



# TOWSON TIGERS

## 2008 Towson University Football

### 2008 Towson Schedule

Aug. 30	at Navy (CBS C)	L, 13-41
Sept. 6	<b>MORGAN STATE</b>	<b>W, 21-16</b>
Sept. 13	at Richmond *	L, 14-45
Sept. 20	at Coastal Carolina	L, 3-31
Sept. 27	<b>COLUMBIA</b>	<b>W, 31-24</b>
Oct. 4	<b>NORTHEASTERN* (CSN)</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
Oct. 11	<b>RHODE ISLAND* (HC)</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Oct. 25	at New Hampshire* (CSN)	12 noon
Nov. 1	<b>WILLIAM &amp; MARY* (CSN)</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
Nov. 8	at Delaware *	12 noon
Nov. 15	at Villanova *	1:00 pm
Nov. 22	<b>JAMES MADISON *</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

All games broadcast on WNST-AM 1570  
 Home games at Unitas Stadium in **BOLD CAPS**  
**CBS C** - broadcast on CBS College Sports  
**CSN** - broadcast on Comcast SportsNet  
**HC** - Homecoming  
 \* - Colonial Athletic Association game

### 2008 CAA Standings

	CAA		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
<b>North Division</b>				
New Hampshire	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Hofstra	1-0	1.000	2-2	.500
Massachusetts	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
Maine	0-2	.000	2-3	.400
Rhode Island	0-2	.000	1-3	.250
<b>Northeastern</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>.250</b>
<b>South Division</b>				
James Madison	2-0	1.000	4-1	.800
Villanova	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750
Richmond	2-1	.667	3-2	.600
William & Mary	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Delaware	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
<b>TOWSON</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>.400</b>

### Media Information

**TV:** Comcast SportsNet - **Bob Picozzi** will handle the play-by-play duties with **Scott Brunner** serving as analyst. **Brent Harris** will be the sideline reporter.  
**Radio:** WNST-AM 1570 - **Spiro Morekas** and **Tom Judd** will call the action for Saturday's game.  
**Post-Game Interviews:** All post-game interviews will be held in the Minnegan Room on the third floor of the Field House. Northeastern Coach **Rocky Hager** and selected players will go first. Towson Coach **Gordy Combs** and requested players will follow. The Towson locker room is closed at all times.

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### Towson (2-3, 0-1) vs. Northeastern (1-3)

October 4, 2008 • 12:08 pm  
 Johnny Unitas ® Stadium, Towson, Md.



**TIGERS vs. NORTHEASTERN:** Towson and Northeastern are meeting for the ninth time in a series that dates back to 1987 ... In fact, when Towson moved up to NCAA Division I-AA status, the Tigers' first game as a I-AA program was played on September 12, 1987 at Parsons Field against the Huskies ... Northeastern ruined Towson's debut with a 39-22 win ... Both teams were Division I-AA independents and played every season from 1987 to 1992 ... However, when Northeastern joined the Yankee Conference in 1993, the series was discontinued because Northeastern didn't have any room on its schedule ... When Towson joined the Atlantic 10 Football Conference (now CAA) in 2004, the series resumed ... Northeastern has won the two conference meetings between the teams.

While Northeastern holds a 5-3 series lead, the home team has a 7-1 record.  
**2004:** The 2004 game is the only time that the visiting team has won as the Huskies piled up 390 yards of offense in a 27-3 win ... Halfback **Cory Parks** led the Huskies by throwing a 34-yard TD pass to **Marc Thomas** and catching a 19-yard TD pass from **Shawn Brady**.  
**2005:** In the most recent meeting, the Huskies handed the Tigers a 56-41 loss at Parsons Field ... The Huskies owned a 41-7 lead in the third quarter before the Tigers mounted a furious comeback, pulling to within 41-35 ... However, the Huskies scored 14 points in a 24-second span in the fourth quarter to win ... Quarterback **Sean Schaefer** had a huge game for Towson, completing 21 of 31 passes for 383 yards and 5 touchdowns, tying a school record ... **Andrae Brown** caught 9 passes for 222 yards and 5 touchdowns, setting a CAA record.

Towson and Northeastern have played some other memorable games in the series.

**1987:** In Towson's debut as an NCAA Division I-AA program, the Huskies hosted the Tigers and ruined the event with a come-from-behind 39-22 win ... Towson built a 22-10 halftime lead before the Huskies rallied ... Scoring 22 points in the fourth quarter, Northeastern pulled out the win ... In his debut, quarterback **Chris Goetz** threw for 320 yards, including an 82-yard TD pass to **Dale Chippis** ... Chippis caught 12 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown.  
**1988:** In the first game of a senior season in which he would be honored as the Walter Payton Award winner, **David Meggett** scored four touchdowns in the Tigers' 45-34 win in the season opener ... Highlighting Meggett's performance was a school record 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown ... The Tigers built a 31-7 halftime lead en route to the win.  
**1992:** In one of the wildest games ever played by either program, the Tigers pulled out a stunning 33-32 win on a 10-yard TD pass from **Dan Crowley** to **Mark Orlando** after the game was over ... The Huskies took a 32-27 lead with 4 seconds left on a TD run by **Ralph Barone** ... On the kickoff, the Tigers kept the game alive with several laterals ... Eventually, **Julian Blair** returned the kickoff to the Northeastern 20-yard line as time expired ... However, several Northeastern players had come on to the field prematurely, resulting in a penalty ... Towson was given one untimed play from the 10-yard line ... Crowley lofted the game-winning TD pass to Orlando for the improbable win ... The ending was honored as one of ESPN's Plays of the Year on its College Football Wrap-Up show.

### Tigers vs. Huskies (3-5)

Sept. 12, 1987	<b>NE 39</b> , Towson 22
Sept. 10, 1988	<b>Towson 45</b> , NE 34
Sept. 9, 1989	<b>NE 20</b> , Towson 17
Nov. 17, 1990	<b>Towson 21</b> , NE 14
Oct. 19, 1991	<b>NE 50</b> , Towson 19
Nov. 14, 1992	<b>Towson 33</b> , NE 32
*Sept. 25, 2004	NE 27, <b>Towson 3</b>
*Sept. 24, 2005	<b>NE 56</b> , Towson 41
* CAA games	

### Towson-Northeastern Series Notes

**Series Record:** Northeastern leads, 5-3  
**At Northeastern:** Northeastern leads, 4-0  
**At Towson:** Towson leads, 3-1  
**Coach Gordy Combs vs. Northeastern:** 1-2  
**Coach Rocky Hager vs. Towson:** 2-0  
**First Meeting:** Sept. 12, 1987 - Northeastern 39, Towson 22  
**Most Recent Meeting:** Sept. 24, 2005 - Northeastern 56, Towson 41  
**Tigers' Largest Margin of Victory:** 11 - Towson 45, Northeastern 34 (1988)  
**Northeastern's Largest Victory Margin:** 31 - Northeastern 50, Towson 19 (1991)  
**Towson's Longest Winning Streak:** One - several times  
**Northeastern's Longest Winning Streak:** 2 - 2004 to present



**Coach  
Gordy  
Combs**

Towson, '72  
91-84 - 17th season

In the midst of his 17th season as the Tigers' head coach, Gordy Combs is only the third head coach in the history of the Tiger football program. With 91 career victories, he is 26 wins behind Phil Albert, who won 117 games in 20 years as the Tigers' coach.

In 16 seasons as the Tigers' coach, he has led Towson to 9 winning seasons and 2 seasons in which the Tigers had a .500 record.

In 1999, he was honored as the Patriot League Coach of the Year.

A native of Baltimore, Coach Combs has never coached anywhere but his alma mater. After graduating from Towson in 1972, he joined Coach Albert's staff. He spent 19 seasons as an assistant coach for the Tigers, including the final nine seasons as Towson's Defensive Coordinator. When Coach Albert resigned as head coach in 1992, his long-time assistant became his successor.

Combs was the Tigers' team captain in 1971, Albert's first season as the Tiger coach.

A graduate of nearby Calvert Hall High School, Combs attended the University of Dayton for two years before transferring to Towson.

He is one of 21 NCAA FCS coaches who is the head coach at his alma mater.

Among Colonial Athletic Association coaches, he has the third-longest tenure behind Jimmie Laycock of William & Mary and Villanova's Andy Talley.

**Coach Combs Year-By-Year**

Season	Record	Conference
1992	5-5	
1993	8-2	
1994	8-2	
1995	6-4	
1996	6-4	
1997	3-7	1-5, Patriot
1998	5-6	1-5, Patriot
1999	7-4	4-2, Patriot
2000	7-4	3-3, Patriot
2001	3-7	2-5, Patriot
2002	6-5	3-4, Patriot
2003	6-6	3-4, Patriot
2004	3-8	0-8, A-10
2005	6-5	3-5, A-10
2006	7-4	4-4, A-10
2007	3-8	1-7, CAA
2008	2-3	0-1, CAA
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91-84</b>	

**Combs' Record:**

<b>At Home:</b>	56-31
<b>On Road:</b>	35-53
<b>League Games:</b>	25-53
<b>A-10/CAA Games:</b>	8-25

**COACH COMBS COMMENTS**

**On facing Northeastern:** "I thought we were playing a tough opening schedule until I saw the teams on Northeastern's schedule. They've played Ball State, Syracuse and Georgia Southern. Northeastern has a very good team with plenty of seniors, especially on offense. Their offensive line does a great job and they are always a very physical team. I know we're going to have our hands full."

**On coaching the Tigers' 40th anniversary season:** "It's quite an honor to coach at your alma mater, especially since we are celebrating this special time in our football history. This will be my 36th season coaching college football at Towson and every season has been unique and rewarding. Kicking it off with our first game against a BCS opponent (Navy) makes me realize how far we have come during this time span."

**On the CAA as the toughest NCAA FCS conference:** "This has to be the toughest conference in NCAA FCS. Last year we sent five teams to the national playoffs. So, almost one-third of the playoff field came from the CAA. This is going to be another very competitive season in the CAA. All five of the teams that went to NCAA playoffs last year (Delaware, Richmond, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, James Madison) have a strong nucleus returning. UMass is the favorite in the North and JMU is the favorite in the South but I am certain there will be a few surprises. It seems like every CAA game plays a role in determining the CAA champion."

**On Quarterback Sean Schaefer:** "Sean has been a very special player for us the last four years. One of the things that separates him from a lot of other players is that he is a great teammate. Any time you line up with Sean Schaefer at quarterback, you feel like you can win the game. We had some protection problems last year so we didn't do as well as we wanted. But Sean still played well. His stats weren't as good as the previous year but that had very little to do with Sean's play. We are confident he will come back strong and have a great year."

**On the Tigers' win over Columbia:** "We needed that win for our confidence. Our special teams had their best game of the season by far and they may have been the difference. It was great to have Matt (Castor) back in the lineup. He really gave our running game a spark. We are a much different offensive team with Matt in there."

**TIGERS ON COMCAST:** The Towson-Northeastern game is the Tigers' first of three appearances on Comcast SportsNet this season ... The Tigers are hoping that it's a good omen that **Bob Picozzi** and **Scott Brunner** are calling the game ... Almost one year to the day (Oct. 6, 2007), they were calling the action when the Tigers stunned Richmond, 23-21 ... Towson also made a TV appearance in the 2008 season opener when CBS College Sports aired the Towson-Navy game from Annapolis ... Last year, the Tigers had 7 of their 11 games televised, including four of their five home games ... The Tigers were only 1-6 on live television last season ... Since 2004, the Tigers have a 1-10 record in games that have been televised.

**SEAN SCHAEFER vs. NORTHEASTERN:** Due to the way the Colonial Athletic Association makes its schedule, senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** is playing the Huskies for only the second time ... In fact, most of the players on both sides have not played against the other team ... In his first appearance against the Huskies, Schaefer, a freshman at the time, completed 21 of 31 passes for 383 yards and tied a Towson single game record with five touchdown passes, all to **Andrae Brown** ... It is one of 10 career games in which he has thrown for more than 300 yards.



**OFFENSIVE DELUGE:** Despite the fact that the game was played in difficult conditions, the Tigers exploded for 31 points in their 31-24 win over Columbia last week ... The Tigers' 31 points were the most they've scored in a game since a 31-7 win over Richmond on November 11, 2006 - 18 games ago ... The Tigers also scored their first two rushing touchdowns of the season in the win over Columbia as **Matt Castor** scored twice.

**MILESTONE CATCH:** As the second tight end in short-yardage situations, junior **Wes White** doesn't get many passes thrown his way ... But White made the most of his opportunity in the win over Columbia when he caught a one-yard touchdown pass from **Sean Schaefer**, giving the Tigers a 24-17 lead late in the third quarter ... Not only was the touchdown the first of his career, it was also the first reception of his career.

**PRIME PICKOFF:** When sophomore cornerback **Ollie Thomas** prevented a touchdown with an end zone interception against Columbia, it marked the first interception of his college career ... It was also the Tigers' first interception of the season ... In fact, it was Towson's first interception in nine games, dating back to October 20, 2007 when **Jeremy Gardner** picked off a pass against Colgate in a 27-17 loss to the Red Raiders.

**MANNING CLIMBING ON CAREER TACKLES LIST:**

Senior outside linebacker **Jordan Manning** enters today's game with 276 career tackles, tied for 6th place on Towson's career list ... He moved into the Tigers' top ten three weeks ago when he made 7 tackles at Richmond ... With 5 tackles last week, he passed **P.D. Moore, '04**, who was 8th with 266 tackles.

With 43 tackles in 5 games this year, Manning is fifth in the Colonial Athletic Association in tackles ... Manning had 11 tackles in the season opener at Navy and he also had 11 tackles against Morgan State.

Manning is tied for sixth place with former All-American defensive tackle **Rodney Smith, '89** ... Once he passes Smith on the career list, he will need 27 more tackles to move into fifth place ... With 24 more

*Jordan Manning*



tackles, he will become only the sixth player in Towson history with 300 career tackles.

Manning could finish his career as Towson's all-time leader in tackles but he needs to pick up the pace ... Manning trails former All-American **Jeff Boller, '82** by 106 tackles ... Manning has the advantage of playing 12 games this season as he makes a bid to

break the record ... Incidentally, former All-American linebacker **Brian Bradford** led the Tigers and the CAA with 149 tackles last season.

**DREW MACK BACK:**

Senior strong safety **Drew Mack** returned to the Tiger lineup last week and his presence was felt immediately ... In the win over Columbia, he made 8 tackles, broke up two passes and forced a fumble ... A pre-season All-Colonial Athletic Association pick, Mack suffered a knee injury in the third quarter of the Tigers' season opener at Navy ... Despite playing only three quarters, Mack made eight tackles in the season opener ... In 10 games last year, Mack had 74 tackles and tied for the Colonial Athletic Association lead with three fumble recoveries ... Mack has intercepted five passes in his career ... In two games this season, Mack has made 16 tackles with two pass breakups and one forced fumble.

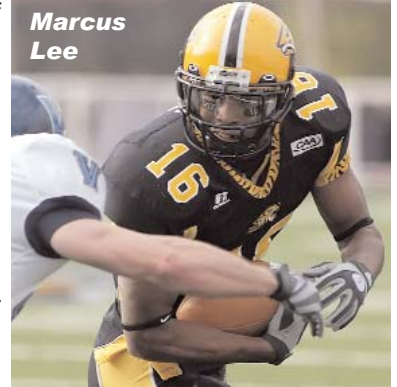


*Drew Mack*

**SCHAEFER-TO-LEE GIVES TIGERS A TALENTED PASSING COMBO:**

Senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** and senior wide receiver **Marcus Lee** are on pace to become two of the Tigers' all-time leaders ... With 9,430 passing yards, Schaefer became the Tigers' career leader in passing yardage in the Tigers' win over Morgan State last month ... A pre-season All-Colonial Athletic Association selection, Lee has caught 186 passes for 2,097 yards and 11 touchdowns in his college career ... He is the third-leading receiver in Towson history ... Lee needs to catch 34 passes in the final seven games of the season to pass **Jamal White, '02** and become the Tigers' career receiving leader ... Of the 186 passes that Lee has caught, Schaefer has delivered 182 of them for 2,071 yards and 11 TD's ... On October 14, 2006, Schaefer was sidelined for the Tigers' loss to Massachusetts and Lee caught four passes for 26 yards from **Andrew Goldbeck**.

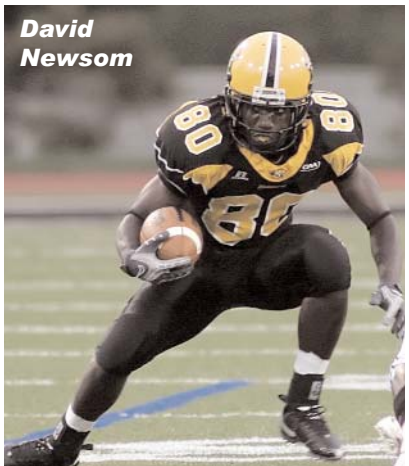
*Marcus Lee*



**CAA RECEIVING LEADER:**

After the first three games of the season, junior wide receiver **David Newsom** was the Colonial Athletic Association leader in pass receptions ... However, he dropped to fourth in the CAA after being held to two catches at Coastal Carolina ... The Tigers' leading receiver, Newsom has caught 27 passes for 278 yards to date ... Newsom had a career high 10 receptions for 106 yards at Richmond ... He also caught seven passes for 84 yards in the season opener at Navy ... In the Tigers' win over Morgan State, Newsom had five receptions for 22 yards ... He is a transfer from Nassau C.C.

*David Newsom*

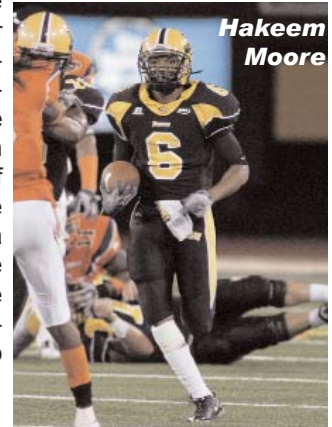


**KEEPING EVERYONE INVOLVED:** After completing passes to nine different receivers in the win over Columbia, senior quarterback Sean Schaefer has completed passes to 14 different receivers this season ... While junior **David Newsom** leads the team with 27 catches for 278 yards, sophomore **Steve Holmes** has 22 catches for 236 yards and one touchdown ... Senior **Marcus Lee** has caught 19 passes for 169 yards and a team-leading four TD's.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS:**

One of the highlights of the Tigers' win over Columbia was the emergence of sophomore **Hakeem Moore** as a return specialist ... In the first four games of the season, the Tigers had only six yards on punt returns and 338 yards on kickoff returns ... Against Columbia, Moore returned four kickoffs for 111 yards, a 27.8 average ... It was the first game that he was returning kickoffs ... Moore had a 60-yard kickoff return and a 39-yard return against Columbia ... He also had a 14-yard punt return.

*Hakeem Moore*





# 13 - SEAN SCHAEFER

Tigers' Senior QB

6-1, 205 lbs.

Northern HS, Dunkirk, Md.

- 4th-year starter who has an 18-19 record as the Tigers' starting QB.
- Has passed for 400 yards in game twice 458 yds. - at Hofstra - 2006 435 yds. - at Delaware - 2006
- Has thrown 5 TD passes in game twice (@ Northeastern-2005; @ Delaware-2006), tying Towson mark for TD passes in game.
- Completed 29 of 33 passes (.879) against Richmond to set school record.
- Completed 15 consecutive passes in win over Richmond to set school record.
- Has passed for 300-plus yds. in 10 games.
- Has thrown 3-plus TD passes in 8 games.
- Only QB in NCAA FCS to average more than 300 yards passing per game in 2006.
- Set Towson single season record with a .684 completion percentage in 2006.

### 2008 Season

Game	Atts-Com-Int	Yds	TD
@ Navy (L)	47-29-1	330	2
Morgan State (W)	25-18-1	233	3
@ Richmond (L)	32-21-4	214	2
@ C. Carolina (L)	36-20-0	142	0
Columbia (W)	31-20-1	193	2

### 2007 Season

Game	Atts-Com-Int	Yds	TD
Central Conn (W)	40-30-2	300	1
@ Morgan (W)	40-20-2	213	4
@ UMass (L)	44-27-3	262	0
Delaware (L)	19-12-1	136	1
@ Will. & Mary (L)	40-21-3	208	1
Richmond (W)	33-29-0	287	2
Hofstra (L)	26-13-2	123	0
@ Colgate (L)	35-16-3	183	0
@ Maine (L)	45-25-2	250	1
Villanova (L)	36-22-1	242	1
@ J. Madison (L)	59-40-0	349	1

### 2006 Season

Game	Atts-Com-Int	Yds	TD
Morgan (W)	22-13-1	262	1
@ Elon (W)	36-25-2	248	1
Liberty (W)	23-13-0	196	1
@ Hofstra (W)	60-43-0	458	3
Maine (L)	40-27-1	290	1
UMass	DNP		
@ Villanova (W)	45-35-0	324	2
@ Delaware (W)	37-27-0	435	5
Will. & Mary (L)	51-33-1	367	4
@ Richmond (W)	32-22-3	259	1
J. Madison (L)	34-22-1	194	0

### 2005 Season

Game	Atts-Com-Int	Yds	TD
Morgan (W)	41-26-4	344	2
Lock Haven (W)	20-12-1	147	1
New Hamp. (L)	40-24-2	256	2
@ Northeast'n (L)	31-21-2	383	5
Delaware (W)	34-19-1	274	1
@ Rh. Island (W)	29-18-0	183	1
@ Liberty (W)	32-21-1	230	1
@ Will. & Mary (L)	37-24-1	255	1
Villanova (W)	29-18-1	192	1
Richmond (L)	44-27-1	332	3
@ J. Madison (L)	28-16-3	176	2
<b>Career</b>	<b>1322-849-52</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>60</b>

## SEAN SCHAEFER BECOMES TIGERS' CAREER PASSING LEADER:

Quarterback Sean Schaefer became Towson University's career passing leader when he threw for 233 yards against Morgan State to increase his total to 8,931 yards ... He now has 9,430 yards ... Former All-American quarterback Dan Crowley (8,900) held the record and was on hand to watch Schaefer break his record ... Schaefer already owns the school records for pass completions (849) and pass attempts (1,322) as well as completion percentage (.639).

### TIGERS' CAREER PASSING LEADERS

Name	Atts.-Comps.	Pct.	TD	Yds.
Sean Schaefer (2005-present)	1322-849	.639	60	9,430
Dan Crowley (1991-94)	1169-617	.528	81	8,900
Chris Goetz (1987-90)	1172-648	.553	42	7,882

## SCHAEFER LEADS NCAA FCS ACTIVE PASSING LEADERS: With 9,430

career passing yards, the Tigers' Sean Schaefer leads all NCAA FCS active quarterbacks in passing yards ... With 849 career pass completions and 1,322 career pass attempts, he is also the active leader among NCAA FCS quarterbacks ... Schaefer has a slight lead over Liam Coen of Massachusetts for the career passing yardage lead ... Coen has passed for 9,253 yards ... However, because of UMass' post-season success, he has had the advantage of playing 43 career games while Schaefer has played in only 37 games ... Incidentally, Steve McNair of Alcorn State owns the NCAA FCS record with 14,496 yards from 1991 to 1994.

### NCAA FCS Active Career Passing Yards Leaders

1. Sean Schaefer, Towson	9,430
2. Liam Coen, Massachusetts	9,253
3. Ryan Alexander, Davidson	7,506
4. Matt Nichols, E. Washington	6,794
5. Dominic Randolph, Holy Cross	6,609

**CAPTAIN COMEBACK:** Senior Sean Schaefer has developed a reputation for late-game heroics ... Last week's win over Columbia marked the fifth time in his career that he led a game-winning drive in the final minutes ... Schaefer's heroics:

**Sept. 1, 2005: Towson 29, Morgan State 26:** Led Tigers on a 42-yard, 7-play drive that resulted in Ron Halbruner's 29-yard field goal with one second remaining.

**Oct. 1, 2005: Towson 35, Delaware 31:** Led Tigers on a 69-yard, 5-play drive in 34 seconds ... Nick Williams gave Towson the lead with a one-yard TD run with 38 seconds remaining.

**Sept. 23, 2006: Towson 33, Hofstra 30:** Led Tigers on an 89-yard, 12-play drive in final 2:18 ... Threw an 11-yard TD pass to Eric Yancey with 24 seconds left for the game-winning score.

**Oct. 6, 2007: Towson 23, Richmond 21:** Led Tigers on a 67-yard, 4-play drive in 22 seconds by completing four of four passes for 67 yards ... Threw a game-winning 14-yard TD pass to Demetrius Harrison on the final play of the game.

**Sept. 27, 2008: Towson 31, Columbia 24:** Led Tigers on a 44-yard, 6-play drive that produced game-winning touchdown run by Matt Castor with 1:06 left.

**THE DRIVE - TOWSON VERSION:** In Denver, they refer to John Elway's 98-yard drive for a TD in the 1986 AFC Championship Game as "The Drive" ... After the 23-21 win over Richmond on October 6, Towson has its own version of "The Drive."

**1-10 T33 (0:22)** Schaefer passes complete to Demetrius Harrison who goes o.b. at Richmond 45.

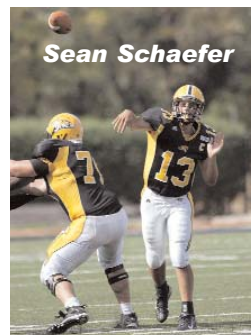
**1-10 R45 (0:16)** Schaefer passes complete to Harrison who goes o.b. at Richmond 38.

**2-2 R38 (0:10)** Schaefer passes complete to Paul Pery across middle to Richmond 14.

**TIME OUT: TOWSON.**

**1-10 R14 (0:04)** Schaefer passes complete to Harrison in right corner of end zone.

**TOUCHDOWN. GAME OVER.**



Sean Schaefer

## SEAN SCHAEFER CLIMBING CAA CAREER PASSING

**LIST:** Quarterback Sean Schaefer has spent the 2008 season climbing the Colonial Athletic Association list of career passing yardage leaders ... After starting the season with 8,358 yards, he was ranked 11th on the all-time list ... With 9,430 passing yards, he is now 5th and needs 210 yards to move into 4th place past Brett Gordon.

### CAA Career Passing Yards

1. Ricky Santos, New Hampshire	2004-2007	13,212
2. Chris Boden, Villanova	1996-1999	10,166
3. Dave Corley, Jr., William & Mary	1999-2002	9,805
4. Brett Gordon, Villanova	1999-2002	9,639
5. Sean Schaefer, Towson	2005-pres.	9,430
6. Matt DeGennaro, Connecticut	1987-1990	9,288
7. Liam Coen, Massachusetts	2005-pres.	9,253
8. Mike Buck, Maine	1986-1989	8,845
9. Shane Stafford, Connecticut	1995-1998	8,839
10. Chris Hixson, Rhode Island	1993-1996	8,407



**16 -  
MARCUS LEE**

**Tigers' Senior WR**  
**6-2, 202 lbs.**  
**St. John's College H.S.,**  
**Silver Spring, Md.**

- 4th-year starter who has caught at least one pass in all 38 games he has played.
- Named 2nd team All-CAA as a junior.
- 2008 Pre-Season All-CAA selection.
- Tigers' leading receiver in 2007.
- 3rd-leading receiver in CAA in 2007.
- Caught 84-yard TD pass against Villanova in 2005, 4th-longest in school history.
- 4th-leading receiver in Towson history.
- Has career high 9 receptions in four games.

**2008 Season**

Game	Recs.	Yds	TD
@ Navy (L)	1	4	1
Morgan State (W)	2	32	1
@ Richmond (L)	3	25	1
@ C. Carolina (L)	7	54	0
Columbia	7	54	1

**2007 Season**

Game	Recs.	Yds	TD
Central Conn (W)	3	38	1
@ Morgan (W)	5	64	0
@ UMass (L)	6	72	0
Delaware (L)	4	45	0
@ Will. & Mary (L)	9	69	0
Richmond (W)	5	52	0
Hofstra (L)	4	46	0
@ Colgate (L)	6	69	0
@ Maine (L)	9	79	0
Villanova (L)	9	95	0
@ James Madison (L)	6	51	1

**2006 Season**

Game	Recs.	Yds	TD
Morgan (W)	2	42	0
@ Elon (W)	4	44	1
Liberty (W)	1	12	0
@ Hofstra (W)	7	86	1
Maine (L)	3	34	0
UMass (L)	4	26	0
@ Villanova (W)	9	84	0
@ Delaware (W)	4	79	0
Will. & Mary (L)	6	63	0
@ Richmond (W)	4	35	0
James Madison (L)	6	41	0

**2005 Season**

Game	Recs.	Yds	TD
Morgan (W)	5	47	0
Lock Haven (W)	2	20	0
New Hamp. (L)	4	34	1
@ Northeastern (L)	3	48	0
Delaware (W)	4	54	0
@ Rhode Island (W)	5	64	0
@ Liberty (W)	7	73	0
@ William & Mary (L)	8	93	1
Villanova (W)	5	110	1
Richmond (L)	6	116	0
@ James Madison (L)	4	57	1
<b>Career</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2,097 (11.3)</b>	<b>11</b>

**TOWSON'S CAREER  
PASS RECEIVING LEADERS**

Name	Recs.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jamal White (1998-02)	219	3156	14.4	21
Jason Corle (1996-99)	188	1725	9.2	14
<b>Marcus Lee (2005-pr.)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11</b>
Mark Orlando (1991-94)	178	3460	19.4	31

**MARCUS LEE LOOKING TO EXTEND STREAK:**

Senior wide receiver **Marcus Lee** enters today's game with a chance to become the first player in Towson history to play in every game of his college career and catch at least one pass ... Lee, who has 186 receptions for 2,097 yards in his career, has played in all 38 games of his career and has caught at least one pass in each game ... In fact, he has been held to one reception only twice in his career - a 10-3 win over Liberty in 2006 and at Navy in the season opener ... Lee's career high for receptions in a game is nine, a mark he has achieved four times, including three times last season ... He has also had two 100-yard receiving games in his college career ... The third-leading receiver in school history, he could move into second place if he catches 3 passes against Northeastern.

**INJURIES CAUSE TIGERS TO UTILIZE WIDE RECEIVER DEPTH:** The

Tigers entered the season with plenty of talent and depth at the wide receiver position - and they have needed it ... Injuries to senior **Tommy Breaux** and junior **Casey Cegles** have provided opportunities for others to shine ... Both Breaux and Cegles were injured in the win over Morgan State ... In the first two games of the year, Breaux caught four passes for 42 yards ... He broke his finger in the win over Morgan ... Cegles had 8 receptions for 160 yards and 2 TD's before suffering an ankle injury against Morgan ... It is not known when they will return.

Senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** has always displayed the ability to spread the ball around ... In the first five games of the year, he has completed passes to 14 different receivers.

In the win over Columbia, two Tigers had their first career receptions ... Junior tight end **Wes White** caught a 1-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter for his first career reception ... Freshman **Nick Oates** had the first two receptions of his career for 26 yards.

**MARCUS LEE  
CAREER HIGHS**

**Receptions In Game:**  
9 at Villanova, 2006  
9 at Will. & Mary, 2007  
9 at Maine, 2007  
9 vs. Villanova, 2007

**Rec. Yards In Game:**  
116 vs. Richmond, 2005

**Touchdowns In Game:**  
1 10 different times



Steve Holmes

**SCHAEFER NEEDS 20 MORE COMPLETIONS:**

It seems like every time senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** completes a pass, he moves past a milestone ... If he completes 20 passes against Northeastern, he will move into 2nd place on the Colonial Athletic Association's list of career pass completion leaders ... Schaefer, who is averaging 21.6 completions per game, enters the game with 849 career completions ... **Chris Boden** of Villanova (1996-99) is currently second with 868 completions ... Former All-American **Ricky Santos** of New Hampshire holds the record with 1,102 completions.

**FATHER KNOWS BEST:**

Freshman linebacker **Billy Stup** is the son of former Tiger defensive tackle **Bill Stup** (1985-88) ... The Stups are the fifth father/son combination to play for the Tiger football team ... **Dannie Ross** (1969-1971) and **Dannie Ross Jr.** (1995-98) were the first combo to play for Towson ... The other two-generation sets of Tigers are **Joe Vitt** (1974-77) and **Joey Vitt** (1998), **Bill Kluttz** (1972-74) and **Jesse Kluttz** (2003-05), and the Meehans, **Ron Meehan** (1977-80) and **Ryan Meehan** (2003-06).

Some other Tigers also have notable fathers ... Sophomore tailback **Jas Lee Rouson** is the son of **Lee Rouson**, a former NFL running back who played for the New York Giants for six seasons ... Junior wide receiver **Casey Cegles** is the son of **Vic Cegles**, the Director of Athletics at Long Beach State University and a former basketball standout at Bucknell University ... Quarterback **Blair Peterson** is the son of **John Peterson**, the former head football coach at Frostburg State (1977-1980).



Jas Lee Rouson



# TIGER FOOTBALL

... The Last Time

**PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME:**

Oct. 5, 2002 - Cornell 34, Tigers 31 - 2 OT ...The Tigers have played 6 overtime games since 1996 and have a 4-2 record ... The longest game was a 3 OT game at Marist on Nov. 2, 1996 won by Towson, 33-32 ...*Towson has played 67 games since its last overtime contest.*

**TIGERS WERE SHUT OUT:**

Oct. 14, 2006 - Massachusetts 35, Towson 0.

**TIGERS SHUT OUT OPPONENT:**

Sept. 10, 2005 - Towson 70, Lock Haven 0.

**TIGER RETURNED KICKOFF FOR TD:**

Sept. 9, 1995 - Maurice Sydnor - 89 yds. vs. Butler ... There have been 5 KO returns for TD's in school history (Maurice Sydnor 2, David Meggett 2, Mike Barth)

**OPPONENTS RETURNED KICKOFF FOR TD:**

Nov. 17, 2007 - Scotty McGee, James Madison, 100-yd. kickoff return on opening kickoff.

**TIGER RETURNED PUNT FOR TD:**

Sept. 26, 1998 - Dennis Cliggett - 71 yds. vs. Fordham ... There have been 12 punt returns for TD's - 3 by Gary Gist in 1970 and 1971.

**OPPONENTS RETURNED PUNT FOR TD:**

Sept. 11, 2004 - Sidney Haugabrook, Delaware - 80 yds.

**TIGER HAD INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:**

Nov. 11, 2006 - Drew Mack - 49 yds. at. Richmond

**OPPONENTS INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:**

Sept. 13, 2008 - Derek Hatcher, Richmond - 25 yds. ... Justin Rogers, Richmond - 68 yds. - Both in 4th quarter of game.

**TIGER HAD BLOCKED PUNT RETURN FOR TD:**

Nov. 5, 2005 - Josh Corle - 28 yds. vs. Villanova

**TIGER HAD FUMBLE RETURN FOR TD:**

Nov. 5, 2005 - Trent Covington - 70 yds. vs. Villanova

**TIGER BLOCKED A PUNT:**

Nov. 5, 2005 - Andrae Brown vs. Villanova

**OPPONENTS BLOCKED A PUNT:**

Sept. 13, 2008 - Nicholas Battle, Richmond

**TIGER BLOCKED PAT:**

Oct. 21, 2006 - Carlos Allen vs. Villanova

**TIGER BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT:**

Sept. 13, 2008 - Yaky Ibia at Richmond.

**OPPONENTS BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT:**

Sept. 20, 2008 - Phillip Oboh, Coastal Carolina.

**TIGER HAD A PAT RETURN FOR 2 POINTS:**

Nov. 5, 2005 - Davon Telp vs. Villanova

**OPPONENTS PAT RETURN FOR 2 POINTS:**

Nov. 3, 2007 - Troy Harris, Maine

**TIGERS RECORDED A SAFETY:**

Oct. 21, 2006 - at Villanova (center snap over punter's head and out of end zone)

**OPPONENTS RECORDED A SAFETY:**

Sept. 6, 2008 - Morgan State (center snap over punter's head and out of the end zone).

**TIGER INTERCEPTED 3 PASSES IN A GAME:**

Sept. 11, 2004 - Allante Harrison at Delaware

**OPPONENT INTERCEPTED 3 PASSES IN A GAME:**

Oct. 19, 1985 - David Meggett, Morgan State

**TIGER RUSHED FOR OVER 300 YARDS:**

Nov. 20, 1993 - Tony Vinson - 327 yds. (32 carries) at Morgan State

**OPPONENT RUSHED FOR OVER 300 YARDS:**

Aug. 30, 2008 - Shun White, Navy - 348 yds. (19 carries) - school record.

**TIGER RUSHED FOR OVER 200 YARDS:**

Sept. 8, 2001 - Noah Read - 218 yds. (38 carries) vs. Lafayette

**TIGER RUSHED FOR OVER 100 YARDS:**

Sept. 27, 2008 - Matt Castor - 108 yds. (37 carries) vs. Columbia

**OPPONENT RUSHED FOR OVER 100 YARDS:**

Sept. 13, 2008 - Josh Vaughan, Richmond - 103 yds. (20 carries).

**TIGER PASSED FOR OVER 500 YARDS:**

Oct. 30, 1999 - Joe Lee - 567 yds. (47-77-2) at Lehigh (school record)

**TIGER PASSED FOR OVER 400 YARDS:**

Oct. 28, 2006 - Sean Schaefer - 435 yds. (27-37-0) vs. Delaware

**OPPONENT PASSED FOR OVER 400 YARDS:**

Nov. 4, 2006 - Mike Potts, William & Mary - 409 yds. (28-44-1)

**TIGER PASSED FOR OVER 300 YARDS:**

Aug. 30, 2008 - Sean Schaefer - 330 yds. (29-47-0-2) at Navy

**OPPONENT PASSED FOR OVER 300 YARDS:**

Oct. 13, 2007 - Brian Savage, Hofstra - 301 yds. (24-38-2)

**TIGER PASSED FOR 5 TOUCHDOWNS:**

Oct. 28, 2006 - Sean Schaefer - 5 TD passes at Delaware (tied school record)

**TIGER PASSED FOR 4 TOUCHDOWNS:**

Sept. 8, 2007 - Sean Schaefer - 4 TD passes at Morgan State.

**OPPONENT PASSED FOR 4 TOUCHDOWNS:**

Oct. 14, 2006 - Liam Coen, Massachusetts - 4 TD passes

**TIGER RAN FOR 5 TOUCHDOWNS:**

Nov. 20, 1993 - Tony Vinson - 5 TD's at Morgan State (school record)

**TIGER CAUGHT 5 TOUCHDOWN PASSES:**

Sept. 24, 2005 - Andrae Brown - 5 TD's vs. Northeastern (school record, CAA record)

**TIGER CAUGHT 10 PASSES:**

Sept. 13, 2008 - David Newsom at Richmond (10-106-0)

**OPPONENT CAUGHT 10 PASSES:**

Oct. 13, 2007 - Charles Sullivan, Hofstra (14-184-0)

**TIGER KICKED A 50-YARD FIELD GOAL:**

Nov. 1, 1980 - Sean Landeta - 57-yard field goal vs. Delaware State (school record)

**SCORED 30 POINTS:**

Sept. 27, 2008 - Tigers 31, Columbia 24

**ALLOWED 30 POINTS:**

Sept. 20, 2008 - Coastal Carolina 31, Tigers 3

**SCORED 40 POINTS:**

Oct. 28, 2006 - Tigers 49, Delaware 35

**ALLOWED 40 POINTS:**

Sept. 13, 2008 - Richmond 45, Tigers 14

**SCORED 50 POINTS:**

Sept. 10, 2005 - Tigers 70, Lock Haven 0

**ALLOWED 50 POINTS:**

Nov. 19, 2005 - James Madison 55, Tigers 14



# TIGERS

## Career Starts

### CAREER STARTS

Player	2008	Career
Sean Schaefer (QB)	5	37
Marcus Lee (WR)	5	30
Jordan Manning (LB)	5	28
Dan Bridges (OT)	3	25
Austin Weibley (OG)	4	22
Richard Lee (DT)	5	20
John Godlasky (TE)	5	16
Drew Mack (DB)	2	14
Jeremy Williams (OG)	--	11
Jeremy Gardner (DB)	4	12
Ollie Thomas (DB)	5	9
Leon Stevenson (OT)	4	7
Scott Bullock (NG)	5	8
Chris Ritter (OG)	4	7
Steve Jordan (OC)	5	7
Jimmy McClam (CB)	1	4
Donte Blakey (LB)	5	6
Raymond White (DB)	5	6
Alex Butt (LB)	5	5
Josh Root (LB)	4	4
Yaky Ibia (NT)	5	5
David Newsom (WR)	5	5
Danny Collins (DB)	3	3
Tommy Breaux (WR)	2	2
Matt Castor (TB)	2	2
Jas Lee Rouson (TB)	3	3
Steve Holmes (WR)	3	3
Casey Cegles (WR)	--	2
Dan Hurley (OC)	2	2
Hank Glackin (OT)	1	1
John Esposito (OT)	1	1
Miguel Dean (LB)	1	1

### TIGERS' RECORD WHEN SCORING

Points	W	L	T
*70	1	0	0
60-69	3	0	0
50-59	12	0	0
40-49	27	3	0
30-39	67	8	1
20-29	68	38	1
10-19	38	71	0
**2-9	2	46	1
0	0	22	1
<b>All-Time</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Towson scored a record 70 points in its win over Lock Haven in 2005. The margin of victory was also a record.

\*\* Towson's 2 wins when scoring 9 or less points were a 3-0 win over Randolph-Macon in 1977 and a 7-0 win over Wayne State in 1980.

### Towson's Highest Scoring Offensive Games

2005	Towson 70, Lock Haven 0
1970	Towson 69, Albany (N.Y.) State 14
1974	Towson 63, Washington & Lee 16
1983	Towson 60, New York Tech 0
2002	Towson 56, Brown 42
1993	Towson 56, Morgan State 12
1975	Towson 55, Johns Hopkins 6
1996	Towson 54, St. Francis (Pa.) 14
1969	Towson 53, Frostburg State 16
1969	Towson 53, D.C. Teachers 6
1993	Towson 52, Charleston Southern 14
1984	Towson 52, California (Pa.) 27
1985	Towson 52, Morgan State 8
1985	Towson 51, Delaware State 26
1994	Towson 51, Charleston Southern 0
2003	Towson 50, Lock Haven 19

### Towson Opponent's Highest Scoring Games

2003	Yale 62, Towson 28
2004	New Hampshire 62, Towson 24
2005	New Hampshire 62, Towson 21
1972	Millersville 56, Towson 7
2005	Northeastern 56, Towson 41
1984	Delaware 56, Towson 23
1990	Bucknell 55, Towson 26
1990	New Haven 55, Towson 27
1991	James Madison 55, Towson 31
1992	Delaware 55, Towson 27
1998	Lehigh 55, Towson 7
2005	James Madison 55, Towson 14
1991	Indiana (Pa.) 54, Towson 10
1982	Delaware 51, Towson 7
2001	Bucknell 51, Towson 10
1991	Northeastern 50, Towson 13

### BUTT, ROOT IMPRESSIVE IN THE EARLY SEASON:

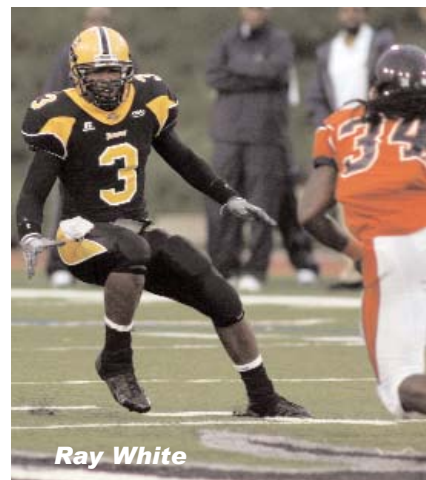
Junior linebackers **Alex Butt** and **Josh Root** entered the season with the daunting task of replacing All-American **Brian Bradford** and **Maurice Wilkins** as the Tigers' inside linebackers ... Last year, Bradford and Wilkins combined to make 263 tackles as Bradford led the CAA in tackles ... Through the first five games, Butt and Root have done very well ... A starter in all five games, Butt has made 28 tackles to rank second on the team ... Butt tied for the team lead with 8 tackles against Columbia ... Root, who did not play against Columbia due to a shoulder injury, is tied for sixth on the team with 20 tackles.



Alex Butt

### TIGERS' SECONDARY YOUNG AND TALENTED:

Allowing 155.8 passing yards per game, the Tigers have the second-best pass defense in the Colonial Athletic Association ... In the win over Columbia, the Tigers intercepted a pass and broke up four passes ...



Ray White

With the return of senior **Drew Mack**, the Tigers' secondary should be even better ... With Mack in the lineup, the Tigers start one senior and three sophomores in the secondary ... In his first game back, Mack made 8 tackles, forced a fumble and broke up 2 passes.

Sophomores **Jeremy Gardner** and **Ollie Thomas** are the Tigers' starting cornerbacks while sophomore **Raymond White** is the starting free safety ... Gardner started 8 games last year before he broke his hand at Colgate ... He made 30 tackles and intercepted one pass ... Last year, Thomas appeared in all 11 games and started 4 times ... He made 31 tackles in 2007 ... This season, he is third on the team with 25 tackles and has one interception.

White is 4th on the team with 21 tackles and had a career high 10 tackles against Morgan ... **Danny Collins**, a "red shirt" freshman who started while Mack was injured, will provide depth at safety ... Collins has made 21 tackles this season ... Senior **Jimmy McClam** has added experience to the secondary and fills in at both cornerback positions.

**TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?:** Last year, the Tigers may have played the toughest schedule in school history as they faced 4 teams (Richmond, Delaware, Massachusetts, James Madison) that reached the NCAA FCS Playoffs ... Delaware reached the national championship game while Richmond made it to the semi-finals.

According to FullySports.com, Towson played the 7th-toughest schedule in NCAA FCS in 2007 ... With the addition of its first-ever NCAA BCS opponent (Navy), the 2008 schedule promises to be even tougher ... The Tigers also play non-league games against rival Morgan State, Coastal Carolina and Columbia.

### READY TO RUN:

When they host Northeastern, the Tigers are hoping for more improvement in their running game ... In the first four games, the Tigers rushed for only 161 yards, an average of 40.2 yards per game ... However, the Tigers had their best running game of the season against Columbia with 93 yards on 49 carries ... Towson even scored its first two rushing touchdowns in the win over Columbia.



Matt Castor

The return to health of junior **Matt Castor** has helped the Tiger running game ... Against Columbia, he ran for a career high 108 yards on 37 carries with two touchdowns ... After five games, Castor leads the Tigers with 204 rushing yards on 61 carries ... He missed two of the first five games.

Castor's 100-yard performance was Towson's first 100-yard game since **Nick Williams** ran for 139 at William & Mary on Sept. 29, 2007.

Sophomore **Jas Lee Rouson** has 90 yards on 47 carries while sophomore **Damien Kinchen** has run for 27 yards on eight carries.



**TIGERS**

*On The Road*

When the Tigers faced Coastal Carolina, they played their third-ever game in the state of South Carolina ... They now have an all-time record of 2-1 with wins over Wofford (1985) and Charleston Southern.

In their 40-year history, the Tigers have played games in 20 other states and the District of Columbia ... Not surprisingly, the Tigers have played the most games in neighboring Pennsylvania where they have a 14-23 record.

The Tigers have also played 34 games in neighboring Virginia where they are 9-25 ... The Tigers have played 25 games in New York where they have an 11-13-1 record ... In Delaware, the Tigers have played 15 games against two teams, Delaware and Delaware State ... Towson is 7-8 in Delaware, posting a 3-4 record against the Blue Hens and a 4-4 mark against the Hornets.

New Jersey and Washington, D.C. are two of the Tigers' favorite out-of-state destinations ... Towson is 7-1 in the Garden State and 7-1 in Washington, D.C.

C.W. Post and Monmouth are the Tigers' favorite out-of-state destinations ... Towson is 4-0 at C.W. Post and 4-0 at Monmouth.

**The Tigers' out-of-state record:**

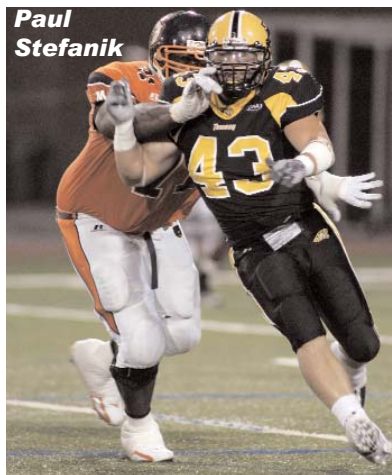
Pennsylvania	14-23
New York	11-13-1
Virginia	9-25
New Jersey	7-1
Washington, D.C.	7-1
Delaware	7-8
Connecticut	4-6
North Carolina	3-1
South Carolina	2-1
Rhode Island	2-2
Maine	2-3
Massachusetts	2-6
Ohio	1-5
Indiana	1-0
Iowa	1-0
West Virginia	1-1
North Dakota	0-1
California	0-1
Michigan	0-1
Alabama	0-2
New Hampshire	0-2

The Tigers' two games in Alabama are both NCAA playoff games ... In 1976, Towson lost to St. John's of Minnesota in the Stagg Bowl, the NCAA Division III championship game ... The Johnnies won, 31-28 ... In 1984, the Tigers played at Troy State in the NCAA Division II semi-finals and lost, 45-3.

Towson's 2 losses in New Hampshire were at the hands of UNH, a Colonial Athletic Association rival.

**NEWCOMERS OF NOTE:** Since the end of Spring Football, the Tigers have added a pair of transfer students who are playing a significant role on this year's team ... Quarterback **Blair Peterson** transferred from the University of New Mexico and was impressive in the pre-season ... A tall lefthander, he is the backup to **Sean Schaefer** this season ... Peterson is a product of San Antonio, Texas who spent two years on a Mormon mission in Argentina ... The 22-year old quarterback is a "red shirt" freshman.

Linebacker **Paul Stefanik** also joined the Tigers after transferring from Kent State ... He has seen a lot of action at the inside linebacker spots ... A native of Irwin, Pa., Stefanik is also a "red shirt" freshman who did not play at Kent State. ... Stefanik has seen extensive action in the first five games of the season and has made 20 tackles to date ... He had six tackles at Navy and made five tackles in the Tigers' win over Morgan State.



**Paul Stefanik**

**EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF:** The Tigers entered the season with one of the most experienced coaching staffs in NCAA FCS football ... The staff has a total of 153 years of coaching experience at Towson ... There are also 36 years of college head coaching experience on the staff among **Gordy Combs (16)** and offensive coordinator **Phil Albert (20)** ... All told, the staff has 169 years of college coaching experience.

<u>Name</u>	<u>At Towson</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Total College Seasons</u>
Gordy Combs (Head Coach)	35	16	36
Rich Bader (Assoc. Head Coach)	38	--	39
Phil Albert (Off. Coordinator)	28	20	28
Jeff McDonald (Def. Coordinator)	1	--	12
Jay Robinson (Tight Ends)	20	--	21
John Donatelli (Offensive Line)	12	--	11
Mike McGlinchey (Backs)	8	--	8
Guillian Gary (Receivers)	4	--	5
Chris Leavenworth (Linebackers)	4	--	5
Konstantinos Kosmakos (Off. Line)	1	--	1
Derrick Johnson (Def. Backs)	2	--	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>169</b>

**LEE, MACK NAMED TO PRE-SEASON ALL-CAA TEAM:** Senior wide receiver **Marcus Lee** and senior strong safety **Drew Mack** of the Tigers were named to the Pre-Season All-CAA team announced in late July ... A second team All-CAA selection at wide receiver last year, Lee is a fourth year starter who has caught at least one pass in every game of his career ... He was the third-leading receiver in the CAA in 2007 with 66 receptions for 680 yards ... A second-year starter at strong safety, Mack was named third team All-CAA as a junior ... He started 10 games and made 74 tackles ... Mack also tied for the CAA lead with three fumble recoveries.

**40th ANNIVERSARY:** The Tigers are celebrating their 40th season of football this season ... Towson fielded its first team in 1969 at the NCAA Division III level ... From 1969 to 1978, the Tigers compiled a record of 54-41-1 as a D3 program and went to the national championship game in 1976 ... In 1979, the Tigers moved up to Division II status and enjoyed a remarkable 8-year run ... In 8 years as a D2 program, the Tigers posted a record of 60-26-2 and made 3 NCAA playoff appearances ... In 1987, Towson moved up to NCAA Division I-AA ... This is the Tigers' 22nd season at the Division I-AA (now FCS) level.-yard line.



**MURFIN TO BE HONORED:** Former Towson P.A. Announcer **Steven J. Murfin, '77** will be honored for his contribution to Towson Athletics when the home radio booth is dedicated in his honor prior to the Northeastern game ... Murfin was the P.A. announcer at Burdick Field during his undergraduate days and worked in the school's sports information office ... Three years ago, he wrote a book about the 1974 Towson football team which went 10-0.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Tigers will play the final game of their three-game home stand when they host Rhode Island at 3:00 p.m. in their annual Homecoming game ... This will be the ninth meeting between the Tigers and the Rams ... Rhode Island leads the series by a 5-3 margin ... The teams have split their two conference meetings.

## OFFENSIVE STARTERS

**13 - SEAN SCHAEFER, Sr. QB (5/5):** 4th-year starter at quarterback ... holds Towson career records with 849 pass completions, 1,322 pass attempts and 9,430 yards ... leads all active NCAA FCS quarterbacks in passing yards ... has started 37 career games ... shares Towson single game record with 5 touchdown passes ... Tiger co-captain for 2nd year in a row ... has been named as CAA Offensive Player of the Week 3 times in career ... 5th-leading passer in CAA history ... CAA passing leader in 2006, averaging 303.3 yards per game.

**32 - MATT CASTOR, Jr. TB (3/2):** Has appeared in 22 games in career with two starts ... had career high 108 yards on 37 carries against Columbia with 2 TD's ... scored game-winning TD on one-yard run with 1:06 left in game ... ran for 74 yards on 14 carries against Morgan ... has rushed for 481 yards on 125 carries in career with 3 touchdowns ... has missed two games this season.

**16 - MARCUS LEE, Sr. WR (5/5):** Tigers' top returning receiver ... named to pre-season All-CAA team ... 3rd-leading receiver in school history with 186 receptions for 2,097 yards and 11 touchdowns ... has caught at least one pass in all 38 games of career ... has caught 9 passes in a game four times in career, setting career highs ... caught an 84-yard TD pass from Sean Schaefer against Villanova in 2005.

**83 - STEVE HOLMES, So. WR (5/3):** Should make 4th career start ... had career high 6 catches for 36 yards at Coastal ... Tigers' 2nd-leading receiver with 22 catches for 236 yards ... scored first career TD against Morgan on a 12-yard TD pass.

**80 - DAVE NEWSOM, Jr. WR (5/5):** Speedy wide receiver who is a transfer from Nassau C.C. ... 5th-leading pass receiver in the Colonial Athletic Association ... had career high 10 catches for 106 yards at Richmond ... has 27 catches for 278 yards in 5 games.

**76 - DAN BRIDGES, Jr. RT (4/3):** 3rd-year starter at right tackle (6-6, 290) who had started 25 consecutive games before sitting out the Coastal Carolina game ... very aggressive lineman ... suffered injury at Richmond which sidelined him for 2nd half ... returned to action as a reserve against Columbia.

**65 - CHRIS RITTER, So. RG (5/4):** Solid offensive lineman (6-3, 275) who won starting position in pre-season ... has tremendous intensity and toughness ... appeared in 10 games in 2007 with 3 starts ... made 8th career start against Columbia.

**73 - STEVE JORDAN, So. OC (5/5):** Earned starting position at center (6-3, 280) in final 2 games of 2007 season ... replaced injured Nick Bradway in game at Maine ... started games against Villanova and James Madison ... smart lineman who can also play guard.

**66 - DAN HURLEY, R-Fr. LG (5/2):** Versatile lineman (6-2, 275) who has started the last two games ... will move to offensive center if needed ... has been very impressive this season.

**74 - HANK GLACKIN, Fr. LT (2/1):** True freshman who made first career start at left tackle (6-6, 265) against Columbia ... smart lineman with plenty of talent ... first true freshman to start for Tigers on offensive line since Joe Ripple in 2002.

**42 - JOHN GODLASKY, Jr. TE (5/5):** Starter in all 11 games at tight end in 2007 ... caught 5 passes for 42 yards and two touchdowns in 2007 ... caught 2-yard TD pass to provide winning margin in 28-21 victory at Morgan ... also caught a 21-yard TD pass at Maine ... has 6 catches for 51 yards this season.

**35 - MARK BENCIVENGO, Sr. PK (5/0):** Very steady place kicker who has converted 16 of 23 field goal attempts in career ... averages amazing 65.4 yards per kickoff this season ... has attempted only 3 field goals this year ... Tigers' top scorer as a junior with 51 points.

## DEFENSIVE STARTERS

**91 - RICHARD LEE, Jr. DT (5/5):** 2nd-year starter on defensive line ... Cancer survivor who is Tigers' most experienced defensive lineman ... made 27 tackles in 2007, including 3 sacks ... also had a forced fumble ... made career high 6 tackles against James Madison in 2006 season finale ... has made 55 tackles in career.

**64 - YAKY IBIA, So. NG (5/5):** Made first career start in opener ... played in all 11 games as a true freshman in 2007 ... made 15 tackles as defensive reserve ... made career high 5 tackles against Columbia ... also blocked a field goal at Richmond ... good student who is a native of Nigeria ... has 14 tackles this season.

**59 - SCOTT BULLOCK, Sr. DT (5/5):** Veteran defensive lineman who appeared in all 11 games last season and started twice ... made 18 tackles and had one fumble recovery ... had 4 tackles and recovered a fumble against Villanova ... has 9 tackles this season.

**36 - JORDAN MANNING, Sr. OLB (5/5):** Third-year starter at outside linebacker ... team leader with 43 tackles ... 5th in CAA in tackles ... has 276 career tackles, 6th on Tigers' career list ... led Tigers in tackles as a freshman (80) and sophomore (93) ... has played in 37 career games with 27 starts ... hampered by foot injury last season ... made 60 tackles in 2007 ... had career high 15 tackles against #3 New Hampshire in 2006 ... has 39 tackles for lost yardage in career.

**52 - JOSH ROOT, Jr. ILB (4/4):** Intense inside linebacker who made first career start at Navy ... sat out Columbia game with shoulder injury ... ranks third on team with 20 tackles ... made 6 tackles at Navy ... has appeared in 24 games in career ... had a blocked field goal at Morgan State last season ... very good student who should be a candidate for Academic All-America honors.

**47 - ALEX BUTT, Jr. ILB (5/5):** Talented inside linebacker who should be making 6th start of career ... ranks 2nd on team with 28 tackles ... has played in 25 games in career ... had 7 tackles at Navy ... has made 48 tackles in career ... transfer from the University of Alabama where he nearly made the team as a "walk-on."

**28 - DONTE BLAKEY, So. OLB (5/5):** Outstanding pass rusher who will be making 7th career start ... played in 8 games last year with one start ... had 4 tackles at Navy with 1 forced fumble ... had career high 6 tackles and fumble recovery against Morgan.

**25 - JEREMY GARDNER, So. LCB (5/4):** Returning starter at left cornerback ... started first 8 games in 2007 before suffering season-ending broken hand injury at Colgate ... has 14 tackles in 2008 ... made career high 9 tackles against Hofstra in 2007.

**3 - RAYMOND WHITE, So. FS (5/5):** Second-year performer at free safety who appeared in all 11 games in 2007 ... had career high 10 tackles against Morgan ... ranks 4th on team with 21 tackles ... tied for team lead with two interceptions in 2007.

**15 - DREW MACK, Sr. SS (2/2):** Tiger co-captain who returned to action against Columbia after missing 3 games due to knee injury ... had 8 tackles with 2 pass breakups and a forced fumble against Columbia ... made 8 tackles in season opener at Navy before getting hurt ... named to pre-season All-CAA team ... named third team All-CAA last year after making 74 tackles with three fumble recoveries.

**26 - OLLIE THOMAS, So. RCB (5/5):** Second-year starter ... had first career interception against Columbia last week ... appeared in 11 games last season and started four times ... made 31 tackles with two pass breakups ... made career high 10 tackles against Morgan ... 3rd on team with 25 tackles this season.

**11 - BILL SHEARS, Jr. P (3/0):** Third-year punter for the Tigers ... averaged 37.4 yards per punt in 2007 ... has excellent "hang time" ... placed 17 of 48 punts inside 20-yard line with 17 fair catches ... helped Tigers lead CAA with only 4.8 yards allowed per punt return in 2007.

# 2008 Tiger Football Depth Chart

## OFFENSE

FL: 16 - Marcus Lee (6-2, 202, Sr.)	88 - Derek Waddy (6-0, 187, So.)
HB: 83 - Steve Holmes (5-11, 195, So.)	85 - Tommy Breaux (6-8, 203, Sr.)
SE: 80 - David Newsom (5-9, 185, Jr.)	6 - Hakeem Moore (5-11, 170, So.)
RT: 76 - Dan Bridges (6-6, 290, Jr.)	77 - John Esposito (6-5, 300, Fr.-R)
RG: 65 - Chris Ritter (6-3, 275, So.)	70 - Austin Weibley (6-2, 298, Sr.)
OC: 73 - Steve Jordan (6-3, 280, So.)	66 - Dan Hurley (6-2, 275, Fr.-R)
LG: 66 - Dan Hurley (6-2, 275, Fr.-R)	63 - Jeremy Williams (6-2, 265, Sr.)
LT: 74 - Hank Glackin (6-6, 265, Fr.)	67 - Leon Stevenson (6-4, 296, So.)
TE: 42 - John Godlasky (6-4, 240, Jr.)	87 - Anthony Fair (6-5, 272, Sr.)
TB: 32 - Matt Castor (5-10, 205, Jr.)	22 - Jas Lee Rouson (5-10, 225, So.)
QB: 13 - Sean Schaefer (6-1, 205, Sr.)	17 - Blair Peterson (6-3, 210, Fr.-R)

## DEFENSE

RDT: 95 - Richard Lee (6-4, 267, Jr.)	94 - Armen Melikian (6-3, 250, Fr.-R)
NG: 64 - Yaky Ibia (6-2, 295, So.)	55 - Marcus Valentine (6-2, 274, Fr.-R)
LDT: 59 - Scott Bullock (6-3, 265, Sr.)	99 - Rob Osborne (6-0, 270, Fr.)
LLB: 28 - Donte Blakey (6-0, 230, So.)	9 - Josh McCants (6-0, 210, Fr.-R)
MLB: 52 - Josh Root (6-1, 235, Jr.)	57 - Miguel Dean (5-10, 210, Jr.)
WLB: 47 - Alex Butt (6-2, 218, Jr.)	43 - Paul Stefanik (6-1, 230, Fr.-R)
SLB: 36 - Jordan Manning (6-0, 228, Sr.)	4 - Chris Patterson (6-0, 202, Fr.-R)
LCB: 25 - Jeremy Gardner (5-10, 187, So.)	27 - Jimmy McClam (5-7, 170, Sr.)
FS: 3 - Raymond White (6-0, 205, So.)	39 - Dan Atwood (6-0, 190, Fr.)
SS: 15 - Drew Mack (6-1, 205, Sr.)	2 - Danny Collins (6-1, 195, Fr.-R)
RCB: 26 - Ollie Thomas (5-8, 190, So.)	7 - Jeff Snow (5-11, 193, Sr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

P: 11 - Bill Shears (6-4, 240, Jr.)	98 - Jon Boyer (6-5, 223, So.)
LS: 69 - Chris Mann (6-0, 255, Fr.)	48 - Brendan Ray (6-1, 200, Fr.)
PK: 35 - Mark Bencivengo (6-0, 170, Sr.)	98 - Jon Boyer (6-5, 223, So.)
KO: 35 - Mark Bencivengo (6-0, 170, Sr.)	98 - Jon Boyer (6-5, 223, So.)
HLDR: 98 - Jon Boyer (6-5, 223, So.)	17 - Blair Peterson (6-3, 210, Fr.-R)
PR: 6 - Hakeem Moore (5-11, 170, So.)	80 - David Newsom (5-9, 185, Jr.)
KOR: 6 - Hakeem Moore (5-11, 170, So.)	27 - Jimmy McClam (5-7, 170, Sr.)

## TIGERS' GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

### OFFENSE:

Opponent	FL	H-B	SE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	TB	QB
Navy	M. Lee	Breaux	Newsom	Stevenson	Weibley	Jordan	Ritter	Bridges	Godlasky	Castor	Schaefer
Morgan State	M. Lee	Breaux	Newsom	Stevenson	Weibley	Jordan	Ritter	Bridges	Godlasky	Castor	Schaefer
Richmond	M. Lee	Holmes	Newsom	Stevenson	Weibley	Jordan	Ritter	Bridges	Godlasky	Rouson	Schaefer
C. Carolina	M. Lee	Holmes	Newsom	Stevenson	Weibley	Jordan	D. Hurley	Esposito	Godlasky	Rouson	Schaefer
Columbia	M. Lee	Holmes	Newsom	Glackin	D. Hurley	Jordan	Ritter	Esposito	Godlasky	Rouson	Schaefer

### DEFENSE:

Opponent	RDT	NG	LDT	LLB	ILB	ILB	RLB	LCB	FS	RCB	SS
Navy	R. Lee	Ibia	Bullock	Blakey	Root	Butt	Manning	Gardner	R. White	Thomas	Mack
Morgan State	R. Lee	Ibia	Bullock	Blakey	Root	Butt	Manning	Gardner	R. White	Thomas	Collins
Richmond	R. Lee	Ibia	Bullock	Blakey	Root	Butt	Manning	McClam	R. White	Thomas	Collins
C. Carolina	R. Lee	Ibia	Bullock	Blakey	Root	Butt	Manning	Gardner	R. White	Thomas	Collins
Columbia	R. Lee	Ibia	Bullock	Blakey	Dean	Butt	Manning	Gardner	R. White	Thomas	Mack

## Aug. 30 - Navy 41, Tigers 13

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** - Playing before a crowd of 31,613 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** put on an impressive passing display as the Tigers (0-1) tried to keep pace with Navy's prolific ground game in the season opener for both teams. But, the Mids (1-0) wore down Towson in the second half to post a 41-13 victory in the first-ever meeting between the schools.

Schaefer, the NCAA FCS active leader in career passing yards, tried to keep the Tigers in the game by completing 29 of 47 passes for 330 and a pair of touchdowns.

However, even the 10th 300-yard passing game of his career couldn't match the record performance by Navy slotback **Shun White**.

White ran for 348 yards on 19 carries and scored three touchdowns as he turned in the most impressive rushing performance in the 128-year history of Navy football.

"We had some difficulties with Shun White," said Coach **Gordy Combs**. "Navy did a great job blocking on the perimeter and that's all he needed to run by our defensive backs. We came into the game very conscious of trying to stop their inside running game. Then, they went outside and we couldn't stop them."

The Tigers opened their 40th season of football with a very impressive drive. Schaefer guided the Tiger offense on an 11-play march that put Towson on the Navy 25-yard line. On the drive, Schaefer converted three first downs to keep the Navy offense off the field. However, on the 11th play of the drive, **Rashawn King** stepped in front of the Tigers' **Marcus Lee** and intercepted a pass at the Mids' 23-yard line.

"I wish I had that pass back," said Schaefer. "I didn't put the ball outside enough and their guy made a good play. We were moving the ball on the opening drive and I think it may have been a different game if we could have scored a touchdown there."

With a first down on their own 23-yard line, the Mids wasted no time in establishing their ground game. Navy marched 77 yards on nine running plays and grabbed a 7-0 lead on a 20-yard TD run by quarterback **Jarod Bryant**.

On their second possession, the Tigers couldn't move the ball and Navy had great field position after a short punt by **Bill Shears**. The Mids took only 4 plays to drive 43 yards for another touchdown. White capped off the drive by scoring his first touchdown on a 33-yard run.

Trailing by 14-0, the Tigers went to a no-huddle offense and drove from their own 18-yard line. When Schaefer threw a 22-yard TD pass to junior **Casey Cegles**, the Tigers were on the scoreboard as they completed an 82-yard drive in 11 plays. However, senior **Mark Bencivengo** missed the conversion kick as Navy owned a 14-6 lead.

It didn't take Navy long to answer the Tigers' touchdown. On the first offensive play from the Navy 13-yard line, White took a pitch from Bryant on the left side and turned on his speed as he raced 87 yards for a touchdown that gave Navy a 21-6 lead.

A 32-yard kickoff return by freshman **Nick Oates** gave the Tigers excellent field position at their 39-yard line. For the second consecutive possession, the Tigers put together another touchdown drive. A 17-yard pass from Schaefer to sophomore **Steve Holmes** put the Tigers inside the Navy five-yard line. On third down, Schaefer found Lee in the end zone for a TD. Bencivengo converted the extra point and Towson trailed by 21-13.

With the 4-yard TD catch, Lee caught a pass in the 34th straight game of his college career.

With 2:56 left in the half, Navy proceeded to drive to the Towson 14-yard line where senior **Matt Harmon** booted a 31-yard field goal to give the Mids a 24-13 lead at halftime.

"When they scored right before halftime, that really hurt us," said Combs. "Psychologically, there is a big difference in being down by 11 points at the half instead of eight points."

On the opening drive of the second half, the Mids stunned the Tigers when Bryant threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to a wide open junior **Bobby Doyle** to give Navy a 31-13 advantage.

Meanwhile, the Navy defense rose to the occasion and shut out the Tigers in the second half.

"We got ourselves into too many negative situations," said Schaefer. "We just didn't score enough points. We came into the game knowing that Navy was going to score so we needed to score."

Leading by 31-13 with 8:40 left, White put the game out of reach and put his name in the Navy record books when he scampered 73 yards for his third TD. With his run, he broke the school record of 298 rushing yards set by **Eddie Meyers** against Syracuse in 1981.

"We had some good opportunities but we just couldn't cash in," lamented Coach Combs. "We were pleased with the play of our offensive line. The protection for Sean was much better than last year."

Navy, which has led NCAA FBS in rushing yardage the last 3 years, opened their bid for a 4th straight title by piling up 558 rushing yards on 58 attempts. Those were the most rushing yards ever surrendered by Towson in a single game.

Junior **David Newsom**, in his first appearance in a Tiger uniform, snagged 7 passes for 84 yards. Cegles was the top receiver on the field with a career high 6 receptions for 98 yards and a TD. Holmes also had a big game for the Tigers with 5 catches for 69 yards.

While the Tigers were playing in front of the largest crowd ever, Schaefer didn't feel that was a factor. He said, "The pre-game atmosphere was great with the fly-over and everything. But once the game started, we didn't really notice the crowd."

Senior linebacker **Jordan Manning** led the Tiger defense with 11 tackles and a fumble recovery. Senior **Drew Mack** added 8 tackles while linebacker **Alex Butt** made 7 tackles in the first start of his career.

<u>SCORE BY QUARTERS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Final</u>
Towson (0-1)	0	13	0	0	13
Navy (1-0)	14	10	7	10	41

SCORING SUMMARY  
 NAVY - Jarod Bryant, 20 run. (6:10 1st - 9 plays, 77 yds., 3:36). Matt Harmon kick.  
 NAVY - Shun White, 33 run. (2:55 1st - 4 plays, 43 yds., 1:38). Matt Harmon kick.  
 TOWSON - Casey Cegles, 22 pass from Sean Schaefer. (6:39 2nd - 11 plays, 82 yds., 5:49). Kick failed.  
 NAVY - Shun White, 87 run. (6:20 2nd - 1 play, 87 yds., 0:19). Matt Harmon kick.  
 TOWSON- Marcus Lee, 4 pass from Sean Schaefer. (2:56 2nd - 13 plays, 61 yds., 5:49). Mark Bencivengo kick.  
 NAVY - Matt Harmon, 31 field goal. (0:00 2nd - 13 plays, 51 yds., 2:56).  
 NAVY - Bobby Doyle, 38 pass from Jarod Bryant. (11:37 3rd - 6 plays, 60 yds., 3:23). Matt Harmon kick.  
 NAVY - Shun White, 73 run. (8:40 4th - 1 play, 68 yds., 0:16). Matt Harmon kick.  
 NAVY - Matt Harmon, 20 field goal. (0:51 4th - 11 plays, 76 yds., 5:54).



**Casey Cegles**

<u>TEAM STATS</u>	<u>TOWSON</u>	<u>NAVY</u>
First Downs	21	26
Rushes-Net Yards	26-30	58-558
Passing Yards	330	44
Passes Att-Com-Int	47-29-1	5-2-0
Total Offense	360	602
Punt Rets.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Rets.-Yds.	6-112	2-40
Interceptions-Ret. Yds.	0-0	1-0
Punts-Avg.	5-31.6	6-32.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yds.	9-60	6-50
Possession Time	30:28	29:32
Sacks By: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-16

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:  
RUSHING: **Towson** - Matt Castor 10-22; Jas Lee Rouson 5-21; Damien Kinchen 2-6; Sean Schaefer 7-1; Casey Cegles 1-(-3); **TEAM** 1-(-17). **Navy** - Shun White 19-348; Jarod Bryant 17-75; Ricky Dobbs 5-56; Eric Kettani 9-33; Cory Finnerty 2-19; Alex Teich 3-9; Bobby Doyle 1-7; Corey James 1-7; Greg Jones 1-4. PASSING: **Towson** - Sean Schaefer 47-29-1-330. **Navy** - Jarod Bryant 4-2-0 44; **TEAM** 1-0-0. RECEIVING: **Towson** - David Newsom 7-84; Casey Cegles 6-98; Steve Holmes 5-69; Tommy Breaux 4-42; Derek Waddy 3-17; Matt Castor 2-10; John Godlasky 1-6; Marcus Lee 1-4. **Navy** - Bobby Doyle 1-38; Eric Kettani 1-6. INTERCEPTIONS: **Navy** - Rashawn King 1-0.  
 Attendance: 31,613.

## Sept. 6 - Tigers 21, Morgan State 16

**TOWSON, Md.** - En route to becoming Towson University's career passing leader, senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** rallied the Tigers (1-1) from a 16-7 halftime deficit and led them to a 21-16 non-conference victory over local rival Morgan State University (0-1) in the 21st meeting between the schools at Johnny Unitas @ Stadium.

In a game of very contrasting halves, the Tiger defense shut out the Bears in the second half while the Tiger offense staged three long drives after intermission.

After the Tigers took a 21-16 lead on Schaefer's 4-yard TD pass to senior **Marcus Lee** with 1:59 left in the third quarter, the Tiger defense staged a game-changing goal line stand early in the fourth quarter.

Making his first start for the Bears, junior quarterback **Carlton Jackson** drove the Bears to the Tiger nine-yard line. After junior **Devan James** picked up 8 yards to the Tiger one, fullback **Justin Lawrence** was stopped for no gain on second down. On third down, Jackson fumbled the snap and fell on the ball for no gain. On fourth down, James tried to go up the middle for the touchdown but the Tiger defense, led by senior **Scott Bullock** and freshman **Marcus Valentine** stopped him short of the goal line and the Tiger offense took over with 9:21 remaining in the game.

Then, Schaefer directed a time-consuming drive on which he converted two third down passes. On the biggest play of the drive, Schaefer completed a 40-yard screen pass to sophomore **Hakeem Moore**. The 40-yard pass play enabled the Tigers to get a first down at the Morgan 31-yard line and made Schaefer the all-time passing yardage leader in school history.

Schaefer, who finished the game with 243 passing yards, passed former All-American **Dan Crowley, '94**, who threw for 8,900 yards in his career.

After the 40-yard pass play, the Tigers proceeded to drive to the Morgan 10-yard line as they ran out the clock. The Tigers controlled the clock for the final 9:21 of the game.



**Sean Schaefer**

"Our team showed a tremendous amount of growth tonight," said Towson Coach **Gordy Combs**, who earned the 90th victory of his coaching career. "I really liked the way we responded in the second half. After giving up a lot of yardage in the first half, our defense played great in the second half and shut them out."

Trailing by 16-7 at the start of the second half, the Tiger defense forced a punt on the Bears' opening possession of the third quarter. The Tiger offense responded with a very efficient 54-yard drive that resulted in a 12-yard touchdown pass from Schaefer to sophomore wide receiver **Steve Holmes** on a crossing pattern. It was the first touchdown of his career for Holmes, who caught five passes for 55 yards. The Tigers trailed by just 16-14 after the TD pass to Holmes.

Morgan State responded with an impressive drive of its own. A 46-yard pass to **Robert Surratt** on 3rd down-and-31 gave the Bears a first down at the Tiger 30-yard line. After the Tiger defense stopped the Bears inside the 20-yard line, senior place kicker **James Meade** missed a 30-yard field goal attempt, his second miss of the game.

Schaefer then gave the Tigers the lead by taking them 80 yards on 10 plays to give Towson a 21-16 lead. Schaefer completed five of six passes on the drive for 61 yards. He capped off the drive by tossing a four-yard TD pass to senior **Marcus Lee**, who caught a pass for the 35th game in a row.

"This is a great boost in confidence for us," said Schaefer. "Breaking the passing record in a win makes it very enjoyable. But it's really a team record. I've been very fortunate to have some great teammates here at Towson. I've had some really good offensive lineman and receivers. It's their record as much as it's my record."

"It was really great to meet Dan Crowley," he added. "I had never met him before and I appreciate that he was here tonight."

After the Tigers scored on the opening possession of the game, Morgan State dominated the rest of the first half and took a 16-7 lead

at intermission. In the first half, the Bears rolled up 218 yards of total offense and controlled the ball for 22:40.

On the opening possession of the game, the Tigers took a quick 7-0 lead when Schaefer fired a 55-yard touchdown pass to junior **Casey Cegles** with 12:51 left in the quarter. The TD pass capped off an 85-yard, five-play drive for the Tigers.

However, the Bears dominated the rest of the first half. Morgan State cut its deficit to 7-2 with 4:36 left in the quarter when the center snap on a Tiger punt sailed out of the end zone.

Led by James, the Bears capped off a 52-yard drive and grabbed a 9-7 lead on the first play of the second quarter. James, who rushed for 138 yards on 19 carries in the first half, set up a five-yard TD pass from Jackson to Surratt to give Morgan the lead.

Midway through the second quarter, the Bears marched 80 yards on 15 plays and chewed up 7:18 before Lawrence scored on a one-yard run on fourth down with four seconds to put Morgan up by 16-7.

James led the Morgan offense by running for 178 yards on 33 carries. Jackson, who rushed for 46 yards on nine carries, passed for 102 yards, completing 11 of 16 passes.

Schaefer completed 18 of 25 passes for 243 yards and three touchdowns in the win. Junior **Matt Castor** led the Tigers' ground game by rushing for 74 yards on 14 carries. While Holmes led the Tigers with 5 catches for 55 yards, junior **David Newsom** caught 5 passes for 22 yards. Cegles had two receptions for 62 yards and one TD.

Senior linebacker **Jordan Manning** led the Tiger defense with 11 tackles, including three for lost yardage. Sophomore cornerback **Ollie Thomas** and sophomore safety **Raymond White** each had ten tackles while junior linebacker **Josh Root** made nine stops.

The victory was the Tigers' fourth straight victory over Morgan and their 11th consecutive home victory against Morgan.

The Towson-Morgan game attracted a crowd of 4,705 despite the threat of Tropical Storm Hanna.

<b>SCORE BY QUARTERS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Morgan State (0-1)	2	14	0	0	16
Towson (1-1)	7	0	14	0	21

### SCORING SUMMARY

TOWSON - Casey Cegles, 55 pass from Sean Schaefer. (12:51 1st - 5 plays, 85 yds., 2:09). Mark Bencivengo kick.

MORGAN - Team safety.

MORGAN - Robert Surratt, 5 pass from Carlton Jackson. (14:57 2nd - 9 plays, 52 yds., 4:39). James Meade kick.

MORGAN - Justin Lawrence, 1 run. (6:20 2nd - 15 plays, 80 yds., 7:18). Mark Bencivengo kick.

TOWSON - Steve Holmes, 12 pass from Sean Schaefer. (11:55 3rd - 5 plays, 54 yds., 1:25). Mark Bencivengo kick.

TOWSON - Marcus Lee, 4 pass from Sean Schaefer. (1:59 3rd - 10 plays, 80 yds., 4:38). Mark Bencivengo kick.

<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>MORGAN</b>	<b>TOWSON</b>
First Downs	21	18
Rushes-Net Yards	52-225	22-32
Passing Yards	149	243
Passes Att-Com-Int	18-13-0	25-18-1
Total Offense	374	275
Punt Rets.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Rets.-Yds.	1-28	1-10
Interceptions-Ret. Yds.	1-6	0-0
Punts-Avg.	1-31.0	1-35.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yds.	9-85	3-26
Possession Time	37:16	22:44
Sacks By: No.-Yds.	3-23	0-0

### TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

**RUSHING:** Morgan - Devan James 33-178; Carlton Jackson 9-46; Keith Lee 7-36; Justin Lawrence 2-1; TEAM 1-(-36). **Towson** - Matt Castor 14-74; Jas Lee Rouson 3-0; TEAM 2-(-19); Sean Schaefer 3-(-23). **PASSING:** Morgan - Carlton Jackson 16-11-0-102; Jeremy Glover 2-2-0-47; **Towson** - Sean Schaefer 25-18-1-243. **RECEIVING:** Morgan - Robert Surratt 8-110; Devan James 2-5; Emmanuel Baptiste 1-19; Jai Wilson 1-12; Jephthe Cherenfant 1-3; **Towson** - David Newsom 5-22; Steve Holmes 5-55; Casey Cegles 2-62; Hakeem Moore 2-57; John Godlasky 2-15; Marcus Lee 2-32. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Morgan - Gary Albury 1-0.

Attendance: 4,705.

Sept. 13 - #4 Richmond 45, Tigers 14

RICHMOND, Va. - Opening their Colonial Athletic Association schedule with a tough assignment at fourth-ranked Richmond, the Tigers were seeking their third straight victory over the Spiders. But Richmond (2-1, 1-0) extinguished the Tigers' (1-2, 0-1) upset hopes by grabbing an early 14-0 lead and handing the Tigers a 45-14 loss in 92-degree heat at sultry Richmond Stadium.

En route to the win, Richmond converted five Tiger turnovers into 31 points and blocked a punt.

"Anyone who watched this game knows the final score was not indicative of the game," said Towson Coach **Gordy Combs**. "It all came down to turnovers. We kept turning the ball over on their side of the field. And every time we turned it over, they capitalized on it."

Combs felt that the biggest play of the game came early in the fourth quarter with the Tigers trailing by 31-14 and moving the ball. On second down at the Richmond 36-yard line, sophomore cornerback **Justin Rogers** intercepted a **Sean Schaefer** pass and returned it 68 yards for a touchdown to give Richmond a 38-14 lead.

"That play was a turning point in the game," added Combs. "We were moving the ball and there was plenty of time remaining. But, when he (Rogers) picked off that pass and brought it all the way back, the momentum changed completely."

Moments later, junior cornerback **Derek Hatcher** settled the issue when he intercepted a pass by backup quarterback **Blair Peterson** and returned it 25 yards for a TD to give Richmond an insurmountable 45-14 lead with 8:42 left in the game.



Yaky Ibia

Schaefer, the Tigers' record-setting quarterback, endured one of the most frustrating games of his career. Although he completed 21 of 32 passes for 214 yards and 2 touchdowns, he was intercepted 4 times, matching his career high. He was forced to scramble many times and picked up 33 rushing yards on 6 carries.

"Sean had a rough game," said Combs. "Richmond did a great job defensively against us. With (**Lawrence**) **Sidbury** and (**Sherman**) **Logan**, they have an outstanding pair of defensive ends. Even when they weren't getting pressure on Sean, they were putting their hands up so he had trouble seeing and they knocked down a few balls."

In the opening minutes, Hatcher gave the Spiders the first break of the game when he intercepted a deflected Schaefer pass at the Spider 32-yard line and returned it to the Towson 48-yard line.

The Spiders took advantage of their field position and drove 48 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Fullback **John Crone** scored on a 3-yard run before **Andrew Howard's** kick gave Richmond a 7-0 lead.

On their next possession, the Tigers were forced to punt and **Nicholas Battle** broke through to block a **Bill Shears** punt, giving the Spiders a first down at the Towson 23-yard line. Two plays later, quarterback **Eric Ward** threw a 21-yard screen pass to **Jordan Mitchell** who took the ball into the end zone to give the Spiders a 14-0 lead with 3:43 left in the first quarter. The Tigers were never able to catch up.

Sophomore defensive tackle **Yaky Ibia** gave the Tigers a spark when he blocked a 42-yard field goal try by Howard early in the second quarter. The Tigers responded by marching 74 yards on 14 plays for their first TD. On the drive, they converted four third down chances.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard when Schaefer fired a 10-yard TD pass to senior **Marcus Lee**, Lee's third TD reception of the season. Lee has now caught a pass in 36 consecutive games.

Trailing by 14-7, the Tigers received a golden opportunity to tie the game when senior **Scott Bullock** recovered a fumble at the Spiders' 27-yard line. But, the Tigers gave the ball right back to the Spiders when Schaefer overthrew junior **David Newsom** in the end zone and junior cornerback **David Horton** intercepted.

The Spiders proceeded to drive 80 yards on 8 plays as they extended their lead to 21-7 when Ward threw a one-yard TD pass to Crone with 3:40 left in the first half.

In the second half, the Tigers made a strong bid to trim their deficit when they drove to the Richmond 11-yard line. On first down, Rogers made a diving interception at the one-yard line to turn the Tigers away. It was the first of two interceptions for Rogers.

After a 78 yard-drive in 13 plays, a 38-yard field goal by Howard increased the lead to 24-7 with 4:47 left in the third quarter.

With the help of a 60-yard pass play from Schaefer to Newsom, the Tigers came right back to score. The 60-yard pass set up Schaefer's second TD pass, a 10-yard toss to sophomore **Hakeem Moore**, the first TD of his career. When **Mark Bencivengo** converted, the Tigers trailed by 24-14 with 3:15 left in the third quarter.

But, a 44-yard kickoff return by Rogers gave the Spiders excellent field position. Eight plays later, junior **Justin Forte** scored on a 5-yard run to give the Spiders a 31-14 lead with 13:57 left in the game.

On the next drive, Rogers made the biggest play of the game when his second interception turned into a 68-yard touchdown.

"Turnovers, turnovers, turnovers," complained Coach Combs. "It's impossible to beat a quality team like Richmond when you make mistakes like that."

By throwing for 214 yards, Schaefer became the sixth player in CAA history to reach the 9,000-yard mark in career passing yards.

Newsom led the Tiger receivers with a career high 10 receptions for 106 yards. Sophomore **Steve Holmes** had four catches for 49 yards while junior **Tomba Tongu** caught three passes for 33 yards. Lee had three receptions for 25 yards.

**Josh Vaughan** led the Spiders' ground game by rushing for 103 yards on 20 carries. Ward completed 11 of 16 passes for 148 yards and two TD's. He also ran for 13 yards on five carries.

Senior linebacker **Jordan Manning** and freshman **Danny Collins** led the Tiger defense with seven tackles each.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Final
Towson (1-2)	0	7	7	0	14
Richmond (2-1)	14	7	3	21	45

SCORING SUMMARY

- UR - John Crone, 3 run. (6:16 1st - 11 plays, 48 yds., 5:23). Andrew Howard kick.
- UR - Jordan Mitchell, 21 pass from Eric Ward. (3:43 1st - 2 plays, 23 yds., 0:49). Andrew Howard kick.
- TOWSON - Marcus Lee, 10 pass from Sean Schaefer. (8:06 2nd - 14 plays, 74 yds., 6:45). Mark Bencivengo kick.
- UR - John Crone, 1 pass from Eric Ward. (3:40 2nd - 8 plays, 80 yds., 4:04). Andrew Howard kick.
- UR - Andrew Howard, 38 field goal. (4:47 3rd - 13 plays, 78 yds., 5:52)
- TOWSON - Hakeem Moore, 10 pass from Sean Schaefer. (3:15 3rd - 3 plays, 68 yds., 1:32). Mark Bencivengo kick.
- UR - Justin Forte, 5 run. (13:57 4th - 8 plays, 54 yds., 4:18). Andrew Howard kick.
- UR - Justin Rogers, 68 interception return. (9:39 4th). Andrew Howard kick.
- UR - Derek Hatcher, 25 interception return. (8:42 4th). Andrew Howard kick.

TEAM STATS	TOWSON	RICHMOND
First Downs	14	20
Rushes-Net Yards	27-55	43-184
Passing Yards	233	148
Passes Att-Com-Int	36-23-5	16-11-0
Total Offense	288	332
Punt Rets.-Yds.	0-0	3-43
Kickoff Rets.-Yds.	6-124	2-72
Interceptions-Ret. Yds.	0-0	5-113
Punts-Avg.	3-23.0	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yds.	4-34	5-55
Possession Time	29:37	30:23
Sacks By: No.-Yds.	1-9	0-0

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

**RUSHING:** Towson - Sean Schaefer 6-33; Damien Kinchen 5-15; Jas Lee Rouson 13-10; Steve Holmes 1-2; Blair Peterson 1-(-2); David Newsom 1-(-3); Richmond - Josh Vaughan 20-103; Justin Forte 8-28; John Crone 4-24; Eric Ward 5-13; Tyler Kirchoff 5-10; Shawn White 1-6. **PASSING:** Towson - Sean Schaefer 32-21-4-214; Blair Peterson 4-2-1-19; Richmond - Eric Ward 16-11-0-148. **RECEIVING:** Towson - David Newsom 10-106; Steve Holmes 4-49; Marcus Lee 3-25; Tomba Tongu 3-33; Hakeem Moore 2-14; John Godlasky 1-6; Richmond - Kevin Grayson 3-76; Tre Gray 3-19; Jordan Mitchell 2-26; Joe Stewart 1-21; Josh Vaughan 1-5; John Crone 1-1. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Richmond - Justin Rogers 2-68; Derek Hatcher 2-45; David Horton 1-0. Attendance: 4,705.

Sept. 20 - Coastal Carolina 31, Tigers 3

CONWAY, S.C. - After jumping out to a 3-0 lead on its first possession with a time-consuming drive, the Tigers (1-3) had trouble moving the ball and were shut out the rest of the way as they dropped a 31-3 non-conference decision to Coastal Carolina University (2-2) before a crowd of 8,204 at Brooks Stadium.

"We just didn't make plays," said Towson Coach **Gordy Combs**. "It has everything to do with them. They used their speed and quickness and bear us off the ball. Defensively, they swarmed all over the field. Coastal is a very good football team and they beat us solidly."

The Chanticleers held the Tigers to 186 yards of total offense and sacked senior quarterback **Sean Schaefer** four times for 19 yards.

On the opening possession of the game, the Tigers marched to the Coastal Carolina eight-yard as Schaefer completed his first five passes of the game. When his third down pass to **David Newsom** in the end zone was knocked away by **Josh Norman**, the Tigers were forced to settle for a field goal. Attempting his first field goal of the season, senior **Mark Bencivengo** booted a 25-yarder to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead with 7:21 left in the first quarter.

Late in the first quarter, the Chanticleers had great field position when junior punter **Bill Shears** produced a very short 18-yard punt, giving Coastal the ball at the Towson 46-yard line. Facing fourth down and less than one-to-go, sophomore **Eric O'Neal** ran for three yards to keep the drive alive. Three plays later, sophomore quarterback **Zach MacDowall** scrambled for a nine-yard touchdown, giving the Chanticleers a 7-3 lead.

Hoping to add to their lead late in the first half, Coastal Carolina drove from its own nine-yard to deep into Towson territory. However, a 42-yard field goal attempt by **Justin Durham** was wide left with 11 seconds left in the half.

Coastal Carolina held the Tigers to 94 yards of total offense in the first half and owned a 7-3 lead at intermission.

"At halftime, we felt pretty good about our situation," added Combs. "They had outplayed us in the first half but we were only trailing, 7-3."

On the second play of the second half, senior **Arthur Sitton** scampered 67 yards to the Tigers' 13-yard line. Sitton's run set up Durham's 28-yard field goal that gave the Chanticleers a 10-3 lead.

Midway through the third quarter, the Tigers put together their best drive of the second half. After driving deep inside Coastal Carolina territory, Schaefer gave the Tigers a first down at the two-yard line with a 12-yard scramble. However, the Tigers came up short when they tried three times to score from the two-yard line. Bencivengo's 19-yard field goal attempt by blocked by defensive end **Phillip Oboh** and the Tigers came away empty.

"That really hurt us," recalled Combs. "We had second down inside their one-yard line and we couldn't get in the end zone. Then, we tried to make a 19-yard field to cut the lead to 10-6 and we had a breakdown in protection. From that point on, it was all downhill."

He added, "We have been trying all sorts of combinations on the offensive line, trying to find something that works. But, when you can't

score from the two-yard line, it's obvious you're having problems."

The absence of junior tackle **Dan Bridges** also contributed to the Tigers' problems on the offensive line. After making 25 consecutive starts, Bridges missed the Coastal Carolina due to a concussion he suffered in the Tigers' loss to Richmond last week.

Only six plays after the blocked field goal by Oboh, MacDowall fired a 63-yard TD pass to sophomore **Brandon Whitley**, giving the Chanticleers a 17-3 lead with 58 seconds left in the third quarter.

Midway through the fourth quarter, MacDowall threw a 19-yard TD pass to senior **Trent Usher**, giving Coastal a 24-3 lead. A 49-yard TD run by O'Neal with 4:47 remaining closed out the scoring and gave the Chanticleers an insurmountable 31-3 advantage.

MacDowall led the Chanticleers' offense by completing 9 of 18 passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 40 yards on eight carries and scored a touchdown.

Led by O'Neal, who ran for 84 yards on nine carries, the Chanticleers piled up 302 yards on the ground, averaging nearly eight yards per running play.

Schaefer completed 20 of 36 passes for 142 yards in the loss. With his 142 passing yards, he upped his career passing yardage total to 9,287 yards, 6th on the Colonial Athletic Association's career list.

Senior **Marcus Lee** was the Tigers' top receiver with seven catches for 54 yards. While catching a pass in his 37th consecutive game, he moved into third place on Towson's all-time pass receiving list with 180 receptions for 2,043 yards.

Starting in place of the injured **Matt Castor**, sophomore Jas Lee Rouson paced the Tigers' running game. He ran for 54 yards on 22 carries.

Defensively, senior linebacker **Jordan Manning** showed the way with nine tackles, including one sack. The leading tackler in the CAA, Manning now has 38 tackles in four games.

With his nine tackles at Coastal, he moved into eighth place on Towson's career tackle list. He has now made 271 tackles in his career.



Jordan Manning

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Final
Towson (1-3)	3	0	0	0	3
Coastal Carolina (2-2)	7	0	10	14	31

SCORING SUMMARY

TOWSON - Mark Bencivengo, 25 field goal. (7:21 1st - 15 plays, 75 yds., 7:39).  
 CC - Zach MacDowall, 9 run. (1:36 1st - 7 plays, 46 yds., 2:30). Justin Durham kick.  
 CC - Justin Durham, 28 field goal. (12:11 3rd - 6 plays, 79 yds., 2:41).  
 CC - Brandon Whitley, 63 pass from Zach MacDowall. (00:58 3rd - 6 plays, 80 yds., 2:48). Justin Durham kick.  
 CC - Trent Usher, 19 pass from Zach MacDowall. (7:55 4th - 8 plays, 56 yds., 4:30). Justin Durham kick.  
 CC - Eric O'Neal, 49 run. (4:47 4th - 4 plays, 67 yds., 1:55). Justin Durham kick.

TEAM STATS	TOWSON	COASTAL
First Downs	16	19
Rushes-Net Yards	32-44	38-302
Passing Yards	142	157
Passes Att-Com-Int	37-20-0	18-9-0
Total Offense	186	459
Punt Rets.-Yds.	1-6	1-0
Kickoff Rets.-Yds.	5-92	2-23
Interceptions-Ret. Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts-Avg.	6-32.8	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds.	4-35	9-80
Possession Time	34:59	25:01
Sacks By: No.-Yds.	1-4	4-19

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

**RUSHING:** Towson - Jas Lee Rouson 22-54; Damien Kinchen 1-6; Team 1-(2); Justin Harris 1-(3); Sean Schaefer 7-(11); Coastal Carolina - Eric O'Neal 9-84; Arthur Sitton 3-69; Jamie Fordham 9-54; Zach MacDowall 8-40; Racheed Gause 5-38; Anthony Frye 3-14; Vince Starr 1-3. **PASSING:** Towson - Sean Schaefer 36-20-0-142; Blair Peterson 1-0-0-0; Coastal Carolina - Zach MacDowall 18-9-0-157. **RECEIVING:** Towson - Marcus Lee 7-54; Steve Holmes 6-36; David Newsom 2-29; Hakeem Moore 2-17; Jas Lee Rouson 2-10; Damien Kinchen 1-(4); Coastal Carolina - Brandon Whitley 3-91; Trent Usher 2-25; Jamie Fordham 1-12; Eric O'Neal 1-11; Keith Graham 1-10; Kenny Jones 1-8. **INTERCEPTIONS:** None.  
 Attendance: 8,204.

## Sept. 27 - Tigers 31, Columbia 24

**TOWSON, Md.** - After missing two games with a sprained ankle, tailback **Matt Castor** made a triumphant return to the lineup, leading the Tigers (2-3) to a thrilling 31-24 non-conference victory over Columbia University (0-2) before a crowd of 5,030 at water-logged Johnny Unitas @ Stadium.

Castor ran for a career high 108 yards on 37 carries and scored the game-winning touchdown on a one-yard run with 1:06 remaining to play. It was his second touchdown of the game.

In a game that featured torrential rain, nine fumbles, three tied scores and a 46-minute delay for lightning, the Tigers pulled out the win when Castor scored to cap off a game-winning drive.

"When it's raining like that, you need to run the ball if you want to win," said Castor. "After missing two games, I was anxious to contribute. I want the ball as often as they want to give it to me. I'll take the ball every time. I focused on hitting the holes and running hard."



**Matt Castor**

The Lions, who never owned a lead in the game, tied the contest for the third time with 4:06 remaining in regulation. Midway through the fourth quarter, sophomore safety **Adam Mehrer** gave them excellent field position at the Towson 30-yard line when he intercepted a **Sean Schaefer** pass and returned it 19 yards.

Seven plays later, quarterback **Shane Kelly** scored on a two-yard touchdown run to cap off the drive. When **Jon Rocholl** booted the conversion, the game was tied at 24-24 with 4:06 remaining.

However, **Hakeem Moore** gave the Tigers an emotional lift by returning the ensuing kickoff 39 yards to give them a first down at the Columbia 44-yard line. On second down, Schaefer threw a 25-yard pass to sophomore **Steve Holmes**, moving the ball to the

Lions' 17-yard line. A 10-yard sideline pass to tight end **John Godlasky** put the Tigers on the 6-yard line with 1:27 left. After Castor ran for five yards on first down, he gave Towson a 30-24 lead with his one-yard run up the middle. Senior **Mark Bencivengo's** conversion gave the Tigers a 31-24 lead.

After the Lions moved to their own 33-yard line on their final drive, the Tiger defense held them on downs to preserve the win.

"Getting Matt and **Drew Mack** back in the lineup really helped us today," said Towson Coach **Gordy Combs**. "Matt really gave the offense a lift and Drew's presence helped our defensive morale."

"The weather conditions were a huge factor in the game," added Combs. "I am grateful we have FieldTurf instead of natural grass. There were a lot of fumbles for both teams and it seemed like both teams converted them into points. When they tied the score with four minutes left, we were confident that we could go down and score."

The Tigers received the first break when **Austin Knowlin** fumbled a punt and linebacker **Donte Blakey** recovered at the Columbia 36-yard line in the first quarter. After Castor picked up 4 yards on first down, the game was suspended due to lightning in the area.

After a 46-minute delay, the game resumed in a heavy rain. With the wet conditions, the Tigers kept giving the ball to Castor. On the 8th play, Castor burst through the middle and ran 16 yards for a TD, giving Towson a 7-0 lead. It was Towson's first rushing TD of the year.

Early in the second period, the Lions took advantage of a fumble recovery by linebacker **Corey Cameron** at their own 41-yard line. Two plays later, Kelly threw a screen pass to fullback **Zack Kourouma**, who raced down the Towson sideline to score a 59-yard touchdown, tying the score at 7-7.

A career long 60-yard kickoff return by Moore helped the Tigers regain the lead. After they reached the Columbia 15-yard line, Bencivengo gave Towson a 10-7 lead when he kicked a 32-yard field goal with 6:21 left in the first half.

On their final possession of the first half, Schaefer drove the Tigers 63 yards in 13 plays. With 18 seconds left, he threw an 11-yard TD pass to senior **Marcus Lee**, giving Towson a 17-7 lead at halftime. Lee, who caught 6 passes for 54 yards, has caught at least one pass in all 38 games of his college career.

In the second half, Columbia came right back and scored on its first two possessions, tying the game at 17-17.

With the score tied, the Tiger offense went to work. Schaefer directed a masterful 75-yard, 17-play drive which resulted in a 1-yard TD pass to junior tight end **Wes White** that gave them a 24-17 advantage. The drive consumed almost half of the third quarter (7:26).

A fumble recovery by defensive end **Lou Miller** gave Columbia a scoring chance at the Tiger 8-yard line in the fourth quarter. But, the Tigers turned them away when cornerback **Ollie Thomas** intercepted a pass in the end zone. It was the Tigers' first interception of the year.

After allowing 317.2 rushing yards per game in the first four games, the Tiger defense came up with a big effort against Columbia. Towson held the Lions to 68 rushing yards on 27 carries.

Hampered by the weather conditions, Schaefer completed 20 of 31 passes for 193 yards and 2 touchdowns. He moved into fifth place on the Colonial Athletic Association's career list. He has now completed 849 of 1,322 passes for 9,430 yards and 60 touchdowns.

Moore led the Tiger special teams by returning four kickoffs for 111 yards and also had a 14-yard punt return.

Linebackers **Alex Butt** and **Miguel Dean** led the Tiger defense with 8 tackles each. Dean, who also forced a fumble, was making the first start of his Towson career in place of an injured **Josh Root**.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Final
Columbia (0-2)	0	7	10	7	24
Towson (2-3)	7	10	7	7	31

### SCORING SUMMARY

TOWSON - Matt Castor, 16 run. (2:06 1st - 8 plays, 36 yds., 3:50). Mark Bencivengo kick.

COLUMBIA - Zack Kourouma, 59 pass from Shane Kelly. (9:32 2nd - 2 plays, 59 yds., 0:17). Jon Rocholl kick.

TOWSON - Mark Bencivengo, 32 field goal. (6:21 2nd - 7 plays, 19 yds., 2:59).

TOWSON - Marcus Lee, 11 pass from Sean Schaefer. (00:18 2nd - 13 plays, 63 yds., 3:28). Mark Bencivengo kick.

COLUMBIA - Jon Rocholl, 22 field goal. (10:19 3rd - 9 plays, 62 yds., 4:35).

COLUMBIA - Mike Stephens, 15 pass from Shane Kelly. (8:22 3rd - 4 plays, 39 yds., 0:40). Jon Rocholl kick.

TOWSON - Wes White, 1 pass from Sean Schaefer. (0:49 3rd - 17 plays, 75 yds., 7:26). Mark Bencivengo kick.

COLUMBIA - Shane Kelly, 2 run. (4:06 4th - 7 plays, 30 yds., 3:11). Jon Rocholl kick.

TOWSON - Matt Castor, 1 run. (1:06 4th - 6 plays, 44 yds., 2:52). Mark Bencivengo kick.

### TEAM STATS

	COLUMBIA	TOWSON
First Downs	13	19
Rushes-Net Yards	27-68	49-93
Passing Yards	281	193
Passes Att-Com-Int	32-19-1	31-20-1
Total Offense	349	286
Punt Rets.-Yds.	3-1	1-14
Kickoff Rets.-Yds.	3-64	4-111
Interceptions-Ret. Yds.	1-19	1-0
Punts-Avg.	4-39.0	4-40.5
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	5-2
Penalties-Yds.	6-40	3-30
Possession Time	24:47	35:13
Sacks By: No.-Yds.	3-20	0-0

### TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

**RUSHING:** Columbia - Shane Kelly 9-35; Jordan Davis 5-15; Ray Rangel 4-14; Zack Kourouma 2-10; Pete Stoll 3-9; Nathan Lenz 1-0; Mike Stephens 1-(-1); TEAM 2-(-14). Towson - Matt Castor 37-108; Jas Lee Rouson 4-5; TEAM 1-(-1); David Newsom 1-(-4); Sean Schaefer 6-(-15). **PASSING:** Columbia - Shane Kelly 19-32-1-281; Towson - Sean Schaefer 31-20-1-193. **RECEIVING:** Columbia - Mike Stephens 5-82; Austin Knowlin 5-70; Andrew Kennedy 3-11; Zack Kourouma 2-69; Taylor Joseph 2-11; Jordan Davis 1-32; Ray Rangel 1-6. Towson - Marcus Lee 6-54; David Newsom 3-37; Steve Holmes 2-27; Nick Oates 2-26; John Godlasky 2-24; Jas Lee Rouson 2-8; Matt Castor 1-10; Derek Waddy 1-6; Wes White 1-1. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Columbia - Adam Mehrer 1-19; Towson - Ollie Thomas 1-0.

Attendance: 5,030.



**2008 Towson University Football**  
**Towson Overall Team Statistics (September 27, 2008)**  
 All games



<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>TOWSON</b>	<b>OPP</b>
SCORING	82	157
Points Per Game	16.4	31.4
FIRST DOWNS	88	99
Rushing	25	63
Passing	56	31
Penalty	7	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	254	1337
Yards gained rushing	424	1454
Yards lost rushing	170	117
Rushing Attempts	156	218
Average Per Rush	1.6	6.1
Average Per Game	50.8	267.4
TDs Rushing	2	10
PASSING YARDAGE	1141	779
Att-Comp-Int	176-110-8	89-54-1
Average Per Pass	6.5	8.8
Average Per Catch	10.4	14.4
Average Per Game	228.2	155.8
TDs Passing	9	8
TOTAL OFFENSE	1395	2116
Total Plays	332	307
Average Per Play	4.2	6.9
Average Per Game	279.0	423.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	22-449	10-227
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-20	7-44
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-0	8-138
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.4	22.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.0	6.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	17.2
FUMBLES-LOST	9-2	11-5
PENALTIES-Yards	23-185	35-310
Average Per Game	37.0	62.0
PUNTS-Yards	19-621	12-461
Average Per Punt	32.7	38.4
Net punt average	29.3	33.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:36	29:24
3RD-DOWN Conversions	36/76	31/64
3rd-Down Pct	47%	48%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/11	6/8
4th-Down Pct	64%	75%
SACKS BY-Yards	2-13	13-78
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	20
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-3	5-10
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	11-14 79%	15-21 71%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	9-14 64%	10-21 48%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	10-11 91%	20-20 100%
ATTENDANCE	9735	45342
Games/Avg Per Game	2/4868	3/15114
Neutral Site Games		0/0

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Towson	17	30	28	7	0	82
Opponents	37	38	30	52	0	157



**2008 Towson University Football**  
**Towson Overall Individual Statistics (Sept. 27, 2008)**  
**All games**



<b>Rushing</b>	<b>gp-gs</b>	<b>att</b>	<b>gain</b>	<b>loss</b>	<b>net</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Matt Castor	3-2	61	210	6	204	3.3	2	16	68.0
Jas Lee Rouson	5-3	47	104	14	90	1.9	0	13	18.0
Damien Kinchen	4-0	8	29	2	27	3.4	0	6	6.8
Steve Holmes	5-3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Blair Peterson	3-0	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Justin Harris	3-0	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.0
Casey Cegles	2-0	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
David Newsom	5-5	2	0	7	-7	-3.5	0	0	-1.4
Sean Schaefer	5-5	29	79	94	-15	-0.5	0	12	-3.0
TEAM	5-0	5	0	39	-39	-7.8	0	0	-7.8
Total	5	156	424	170	254	1.6	2	16	50.8
Opponents	5	218	1454	117	1337	6.1	10	87	267.4

<b>Passing</b>	<b>gp-gs</b>	<b>effic</b>	<b>comp-att-int</b>	<b>pct</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Sean Schaefer	5-5	127.45	108-171-7	63.2	1122	9	60	224.4
Blair Peterson	3-0	31.92	2-5-1	40.0	19	0	11	6.3
Total	5	124.74	110-176-8	62.5	1141	9	60	228.2
Opponents	5	161.61	54-89-1	60.7	779	8	63	155.8

<b>Receiving</b>	<b>gp-gs</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
David Newsom	5-5	27	278	10.3	0	60	55.6
Steve Holmes	5-3	22	236	10.7	1	29	47.2
Marcus Lee	5-5	19	169	8.9	4	28	33.8
Casey Cegles	2-0	8	160	20.0	2	55	80.0
Hakeem Moore	5-0	6	88	14.7	1	40	17.6
John Godlasky	5-5	6	51	8.5	0	14	10.2
Tommy Breaux	2-2	4	42	10.5	0	16	21.0
Derek Waddy	4-0	4	23	5.8	0	13	5.8
Jas Lee Rouson	5-3	4	18	4.5	0	7	3.6
Tamba Tongu	4-0	3	33	11.0	0	19	8.2
Matt Castor	3-2	3	20	6.7	0	10	6.7
Nick Oates	5-0	2	26	13.0	0	14	5.2
Wes White	4-0	1	1	1.0	1	1	0.2
Damien Kinchen	4-0	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	5	110	1141	10.4	9	60	228.2
Opponents	5	54	779	14.4	8	63	155.8

<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Hakeem Moore	2	20	10.0	0	14
Total	2	20	10.0	0	14
Opponents	7	44	6.3	0	15

<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Ollie Thomas	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	8	138	17.2	2	68

<b>Kick Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Jimmy McClam	10	197	19.7	0	28
Nick Oates	8	141	17.6	0	32
Hakeem Moore	4	111	27.8	0	60
Total	22	449	20.4	0	60
Opponents	10	227	22.7	0	44

<b>Fumble Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Marcus Lee	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Mark Bencivengo	-	2-3	10-11	-	-	-	-	-	16
Matt Castor	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Casey Cegles	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Hakeem Moore	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Steve Holmes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Wes White	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>10-11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>20-20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>157</b>

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Sean Schaefer	5	200	-15	1122	1107	221.4
Matt Castor	3	61	204	0	204	68.0
Jas Lee Rouson	5	47	90	0	90	18.0
Damien Kinchen	4	8	27	0	27	6.8
Blair Peterson	3	6	-2	19	17	5.7
Steve Holmes	5	1	2	0	2	0.4
Casey Cegles	2	1	-3	0	-3	-1.5
Justin Harris	3	1	-3	0	-3	-1.0
David Newsom	5	2	-7	0	-7	-1.4
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1395</b>	<b>279.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1337</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2116</b>	<b>423.2</b>

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Mark Bencivengo	2-3	66.7	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	32	1

FG Sequence	Towson	Opponents
Navy	-	(31),47,(20)
Morgan State	-	20,30
Richmond	-	42,(38)
Coastal Carolina	(25),19	42,(28)
Columbia	(32)	(22)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bill Shears	17	597	35.1	51	1	4	3	1	2
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Mark Bencivengo	19	1242	65.4	6	2			
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1740</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>26</b>



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
David Newsom	5	-7	278	0	0	0	271	54.2
Steve Holmes	5	2	236	0	0	0	238	47.6
Matt Castor	3	204	20	0	0	0	224	74.7
Hakeem Moore	5	0	88	20	111	0	219	43.8
Jimmy McClam	3	0	0	0	197	0	197	65.7
Marcus Lee	5	0	169	0	0	0	169	33.8
Nick Oates	5	0	26	0	141	0	167	33.4
Casey Cegles	2	-3	160	0	0	0	157	78.5
Jas Lee Rouson	5	90	18	0	0	0	108	21.6
John Godlasky	5	0	51	0	0	0	51	10.2
Tommy Breaux	2	0	42	0	0	0	42	21.0
Tamba Tongu	4	0	33	0	0	0	33	8.2
Damien Kinchen	4	27	-4	0	0	0	23	5.8
Derek Waddy	4	0	23	0	0	0	23	5.8
Wes White	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.2
Blair Peterson	3	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
Justin Harris	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
Sean Schaefer	5	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-3.0
TEAM	5	-39	0	0	0	0	-39	-7.8
Total	5	254	1141	20	449	0	1864	372.8
Opponents	5	1337	779	44	227	138	2525	505.0



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##	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	Tackles			Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd	ff
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	
36	Jordan Manning	5-5	22	21	43	5.0-19	1.5-9	.	.	1	1-0	1
47	Alex Butt	5-5	12	16	28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Ollie Thomas	5-5	19	6	25	1.5-6	.	1-0	3	.	.	.
3	Raymond White	5-5	13	8	21	1.0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.
2	Danny Collins	5-3	9	12	21	2.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.
43	Paul Stefanik	5-0	3	17	20	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Josh Root	4-4	5	15	20	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Miguel Dean	3-1	11	8	19	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	1-0	2
28	Donte Blakey	5-5	9	10	19	2.5-9	.	.	1	.	2-0	1
15	Drew Mack	2-2	9	7	16	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	1
25	Jeremy Gardner	5-4	10	4	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
64	Yaky Ibia	5-5	4	10	14	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1
55	Marcus Valentine	5-0	6	7	13	1.5-3	.	.	.	1	.	.
95	Richard Lee	5-5	3	7	10	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.
59	Scott Bullock	5-5	2	7	9	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.
9	Josh McCants	5-0	3	4	7	2.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Chris Patterson	5-0	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jimmy McClam	3-1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.
39	Dan Atwood	3-0	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Rob Osborne	2-0	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Jeff Snow	5-0	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Armen Melikian	5-0	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Alex Avolio	3-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Kenny Rackers	3-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Trey Dale	1-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Brendan Ray	3-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Tyler Wharton	5-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Brent Hawkins	5-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Tamba Tongu	4-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Mark Bencivengo	5-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Justin Harris	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	David Newsom	5-5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Sean Schaefer	5-5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Todd Cox	4-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Marcus Lee	5-5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Derek Waddy	4-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Matt Ray	5-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		5	164	186	350	22-67	2-13	1-0	10	2	5-0	6
Opponents		5	172	168	340	37-132	13-78	8-138	19	3	2-0	4



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Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Aug 30, 2008	at Navy	L 13-41	0-1	0-0	3:15	31613
Sep 06, 2008	MORGAN STATE	W 21-16	1-1	0-0	2:38	4705
* Sep 13, 2008	at #4 Richmond	L 14-45	1-2	0-1	2:52	5525
Sep 20, 2008	at Coastal Carolina	L 3-31	1-3	0-1	2:39	8204
Sep 27, 2008	COLUMBIA	W 31-24	2-3	0-1	3:35	5030

\* Colonial Athletic Association game