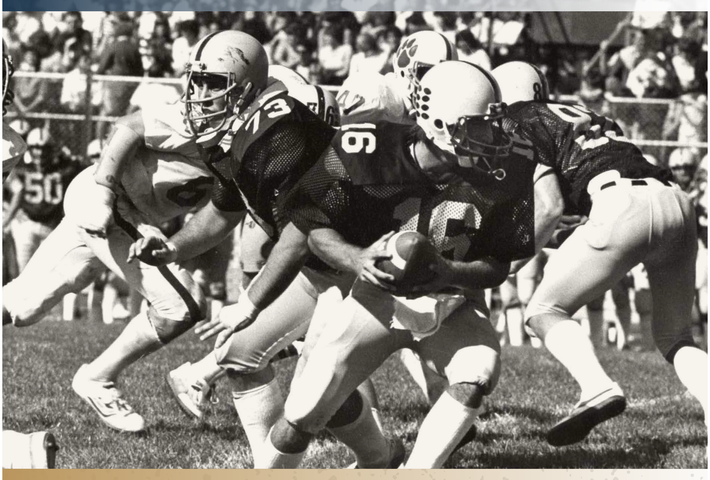
1974:

» Barrett rushes for 1,409 yards to lead the nation, and is later drafted by the Cleveland Browns.

1977:

» Don Stupica becomes the new head coach.





THE 1980s

STAR PLAYERS BREAK THE MOLD FOR JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO ACCELERATE AS STAR PLAYERS BREAK RECORDS AND THE SCHOOL ENTERS THE OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.



THE 1980s

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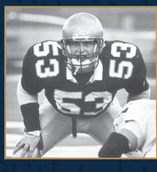
1984:

» Frank Amato becomes the new John Carroll head coach.

1987:

» Tony DeCarlo takes over as head coach of the Blue Streaks.



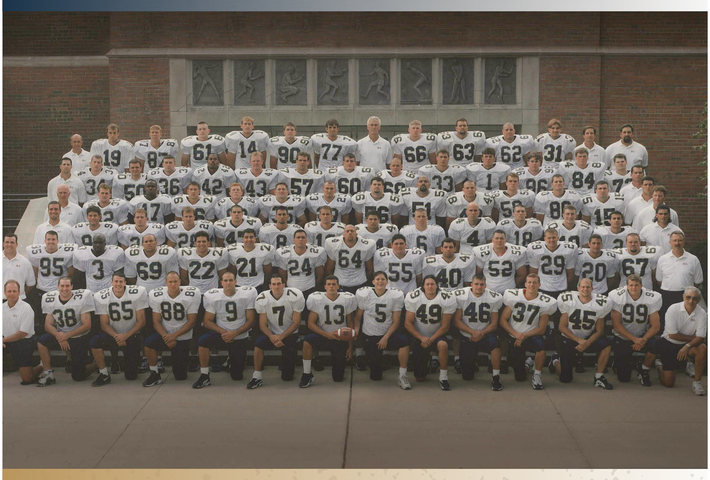


1989:

» John Carroll begins football play in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

» Dave Rastoka and Joe Behm head the defense for the Blue Streaks in a 31-7 victory over Mt. Union.

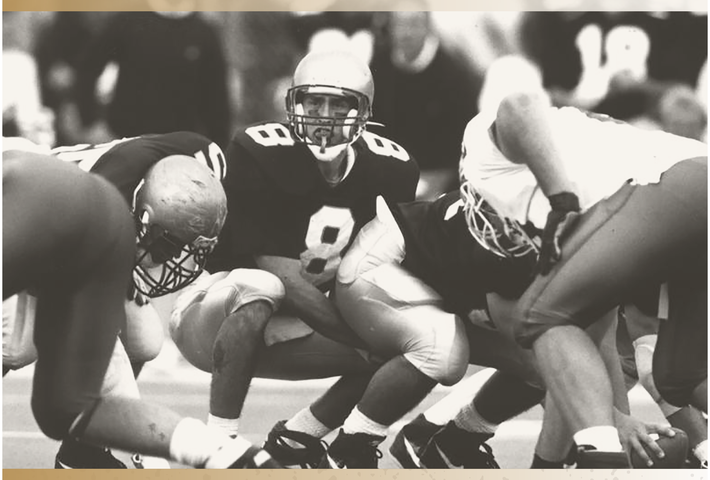
» Larry Wanke sets a new school mark for passing yards, and John Carroll wins the conference championship and earns an NCAA playoff berth against Dayton.



THE 1990s

ENDING THE CENTURY WITH A BANG

THE LAST DECADE OF THE 20TH CENTURY SEES THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM PRODUCE NEW BREAKOUT PLAYERS, SHATTER MANY RECORDS AND WIN SEVERAL GAMES IN ACTION-PACKED FINAL QUARTERS WHILE WASMER FIELD WELCOMES NEW TECHNOLOGY.



THE 1990s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



1990:

» Artificial turf replaces the natural grass at Wasmer Field.

1992:

» Willie Beers rushes for over 1,000 yards and becomes the OAC career rushing leader.





1994:

» Greg Roman and the John Carroll defense give Baldwin Wallace their first loss in a season ending 9-0 win.

» Ryan Haley sets a new John Carroll punting mark, averaging 42.8 yards for the season.

» P. J. Insana quarterbacks the team to a 9-1 record and a conference title.

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1996:

- John Priestap catches the winning touchdown for the Blue Streaks in a season ending 37-33 shootout at Baldwin Wallace.
- Chris Anderson and Scott O'Donnell are part of a dominating defense as John Carroll has a 9-1 season mark.

1997:



- London Fletcher records 29 tackles in a 28-21 win over Ohio Northern.
- Dave Vitatoe's field goal in overtime lifts John Carroll over Baldwin Wallace 20-17 and into the NCAA playoffs.
- Nick Caserio quarterbacks the Blue Streaks to their first playoff win, 30-20 over Hanover.
- JCU finishes 10-2 and Fletcher becomes the career leader in tackles for John Carroll before embarking on an NFL career.



1999:

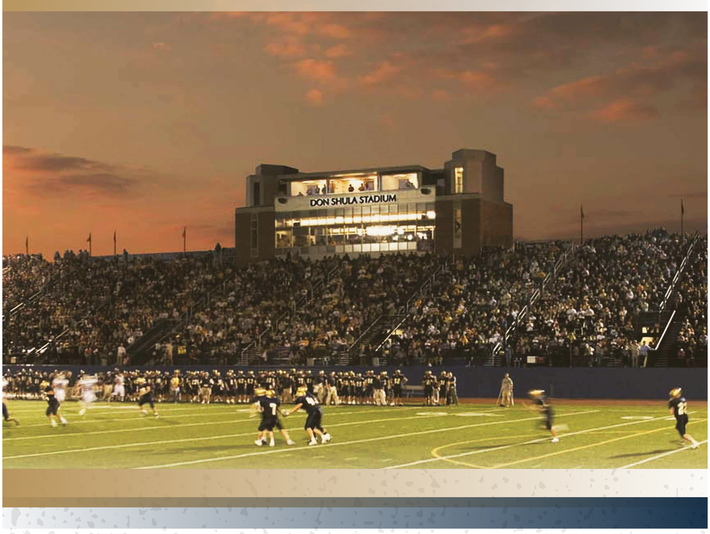
- Regis Scafe takes over as head coach.



THE 2000s

EMBARKING ON THE NEW MILLENIUM

NEW CENTURY, NEW STADIUM! VENERABLE WASMER FIELD IS UPDATED AND IMPROVED WITH NEW LOCKER ROOMS, NEW COACHES' OFFICES, NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART WEIGHT AND TRAINING ROOMS, NEW PRESS BOX AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.



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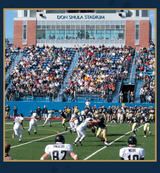


2002:

» John Carroll, led by head coach Regis Scafe and All-American quarterback Tom Arth ('03), finishes with a 12-2 record advancing by the NCAA DIII Playoff Semi Finals (Final Four) after beating Hobart (NY), Muhlenberg (PA), and Brockport (NY).

2003:

» The new Don Shula Stadium is dedicated giving John Carroll football one of the premier venues in all of Division III football.





2004 – 2012:

» John Carroll football produced a total of 74 All-OAC performers (21 First Team, 35 Second Team, 18 Honorable Mention).

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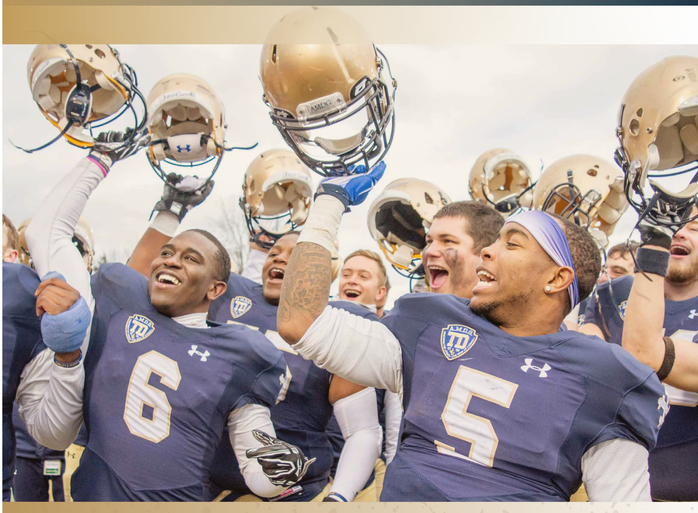
THE 2010s

A CENTURY IS JUST THE BEGINNING

JOHN CARROLL FOOTBALL TURNS 100! THE PROGRAM WRAPS UP THE FIRST CENTURY OF PLAY WITH NEW HISTORY-MAKING RECORDS, CHAMPIONSHIPS AND A RECOMMITMENT TO BUILDING THE JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL LEGACY FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS!

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THE 2010s

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



2012:

» John Carroll makes history by opening their season against St. Norbert College (WI) with a 40-3 victory in Dublin, Ireland at Donnybrook Stadium in the 2012 Global Ireland Football Tournament.

2013:

» Tom Arth ('03) becomes head coach of the Blue Streaks, his four-year span finishes with a 40-8 win/loss record.





2014:

» The Blue Streaks earn a NCAA DIII Playoff Quarterfinals (Elite Eight) appearance after defeating Centre (KY) and Wheaton (IL).

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2016:

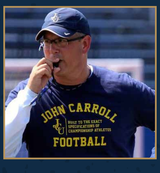
» The Blue Streaks win the OAC Championship and advance to the NCAA DIII Playoff Semi Finals (Final Four) after defeating Olivet (MI), Wesley (DE) and Wisconsin – Whitewater (WI).

» John Carroll defeats two number-one ranked teams in the country in a four-week span: number-one ranked Mount Union in week 10 of the regular season (31-28) and number-one ranked Wisconsin – Whitewater in the quarter finals (31-14).

2017:

» Rick Finotti is named head coach.

» This first win of the Finotti era is earned against Baldwin Wallace (24-21).





2018:

» The Blue Streaks return to the NCAA Playoffs and dedicate the 2018 season to the late Coach Tony DeCarlo.

» The Blue Streaks led all levels of college football (DIII, DII, FCS, FBS) in sacks per game.

» John Carroll records three home shutouts for the first time since the record setting 1962 team.

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