



STETSON FOOTBALL



STETSON HATTERS (2-4) vs. ST. THOMAS (2-6)



SATURDAY • OCT. 26 • 1:00 P.M. ET • SPEC MARTIN MEMORIAL STADIUM • DELAND, FL

2024 STETSON SCHEDULE/RESULTS



AUG. 31 **W, 41-3**

vs **AVE MARIA**

DeLand, Fla. **ESPN+**



SEPT. 7 **W, 35-0**

vs **WARNER**

DeLand, Fla. **ESPN+**



SEPT. 14 **L, 7-48**

at **FURMAN**

Greenville, S.C. **ESPN+**



SEPT. 21 **L, 0-35**

at **HARVARD**

Cambridge, Mass. **ESPN+**



OCT. 5 **L, 24-34**

at **ST THOMAS**

St. Paul, Minn.



OCT. 12 **Post-**

vs **VALPARAISO***

DeLand, Fla. **ESPN+**



OCT. 19 **L, 48-70**

at **DAVIDSON***

St. Paul, Minn.



OCT. 26 **1:00 PM**

vs **PRESBYTERIAN***

DeLand, Fla. **ESPN+**



NOV. 2 **1:00 PM**

at **BUTLER***

Indianapolis, Ind.



NOV. 9 **1:00 PM**

vs **MARIST***

DeLand, Fla. **ESPN+**



NOV. 16 **1:00 PM**

at **SAN DIEGO***

San Diego, Calif.



NOV. 23 **1:00 PM**

vs **DRAKE***

DeLand, Fla. **ESPN+**

GAME CENTER

TELEVISION: ESPN+

• Talent:

• Live Video Stream: <https://es.pn/40jqfaA>

LIVE STATISTICS

• Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/2YdwAWM>

MATCHUP AT A GLANCE

2024 SEASON STATISTICS/RANKINGS

STETSON	VS.	PRESBYTERIAN
2-4 (0-2 Pioneer)	2024 Record.....	2-6 (0-4 Pioneer)
DeLand, Fla.....	Location.....	Clinton, SC
1883.....	Founded	1880
2,339.....	Enrollment	955
Hatters.....	Nickname	Blue Hose
Green & White	Colors.....	Blue and Garnet
Pioneer Football League	Conference.....	Pioneer Football League
Spec Martin Stadium (6,000).....	Stadium (Capacity)	Bailey Memorial Stadium (6,500)
Christopher Roellke.....	President.....	Anita Olson Gustafson
Ricky Ray.....	Athletic Director	Dee Nichols
Brian Young	Head Coach	Steve Englehart
13-25 (Fourth season)	Head Coach's Record at School.....	5-17 (Third season)
Same	Head Coach's Overall Record.....	75-66
2-0 vs Presbyterian.....	Head Coach Versus Opponent	0-2 vs. Stetson
25.8 (5th).....	Points Per Game (Conference Ranking)	24.4 (6th)
83.8 (11th)	Rushing Yards Per Game (Conference Ranking)	123.1 (5th)
273.5 (1st)	Passing Yards Per Game (Conference Ranking)	219.1 (4th)
357.3 (3rd).....	Total Yards Per Game (Conference Ranking)	342.3 (6th)
31.7 (10th).....	Points Allowed Per Game (Conference Ranking)	28.4 (7th)
176.3 (8th)	Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game (Conference Ranking).....	117.6 (1st)
187.7 (6th)	Passing Yards Allowed Per Game (Conference Ranking).....	229.0 (10th)
363.8 (8th).....	Total Yards Allowed Per Game (Conference Ranking)	346.6 (7th)

SERIES HISTORY

Series Record (Streak):	3-8-2 (W3)
at Stetson (Streak):	1-2-1 (W1)
at Presbyterian (Streak):	2-4-1 (W2)
Neutral Sites (Streak):	0-2 (L2)
First Meeting:	L 6-7 on Nov. 24, 1938 (Neutral)
Last Meeting:	W 28-24 on Oct. 7, 2023 (Away)

All game times are Eastern Standard Time.
* Indicates conference opponent



FOLLOW THE HATTERS

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.GoHatters.com

BY THE NUMBERS

2/5

Fabian Baez and Aanjay Feliciano both caught two touchdown passes in the loss to Davidson last week. The duo has recorded 5 TDs each this season.

6

The Hatters threw for 436 yards and six touchdown passes last week. Brady Meitz and Trip Maxwell each tossed three.

48

The amount of points Stetson scored in last Saturday's loss to Davidson. It's the most points scored this season and most since Nov. 5, 2022 (a 48-56 2OT loss to Davidson).

49

The number of days since Stetson last played at Spec Martin Stadium. It was a 35-0 win over Warner. The home game against Valparaiso was postponed due to Hurricane Milton.

455.8

The total driving distance (mi) from Clinton, S.C. to Spec Martin Stadium, home of the Hatters, where Saturday's game will take place.

A STETSON WIN WOULD ...

- give Stetson their third win of the season;
- put the Hatters at 4-8-2 all-time versus Presbyterian;
- be the 14th win as a collegiate head coach for Head Coach **Brian Young**;
- put Stetson at 21-55-2 against the current PFL;
- give Stetson an 11-9 record at home under Coach Young;
- give Stetson a 32-66 record against out-of-state teams since 2013;

A STETSON LOSS WOULD ...

- hand the Hatters their fifth loss of the season;
- be the fourth straight season with five or more losses;
- put Stetson at 3-9-2 all-time against Presbyterian;
- knock Stetson down to 20-56-2 against the current PFL;
- put Stetson 31-67 against out-of-state teams since the program's revival;

POLLS



PRESEASON COACHES POLL

RK	TEAM	POINTS
1.	Drake (8)	98
2.	St. Thomas (1)	87
3.	Davidson (1)	81
4.	Butler	72
5.	San Diego (1)	67
6.	Dayton	49
7.	Presbyterian	39
8.	Marist	37
9.	Morehead State	35
10.	Valparaiso	22
11.	Stetson	18

HATTERS ON THE AIR

Five of the Hatters' home games will be streamed live on ESPN+. Games that are scheduled to be video streamed can be found on the football schedule page at www.GoHatters.com.

Live Stats will be available for every game this season as well which can be found in the same location.

WHAT IS A HATTER?

The unlikely combination of a famous hat manufacturer and a university produced a novel nickname for Stetson University. The athletic teams are called "Hatters," reflecting the university's association with John B. Stetson, maker of the well-known Stetson hats. It all began in 1883 when Henry DeLand founded the DeLand Academy. Three years later, after a disastrous freeze affecting the citrus industry left DeLand in financial distress, Stetson, who had a winter home in DeLand, became interested in the school. At DeLand's request, Stetson was made chairman of the Board of Trustees in 1889 and the university was renamed in his honor. Stetson University fielded the first football team in Florida in 1901. The name "Hatter" was used then and is still in use today.

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	GP	COMP-ATT-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD	LONG	AVG./G
Brady Meitz	4	94-165-5	1203	56.97	13	45	300.75
Trip Maxwell	5	23-51-4	252	45.10	4	71	50.40

RUSHING	GP	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	LONG	AVG./G
Malik Dryden	6	41	172	4.2	1	14	28.67
Trey Clark	6	39	154	3.9	1	34	25.67
Donovan Snyder	5	34	131	3.9	0	18	26.20

RECEIVING	GP	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG	AVG./G
Fabian Baez	6	27	380	14.07	5	45	63.33
Ronnel Johnson	5	20	311	15.55	2	71	62.20
Dalton Bailey	6	16	281	17.56	4	42	46.83
Brayden Miller	6	15	211	14.07	1	45	35.17

TACKLES	GP	SOLO	ASSISTED	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	SACKS/YDS	INT/FF
Kyle Elphick	6	22	33	55	6.0-26	4.0-22	0-1
Andrew Martin	6	9	32	41	5.5-17	2.0-12	-
Lumpy DeWeese	6	23	10	33	2.0-8	0-0	-
Trey Lockhart	6	18	13	31	0.5-1	0-0	0-1
Carter Gaskins	5	11	17	28	3.5-14	1.0-12	0-1



2024 STETSON FOOTBALL ROSTER AND PRONUNCIATION



No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School/Previous School
0	Aanjay Felciano	WR	JR	6'1"	211	Robesonia, PA	Conrad Weiser
0	Nikkem Reynolds	DB	JR	5'11"	205	Orlando, FL	Dr. Phillips
1	Micah Adams	DB	R-SR	6'2"	178	Palmdale, CA	Paraclete
1	Ronnel Johnson	WR	SO	6'0"	177	McDonough, GA	Eagles Landing
2	Jeremiah Giedrys	WR	GR	6'1"	195	Fernandina Beach, FL	Fernandina Beach/Florida State
2	Braden Turner	DB	SO	5'9"	197	Marksville, LA	Mayde Creek
3	Anthony Benzija	QB	SO	6'4"	220	Oviedo, FL	Hagerty
4	Douglas Williams III	DB	JR	5'7"	169	Los Angeles, CA	Heritage Christian School/Glendale CC
5	Alijah Alexander	DL	SO	6'4"	287	Savannah, GA	Benedictine
5	Wyatt Rogers	WR	SO	5'11"	189	Ponte Vedra, FL	Ponte Vedra
6	Andrew Martin	LB	SO	6'0"	217	McDonough, GA	McDonough
8	Kaleb Coster	TE	JR	6'3"	255	Maui, HI	Mainland
8	Trey Lockhart Jr.	DB	GR	6'0"	182	Madison, AL	Bob Jones/Delta State
9	Jayden Jefferson	DB	SO	5'6"	160	Dallas, TX	Mansfield
9	Brady Meitz	QB	R-SO	6'1"	185	Cumming, GA	North Forsyth
10	Ashton Goll	WR	JR	5'9"	182	Milton, WI	Milton/ West Hills CC
10	RJ Williams	DB	SR	6'0"	200	Madison, FL	Madison County
11	Kyle Elphick	LB	SO	6'2"	226	Roswell, GA	Fellowship Christian
11	Trip Maxwell	QB	SO	6'2"	207	Flowood, MS	Hartfield Academy/South Alabama/Holmes CC
12	Matt O'Connor	QB	GR	6'2"	200	Narbeth, PA	Lower Merion/Villanova
13	Fabian Baez	WR	JR	6'3"	212	Schaumburg, IL	Schaumburg/DuPage
13	Zion Griffin	DB	SO	6'1"	193	Pooler, GA	New Hampstead
14	Beau Bankston	WR	R-FR	6'3"	197	Houston, TX	Mayde Creek
14	Eli Durden	LB	R-FR	6'3"	212	Jacksonville Beach, FL	Fletcher
16	Bo Gaines	P	SO	5'11"	188	Watkinsville, GA	Oconee County
18	Jacob Turbidy	DB	SO	6'0"	198	Frisco, TX	John Paul II
18	James Yoest	RB	R-FR	5'10"	175	Washington, D.C.	Yorktown
19	Gunner Chenier	QB	FR	6'2"	228	Sugar Land, TX	Clements
19	Julian Sampson	DB	SO	5'10"	186	Naperville, IL	Naperville North
20	Trey Clark	RB	FR	5'9"	200	Sanford, FL	Seminole
20	Noah Schwartz	DB	SO	6'0"	178	San Antonio, TX	Winston Churchill/Butler
21	Lumpy DeWeese	DB	SO	5'11"	175	Pensacola, FL	Gulf Breeze
22	Zarrion Robinson	DB	JR	6'3"	194	Madison, FL	Madison County
22	Donovan Snyder	RB	GR	5'9"	198	Mishawaka, IN	Mishawaka/Wabash
23	Caleb Harvey	DB	SO	6'2"	198	Richland, WA	Cantrel Georgia Technical College
23	Joe Ziegler	RB	FR	5'8"	223	Sarasota, FL	Sarasota
24	Simeon White II	DB	SO	5'11"	167	Crestview, FL	Crestview
25	Joshua Banks	DB	FR	5'9"	173	McDonough, GA	Eagles Landing Christian Academy
25	Austin Hill	WR	GR	6'2"	192	Muncie, IN	Yorktown/Ball State
26	Will Cornwall	DB	FR	5'9"	188	Ankeny, IA	Ankeny
26	Marvin Duffey Jr.	RB	FR	5'7"	192	Glenn Heights, TX	
27	Chachi Perez	DB	SO	5'10"	200	La Verne, CA	Damien
28	Jaden Dailey	RB	FR	5'8"	198	Kingsland, GA	Camden County
28	Nathan Jean	DB	FR	5'10"	157	Miami Gardens, FL	Western
30	Mohamed Toure	DB	FR	5'9"	173	Tampa, FL	Robinson
31	Cooper Aurilia	DB	SO	5'11"	193	Coral Springs, FL	Calvary Christian Academy
32	Malik Dryden	RB	FR	5'10"	202	Flowery Branch, GA	Flowery Branch
33	Almari Brown	RB	R-FR	5'7"	171	Lutz, FL	Carrollwood Day School
34	Carter Gaskins	LB	SO	5'11"	219	Springfield, VA	West Springfield/Fork Union Military Academy
35	Corrado Desantis	DB	FR	6'1"	188	Jupiter, FL	William T. Dwyer
36	Joshua Brown	DB	FR	5'9"	186	Cocoa, FL	Cocoa
38	Marven Simeus	DB	SO	5'10"	195	Naples, FL	Gulf Coast
40	Damontez McDowell	LB	FR	5'10"	220	Bradenton, FL	Manatee
41	Shug Bentley	LB	SO	5'11"	224	Atlanta, GA	St. Pius X Catholic
47	Brett Kuczynski	LS	R-FR	5'11"	248	New Smyrna Beach, FL	New Smyrna Beach
51	Jhoel Robinson	LB	SO	5'9"	216	Orange Park, FL	Fleming Island
52	Mason Scott	OL	FR	6'1"	280	Long Beach, FL	Millikan
53	Gavin Peacock	DL	SO	5'11"	250	West Palm Beach, FL	Monarch
54	Jalen Foster	OL	FR	6'0"	270	Auburn, AL	Auburn HS
55	Victor Santana	DL	R-FR	6'3"	238	Columbia, MD	Oakland Mills
57	Wesley Choate	LS	SO	5'9"	203	Bradenton, FL	Manatee
58	Barrett Kennedy	LB	R-FR	6'1"	220	Frisco, TX	Wakeland
59	Brysson Stouffer	OL	SO	6'1"	198	Miami, FL	Columbus
60	Matthew Stewart	OL	R-FR	6'3"	285	Miami, FL	Monsignor Edward Pace
61	Keith Walker	OL	FR	5'9"	347	Deltona, FL	Deltona



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63	Rowan Collins	OL	SO	6'1"	310	Jacksonville, FL	Christ's Church Academy
64	Foster Houlton	OL	SO	6'3"	255	Orlando, FL	Bishop Moore Catholic
65	Richard Dennis	OL	FR	6'1"	340	Seffner, FL	Armwood
66	Dawson Harrington	OL	R-FR	6'7"	315	Olathe, KS	Olathe South
68	Jonathan Stark	OL	FR	6'3"	326	Riverview, FL	Riverview
69	Vincent Chen	OL	FR	6'7"	315	DeLand, FL	DeLand
72	Charles Thorpe III	OL	SO	6'3"	303	Suwanee, GA	North Gwinnett
74	Eric Brust Jr.	OL	SO	6'3"	320	Palmetto, FL	Palmetto
75	Colton Lewis	OL	SO	6'6"	270	Frisco, TX	Wakeland
77	Conal Walsh	OL	SO	6'4"	297	Pompano Beach, FL	Cardinal Gibbons
78	Cayden Trent	OL	FR	6'2"	324	Plantation, FL	American Heritage
79	Gabe Snyder	OL	SO	6'8"	300	DeLand, FL	DeLand
81	Jacque Holley	WR	SO	5'9"	133	Locust Grove, GA	Eagle's Landing Christian Academy
82	Brayden Miller	WR	SO	5'10"	174	Maitland, FL	Bishop Moore
83	Malachi Lonnon	WR	FR	5'10"	154	Savannah, GA	New Hampstead
85	Daniel Holbrook	K	SO	5'8"	215	Annapolis, MD	DeMatha Catholic
86	Dalton Bailey	WR	JR	6'0"	180	Buhl, AL	Sipsey Valley/Cal Poly
87	Wyatt Bailey	WR	FR	5'10"	170	Buhl, AL	Sipsey Valley
89	Ashton Reynolds	WR	FR	6'0"	183	Saint Johns, FL	Creekside
90	Logan Marise	K	FR	6'1"	200	Niceville, FL	Niceville
90	Andrew Thompson	DL	JR	6'0"	216	Apopka, FL	Orangewood Christian
94	Steven Oberst	DL	FR	6'4"	290	Jupiter, FL	Jupiter/Naval Prep Academy
95	Jabriel Muhammad	DL	SO	5'11"	220	Stockbridge, GA	Woodland/St. Francis
96	Daniel Marsh	DL	SO	6'5"	220	Miami, FL	Northwestern
98	Abram Fofana	DL	FR	6'2"	332	Orlando, FL	Lake Nona
99	Renardo Lewis	DL	SO	5'11"	291	Marietta, GA	Wheeler

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Brian Young (4th Season)

Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach: Sheldon Cross (1st Season)

Offensive Line: Mike Maloney (2nd Season)

Wide Receivers/Special Teams Coordinator: Domonique Young (2nd Season)

Running Backs/Video Coordinator: Hayden Guyse (1st Season)

Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Safeties: Darrin Hayes (2nd Season)

Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator: Jeremy Perkovich (7th Season)

Cornerbacks Coach: Camden Trice (1st Season)

SUPPORT STAFF

Director of Football Operations: Brandon Wright (6th Season)

Senior Associate Athletic Trainer: Kevin Tarpey, MS, LAT, ATC (3rd Season)

Assistant Athletic Trainer: Abigail Bertram, MS, LAT, ATC (3rd Season)

Assistant Athletic Trainer: Devynn Galloway, MAT, LAT, ATC (2nd Season)

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach: Tom Melton (4th Season)

Assistant Director of Communications: Ryan Marks (2nd Season)

Alijah Alexander Uh-lie-juh
 Kael Alexander like kale
 Cooper Aurilia O-ril-ee-uh
 Anthoyn Benzija Ben-zee-uh
 Eric Brust Bruh-st
 Gunner Chenier Chin-yay
 Jaxson Dicus Die-kuhs
 Colin Douthit Dow-thit
 Malik Dryden Muh-leek
 Aanjay Feliciano Ahn-jay
 Jeremiah Giedrys Ghee-dris
 Jacque Holley like jockey
 Conal Walsh Con-uhl
 Gavin Rupp Ruhp

Mohamed Toure Tour-ay
 Foster Houlton Hole-ton
 Ronnel Johnson Ron-ehl
 Brett Kuczynski Kuh-zin-ski
 Malachi Lonnon Lon-uhn
 Logan Marise Mah-reese
 Brady Meitz like mites
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 Steven Oberst Ah-burst
 Nikeem Reynolds Nick-eem
 Zarrion Robinson Zare-eon
 Brysson Stouffer Stow-fer
 Joe Ziegler Zig-gler

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE

21 Different States

FL: 53; GA: 20; TX: 10; AL: 5; DMV: 4 (DC: 1; MD: 2; VA: 1); CA: 3; IL: 2; IN: 2; PA: 2; TN: 2; HI: 1; IA: 1; KS: 1; LA: 1; MS: 1; NY: 1; SC: 1; WA: 1; WI: 1

GAME NOTES

SECOND HEAD COACH SINCE PROGRAM REVIVAL

Brian Young was named the second head football coach since the programs revival on August 31, 2013 and the tenth in Stetson history.

His story began on the field, as he played defensive back at Georgia Southern University. He earned his B.S. in Parks and Recreation Administration in 1997, laying the foundation for his multifaceted career.

Transitioning to coaching, Young's influence started around 2002 as an assistant with the Georgia Force, marking his initial steps into the world of mentoring.

Around 2003, his expertise caught the attention of the Grand Rapids Rampage, where he focused on coaching defensive backs. This opportunity allowed him to refine his skills in developing key defensive strategies.

His journey in arena football began in 2005, encompassing roles with the Canton Legends and the Grand Rapids Rampage. These experiences expanded his expertise across different facets of the game.

From 2005 to 2009, Young's journey led him to Mississippi College, where he made a lasting impact. Starting as a secondary coach and special teams coordinator, he progressively embraced roles such as recruiting coordinator and eventually defensive coordinator. His development of standout defensive backs and contributions to securing a conference title were noteworthy.

The years 2010 to 2011 marked a transition to Cornell University, where Young assumed the role of defensive backs coach. His stint at Cornell contributed to a robust pass defense ranking within the Ivy League and the development of notable players.

In 2013, Young's path led him back to Stetson University, where he played a central role as the Defensive Coordinator. His contributions helped shape the Hatters' defensive prowess and solidify their reputation in the league.

Young's journey took an exciting turn in 2020 when he joined Georgia Southern as a Strategic Defensive Analyst. His strategic insights were instrumental in the Eagles' success that season, contributing to a remarkable 8-5 record and several notable victories.

Since 2021, Young has come full circle, returning to Stetson University once again. This time, he has taken the reins as the Head Coach, leading the program with a wealth of experience and a dynamic approach.

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

- Reigning PFL Freshman DPOTY Andrew Martin earned a spot on the PFL Preseason team after being named an honorable mention on the ALL-PFL team in 2023.

- Martin was also named a First Team member of the Pioneer League 2024 Preseason All-Conference Teams published by Phil Steele.

- Last year's PFL Freshman OPOTY, Ronnel Johnson, was left off the Preseason Team, however, after a dominant finish to the 2023 season.

- He was, however, named a Second Team member of the Pioneer League 2024 Preseason All-Conference Teams published by Phil Steele.

- Rounding out Preseason honors, offensive lineman Dawson Harrington was named to the Phil Steele Third Team All-Preseason Team.

CONFERENCE AWARDS YEARS

Donald Payne (3)	Defensive POTY	2014-16
Colby Duncan	Defensive POTY	2019
Brady Meitz	Freshman OPOTY	2022
Ronnel Johnson	Freshman OPOTY	2023
Andrew Martin	Freshman DPOTY	2023

- Five players have won a major conference award either on offensive or defensive. Safety Donald Payne became the first 3x major award winner in PFL history, winning the Defensive Player of the Year award in 2014, 2015 and 2016. DB Colby Duncan became the second Hatter to win DPOTY honors in 2019. Stetson's first offensive award winner came in 2022 when Brady Meitz was named Freshman Offensive Player of the Year. In 2023, the Hatters were graced with both Freshman OPOTY and DPOTY as Ronnel Johnson and Andrew Martin took home their respective awards.

NEW HATS

- The Hatters have a total of 51 new players this season, highlighted by 36 true freshman and 15 transfers.

NEW NUMBER, WHO THIS?

- Stetson has had a few returners from last season switch numbers this season.

Offense	2023 #	2024 #
Aanjay Feliciano	7	0
Ronnel Johnson	19	1
Wyatt Rogers	80	5

Defense	2023 #	2024 #
Nikkem Reynolds	39	0
Micah Adams	29	1
Braden Turner	38	2
Andrew Martin	36	6
Jayden Jefferson	15	9
RJ Williams	40	10
Andrew Thompson	50	90
Renardo Lewis	92	99

SEASON-OPENER SUCCESS

- Stetson is now 9-3 in season openers since the football program was reinstated at the university.

- Stetson is now 8-2 in season openers at home inside Spec Martin Stadium, including a 31-3 win over Warner in the program's first game back in 2013.

- The last time the Hatters opened the season on the road, Stetson went to Fairfield, Connecticut in 2017, but fell to the Sacred Heart Pioneers 42-3.

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
08/31/13	Warner	W, 31-3
08/30/14	at Warner	W, 31-16
09/05/15	Webber International	W, 42-13
09/03/16	Sacred Heart	L, 14-18
09/02/17	at Sacred Heart	L, 3-42
09/01/18	Point	W, 48-7
09/07/19	Louisiana College	W, 58-13
03/13/20	Davidson	L, 20-26
09/04/21	Warner	W, 54-14
09/01/22	Concordia (Mich.)	W, 24-14
09/02/23	St. Thomas (Fla.)	W, 34-33 OT
08/31/24	Ave Maria	W, 41-3

NEW SEASON, NEW FOES

- For the first time in program history, the Hatters will take on the Harvard Crimson in Massachusetts on Sept. 21.

- While the two have met in prior years, the Stetson Hatters and Furman Paladins have not played each other since October 11, 1952 when Stetson won 25-14 in DeLand.

FIRST-TIME OPPONENTS IN 2024

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
09/21/24	at Harvard	1:00 PM

• When playing a first time opponent, the Hatters trail 10-13 since the program was revitalized in 2013.

14TH MEETING WITH THE BLUE HOSE

• Stetson and Presbyterian will meet for the 14th time in series history on Saturday.

• The Hatters currently hold a 3-8-2 record over the Blue Hose while riding a three-game win streak.

• Last year, the Hatters defeated Presbyterian 28-24 for their lone win in conference play.

• The two first met back on November 24, 1938 when the Blue Hose defeated the Hatters 6-7.

PRESBYTERIAN AND THE PFL

• Stetson's three wins over the Blue Hose are the program's third most wins over a conference opponent, trailing Davidson (6) and Morehead State (4).

• Stetson currently holds a 20-55-2 record against the current PFL while they still search for wins over St. Thomas and San Diego, the latter the Hatters play later in the season.

NEW LOOK IN 2024

• The Hatters looked to strengthen their coaching staff this offseason and they did exactly that, adding two new hires to begin the season.

• **Sheldon Cross**, a record breaking, offensive play caller becomes the Stetson Hatters Offensive Coordinator/QB coach, bringing his Air Raid Offense from Cal Poly.

• **Camden Trice** enters his first season for the Hatters as an assistant coach. Trice previously held the roles of Director of Football Operations and assistant linebackers coach on the Northeastern State football coaching staff.

BRADY AND THE BUNCH

• Last season, both Brady and O'Connor saw action for the Hatters in the back field.

• Graduate QB Matt O'Connor played in 10 games to Brady Meitz's nine.

• O'Connor completed 102 passes for 1357 yards while tossing six touchdowns to seven interceptions.

• Meitz completed 99 passes for 1297 yards and nine touchdowns and seven interceptions as well.

• Both QB's also rushed for a touchdown last season and they each also threw for a long of 62 yards.

• O'Connor threw for 2 touchdowns in three games last season while Meitz tossed three touchdowns against Davidson and San Diego.

• Sophomore Trip Maxwell impressed in the loss to Davidson. The transfer QB threw for 156 yards and three touchdowns.

• Sophomore QB Anthony Benzija rushed for a 51 yard gain on a carry against St. Thomas before finding the endzone for the first time against Davidson.

RECORD BREAKING RASSIE

• One positive of last season was long time Stetson defensive back, Rassie Littlejohn, setting the interception record at Stetson.

• With three interceptions on the season, Littlejohn set a new record with 17 career INTs.

• His goal line INT against Valparaiso secured his place ahead of the previous record holder, Chris Atkins, who held 16 through 2013-16.

DALTON'S DEBUT

• In his first game as a Stetson Hatter, Dalton Bailey racked up 157 yards on eight receptions.

• He reeled in a pair of touchdown passes from QB Brady Meitz.

• His 157 yards are the most by a Hatters' receiver in an season-opener and most by a Hatter in their debut.

• He is now tied for 8th in program history for yards in a game.

• It was ranked tied for 7th but fellow wideout Fabian Baez surpassed him with 164 yards the following game against Warner.

MARTIN MANIA

• After taking home the PFL Freshman Defensive Player of the Year, Andrew Martin returned to DeLand for another season.

• Martin finished the 2023 season with 62 tackles including a sack and 3.5 tackles for loss.

• In the season-opener, Martin recorded eight tackles, five of which were assisted.

• Martin tallied a pair of sacks in the win over Warner, coming on back-to-back plays in the third quarter.

THE MIGHTY MEITZ

• During the 2023 season, Meitz completed 99 passes for 1297 yards and nine touchdowns with seven interceptions as well.

• In his first start of the new campaign under OC Sheldon Cross, Meitz completed 68% of his passes for 338 yards and three touchdowns.

• It was his most passing yards in a game since throwing for 379 and six touchdowns against Davidson on Nov. 5, 2022

• The junior QB has now thrown for 730 yards and eight touchdowns in his first two starts.

• He threw for 392 yards and five touchdown passes in the 35-0 win over Warner.

• He connected with Fabian Baez three times in the end zone against Warner, tying a single-game high.

• Meitz has thrown for two or more touchdowns in each of his first four games played this season as he has thrown 13 TD passes to 5 INT.

PIONEER FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS

• For the first time in his career, sophomore kicker Daniel Holbrook was named PFL Special Teams Player of the Week for Week 1.

• The Annapolis native went 2-for-3 on field goal attempts, including a 44-yarder as time expired in the first half.

• Holbrook also made all five of his point after attempts.

• He handled kickoff duties as well, kicking it seven times for 415 yards and a touchback.

• The following week, linebacker Kyle Elphick took home the PFL Defensive Player of the Week award.

• The sophomore from Roswell, GA, finished the game with 14 tackles, three sacks and a PB.

• His three sacks tied Davion Belk and Fermon Reid for a single-game high.

• Last season, the Hatters won one weekly award as LB Diego Davis won Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 10, 2023.

• Davis had seven tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble in win over Webber Int'l.

A PROGRAM FIRST

• First the first time in the new era of Stetson Football, the Hatters shutout an opponent. They held Warner scoreless on their way to a 35-0 win in week 2.

HATTERS IN THE PROS

- After signing as an undrafted free agent with the Detroit Lions in 2019, Donald Parham Jr. found success during a three year stint with the Los Angeles Chargers.
- Parham is coming off his best season in the NFL, playing in 14 games, starting eight, he racked up 285 yards and four touchdowns.
- In the offseason, Parham packed his things for the Mile High City, signing with the Denver Broncos' practice squad.
- 3x PFL Defensive Player of the Year Donald Payne will look to return to the Arlington Renegades of the UFL.
- The former Hatter won an XFL championship with the Renegades in 2023 after leading the USFL in tackles with the Houston Gamblers the season before.