

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

2002 ORANGEMEN

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ORANGE SLICES

The Coach

Syracuse: Paul Pasqualoni
Overall Record: 129-64-1
Year as a head coach: 17th
Record at SU: 95-47-1
Year at SU: 12th
BIG EAST Record: 56-26

Attendance in 2002

Syracuse averaged 42,259 fans for six home games in 2002, an increase from the average of 41,103 in 2001 ... In 2002, a total of 253,556 watched SU in the Carrier Dome, which is close to 7,000 more than the 2001 total of 246,619 ... The BIG EAST Conference set a league record with more than 2.3 million fans at its games in 2002.

Honors for the Orange

Clifton Smith

- All-BIG EAST Second Team
- All-ECAC First Team

Louis Gachelin

- All-BIG EAST Second Team
- All-ECAC Honorable Mention

David Tyree

- All-BIG EAST Second Team

Jamel Riddle

- All-BIG EAST Second Team (wide receiver and punt returner)
- All-ECAC Honorable Mention

Steve Gregory

- Freshman All-American (FWAA)
- Freshman All-America Second Team (The Sporting News)

(see page 2 for more detail)

Seniors Selected for All-Star Games

Three standout seniors were selected for postseason all-star games, including middle linebacker **Clifton Smith** (Freeport, N.Y.) for the 2003 Senior Bowl, and **Chris Davis** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Will Hunter** (Chester, Pa.) for the 2003 Rotary Gridiron Classic ... Smith is the 46th SU senior selected to play in the Senior Bowl since 1954 ... Seven other Orangemen have played in the Gridiron Classic since its inception in 1999.

SEASON WRAP-UP

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Smith Caps Big Season with Honors

Senior Clifton Smith (Freeport, N.Y.) earned All-BIG EAST Second Team and ECAC First Team All-Star honors for his 2002 performance ... In addition, Smith was selected to play in the 2003 Senior Bowl ... Smith etched his name in the SU and BIG EAST record books ... He ranks fifth in career tackles (405), third in tackles for a loss (36) and sixth in solo tackles (244) on the SU all-time lists ... Smith's 15 tackles for a loss this season was the second-most on the team and ties for fifth in the BIG EAST ... The 15 TFLs rank fourth on the SU single-season record list ... Smith ranks third on the SU all-time list, and is first among linebackers, with 36 tackles for a loss of 87 yards ... His 89 solo tackles this season ties for the ninth-highest single-season total with Antwaune Ponds (1997) and ranked 12th nationally in 2002 ... For more about Smith, please see page 7.



**Clifton
Smith**

Reyes Etches Name in Record Book

Sophomore tailback Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio) set the SU record for the most rushing touchdowns in one season with 17, which is the second-highest single-season TD total and put his name on nine other SU top 10 lists:

- 1,135 rushing yards ranks fourth single season and is second all-time by a sophomore
- 6.2 yards per carry tied for sixth single season and is fifth on career list
- Six 100-yard rushing games tied for third single season and tied for 10th on career list
- Three TDs in three different games tied for fifth on the single-game record list
- His 89-yard TD run against Rutgers tied for the eighth longest run in SU history

For more on Reyes' standout 2002 season, please see page nine.



**Walter
Reyes**

2002 Schedule & Results (4-8 overall, 2-5 BIG EAST)

		Stadium (Capacity)	Attend.	W/L	Score
August					
29	at Brigham Young	LaVell Edwards Stadium (65,000)	65,612	L	21-42
September					
7	NORTH CAROLINA	CARRIER DOME (49,550)	39,444	L	22-30
14	RHODE ISLAND	CARRIER DOME (49,550)	43,089	W	63-17
	<i>Take a Kid to the Game Day</i>				
21	OPEN				
28	at Auburn (ARV/25)	Jordan-Hare Stadium (86,063)	83,667	L	34-37 3OT
October					
5	PITTSBURGH *	CARRIER DOME (49,550)	39,947	L	24-48
	<i>Homecoming/Varsity Club Weekend</i>				
12	at Temple *	Veterans Stadium (66,592)	17,220	L	16-17
19	at West Virginia *	Mountaineer Field (63,500)	45,088	L	7-34
26	RUTGERS *	CARRIER DOME (49,550)	37,158	W	45-14
November					
2	at Central Florida	Florida Citrus Bowl (70,188)	24,043	W	38-35
9	#8/7 VIRGINIATECH *	CARRIER DOME (49,550)	48,239	W	50-42 3OT
	<i>Parent's Weekend/Salvation Army Dome Donation Day</i>				
16	at BostonCollege *	Alumni Stadium (45,000)	36,221	L	20-41
23	OPEN				
30	#1/1 MIAMI *	CARRIER DOME (49,550)	45,679	L	7-49

* Denotes BIG EAST Conference game

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SU Among Nation's Best in Blocked Kicks

SU blocked seven kicks (five field goals and two punts) in 2002, which tied for fifth nationally and was tied with Virginia Tech for the top mark in the BIG EAST ... Redshirt freshman Steve Gregory (Staten Island, N.Y.) put his name in SU's record book, tying the single season record with three blocked kicks ... He blocked kicks against Temple, Central Florida and Miami ... The SU field-goal block team made two key plays in the win at UCF ... SU blocked two field goals in a game for the first time since the statistic started being kept in 1969 ... Senior cornerback Latroy Oliver (Hartford, Conn.) batted away the first attempt in the first quarter ... The kick would have put the Golden Knights ahead, 17-0 ... Gregory swatted the would-be game-tying field goal with less than three minutes remaining in the game ... Junior linebacker Rich Scanlon (Oradell, N.J.) recovered the kick and returned it 28 yards ... Sophomore Jeremiah Mason (Chester, Pa.) blocked the potential game-winner in overtime at Auburn.

2002 NCAA Blocked Kick Leaders

1. Louisville	12
2. North Carolina State	10
3. Georgia	9
4. Texas	8
Boise State	8
6. Syracuse	7
Kansas State	7
Virginia Tech	7
Bowling Green	7
Georgia	7
Kentucky	7
UL Lafayette	7

2002 BIG EAST Blocked Kick Leaders

1. Syracuse	7
Virginia Tech	7
3. Rutgers	6
4. Pittsburgh	4
West Virginia	4
6. Miami	3
7. Boston College	1
Temple	1

Several Orangemen Honored for 2002 Performance

Clifton Smith (Freeport, N.Y.) – Linebacker
All-BIG EAST Second Team • All-ECAC • 2003 Senior Bowl
CNN-SI Honorable Mention All-American • All-BIG EAST (*The Sporting News*)



Clifton Smith



Jamel Riddle



Steve Gregory



Louis Gachelin



David Tyree

Smith finished the 2002 season ranked 20th nationally and led the BIG EAST in tackles with 11.42 per game ... Smith finished his career ranked fifth on SU's all-time tackles list and fifth in BIG EAST conference history with 405 stops ... He paced the Orange and the BIG EAST with 137 tackles in 2002 ... His 89 solo stops tied for ninth on SU's single-season record list and ranked 12th nationally ... Smith ranks sixth on SU's career solo tackles record list with 244.

Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.) – Wide Receiver and Punt Returner

All-BIG EAST Second Team • All-ECAC Honorable Mention

Riddle caught 41 passes for a team-leading 626 yards and five touchdowns ... His 56.9 receiving yards per game was the fourth-best in the BIG EAST and 91st in the nation ... He was third in the conference and 24th in the nation with 23 punt returns for 316 yards (13.7 yards per return) ... Riddle was named the Co-BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week after he returned two punts for 90 yards against Auburn, including an 85-yard touchdown return.

Steve Gregory (Staten Island, N.Y.) – Cornerback

Scripps/FWAA Freshman All-American • The Sporting News 2002 Freshman All-America Second Team

Gregory finished the season ranked fourth nationally, and first among freshmen, in passes defended with 21, including two interceptions and 19 breakups ... His passes defended total led the BIG EAST ... Against North Carolina, Gregory set a school record with six passes defended in his second collegiate game and his 21 passes defended ranks second on SU's single-season record list ... He finished the season with 56 tackles, including 49 solo stops. Gregory also recovered two fumbles ... Gregory put his name in SU's record book on special teams, as well, tying the single season record with three blocked kicks ... In addition, Gregory averaged 22.1 yards per kickoff return, taking 17 kicks back for 376 yards ... He ranked 54th nationally and sixth in the BIG EAST in kickoff returns ... His 149 kickoff return yards against North Carolina ranks fourth on SU's single-game record list ... Gregory was also named to the magazine's BIG EAST All-Freshman Team.

Louis Gachelin (Miami, Fla.)

All-BIG EAST Second Team • All-ECAC Honorable Mention

Gachelin led SU and finished sixth in the conference with a career-high 8.5 sacks ... For the season, Gachelin had 10 quarterback hurries, forced three fumbles and 17 of his 48 tackles went for a loss ... His 17 tackles-for-loss ranked fifth in the BIG EAST ... He posted career-highs against Pittsburgh with two sacks, seven tackles and one forced fumble.

David Tyree (Montclair, N.J.)

All BIG EAST Second Team

Tyree was named to the offensive second team ... The 2002 SU co-captain caught 36 passes for 559 yards and three touchdowns, including nine catches for 229 yards in a 50-42 victory against eighth-ranked Virginia Tech ... His 15.5 yards per catch led SU and ranked fourth in the conference ... His 56.6 receiving yards per game ranked seventh in the BIG EAST.

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SU Recovers Fumbles

SU recovered 18 fumbles in 2002, which tied for seventh in SU history and ties for fourth nationally this year.

SU Single-Season Fumble Recoveries Record List

1.	24	1952
2.	22	1963
3.	21	1950
4.	19	1978
	19	1975
	19	1958
7.	18	2002
	18	1961
	18	1954
10.	17	2001
	17	1969

Fighting Back

In two consecutive weeks SU overcame an early deficit to pull out a win ... SU trailed Virginia Tech, 14-3, at the end of the first quarter, but won 50-42 in triple overtime, and trailed UCF, 27-24, at the start of the fourth quarter, but won, 38-35 ... It was SU's first fourth-quarter comeback since erasing a 20-17 deficit for a 31-27 victory at WVU in 2000 ... SU fell behind UCF, 21-3, in the second quarter ... It was SU's largest come-from-behind win since defeating Virginia Tech, 28-26, in 1998 (VT led 21-3 at the half).

Orange Good in the Red

SU was one of five teams in the BIG EAST with a red zone efficiency of more than 80 percent ... The Orangemen converted 41-of-51 (.804) opportunities from inside the opponents' 20-yard line, including 33 TDs ... Miami is first with an 89.2 conversion percentage (58-of-65).

O-Line Leads Productive Rushing Game

*Romeo Named a 2002
Verizon/CoSIDA
Academic All-America
District I Football Team
selection*

The offensive line of juniors Nick Romeo (Tarpon Springs, Fla.) and Kevin Sampson (Westwood, N.J.), sophomores Adam Terry (Queensbury, N.Y.) and Matt Tarullo (Albany, N.Y.), and senior Erik Kaloyanides (Reading, Mass.) helped the Orangemen gain 188.75 rushing yards per game, which ranked 34th in the nation ... SU compiled 201 yards rushing versus the Virginia Tech defense after the Hokies entered the game ranked second in the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 66.8 yards per game ... The unit received the game ball following the win at UCF, paving the way for 197 rushing yards ... Terry returned to the starting lineup after missing the Rutgers game with a concussion ... True freshman Quinn Ojinnaka (Seabrook, Md.) made his first career start, replacing Terry at right tackle versus Rutgers ... Ojinnaka, who played in nine games, is the first true freshman to start on the offensive line during Paul Pasqualoni's tenure ... The last true freshman to earn an offensive line start was Blake Bednarz, the 1986 ECAC Rookie of the Year ... Entering the 2002 season, the Syracuse offensive line had made 26 career starts, 24 of them by Romeo ... Romeo started his 36th consecutive game against Miami ... The offensive line opened holes for 2,265 rushing yards and a 4.3 yards per carry average.



**Nick
Romeo**

Punt Returners Beware

The Syracuse punt coverage team led the nation in opponent punt return average, allowing just 2.5 yards per return ... SU held three opponents to negative return yards and two more to zero return yards ... SU held opponents to just 79 yards on 32 returns ... SU's punt coverage team led the BIG EAST and was seventh in the nation in net punting (38.09 yards per punt play) ... Auburn (the fourth game of the season) was the first team to have any punt return yardage against the Orangemen ... Syracuse pinned opponents at or inside their own 15-yard line 21 times this season, including five times at-or-inside the five.

SU Punt Coverage Game-by-Game			
Opponent	Ret.	Yds.	Avg. Drive Start
BYU	2	0	20
North Carolina	2	-1	26
Rhode Island	1	0	13
Auburn	6	23	35
Pittsburgh	3	9	36
Temple	4	-7	18
West Virginia	4	18	38
Rutgers	2	4	21
UCF	2	29	40
Virginia Tech	1	-2	22
Boston College	1	3	33
Miami	4	3	23
Total	32	79	27

SU Least Penalized Team in the BIG EAST

SU finished the season ranked first in the BIG EAST in least penalty yardage, averaging 46.8 yards per game in penalties ... Opponents averaged 68.9 penalty yards versus Syracuse, which was the second highest total in the league ... SU had just one penalty (a substitution infraction for five yards in the fourth quarter) against Boston College ... The last time an SU team had just one penalty in a game was against West Virginia in 1989 (one penalty for zero yards).

Orange in Overtime

SU's triple overtime victory versus Virginia Tech marked the fifth overtime game for SU since the rule was implemented in 1996 ... SU is 2-3 all-time in overtime, including a 2-1 mark in the Carrier Dome ... SU also played three overtimes earlier this season at Auburn ... It is the first time that Syracuse has played two overtime games in the same season ... SU is the first team in NCAA history to have two games settled in triple overtime in the same season ... In 1996 California had triple and quadruple overtime games.

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Ball Hawks

Syracuse tied for seventh in the nation with 18 fumble recoveries ... SU recovered two fumbles versus Virginia Tech ... Syracuse won the turnover battle for the fifth time this season versus the Hokies ... Since the start of last season, SU is 13-1 when it has more takeaways than giveaways ... The only loss during that stretch was this season at Auburn ... Conversely, SU is 1-7 in that span when losing the turnover battle ... The Orangemen tied for 40th in the nation with 28 takeaways (18 fumble recoveries and 10 interceptions) this season, just two shy of last season's 30 (17 fumble recoveries and 13 interceptions), which was the most by a Paul Pasqualoni-coached team at SU ... The SU single-season record is 42 (24 fumbles recovered and 18 interceptions in 1951).

Taking Care of the Ball

Syracuse extended its streak of wins in games with no turnovers to eight with a victory at Central Florida ... SU was 4-0 last season, 2-0 in 2000 and beat Kentucky in the Music City Bowl in 1999 ... The Orangemen's last turnover-free loss came at Rutgers in 1999.

Effective Use of the Pass

The Orangemen were 13-of-19 for 199 yards and two touchdowns through the air at UCF ... SU has won 40 of its last 42 games when it has attempted 20 or fewer passes ... This streak dates back to 1994 when SU attempted nine passes in a loss to Miami ... SU's 11 passes in the 2002 loss to North Carolina were the fewest attempts in a loss during the streak ... The other loss during the current streak was to Miami in 2001 when SU attempted 20 passes.

Punt Teams Set Themselves Apart from the Pack

Syracuse was one of only six schools in the nation to be ranked in the NCAA top 20 in both net punting and punt returns (Nebraska, Kentucky, Oregon, LSU and Kansas State) ... The Orangemen punt coverage team was seventh in the country in net punting (39.23) and led the nation in average yards per return allowed (2.5) ... The punt return team finished 20th in the nation and second in the BIG EAST, averaging 13.58 yards per return ... Junior **Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.)** finished the season ranked 24th nationally and third the BIG EAST in punt returns, averaging 13.7 yards.

Scoring on Sudden Change

Since the start of the 2000 season, SU has converted 77 opponent turnovers into points 37 times (48.1 percent), including 30 TDs ... SU has converted 18 of the last 39 opponent turnovers into points, including 14 TDs, in their last 14 games (including the Insight.com Bowl) ... Syracuse converted 28 opponent turnovers into eight touchdowns in 2002, including the Orangemen's only defensive touchdown of the season ... **Latroy Oliver's (Hartford, Conn.)** 21-yard fumble return for a score against URI was SU's first fumble return for a TD since **Quentin Harris** took one in from 91 yards out versus Buffalo in 2000 ... In their last five games, the Orangemen scored 24 points off 13 opponent turnovers ... SU scored the eventual game-winning touchdown at UCF following a turnover.

Ground Game Produces Points

Syracuse rushed for 13 touchdowns in the last five games, including its second five-score game of the season against Virginia Tech ... It was the sixth time this season that SU ran for at least three scores ... SU scored 30 rushing touchdowns in 2002, two more than last season's total ... The school record for rushing scores in a season is 34 set in 1998 ... Senior fullback **Chris Davis (Tampa, Fla.)** became the eighth SU player to record a rushing touchdown in 2002 with a two-yard run in the third quarter versus West Virginia ... It is the fourth time during the Paul Pasqualoni Era that eight players have scored at least one rushing touchdown ... It is the seventh time in SU history that eight players have reached the end zone via the rush ... No SU team has ever had nine players score a rushing touchdown in a season ... Sophomore **Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio)** led the team with a school-record 17 rushing scores ... True freshman **Damien Rhodes (Manlius, N.Y.)** had seven rushing touchdowns ... Quarterback **R.J. Anderson (Plainville, Conn.)**, receivers **Johnnie Morant (Parsippany, N.J.)** and **Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.)**, running back **Barry Baker (North Babylon, N.Y.)** and fullback **Darryl Kennedy (Plainfield, N.J.)** also scored rushing TDs in 2002 ... SU has scored 58 of its last 85 touchdowns on rushing plays (68.2 percent).

Thomas, Scanlon and Romeo Earn Academic Honors

Juniors **Nick Romeo (Tarpon Springs, Fla.)**, **Rich Scanlon (Oradell, N.J.)** and **Josh Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y.)** are 2002 Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America District I Football Team selections ... It is the second year in a row for all three to earn the honor ... All three were 2001 BIG EAST Academic All-Stars and have been on the SU Athletic Director's Honor Roll every semester at SU ... Romeo, a three-year



*Nick
Romeo*



*Rich
Scanlon*



*Josh
Thomas*

starter at center, is majoring in mechanical engineering ... He has started every game (36) during his SU career ... Scanlon, a starter at outside linebacker, is majoring in health and exercise science ... Scanlon finished the season with 60 tackles, including 10 for a loss of 38 yards and three sacks, and had one interception, one pass breakup, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble ... Thomas, who is a two-year starter at defensive end, is a psychology major ... Thomas recorded 34 tackles, including seven for a loss and three sacks, and had eight quarterback hurries, five pass breakups, one interception, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble in 2002.

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Orangemen Puts Points on the Board

Syracuse scored 347 points in 12 games in 2002, which ranks seventh on the SU single-season record list ... SU scored at least 30 points in five games and 20 or more points in nine of 12 games ... The 50-point effort versus Virginia Tech improved Paul Pasqualoni's record to 36-0 when the Orangemen score more than 40 in a game.

Offense Sets Total Plays Record

The Syracuse offense set team and BIG EAST conference records by running 100 plays versus Virginia Tech ... The previous SU record was 98 against Kansas in 1959, while the best mark in the league was 98 set by Rutgers against Pittsburgh in 1997 ... SU racked up 604 yards of total offense, the eighth-best total in school history ... It was the ninth time in school history that SU had 600 or more yards of total offense and the first time since 1998 (637 yards versus Cincinnati) ... SU and Virginia Tech combined for 1,163 yards, the highest combined total offense in an SU game since SU and East Carolina gained 1,192 yards in 1992.

Thanks, Seniors!

Eleven seniors played their final game for the Orange against Miami ... The class of 2002 recorded a 27-21 record during their four years at SU ... The class includes: B.J. Darnell (Paducah, Ky.), Chris Davis (Tampa, Fla.), Will Hunter (Chester, Pa.), Erik Kaloyanides (Reading, Mass.), Maurice McClain (Elizabeth, N.J.), Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.), Latroy Oliver (Hartford, Conn.), Mike Shafer (Sarasota, Fla.), Clifton Smith (Freeport, N.Y.), David Tyree (Montclair, N.J.) and Keon Walker (Hoboken, N.J.).

The R & R Boys

Sophomore Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio) and freshman Damien Rhodes (Manlius, N.Y.) continued the Syracuse tradition of having strong running back duos ... The two accounted for five touchdowns against Virginia Tech ... The dynamic duo combined for 1,703 yards, the second-best running back tandem total of the Paul Pasqualoni Era ...

They are only the second running back combination to rush for 1,500 yards since 1991 ... Dee Brown and James Mungro combined for 1,828 yards in 2000 ... Reyes and Rhodes are the first two underclassman running backs to rank first and second on the team in rushing since redshirt sophomore David Walker (730) and true freshman Terry Richardson (320) in 1990.

SU Running Back Tandems Since 1991

	Yards	Year	Players (yards)
1.	1,828	2000	Dee Brown (1,031) & James Mungro (797)
2.	1,703	2002	Walter Reyes (1,135) & Damien Rhodes (568)
3.	1,495	1994	Kirby Dar Dar (853) & Malcom Thomas (642)
4.	1,453	1997	Kyle McIntosh (898) & Dee Brown (555)
5.	1,393	2001	James Mungro (1,170) & Kyle Johnson (223)
6.	1,310	1991	David Walker (969) & Terry Richardson (341)
7.	1,278	1999	Dee Brown (741) & James Mungro (537)
8.	1,252	1996	Malcolm Thomas (891) & Rob Konrad (361)
9.	1,191	1992	David Walker (855) and Terry Richardson (336)
10.	1,159	1998	Kyle McIntosh (742) & Rob Konrad (417)
11.	1,036	1995	Malcolm Thomas (603) and Rob Konrad (433)
12.	873	1993	Terry Richardson (526) & Kirby Dar Dar (347)

SU Produces on First Down

Syracuse gained an average of 4.8 yards per rush when carrying the ball on first down in 2002 ... Sophomore tailback **Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio)** paced the rushing game with an average of 6.1 yards per rush on first down ... He also scored 10 times when carrying the ball on first down ... The Orangemen completed 58-of-94 for 816 yards through the air on first downs ... Out of SU's 2,265 rushing yards this season, 1,388 (61.3 percent) came on first down ... Syracuse averaged 7.6 yards per play on first down versus Virginia Tech (179 yards on 36 rushes and completed 11-of-13 passes for 193 yards) ... The Temple game was the only time that SU threw more than it ran on first down (15 passes, 14 runs).

First Down Rushing Breakdown

Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Walter Reyes	110	667	6.1	10
Damien Rhodes	88	361	4.1	5
R.J. Anderson	21	69	3.3	0
Barry Baker	16	66	4.1	0
Chris Davis	14	32	2.3	1
Troy Nunes	14	35	2.5	0
Thump Belton	8	52	6.5	0
Darryl Kennedy	6	28	4.7	1
Team	5	-7	-1.4	0
Johnnie Morant	2	16	8.0	1
Jamel Riddle	3	38	12.7	1
David Tyree	2	33	16.5	0
Xzavier Gaines	1	-2	-2.0	0
Total	290	1,388	4.8	19

Starters Are Pretty Special

A staple of the special teams units during head coach Paul Pasqualoni's tenure has been offensive and defensive starters ... The SU starters do not shy away from special teams duty ... Nearly every starter on both sides of the ball are regulars or have spent some time on special teams ... Senior wide receiver **David Tyree (Montclair, N.J.)** plays on the kickoff, PAT/field goal block, punt and punt return teams ... Tyree posted 20 special teams tackles this year ... Junior tight end **Joe Donnelly (Rochester, N.Y.)** was a regular on the punt, kickoff and kickoff return teams ... Other starters who made a contribution on at least two special teams included cornerback **Steve Gregory (Staten Island, N.Y.)**, linebacker **Clifton Smith (Freeport, N.Y.)**, linebacker **Jameel Dumas (Roselle, N.J.)**, cornerback **Will Hunter (Chester, Pa.)**, safety **Keon Walker (Hoboken, N.J.)**, safety **O'Neil Scott (Camden, N.J.)**, linebacker **Rich Scanlon (Oradell, N.J.)**, wide receiver **Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.)** and defensive end **Josh Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y.)** ... Eleven others who play on special teams have started at least one game ... The kicking specialists include punter **Mike Shafer (Sarasota, Fla.)**, long snapper **Dave DeAmato (Wilmington, Mass.)** and placekicker **Collin Barber (Lexington, Ky.)**.



David Tyree

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Balancing Act

The Orangemen rushed for 2,265 yards and passed for 2,252 yards in 2002, one of the most balanced teams in head coach Paul Pasqualoni's tenure ... The run game accounted for 50.1 percent of the offense, while the passing attack was 49.9 percent of the offense ... The 1992 team had nearly an even split with 50.89 percent of the squad's 4,769 yards coming via the rush ... The 2002 rushing total is the sixth-best during Pasqualoni's 12 years at SU, while the passing total is the fourth-highest ... SU teams have rushed for more than 2,000 yards in 10 of Pasqualoni's 12 years and have passed for more than 2,000 yards in six of 12 years ... Only twice in the Pasqualoni Era (1997 and 1993) have the Orangemen passed for more yards than they have run.

SU's 2002 Award Winners

Middle linebacker **Clifton Smith** (Freeport, N.Y.) won the Bill Horr Award as the team's most valuable player ... Quarterback **Troy Nunes** (Butler, Pa.) was recognized with the Joe Alexander Award for excellence in football, scholarship and citizenship ... The Ben Schwartzwalder Award for exemplary football player went to wide receiver **David Tyree** (Montclair, N.J.) ... Punter **Mike Shafer** (Sarasota, Fla.) was named the Joe Szombathy Special Teams Award winner for his efforts as SU's punter and kickoff specialist ... Fullback **Chris Davis** (Tampa, Fla.) received the Duffy Daugherty Award as the player's player and the coaches' player ... The Ray Martino Award for loyalty, enthusiasm and perseverance went to free safety **Maurice McClain** (Elizabeth, N.J.) for his remarkable return from injury ... Offensive tackle **Erik Kaloyanides** (Reading, Mass.) received the Pat Miller Award for outstanding athlete, student and citizenship ... Cornerback **Will Hunter** (Chester, Pa.) received the Coach "Mac" Award for intensity, focus, effort and attitude ... Strong safety **Keeon Walker** (Hoboken, N.J.) won the Mark Hoffman Award as the most outstanding back.

SU Extends Passing TD Streak

SU quarterbacks threw for at least one touchdown in eight consecutive games (Rhode Island through Boston College) ... Senior quarterback **Troy Nunes** (Butler, Pa.) threw at least one touchdown pass in four straight games (Rutgers through Boston College) ... Senior receiver **David Tyree** (Montclair, N.J.) had a 40-yard touchdown reception for SU's first touchdown of the game at UCF ... Tyree had three touchdown catches in 2002 ... Sophomore **Jared Jones** (Hillsborough, N.J.) made a 12-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter at UCF ... It was his second touchdown of the season ... Junior **Jamel Riddle** (Meriden, Conn.) led the team with five touchdown catches, including scoring receptions of 60 yards versus Temple and 87 yards versus Rhode Island ... The 87-yarder was the longest passing play for the Orangemen since Donovan McNabb found Quinton Spotwood for a 94-yard touchdown versus East Carolina in 1997 ... The touchdown also tied the third longest passing play in SU history ... Ger Schwedes threw to Ernie Davis for an 87-yard score versus Texas in 1959. ... It was the longest reception of Riddle's career ... SU's initial passing score came after SU tallied its first eight touchdowns of the season on the ground ... It was the first time since 1969 that SU rushed for eight scores before its first passing touchdown ... The 1969 team also rushed for eight touchdowns before its first passing TD in the fourth game against Maryland.



**Troy
Nunes**

SU in the NCAA

INDIVIDUAL

Player	Category	Rank	Statistic
Collin Barber	Field Goals	66th	.92
Steve Gregory	Passes Defended	4th	1.91
	Kickoff Returns	54th	22.12
Troy Nunes	Pass Efficiency	64th	121.06
Walter Reyes	Rushing	41st	94.58
	Scoring	21st	8.67
	Points Responsible For	86th (tie)	8.67
Damien Rhodes	Kickoff Returns	71st	21.04
	All-Purpose Yards	83rd	105.67
Jamel Riddle	Receiving Yards/Game	91st	56.91
	Punt Returns	24th	13.74
Clifton Smith	Total Tackles	20th	11.42
	Solo Tackles	12th	7.42
Keeon Walker	Forced Fumbles	11th (tie)	0.42

TEAM

Rushing	34th	188.75
Passing Offense	79th	187.7
Total Offense	54th	376.42
Scoring Offense	45th	28.86
Rush Defense	85th	171.9
Pass Defense	117th	303.75
Total Defense	113th	475.67
Scoring Defense	98th	33.8
Net Punting	7th	38.09
Punt Returns	20th	13.58
Kickoff Returns	46th	20.70
Turnover Margin	49th (tie)	0.17
Fumbles Recovered	7th (tie)	18
Passes Intercepted	82nd (tie)	10
Fumbles Lost	41st (tie)	11
Passes Had Intercepted	75th (tie)	15
Turnovers Gained	40th (tie)	28
Turnovers Lost	59th (tie)	26
Pass Efficiency	83rd	111.99
Pass Efficiency Defense	112th	151.53

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MEET CLIFTON SMITH

Linebacker • Senior • 6-3 • 251 • Freeport, N.Y.

- 2002 Second Team All-BIG EAST
- 2002 First Team All-BIG EAST (*The Sporting News*)
- 2003 Senior Bowl participant
- 2002 ECAC Division I-A All-Star



Clifton Smith

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Smith in SU's Record Book

Total Tackles - Career

1.	624 (389-235)	Jim Collins	1976, 1978-80
2.	578 (313-265)	Tony Romano	1980-83
3.	536 (270-266)	Rudy Reed	1982-85
4.	442 (308-134)	Antwaune Ponds	1994-97
5.	405 (244-161)	Clifton Smith	1999-02
6.	402 (178-224)	David Bavaro	1986-89
7.	379 (229-150)	Donovin Darius	1994-97
8.	375 (252-123)	Keith Bulluck	1996-99
9.	361 (180-181)	Glen Young	1989-92
10.	349 (149-200)	Mike Zunic	1978-81

Tackles-For-Loss - Career

1.	50-287	Dwight Freeney	1998-01
2.	39-211	Duke Pettijohn	1997-00
3.	36-87	Clifton Smith	1999-02
4.	28-88	Louis Gachelin	2000-
5.	25-102	Antwuan Ponds	1994-97

Smith in the BIG EAST Record Book

Total Tackles - Career

1.	532 (309-223)	Dan Morgan, UM	1997-00
2.	509 (282-227)	Stephen Boyd, BC	1991-94
3.	442 (308-134)	Antwaune Ponds, SU	1994-97
4.	422 (284-138)	Lance Johnston, TU	1992-95
5.	399 (205-194)	George DelRocco, VT	1992-95
6.	405 (244-161)	Clifton Smith	1999-02
7.	394 (248-146)	Kyle Kayden, WVU	1998-01
8.	391 (241-150)	Ray Lewis, UM	1993-95

A Dependable Starter

Smith played in 47 games at SU, starting 44 of them ... A graduate of Freeport High School, Smith followed in the path of former SU captain and current Miami Dolphin Morlon Greenwood, also a Freeport High grad ... SU true freshman linebacker Jerry Mackey also hails from Freeport High School.

Big Play Maker

Smith recorded his first career interception against Boston College ... Smith had a 48-yard fumble return against Auburn ... Against Pitt, he batted a pass that was intercepted by Josh Thomas ... He was also a regular on the punt and punt return teams.

Smith Set to Join Elite Status Among SU Defenders

Clifton Smith became just the sixth SU defender to record 400 career tackles with his fifth tackle against Miami ... He finished with 10 tackles against the Hurricanes ... His eighth tackle against the 'Canes pushed him past David Bavaro (402), into fifth place on the all-time tackles list at SU ... For his career, Smith registered 405 tackles, which ranks fifth in BIG EAST history since the conference began play in 1991 ... Only five players at BIG EAST schools have registered more than 400 tackles since 1991.

Smith Eclipses Career Mark

Smith's 137 tackles is a career high and led SU and the BIG EAST, and ranked 20th nationally ... It is the highest single-season total by an Orangemen since Keith Bulluck had 138 in 1999, and the second-highest single-season total since Glen Young had 140 tackles in 1991 ... His 11.4 tackles per game was also the best in the BIG EAST ... His 7.4 solo stops per game ranked 12th in the country ... He recorded double digits in tackles in 8-of-12 games.

Smith Etches Name on SU All-Time Lists

With his defensive accomplishments this season, Smith surpassed many legends at Syracuse and ascended many all-time and single-season defensive lists ... He ranks fifth in career tackles (405), third in tackles for a loss (36) and sixth in solo tackles (244) on the SU all-time lists ... Smith's 15 tackles for a loss this season was the second-most on the team behind Louis Gachelin (Miami, Fla.) and tied for fifth in the BIG EAST ... The 15 TFLs are also the fourth-highest single-season total in SU history ... Smith ranks third on the SU all-time list, and is first among linebackers, with 36 tackles for a loss of 87 yards (see list to the left) ... His 89 solo tackles this season tied for the ninth-highest single-season total with Antwuan Ponds (1997).

SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Assists	Tot.	Int.	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.	Tackles for Loss
1999	37	29	66	0	1.0	0	0- 0 yds	3-17 yds
2000	61	47	108	0	0.0	3	1- 3 yds	7-14 yds
2001	57	37	94	0	3.0	0	0- 0 yds	11-27 yds
2002	89	48	137	1	2.0	0	1-48 yds	15-29 yds
Totals	244	161	405	1	6.0	3	2-51 yds	36-87 yds

SMITH GAME-BY-GAME IN 2002

Brigham Young	Team-leading 13 tackles, including two for a loss of seven yards
North Carolina	Team-leading 16 tackles, including two for a loss and nine solo, one sack, one QBH
Rhode Island	Eight tackles, including six solo stops
Auburn	Game-high 17 tackles, including 12 solo stops, and one fumble return (48 yds)
Pittsburgh	Had 12 tackles, including two for a loss, and had one pass breakup that led to an interception
Temple	Led SU with 13 tackles
West Virginia	Had 11 tackles, including one for a loss
Rutgers	Had one sack and registered seven tackles, including three solo stops
Central Florida	Recorded nine tackles, including two for a loss
Virginia Tech	Led all players with 12 tackles, including three for a loss of five yards, and had two QBHs
BostonCollege	Nine tackles, one interception and two pass breakups
Miami	10 tackles, including one for a loss

MEET MIKE SHAFER

Punter/Kicker • Senior • 5-9 • 186 • Sarasota, Fla.



Mike Shafer

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Shafer in SU's Record Book

Yds/punt - Career (min. 60)

1.	43.6	Sean Reali	1993-96
2.	41.1	Pat O'Neill	1990-93
	41.1	Doug Dunkin	1997-98
4.	40.5	Mike Shafer	1999-02
	40.5	Jay Ross	1981-82
	40.5	Jim Fox	1983-86

Punt yards - Career

	Yards	Punts	Player	Years
1.	10,073	249	Mike Shafer	1999-02
2.	9,626	235	Jim Fox	1983-86
3.	7,231	179	Bernie Ruoff	1972-74
4.	6,365	155	Pat O'Neill	1990-93
5.	6,137	167	Jim Goodwill	1976-79

Punts - Career

1.	249	Mike Shafer	1999-02
2.	235	Jim Fox	1983-86
3.	179	Bernie Ruoff	1972-74
4.	167	Jim Goodwill	1976-79
5.	155	Jim Dragotta	1947-49
	155	Pat O'Neill	1990-93

Pulling Triple Duty

In addition to his punting and kickoff duties, Shafer kicked five extra points this season without a miss, including the last two versus Virginia Tech ... For his career, Shafer was 41-of-43 on PATs.

Record Setter

In 2001, Shafer set the Orangemen record for most punts (77) and most punting yardage (3,282) in a single season ... Shafer was a second-team All-BIG EAST selection in 2001 ... In 2002, Shafer punted 69 times, which is third on SU's single-season record list ... His 2,707 punting yards in 2002 ranks fourth in SU single-season history.

Shafer Owns SU Career Punting Records

Shafer graduates from SU as the all-time leader in punting yards and number of punts and is tied for fourth in punting average ... Shafer also ranks third on the BIG EAST yards punted record list and fifth on the BIG EAST career punts list ... Shafer came up big in the clutch versus UCF, dropping a punt at the two-yard line with 1:33 left in the fourth quarter ... He had his best day of the season at Temple, punting seven times for 249 yards (42.0), including a season-best 54 yard punt ... Two of Shafer's punts this year resulted in turnovers for SU ... On the 56 punts that resulted in opponents' possessions, the average drive start for SU's opponents was their own 27-yard line ... SU's punt coverage team led the BIG EAST and ranked seventh in the nation in net punting, averaging 38.09 yards per punt play ... Shafer forced opponents to start at or inside their own 15-yard line 21 times and pinned opponents at-or-inside the five-yard line five times in 2002.

Shafer Forces Opponents Inside 25 on Kickoffs

Shafer forced opponents to start from inside their own 25-yard line in nine of SU's 12 games in 2002 ... For the season, opponents' average drive start after Shafer's kickoffs was on their own 23-yard line ... Shafer had 14 touchbacks in 2002.

SHAFER'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Punts	Yards	Avg.	Long	Inside 20	FG-FGA	PAT-Att.	Points	
1999	52	1,998	38.4	58	10	2000	7-20	35-37	56
2000	51	2,086	40.9	63	9	2001	0-1	1- 1	1
2001	77	3,282	42.6	68	16	2002	0-0	5- 5	5
2002	69	2,707	39.2	54	23	Totals	7-21	41-43	62
Totals	249	10,073	40.5		57				

SHAFER GAME-BY-GAME IN 2002

Brigham Young	Averaged 37.9 yards on seven punts, including a long punt of 47 yards
North Carolina	Had six punts for 238 yards, an average of 39.7, and two inside the 20
Rhode Island	Averaged 41.3 yards on three punts, and two inside the 20
Auburn	Averaged 41.2 yards on six punts, including a long punt of 50 yards and one inside the 20
Pittsburgh	Averaged 33.6 yards on five punts, including one downed at the four-yard line
Temple	Averaged 42 yards on seven punts, including a season-best 54-yarder. Put six punts inside the 20-yard line
West Virginia	Had six punts for 241 yards, a 40.2 average, including one for 51 yards
Rutgers	Averaged 37.8 yards on five punts, including three inside the 20
Central Florida	Averaged 38 yards on six punts, including one downed at the two-yard line. Also was 2-for-2 on extra points
Virginia Tech	Had five punts for 193 yards (38.6), including two inside the 20. Also hit 2-of 2 PATs.
BostonCollege	Punted four times for 167 yards, including a 46-yard punt
Miami	Punted nine times for 353 yards (39.2 average), including a 49-yard punt

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Reyes On SU Record Lists

Single-Season Rushing Yards

1.	1,372	Joe Morris	1979
2.	1,194	Joe Morris	1981
3.	1,170	James Mungro	2001
4.	1,135	Walter Reyes	2002
5.	1,127	Larry Csonka	1967
6.	1,065	Floyd Little	1965
7.	1,031	Dee Brown	2000
8.	1,018	Michael Owens	1989
9.	1,012	Larry Csonka	1966
10.	1,001	Joe Morris	1978

Rushing Leaders by Class

Sophomore

1.	Joe Morris	1979	1,372
2.	Walter Reyes	2002	1,135
3.	Floyd Little	1964	828
4.	Larry Csonka	1965	795

Single-Season Rushing TDs

1.	17	Walter Reyes	2002
2.	14	Floyd Little	1965
	14	James Mungro	2001
3.	13	Jim Brown	1956
	13	Jim Nance	1964
5.	12	Ernie Davis	1961
	12	Floyd Little	1966
	12	Bill Hurley	1979
8.	11	George Davis	1949
	11	Ger Schwedes	1959
	11	Roger Praetorius	1971

Single-Season Yards Per Carry

(min. 76 carries)

1.	7.8	Ernie Davis	1960
2.	7.0	Ernie Davis	1959
3.	6.9	James Mungro	2000
4.	6.4	Pete Brokaw	1960
5.	6.3	Ger Schwedes	1959
6.	6.2	Walter Reyes	2002
	6.2	Jim Brown	1956
8.	6.0	Robert Drummond	1987
	6.0	Michael Owens	1987
	6.0	Robert Drummond	1988
	6.0	Dee Brown	2000

Single-Season Scoring

1.	114	Floyd Little	1965
2.	106	Jim Brown	1956
3.	104	Walter Reyes	2002
4.	100	Ger Schwedes	1959
5.	94	Ernie Davis	1961
	94	Nate Trout	1998
7.	92	Floyd Little	1966
8.	90	James Mungro	2001
9.	88	Tim Vesling	1987
10.	85	John Biskup	1991
	85	Nate Trout	1996

Reyes Remarkable as a Sophomore

Sophomore running back Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio) had one of the most productive seasons ever for an SU tailback after rushing for just 139 yards on 42 carries as a freshman ... Reyes gained 1,135 yards on 182 carries in his second year at SU, becoming just the fifth SU running back to run for 1,100 yards in a season ... His 1,135 yards ranks fourth on SU's single-season rushing record list ... He is just the second SU sophomore to rush for 1,000 yards in a season ... His season statistics appear on the top 10 lists in six different categories:

- Set an SU single-season record with 17 rushing touchdowns ... That mark is second on SU's record list for total touchdowns in one season
- 104 points scored is third on SU's single-season record list.
- 6.2 yards per carry ties for sixth on the SU single-season record list
- 79 yard touchdown run against Rutgers tied for the eight-longest run in SU history
- Six 100-yard games tied for third in one season
- Scored three touchdowns in three different games, which ties for fifth on the single-game rushing touchdowns record list and ties for 10th on the list for most touchdowns in one game



Walter
Reyes

REYES' CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long	Avg./Gm
2001	42	139	3.3	1	17	12.6
2002	182	1,135	6.2	17	79	94.6
Totals	224	1,274	5.7	18		54.4

Reyes Strong in Final Five Games

Reyes scored 10 rushing TDs and averaged 114.6 yards and 6.4 yards per carry in the final five games of the season ... He closed the season ranked 41st nationally and sixth in the BIG EAST in rushing with 95.6 yards per game ... His 8.67 points per game was 21st in the country and third in the league.

Reyes Scores at Will

Reyes scored a rushing touchdown in his fifth straight game against Miami ... Reyes scored a touchdown in nine of SU's 12 games this season ... He had 17 rushing touchdowns and a two-point conversion for 104 points ... It is the third-best single-season scoring total in SU history and is only the fourth SU player to score 100-or-more points in a season ... Reyes' 17 total touchdowns ranked second on the SU single-season list ... Floyd Little holds the single-season touchdown record with 19 in 1965 ... Reyes had five multiple rushing touchdown games in 2002, marking the first time an Orangemen player has accomplished that since Ernie Davis in 1961 ... Reyes is the first player in SU history to have consecutive games with at least three rushing TDs (UCF and Virginia Tech) ... He and Floyd Little (1965) are the only two Orangemen ever with three games with at least three rushing TDs in the same season.

Reyes' Hits 100-Yard Mark Often

Reyes is the first SU back to have three consecutive 100-yard efforts since James Mungro reached the century mark four straight times in 2000 ... He is only the third SU back to have at least three straight 100-yard games since 1990 (David Walker, 3 games, 1991) ... Reyes reached 100 yards five times in 2002 ... It is the 13th time in Orangemen history that a player has had at least five games of at least 100 yards in a season ... Jim Brown (1956) and Joe Morris (1979) hold the record with seven 100-yard games.

Reyes Among Elite Group

Reyes is the ninth SU back to average 6.0-or-more yards per carry for an entire season ... Ernie Davis holds the SU record with 7.8 yards per carry in 1960 ... Davis and Robert Drummond are the only two Orangemen to average at least 6.0 yards per rush twice.

Reyes Hits Big Twice

Reyes recorded a career-long 79 yard touchdown run versus Rutgers ... It was the fifth-longest touchdown run in Syracuse history and tied for eighth on the Orangemen's longest rushing play list ... It was Reyes' second touchdown of the season of more than 60 yards (68 yards at Auburn) ... He is the first player since Floyd Little in 1965 to have two-or-more rushing touchdowns of more than 60 yards in length ... Little recorded three touchdown runs of longer than 60 yards that season.

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All Rhodes Lead to the Endzone

Rhodes became the first player in SU history to score three touchdowns in three different ways in a single game ... Against Rutgers he rushed for a touchdown, caught a touchdown pass and ran back a blocked punt ... He is the first SU player to score touchdowns three different ways in a season since Kevin Johnson in 1998 (rushing, receiving and returning kicks).

Rhodes Debut Compares Favorably to Other SU Backs

Rhodes had one of the most successful debuts by an Orangeman ever against BYU ... Rhodes led the team with 82 yards on 14 carries (5.9 per carry) and scored two touchdowns ... His 82 yards on the ground were the most ever by an SU true freshman in their debut and tied the record by a Syracuse player in their first game ... Floyd Little also rushed for 82 yards versus Boston College in 1964 ... Rhodes' two scoring runs were more than any player that currently ranks among Syracuse's all-time top 12 ground gainers had in their first games ... The only other runner among the top 12 to score a TD in their debut was current SU running backs coach David Walker ... Rhodes also set an SU first-game mark with 173 all-purpose yards after totaling 91 yards on four kickoff returns.

Local Ties

Rhodes hopes to become the next in a long line of local players to make an impact at SU ... The school's all-time sack leader, Tim Green (SU, 1986), was recruited out of Liverpool H.S. ... Green's fellow Liverpool-alum Chris Gedney (SU, 1993) was one of Marvin Graves' favorite targets ... Both players went on to success in the NFL ... Current NY Giants cornerback Will Allen (SU, 2001), a Corcoran H.S. product, became a starter his rookie season in the NFL after being selected in the first round of the 2001 draft ... Former Cicero-North Syracuse star J.R. Johnson (SU, 2002) was on the Baltimore Ravens and New Orleans Saints rosters in 2002.

Rhodes Remarkable in Rookie Campaign

True freshman running back Damien Rhodes (Manlius, N.Y.) finished the season with 568 yards rushing on 138 carries, for an average of 47.3 yards per game ... His 568 yards is the second-best rushing total for an SU freshman ... Joe Morris gained 1,001 yards in 1978 ... In addition, Rhodes returned kicks for SU, leading the team with 28 returns for 589 yards ... His 28 returns tied for third on SU's single-season record list and his 589 return yards is the eighth-best in one season ... Rhodes averaged 105.7 all-purpose yards per game, which ranks seventh on the Syracuse career record list for most average all-purpose yards gained.



Damien Rhodes

SU Rushing Leaders by Class

*Freshman

1. Joe Morris	1978	1,001
2. Damien Rhodes	2002	568
3. Dee Brown	1997	555
4. Glenn Moore	1980	480
5. Rob Konrad	1995	433

* Freshmen became eligible for varsity competition in 1972.

RHODES' CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long	Avg./Gm
2002	138	568	4.1	7	38	47.3

Kickoff Returns

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2002	28	589	21.0	0	44

Rhodes Steps Up Against Virginia Tech

Rhodes scored all eight of SU's points in the third overtime against Virginia Tech ... His 25-yard touchdown run on the first play of the possession put SU ahead for good ... Rhodes tacked on the PAT, turning a busted halfback option pass into two points by reversing his field and beating the VT defense to the left pylon ... After Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio) left the game with a bruised knee in the fourth quarter, Rhodes was SU's primary rushing option ... He had 10 carries for 54 yards and two TDs on SU's final five possessions.

Rhodes Returns Kicks

In addition to running the ball, Rhodes was one of SU's kickoff return and receiving threats ... He finished the season ranked 71st nationally and ninth in the BIG EAST with an average of 21.0 yards per return ... He had his best return game of the season (seven returns, 169 yards, including a career-best 44-yard return), versus Pittsburgh ... Both the number of returns and return yardage were the best single-game performances in the BIG EAST in 2002 ... The seven returns tied SU's single-game record ... His 589 kickoff return yards is the second highest total for an SU freshman (Qadry Ismail had 738 as a rookie in 1989), and the eighth-best regardless of class.

Rhodes All-Purpose Yards Among Best for Rookies

Rhodes compiled a team-high 1,268 all purpose yards this season (568 rushing, 108 receiving, 3 punt return and 589 kickoff return), which is the second highest total for a freshman at SU ... Joe Morris gained 1,250 all-purpose yards (1,001 rushing, 6 receiving and 243 on kick returns) as a freshman in 1978 ... Ernie Davis is third with 883 all-purpose yards ... Rhodes 105.7 all-purpose yards per game ranked sixth in the BIG EAST and 83rd nationally ... He caught two passes in three games (at BC, vs. Virginia Tech and vs. Rutgers) ... His longest reception of the season was 38 yards versus Rhode Island ...

Passing Skills a Plus

In addition to his rushing and kick returning prowess, Rhodes flashed his passing ability in 2002 ... He recorded his first career completion with a 16-yard pass to quarterback Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.) in the second overtime at Auburn ... Against UNC, Rhodes threw a two-point conversion pass to senior receiver David Tyree (Montclair, N.J.) ... Both plays were halfback option calls.

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Riddle in SU's Record Book

Career Punt Returns

1.	82	Scott Schwedes	1983-86
2.	70	Ed Koban	1980-83
	70	Shelby Hill	1990-93
4.	68	Quinton Spotwood	1996-99
5.	57	Tommy Myers	1969-71
6.	51	Jamel Riddle	2000-
7.	44	Art Monk	1976-79
8.	43	Floyd Little	1964-66
	43	Marvin Harrison	1992-95
10.	38	Cliff Ensley	1966-68

Career Punt Return Yards

1.	876	Scott Schwedes	1983-86
2.	845	Floyd Little	1964-66
3.	777	Tommy Myers	1969-71
4.	757	Quinton Spotwood	1996-99
5.	676	Jamel Riddle	2000-
6.	645	Ed Koban	1980-83
7.	567	Shelby Hill	1990-93
8.	556	Marvin Harrison	1992-95
9.	430	Art Monk	1976-79
10.	344	Malik Campbell	1999-01

Career Yards Per Return (min. 25 returns)

1.	19.6	Floyd Little	1964-66
2.	14.3	Walt Slovenski	1946-48
3.	13.6	Tommy Myers	1969-71
4.	13.3	Jamel Riddle	2000-
5.	12.9	Marvin Harrison	1992-95
6.	11.1	Quinton Spotwood	1996-99
7.	10.7	Scott Schwedes	1983-86
8.	10.2	Malik Campbell	1999-01
9.	9.8	Art Monk	1976-79
10.	9.6	Tommy Kane	1985-87

Riddle on the Reverse

Riddle ran the ball twice versus Rutgers ... He gained 30 yards, including a career-long 21-yard run ... Against BYU, Riddle scored on a 17-yard touchdown run, which was his second career scoring run in three career carries ... Last year Riddle had a four-yard touchdown run versus Temple ... The score versus BYU was his longest career run ... He had four carries this season for 47 yards.

Riddle Among BIG EAST Best as Receiver

Junior Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.) closed the season with 963 career receiving yards ... He is 37 yards shy of becoming the 15th SU receiver to reach the 1,000-yard mark ... In 11 games, Riddle amassed a team-leading 626 receiving yards, the most for an Orangeman since Kevin Johnson had 894 in 1998 ... Riddle did not play at UCF due to a violation of team policy ... Riddle's 56.9 receiving yards per game ranked 91st nationally and was fourth in the BIG EAST ... His 3.7 receptions per game was fifth in the BIG EAST ... Riddle's 41 receptions is the fourth-highest total among juniors at Syracuse and is tied for ninth on the SU single-season record list ... His 16.9 yards per catch through three seasons ranks ninth on Syracuse's career record list.



*Jamel
Riddle*

RIDDLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Recpt	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long
2000	2	14	7.0	0	8
2001	14	323	23.1	1	48
2002	41	626	15.3	5	87
Totals	57	963	16.9	6	

	Punt Ret.	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long
2000	6	72	12.0	0	27
2001	22	288	13.1	1	53
2002	23	316	13.7	1	85
Totals	51	676	13.3	2	

Riddle Skilled in Punt Returns, Too

Riddle also returned 23 punts for 316 yards, an average of 13.7 yards per return in 2002 ... His punt return average ranked 24th in the nation, third in the BIG EAST and ranks seventh on SU's single-season record list for punt return yards average ... He finished the season ranked eighth on SU's single-season punt return yards record list with 316 yards and is fifth on SU's career record list (676 yards) ... His career punt return average of 13.3 yards ranks fourth all-time at SU ... He returned one punt for a touchdown in 2002, an 85-yard return against Auburn, giving him two for his career, which ties for fourth on the SU record list ... The 85-yard return is the fifth-longest return in SU history.

Riddle Reverses Roles Against VT and BC

Riddle was SU's big play threat through the first nine games of the season, averaging 18.3 yards per catch before the Virginia Tech game ... However, against Tech and Boston College he became SU's possession receiver ... Riddle had 12 catches for 107 yards, an 8.9 yards per catch average in those two games ... Five of his 12 receptions resulted in first downs for SU, including a seven-yard touchdown catch on third-and-four versus Boston College ... During his three-year SU career Riddle has made a habit of making big plays ... He is averaging 16.9 yards per catch with 963 yards on 57 career catches and ranks ninth on SU's career yards per catch list (min. 40 receptions) ... He had five touchdown catches this season, three of them from 30-or-more yards out ... Riddle caught an 87-yard touchdown pass against Rhode Island, the longest pass play for SU since a 94-yard TD from Donovan McNabb to Quinton Spotwood in 1997 ... It tied the third-longest passing play in SU history and the longest pass play in the BIG EAST this season ... He also had a rushing TD versus BYU.

Riddle Ranks on Single-Game Performance Lists

Riddle had a career-high nine catches for 145 yards and a touchdown versus Temple ... His nine catches tied for fifth on SU's single-game receptions ledger ... It was the most catches for an SU player since Kevin Johnson hauled in 11 passes versus West Virginia in 1998 ... Riddle had a career-high 176 yards receiving versus Rhode Island which put him in a 10th place tie on the SU single-game receiving yards list (Shelby Hill vs. Cincinnati, 1993).

Earning Recognition

Riddle earned BIG EAST Conference co-Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Auburn ... He returned two punts for 90 yards, including a career-long 85-yard touchdown return ... It was the fifth-longest punt return in SU history and the longest since Marvin Harrison scored on a 94-yard punt return versus Minnesota in 1995 ... It was the longest punt return in the BIG EAST this season.

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Completions - Career

1.	563	Marvin Graves	1990-93
2.	548	Donovan McNabb	1995-98
3.	367	Don McPherson	1983-87
4.	362	Troy Nunes	1999-02
5.	250	Todd Norley	1982-85
6.	228	Bill Hurley	1975-79
7.	209	Dave Warner	1978-81
8.	196	Bernie Custis	1948-50
9.	180	Rick Cassata	1965-67
10.	172	R.J. Anderson	2000-

Attempts - Career

1.	943	Marvin Graves	1990-93
2.	938	Donovan McNabb	1995-98
3.	687	Don McPherson	1983-87
4.	618	Troy Nunes	1999-02
5.	482	Todd Norley	1982-85
6.	465	Bill Hurley	1975-79
7.	423	Bernie Custis	1948-50
8.	415	Dave Warner	1978-81
9.	368	R.J. Anderson	2000-
10.	365	Rick Cassata	1965-67

Yards - Career

1.	8,466	Marvin Graves	1990-93
2.	8,389	Donovan McNabb	1995-98
3.	5,812	Don McPherson	1983-87
4.	4,578	Troy Nunes	1999-02
5.	3,398	Bill Hurley	1975-79
6.	2,661	Todd Norley	1982-85
7.	2,617	Bernie Custis	1948-50
8.	2,593	Dave Warner	1978-81
9.	2,534	R.J. Anderson	2000-
10.	2,116	Pat Stark	1951-53

TD Passes - Career

1.	77	Donovan McNabb	1995-98
2.	48	Marvin Graves	1990-93
3.	46	Don McPherson	1983-87
4.	32	Troy Nunes	1999-02
5.	23	Dave Sarette	1959-61
6.	19	Pat Stark	1951-53
	19	Bill Hurley	1975-79
8.	16	Todd Philcox	1985-88
9.	14	Chuck Zimmerman	1956-58
	14	Rick Cassata	1965-67

Yds/Game - Career

1.	196.9	Marvin Graves	1990-93
2.	186.4	Donovan McNabb	1995-98
3.	149.0	Don McPherson	1983-87
4.	117.4	Troy Nunes (38 g)	1999-02
5.	111.4	Pat Stark	1951-53
6.	110.8	Todd Philcox	1985-88
7.	100.7	Bernie Custis	1948-50
8.	98.6	Todd Norley	1982-84
9.	89.4	Dave Warner	1978-81
10.	84.5	R.J. Anderson (30 g)	2000-

Nunes Concludes Career Among SU's Best

Quarterback Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.) closed his SU career listed among the top four quarterbacks on most every SU record list ... He played in 39 games during his career ... He is second in completion percentage (58.6), fourth in completions (362), pass attempts (618), passing yards (4,578), touchdown passes (32) and passing yards per game (117.4) ... In addition, he finished fifth in total offense (4,880 yards), total plays (855) and total offensive yards per game (125.1) ... Nunes closed his career with an 11-11 record as a starter at SU ... Nunes took over the starting job for the final five games of the season ... In those five games, he completed 82-of-134 passes (61.2 percent) for 995 yards, six touchdowns and five interceptions ... For the season, Nunes ranked 64th in the country with a 121.06 pass efficiency rating ... Nunes had taken over after injuries to junior R.J. Anderson (Plainville, Conn.) against West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Auburn.



*Troy
Nunes*

Nunes Single-Game Performances Are Noteworthy

Nunes performance in SU's triple-overtime victory against Virginia Tech put his name on SU single-game record lists for most pass attempts (40 attempts ranks third on the record list), most completions and most passing yards (24 and 403, respectively, rank second) ... Nunes attempted 34 passes against Boston College which ties for ninth on the single-game record list and he completed 81.8 percent (9-of-11) of his passes against Auburn, which is ninth on the Syracuse single-game record list.

Nunes Season Completion Percentage Ranks Ninth

Nunes completed 58.1 percent (115-of-198) of his passes in 2002, which ranks ninth on SU's single-season record list ... He ranks second on SU's career completion percentage record list (58.6) ... Nunes is tied for the top spot on the record list with his 90.9 (10-of-11) completion percentage against Brigham Young in 2000.

Nunes Had Hot Hand

After a 2-of-6 first-quarter performance, Nunes helped SU recover from a 21-3 deficit to defeat UCF ... From the start of the second quarter until he went out of the game with a bruised hip in the fourth quarter, Nunes put together one of the most impressive stretches of play during his career ... In the final three quarters, he was 11-of-12 for 166 yards and two touchdowns for a pass efficiency rating of 262.87.

NUNES' CAREER STATISTICS

Passing

	Comp/Att	Pct.	Yds	TDs	Int	Long
1999	95/161	.590	1,141	11	5	56
2000	94/154	.610	1,366	8	14	79
2001	58/105	.548	734	5	6	46
2002	115/198	.581	1,337	8	7	62
Totals	362/618	.586	4,578	32	32	79

Rushing

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
1999	69	157	2.3	3	28
2000	78	106	1.4	2	22
2001	39	15	.41	1	18
2002	51	24	0.8	0	19
Totals	237	302	0.8	6	28

NUNES IN THE SU CAREER RECORD BOOKS

Attempts	4th	618
Yards	4th	4,578
Completions	4th	362
Completion Percentage	2nd	58.6
Passing Efficiency	5th	127.6
Yards per Attempt	5th	7.4
Yards per Game	4th	114.5
Touchdown Passes	4th	32
Total Offense	5th	4,880
Total Offense Yards/Game	6th	125.1
Total Plays	5th	855

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Jones Misses VT Contest

Sophomore Jared Jones (Hillsborough, N.J.) returned to SU's lineup for the Miami contest and caught four passes for 18 yards ... Jones injured his knee in practice prior to SU's game against Virginia Tech and did not play against the Hokies or at Boston College ... Jones finished the 2002 season as SU's fourth-leading receiver with 22 receptions for 213 yards ... He scored two touchdowns and averaged 21.3 yards per game ... He has an active streak of seven games with at least one reception ... He led SU or tied for the team lead in receptions in five games this year ... Against Central Florida he tied for the team lead with three receptions, including his second touchdown of the season, which brought SU within two, 24-22, before the two-point conversion tied the score in the third quarter at UCF ... Against Temple, he scored the first touchdown of his SU career on a 14-yard catch that cut the Owls' lead to 17-16 ... Against Pittsburgh, Jones had four catches for a career-high 59 yards, including a career-long 37 yard catch ... At Auburn, Jones led the team with five catches and 56 yards, including three catches for 26 yards on SU's game-tying drive in the fourth quarter ... He was one of four players to catch a touchdown pass this season for the Orange.



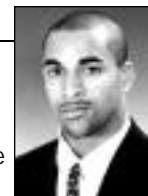
*Jared
Jones*

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

	Recpt	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long
2001	0	0	0.0	0	0
2002	22	213	9.7	2	37
Totals	22	213	9.7	2	

Tyree Had Career Year in Final Campaign

Senior receiver David Tyree (Montclair, N.J.) had the best season of his career statistically with 36 receptions for 559 yards and three touchdowns ... He was SU's second leading receiver and his average yards per catch of 15.5 yards was the best on the team ... He caught a touchdown pass in consecutive games for the first time in his career when he hauled in a four-yard pass from Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.) in the third quarter versus Pittsburgh ... Tyree had two catches for 15 yards against Pitt... He caught two passes for 12 yards at Auburn, including the game-tying touchdown with 23 seconds left in regulation ... His score versus Auburn was his first touchdown catch since the Pittsburgh game in 2000 ... He also recorded five tackles on special teams versus the Tigers ... Tyree played on SU's kickoff, PAT/field goal block, punt and punt return units and has 20 tackles on special teams.



*David
Tyree*

TYREE'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Recpt	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long
1999	7	89	12.7	0	20
2000	14	333	23.8	3	65
2001	18	233	12.9	0	28
2002	36	559	15.5	3	62
Totals	75	1,214	16.2	6	

Tyree Erupts vs. Hokies

Tyree had his best day in an SU uniform with a career-high nine catches for 229 yards versus Virginia Tech ... His yardage total is the second-highest in SU history (Scott Schwedes, 249 vs. BC, 1985), and just the third 200-yard receiving game ever at Syracuse (Marvin Harrison, 213 vs. West Virginia, 1995) ... Tyree's nine catches rank tied for fifth on SU's single-game ledger ... He recorded his three longest receptions of the season, catching passes for 45 yards, 54 yards and 62 yards ... Tyree also blocked a punt against the Hokies, marking the third time in as many years that Tyree has blocked a Virginia Tech punt.

Tyree is 13th on SU Career Receiving Record List

Tyree is the 14th player in Syracuse history to amass 1,000-or-more career receiving yards, and the first since Kevin Johnson in 1998 to reach the 1,000-yard plateau ... Tyree leaves Syracuse ranked 13th on the career receiving record list with 1,214 yards.

Donnelly Makes Most of Catches

Junior tight end Joe Donnelly (Rochester, N.Y.) finished the 2002 season with 12 catches for 148 yards, including one reception for 12 yards in the season finale against Miami ... Donnelly had his first career touchdown reception against Virginia Tech in the second overtime ... On fourth down with the Orangemen trailing Virginia Tech, 42-35, quarterback Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.) found Donnelly for the six-yard, game-tying touchdown ... Donnelly also had a career-long 26-yard reception in the third quarter versus the Hokies, which resulted in a first down following an SU holding penalty that made it first-and-19 ... SU took a 22-21 lead five plays later on a nine-yard touchdown run by Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio) ... At Temple, Donnelly made a key block that sprung wide receiver Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.) for his 60-yard touchdown against Temple ... Against Pittsburgh he caught two passes for 32 yards, including a career-long 19 yard reception ... He also had five tackles on special teams plays this year.



*Joe
Donnelly*

DONNELLY'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Recpt	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long
2000	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	8	57	7.1	0	11
2002	12	148	12.3	1	26
Totals	20	205	10.3	1	

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Belton Had Career Year

Junior Thump Belton (Charlotte, N.C.) was SU's fifth-leading ball carrier in 2002 ... The fullback played in all 12 games and had 21 carries for 102 yards ... He averaged 4.9 yards per carry in 2002 ... Against Miami in the season finale Belton gained five yards on two carries and had one catch for seven yards ... He had two carries for 10 yards at Boston College ... Against Virginia Tech he had a career-high four carries for 20 yards, including a 16-yard gain ... Belton had his streak of 22 straight carries without being tackled behind the line of scrimmage snapped when the Hokies brought him down for a one-yard loss on his final carry of the game ... It was his only rush for a loss of yards this season ... Belton had three carries for 13 yards against Rutgers ... He had two carries for 12 yards against Pittsburgh ... Against BYU, he had three carries, and averaged 6.7 yards per rush.



**Thump
Belton**

BELTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
2001	9	30	3.3	0	13
2002	21	102	4.9	0	16
Totals	30	132	4.4	0	

DeAmato Snaps 'N Goes

Senior long snapper Dave DeAmato (Wilmington, Mass.) consistently contributed with his hustle down the field ... A walk-on, DeAmato was usually one of the first players downfield to cover punts after snapping the ball to punter Mike Shafer ... He had 10 tackles in 12 games on the punt team in 2002 ... DeAmato made at least one tackle on the punt team in four straight games (Auburn to West Virginia) ... He had two against WVU and Auburn ... He downed a punt on the 4-yard line against Pittsburgh and had two tackles.



**Dave
DeAmato**

Anderson Puts Name in Record Books

Junior quarterback R.J. Anderson (Plainfield, Conn.) finished the 2002 season with his name on several SU career, single-season and single-game record lists, including:...

Single Game

Anderson's 34 pass attempts against Temple ties for ninth on SU's single-game record list ... His 17.1 yards per attempt against Rhode Island is sixth in SU single-game history and his three touchdown passes ties for eighth on the single-game record list ... His 87-yard touchdown pass to Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.) ties for the third longest passing play in SU history.

Single-Season

Anderson averaged 15.5 yards per completion, which ties for 10th on the SU single-season record list.

Career

See box to right.



**R. J.
Anderson**

ANDERSON IN THE SU CAREER RECORD BOOKS

Attempts	8th	369
Completions	10th	172
Yards	8th	2,534
Passing Efficiency	8th	106.0
Yards per Attempt	8th	6.9
Yards per Completion	6th	14.7
Yards per Game	10th	84.5
Total Offense	10th	2,921

Anderson's 2002 Highlights

Anderson played in nine of 12 games in 2002, starting seven ... Against Miami, Anderson completed the only pass he threw for a six yard gain ... He played against Central Florida after starter Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.) injured his hip and threw one pass and had three carries for four yards ... He led the Orangemen on one scoring drive against UCF ... At Temple he was 18-of-34 for 239 yards and two touchdowns ... He also rushed 11 times for 62 yards, including a career-best 20-yard run ... His 18 completions and two touchdown passes tied career highs and his 34 attempts set a career high, as well ... It was the fourth time in his career, and second time this season, he threw for two scores in a game ... Anderson is 12-8 as a starter for SU.

Anderson Throws for 300 Yards Against the Rams

Anderson recorded the second 300-yard passing game of his career with 306 yards versus Rhode Island ... He was 13-for-18 with no interceptions in the game ... The 18 attempts tied the SU record for fewest passing attempts in a 300-yard game (Marvin Graves vs. Pittsburgh, 1993) ... Anderson's 13 completions is tied for the second-fewest in a 300-yard game ... Donovan McNabb completed 13 passes for 309 yards versus Clemson in 1996 ... Marvin Graves holds the record with only 12 completions versus Pittsburgh in 1993 ... One of his touchdown passes versus URI was an 87-yard strike to junior receiver Jamel Riddle (Meriden, Conn.) ... It was a career-long completion for Anderson and the longest pass play for Syracuse since a 94-yard touchdown from Donovan McNabb to Quinton Spotwood in 1997 ... The play tied for the third-longest pass play in Syracuse history ... Ger Schwedes threw to Ernie Davis for an 87-yard score versus Texas in 1959 ... Anderson's efficiency rating of 251.69 for the game was the 12th-best showing in the nation this season.

ANDERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Passing

	Comp/Att	Pct.	Yds	TDs	Int	Long
2000	42/91	.462	512	2	5	57
2001	72/144	.500	1,123	5	2	74
2002	58/134	.433	899	4	8	87
Totals	172/369	.466	2,534	11	15	

Rushing

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
2000	59	34	0.6	2	15
2001	111	245	2.2	5	19
2002	53	108	2.0	1	20
Totals	223	387	1.7	8	

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Cusumano Solid in Tight End Rotation

Junior tight end Lenny Cusumano (West Patterson, N.J.) started eight of the 12 games he played in 2002 ... He caught four passes for 36 yards, an average of 9.0 yards per reception ... He had one catch in three of SU's last five games ...



Lenny Cusumano

Against Virginia Tech Cusumano grabbed a fumble on a VT punt return at the Hokies 43-yard line in the first quarter ... The fumble was caused by B.J. Darnell (Paducah, Ky.) ... In his first career start at BYU, Cusumano recorded the first reception of his career, for 14 yards.

Baker Covers Ground in Rushing Opportunities

Junior running back Barry Baker (North Babylon, N.Y.) was SU's third-leading ball carrier in 2002, gaining 116 yards on 21 carries, an average of 5.5 yards per rush ... He played in 11 games ... Baker also caught one pass for 12 yards ...



Barry Baker

He had two carries for five yards against Miami ... Baker had two carries for 32 yards, including a career-long 31-yard run, versus Rutgers ... Against Pittsburgh, he scored his first career touchdown with a three-yard run ... Baker carried the ball six times for 26 yards in the game ... He had his first carry of the season in the third quarter versus Rhode Island ... He had eight carries for 41 yards in the game, both career highs ... Baker also had one catch for 12 yards, his first career reception, against URI ... Last year Baker had nine carries for 30 yards, including a career-long run of 13 yards against Miami.

Morant Extends Consecutive Games Reception Streak to 17

Junior receiver Johnnie Morant (Parsippany, N.J.) caught three passes for 20 yards against Miami, extending his streak of consecutive games with a reception to 17 ... He caught a pass in all nine games he played in 2002 ... The last time Morant did not catch a pass in a game was against Auburn in 2001 ... The SU record for consecutive games with a catch is 40, set by Scott Schwedes (1983-86) ... Marvin Harrison is second with 21 consecutive games with a catch from 1993-94 and Quinton Spotwood had a streak of 18 games with a reception from 1997-98 ... Morant finished the season with 24 catches for 327 yards, an average of 13.6 yard per catch ... His career mark of 17.5 yards per catch ranks eighth on SU's career record list.



Johnnie Morant

MORANT'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Recept	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long
2000	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	18	409	22.7	2	74
2002	24	327	13.6	0	37
Totals	42	736	17.5	2	

Morant in 2002

Morant caught three passes for 20 yards against Miami ... He had three catches at Boston College, all for first downs ... Morant caught a 16-yard pass on third-and-three on SU's first possession that resulted in a field goal ... His second catch was a 14-yarder on third-and-nine on SU's next possession which culminated in SU's first touchdown ... Morant's final catch was a 13-yard completion on fourth-and-10 on SU's last drive ... He made his second-longest catch of the season, hauling in a 36-yard pass from Troy Nunes (Butler, Pa.) to set up the touchdown that put SU ahead for good at UCF ... Morant led the team with three catches and 63 yards ... He caught a career-best five passes for a team-leading 75 yards at WVU ... He had four catches at Temple for 25 yards ... He had three receptions for 35 yards in the season-opener at BYU ... He also had two rushes this year, including a 14-yard touchdown run versus UNC.

Morant Returns Kicks

Morant returned four kickoffs in 2002, including one for a career-long 40 yards against Miami in the season finale ... He had two returns for 46 yards against Rutgers and one return for 35 yards against Virginia Tech ... This was the first season Morant lined up to return kickoffs.

Barber Climbing SU Kicking List

Sophomore kicker Collin Barber (Lexington, Ky.) entered his name in the SU record books with his 2002 performance ... In 2002 Barber made 33 PATs, which ties for ninth on SU's single-season record list, and attempted 36, which is tied for eighth in one season at SU ... His 20 field goals attempted in 2002 ties for ninth on the single-season record list ... Barber also etched his name on several SU career record lists, including PATs made (54, ranks ninth), PATs attempted (58, ninth), field goals made (16, tied for eighth), field goals attempted (26, eighth), and field goal percentage (.615, seventh) ... In addition, his nine PATs made and attempted against Rhode Island each tie for second on the respective record lists and his three field goals made against Virginia Tech ties for ninth on the record list ... It was the 25th time an SU player kicked three field goals in a game and the first since Nate Trout versus Boston College in 1999.



Collin Barber

BARBER'S CAREER STATISTICS

	FG-FGA	PAT-Att.	Points
2001	5-6	21-22	36
2002	11-20	33-36	66
Totals	16-26	54-58	102

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McClain Finishes Career on Strong Note

Senior free safety Maurice McClain (Elizabeth, N.J.) started all five games after returning from a potential career-ending leg injury suffered in the spring ... The Orangemen were 3-2 in that span ... In those five games, McClain



Maurice McClain

made 24 tackles, including one for a loss and an interception ... His 4.8 tackles per game ranked eighth on the team ... McClain made three tackles against Miami ... At Boston College, McClain had four tackles ... Against Virginia Tech, he intercepted Bryan Randall's pass in the end zone on the first play of VT's possession in the third overtime, sealing SU's 50-42 victory ... It was his first career interception ... He finished with five tackles against the Hokies and broke up one other pass ... He followed up an inspiring performance against Rutgers with a career performance at UCF, setting career highs in total tackles (7) and solo tackles (6) against the Golden Knights ... McClain also had his first career tackle for a loss, dropping UCF running back Alex Haynes for a three-yard loss in the first quarter ... He made his second career start, and first of the season, against Rutgers and posted a career-high five solo tackles, inspiring SU's best defensive performance of the season and earning the game ball from his teammates ... McClain broke his leg in late April, just prior to SU's annual Spring game.

Gachelin Paces Orange in Sacks and TFLs

Junior defensive tackle Louis Gachelin (Miami, Fla.) finished the season ranked fourth in the BIG EAST with 0.71 sacks per game (8.50 in 12 games) ... He made a stop behind the line of scrimmage in 10-of-12 games this year ... In addition to his team-best 8.5 sacks, he led SU with 17 tackles for loss, meaning that 35.4 percent of his tackles were behind the line of scrimmage ... He made five tackles against Miami and had one quarterback hurry ... Three of his four tackles against Boston College were for a loss ... He also led the team with 10 quarterback hurries ... His 17 tackles behind the line of scrimmage (1.5 per game) was fifth in the BIG EAST ... He led the defensive line and ranked eighth on the team with a career-high 48 tackles ... Gachelin set career highs in tackles, solo tackles (29), sacks and forced fumbles (3) ... His three forced fumbles tied for sixth in the BIG EAST.



Louis Gachelin

GACHELIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	TFL	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
2000	7	15	22	3-14	2.5	1	0-0 yds
2001	10	17	27	7-13	2.0	0	2-0 yds
2002	29	19	48	17-61	8.5	3	2-0 yds.
Totals	46	51	97	27-88	13.0	4	4-0 yds

Gachelin Debuts on All-Time Sacks List

Against Virginia Tech, Gachelin and James Wyche (Roosevelt, N.Y.) teamed up to sack quarterback Bryan Randall in the first quarter, raising Gachelin's sack total to 8.5 for the year ... He has 13 in his career, which is the 12th-highest total in SU history ... The half sack against the Hokies moved him past Wilky Bazile (12.5) on the all-time list.

Gachelin's Tackles for Loss Total is Among SU's Best

Gachelin's 17 tackles for a loss this season rank second on SU's single-season record list behind Dwight Freeney's 2001 total (27) ... He is fourth on the all-time list with 27 stops behind the line of scrimmage ... Tackles for loss were officially tracked by SU beginning in the 1994 season.

Gachelin's Breakout Season Game-By-Game

Brigham Young	Recorded a sack, forced a fumble and had two quarterback hurries
North Carolina	Three tackles, including including two behind the line of scrimmage
Rhode Island	Had three tackles
Auburn	Had four tackles, including a sack, and had one quarterback hurry
Pittsburgh	Had a career-game against Pittsburgh with two sacks, one forced fumble and seven tackles
Temple	He hurried the quarterback twice and made four tackles, including one for a loss of four yards
West Virginia	Recorded three tackles (one for a loss of a yard), and hurried the quarterback once
Virginia Tech	Posted two tackles and combined with James Wyche (Roosevelt, N.Y.) for a sack in the first quarter.
Rutgers	Three of four stops were for negative yards, including two sacks ... The two sacks tied his single-game mark set against Pittsburgh in 2001 and 2002 ... He recovered a fumble on the second play of the contest, marking the second game in a row he recovered a fumble
Central Florida	Five tackles, including two tackles for a loss, and one quarterback hurry ... His sack on UCF's final offensive play of the game when the Knights were attempting to tie the game ... He sacked and stripped UCF's Ryan Schneider of the ball on fourth down ... Linemate Christian Ferrara (North Caldwell, N.J.) fell on the ball to ensure SU's victory
Boston College	Recorded four tackles, including three tackles for a loss of three yards
Miami	Five tackles and one quarterback hurry

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Gregory Stellar on Special Teams

If the opposing team put the ball in the air, Gregory was going to get his hands on it ... In addition to his 21 passes defended, Gregory returned and blocked kicks on special teams ... Gregory tied a school record held by senior captain David Tyree (Montclair, N.J.) and Andre Brinson with his third blocked kick of the season against Miami ... Tyree blocked three kicks in the 2000 season, Brinson duplicated the feat in 2001 ... Gregory blocked a 48-yard field goal attempt by Todd Sievers in the second quarter ... SU recovered the ball and scored a touchdown on the ensuing drive ... He returned two kickoffs against Boston College for a total of 39 yards ... Against Virginia Tech, Gregory recovered a blocked punt by Tyree on the Hokie two-yard line in the second quarter, setting up SU's first touchdown of the game ... He also returned two kicks for 43 yards, including a 33-yarder to open the second half ... Gregory earned BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week for his efforts against Central Florida ... With Syracuse leading, 31-27 and 10:13 remaining in the fourth quarter, Gregory recovered a muffed punt by Asante Samuel on the UCF 16-yard line ... Two plays later, Walter Reyes (Struthers, Ohio) scored the game-winning touchdown ... Gregory blocked Matt Prater's 47-yard, game-tying field goal attempt with 2:55 remaining in regulation ... With less than 20 seconds remaining in the game, Gregory nearly intercepted Ryan Schneider's pass to Tavaris Capers deep in SU territory, batting the ball down ... Gregory also returned a kickoff a career-best 57 yards in the first quarter ... He ranked fifth in the BIG EAST and 54th nationally in kickoff returns, averaging 22.1 yards per return.

Gregory's Pass Defense Leads BIG EAST

Redshirt freshman cornerback Steve Gregory (Staten Island, N.Y.) finished the season ranked fourth nationally and first among freshman in passes defended with 21 (two interceptions and 19 breakups) ... He was named a second-team freshman All-American and to the BIG EAST All-Freshman Team by *The Sporting News* ... Gregory's 21 passes defended is the best number for a player returning in 2003 (Tulane junior Lynaris Elpheage (30) was second, but he declared for the NFL Draft) ... The 21 passes defended also led the BIG EAST ... Gregory had seven tackles against Miami, including six solo stops and one for a loss ... With 2:28 remaining in the second quarter, Gregory blocked a 48-yard field goal attempt by Todd Sievers ... SU recovered the ball and scored its first touchdown of the game on the ensuing possession ... Against Virginia Tech, Gregory intercepted Bryan Randall on the SU 29-yard line in the second quarter and broke up five passes ... Gregory also had five tackles, all solo, against the Hokies ... Against UCF, half of his four tackles were solo efforts and he broke up a pass on the potential game-winning drive against UCF with less than 20 seconds remaining ... Against Rutgers, Gregory had seven solo tackles, including two on special teams, and two pass breakups ... He had five solo tackles and broke up one pass against WVU ... At Temple, he registered five solo tackles and blocked the first field goal of his career ... He missed the game against Pittsburgh due to a shoulder injury suffered against Auburn ... He had four tackles against Auburn, including two solo tackles ... He recorded his first career interception against URI ... Gregory set a school record with six passes defended against North Carolina in his second collegiate game ... The previous mark was five (Dan Bucey at Navy, 1989) ... It was the most passes defended since the team began tracking the statistic in 1987 ... The NCAA began recognizing passes defended as a statistic in 2000 ... The NCAA single-season record is 30, set this year by Elpheage ... Gregory ranked fourth in the SU secondary for tackles with 56 ... He was fifth on the team with 49 solo stops.



Steve Gregory

GREGORY'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	Int.	Brkup	FF	Fumble	Rec.
2002	49	7	56	2	19	0		2-0 yds.
	Kick Ret.	Yards	Avg	TDs	Long			
2002	17	376	22.1	0	57			

Gregory's Passes Defended Total Catches Attention

Gregory had one of the best seasons ever for a Syracuse defensive back against the pass ... Gregory had 21 passes defended (19 breakups and two interceptions), which led the BIG EAST and ranked only second to two-time All-American Kevin Abrams on the single-season list at SU ... Abrams had 24 (6 int., 18 BrUp) in the 1995 season and 19 (19 BrUp) in the 1994 season ... Gregory's 19 breakups ties the school record Abrams set in the 1995 season.

SU Single-Season Pass Breakups Record List

	Name	PD	Int.	BrUp
1.	Kevin Abrams, 1995	24	6	18
2.	Steve Gregory, 2002	21	2	19
3.	Kevin Abrams, 1994	19	0	19
	Will Allen, 2000	19	2	17
5.	Willie Ford, 2001	17	1	16

Dangerous Duo Back to Return Kicks

Redshirt freshman Steve Gregory (Staten Island, N.Y.) and true freshman Damien Rhodes (Manlius, N.Y.) had good rookie seasons as kick returners ... Gregory finished sixth in the BIG EAST and 54th in the nation (22.1 yards per return) ... Rhodes ranked 71st nationally and ninth in the league with a 21.0 kickoff return average ... Against Pittsburgh, Rhodes returned a career-high seven kicks for 169 yards against Pittsburgh, including a career-best 44-yard return ... Both the number of kick returns and return yardage are BIG EAST single-game highs this season ... Gregory returned two kicks for 26 yards at West Virginia and Rhodes had two returns for 30 yards against the Mountaineers.

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Scanlon Sets Career High in Tackles

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Rich Scanlon

Junior linebacker Rich Scanlon (Oradell, N.J.) recorded five tackles against Miami, increasing his season total to 60 ... That tied the career-high 60 tackles he registered as a sophomore in 2001 ... He also set a career high this season with 10 tackles for a loss of 38 yards ... Scanlon ranked fourth on the team in tackles for a loss.

Miami Five tackles, including four solo stops

Boston College Five tackles, including one for a loss

Virginia Tech Recorded his first career interception in the second quarter ... Also broke up one pass and made four tackles ... It was the third straight game he had gained possession of the football in some way.

Central Florida He had five tackles and returned a blocked kick 28 yards into UCF territory late in the fourth quarter ... SU eventually pinned the Knights on their own two-yard line, helping key the victory.

Rutgers Career game – recording the first three sacks of his career, forcing and recovering his first fumble of the season, and registering six tackles ... Three sacks for a combined loss of 27 yards ... It was the eighth time in school history that someone recorded three sacks in a game ... Forced and recovered his first fumble of the season on a sack.

West Virginia Two solo tackles, one for a loss, seeing less time at linebacker because of SU's five-defensive back set.

Temple One tackle on special teams

Pittsburgh He had seven tackles

Auburn Tied a career high with 10 tackles

Rhode Island Eight tackles, including one for a loss of three yards

North Carolina Made half of his six tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Dumas A Leader on Defense Despite



Jameel Dumas

Despite missing one game and a large portion of two others to injury, junior Jameel Dumas (Roselle, N.J.) finished second on the team with a career-high 94 tackles ... Against Miami, Dumas made nine tackles ... He set a career-high for tackles for the second straight year against Boston College ... Dumas made 13 tackles against the Eagles, including seven solo stops, one pass breakup and one quarterback hurry ... In 2001, he posted 11 tackles and eight solo stops against BC, establishing career highs at the time ... Dumas made a potentially game-saving heads-up play in the fourth quarter against Virginia Tech ... With SU leading, 28-21, and 10:33 remaining in the fourth quarter, Lee Suggs picked up a Hokie first down on fourth and three at the SU 25-yard line ... While every other player assumed Suggs was down before he fumbled on the potential game-tying drive, Dumas picked up the ball and returned it 15 yards, allowing SU to keep possession for an extra three minutes ... It was the longest fumble return of Dumas' career ... He also made six tackles against the Hokies and had two pass breakups ... Dumas had a solid game in his return from an injury against Central Florida, registering three tackles, hurrying the quarterback twice and knocking down two passes ... He did not play against Rutgers due to an injury suffered at West Virginia ... He registered 10 tackles against Temple and forced the first fumble of his career ... Against Pittsburgh, Dumas had seven tackles, including three solo ... Dumas set a career mark with 12 tackles against Auburn, including seven solo stops ... Against Rhode Island, he had eight solo tackles and a half-sack ... Dumas had 11 tackles against UNC ... At BYU, he had two pass breakups, nine tackles and an interception, setting up SU's second score ... He led the linebacking corps and was third on the team with eight passes defended.

DUMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	Int.	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
2000	12	3	15	1	0.0	0	0-0 yds
2001	41	26	67	0	0.0	0	1-0 yds
2002	58	36	94	1	0.5	1	1-15 yds.
Totals	111	65	176	2	0.5	1	2-15 yds

Ferrara Consistent on D-Line



Christian Ferrara

Defensive end Christian Ferrara (North Caldwell, N.J.) had 31 tackles this season, which ranked fourth among SU defensive lineman ... He recorded four tackles against Miami, including one for a loss ... Ferrara made three stops against Boston College ... Against Virginia Tech, Ferrara made two tackles ... Ferrara registered three stops against UCF and recovered Ryan Schneider's fumble on the last play of the game ... He had three tackles against Rutgers ... Ferrara had a career-high six tackles against West Virginia, which included a career-best five solo stops ... He recorded three tackles against Temple, including his first tackle for a loss of the season ... Ferrara had three tackles against Pittsburgh ... Against Auburn, he posted four tackles ... Ferrara returned to the starting lineup against Auburn after missing the Rhode Island and North Carolina games with an injury ... Ferrara injured his knee at Brigham Young in the season opener ... Ferrara was a starter for the second year in a row and his third as a regular on the defensive line ... In 2001 he started all 13 games at defensive tackle ... In his rookie season in 2000, Ferrara played in all 11 games, starting two.

FERRARA'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	TFL	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
2000	2	10	12	0	0.0	0	1-0 yds.
2001	22	12	34	0	4.5	2	1-0 yds
2002	17	14	31	3-4	0.0	0	1-0 yds.
Totals	41	36	77	3-4	4.5	2	3-0 yds

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Darnell A Special Contributor

Senior cornerback B.J. Darnell (Paducah, Ky.) was a regular on special teams this season and recorded at least one special teams tackle in each of the final four games ... He recorded one tackle on punt coverage against Miami ... Darnell registered a career-high two solo tackles against Boston College on the punt coverage unit ... Against Virginia Tech, Darnell's hit on punt returner Richard Johnson forced a fumble that was recovered by Lenny Cusumano (West Paterson, N.J.) in the first quarter ... Darnell recorded his first career solo tackle on special teams against Central Florida ... He recorded his first career tackle, an assist, in the 2000 season against Buffalo ... He had five special teams tackles in 2002.



*B. J.
Darnell*

Mason Earned First Start at Temple

Redshirt freshman cornerback Jeremiah Mason (Chester, Pa.) suffered a stress fracture in his foot just prior to the game against Rutgers and missed the final five of the season ... broke up two pass plays against Temple in his first career start ... Although he did not play on offense, he found a way to touch the ball several times in 2002 ... Mason ranked third on the team with six passes defended ... Against Auburn, Mason blocked a field goal for the first time in his career, knocking down the potential game-winner for the Tigers in overtime ... He had his first career fumble recovery in the season-opener at BYU, setting up SU's third score of the game ... Mason has appeared in all seven games this season and is a regular on special teams.



*Jeremiah
Mason*

Hunter Posts Best Numbers of His Career

Graduate student Will Hunter (Chester, Pa.) set single-season highs in solo tackles (63), total tackles (78), fumble recoveries (3) and passes defended (10), making it the most productive season of his career ... He ranked fourth on the team with 78 tackles and was second in passes defended with 10 ... Hunter took the ball away from the opposing team in four games this season, which tied him with Steve Gregory for the team lead ... His three fumble recoveries tied for second in The BIG EAST Conference ... Hunter had six or more tackles in eight games, including a season-high 10 against Pittsburgh and Temple ... He eight tackles and a fumble recovery at BYU and did the same against URI ... Hunter recorded nine tackles and intercepted a pass at Auburn ... He had eight solo tackles in the final game of his SU career against Miami ... Against North Carolina he had six tackles and a fumble recovery ... He recorded six tackles against Rutgers.



*Will
Hunter*

HUNTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	Int.	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
1999	3	5	8	0	0.0	1	0-0 yds
2000	17	10	27	0	2.0	1	0-0 yds
2001	21	16	37	2	4.0	3	1-0 yds
2002	63	15	78	1	0.0	0	3-0 yds
Totals	104	46	150	3	6.0	5	4-0 yds

LaCasse Contributes in Rookie Year

Redshirt freshman defensive end Ryan LaCasse (Stoughton, Mass.) only played four snaps against Miami, but still impacted the game ... He dropped quarterback Ken Dorsey for a five-yard loss on third down in the second quarter, forcing a field goal attempt that was blocked by Steve Gregory (Staten Island, N.Y.) ... A 100-meter champion in high school, LaCasse is the only defensive lineman on the punt coverage unit ... LaCasse used his speed to make two special team tackles against Virginia Tech ... He made one tackle at Boston College ... LaCasse made three tackles against West Virginia, including two for a loss on consecutive plays in the third quarter ... LaCasse recovered his first career fumble against Pittsburgh, stopping a Panther drive deep in SU territory in the first quarter ... Against UNC, LaCasse recorded four tackles and his first career sack in the first quarter ... He caused a fumble leading to an SU score in his first career start ... For the season, LaCasse registered 19 tackles, including five for a loss and 2.5 sacks.



*Ryan
LaCasse*

LaCASSE'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	TFL	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
2002	14	5	19	5-23	2.5	1	1-0

John Mackey Honored

SU and the Department of Athletics will honored former football standout John Mackey (class of 1963) with the creation of the John S. Mackey Endowed Football Scholarship ... The Mackey scholarship was established by several of John's close friends and fans in honor of his great college and pro career ... A member of SU's All-Century Team, Mackey played in four all-star games as a senior ... After playing tight end for the Orange from 1960-62, Mackey was selected by the Baltimore Colts in the second round of the 1963 NFL Draft and played for the Colts until 1971 ... A five-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time All-NFL honoree, Mackey played in two Super Bowls with the Colts ... He concluded his professional career with the San Diego Chargers in 1972 ... He is called the best tight end in NFL history. Mackey was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1992 ... In April 2000, the Nassau County Sports Commission instituted the John Mackey Award, which is presented annually to the most outstanding Division I-A collegiate tight end who most demonstrates positive sportsmanship while in good academic standing ... Former SU All-American and NCSC board member Don McPherson (class of 1988) founded the award.



*John Mackey with SU head
coach Paul Pasqualoni*

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Wyche Earns Honors for Rookie Performance

Redshirt freshman James Wyche (Roosevelt, N.Y.) was named to *The Sporting News* BIG EAST All-Freshman Team for his performance during his rookie season ... He ranked second on the SU defensive line in tackles this season with 41 ... He registered six tackles against Miami, including four solo stops ... Wyche had six tackles against Boston College ... He registered a sack for the second consecutive game against Virginia Tech ... Wyche teamed up with Louis Gachelin (Miami, Fla.) to sack Virginia Tech's Bryan Randall for a loss of five yards on the Hokies' first drive of the game ... He finished the game with two total tackles and one quarterback hurry ... He recorded his first career sack and had five tackles against Central Florida ... Wyche had two tackles against Rutgers, including one for a five-yard loss ... He had four tackles and one quarterback hurry against WVU ... He made the most of his first career start against Temple, leading the defensive line with a career-best nine tackles, including one for a loss of six yards, and one pass breakup ... Wyche made his first appearance of the year against Rhode Island ... He had two solo stops against Pittsburgh and recorded three solo tackles, including one for a loss of two yards, and forced a fumble.



**James
Wyche**

Whitfield Sees Action

Redshirt freshman cornerback Thomas Whitfield (Windsor, Ontario) played in all 12 games this season ... Whitfield recorded tackles against Miami, Boston College, Rutgers, Temple, Pittsburgh, Rhode Island and BYU ... He forced a fumble in his first career game against BYU ... He had seven tackles in 2002.



**Thomas
Whitfield**

Walker's Season Ranks as One of Best Ever at SU

Senior safety Keeon Walker (Hoboken, N.J.) set career and Syracuse season-highs in forced fumbles for a defensive back this season and tied Donovin Darius' season-solo tackle mark for a defensive back ... Walker tied for second in the BIG EAST and tied for 10th nationally in forced fumbles with five (0.42 per game) ... His five forced fumbles are the most by a defensive back since the statistic was officially tracked at SU, beginning in 1982 ... Walker had 70 solo tackles this season, tying the standard Darius set in 1997 ... He also set a career high with 88 tackles this season ... Walker's 12 tackles for a loss are the most by a defensive back since the statistic was officially kept, beginning in 1994 ... He ranked third on the team and was seventh in the BIG EAST among defensive backs in tackles.



**Keeon
Walker**

WALKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	Int.	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
2000	58	27	85	0	0.0	1	2- 7 yds
2001	39	28	67	1	1.0	0	1-12 yds
2002	70	18	88	0	2.0	5	0- 0 yds.
Totals	167	73	240	1	3.0	6	3-19 yds

He Does it All on D

Walker has put at least one tally mark in nearly every defensive statistical category this season ... He added to the list of tackles, tackles for loss, sacks, pass breakups and forced fumbles with his first career blocked punt against Rutgers, which led to an SU touchdown.

Walker Imposing on Opposing Backfields

Walker began his SU career as a running back, but is now making himself at home in opposing backfields ... Walker had 12 tackles for a loss in 2002 ... He sacked Miami's Ken Dorsey for a loss of 15 yards ... Against UCF, he made two tackles for a loss ... He also had two tackles for a loss of 11 yards against WVU ... His 7.3 tackles per game was tops among SU defensive backs and second on the team ... Four of Walker's nine tackles went for a total loss of 11 yards against Temple ... Walker forced his fourth fumble against WVU ... He forced a fumble and had three solo tackles against Pittsburgh ... At Auburn, he recorded 10 stops ... He forced a fumble against URI.

Walker's Performance is The Best in Five Years

Walker led the defense with 16 tackles against WVU, the most by a member of the SU secondary in five years ... Former SU safety and current Jacksonville Jaguar Donovin Darius had 20 tackles against Virginia Tech in 1997 ... Twelve of Walker's tackles against WVU were solo efforts, equaling the team high Clifton Smith set against Auburn earlier this year.

Hooper Sees Action as a Reserve Tackle

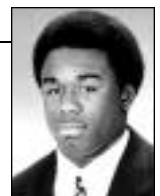
Sophomore defensive tackle Brian Hooper (Auburn, N.Y.) played in six games, recording nine tackles and one quarterback hurry ... Against West Virginia, he tied a career-high with three tackles, matching the total in his first career start against North Carolina earlier this year ... Hooper registered one solo stop against Pittsburgh ... He had two tackles against Rhode Island ... Seven of his nine tackles this season have been solo ... Hooper has played in five-of-seven games this year.



**Brian
Hooper**

Harris Solid on Special Teams

Junior linebacker Jose Harris (Medford, Mass.) played in 10 of 12 games in 2002, primarily on special teams ... He recorded four tackles, including one for a loss ... He recorded a career-best three tackles against Pittsburgh.



**Jose
Harris**

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Pollard Strong in Reserve Role

Sophomore defensive end Julian Pollard (Bloomfield, Conn.) ranked sixth among the defensive linemen this year in tackles with 10 ... Pollard recorded one tackle against Rutgers and West Virginia ... He had a career-best five tackles at Auburn ... He recorded one tackle against North Carolina ... He had two tackles against BYU, including one for a loss of five yards.



**Julian
Pollard**

Pruitt Excels in Rookie Season

Redshirt freshman linebacker Kellen Pruitt (Clinton, Md.) played in the linebacker rotation and on special teams this season ... For the year, he played in all 12 games, making 25 tackles, including 18 solo ... He registered one tackle against Miami ... Pruitt made two tackles against Central Florida ... He tied his career high with six tackles and broke up the first two passes of his career against Rutgers ... He stepped into SU's linebacking corps for the injured Jameel Dumas against West Virginia and made his first career sack, dropping WVU's Rasheed Marshall for a loss of seven yards and equaled his career-high total of five solo tackles ... He recorded three tackles against Pittsburgh, including one for a loss of a yard ... He had six tackles against URI, including five solo tackles and one stop for a loss of two yards.



**Kellen
Pruitt**

Thomas Impacts SU Defense

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Junior defensive end Josh Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y.) was third among defensive linemen with 34 tackles and is second on the team with eight quarterback hurries ... He tied for fourth on the team with Jeremiah Mason (Chester, Pa.)



**Josh
Thomas**

with six passes defended (one interception, five breakups) ... He established a career high with his third sack of the season against Miami and finished the game with six tackles ... Against Boston College, Thomas made four tackles and batted down one pass ... He registered three tackles against Virginia Tech ... He had three tackles, including one for a loss of three yards, two pass breakups and one quarterback hurry against UCF ... Against Rutgers he registered a career-high two sacks, forced and recovered a fumble, broke up two passes and had one quarterback hurry ... Thomas registered two tackles against West Virginia ... He had four tackles against Temple and hurried the Owls' quarterback twice ... He returned from a two-game absence due to injury against Pittsburgh, and recorded his second career interception and had two tackles ... He missed the Auburn and Rhode Island games due to a foot injury sustained against UNC in SU's home-opener ... In SU's season-opener at BYU, Thomas had five tackles, including three solo stops ... A psychology major, Thomas brings his "A" game into the classroom as well ... He is a two-time (2001 and 2002) District I Verizon Academic All-American.

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	TFL	Sacks	Int.	FF	Fumble Rec.
2000	3	2	5	1-5	1.0	1	0	0-0 yds.
2001	22	24	46	7-28	2.0	0	0	0-0 yds.
2002	22	17	34	7-26	3.0	1	1	1-0 yds.
Totals	47	38	85	15-59	6.0	2	1	1-0 yds.

Oliver Handles Many Tasks in Final Year

Senior cornerback Latroy Oliver (Hartford, Conn.) proved to be a jack of all trades in his final season at SU ... He had 34 tackles ... Oliver broke up one pass against Miami ... He had three tackles against Boston College ... Oliver registered his first sack of the season, drilling Hokie quarterback Bryan Randall for a 10-yard loss in the second quarter ... The Hokies punted three plays later ... In the two games prior, Oliver also made momentum-changing plays ... Oliver blocked Central Florida kicker Matt Prater's 36-yard field goal attempt that could have pushed the lead to 17-0 in the first quarter ... SU recovered the block and put its first three points of the game on the board on the ensuing possession ... It was the first blocked kick of Oliver's career ... He also posted 10 tackles, all solo, establishing a career high for solo and total tackles against UCF ... Oliver had a hand in two turnovers against Rutgers, forcing a fumble and intercepting a pass ... He returned the pick 24 yards to the Rutgers' two, setting up Walter Reyes' touchdown on the ensuing play ... He registered a season-high four tackles and had one pass breakup against West Virginia ... Oliver had three tackles against Pittsburgh ... He had three solo tackles against Auburn ... He made the most of his third career fumble recovery, returning it 21 yards for his first career touchdown in the third quarter against Rhode Island ... Oliver ranked fifth in the SU secondary with 34 tackles and was sixth on the team with five passes defended.



**Latroy
Oliver**

OLIVER'S CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles	Asts.	Tot.	Int.	Sacks	FF	Fumble Rec.
1999	7	2	9	1	0.0	0	0-0 yds
2000	12	3	15	0	0.5	1	1-0 yds.
2001	26	19	45	4	0.0	3	1-0 yds
2002	29	5	34	1	1.0	1	1-21 yds.
Totals	74	29	103	6	1.5	5	3-21 yds

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Scott is Fifth in Tackles

Sophomore free safety O'Neil Scott (Camden, N.J.) finished the season ranked fifth on the team with 61 tackles (5.1 per game) and sixth with 47 solo stops this season ...



*O'Neil
Scott*

The tackle total was the best among SU's underclassmen ... He registered one tackle against Miami ... Scott had seven tackles (five solo) against WVU ... He led the SU defense with 13 tackles against Pittsburgh ... His 11 solo tackles against the Panthers set a career high, and he recorded his first sack for a loss of five yards ... Against Auburn, he had two passes defended, made his first career interception and posted a career-high 14 tackles ... Against UNC, he had eight tackles, including his first career tackle for a loss ... In his first career start at BYU, Scott registered eight total tackles, including seven solo stops.

Smith is a Big First-Year Contributor

True freshman safety Anthony Smith (Hubbard, Ohio) led all SU true freshmen with 31 tackles, which ranked sixth in the SU secondary ... Smith's tackle total was the most by a true freshman since senior linebacker Clifton Smith (Freeport, N.Y.) had 66 tackles in the 1999 season ... He had the most tackles by a true freshman defensive back since Dwayne Joseph registered 47 tackles in the 1990 season ... Smith had two tackles against Rutgers ... He more than doubled his than-career-high six-tackle performances against Temple and Rhode Island with a 13-tackle effort against West Virginia (nine solo and two for a loss) ... He also broke up his first pass at WVU ... Smith also recovered a fumble forced by Jameel Dumas and returned it three yards against the Owls.



*Anthony
Smith*

SU Coaches in "Big 2" Sports Boast Longevity

Head football coach Paul Pasqualoni was appointed to his position in January, 1991 ... Only nine other Division I-A schools have had the same head coach for at least 12 years ... Syracuse is the only school to boast the same head coach in both football and men's basketball since 1991 (12 years) ... Utah was the only other school to have the same coach for that time period until football coach Ron McBride was let go at the end of the 2002 season ... SU men's basketball head coach Jim Boeheim has been at the helm of the Orange basketball program since the 1976-77 season.



*Paul
Pasqualoni*

LEADING IN FOOTBALL LONGEVITY

Only nine active head coaches have been at their current schools for 12 years or longer ... Two of the coaches are in the BIG EAST, one of only two league sin the nation who can boast of multiple coaches on the list.

Coach	School (Conference)	Years
Joe Paterno	Penn State (Big Ten)	37
Bobby Bowden	Florida State (ACC)	27
Fisher DeBerry	Air Force (Mountain West)	19
Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech (BIG EAST)	16
Bill Snyder	Kansas State (Big 12)	14
Barry Alvarez	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	13
Paul Pasqualoni	Syracuse (BIG EAST)	12
Jackie Sherrill	Mississippi State (SEC)	12
Jeff Bower	Southern Miss (C-USA)	12

True Freshmen Seeing More Action

Five true freshmen earned playing time in 2002, which is the most in head coach Paul Pasqualoni's 12-year tenure ... Against Rhode Island defensive tackle Kader Drame (New Haven, Conn.) and offensive tackle Quinn Ojinnaka (Seabrook, Md.) played for the Orange ... In the second game of the year, wide receiver Rashard Williams (Miami, Fla.) and strong safety Anthony Smith (Hubbard, Ohio) played for the first time for the Orange against North Carolina ... The first true freshman to play this season was tailback Damien Rhodes (Manlius, N.Y.), who earned his first playing time at Brigham Young in the season-opener ... In addition, first-year Orangeman Darryl Kennedy (Plainfield, N.J.) played in seven ... During the past 11 years the most true freshmen who had played was four (1997 and 1998).

True Freshmen on the Field During the Pasqualoni Era

1991	None	1998	Andre Brinson, defensive back
1992	None		Jay Chapman, wide receiver
1993	None		Willie Ford, defensive back
1994	Kaseem Sinceno, tight end		Dwight Freeney, defensive end
1995	Brian Coleman, defensive tackle	1999	Mike Shafer, kicker
	Rob Konrad, fullback		Clifton Smith, linebacker
	Kyle McIntosh, running back	2000	Diamond Ferri, running back
1996	Derrick Corley, defensive tackle		Johnnie Morant, wide receiver
	Ian McIntosh, defensive back	2001	Justin Sujansky, kicker
	Quinton Spotwood, wide receiver		Julian Pollard, defensive end
1997	Ali Culpepper, running back	2002	Kader Drame, defensive tackle
	Peter Ferris, kicker		Quinn Ojinnaka, offensive tackle
	Maurice Jackson, wide receiver		Damien Rhodes, running back
	Rickie Simpkins, defensive tackle		Anthony Smith, strong safety
			Rashard Williams, wide receiver

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SU Football Facts

- Had 15 consecutive winning seasons (1987 through 2001)
- 1959 National Champions
- Three BIG EAST Conference championships
- 93 All-BIG EAST picks in 12 seasons
- Three BIG EAST Offensive Players of the Year, three BIG EAST Defensive Players of the Year and five BIG EAST Special Teams Players of the Year
- 53 All-America selections
- 71 NFL draft picks and 10 first-round picks since 1980.
- At least one first-round draft pick every year since 1998
- 48 All-Pro Selections
- Four NFL retired uniform numbers
- Ten Top 25 finishes since 1987, including three times in the top 20, three times in the top 15, once in the top 10 and once in the top five.
- 1961 Heisman Trophy winner and seven top-five Heisman finishes
- Twelve players and coaches in the College Football Hall of Fame
- Four players in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
- The award for the most outstanding Division I-A tight end is named the John Mackey Award after the former SU and Baltimore Colts' standout.
- Two national coach of the year awards (1959 and 1987).
- One Maxwell Award winner, one Johnny Unitas Award winner and one Davey O'Brien Award winner
- Finalists for the Vince Lombardi Award, the Bronko Nagurski Award, the Bednarik Award and the Jim Thorpe Award
- 1999 American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award (100 percent graduation rate) and 12 AFCA Honor Roll awards (better than 70 percent graduation rate)
- 21 bowl appearances (12-8-1)

SU Honors Memory of Omain Gulette

The SU football program honored the memory of Omain Gulette, a student-athlete who had signed a National Letter of Intent to play football at SU ... SU Director of Athletics Jake Crouthamel, head coach Paul Pasqualoni and assistant coach Chris White, who recruited Gulette, presented Omain's mother, Pamela Roberts, with a framed SU football jersey bearing Omain's name and number ... To honor the memory of Omain, the number #66, which he would have worn at Syracuse University, will be left vacant for four years as a memorial ... Omain, a graduate of Glen Mills High School in Concordville, Pa., was shot and killed in Philadelphia on June 29, 2002.



"Omain and his family will always be a part of the SU football family," said SU head coach Paul Pasqualoni. "We honor his memory by giving his family his Syracuse jersey at the Temple game. We'll keep him in our thoughts by reserving his SU locker and jersey number for the years we had hoped to have him in the program."

While at Glen Mills, Gulette was named first-team all-state, was selected to participate in the Big 33 all-star game, excelled academically, voted vice-president of the Student Government, and was scheduled to report for his first pre-season camp at Syracuse University in August as a scholarship member of the football team.

Syracuse vs. The BIG EAST Conference

The BIG EAST football conference began in 1991, the same year current SU head coach Paul Pasqualoni took over at Syracuse ... The list of Syracuse vs. BIG EAST schools all-time reflects the 112 years that SU has played football.

Team	SU ALL-TIME			PASQUALONI ERA (1991-present)		
	W - L - T	Pct.		W - L - T	Pct.	
Boston College	26-17- 0	.605		7- 5- 0	.583	
Miami	7-14- 0	.333		2- 9- 0	.182	
Pittsburgh	29-26- 3	.526		11- 1- 0	.917	
Rutgers	27- 5- 1	.833		11- 1- 0	.917	
Temple	24- 9- 1	.721		11- 1- 0	.917	
Virginia Tech	9- 7- 0	.563		6- 5- 0	.545	
West Virginia	30-20- 0	.600		8- 4- 0	.667	
Total	151-98- 5	.604		56-26- 0	.683	

Decade of Excellence

SU is 22nd in total wins among Division 1-A football programs since 1992 ... SU's 85-45-1 record (.653) is 23rd in winning percentage during that span (Marshall and South Florida have a better percentage but recently joined the 1-A ranks) ... Overall, the BIG EAST has an excellent showing in the standings since the 1992 season ... Miami is tied for fifth with 105 wins ... Virginia Tech's 95 wins ties for 10th ... With 74 and 73 victories respectively, West Virginia and Boston College also cracked the top 40.

SU Earns Another Academic Honor

The 2001 Syracuse football team earned the 2002 Academic Achievement Honorable Mention Award from the American Football Coaches Association ... Syracuse is one of 25 schools recognized for academic excellence by the AFCA this year ... The award is given to a school's football program for having a graduation rate of more than 70 percent ... This year marks the 10th time in the last 12 years that the Orangemen have been honored with this award ... Syracuse is one of only six schools to be recognized 13 or more times since the award expanded in 1987 ... The other schools are Boston College, Duke, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt and Virginia ... Out of those programs, Syracuse is the only one that did not have a losing season during the stretch ... The 1999 Syracuse football class, including Donovan McNabb and Kevin Johnson, won the AFCA Academic Achievement Award for having a graduation rate of 100 percent.

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McPherson on Oprah

Former SU standout student-athlete Don McPherson was featured on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on the show titled, "Be a Man" ... McPherson is the associate director of an innovative program called Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA), which is based at Adelphi University ... The organization arranges training conferences for the program in which high school student-athletes lecture younger students in their community on topics ranging from building self-esteem to violence prevention ... During his SU career from 1983-87, McPherson started at quarterback for three years ... As a senior in 1987 he guided SU to an unbeaten season (11-0-1) and won the Davey O'Brien Award ... He was the color analyst for SU's game at Temple this season.

Future SU Opponents

(as of June, 2002 - subject to change)

2003

HOME: Boston College, Central Florida, Louisville, Notre Dame, Temple, Toledo and West Virginia.

AWAY: North Carolina, Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Virginia Tech.

2004

HOME: Connecticut, Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Virginia Tech. (One additional game TBA)

AWAY: Boston College, Buffalo, Temple, Virginia, West Virginia.

2005

HOME: Boston College, Buffalo, Louisville, Toledo, Virginia, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

AWAY: Connecticut, Miami, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Rutgers.

2006 (conference opponents only)

HOME: Connecticut, Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers

AWAY: Boston College, Virginia Tech, West Virginia

Future Non-Conference Opponents *(as of June, 2002)*

Akron, 2008 (home), 2009 (home), 2010 (away)
Buffalo, 2007 (home)

East Carolina, 2006 (home)

Illinois, 2006 (away), 2007 (home)

Notre Dame, 2005 (away), 2008 (away)

Ohio State, 2007 (away), 2010 (home)

Penn State 2008 (home), 2009 (away)

McNabb Named to SU Board of Trustees

Former standout quarterback Donovan McNabb (Dolton, III.) was elected as a member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees at the Board's meeting, held November 1 on the SU campus ... McNabb, who graduated in 1998, completed his eligibility in the Fall of 1998, and is currently the quarterback for the National Football League's Philadelphia Eagles, is one of the youngest to ever be named to the SU Board of Trustees ... "Donovan brings a unique combination of leadership and civic and philanthropic interest to the Board of Trustees," said Board of Trustee Chair Joseph O. Lampe. "He is a winner on and off the field. He will be an outstanding member of the board, offering a younger insight from a very successful person to help govern the University."



*Donovan
McNabb*

Orangemen in the Community

You've certainly heard all the old adages about "putting things in perspective" and football being "just a game" ... The Orangemen clearly realize the importance of being well-rounded individuals and excelling beyond the playing field ... They enjoy reaching out to the community to form a grassroots connection ... The Orangemen participated in more than 40 community service projects during the spring semester of the 2001-02 school year ... The Orangemen visited more than 10 elementary schools to talk with and read to the students, participated in ceremonies for the Onondaga County Special Olympics and assisted in building houses for Habitat for Humanity ... The SU football team also made appearances at several fundraisers and charity events ... During the football season, players occasionally stopped by local high schools to talk with members of the team ... The team helped a local Pop Warner team earn money by working at a car wash fundraiser.

Crouthamels Honored by Salvation Army

The Salvation Army recognized Carol and Jake Crouthamel with the 2002 Community Team Spirit Award at its annual luncheon ... Jake Crouthamel, SU's Director of Athletics since 1978, was recognized for his many contributions to the Salvation Army, including the coordination of Dome Donation Day and the SU Athletics Department staff annual Salvation Army bell-ringing day ... Dome Donation Day, which will be held for the 20th consecutive year on November 9 when the Orangemen host Virginia Tech at the Carrier Dome, has collected more than one million food items for distribution through the Army's Emergency Basic Needs Pantry ... A member of the Salvation Army Board of Directors, Carol served as the chair of the organization's advisory board program and service committee, and participated on committees for program evaluation, foster care and adoption, and Christmas distribution committees ... In addition, she was a member of the Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area Task Force to plan for the Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) on Erie Boulevard ... The center is helping hundreds of people recover from substance abuse ... In his 25th year as SU's Director of Athletics, Jake won the 1999 National Football Foundation John L. Toner Award for his demonstration of superior administrative abilities and dedication to college athletics and football ... Under his leadership, SU athletics has enjoyed great success, including a school-record six teams earning NCAA championship bids and two other teams having individual representation at NCAA Championships in 2001-02 ... Overall, eight teams participated in post-season events last year.



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MEET PAUL PASQUALONI

Head Coach (12th year at SU)

16th season at Syracuse overall
17th season as a head coach
A 1972 graduate of Penn State University
Southern Connecticut State, MS

Pasqualoni Coaching Records

Overall Record: 129-64-1
Record at Syracuse: 95-47-1
BIG EAST Record: 56-26



Paul Pasqualoni

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Facts and Figures About Paul Pasqualoni's Career

- The 11th-winningest active coach in the nation, Paul Pasqualoni has never had a losing season as SU's head coach ... Pasqualoni has accumulated an overall record of 95-47-1 at SU ... His 129 career victories is 10th on the win percentage list and is tied for 11th on the active coaches win lists by wins.
- Pasqualoni has guided Syracuse to a league-best 56 conference victories ... His career BIG EAST record is 56-26.
- During Pasqualoni's tenure, SU has been successful against Temple (11-1), Pittsburgh (11-1), Rutgers (11-1), West Virginia (8-4), Boston College (7-5) and Virginia Tech (6-5) ... Miami (2-9) has given SU the most difficulty in recent years.
- Pasqualoni's three BIG EAST Championships tie him with Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer and Dennis Erickson, formerly of Miami, for tops in league history ... Syracuse won consecutive championships in 1996 (a three-way tie with Miami and Virginia Tech), 1997 and 1998.

Pasqualoni Celebrates 129th Win

Syracuse head coach Paul Pasqualoni enjoyed his 129th career victory when the Orangemen beat Virginia Tech ... He has 56 BIG EAST victories to his credit ... In his 17th year, Pasqualoni boasts a 129-64-1 (.668 win pct.) career record ... Pasqualoni's BIG EAST record is 56-26 (.683 win pct.).

Pasqualoni's Players Selected in the NFL Draft

Paul Pasqualoni has mentored 26 Orangemen who have been chosen in the NFL Draft, including seven first-round selections ... SU has had at least one first-round pick in six of the last seven years ... Sixteen of those student-athletes are active in the league, including Qadry Ismail, Kevin Mitchell, Dave Wohlbaugh, Marvin Harrison, Tebucky Jones, Donovan Darius, Roland Williams, Donovan McNabb, Kevin Johnson, Rob Konrad, Keith Bulluck, Will Allen, Eric Downing, Morlon Greenwood, Dee Brown and Dwight Freeny.

Pasqualoni vs. 2002 Opponents

Opponent	First Game	Record	Home	Away	Neutral
Auburn	2001	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
Boston College	1991	7-5	4-2	3-3	0-0
Brigham Young	2000	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
Central Florida	2001	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Miami	1992	2-9	1-5	1-4	0-0
North Carolina	1995	1-2	0-2	1-0	0-0
Pittsburgh	1991	11-1	5-1	6-0	0-0
Rhode Island	2002	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Rutgers	1991	11-1	6-0	5-1	0-0
Temple	1991	11-1	6-0	5-1	0-0
Virginia Tech	1992	6-5	5-1	1-4	0-0
West Virginia	1991	8-4	5-1	3-3	0-0

At the Top of the List

Paul Pasqualoni ranks 10th on the winningest active coaches in Division I-A list for winning percentage and is tied for 11th for number of victories.

Winningest Active Coaches by Percentage

	Yrs. Overall	Yrs. at School	W	L	T	Pct.	Bowl	Record
1. Bob Pruett, Marshall	7	7	80	13	0	.86022	4	1 0
2. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	11	11	103	25	0	.80469	6	4 0
3. Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	37	27	332	96	4	.77315	18	6 1
4. Joe Paterno, Penn St.	37	37	336	100	3	.76879	20	9 1
5. Lloyd Carr, Michigan	8	8	76	23	0	.76768	4	3 0
6. R. C. Slocum, Texas A&M	14	14	123	47	2	.72353	3	8 0
7. Dennis Erickson, Oregon St.	17	4	144	57	1	.71535	5	4 0
8. Bill Snyder, Kansas St.	14	14	116	51	1	.69345	5	4 0
9. Dennis Franchione, Alabama	20	2	155	73	2	.67826	4	1 0
10. Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse	17	12	129	64	1	.66753	6	2 0
11. Tommy Bowden, Clemson	6	4	47	24	0	.66197	1	2 0

Winningest Active Coaches by Win Total

	Yrs. Overall	Yrs. at School	W	L	T	Pct.	Bowl	Record
1. Joe Paterno, Penn St.	37	37	336	100	3	.76879	20	9 1
2. Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	37	27	332	96	4	.77315	18	6 1
3. Lou Holtz, South Carolina	31	4	238	120	7	.66164	12	8 2
4. Jackie Sherrill, Mississippi St.	25	12	178	110	4	.61644	8	6 0
5. Ken Hatfield, Rice	24	9	159	115	4	.57914	4	6 0
6. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	22	16	159	92	4	.63137	4	5 0
7. Dennis Franchione, Alabama	20	2	155	73	2	.67826	4	1 0
8. Fisher DeBerry, Air Force	19	19	149	83	1	.64163	6	5 0
9. Dennis Erickson, Oregon St.	17	4	144	57	1	.71535	5	4 0
10. Mack Brown, Texas	19	5	135	89	1	.60222	5	5 0
11. Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse	17	12	129	64	1	.66753	6	2 0
Mike Price, Washington St.	22	14	129	122	0	.51394	3	1 0

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Offense

WR	81	David Tyree (6-1, 201, Sr.)	12	Jared Jones (5-11, 192, So.)	
LT	78	Adam Terry (6-8, 300, So.)	72	Jason Greene (6-5, 301, RF)	
LG	73	Erik Kaloyanides (6-4, 310, Sr.)	77	Tim Carignan (6-3, 284, RF)	
C	61	NICK ROMEO (6-1, 298, Jr.)	68	Chris Buda (6-2, 297, Jr.)	
RG	75	Matt Tarullo (6-5, 313, So.)	95	Charles Simpson (6-3, 322, Jr.)	
RT	74	Kevin Sampson (6-4, 300, Jr.)	69	Quinn Ojinnaka (6-5, 264, Fr.)	
TE	41	Lenny Cusumano (6-1, 255, Jr.)	40	Joe Donnelly (6-3, 252, Jr.)	
QB	11	Troy Nunes (6-0, 178, Sr.)	5	R.J. ANDERSON (6-1, 233, Jr.)	
TB	39	Walter Reyes (5-10, 205, So.)	1	DamienRhodes (6-1, 193, Fr.)	
			or	27	Barry Baker (6-0, 207, Sr.)
FB	34	Chris Davis (6-0, 234, Sr.)	43	Thump Belton (6-0, 240, Jr.)	
WR	14	Jamel Riddle (5-7, 175, Jr.)	or	2	Johnnie Morant (6-4, 223, Jr.)
			80	Andre Fontenette (6-2, 227, So.)	

Defense

LE	97	JOSH THOMAS (6-7, 288, Jr.)	56	Julian Pollard (6-4, 252, So.)	
DT	99	Louis Gachelin (6-1, 285, Jr.)	91	Kader Drame (6-5, 288, Fr.)	
NT	93	CHRISTIAN FERRARA (6-4, 302, Jr.)	96	Brian Hooper (6-2, 285, So.)	
RE	90	James Wyche (6-5, 242, RF)	94	Ryan LaCasse (6-2, 248, RF)	
			or	92	Tommy Harris (6-2, 245, RF)
SLB	50	JAMEEL DUMAS (6-2, 220, Jr.)	52	Jose Harris (6-3, 229, Jr.)	
MLB	9	CLIFTON SMITH (6-3, 251, Sr.)	46	Cory Brooks (6-1, 227, RF)	
WLB	57	Rich Scanlon (6-1, 240, Jr.)	31	Kellen Pruitt (6-3, 216, RF)	
LC	3	LATROY OLIVER (5-7, 194, Sr.)	25	Steve Gregory (5-11, 178, RF)	
SS	28	KEEON WALKER (5-10, 201, Sr.)	21	O'Neil Scott (6-0, 198, So.)	
FS	6	Maurice McClain (6-1, 179, Sr.)	37	Anthony Smith (6-0, 171, Fr.)	
RC	30	Will Hunter (5-11, 193, GR)	29	Thomas Whitfield (5-9, 187, RF)	

Special Teams

Returns

Kickoff 25 Steve Gregory (5-11, 178, RF)) and 1 Damien Rhodes (6-1, 193, Fr.)
2 Johnnie Morant (6-4, 223, Jr.) and 39 Walter Reyes (5-10, 205, So.)

Punt 14 **JAMEL RIDDLE (5-7, 175, Jr.)**
82 Rashard Williams (5-6, 152, Fr.)

PAT/Field Goal

19 **COLLIN BARBER (6-1, 201, So.)** 36 Mike Shafer (5-9, 186, Sr.)

Kickoff 36 **MIKE SHAFER (5-9, 186, Sr.)** 19 Collin Barber (6-1, 201, So.)

Punter 36 **MIKE SHAFER (5-9, 186, Sr.)** 19 Collin Barber (6-1, 201, So.)

Long Snapper

76 Dave DeAmato (5-11, 215, Sr.)

34 Chris Davis (6-0, 234, Sr.) 41 LennyCusumano (6-1, 255, Jr.)

Holder 12 **JARED JONES (5-11, 192, So.)** 11 Troy Nunes (6-0, 178, Sr.)

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Orangemen in the National Football League

(Final, as of 1/27/03)

2002 Team	Player	2002 Statistics									
Carolina	RB Dee Brown	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Rsh</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		14/3	102	360	3.5	4	17	86	5.1	1	
	T Melvin Tuten	Played in 14 games, starting 7									
Cleveland	WR Kevin Johnson	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Comp</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		16/15	2	1	33	1	67	703	10.5	4	
	C Dave Wohlabaugh	Played in 12 games, started 12 games									
Denver	RB Kyle Johnson	Active roster for three games									
Indianapolis	DE Dwight Freeney	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>		
		16/8	40.0	38	13.0	9	1	0	0		
	WR Marvin Harrison	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rsh</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		16/16	143*	1722	12.0	11	2	10	5.0	0	
		* NFL single-season record for receptions									
	WR Qadry Ismail	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		14/14	44	462	10.5	3	0	0	0	0	
	RB James Mungro	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Rsh</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		9/1	97	336	3.5	8	13	81	6.2	0	
Jacksonville	DB Donovan Darius	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PassBr</u>		
		14/14	69.0	58	1.0	1	3	0	5		
Kansas City	DT Eric Downing	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>		
		13/4	10.0	9	.5	0	0	0	0		
Miami	DE Rob Burnett	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>		
		15/0	10	5	4.0	1	0	0	0		
	LB Morlon Greenwood	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PassBr</u>		
		16/14	37.0	33	2.5	0	0	0	1		
	FB Rob Konrad	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Rsh</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		16/12	3	2	.7	0	34	233	6.9	3	
	K Olindo Mare	<u>GP</u>	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>XPM</u>	<u>XPA</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>TB</u>	
		16	24	31	77.4	53	42	43	84	12	
Minnesota	K Gary Anderson	<u>GP</u>	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>XPM</u>	<u>XPA</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>TB</u>	
		14	18	23	78.3	53	36	37	8	0	
New England	DB Tebucky Jones	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PassBr</u>	
		14/12	40.0	4.5	1	0	2	2	1	5	
N.Y. Giants	DB Will Allen	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PassBr</u>	
		15/15	57.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	
Oakland	TE Roland Williams	Super Bowl XXXVII vs. Tampa Bay, January 26, 2003 (inactive due to injury)									
		<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		16/12	27	213	7.9	0	0	0	0	0	
Philadelphia	QB Donovan McNabb	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Int.</u>			
		12/12	440	257	58.4	2779	18	7			
			<u>Rsh</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>					
			70	501	7.1	6					
Tennessee	LB Keith Bulluck	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	
		18/18	108	1.5	1	5	3	2	61	1	
Washington	LB Kevin Mitchell	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Tkl</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PassBr</u>		
		16/4	26.0	22	0	1	7	0	1		

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Common Grounds

Senior All-America candidate **Clifton Smith** is the second of three outstanding linebackers to come to Syracuse from Freeport High School ... During head coach Paul Pasqualoni's 12-year tenure, the Syracuse football program has had success recruiting multiple student-athletes from a number of major high schools, including the following:

School/Player	Position	Years at SU	School/Player	Position	Years at SU
Bayonne HS/Bayonne, N.J.:			Hempstead HS/Hempstead, N.Y.:		
George Meyers	LB	1992-96	Reggie Terry	LB	1989-93
Chris Adamcik	OL	1991-95	Charles Moore	LB	1991-93
Bloomfield HS/Bloomfield, Conn.:			Hillsborough HS/Tampa, Fla.:		
Dwight Freaney	DL	1998-2001	Kevin Abrams	DB	1992-96
Julian Pollard	DL	2000-present	Chris Davis	RB	1998-present
Cheshire HS/Cheshire, Conn.:			Lincoln HS/Tallahassee, Fla.:		
Kyle McIntosh	RB	1995-98	Andre Brinson	DB	1998-2001
Ian McIntosh	DB	1996-99	Patrick Alexander	OL	1997-2001
Paul Pasqualoni	Head Coach	1991-present	Chris Buda	OL	1999-present
Delran HS/Delran, N.J.:			McKeeseport HS/McKeeseport, Pa.:		
Darrell Parker	WR	1991-95	Mark Holtzman	DL	1997-2001
Nate Hemsley	LB	1992-96	Cecil Howard	QB	2001
Delsea Regional HS/Glassboro, N.J.:			Miami, Jackson HS/Miami, Fla.:		
Jason Poles	WR	1994-98	Louis Gachelin	DL	1999-present
Randy Swanson	RB	1994-97	James Dumervil	LB	2000-present
DeMatha HS/Hyattsville, Md.:			Paxon HS/Jacksonville, Fla.:		
Garland Hawkins	LB	1989-92	Malcolm Thomas	RB	1992-96
Karlos Jackson	DB	1990-93	Antwaune Ponds	LB	1993-97
Bryce Bevill	WR	1991-94	Roosevelt HS/Roosevelt, N.Y.:		
Joe Wright	DL	1992-95	Terrence Wisdom	OL	1988-92
Quinn Ojinnaka	OL	2002-present	Ed Hobson	DL	1990-94
Downington HS/Downington, Pa.:			Teaneck HS/Teaneck, N.J.:		
A.J. Mitchell	OL	2002-present	John Wellington	OL	1995-97
Brandon Darlington	TE	2002-present	Giovanni DeLoach	DL	1997-2001
Elizabeth HS/Elizabeth, NJ:			Thomas Jefferson HS/Tampa, FL:		
Dulayne Morgan	DL	1993-97	Kirby Dar Dar	RB	1990-94
Quinton Spotwood	WR	1996-99	Deon Maddox	WR	1992-96
Maurice McClain	DB	1998-present	Valley Forge Military Academy/Valley Forge, Pa.:		
Freeport HS/Freeport, N.Y.:			George McDaniels		
Morlon Greenwood	LB	1996-2000	Justin Sujansky	PK	2001-present
Clifton Smith	LB	1999-present	Woodrow Wilson HS/Camden, N.J.:		
Jerry Mackey	LB	2002-present	Donovin Darius	DB	1993-97
Hargrave Military Academy/Chatham, Va.:			O'Neil Scott		
Kendrick Thomas	LB	1992-94	2000-present		
Stan Gibbs	LB	1994-98			
Phil Nash	DB	1994-98			
Jamont Kinds	DB	1996-98			

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2002 Game Stories

Game #1

Syracuse 21
Brigham Young 42

August 29 at LaVell Edwards Stadium, Provo, Utah

A 21-0 Brigham Young University run over the final 18 minutes of the game led the Cougars to a 42-21 triumph against Syracuse University on Thursday, Aug. 29.

True freshman **Damien Rhodes** rushed for two touchdowns and led the Orangemen with 82 yards rushing on 14 carries in his first collegiate game. He also returned four kickoffs for 91 yards. Rhodes' rushing performance was the best debut by a Syracuse running back since Floyd Little rushed for 82 yards on 11 carries at Boston College in 1964.

The Cougars took a 7-0 lead when quarterback Bret Engemann hit Andrew Ord on a 6-yard slant for a touchdown at 8:14 in the first quarter.

Syracuse cornerback **Will Hunter** recovered a muffed punt by BYU's Reno Mahe at the Cougar 17-yard line to set up SU's first score. **Jamel Riddle** went into the end zone untouched on an end around on the next play to tie the game at 7-7 with 3:43 remaining in the first quarter. Collin Barber converted the extra-point attempt.

BYU took a 14-7 lead after a 13-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Engemann throwing a two-yard touchdown pass to Toby Christensen 14 seconds into the second quarter. The Cougars increased their lead to 21-7 at the 4:53 mark on a one-yard run by Marcus Whalen.

Rhodes scored his first collegiate touchdown on a five-yard run at 1:13 of the second quarter to bring Syracuse within 21-14 at intermission.

Rhodes' four-yard touchdown run at 6:08 of the third quarter tied the game at 21-21, as the Orangemen struck first in the second half.

Engemann scored what proved to be the game-winning touchdown at 2:43 of the third quarter on a three-yard plunge, putting BYU ahead, 27-21, after the extra-point attempt failed.

Hunter led the SU defense with 11 tackles, including seven solo stops. Sophomore free safety O'Neil Scott made five solo tackles and finished the game with 10 tackles. Senior linebacker **Clifton Smith**, a preseason All-American and candidate for every major defensive award, made seven tackles, including two for a loss.

The LaVell Edwards Stadium gathering, a near sellout of 65,612, was the largest crowd to witness a Syracuse season-opener since 1980.



Damien Rhodes

Team Statistics

	SU	BYU
First Downs	18	31
Rush Att.-Yards	42-198	39-218
Pass Yards	128	397
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	66-326	94-615
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	8-24	36-55
Passes had intercepted	2	1
Punts-Avg.	7-37.9	3-52.0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-0
Kickoff Returns	5-122	2-28
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	5-2
Penalties-Yards	7-65	13-116

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
SYRACUSE	7	7	7	0	21
Brigham Young	7	14	6	15	42

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
BYU – Ord, 6-yard-pass from Engemann (Payne kick)	15-71-5:42	0-7
SU – Riddle, 17-yard run (Barber kick)	1-17-0:07	7-7
BYU – T. Christensen, 2-yard pass from Engemann (Payne kick)	13-80-3:57	7-14
BYU – Whalen, 1-yard run (Payne kick)	9-99-2:59	7-21
SU – Rhodes, 5-yard run (Barber kick)	4-55-0:55	14-21
SU – Rhodes, 4-yard run (Shafer kick)	5-29-1:59	21-21
BYU – Engemann, 3-yard run (Payne kick failed)	10-92-3:25	21-27
BYU – D. Christensen, 50-yard pass from Engemann (Payne kick failed)	4-73-2:04	21-33
BYU – Payne, 31-yard field goal	4-1-1:33	21-36
BYU – Brown, 1-yard run (Payne kick failed)	3-16-1:18	21-42

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU – Rhodes 14-82; BYU – Whalen 19-140
Passing	SU – Anderson 24-8-2, 128; BYU – Engemann 54-35-1, 386
Receiving	SU – Riddle 1-40, Morant 3-35; BYU – T. Christensen 6-98
Tackles	SU – C. Smith 13; BYU – Francisco 11, Walkenhorst, 11

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Game #2

North Carolina 30
Syracuse 22

September 7 at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

North Carolina quarterback Darian Durant threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes to give the Tar Heels a 30-22 come-from-behind win in front of 39,444 fans at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse's home-opener.

With SU leading 22-16, Durant tied the game when he hit Jawarski Pollock for a 48-yard touchdown with 11:25 remaining in the fourth quarter. The extra point gave UNC the lead for good at 23-22. Durant found Bobby Blizzard on a 12-yard strike with 3:06 left in the game to set the final score. Syracuse fumbled the ensuing kickoff and UNC was able to run out the clock.

The Tar Heels struck first in the opening stanza. On the fourth play of SU's opening drive, quarterback R.J. Anderson's pass was tipped and intercepted by DeFonte Coleman. The SU defense held firm, forcing the Tar Heels to kick a field goal. Dan Orner's 52-yarder was his first career field goal.

Willie Parker ran for a 50-yard touchdown on the final play of the first quarter to give UNC a 10-0 lead.

Syracuse scored 14 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 14-10 lead. The Orangemen went 84 yards in 14 plays to punch in its first touchdown of the game. Junior **Walter Reyes** scored his first touchdown of the season on a one-yard plunge.

The defense forced its fourth turnover of the season, stripping Durant of the ball. **Will Hunter** recovered the fumble on the Tar Heels' 14-yard line and **Johnnie Morant** ran a reverse into the endzone on the next play on his first career carry.

Orner kicked a 51-yard field goal with seven seconds left in the half to bring the Tar Heels within 14-13. He opened the scoring in the second half with a 55-yard field goal to put UNC up 16-14. Orner tied the NCAA record for most 50-yard-or-longer field goals in a game with three, including the school-record 55-yarder.

Syracuse answered with Anderson's quarterback sneak from the one-yard line on an eight-play, 56-yard drive. **Damien Rhodes** took a pitch to the right and hit **David Tyree** in the endzone for a two-point conversion to give Syracuse a 22-16 lead.

Reyes had a career-night running the ball for the second consecutive game. He gained a career-best 86 yards and scored once on 12 carries. Reyes also had a career-long 20-yard run. Rhodes finished the game with 63 yards on 13 carries.

Anderson completed 4-of-11 passes for 71 yards.

Preseason All-American linebacker **Clifton Smith** led the defense with 16 tackles, including his first sack of the season. Redshirt freshman Ryan LaCasse (Stoughton, Mass.), making his first career start, also recorded his first sack. Junior **Louis Gachelin** had the Orangemen's third sack of the night and recorded two tackles behind the line of scrimmage.



**Walter
Reyes**

Team Statistics

	UNC	SU
First Downs	22	15
Rush Att.-Yards	42-152	43-183
Pass Yards	284	71
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	78-436	54-254
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	19-36	4-11
Passes had intercepted	0	1
Punts-Avg.	4-33.5	6-39.7
Punt Returns-Yards	2-1	2-16
Kickoff Returns	2-36	7-170
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-27	6-35

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
North Carolina	10	3	3	14	30
SYRACUSE	0	14	8	0	22

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
UNC – Orner, 52-yard FG	4-1-1:30	0-3
UNC – Parker, 50-yard run (Orner kick)	1-50-0:08	0-10
SU – Reyes, 1-yard run (Barber kick)	14-84-5:26	7-10
SU – Morant, 14-yard run (Barber kick)	1-14-0:10	14-10
UNC – Orner, 51-yard FG	12-62-2:00	14-13
UNC – Orner, 55-yard FG	13-45-6:04	14-16
SU – Anderson, 1-yard run (Tyree pass from Rhodes)	6-56-3:05	22-16
UNC – Pollock, 48-yard pass from Durant (Orner kick)	7-87-2:40	22-23
UNC – Blizzard, 12-yard pass from Durant (Orner kick)	14-77-7:17	22-30

Individual Leaders

Rushing	UNC – Parker 13-79; SU – Reyes 12-86
Passing	UNC – Durant 34-19-0, 284; SU – Anderson 11-4-1, 71
Receiving	UNC – Aiken, 5-91; SU – Morant 1-37, Donnelly 2-23
Tackles	UNC – Reid 12; SU – C. Smith 16, Dumas 11, Walker 10

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Game #3

Rhode Island 17
Syracuse 63

September 14 at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

Sophomore running back **Walter Reyes** rushed for a career-high 128 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Orangemen to a 63-17 victory against Rhode Island in front of 43,089 fans at the Carrier Dome.

Junior quarterback **R.J. Anderson** completed 13-of-18 passes for 306 yards and two touchdowns in less than three quarters of work. It was Anderson's second 300-yard passing game of his career (Temple, 2001).

Freshman tailback **Damien Rhodes** scored the first touchdown of the game on a 10-yard run. Rhodes finished the game with a career-high 94 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. Rhodes and Reyes became the first rushing tandem to both rush for multiple touchdowns since Dee Brown and James Mungro both had two versus Temple in 2000. Reyes' three scoring runs tied him for fifth place on the SU single-game list. He is the first Orangeman since James Mungro versus West Virginia last season to rush for three scores.

SU built a 21-0 lead as Reyes scored on a 10-yard run and junior wide receiver **Jamel Riddle** and Anderson caught an 87-yard touchdown pass from Anderson in the second quarter. It was SU's longest pass play since Donovan McNabb hooked up with Quinton Spotwood for a 94-yard touchdown versus East Carolina in 1997. It also is tied for the third longest pass play in SU history. Ger Schwedes hit Ernie Davis for an 87-yard touchdown versus Texas in 1959. It was a career long pass and reception for Anderson and Riddle, respectively. It would be all the scoring SU needed.

The Rams responded with a 45-yard Shane Laisle field goal. URI cut the lead to 21-10 when Jayson Davis scampered in from the four-yard line on a quarterback draw on the Rams' next possession.

Syracuse answered with Rhodes' second score on a 16-yard run to put SU up 28-10. Rhodes rushed five times for 73 yards on the drive.

URI's Justin Westley cut the Syracuse lead to 28-17 with a 15-yard scoring run.

Reyes busted loose for a career-long 46-yard touchdown run and Anderson connected with Riddle again on a 29-yard scoring strike to put SU ahead, 42-17 at halftime.

Rhodes' first career reception, a 38-yard screen pass down to the one-yard line set up Reyes' third rushing touchdown of the game.

Syracuse added two insurance scores in the in the fourth quarter. Senior **Latroy Oliver** scored his first career touchdown, returning a fumble 21 yards. Junior fullback **Darryl Kennedy** scored on a one-yard plunge for his first career touchdown and the final 63-17 score.

SU's 629 yards of total offense ranked fourth on the Orange's single-game list, passing the 618 yards versus Pittsburgh in 1994. The Orangemen's 8.6 yards per play tied for fourth on the SU single-game list. The last time was versus Cincinnati in 1998.



**R.J.
Anderson**

Team Statistics

	URI	SU
First Downs	17	27
Rush Att.-Yards	55-273	48-280
Pass Yards	172	349
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	71-445	73-629
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	9-16	16-25
Passes had intercepted	1	2
Punts-Avg.	7-43.1	3-41.3
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	5-52
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-101	4-50
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-66	5-45

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rhode Island	0	17	0	0	17
SYRACUSE	14	28	7	14	63

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
SU - Rhodes, 10-yard run (Barber kick)	7-64-2:07	7-0
SU - Reyes, 10-yard run (Barber kick)	5-46-1:23	14-0
SU - Riddle, 87-yard pass from Anderson (Barber kick)	3-80-1:29	21-0
URI - Laisle, 45-yard field goal	5-52-1:46	21-3
URI - Davis, 4-yard run (Laisle kick)	8-85-3:03	21-10
SU - Rhodes, 16-yd run (Barber kick)	6-75-1:56	28-10
URI - Westley, 15-yard run (Laisle kick)	6-83-2:21	28-17
SU - Reyes, 46-yard run (Barber kick)	4-64-0:54	35-17
SU - Riddle, 29-yard pass from Anderson (Barber kick)	4-63-0:24	42-17
SU - Reyes, 1-yard run (Barber kick)	8-62-2:43	49-17
SU - Oliver, 21-yard fumble return (Barber kick)		56-17
SU - Kennedy, 1-yard run (Barber kick)	7-29-3:18	63-17

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU - Mungro 21-93; URI - Ham 8-103
Passing	SU - Anderson 5-1-0, 74; URI - Davis 12-7-0, 145
Receiving	SU - Morant 2-89; URI - Horne 3-52
Tackles	SU - Harris 14; URI - Zlotek 12

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Game #4

Syracuse 34
#25 Auburn 37 ^{3 OT}

September 28 at the Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Ala.

Auburn running back Carnell Williams rushed for the game-winning touchdown in the third overtime series as the 25th-ranked Tigers defeated Syracuse, 37-34, in front of 83,667 at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Syracuse scored first in the third overtime as sophomore Collin Barber drilled a 44-yard field goal to give the Orangemen a 34-31 lead. Auburn answered on its possession as Williams swept around the left end from eight yards out and found the end zone for the game-winning score.

Trailing 24-17 midway through the fourth quarter, SU quarterback Troy Nunes spelled starter R.J. Anderson, who left the game with an injury. Nunes led the offense on a 15-play, 80-yard drive, culminating with a 2-yard touchdown pass to senior David Tyree with 23 seconds remaining in regulation. Barber's extra point sent the game into overtime, tying the score at 24-24. Nunes completed 7-of-8 passes for 62 yards on the drive.

Barber's field goal attempt in the first overtime was thwarted because of a bad snap. SU redshirt freshman cornerback Jeremiah Mason blocked Damon Duval's 27-yard field goal attempt on third down to force a second overtime.

Williams scored on a 6-yard touchdown run in the second overtime, putting the Tigers up, 31-24. Sophomore running back Walter Reyes answered for SU with his second touchdown of the game on a 2-yard plunge. The extra point tied the score at 31-31.

Barber opened the game's scoring with a 27-yard field goal at 11:31 of the first quarter. Preseason All-American linebacker Clifton Smith set up the play with a 48-yard fumble return to the Tiger 17-yardline. Smith finished with a game-high 17 tackles.

Junior wide receiver Jamel Riddle sped 85 yards for his second career punt return for a touchdown, putting SU up 10-0 at 9:23 of the first quarter. It was the longest punt return of Riddle's career. Reyes scored on a 68-yard run at 3:27 of the second quarter for a 17-0 SU lead. Reyes finished the game with 111 yards on 19 carries.

The Tigers stormed back, scoring 24 unanswered points, beginning with a 34-yard field goal from Duval with 34 seconds remaining in the first half, pulling the Tigers within 17-3. A 1-yard quarterback sneak in the third quarter by Jason Campbell and a 7-yard pass from Campbell to Cooper Wallace in the fourth quarter tied the game at 17-17. The Tigers took their first lead of the game at 7:10 of the fourth when Campbell hit fullback Brandon Johnson on a 34-yard play action touchdown pass over the middle.

Nunes completed 9-of-11 passes for 80 yards and a touchdown to lead SU. Sophomore wide receiver Jared Jones led the Orange receiving corps with five catches for 56 yards, both career highs.

It was longest game in school history for Syracuse and the fourth overtime contest it has played in. The Orangemen needed two overtimes to defeat Pittsburgh, 24-17, in 2000.



**Troy
Nunes**

Team Statistics

	SU	AU
First Downs	15	23
Rush Att.-Yards	44-158	54-231
Pass Yards	163	271
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	74-321	87-502
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	15-30	17-33
Passes had intercepted	3	2
Punts-Avg.	6-41.1	5-39.6
Punt Returns-Yards	2-90	6-23
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-41	5-96
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	7-43	10-76

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
SYRACUSE	10	7	0	7	10	34
Auburn	0	3	7	14	13	37

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
SU – Barber, 27-yard field goal	4-8-0:56	3-0
SU – Riddle, 85-yard punt return (Barber kick)		10-0
SU – Reyes, 68-yard run (Barber kick)	2-80-0:40	17-0
AU – Duval, 34-yard field goal	7-76-2:53	17-3
AU – Campbell, 1-yard run (Duval kick)	8-31-3:28	17-10
AU – Wallace, 7-yard pass from Campbell (Duval kick)	4-54-1:57	17-17
AU – B. Johnson, 34-yard pass from Campbell (Duval kick)	5-57-1:55	17-24
SU – Tyree, 2-yard pass from Nunes (Barber kick)	15-80-6:47	24-24
AU – C. Williams, 6-yard run (Duval kick)	4-25-0:00	24-31
SU – Reyes, 2-yard run (Barber kick)	4-25-0:00	31-31
SU – Barber, 44-yard field goal	4--1-0:00	34-31
AU – C. Williams, 8-yard run (Duval kick)	4-25-0:00	34-37

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU – Reyes 19-111; AU – Williams 40-202
Passing	SU – Nunes 11-9-0, 80; AU – Cobb 18-7-1, 154, Campbell 15-10-1, 117
Receiving	SU – Jones 5-56; AU – Willis 3-113
Tackles	SU – C. Smith 17; AU – J. Rosegreen 9

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Game #5

Pittsburgh 48
Syracuse 24

October 5 at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

Syracuse lost its BIG EAST opener for the first time since 1997, 48-24, to Pittsburgh in front of 39,947 fans at the Carrier Dome in its Homecoming Game. The loss snapped an 11-game winning streak and a 12-game unbeaten string for the Orangemen versus the Panthers. It was Pittsburgh's first win in the Carrier Dome since 1982.

Syracuse took a 3-0 lead on a 28-yard field goal by sophomore **Collin Barber** following a Pittsburgh turnover. It was the second straight game, the Orangemen defense created a turnover on the opponents' first drive. Junior defensive end **Josh Thomas**, making his first appearance since injuring his foot versus North Carolina, made his second career interception off a pass tipped by senior linebacker **Clifton Smith**.



**Clifton
Smith**

The Panthers then scored 48 unanswered points, converting three SU turnovers in the second half into scores.

Syracuse stopped the run with its first touchdown, when senior quarterback **Troy Nunes** hit **David Tyree** on a four-yard fade route in the third quarter. The extra point cut the deficit to 48-10. **Walter Reyes** set up the score with a 51-yard run.

The Orangemen scored two times in the fourth quarter to set the final score. Reyes scored his first touchdown of the game on an 11-yard run. He finished the game with a team-high 84 yards on 13 carries. Junior **Barry Baker** scored his first career touchdown with 3:51 left in the fourth quarter to end the scoring.

Pittsburgh went 83 yards in seven plays for its first touchdown, a 27-yard scoring pass from Rod Rutherford to Larry Fitzgerald. The Panthers went ahead, 14-3 when Brandon Miree went in from six yards out for the score.

Pittsburgh struck quickly in the second quarter, going 69 yards on its first possession. Miree converted a third-and-goal from the one to put Pittsburgh up 21-3. The Panthers scored on their third consecutive possession with David Abdul's 23-yard field goal, putting Pittsburgh ahead 24-3.

On SU's next possession, starting quarterback **R.J. Anderson** was replaced by Nunes after injuring his right shoulder. Anderson did not return to the game. He finished the game 3-for-10 with 11 yards. Syracuse punted on the possession and trailed, 24-3 at halftime.

Lousaka Polite scored his second touchdown of the season when he broke through the line and went 34 yards up the middle to put Pittsburgh ahead, 31-3, on its first possession of the second half.

Lewis Moore recovered a Nunes fumble, taking it in from the two to extend Pittsburgh's lead to 38-3 on SU's next series.

Pittsburgh scored again following another Syracuse fumble. Abdul hit his second field goal of the game, a 19-yarder, to put the Panthers ahead, 41-3.

The Orangemen turned the ball over for the third consecutive possession, giving Pittsburgh a first-and-10 at their own 17. Two plays later, Rod Rutherford hit Roosevelt Bynes for an 82-yard touchdown to put the Panthers up 48-3. It was the first 80-yard-or-longer passing play against the Orangemen defense since Pittsburgh's Matt Cavanaugh hit Godron Jones for an 80-yard gain in 1975.

Nunes finished 11-of-19 for 120 yards. He moved into fourth place on the Syracuse career passing yardage list with 3,484 yards, passing Bill Hurley (3,398 yards).

Rutherford finished the game 10-of-15 for 279 yards and two touchdowns. Lousaka Polite led the Panthers with 58 yards rushing on five carries.

Team Statistics

	UP	SU
First Downs	18	14
Rush Att.-Yards	47-180	38-144
Pass Yards	279	131
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	62-459	67-275
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	10-15	14-29
Passes had intercepted	1	0
Punts-Avg.	4-52.5	5-33.6
Punt Returns-Yards	3-9	3-38
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-66	8-169
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-4
Penalties-Yards	8-65	3-15

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pittsburgh	14	10	24	0	48
SYRACUSE	3	0	7	14	24

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
SU – Barber, 28-yard field goal	4-3-1:16	3-0
UP – Fitzgerald, 27-yard pass from Rutherford (Abdul kick)	7-83-3:24	3-7
UP – Miree, 6-yard run (Abdul kick)	7-44-3:06	3-14
UP – Miree, 1-yard run (Abdul kick)	6-69-2:20	3-21
UP – Abdul, 23-yard field goal	12-40-5:03	3-24
UP – Polite, 34-yard run (Abdul kick)	3-65-1:16	3-31
UP – Moore, 2-yard fumble recovery (Abdul kick)		3-38
UP – Abdul, 19-yard field goal	4-6-2:03	3-41
UP – Bynes, 82-yard pass from Rutherford (Abdul kick)	2-83-0:54	3-48
SU – Tyree, 4-yard pass from Nunes (Barber kick)	6-66-1:41	10-48
SU – Reyes, 11-yard run (Barber kick)	6-59-2:06	17-48
SU – Baker, 3-yard run (Barber kick)	6-55-2:19	24-48

Individual Leaders

Rushing	UP – Polite 5-58; SU – Reyes 13-84
Passing	UP – Rutherford 15-10-1, 279; SU – Nunes 19-11-0, 120
Receiving	UP – Bynes, 2-130, Fitzgerald, 3-75; SU – Jones 4-59
Tackles	UP – Ferguson 11; SU – Scott 13

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Game #6

Syracuse 16
Temple 17

October 12 at Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pa.

A dramatic, final-minute comeback led by junior quarterback R.J. Anderson fell one-point short and the Syracuse Orangemen lost at Temple, 17-16, on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Trailing 17-10 with 51 seconds remaining, Anderson led the Orangemen on 55-yard scoring drive, capped by a 14-yard scoring pass to sophomore Jared Jones with 30 seconds remaining in the game. The Orangemen failed to tie the game when sophomore kicker Collin Barber's extra point attempt hit the left upright, giving the Owls a 17-16 victory in front of a Homecoming crowd of 17,220 at Veterans Stadium. Syracuse is now 1-5 (0-2 BIG EAST). The Owls improved to 2-4 (1-1 BIG EAST).

The Orange defense forced Temple to punt with less than a minute remaining in the game. Junior **Jamel Riddle** returned the kick 23 yards to the Syracuse 45-yard line. Anderson hit senior **David Tyree** for a 17-yard gain on the first play of the drive. Consecutive pass interference and holding penalties against Temple set up Jones' touchdown, the first of his career.

Temple started the game's scoring with a 37-yard field goal from Cap Poklemba at 7:06 of the first quarter. Barber answered with a 33-yard field goal to tie the game at 3-3 with 2:01 left in the first half.

The Orangemen took their first lead of the game on a 60-yard pass from Anderson to Riddle less than two minutes into the second half. Riddle broke one tackle before cutting back to the left side of the field and using a block from junior tight end **Joe Donnelly** to outrace the Temple secondary for his third touchdown of the year and a 10-3 SU lead.

The Owls tied the game at 10-10 when quarterback Mike McGann threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Tanardo Sharps at the 7:18 mark of the fourth quarter. Temple broke the tie when McGann hit Markonnen Fenton with a 52-yard scoring strike with 3:40 remaining in the fourth quarter, for a 17-10 lead.

Anderson finished 18-of-34 for 239 yards, tying a career best for completions and setting a career high for attempts. He also led the Orangemen in rushing with 62 yards on 11 carries.

Riddle made a career-high nine catches for 145 yards to lead all receivers. He also returned four punts for 43 yards.

Sharps totaled 235 yards of offense on the day, rushing for 124 on 29 carries and adding 91 yards receiving on three receptions. McGann completed 20-of-38 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns.

Preseason All-American linebacker **Clifton Smith** led SU with 13 tackles and moved past Tim Green into 10th on the all-time tackles list at Syracuse with 347 for his career.

It was Temple's first victory against Syracuse since a 17-6 win in 1983, a span of 17 games. Syracuse is 1-5 for the first time since the 1986 season.



**Jamel
Riddle**

Team Statistics

	SU	TU
First Downs	20	21
Rush Att.-Yards	28-144	43-160
Pass Yards	239	340
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	62-383	82-500
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	18-34	20-39
Passes had intercepted	1	0
Punts-Avg.	7-42.0	7-37.1
Punt Returns-Yards	4-43	4-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-13	2-34
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-74	14-108

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
SYRACUSE	0	3	7	6	16
Temple	3	0	0	14	17

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
TU – Poklemba, 37-yard field goal	8-68-2:56	0-3
SU – Barber, 33-yard field goal	10-55-2:17	3-3
SU – Riddle, 60-yard pass from Anderson (Barber kick)	5-73-1:55	10-3
TU – Sharps, 65-yard pass from McGann (Poklemba kick)	7-94-2:33	10-10
TU – Fenton, 53-yard pass from McGann (Poklemba kick)	5-58-2:01	10-17
SU – Jones, 14-yard pass from Anderson (Barber kick failed)	2-55-0:21	16-17

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU – Anderson 11-62; TU – Sharps 29-124
Passing	SU – Anderson 34-18-1, 239; TU – McGann 39-20-0, 340
Receiving	SU – Riddle 9-145; TU – Sharps 3-91, Fenton 2-70
Tackles	SU – C. Smith 13; TU – J. Wallace 11

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Game #7

Syracuse 7
West Virginia 34

October 19 at Mountaineer Stadium, Morgantown, W. Va.

Despite a career game from senior strong safety **Keeon Walker**, the Orangemen lost to West Virginia, 34-7, in front of 45,088 at Mountaineer Field on Saturday, Oct. 19. Walker led all tacklers with 16 stops, including two for a loss of 11 yards. Eleven of Walker's stops were solo tackles. True freshman safety **Anthony Smith** registered a career-high 13 tackles. With the win, the Mountaineers gained possession of the Floyd "Ben" Schwartzwalder Trophy for the first time since 1998. The two teams began playing for the trophy in 1993 to honor the memory of Schwartzwalder, who coached Syracuse from 1949-73 and lettered for West Virginia from 1931-33.

WVU quarterback Rasheed Marshall rushed for two touchdowns, threw for another and finished 8-of-16 passing for 108 yards to lead the Mountaineers.

Marshall capped an 80-yard, game-opening drive with a four-yard bootleg to the pylon and a 7-0 WVU lead at 10:13 of the first quarter. West Virginia converted three of Syracuse's four first half turnovers to score 13 points en route to a 20-0 halftime lead.

On SU's second possession of the game, quarterback **R.J. Anderson's** pass intended for **David Tyree** was intercepted by Jahmile Addae at the Syracuse 37-yard line. The SU defense stopped West Virginia at the 18-yard line and Todd James converted a 36-yard field goal attempt for a 10-0 lead at 3:51 of the first quarter.

The Mountaineers' Tim Love recovered a fumbled option pitch at the Syracuse 29-yardline with eight seconds remaining in the opening quarter to set up the next WVU score. SU defensive tackle **Louis Gachelin** dropped Marshall for a 1-yard loss at the SU 8-yard line on third down, forcing a 25-yard field goal attempt from James. James split the uprights and West Virginia led, 13-0, with 13:02 left in the half.

Addae recovered a **Walter Reyes** fumble at the SU 26-yard line on the ensuing Syracuse possession. Three plays later WVU pushed the lead to 20-0 as Marshall scrambled for his second touchdown of the game, rushing in from 14 yards out.

Syracuse committed its fourth turnover of the half on the following possession as Jason Davis recovered another fumble on the SU 48. The Orange defense answered four plays later, as Walker forced his team-leading fourth fumble of the year, stripping Marshall. Gachelin pounced on the ball at the SU 31-yard line.

Anderson drove Syracuse into WVU territory but could not convert on fourth down, turning the ball over at the Mountaineer 36-yard line. With 1:25 left in the half, Anderson led a 9-play, 56-yard drive from the SU 14-yard line to the WVU 30. **Collin Barber's** 47-yard field goal attempt came up short as time expired in the quarter.

West Virginia went 50 yards on six plays in its first series of the second half, culminating with a 20-yard touchdown pass from Marshall to Miquelle Henderson. The Mountaineers led, 27-0, with 11:05 left in the third quarter.

Troy Nunes replaced Anderson, who left the game with an injury, on SU's next series. Nunes marched the Orangemen 82 yards on 17 plays, with senior fullback **Chris Davis** scoring on a two-yard plunge to bring SU within 27-7.

Quincy Wilson finished the game's scoring with a one-yard touchdown run with 15 seconds remaining in the game.

Nunes finished the game 10-of-17 passing for 99 yards.

Reyes carried the ball 15 times for 55 yards to lead the SU. Mountaineer running back Avon Cobourne led all rushers with 108 yards on 28 carries. Wilson rushed for 99 yards on 16 carries.

Johnnie Morant caught a career-high five receptions for 75 yards for Syracuse.



**Keeon
Walker**

Team Statistics

	SU	WVU
First Downs	16	22
Rush Att.-Yards	38-72	57-279
Pass Yards	170	105
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	72-242	73-384
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	16-34	8-16
Passes had intercepted	1	0
Punts-Avg.	6-40.2	6-37.0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	4-18
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-56	1-11
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-31	9-110

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
SYRACUSE	0	0	7	0	7
West Virginia	10	10	7	7	34

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
WVU – Marshall, 4-yard run (James kick)	13-80-4:47	0-7
WVU – James, 36-yard field goal	6-17-2:06	0-10
WVU – James, 25-yard field goal	5-21-2:06	0-13
WVU – Marshall, 14-yard run (James kick)	2-26-0:53	0-20
WVU – Henderson, 20-yard pass from Marshall (James kick)	6-50-2:14	0-27
SU – Davis, 2-yard run (Barber kick)	17-82-5:56	7-27
WVU – Wilson, 1-yard run (James kick)	13-72-7:26	7-34

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU – Reyes 15-55; WVU – Cobourne 28-108
Passing	SU – Nunes 17-10-0, 99; WVU – Marshall 16-8-0, 108
Receiving	SU – Morant 5-75; WVU – Braxton 3-35
Tackles	SU – Walker 16, A. Smith 13; WVU – King 10

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Game #8

Rutgers 14
Syracuse 45

October 26 at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

The Syracuse defense forced five turnovers, allowing no points and only 16 yards rushing to lead the Orangemen to a 45-14 victory versus Rutgers in front of 37,158 fans at the Carrier Dome.

Syracuse recovered four of the six fumbles it forced, and had one interception. SU gave up just 193 yards of offense, its lowest total of the season. SU had eight sacks, also a season-best, and the most since the team had nine against Virginia Tech in 2000. Scanlon finished the game with three sacks, the first of his career. Gachelin and Thomas each recorded a career-best two sacks.

Rutgers scored all of its points on special teams. SU's **Louis Gachelin** recovered a fumble on the Rutgers' 20-yard line on the second play from scrimmage. The SU offense took the ball to the one-yard line, but **Collin Barber's** field-goal attempt was blocked by Nathan Jones. Brandon Haw picked up the loose ball and went 90 yards for the score to give Rutgers a 7-0 lead.

Barber's 40-yard field goal attempt went wide right on SU's ensuing possession. The SU defense forced a Rutgers punt and the Orangemen marched 59 yards on 10 plays. The drive ended with **Damien Rhodes'** first career touchdown reception, a five-yard catch-and-run, tying the game at 7-7.

Junior defensive end **Josh Thomas** forced the second Rutgers turnover of the first quarter when he swatted the ball out of quarterback Ryan Cubit's hand and fell on it to set up SU's second score. Senior quarterback **Troy Nunes** found junior **Jamel Riddle** on a corner route for a 30-yard touchdown on the third play of the drive, giving the Orangemen a 14-7 lead.

A career-long, 79-yard touchdown run by sophomore **Walter Reyes** pushed the lead to 21-7 at halftime. It was the longest run from scrimmage for SU this season, and the longest run by an Orangeman since James Mungro's 86-yarder versus Kentucky in 1999. Reyes recorded his third 100-yard effort of the season with 115 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries.

The Syracuse defense recovered its third fumble of the game on the Scarlet Knights' first possession of the second half. Senior **Latroy Oliver** forced the turnover, his first of the season, and redshirt freshman **Steve Gregory** made his first career fumble recovery. SU's fourth fumble recovery set up the first score of the second half. Junior linebacker **Rich Scanlon** forced and recovered a fumble by quarterback Ted Trump. Barber then put Syracuse ahead, 24-7, with a 33-yard field goal with 5:12 left in the third quarter.

The Scarlet Knights scored their second special teams touchdown of the game when Nate Jones took the ensuing kickoff back 100 yards for the score, cutting the Orangemen's lead to 24-14. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown against SU since West Virginia's Shawn Terry took one back 100 yards in 2000.

Syracuse scored its own special teams touchdown in the fourth quarter. Senior safety **Keeon Walker** blocked a punt and Rhodes scooped up the ball at the three-yard line and went in for the touchdown and a 31-14 lead.

Oliver set up SU's next score with his first interception of the season. He returned the ball 24 yards to the Rutgers' two-yard line. Reyes did the honors with a two-yard plunge on the next play to give SU a 38-14 lead.

Rhodes added a five-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring. He ended the game with 10 carries for 41 yards.

Nunes, making his first start of the season, was 13-of-23 for 117 yards and a pair of scores. He also rushed seven times for 46 yards. As a team, SU rushed for a season-best 289 yards on 44 carries.

Riddle led the receiving corps with three catches for 48 yards and a touchdown. He also had two carries for 30 yards, including a 21-yard run, all career highs. Riddle moved into sixth place on the SU all-time punt return list, passing Art Monk. Riddle returned three punts to run his career total to 46. Riddle's first return of nine yards made him the sixth Orangeman to amass more than 600 career punt return yards. He ranks sixth on the Syracuse punt return yardage list with 636 career yards.

Senior safety **Maurice McClain** cracked the starting lineup for the first time in his career. It was his first action of the season after suffering a broken leg in spring practice. In the second quarter, SU ran just five plays compared with 27 for Rutgers. Despite the discrepancy, SU outscored RU, 7-0, in the quarter. The SU defense allowed just four yards rushing on 13 attempts in the second stanza. Despite running 22 fewer plays, SU had only one less yard than RU in the quarter (85-84). Rutgers was 8-of-14 for 81 yards passing. In the other three quarters, the SU offense ran 62 plays, compared to RU's 41.



**Rich
Scanlon**

Team Statistics

	RU	SU
First Downs	12	18
Rush Att.-Yards	37-16	44-289
Pass Yards	177	117
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	68-193	67-406
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	14-31	13-23
Passes had intercepted	1	0
Punts-Avg.	8-36.5	5-37.8
Punt Returns-Yards	2-4	5-98
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-152	2-46
Fumbles-Lost	6-4	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-67	8-87

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rutgers	7	0	7	0	14
SYRACUSE	14	7	3	21	45

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
RU — Haw, 90-yard blocked field goal return (Sands kick)		0-7
SU — Rhodes, 5-yard pass from Nunes (Barber kick)	10-59-4:30	7-7
SU — Riddle, 30-yard pass from Nunes (Barber kick)	3-28-0:55	14-7
SU — Reyes, 79-yard run (Barber kick)	1-79-0:15	21-7
SU — Barber, 33-yard field goal	4-8-1:27	24-7
RU — Jones, 100-yard kickoff return (Sands kick)		24-14
SU — Rhodes, 3-yard blocked punt return (Barber kick)		31-14
SU — Reyes, 2-yard run (Barber kick)	1-2-0:05	38-14
SU — Rhodes, 5-yard run (Barber kick)	6-57-2:47	45-14

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU — Reyes 12-115; RU — Facyson 9-51
Passing	SU — Nunes 23-13-0, 117; RU — Trump 23-13-1, 161
Receiving	SU — Riddle 3-48; RU — Hobbs 4-69
Tackles	SU — Gregory 7, Smith 7; RU — Brackett 9

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Game #9

Syracuse 38
Central Florida 35

Nov. 2 at the Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

Sophomore **Walter Reyes** scored three touchdowns and rushed 27 times for 130 yards to lead Syracuse in a 38-35, come-from-behind victory against Central Florida in front of 24,043 at the Florida Citrus Bowl. Redshirt freshman cornerback **Steve Gregory** made two crucial special teams plays in the fourth quarter to key the victory. He earned the BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week award for his efforts.

With Syracuse leading, 31-27, and 10:13 remaining in the fourth quarter, Gregory recovered a muffed punt by Asante Samuel on the UCF 16-yard line. Two plays later, Reyes rushed five yards into the end zone for what proved to be the game-winning score. Senior **Mike Shafer** kicked the extra point for the 38-27 lead.

UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider led the Knights to paydirt on their next drive, going 66 yards on five passing plays. Schneider hit Sean Gaudion with a four-yard touchdown pass and connected with Tavaris Capers on the two-point conversion to bring UCF within 38-35 with 8:52 left in regulation.

Syracuse was forced to punt on its next possession, with Samuel fair-catching Shafer's punt on the UCF 46-yard line. The Knights were stopped at the SU 30 and Matt Prater's 47-yard, game-tying field goal attempt was blocked by Gregory. Junior linebacker Rich Scanlon returned the blocked kick 28 yards to the UCF 45 with 2:55 on the clock.

SU was forced to punt, but Shafer pinned UCF at its own two-yard line with 1:33 remaining. Schneider drove the Knights to the UCF 37, but fumbled when he was sacked by junior **Louis Gachelin** on fourth down. **Christian Ferrara** recovered the fumble as time expired.

The Orangemen trailed, 21-3 in the second quarter, but outscored the Golden Knights, 35-14, the rest of the game. It was the biggest comeback victory for Syracuse since the 1998 season, when it overcame a 21-3 deficit to defeat Virginia Tech, 28-26.

Central Florida built a 14-0 lead on its first two possessions of the game, scoring on a four-yard run by Alex Haynes and two-yard plunge from Andreall Curry. SU senior cornerback **Latroy Oliver** blocked Prater's 36-yard field goal attempt that would have pushed the lead to 17-0.

Sophomore kicker **Collin Barber** booted a 25-yard field goal on the ensuing Syracuse possession, putting the score at 14-3 with 13 seconds remaining in the first quarter. UCF pushed the lead to 21-3 on a one-yard end around play by wide receiver Doug Gabriel with 7:00 left in the first half.

Syracuse answered with a 10-play, 80-yard drive, capped by a 40-yard touchdown pass from **Troy Nunes** to **David Tyree**. Barber tacked on the extra point and SU trailed, 21-10, at the half.

Reyes busted 38 yards up the gut for his first touchdown at 12:16 of the third quarter. Barber's kick was blocked and UCF led, 21-16. Prater hit a 32-yard field goal 2:35 later to increase the lead to 24-16.

Nunes threw a 12-yard dart to sophomore wide receiver **Jared Jones**, who made a tough catch in the end zone at the 5:58 mark of the third quarter. Reyes rushed in for the two-point conversion, tying the game at 24-24.

Prater hit a 36-yard field goal to give UCF a 27-24 lead at the end of the third quarter. SU took its first lead of the game, 31-27, at 13:56 of the fourth quarter on a four-yard run by Reyes.

Nunes, who left the game in the fourth quarter with an injury, finished 13-of-18 passing for 199 yards. Schneider set a school record with 440 yards passing, connecting on 28-of-47 attempts.

Junior **Johnnie Morant** led SU with three catches for 63 yards. Gabriel led all receivers with 206 yards receiving on 12 catches, while Jimmy Fryzel hauled in six passes for 150 yards.



**Steve
Gregory**

Team Statistics

	SU	UCF
First Downs	22	26
Rush Att.-Yards	50-197	31-99
Pass Yards	199	440
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	69-396	78-539
Passes (Comp.-Att)	13-19	28-47
Passes had intercepted	0	0
Punts-Avg.	6-38.0	2-41.0
Punt Returns-Yards	1--1	2-29
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-170	5-117
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-44	5-37

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
SYRACUSE	3	7	14	14	38
Central Florida	14	7	6	8	35

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
UCF — Haynes, 4-yard run (Prater kick)	6-69-2:32	0-7
UCF — Curry, 2-yard run (Prater kick)	10-80-3:12	0-14
SU — Barber, 25-yard field goal	10-62-3:41	3-14
UCF — Gabriel, 1-yard run (Prater kick)	5-14-2:11	3-21
SU — Tyree, 40-yard pass from Nunes (Barber kick blocked)	10-80-4:39	10-21
SU — Reyes, 38-yard run (Barber kick)	6-70-2:44	16-21
UCF — Prater, 32-yard field goal	8-65-2:35	16-24
SU — Jones, 12-yard pass from Nunes (Reyes run)	11-68-3:43	24-24
UCF — Prater, 34-yard field goal	11-64-4:21	24-27
SU — Reyes, 4-yard run (Shafer kick)	7-68-2:41	31-27
SU — Reyes, 5-yard run (Shafer kick)	2-16-0:23	38-27
UCF — Gaudion, 4-yard pass from Schneider (Capers pass from Schneider)	11-64-4:21	38-35

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU — Reyes 27-130; UCF — Haynes 17-98
Passing	SU — Nunes 18-13-0, 199; UCF — Schneider 47-28-440
Receiving	SU — Morant 3-63; UCF — Gabriel 12-206, Fryzel 6-150
Tackles	SU — Oliver 10; UCF — Shule 8

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Game #10

#8/7 Virginia Tech 42
Syracuse 50 ^{3 OT}

Nov. 9 at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

A 25-yard run on the first play of Syracuse's third overtime possession by freshman **Damien Rhodes** gave the Orangemen a 50-42 victory versus #8/7 Virginia Tech in front of a season-best Carrier Dome crowd of 48,239 on Saturday, November 9. Rhodes also scored the two-point conversion in the third overtime.

The Hokies took a 42-35 lead in the second overtime on a one-yard rush by Bryan Randall. The Orangemen forced a third overtime when **Troy Nunes** found junior tight end **Joe Donnelly** from six yards out on fourth down. After intercepting Nunes on the Orangemen's initial overtime possession, the Hokies ran the ball three straight times to set up a field goal, but Carter Warley's 36-yard attempt missed.

Senior safety **Maurice McClain** intercepted Randall's pass in the endzone on the Hokies' third overtime possession to clinch victory.

The game featured 1,163 yards of total offense, including 907 yards passing. Nunes went 26-of-40 for 403 yards, all career-highs. It was the second-highest passing yardage total in Orangemen history and only the second 400-yard game ever at SU. Marvin Graves threw for 425 yards versus Rutgers in 1992. Nunes' 40 attempts ranks third on the SU single-game ledger, while his 26 completions ranks second on the Orangemen single-game list (Marvin Graves, 29 vs. Cincinnati, 1993). Nunes and wide receiver **David Tyree** connected on three plays of 50-or-more yards.

Randall finished 23-of-35 for a school-record 504 yards and five touchdowns.

Tyree set career highs with nine catches for 229 yards. It was the second-highest receiving yardage total in SU history, and just the third 200-yard receiving game in Orangemen history. Virginia Tech's Ernest Wilford set a school record with 279 yards receiving on eight catches, scoring four times.

Syracuse sophomore **Walter Reyes** ran for three touchdowns for the second consecutive game and set the SU single-season touchdown rushing record with his 15th of the year. Reyes gained 118 yards on 21 carries in his third consecutive 100-yard game. Rhodes finished with 67 yards on 17 carries and tied a career best with two rushing touchdowns.

The SU defense held the Hokies to a season-low 55 rushing yards on 25 carries. Lee Suggs had 65 yards on 19 carries. The Orangemen forced five turnovers on the day, including three interceptions.

SU led, 22-21, heading into the fourth quarter. Reyes pushed the lead to 28-21 with a six-yard run with 13:38 left. The extra point was no good. Randall and Wilford connected on their third touchdown pass of the day, an 87-yard pass-play, with 7:40 left in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 28-28. Randall and Wilford hooked up again on a fade route from six yards out to give the Hokies a 35-28 lead. An 87-yard pass to Keith Willis set up the score.

Rhodes brought the Orangemen within one with a three-yard touchdown run with 4:27 left in regulation. **Mike Shafer's** extra point tied the score at 35-35. A 62-yard Nunes-to-Tyree pass set up the play.

Warley missed the potential game-winning 46-yard field goal with 10 seconds left in regulation. SU took a knee to run out the clock and the game moved to overtime.

Syracuse opened the game's scoring with a 30-yard field goal by sophomore **Collin Barber** in the first quarter. The Hokies took a 7-3 lead on the Randall connected with Suggs for a 15-yard touchdown pass. The lead swelled to 14-3 when Randall hit Wilford with a 75-yard touchdown pass.

Syracuse scored nine unanswered points in the second quarter to cut the lead to 14-12 at halftime with a Barber field goal and Reyes touchdown run. Tyree blocked a punt and redshirt freshman **Steve Gregory** fell on the ball at the Tech two-yard line to set up the score.

On SU's second possession of the second half, Barber hit his third field goal of the game for a 15-14 lead with 8:42 left in the third quarter.

Randall found Wilford for a 34-yard touchdown pass to reclaim the lead. Warley's extra point gave Tech a 21-15 lead with 7:55 left in the third quarter.

The SU offense responded with a seven-play, 63-yard touchdown drive. Reyes tied the game with a nine-yard touchdown run, his second score of the game. Barber's extra point gave Syracuse a 22-21 lead with 4:38 left in the third quarter.



**David
Tyree**

Team Statistics

	VT	SU
First Downs	18	29
Rush Att.-Yards	25-55	60-201
Pass Yards	504	403
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	60-559	100-604
Passes (Comp.-Att)	23-35	24-40
Passes had intercepted	3	3
Punts-Avg.	6-34.3	5-38.6
Punt Returns-Yards	1--2	4-48
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-82	5-117
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	9-93

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Virginia Tech	14	0	7	14	7	42
SYRACUSE	3	9	10	13	15	50

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
SU – Barber, 30-yard field goal	9-41-3:20	3-0
VT – Suggs, 15-yard pass from Randall (Warley kick)	8-73-3:44	3-7
VT – Wilford, 75-yard pass from Randall (Warley kick)	1-75-0:11	3-14
SU – Barber, 26-yard field goal	11-71-4:22	6-14
SU – Reyes, 1-yard run (Nunes rush failed)	3-2-1:08	12-14
SU – Barber, 38-yard field goal	6-52-2:42	15-14
VT – Wilford, 34-yard pass from Randall (Warley kick)	3-90-0:47	15-21
SU – Reyes, 9-yard run (Barber kick)	7-63-3:08	22-21
SU – Reyes, 6-yard run (Barber kick failed)	9-93-2:52	28-21
VT – Wilford, 87-yard pass from Randall (Warley kick)	1-87-0:13	28-28
VT – Wilford, 6-yard pass from Randall (Warley kick)	3-95-1:12	28-35
SU – Rhodes, 3-yard run (Shafer kick)	2-65-0:18	35-35
VT – Randall, 1-yard run (Warley kick)	-25-0:00	35-42
SU – Donnelly, 6-yard pass from Nunes (Shafer kick)	-25-0:00	42-42
SU – Rhodes, 25-yard run (Rhodes run)	1-25-0:00	50-42

Individual Leaders

Rushing	VT – Suggs 19-65; SU – Reyes 21-118
Passing	VT – Randall 35-23-3, 504; SU – Nunes 40-24-3, 403
Receiving	VT – Wilford 8-279; SU – Tyree 9-229
Tackles	VT – Hardee 11; SU – C. Smith 12

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Game #11

Syracuse 20
Boston College 41

Nov. 16 at Alumni Stadium, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Boston College scored 21 unanswered points in the second half to defeat Syracuse, 41-20, in front of 36,221 at Alumni Stadium on Saturday afternoon. The loss snaps SU's three-game winning streak and the Orangemen are now 4-7 overall and 2-4 in the BIG EAST. Boston College improved to 6-4 and 1-4 in the BIG EAST.

Syracuse senior **Mike Shafer** punted four times for 167 yards to become SU's all-time punt yardage leader with 9,770 yards.

SU trailed B.C., 20-13, before sophomore running back **Walter Reyes** extended his own school record with his 16th rushing touchdown of the season on an eight-yard jaunt with 6:52 remaining in the third quarter. **Collin Barber** converted the extra point to tie the game at 20-20.

Boston College reeled off the last 21 points of the game, beginning with a seven-yard touchdown pass to tight end Sean Ryan for a 27-20 lead with 2:22 left in the third quarter. Brandon Brokaw scored his second touchdown of the day on a one-yard run with 10 minutes left in the game. Derrick Knight added an insurance touchdown on a 70-yard scamper with 3:40 remaining for the final 41-20 score.

The Eagles used a no-huddle offense on its first possession, going 74 yards on eight plays. Brokaw capped the drive with a one-yard scoring plunge for a 7-0 B.C. lead at 11:53 of the first quarter.

Barber brought Syracuse within 7-3 at 8:59 of the first quarter with a career-long 50-yard field goal. It tied for the 10th-longest field goal in SU history, and the longest since Nate Trout's 50-yarder in 1998.

Sandro Sciortino added field goals from 29 and 26 yards out to build a 13-3 B.C. lead at the end of the first quarter.

Syracuse senior quarterback **Troy Nunes** connected with **Jamel Riddle** on a seven-yard scoring strike at 12:39 of the second quarter, setting the score at 13-10.

The Syracuse defense stiffened after Riddle's touchdown, limiting the Eagles to 40 yards of offense the rest of the half. Barber converted a 29-yard field goal attempt with 1:09 left in the quarter to tie the game at 13-13.

Senior linebacker **Clifton Smith** recorded his first career interception on the last play of the first half, picking-off Eagle quarterback Brian St. Pierre on the Syracuse 28-yard line.

B.C. used its first possession of the second half to take a 20-13 lead on a five-yard run by Knight at 11:58 of the third quarter.

Reyes became the seventh Orangeman to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season with 95 yards on 14 carries, bringing his season rushing total to 1,025 yards on 170 attempts. It is the seventh-highest single-season total in SU history. Knight led B.C. with 171 yards on 19 carries.

Nunes finished 14-of-34 for 131 yards. St. Pierre completed 22-of-24 passes for 284 yards. Riddle led SU with 42 yards receiving on four catches. Ryan led all receivers with six receptions for 105 yards.



**Walter
Reyes**

Team Statistics

	SU	BC
First Downs	23	21
Rush Att.-Yards	48-245	33-227
Pass Yards	131	284
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	82-376	67-511
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	14-34	22-34
Passes had intercepted	1	1
Punts-Avg.	4-41.8	3-38.0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-17	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-70	5-73
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	3-25

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
SYRACUSE	3	10	7	0	20
Boston College	13	0	14	14	41

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
BC - Brokaw, 1-yard run (Sciortino kick)	8-74-3:07	0-7
SU - Barber, 50-yard field goal	8-36-2:54	3-7
BC - Sciortino, 29-yard field goal	12-60-3:14	3-10
BC - Sciortino, 26-yard field goal	7-32-3:28	3-13
SU - Riddle, 7-yard pass from Nunes (Barber kick)	10-69-4:38	10-13
SU - Barber, 29-yard field goal	12-46-5:34	13-13
BC - Knight, 5-yard run (Sciortino kick)	4-62-1:24	13-20
SU - Reyes, 8-yard run (Barber kick)	11-80-5:33	20-20
BC - Ryan, 7-yard pass from St. Pierre (Sciortino kick)	10-77-4:03	20-27
BC - Brokaw, 1-yard run (Sciortino kick)	10-84-3:55	20-34
BC - Knight, 70-yard run (Sciortino kick)	3-75-1:41	20-41

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU - Reyes 14-95; BC - Knight 19-171
Passing	SU - Nunes 34-13-1, 131; BC - St. Pierre 34-24-1, 284
Receiving	SU - Riddle 4-42; BC - Ryan 6-105
Tackles	SU - Dumas 10; BC - Ott 13

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#1/#1 Miami 49
Syracuse 7

Nov. 30 at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

Sophomore running back Walter Reyes rushed for 110 yards on 15 carries and scored SU's lone touchdown in a 49-7 loss to No. 1 Miami before 45,679 in the Orangemen's season finale.

The Hurricanes jumped out to a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the game on a 61-yard touchdown run by Willis McGahee. Miami extended its lead to 14-0 with 1:01 remaining in the quarter on a 23-yard pass from Ken Dorsey to Ethenic Sands. Dorsey connected with Andre Johnson in the endzone with 10:15 remaining in the quarter to give the Miami a 21-0 lead.

Redshirt freshman Steve Gregory blocked Todd Sievers' 48-yard field goal attempt with 2:28 left in the first half. SU scored a touchdown with 1:49 later on a one-yard run by Reyes. It was Gregory's third blocked kick of the season, tying a Syracuse school record.

The Hurricanes scored early in the second half, as Quadtrine Hill broke through the SU defenders to give the Hurricanes a 28-7 advantage at 12:41 of the third. McGahee scored his second touchdown of the game with 7:51 to play in the third quarter on a 51-yard jaunt for a 35-7 lead.

Miami added a pair of insurance scores in the fourth quarter. Punter Freddie Capshaw connected with Sean Taylor on a fake punt for a 47-yard touchdown. Maurice Sikes intercepted a Troy Nunes pass and returned it for a 53-yard touchdown to make the final score 49-7.

Nunes closed his SU career completing 18-of-29 passes for 145 yards. Dorsey completed 16-of-25 passes for 345 yards to lead Miami. Senior captain David Tyree caught four passes for 52 yards to lead SU, while Andre Johnson hauled in six passes for a game-high 181 yards.

McGahee led all rushers with 134 yards on 14 carries.

Reyes finishes the season with 1,135 rushing yards, the fourth-highest single-season total in SU history. It was his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season for Reyes, which ties for third on SU's single-season record list. Reyes' touchdown brought his season point total to 104, which ranks third on SU's single-season scoring list behind Floyd Little (114 points in 1965) and Jim Brown (106 points in 1956).

Senior linebacker Clifton Smith led the SU defense with 10 tackles, including one for a loss. Taylor also recorded 10 tackles for the Hurricanes.



Mike Shafer

Team Statistics

	UM	SU
First Downs	20	18
Rush Att.-Yards	34-173	45-154
Pass Yards	392	151
Total Offense (Play-Yards)	61-565	75-305
Passes (Comp.-Att.)	17-27	19-30
Passes had intercepted	0	1
Punts-Avg.	4-47.0	9-39.2
Punt Returns-Yards	4-3	3-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-26	4-94
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-85	3-25

Scoring by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Miami	14	7	14	14	49
SYRACUSE	0	7	0	0	7

Scoring Summary

	Plays-Yds-Time	Score
UM – McGahee, 61-yard run (Sievers kick)	2-80-0:38	0-7
UM – Sands, 23-yard pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick)	7-85-3:03	0-14
UM – Johnson, 4-yard pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick)	7-70-3:02	0-21
SU – Reyes, 1-yard run (Barber kick)	10-69-1:49	7-21
UM – Hill, 2-yard run (Sievers kick)	6-83-2:19	7-28
UM – McGahee, 51-yard run (Sievers kick)	4-76-1:35	7-35
UM – Taylor, 47-yard pass from Capshaw (Sievers kick)	7-51-3:06	7-42
UM – Sikes, 53-yard interception return (Sievers kick)		7-49

Individual Leaders

Rushing	SU – Reyes 15-110; UM – McGahee 14-134
Passing	SU – Nunes 29-18-1, 145; UM – Dorsey 25-16-0, 345
Receiving	SU – Tyree 4-52; UM – Johnson 6-181
Tackles	SU – Smith 10; UM – Taylor 10