



GAME NO. 13



**NO. 6 VILLANOVA
WILDCATS**

10-2 Overall
7-1 CAA

at

**NO. 1 JAMES MADISON
DUKES**

11-1 Overall
8-0 CAA



Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008

3:30 p.m.

Bridgeforth Stadium (15,000)

Harrisonburg, Va.

FCS Playoffs -- Quarterfinal Round

SERIES INFORMATION

OVERALL: JMU Leads 9-7-0

FIRST MEETING: 11/13/93 (42-3 JMU)

OVERALL UNDER TALLEY: 7-9-0

LAST VILLANOVA WIN: 11/11/06 (21-20)

LAST JMU WIN: 10/25/08 (23-19)

VILLANOVA WILDCAT 2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	at #8 West Virginia	L, 48-21
9/13	Lehigh (Parents' Weekend)	W, 33-14
9/20	at Penn	W, 20-14 ot
9/27	#1 Richmond (*)	W, 26-20
10/4	at William & Mary (*)	W, 38-28
10/18	at Rhode Island (*)	W, 44-7
10/25	#1 James Madison (*) (Homecoming)	L, 23-19
11/1	at Northeastern (*)	W, 20-14
11/8	#8 New Hampshire (*)	W, 24-13
11/15	Towson (*)	W, 34-31
11/22	at Delaware (*)	W, 21-7
11/29	vs. #16 Colgate (&)	W, 55-28

Home games in **bold** and played at Villanova Stadium

(*) Denotes Colonial Athletic Association Games

(&) Denotes NCAA Playoff Game

MEDIA INFORMATION

Interview Requests

All Interview requests should be directed toward Dean Kenefick, Associate Athletics Director/Communications, (610) 519-6514.

Television:

6 ABC Plus (Channel 245 on Comcast)
Time Warner Wisconsin
WHSV in Harrisonburg, Va.
Live on ESPN360.com

Play By Play: Dave Weekley
Color Analysis: Jim Donnan

Radio:

Live on 950-AM ESPN Radio and online at www.villanova.com
beginning with kickoff at 3:30 P.M.

Play By Play: Joe Eichhorn
Color Analysis: Ryan Fannon



TEAM COMPARISON

VILLANOVA (12 games)

29.6
268
2,739
228.2
575
4.8
2,038
169.8
266
173
7.7
4,777
398.1
22.6
8.2
75-for-155 (48%)
4-for-11 (36.0%)

20.6
215
1,083
90.2
363
3.0
2,639
219.9
389
239
6.8
3,722
310.2
19.9
11.3
59-for-151 (39%)
10-for-20 (50%)

OFFENSE

Points Per Game
First Downs
Rushing Yards
Avg. Rushing Yards Per Game
Rushing Attempts
Avg. Yards Per Rush
Passing Yards
Avg. Passing Yards Per Game
Passes Attempted
Passes Completed
Avg. Yards Per Pass
Total Offensive Yardage
Avg. Total Offense Per Game
Avg. Kickoff Return
Avg. Punt Return
Third Down Conversions
Fourth Down Conversions

DEFENSE

Avg. Points Per Game
First Downs Allowed
Rushing Yards Allowed
Avg. Rushing Yards Allowed
Rushing Attempts Allowed
Avg. Yards Per Rush Allowed
Passing Yards Allowed
Avg. Passing Yards Allowed
Pass Attempts Allowed
Pass Completions Allowed
Avg. Yards Per Pass
Total Offensive Yardage
Avg. Total Offense Allowed
Avg. Kickoff Return Allowed
Avg. Punt Return Allowed
Third Down Conversions Allowed
Fourth Down Conversions Allowed

JMU (12 games)

39.7
243
3,410
284.2
583
5.8
1,402
116.8
181
108
7.7
4,812
401.0
21.5
13.5
78-for-151 (52%)
19-for-25 (76%)

21.8
217
1,636
136.3
426
3.8
2,055
171.2
338
195
6.1
3,691
307.6
18.7
9.5
65-for-164 (40%)
16-for-28 (57%)

JAMES MADISON REPORT: Since a season-opening 31-7 loss at Duke on August 30, the Dukes have run off 11 straight victories and are the consensus top team in the FCS this season. James Madison is 11-1 overall after completing an undefeated conference regular season with eight consecutive wins to earn the CAA automatic playoff bid. The Dukes topped Wofford, 38-35, at home in the first round of the championship.

Senior quarterback Rodney Landers single-handedly accounted for 292 yards of offense in the win over Wofford, running for 166 yards and a touchdown and throwing for 126 yards and three other scores. His six-yard touchdown run with 3:21 to play against Wofford stretched a tentative 31-28 lead to 10 points and helped ensure the victory for the Dukes. Senior tailback Eugene Holloman ran for 116 yards and a touchdown as James Madison amassed 343 yards on the ground. Holloman ran 34 yards for a score midway through the first quarter to get the Dukes on the board. The team's other four touchdowns all came from Landers, who threw touchdown passes of 15 and 23 yards to junior wide receiver Rockeed McCarter and a 27-yard pass for a score to classmate Bosco Williams.

The high-powered James Madison offense averages 39.7 points per game thanks to 401.0 yards of offense per contest. That mark includes 284.2 rushing yards per game. Landers averages 128.6 yards on the ground per game and Holloman contributes 81.3 yards per contest. As a passer, Landers is 97-of-153 with 18 touchdowns and four interceptions for a 171.77 efficiency rating. McCarter is the team's leading receiver with 301 yards and six touchdowns. He and sophomore Griff Yancey have each caught a team-high 19 passes.

On defense, senior safety Marcus Haywood leads the team with 91 tackles, four interceptions and six passes broken up. On special teams, senior Dave Stannard is second on the team in scoring, going 9-of-13 on field goal attempts and 60-of-62 on point after tries for 87 points.

DUKE HEAD COACH MICKEY MATTHEWS: Over the past nine years, Mickey Matthews has directed the James Madison football program through an extended period of success at the national level and this season has become the team's all-time winningest head coach. Matthews has led his teams to an NCAA Championship (2004) and to four other playoff appearances (1999, 2006-08).

This season, Matthews has the Dukes ranked at the top of the national polls and guided the team to the top overall seed in the playoffs. James Madison has won 11 straight games and posted the best regular season in program history, one that included a 35-32 win over three-time defending national champion Appalachian State in which Matthews surpassed Challace McMillin's (1972-84) previous mark of 67 coaching victories.

Matthews made a quick impact in his first season as Duke head coach in 1999. He was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year and the National Coach of the Year as James Madison earned a playoff berth. Matthews again earned National Coach of the Year acclaim in 2004 when the Dukes won the national title.

In 2004, the Dukes were 13-2 and became the first team to reach the national championship game with three straight road wins. James Madison won at Lehigh, Furman and William & Mary before defeating Montana to win the crown. The 13 wins were a team season record and the Dukes tied their former regular season wins mark with a 9-2 pre-playoff record.

A four-year letterwinner as a collegiate player at West Texas State, Matthews began his coaching career in 1976 at Lamar (Texas) High School. His career included eight stops as an assistant coach before he took over the James Madison program in 1999. From 1996-98, Matthews was an assistant coach at Georgia when the school won bowl games at the Outback Bowl and Peach Bowl.

Matthews is in his 10th season as head coach at James Madison and owns a career record of 75-45 (.625) at the school.



2008 CAA STANDINGS

	CAA			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
NORTH						
New Hampshire	6	2	.750	10	2	.833
Maine	5	3	.625	8	5	.615
Massachusetts	4	4	.500	7	5	.583
Hofstra	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
Northeastern	1	7	.125	2	10	.167
Rhode Island	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
SOUTH						
James Madison	8	0	1.000	11	1	.916
Villanova	7	1	.875	10	2	.833
Richmond	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
William & Mary	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Delaware	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
Towson	1	7	.125	3	9	.250

Quarterfinal CAA Playoff Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 6

Richmond at Appalachian State	Noon
Villanova at JMU	3:30 p.m.
UNH at Northern Iowa	7 p.m.

THE SPORTS NETWORK (NOV. 23 POLL)

1. James Madison
2. Appalachian State
3. Cal Poly
4. Northern Iowa
5. Montana
6. **Villanova**
7. Richmond
8. Wofford
9. Southern Illinois
10. New Hampshire
11. Central Arkansas
12. Weber State
13. South Carolina State
14. Liberty
15. Harvard
16. Colgate
17. Elon
18. McNeese State
19. William & Mary
20. Maine
21. Eastern Kentucky
22. Jacksonville State
23. Texas State
24. Tennessee-Martin
25. Prairie View

2008 HONORS

CAA Special Teams Player of the Week:

Joe Marcoux Sept. 14
Joe Marcoux Sept. 28

CAA Offensive Player of the Week:

Aaron Ball Sept. 28

Sports Network National Special Teams Player of Week:

Joe Marcoux Sept. 28

FCS COACHES POLL (NOV. 24 POLL)

1. James Madison
2. Appalachian State
3. Cal Poly
4. Northern Iowa
5. Montana
6. Richmond
7. **Villanova**
8. Southern Illinois
9. Wofford
10. New Hampshire
11. Central Arkansas
12. Weber State
13. South Carolina State
14. Harvard
15. Liberty
16. Colgate
17. McNeese State
18. William & Mary
19. Elon
20. Jacksonville State
21. Maine
22. Eastern Kentucky
23. Prairie View
24. Tennessee-Martin
25. Grambling



THE BOOK ON TALLEY: Currently in his 24th season at Villanova, head coach **Andy Talley** can feel responsible for every facet of the Villanova football program, having started it from scratch in 1985. During his Wildcat career, Talley has registered a 165-100-1 record, making him the all-time winningest coach in Villanova history. His 28-year overall coaching record currently stands at 193-118-2. Throughout his tenure at Villanova, Talley has guided the Wildcats to seven NCAA playoff appearances (1989, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2008), four conference titles and two Lambert Meadowlands Trophies. In 1997, Talley garnered the Eddie Robinson Award and the AFCA/GTE National Coach of the Year.

PLAYOFF HISTORY: Villanova is making its seventh FCS playoff appearance and its first since 2002. The Wildcats have registered an all-time playoff record of 4-6.

1989	Lost at Georgia Southern in 1st round	52-36
1991	Lost at Youngstown State in 1st round	17-16
1992	Lost at Youngstown State in 1st round	23-20
1996	Lost at East Tennessee State in 1st round	35-29
1997	Defeated Colgate in first round	49-28
	Lost to Youngstown State in quarterfinals	37-34
2002	Defeated Furman in first round	45-38
	Defeated Fordham in quarterfinals	24-10
	Lost at McNeese State in semifinals	39-28
2008:	Defeated Colgate in first round	55-28

** Of the six playoff losses, Georgia Southern (1989) and Youngstown State (1991, 1997) won the national championship, while the 1992 Youngstown State team lost in the title game.

VILLANOVA IN THE POST SEASON: Besides the seven FCS playoff appearances, Villanova has been involved in five postseason bowl games. In those bowl games, the Wildcats compiled a 2-2-1 record. When combining the playoff games and the bowl contests, Villanova has an all-time record of 6-8-1 in post season play.

Bowl History:

1937	Bacardi Bowl	Tied Auburn 6-6
1947	Great Lakes Bowl	Lost to Kentucky 27-7
1949	Harbor Bowl	Defeated Nevada 27-7
1961	Sun Bowl	Defeated Wichita 17-9
1962	Liberty Bowl	Lost to Oregon State 6-0

QUARTERFINAL QUEST: Saturday's game at James Madison will be Villanova's third trip to the quarterfinal round of the FCS playoffs. The Wildcats lost to Youngstown State (37-34) in the 1997 quarterfinals and defeated Fordham (24-10) in the 2002 quarterfinal round.

A PERFECT 10: With last week's win over Colgate, Villanova improved to 10-2 on the season. This marks the fifth 10 or more win season in school history. A win Saturday at James Madison will give Villanova its third 11 or more win season. The last Wildcat team to win 11 games was the 2002 squad that went 11-4 and advanced to the national semifinals. The school record for victories in a season is 12 set by the 1997 Wildcat team.

POST SEASON ROAD HISTORY: Villanova will be looking for its first-ever FCS road playoff win this Saturday when the Wildcats travel to James Madison. The 'Cats are 0-5 all-time in road playoff contests.

JMU ROUND II: Villanova and James Madison will be meeting for the second time this season when the two squads square off in the NCAA FCS quarterfinal playoffs this Saturday. Earlier this season at Villanova on Oct. 25, No. 1 James Madison registered an improbable 23-19 win over No. 7 Villanova. The Dukes trailed 19-17 when quarterback Rodney Landers threw a 35-yard hail mary that Bosco Williams caught for the game winning touchdown with no time left. In the win, Landers rushed for 133 yards and threw for 184 yards. As a team, the Dukes had 169 yards rushing and 184 yards passing for 353 yards of total offense. For Villanova, sophomore Aaron Ball rushed for 108 yards on 23 carries. As a team, the Wildcats had 277 yards of total offense (229 yards rushing/ 48 yards passing).

PLAYING IN HARRISONBURG: James Madison and Villanova will meet for eighth time in Harrisonburg, Va., when the two teams do battle on Saturday in the quarterfinal round of the FCS playoffs. The Wildcats are currently 3-4 in games played at Bridgeforth Stadium. The team's last win at James Madison came in 2002 by a 30-26 score. The Dukes have won the last two at home over Villanova and four of the last five games overall against the Wildcats.

PLAYING THE BEST: Villanova will be playing a number one ranked team for the third time this season when the Wildcats take on top ranked James Madison in the FCS quarterfinals. On Sept. 27 at Villanova Stadium, the Wildcats tallied a 26-20 win over No. 1 Richmond. This was the program's first-ever win against a No. 1 ranked team. On Oct. 25, Villanova lost at home to No. 1 James Madison on a last second touchdown by a score of 23-19. Villanova is 1-5 all-time versus No. 1 ranked teams.

LOOKING AHEAD: If Villanova is fortunate to defeat James Madison this week, the Wildcats will advance to the semifinal round of the playoffs for the second time in school history. The 'Cats would play the winner of the Weber State at Montana game. Villanova also participated in the semifinals in 2002.

TRIPLE THREAT: Sophomore wideout **Matt Szczur** pulled off the touchdown trifecta last Saturday against Colgate in the first round of the FCS playoffs. Szczur scored three touchdowns in the game, including on a 91-yard kickoff return to start the game, on a four-yard run in the second quarter and on a 16-yard reception in the third quarter. The kickoff return was his first of the year, the rush was his second touchdown on the ground of this season and the reception was his fourth receiving score of the season.

MR. VERSATILITY: You would be hard-pressed to find a more multi-dimensional player in the CAA than sophomore **Matt Szczur**. Throughout a game, Szczur will play wide receiver, running back, quarterback and sometimes serve as the team's punt or kick returner. After 12 games, he ranks third on the team in rushing with 437 yards on 73 carries (6.0 yards per carry) and two touchdowns and third in receiving with 30 catches for 440 yards and four scores. He also has three kickoff returns for 131 yards (43.7 yards per return), including a 91-yard return for a score in last week's game and five punt returns for 43 yards (8.6 yards per return).

PLAYOFF KICK RETURNS: In last week's first round win over Colgate, sophomore **Matt Szczur** opened the game with a 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. This was Villanova's third kickoff return for a touchdown in its 10 NCAA playoff games. The other two were recorded by Brian Westbrook in 1997 (89 yards vs. Colgate) and Moe Gibson in 2002 (96 yards vs. Furman).



RUSHING FOR 1,000: In last Saturday's 55-28 first round win over Colgate, sophomore running back **Aaron Ball** became just the third player in school history to have a 1,000 yard rushing season. After 12 games, Ball has 1,052 yards rushing on 206 carries (5.1 yards per carry) and 13 touchdowns. Brian Westbrook achieved the feat three times in 1998, 2000 and 2001 and Curtis Sifford did it in 1996.

LUCKY 13: Entering play this Saturday at James Madison, running back **Aaron Ball** leads the Wildcats in touchdowns with 13. All 13 of his scores have come on the ground. His 78 total points rank him second on the team in scoring behind kicker Joe Marcoux who has 83 points.

WINNING WITH WHITNEY: Sophomore quarterback **Chris Whitney** has started 14 games at quarterback for Villanova in his two-year career and in those 14 starts he has led the Wildcats to a 11-3 mark. The three losses came at No. 4 Massachusetts in 2007, at No. 11 Richmond in 2007 and earlier this year against No. 1 James Madison (23-19). Five of his 11 victories have been against ranked opponents including No. 15 Hofstra in 2007, No. 9 Delaware in 2007, No. 1 Richmond on Sept. 27, No. 8 New Hampshire on Nov. 8 and last week against No. 16 Colgate. For the year, he is 107-of-154 for 1,235 yards to go with nine touchdowns and four interceptions and he has tallied 118 carries for 444 yards and four touchdowns.

A DIFFERENT LOOK: Over the years, head coach Andy Talley and the Wildcats gained a reputation as a pass happy offense. Times have changed at Villanova as the Wildcats are a more balanced attack this year. In his 11 games played this year, sophomore quarterback **Chris Whitney** has gained 444 yards on 118 carries and four touchdowns. The 444 yards rushing are the most by a quarterback during Talley's 24-year Villanova career.

LIMITED ATTEMPTS: Last week in the win over Colgate, the Villanova Wildcats were 5-for-7 in the passing game. This is the fewest pass attempts that a Villanova team under the direction of head coach Andy Talley has attempted during his 24-year Villanova career.

300 AGAIN: For the second straight week, the Villanova Wildcats went over the 300-yard rushing mark in last Saturday's 55-28 win over Colgate. In the win, the 'Cats recorded 386 yards rushing on 44 carries for an average of 8.8 yards per carry. They also tallied six rushing touchdowns. A week earlier in the season finale at Delaware, Villanova rushed for 317 yards and a 5.0 yards per carry average. Prior to these last two performances, Villanova's last 300-yard rushing game came on Sept. 21, 2002, in a 45-3 win over New Hampshire when Villanova had 316 yards rushing. The Wildcats have eclipsed the 200-yard rushing mark in eight of the last nine games. In Villanova's eight 200-yard rushing games this year, the 'Cats are 7-1. Villanova currently ranks 11th in the country in rushing at 224.8 yards per game.

DOMINANT D: Villanova boasts one of its best defensive units in recent years. The Wildcat defense currently leads the CAA in rushing defense (90.2 yards per game) and sacks (30) and is second in the CAA in scoring defense at 20.6 points per game.

LEADING THE WAY: Junior linebacker **Osayi Osunde** leads the Villanova defensive charge with a team-best 68 tackles (40 solo/ 28 assisted). He also has recorded five tackles for loss, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and one sack. For his efforts this past year, Osunde was named first team All-CAA.

RUNNING IN PLACE: The main strength of the Villanova defense this year has been the team's run defense. The Wildcats have held eight of its 12 opponent this year below the 100 yard rushing mark. In those eight games, the Wildcats are a perfect 8-0. The only four teams to eclipse the 100-yard rushing plateau against Villanova were West Virginia (149 yards), Penn (110 yards), James Madison (169 yards) and Colgate (205 yards). The Colgate rushing statistic is a little misleading, as the Wildcats held Colgate to just 25 yards rushing on 18 carries in the first half en route to a 41-7 lead at intermission. The Wildcats rested their starters in the second half when Colgate amassed most of its rushing yards. The Wildcats currently rank ninth nationally in rushing defense at 90.3 yards per game.

REARDON EARNS RECOGNITION: Wildcat defensive coordinator **Mark Reardon** has been named a finalist for the FCS Coordinator of the Year by FootballScoop.com which is the award's sponsor. The other coordinators who were named finalists for FCS Coordinator of the Year include Billy D'Ottavio (Samford), Jeff Durden (JMU), Heishma Northern (Prairie View) and Zbig Kepa (William & Mary). Reardon, who is in his eighth season on the Wildcat staff, including his fourth as the defensive coordinator, guided the Villanova defense to a scoring defense average of 20.6 points per game. The Wildcat defense also led the CAA in rushing defense (90.3 yards per game) and sacks (30).

WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT: This week's game at James Madison will be the 24th consecutive start for Wildcat sophomore linebacker Terence Thomas who has started every game of his collegiate career. Thomas has become a playmaker for the Villanova defense. He currently ranks second on the team in tackles with 64 to go with a team-best three forced fumbles, 6.5 tackles for loss, four sacks and two pass break-ups.

WINNING 100: With his team's win over Delaware in the regular season finale, Villanova head coach **Andy Talley** registered his 100th all-time conference win. By virtue of his team's win over New Hampshire on Nov. 8, Talley became the all-time winningest coach in the history of Colonial Athletic Association Football. The league has been in existence in one form or another since 1947. It was the Yankee Conference from 1947-96, the Atlantic 10 Football Conference from 1997-2006 and is currently the CAA.

CAA ALL-TIME WINS:

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. ANDY TALLEY (VILLANOVA) | 100 |
| 2. Bill Bowes (UNH) | 97 |
| 3. Tubby Raymond (Delaware) | 89 |
| 4. Jimmie Laycock (W&M) | 75 |
| 5. Jim Reid (Richmond) | 61 |

** Of these five, only Talley and Laycock are currently coaching in the CAA

BIG PLAY PHIL: One of Villanova's eight touchdowns last Saturday against Colgate came on a 65-yard run by senior wide receiver **Phil Atkinson**. This was Villanova's second longest rush of the season. Atkinson also owns the longest pass play of the season. In a win at Rhode Island on Oct. 18, he caught an 84-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Whitney. Not only was this the longest pass play of the season, but it was also the longest pass play in Villanova history. Atkinson has led the Wildcats in receiving all season long. After 12 games, he has registered a team-high 48 receptions for a team-best 520 yards and a team-high four touchdowns. Atkinson also has 184 yards rushing on 20 carries (9.2 yards per carry) and three scores. He was a third team All-CAA choice.



ONE FOR THE BOOKS: In the win over New Hampshire on Nov. 8, senior kicker **Joe Marcoux** went one-for-one in field goal attempts. That one field goal, a 35-yarder in the fourth quarter that sealed the win for Villanova, gave Marcoux 14 made field goals and the school record for field goals in a season. The previous mark of 13 made field goals was jointly held by Bill Hoffman (1992) and Mark Kiefer (1997). After 12 games this season, Marcoux is 14-of-19 in field goals and 41-of-44 in PATs for a team-best 83 points. Even more impressive is that Marcoux is 5-of-7 in field goals from 40-49 yards. Marcoux has attempted just one field goal in the last three weeks since making that record breaking kick versus New Hampshire. The one attempt was a missed 24-yarder against Towson.

MOVING ON UP: Senior kicker **Joe Marcoux** continues to climb Villanova's all-time scoring list. Marcoux currently has 218 career points which ranks him fourth on the school's all-time scoring chart.

VILLANOVA'S TOP 10 ALL-TIME SCORERS:

1. Brian Westbrook	1997-01	544
2. Casey Hannon	1998-01	265
3. Mark Kiefer	1994-97	241
4. JOE MARCOUX	2005-present	218
5. Brian Finneran	1994-97	216
6. Adam James	2001-05	211
7. Mike Siani	1969-71	208
8. Tom Withka	1987-90	204
9. Anthony Cowsette	1993-96	194
10. Robert Haner	1950-52	184

FCS FORTUNES: The Wildcats have enjoyed a great deal of success lately against FCS competition. Dating back to October of last season, the Wildcats have won 12 of the last 13 games against FCS opponents. Going back to the last four games of 2006, Villanova is 21-4 versus FCS teams.

ALL-CONFERENCE RECOGNITION: Villanova had 15 players earn CAA All-Conference distinction. The 15 Wildcats to garner All-League acclaim include three players on the first team, five on the second team and seven on the third team. The Wildcats had seven players honored on defense, six on offense and two on special teams.

VILLANOVA ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS:

<i>First Team:</i>	Ben Ijalana	Offensive Tackle
	Greg Miller	Defensive End
	Osayi Osunde	Linebacker
<i>Second Team:</i>	Aaron Ball	Running Back
	Izzy Bauta	Offensive Tackle
	Marquis Kirkland	Linebacker
	Tim Kukucka	Defensive End
	Matt Szczur	Wide Receiver
<i>Third Team:</i>	Phil Atkinson	Wide Receiver
	Angelo Babbaro	Kick Returner
	Brian Brannigan	Offensive Lineman
	Dave Dalessandro	Defensive End
	Salim Koroma	Cornerback
	Joe Marcoux	Place Kicker
	Darrel Young	Safety

BABBARO EARNS ACADEMIC RECOGNITION: Sophomore running back **Angelo Babbaro** has been named to the *CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine* All-District Academic first team. Babbaro, who was named third team All-CAA as a kick returner, has played in all 12 games this year and is averaging 23.8 yards per kickoff return. He also has tallied 23 catches for 225 yards and one score and 59 rushes for 335 yards and two touchdowns. In last week's win versus Colgate, Babbaro had seven carries for 85 yards and one touchdown.

IRON MEN: Three of Villanova's starting offensive linemen are currently in the midst of consecutive start streaks. Senior tackle **Izzy Bauta** will be making his 43rd consecutive start this week versus JMU. Bauta started the last eight games of the 2005 season, all 11 games in 2006, all 11 games in 2007 and the first 12 contests this season. Sophomore tackle **Ben Ijalana** and sophomore guard **Brant Clouser** will both be making their 24th straight start this week versus the Dukes. Ijalana and Clouser have started every game of their Wildcat careers. Ijalana was named a first team All-CAA selection, while Bauta was a second team honoree.

JOIN THE LIST: Wildcat senior defensive end **Greg Miller** has been added to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List. The Buchanan Award is given to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). The winner will be announced on Dec. 18 at the FCS awards banquet held the night before the FCS national championship game in Chattanooga, Tenn. Entering play this week against JMU, Miller has 41 total tackles, a team-high 13 tackles for loss, a team-best 5.5 quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles. Miller was rewarded for his fine season by being named first team All-CAA.

MOVE THE STICKS: Entering play this Saturday against JMU, Villanova is averaging a CAA-leading 22.3 first downs per game. This average also ranks the Wildcats 10th in the national statistics. The Wildcats have totaled 268 total first downs (165 rushing/91 passing/ 12 penalty). The 165 rushing first downs is a school record for rushing first downs in a season. The former record of 152 rushing first downs was set by the 1976 Villanova team.

CONVERTING ON THIRD DOWN: Villanova currently ranks second in the CAA in third down conversions. After 12 games, the Wildcats have converted 75 of 155 third down opportunities for 48.0 percent. JMU has converted a team-best 52.0 percent on third downs.

TEAM LEADERS: The 2008 Villanova captains will be the senior defensive end duo of **Dave Dalessandro** and **Greg Miller**. This will be Dalessandro's second year in a captain role as he served as a tri-captain last season.

OVERTIME HISTORY: During head coach Andy Talley's tenure, Villanova has played 13 overtime games and in those 13 contests are 9-4. The Wildcats have won seven of their last nine overtime games. Of the 13 overtime games, eight have been played at Villanova Stadium. Villanova is 1-0 this year in overtime (20-14 one overtime win at Penn on Sept. 20).

PLAYING ON SUNDAYS: There are five former Villanova Wildcats currently in the NFL. The five include running back **Brian Westbrook** (7th season with Philadelphia Eagles), wide receiver **Brian Finneran** (10th season in NFL, 9th with Atlanta Falcons), wide receiver/defensive back **Raymond Ventrone** (3rd season with New England Patriots), offensive lineman **Christian Gaddis** who is on the Indianapolis Colts practice squad and tight end **Matt Sherry** (rookie season with Cincinnati Bengals). Sherry injured his shoulder and is on the injured reserve list. Finneran and Westbrook played against one another earlier this year when Westbrook's Eagles registered a 27-14 win. In the victory, Westbrook had 22 carries for a career-high 167 yards and two touchdowns to go with six receptions for 42 yards. Finneran had three catches for 20 yards.



INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS

Rushing Attempts	23, Aaron Ball on two occasions 23, Chris Whitney vs. Delaware (11/22)
Rushing Yards	137, Aaron Ball vs. W&M (10/04)
Rushing Touchdowns	2, Aaron Ball on three occasions
Long Rush	65, Phil Atkinson vs. Colgate (11/29)
Passing Attempts	35, Antwon Young vs. Lehigh (09/13)
Pass Completions	22, Antwon Young vs. Lehigh (09/13)
Passing Yards	231, Antwon Young vs. Lehigh (09/13)
Passing Touchdowns	3, Chris Whitney vs. W&M (10/04)
Long Pass	84, Chris Whitney vs. URI (10/18)
Receptions	7, Matt Szczur vs. W&M (10/04) 7, Phil Atkinson vs. Towson (11/15)
Receiving Yards	108, Phil Atkinson vs. URI (10/18)
Receiving TD's	2, Phil Atkinson vs. URI (10/18)
Long Reception	84, Phil Atkinson vs. URI (10/18)
Field Goals	4, Joe Marcoux vs. Lehigh (09/13) 4, Joe Marcoux vs. Richmond (09/27)
Long Field Goal	48, Joe Marcoux vs. Richmond (09/27)
Points	18, Phil Atkinson vs. URI (10/18) 18, Matt Szczur vs. Colgate (11/29)
Punts	6, Zach Ugarte vs. Delaware (11/22)
Long Punt	66, Zach Ugarte vs. Towson (11/15)
Long Punt Return	59, Brandyn Harvey vs. Towson (11/15)
Long Kickoff Return	91, Matt Szczur vs. Colgate (11/29)
Most Tackles	11, Salim Koroma vs. Richmond (09/27) 11, Osayi Osunde vs. Delaware (11/22) 11, Anthony Johnson vs. Colgate (11/29)
Interceptions	2, Ross Ventrone vs. Delaware (11/22)
Sacks	2.5, Greg Miller vs. Richmond (09/27)

TEAM OFFENSE SEASON HIGHS

First Downs	28, vs. WVU (08/30)
Rushing Yards	386, vs. Colgate (11/29)
Pass Completions	22, vs. Lehigh (09/13)
Passing Yards	266, vs. WVU (08/30)
Total Offense	516, vs. Rhode Island (10/18)
Most Plays	87, vs. WVU (08/30)
Touchdowns	8, vs. Colgate (11/29)
Points	55, vs. Colgate (11/29)
Field Goals	4, vs. Lehigh (09/13) 4, vs. Richmond (09/27)

TEAM DEFENSE SEASON BESTS

Fewest First Downs	9, vs. Delaware (11/22)
Fewest Offensive Yards	175, vs. Delaware (11/22)
Fewest Pass Completions	8, vs. JMU (10/25)
Fewest Passing Yards	137, vs. Delaware (11/22)
Fewest Rushing Yards	24, vs. Rhode Island (10/18)
Most Turnovers Gained	4, vs. Lehigh (09/13)
Most Fumbles Recovered	2, vs. Penn (09/20)
Most Passes Intercepted	4, vs. Lehigh (09/13)
Most Sacks	7, vs. Rhode Island (10/18)

THE LAST TIME

VILLANOVA SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT:
Sept. 7, 2002 - Villanova 20, Colgate 0

VILLANOVA WAS SHUTOUT:
Sept. 18, 2004 - JMU 17, Villanova 0

A WILDCAT RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TD:
Nov. 29, 2008 - Matt Szczur vs. Colgate, 91 yds.

AN OPPOSING PLAYER RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TD:
Oct. 4, 2008 - Jonathan Grimes, William & Mary, 97 yds.

A WILDCAT RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TD:
Oct. 25, 1980 - David Martin vs. VMI, 75 yds.

AN OPPOSING PLAYER RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TD:
Sept. 23, 2006 - Greg Ambrogi, Penn, 60 yds.

VILLANOVA BLOCKED A PUNT:
Oct. 4, 2008 - vs. William & Mary (Damian Kelley)

THE OPPONENT BLOCKED A PUNT:
Oct. 4, 2008 - William & Mary

A WILDCAT INTERCEPTED THREE PASSES:
Nov. 30, 1990 - Orin Solomon vs. UNH

VILLANOVA RETURNED AN INT. FOR TD:
Nov. 15, 2008 - Jimmy Pitts vs. Towson, 65 yds.

AN OPPOSING PLAYER RETURNED AN INT. FOR A TD:
Aug. 30, 2008 - Morty Ivy, West Virginia, 29 yds.

VILLANOVA RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TD:
Oct. 27, 2007 - Tim Kukucka vs. Hofstra, 17 yds.

AN OPPOSING PLAYER RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TD:
Nov. 5, 2005 - Trent Covington, Towson, 70 yds.

A WILDCAT KICKED FIVE FIELD GOALS IN A GAME:
*Nov. 18, 1995 - Mark Kiefer vs. Richmond
37, 25, 42, 30, 30 yds.*

A WILDCAT RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS IN A GAME:
*Nov. 22, 2008 - Aaron Ball (20/105) vs. Delaware
Nov. 22, 2008 - Chris Whitney (23/102) vs. Delaware*

A WILDCAT RUSHED FOR 200 YARDS IN A GAME
Nov. 24, 2001- Brian Westbrook (27/233), vs. William & Mary

TWO WILDCATS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS IN A GAME:
*Nov. 22, 2008 - Aaron Ball (20/105) and
Chris Whitney (23/102) vs. Delaware*

A WILDCAT PASSED FOR OVER 300 YARDS IN A GAME:
Nov. 12, 2005 - Frank Jankowski vs. James Madison, 363 yds.

A WILDCAT PASSED FOR OVER 400 YARDS IN A GAME:
Nov. 23, 2002 - Brett Gordon vs. Delaware, 460 yards

A WILDCAT HAD OVER 100 YARDS RECEIVING:
Oct. 18, 2008 - Phil Atkinson (5/108 yards) vs. URI

A WILDCAT HAD OVER 200 YARDS RECEIVING:
Nov. 2, 1996 - Brian Finneran vs. URI, 229 yds.

VILLANOVA PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME:
Sept. 20, 2008 - Villanova 20, Penn 14



2008 VILLANOVA NUMERICAL ROSTER

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 James PittsDB, Fr., 6-1, 180 lbs.
Montclair, N.J./Montclair | 34 Louis AdeyemiRB, So., 5-11, 205 lbs.
Los Angeles, Calif./Santa Monica | 75 Izzy BautaOL, Sr., 6-4, 300 lbs.
Brooklyn, N.Y./Poly Prep |
| 2 Darrel YoungLB, Sr., 5-11, 245 lbs.
Amityville, N.Y./Amityville | 35 Matt LittleRB, So., 5-9, 180 lbs.
Richboro, Pa./Archbishop Wood | 76 Ryan BennettOL, R-Fr., 6-5, 275 lbs.
Somerville, N.J./Immaculata |
| 3 Brandyn HarveyWR, Jr., 6-3, 195 lbs.
Spring Valley, Calif./Monte Vista | 36 Vince PetersonDB, Fr., 6-1, 185 lbs.
Warren, Ohio/Howland | 77 Travis PostonOL, Fr., 6-6, 310 lbs.
Horsham, Pa./Hatboro-Horsham |
| 4 Matthew SzczurWR, So., 5-11, 195 lbs.
Erma, N.J./Lower Cape May Regional | 37 Matthew FritzDB, Jr., 5-10, 190 lbs.
Gilbertsville, Pa./Boyetown | 79 Chidozie EkweozorOL, Fr., 6-5, 280 lbs.
Spring Valley, Calif./Mount Miguel |
| 5 Antwon YoungQB, Jr., 6-4, 215 lbs.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Plantation | 38 Mark CarroceDB, Fr., 5-9, 175 lbs.
Canfield, Ohio/Canfield | 80 Ramin MobasseriWR, Jr., 6-0, 200 lbs.
King of Prussia, Pa./Upper Merion |
| 6 Justin MurrellDB, Jr., 5-9, 190 lbs.
Bradenton, Fla./Manatee | 39 Fred MaldonadoDB, So., 5-11, 185 lbs.
West Chester, Pa./West Chester East | 81 Damian KelleyDE, Jr., 6-4, 245 lbs.
Wyoming, Ohio/Wyoming |
| 7 Jarred CoreyDB, So., 5-10, 180 lbs.
Davie, Fla./Western | 40 Jonathan ToroniPK, Fr., 5-7, 180 lbs.
Berwyn, Pa./Conestoga | 81a Larry JacksonWR, Fr., 6-6, 220 lbs.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons |
| 9 Marquis Kirkland . . .LB, So., 5-11, 250 lbs.
Syracuse, N.Y./Henninger | 41 Aaron GreyLB, Fr., 5-9, 180 lbs.
Lake Forest, Calif./El Toro | 82 Thomas LothWR, So., 6-3, 190 lbs.
Woodbridge, Va./Stonewall Jackson |
| 10 Tom TeelDB, So., 5-10, 205 lbs.
Dumont, N.J./Dumont | 42 Jacob WadeLB, So., 6-0, 220 lbs.
Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair | 83 Zach UgarteP, Jr., 6-0, 205 lbs.
Ocklawaha, Fla./Trinity Catholic |
| 11 Phil AtkinsonWR, Sr., 5-11, 185 lbs.
Media, Pa./Strath Haven | 43 Delano FergusonLB, Fr., 6-1, 225 lbs.
Silver Spring, Md./John F. Kennedy | 84 Dorian WellsWR, Fr., 5-9, 180 lbs.
West Covina, Calif./South Hills |
| 12 Christian Culicerto . .QB, Fr., 5-11, 170 lbs.
Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Catholic | 44 Trey JayroeDL, Jr., 6-1, 250 lbs.
Norcross, Ga./Norcross | 85 Eric PredatschTE, Jr., 6-5, 240 lbs.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y./Ketchum |
| 13 Martel MoodyDB, So., 6-0, 180 lbs.
Tampa, Fla./Thomas Jefferson | 45 Connor NelsonLB, Fr., 6-0, 215 lbs.
Holmdel, N.J./Holmdel | 87 Norman WhiteWR, Fr., 6-4, 200 lbs.
Hammonont, N.J./St. Joseph's |
| 14 Ross VentroneDB, Jr., 5-9, 185 lbs.
Pittsburgh, Pa./Chartiers Valley | 46 Jeremy Rodriguez . . .LB, Fr., 6-2, 200 lbs.
Laureldale, Pa./Muhlenburg | 88 Blaise ButlerTE, Fr., 6-7, 250 lbs.
Ardmore, Pa./Haverford School |
| 15 Dominic Scarnecchia .DB, R-Fr., 5-10, 185 lbs.
Youngstown, Ohio/Cardinal Mooney | 47 Sean MorrisseyLS, Jr., 6-1, 220 lbs.
Rockville, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel | 89 Stephen PimmTE, Sr., 6-4, 245 lbs.
Tampa, Fla./Chamberlain |
| 16 Marlon CalbiQB, Fr., 5-11, 180 lbs.
Montclair, N.J./Montclair | 48 Will ThompsonLS, Jr., 6-1, 220 lbs.
Glen Arm, Md./Loyola Blakefield | 90 Chris FarmerDL, So., 6-5, 265 lbs.
Philadelphia, Pa./West Catholic |
| 17 Christopher Whitney .QB, So., 6-2, 225 lbs.
Warminster, Pa./St. Joseph's Prep | 49 Nick YakoK, Fr., 5-11, 195 lbs.
Cleveland, Ohio/St. Ignatius | 91 Osayi OsundeLB, Jr., 6-1, 235 lbs.
Bloomsburg, Pa./Central Columbia |
| 18 Anthony Johnson . . .LB, So., 5-10, 215 lbs.
Atlanta, Ga./Grady | 50 Stephen Vandenberg .LB, Fr., 5-11, 220 lbs.
Marlton, N.J./Camden Catholic | 92 Sean MillerP, Fr., 6-3, 185 lbs.
Egg Harbor Township, N.J./St. Augustine Prep |
| 19 Chris JohnsonQB, Fr., 6-1, 200 lbs.
Philadelphia, Pa./Roman Catholic | 51 Joe MakoidDL, Fr., 6-0, 245 lbs.
Warminster, Pa./Archbishop Wood | 94 Phil MatuszDL, Jr., 6-3, 280 lbs.
Greenville, Pa./Greenville |
| 20 Mikey ReynoldsRB, Fr., 5-7, 165 lbs.
Moorestown, N.J./Moorestown | 52 Greg MillerDL, Sr., 6-3, 250 lbs.
Willow Grove, Pa./Abington | 96 Dave Dalessandro . . .DL, Sr., 6-3, 265 lbs.
Pittsburgh, Pa./North Hills |
| 21 John DempseyDB, So., 6-0, 205 lbs.
Secane, Pa./Cardinal O'Hara | 53 Steven PizzellaLB, Fr., 5-11, 220 lbs.
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif./Palos Verdes | 97 Alex BehmDL, So., 6-1, 230 lbs.
Los Angeles, Calif./Loyola |
| 22 Angelo BabbaroRB, So., 5-9, 190 lbs.
Canfield, Ohio/Canfield | 54 Terence ThomasLB, So., 6-0, 220 lbs.
Lawrenceville, N.J./Lawrenceville School | 98 Donald DavisDL, Fr., 6-4, 250 lbs.
Glassboro, N.J./Glassboro |
| 23 Johnnie DavisDB, Jr., 5-9, 160 lbs.
San Diego, Calif./Serra | 55 Thomas WeaverDL, So., 6-1, 300 lbs.
Irvington, N.J./Irvington | |
| 24 Lawrence DossRB, Fr., 5-8, 175 lbs.
Bellflower, Calif./St. John Bosco | 56 Tim KukuckaDE, Jr., 6-3, 250 lbs.
Wall, N.J./Wall | |
| 25 Aaron BallRB, So., 5-9, 200 lbs.
Los Angeles, Calif./Cabrillo | 58 Marlon JohnsonDE, Fr., 6-4, 250 lbs.
Baltimore, Md./St. Mary's | |
| 26 Kelvin JohnsonDB, Fr., 5-11, 185 lbs.
Philadelphia, Pa./Penn Charter School | 59 Emmett LydonLB, Fr., 6-0, 220 lbs.
Rocky River, Ohio/St. Ignatius | |
| 27 Joshua PottsDB, Fr., 5-10, 190 lbs.
Harrisburg, Pa./Harrisburg | 60 Brian BranniganOL, Jr., 6-3, 285 lbs.
Clementon, N.J./St. Joseph | |
| 28 Salim KoromaDB/KR, Sr., 5-6, 150 lbs.
Germantown, Md./Northwest | 61 Michael SheridanOL, Sr., 6-2, 310 lbs.
Cleveland, Ohio/St. Ignatius | |
| 29 Anthony Lucidonio . .R, Sr., 5-7, 185 lbs.
Havertown, Pa./Cardinal O'Hara | 65 Gene OakleyOL, So., 6-3, 285 lbs.
Harrington Park, N.J./Old Tappan | |
| 30 John NelsonPK, So., 5-5, 160 lbs.
Newtown, Pa./Newtown | 67 Brant ClouserOL, So., 6-3, 290 lbs.
Altoona, Pa./Altoona | |
| 31 Joe MarcouxPK, Sr., 6-4, 210 lbs.
Campbell Hall, N.Y./Don Bosco Prep | 70 Jonathan BugliOL, Jr., 6-5, 285 lbs.
Newburyport, Mass./Newburyport | |
| 32 Tony CanciRB, Sr., 6-0, 215 lbs.
Brookhaven, Pa./Sun Valley | 71 Benjamin IjalanaOL, So., 6-4, 325 lbs.
Hainesport, N.J./Rancocas Valley | |
| 33 Shawn SmithWR, Jr., 5-10, 200 lbs.
Sinking Spring, Pa./Wilson | 74 Chris OttenOL, So., 6-1, 285 lbs.
Ardmore, Pa./21st Century Cyber Charter School | |

COACHING STAFF

- Andy Talley - Head Coach
Mark Ferrante - Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line Coach
Sam Venuto - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach
Mark Reardon - Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
Clint Wiley - Linebackers Coach/Special Teams
Darius Smith - Running Backs Coach/Tight Ends
Brian Flinn - Wide Receivers Coach
Billy Crocker - Defensive Line Coach
David Riede - Offensive Assistant
Michael George - Offensive Assistant
Daniel Blume - Defensive Assistant
Justus Galac - Strength & Conditioning Coach



VILLANOVA DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB	17	Chris Whitney (6-2, 225, So.)
	5	Antwon Young (6-4, 215, Jr.)
RB	25	Aaron Ball (5-9, 200, So.)
	22	Angelo Babbaro (5-9, 190, So.)
WR	4	Matt Szczur (5-11, 195, So.)
	87	Norman White (6-4, 200, Fr.)
WR	3	Brandyn Harvey (6-3, 195, Jr.)
	80	Ramin Mobasserri (6-0, 200, Jr.)
WR	11	Phil Atkinson (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	87	Norman White (6-4, 200, Fr.)
TE	89	Steve Pimm (6-4, 245, Sr.)
	85	Eric Predatsch (6-5, 240, Jr.)
OT	71	Ben Ijalana (6-4, 325, So.)
	70	Jonathan Bugli (6-5, 285, Jr.)
OT	75	Izzy Bauta (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	70	Jonathan Bugli (6-5, 285, Jr.)
C	60	Brian Brannigan (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	61	Michael Sheridan (6-2, 310, Sr.)
OG	67	Brant Clouser (6-3, 290, So.)
	65	Gene Oakley (6-3, 285, So.)
OG	70	Jonathan Bugli (6-5, 285, Jr.)
	65	Gene Oakley (6-3, 285, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Dave Dalessandro (6-3, 265, Jr.)
	56	Tim Kukucka (6-3, 250, Jr.)
NG	94	Phil Matusz (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	55	Thomas Weaver (6-1, 300, So.)
DE	52	Greg Miller (6-3, 250, Sr.)
	56	Tim Kukucka (6-3, 250, Jr.)
LB	91	Osayi Osunde (6-1, 235, Jr.)
	42	Jacob Wade (6-0, 225, Jr.)
LB	9	Marquis Kirkland (5-11, 250, So.)
	18	Anthony Johnson (5-10, 215, So.)
LB	54	Terence Thomas (6-0, 220, So.)
	46	Jeremy Rodriquez (6-2, 200, Fr.)
CB	28	Salim Koroma (5-6, 150, Sr.)
	6	Justin Murrell (5-9, 190, Jr.)
CB	39	Frederick Maldonado (5-11, 185, So.)
	1	James Pitts (6-1, 180, Fr.)
FS	14	Ross Ventrone (5-9, 185, Jr.)
	27	Josh Potts (5-10, 190, Fr.)
WS	21	John Dempsey (6-0, 205, So.)
	13	Martel Moody (6-0, 180, So.)
SS	2	Darrel Young (5-11, 245, Sr.)
	15	Dominic Scarnecchia (5-10, 185, R-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	31	Joe Marcoux (6-4, 210, Sr.)	LS	48	Will Thompson (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	83	Zach Ugarte (5-11, 195, Jr.)		47	Sean Morrissey (6-2, 205, Jr.)
KO	31	Joe Marcoux (6-4, 210, Sr.)	KR	22	Angelo Babbaro (5-9, 190, So.) or
	83	Zach Ugarte (5-11, 195, Jr.)		4	Matt Szczur (5-11, 195, So.)
P	83	Zach Ugarte (5-11, 195, Jr.)	PR	3	Brandyn Harvey (6-3, 195, Jr.)
	31	Joe Marcoux (6-4, 210, Sr.)		4	Matt Szczur (5-11, 195, So.)
H	16	Marlon Calbi (5-11, 180, Fr.)			
	4	Matt Szczur (5-11, 195, So.)			



JAMES MADISON DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR	8	Rockeed McCarter (6-3, 215, Jr.)
	5	Bosco Williams (6-2, 220, Jr.)
WR	26	Marcus Turner (6-3, 195, So.)
	23	Kerby Long (5-11, 180, Fr.)
TE	85	Mike Caussin (6-5, 230, Jr.)
	44	Charlie Newman (6-2, 240, Jr.)
LT	76	Theo Sherman (6-4, 300, So.)
	59	Brandon Monroe (6-2, 275, So.)
LG	78	Arthur Walker (6-3, 325, So.)
	55	Roane Babington (6-2, 280, Fr.)
C	62	Scott Lemn (6-3, 285, Sr.)
	69	Donny Smith (6-1, 290, Jr.)
RG	53	Dorian Brooks (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	75	Brett Ainsley (6-3, 275, So.)
RT	60	Terrence Apted (6-4, 325, Sr.)
	57	Jerald Brown (6-4, 245, So.)
FB	44	Charlie Newman (6-2, 240, Jr.)
	35	Donnell Brown (5-10, 265, So.)
TB	14	Eugene Holloman (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	17	Griff Yancey (5-10, 195, So.)
QB	7	Rodney Landers (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	9	Drew Dudzik (6-1, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	52	Arthur Moats (6-2, 240, Jr.)
	56	Shelton Johnson (6-1, 230, Sr.)
DT	98	J.D. Skolnitsky (6-5, 260, Jr.)
	77	Dominique White (5-8, 290, Jr.)
DT	58	Sam Daniels (6-1, 270, Jr.)
	93	Ronnell Brown (6-2, 260, So.)
DE	99	Hassan Abdul-Wahid (6-5, 245, Sr.)
	95	Quintrel Thomas (6-5, 255, So.)
LB	6	Vidal Nelson (5-11, 205, Fr.)
	45	Colin Fitz-Maurice (6-1, 200, Fr.)
LB	47	Jamie Veney (6-3, 215, Fr.)
	33	Reggie Hicks (6-0, 205, Jr.)
WS	13	Gerren Griffin (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	1	Jamaris Sanders (5-10, 180, Jr.)
SS	24	Pat Williams (6-1, 205, Fr.)
	32	Jon Williams (6-0, 190, Fr.)
CB	2	Evan McCollough (5-10, 195, Sr.)
	19	Scotty McGee (5-9, 180, Jr.)
CB	3	Darrius Ramsey (5-10, 170, Sr.)
	27	Taveion Cuffee (5-11, 180, Fr.)
FS	34	Marcus Haywood (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	42	Brandon Randolph (6-0, 195, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	20	Dave Stannard (5-9, 185, Sr.)	KR	19	Scotty McGee (5-9, 180, Jr.)
				3	Darrius Ramsey (5-10, 170, Sr.)
H	9	Drew Dudzik (6-1, 195, So.)	PR	19	Scotty McGee (5-9, 180, Jr.)
	31	Matt Goff (6-0, 190, So.)			
P	40	Jason Pritchard (6-0, 250, Sr.)	LS	44	Charlie Newman (6-2, 240, Jr.)
KO	40	Jason Pritchard (6-0, 250, Sr.)			
	31	Matt Goff (6-0, 190, So.)			



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 1 No. 8 West Virginia 48, Villanova 21 Aug. 30, 2008 Morgantown, W. Va.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.--Against a nationally-ranked FBS opponent, Villanova executed its game plan for much of the first half before succumbing to one of the most powerful offenses in the nation in a 48-21 defeat at the hands of No. 8 West Virginia before 60,566 at Milan Puskar Stadium. The Wildcats outgained the Mountaineers by a 399-354 edge in total offensive yards and won the battle of possession time in the game.

Junior **Antwon Young** threw for 218 yards and rushed for a touchdown and Villanova ran in all three of its scores on the afternoon. Sophomores **Aaron Ball** and **Chris Whitney** each rushed for a touchdown as well and the Wildcats finished with 133 net rushing yards.

Villanova ate up more than 11 minutes on the clock in the first quarter and held West Virginia off the scoreboard until there was just 2:04 left in the period. After the Wildcats drove to the Mountaineers 19-yard line, Young was sacked on third down for an initial loss of 15 yards. He fumbled on the play and Mortty Ivy recovered the ball and returned it 30 yards to the Villanova 24-yard line to set up a score.

In the second quarter, Young's three-yard touchdown run with 6:47 to play in the half capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive and pulled the Wildcats to within 14-7. However, Alric Arnett caught his second touchdown pass of the game just over two minutes later and Pat McAfee kicked a 52-yard field goal as time expired to make the score 24-7 at the half.

White threw for a career-high five touchdowns and 208 yards while rushing for 63 yards. Arnett caught four passes and Jock Sanders had eight receptions for 62 yards and a pair of scores. The Mountaineers did the rest of their work on defense, recording six sacks to cause a loss of 42 yards.

Young finished 17-of-33 and also had two interceptions, while Whitney was 4-of-4 for 48 yards to go along with a late one-yard touchdown run with two seconds left in the game. Villanova drove 78 yards on 15 plays for its final points of the contest.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Darrel Young led the Wildcats with nine tackles and sophomore Ross Ventrone had eight stops. Sophomore Frederick Maldonado had six tackles and also picked off a pass.

NOTES: The Wildcats played against an FBS opponent for the 13th time since the program was restored in 1985 ... Villanova is 2-11 in these games, with the wins coming against Rutgers (2002) and Temple (2003) ... Today's game marked the first of the 13 meetings in which the Wildcats faced a nationally-ranked opponent.

Box Score (Final) Villanova vs. No. 8 West Virginia (Aug. 30, 2008 at Morgantown, W.Va.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Villanova	0	7	0	14	- 21	Record: (0-1)
West Virginia	7	17	10	14	- 48	Record: (1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st	02:04 West Virginia - Alric Arnett 24 yd pass from Patrick White (Pat McAfee kick), 1-24 0:06, West Virginia 7 - Villanova 0
2nd	12:35 West Virginia - Will Johnson 3 yd pass from Patrick White (Pat McAfee kick), 10-47 3:25, West Virginia 14 - Villanova 0 06:47 Villanova - Antwon Young 3 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 12-80 5:48, West Virginia 14 - Villanova 7 04:35 West Virginia - Alric Arnett 34 yd pass from Patrick White (Pat McAfee kick), 5-67 2:06, West Virginia 21 - Villanova 7 00:00 West Virginia - Pat McAfee 52 yd field goal, 9-40 1:10, West Virginia 24 - Villanova 7
3rd	09:14 West Virginia - Jock Sanders 9 yd pass from Patrick White (Pat McAfee kick), 12-74 5:41, West Virginia 31 - Villanova 7 05:26 West Virginia - Pat McAfee 33 yd field goal, 4-8 1:21, West Virginia 34 - Villanova 7
4th	14:45 Villanova - Aaron Ball 2 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-26 1:57, West Virginia 34 - Villanova 14 11:39 West Virginia - Jock Sanders 17 yd pass from Patrick White (Pat McAfee kick), 7-64 2:59, West Virginia 41 - Villanova 14 11:19 West Virginia - Mortty Ivy 29 yd interception return (Pat McAfee kick), West Virginia 48 - Villanova 14 00:02 Villanova - Chris Whitney 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 15-78 6:03, West Virginia 48 - Villanova 21

	VU	WVU
FIRST DOWNS.....	28	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	50-133	22-149
PASSING YDS (NET).....	266	205
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	37-21-2	34-26-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	87-399	56-354
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	1-30
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	2-51
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	5-124	3-80
Interception Returns-Yards....	1-0	2-29
Punts (Number-Avg).....	4-29.2	2-42.5
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	7-60	5-40
Possession Time.....	37:22	22:38
Third-Down Conversions.....	8 of 14	6 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	3-4	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	0-0	6-42

RUSHING: Villanova - Aaron Ball 15-55; Phil Atkinson 2-34; Louis Adeyemi 4-20; Antwon Young 18-13; Chris Whitney 7-8; Angelo Babbaro 2-5; Lawrence Doss 1-0; Matt Szczur 1-minus 2. West Virginia - Patrick White 9-63; Noel Devine 9-47; Jock Sanders 2-28; Jarrett Brown 1-9; Mark Rodgers 1-2.

PASSING: Villanova - Antwon Young 17-33-2-218; Chris Whitney 4-4-0-48. West Virginia - Patrick White 25-33-1-208; Jarrett Brown 1-1-0-minus 3.

RECEIVING: Villanova - Brandyn Harvey 5-85; Mikey Reynolds 4-51; Norman White 3-31; Phil Atkinson 3-30; Angelo Babbaro 2-27; Shawn Smith 2-27; Matt Szczur 2-15. West Virginia - Jock Sanders 8-62; Noel Devine 6-37; Alric Arnett 4-70; Will Johnson 3-22; Dorrell Jalloh 2-7; Tito Gonzalez 1-7; Bradley Starks 1-3; Mark Rodgers 1-minus 3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Villanova - Frederick Maldonado 1-0. West Virginia - Mortty Ivy 1-29; John Holmes 1-0.

FUMBLES: Villanova - Antwon Young 2-1. West Virginia - None.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 2 No. 21 Villanova 33, Lehigh 14 Sept. 13, 2008 Villanova, Pa.

VILLANOVA, Pa.--Senior **Joe Marcoux** was one of the keys to a strong special teams and defensive effort and Villanova defeated Lehigh by a count of 33-14 in its home opener at Villanova Stadium. The Wildcats drew 11,101 for their first home game of the season, which fell on Parents' Weekend on campus.

Marcoux kicked field goals measuring 44, 23, 44 and 22 yards in going 4-for-4 on field goal attempts. The two 44-yard kicks also set new career highs. After a scoreless first quarter, Marcoux kicked a 44-yard field goal in the first minute of the second quarter to open the scoring with 14:12 left in the half.

Less than three minutes later, junior linebacker **Osayi Osunde** returned the first of four Villanova interceptions 56 yards for a 10-0 lead. Marcoux kicked a 23-yard field goal midway through the quarter to make the score 13-0 and the Wildcats later scored 17 unanswered points after the Mountain Hawks had cut the deficit to 13-7 late in the half.

Junior **Aaron Ball** ran in a one-yard score with 1:33 remaining before the intermission to put Villanova ahead 20-7 at the break. Ball finished the day with 66 yards on 17 carries and the Wildcats outgained Lehigh 371-238.

In his second game back after missing the last five games of 2007 with an injury, junior quarterback **Antwon Young** threw for 231 yards and a touchdown, going 22-of-35 with one interception. Classmate **Angelo Babbaro** had five catches for 46 yards and ran 10 times for 55 yards.

A 44-yard field goal by Marcoux early in the third quarter and a 20-yard touchdown pass by Young to senior **Phil Atkinson** with 23 seconds left in the period stretched the Villanova lead to 30-7.

Mountain Hawk quarterback J.B. Clark threw a six-yard pass for a touchdown to Sekou Yansane with 12:28 to play to make the score 30-14 and Marcoux closed the scoring with a field goal with 5:38 left.

Clark threw for 200 yards but finished 20-of-43 and was intercepted four times. In addition to the 56-yard return for a score by Osunde, the Wildcats had interceptions from sophomores **Ross Ventrone** and **Frederick Maldonado** and senior **Salim Koroma**.

Yansane and Mike Fitzgerald each had five receptions for Lehigh and Matt McGowan ran for 29 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries. Tim Diamond had 14 total tackles (10 solo, four assisted) to lead all players and also finished with a 21-yard interception return, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Box Score (Final) No. 21 Villanova vs. Lehigh (Sept. 13, 2008 at Villanova, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Lehigh	0	7	0	7	- 14	Record: (1-1)
Villanova	0	20	10	3	- 33	Record: (1-1)

Scoring Summary:

- 2nd 14:12 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 44 yd field goal, 6-14 1:32, Villanova 3 - Lehigh 0
11:38 Villanova - Osayi Osunde 56 yd interception return (Joe Marcoux kick), Villanova 10 - Lehigh 0
06:07 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 23 yd field goal, 10-39 3:41, Villanova 13, Lehigh 0
04:24 Lehigh - Matt McGowan 3 yd run (Jason Leo kick), 1-44 0:06, Villanova 13 - Lehigh 7
01:33 Villanova - Aaron Ball 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 8-65 2:44, Villanova 20 - Lehigh 7
- 3rd 12:02 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 44 yd field goal, 6-7 1:54, Villanova 23 - Lehigh 7
00:23 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 20 yd pass from Antwon Young (Joe Marcoux kick), 16-80 7:04, Villanova 30 - Lehigh 7
- 4th 12:28 Lehigh - Sekou Yansane 6 yd pass from J.B. Clark (Jason Leo kick), 9-75 2:47, Villanova 30 - Lehigh 14
05:38 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 22 yd field goal, 9-40 3:37, Villanova 33 - Lehigh 14

	VILLANOVA	LEHIGH	VU
FIRST DOWNS.....	17	17	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	23-38	23-38	47-181
PASSING YDS (NET).....	200	200	231
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	43-20-4	43-20-4	35-22-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	66-238	66-238	82-412
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	1-41	1-41	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0	1-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	7-128	7-128	2-46
Interception Returns-Yards....	1-21	1-21	4-96
Punts (Number-Avg).....	5-41.2	5-41.2	2-31.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-0	3-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards.....	5-39	5-39	7-84
Possession Time.....	26:11	26:11	33:49
Third-Down Conversions.....	6 of 15	6 of 15	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 2	0 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	2-2	2-2	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	3-5	3-5	3-20

RUSHING: Lehigh - Matt McGowan 12-29; Craig Zurn 1-13; Matt Cohen 1-8; Jarard Cribbs 1-5; Jay Campbell 1-0; J.B. Clark 7-minus 17. Villanova - Aaron Ball 17-66; Angelo Babbaro 10-55; Matt Szczur 5-48; Phil Atkinson 2-17; Lawrence Doss 3-5; Louis Adeyemi 1-3; Antwon Young 9-minus 13.

PASSING: Lehigh - J.B. Clark 20-43-4-200. Villanova - Antwon Young 22-35-1-231.

RECEIVING: Lehigh - Sekou Yansane 5-47; Mike Fitzgerald 5-42; Matt McGowan 4-24; Nick Johnson 3-61; Jay Campbell 1-13; Troy Healion 1-9; Alex Wojdowski 1-4. Villanova - Angelo Babbaro 5-46; Matt Szczur 4-48; Phil Atkinson 4-40; Brandyn Harvey 3-32; Mikey Reynolds 2-34; Norman White 2-15; Ramin Mobasser 1-16; Aaron Ball 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Lehigh - Tim Diamond 1-21. Villanova - Osayi Osunde 1-56; Ross Ventrone 1-31; Frederick Maldonado 1-8; Salim Koroma 1-1.

FUMBLES: Lehigh - J.B. Clark 3-0. Villanova - Aaron Ball 1-0; Lawrence Doss 1-1.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 3 No. 19 Villanova 20, Penn 14 (ot) Sept. 20, 2008 Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.--Backup quarterback **Chris Whitney** scored on a nine-yard run on the first possession of overtime as Villanova defeated local rival Penn, 20-14, at Franklin Field.

Penn blocked the extra-point attempt after Whitney scored, but the Quakers fumbled on their first play and Villanova's **Salim Koroma** recovered the ball to clinch the win for the Wildcats.

Villanova starting quarterback **Antwon Young** completed 16 of 26 passes for 172 yards and one touchdown, but also had four interceptions. Robert Irvin was 15-for-23 for 179 yards and a touchdown for the Quakers, who lost to the Wildcats for the seventh straight time since the series was resumed in 1999.

Penn led 14-7 on a 12-yard run by Michael DiMaggio with 9:56 left in the second quarter, but Villanova tied the score four plays later on a 38-yard pass play from Young to **Matthew Szczur**.

Neither team scored in the second half, although Villanova threatened on three occasions but was stopped by Penn's interceptions.

Whitney replaced Young late in the game and completed 1 of 2 passes for 10 yards and carried four times for 25 yards and a touchdown.

Villanova now has an 8-5 lead in the overall series, which started in 1905 - but the teams didn't play from 1912 to 1999.

Box Score (Final) No. 19 Villanova vs. Penn (Sept. 20, 2008 at Philadelphia, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score		
Villanova	7	7	0	0	6	-	20	Record: (2-1)
Penn	7	7	0	0	0	-	14	Record: (0-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st	09:36 Villanova - Antwon Young 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 8-81 3:24, Villanova 7 - Penn 0
	05:39 Penn - Kyle Derham 29 yd pass from Robert Irvin (Andrew Samson kick), 7-70 3:50, Villanova 7 - Penn 7
2nd	09:56 Penn - Mike DiMaggio 12 yd run (Andrew Samson kick), 12-79 5:16, Penn 14 - Villanova 7
	07:56 Villanova - Matt Szczur 38 yd pass from Antwon Young (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-68 1:52, Villanova 14 - Penn 14
OT	15:00 Villanova - Chris Whitney 9 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-0 1:34, Villanova 20 - Penn 14

	VU	PENN
FIRST DOWNS.....	18	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	35-145	33-110
PASSING YDS (NET).....	182	192
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	28-16-4	27-17-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	63-327	60-302
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	4-29	1-12
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	2-48	3-60
Interception Returns-Yards....	1-0	4-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	5-37.0	6-38.3
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards.....	1-10	7-44
Possession Time.....	27:13	32:47
Third-Down Conversions.....	5 of 12	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	1-2	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	0-0	0-0

RUSHING: Villanova - Aaron Ball 11-45; Antwon Young 8-38; Angelo Babbaro 5-28; Chris Whitney 4-25; Matt Szczur 3-5; Phil Atkinson 4-4. Penn - Mike DiMaggio 15-69; Brad Blackmon 15-43; Robert Irvin 2-0; Kyle Derham 1-minus 2.

PASSING: Villanova - Antwon Young 15-26-4-172; Chris Whitney 1-2-0-10. Penn - Robert Irvin 15-23-0-179; Kyle Olson 2-3-0-13; Marcus Lawrence 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING: Villanova - Phil Atkinson 6-81; Brandyn Harvey 3-18; Angelo Babbaro 3-10; Matt Szczur 2-51; Ramin Mobasseri 1-6; Mikey Reynolds 1-6. Penn - Brad Blackmon 4-56; Kyle Derham 4-52; Matt Reinert 3-17; Josh Koontz 2-31; David Wurst 2-25; Ryan Murray 1-7; Tyler Fisher 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Villanova - Martel Moody 1-0. Penn - Chris Wynn 2-0; Jon Saelinger 1-0; Josh Powers 1-0.

FUMBLES: Villanova - None. Penn - Brad Blackmon 2-2.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 4 No. 19 Villanova 26, No. 1 Richmond 20 Sept. 27, 2008 Villanova, Pa.

VILLANOVA, Pa.--In its conference opener, No. 19 Villanova took the lead late in the first quarter and never looked back along the way to defeating a top-ranked opponent for the first time in school history. The Wildcats defeated No. 1 Richmond by a 26-20 count at Villanova Stadium.

Sophomore **Aaron Ball** ran for a career-high 123 yards and two touchdowns and senior **Joe Marcoux** matched a career high with four field goals to carry Villanova to its third straight win. The Wildcats had been 0-4 in their history against No. 1-ranked teams and had never played a top-ranked opponent at Villanova Stadium.

The Wildcats owned a 402-333 advantage in total offense thanks to their dominant running game, which produced a 226-83 edge in net rushing yards. Ball ran in for a three-yard score with 3:51 remaining in the opening period to give Villanova a 7-3 lead and then broke away for a 63-yard scoring run with 8:39 left in the second quarter to stretch the margin to 14-3. It was the first career 100-yard rushing game for Ball.

Later in the second quarter Joe Stewart caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Eric Ward with 3:47 to play in the half to close the Spiders to within 14-10. The Wildcats preserved their lead by never returning the ball to Richmond in the half and Marcoux kicked a 21-yard field goal as time expired to send Villanova into the break with a 17-10 lead.

The Spiders did everything they could to get their offense going in the third quarter and held the ball for more than 11 minutes in the period. Richmond had two drives in the quarter that combined for 25 plays and 135 yards of offense but amounted to just a field goal. Andrew Howard converted a 35-yard attempt with 8:28 left in the period to make the score 17-13 but Marcoux answered with a 25-yard field goal less than four minutes later to bring the Wildcat lead back to a touchdown.

A drive by the Spiders that lasted 12 plays and went 75 yards wound up in Richmond turning the ball over on downs seven seconds into the fourth quarter. On its ensuing drive, Villanova consumed nearly seven minutes on the clock and capped a 15-play, 63-yard drive with Marcoux kicking a career-long 48-yard field goal with exactly eight minutes to play. The field goal was the sixth-longest in school history and Marcoux added a 29-yarder with 4:04 remaining.

The final rally attempt by the Spiders stalled late in the final period after Josh Vaughan ran in a seven-yard score to pull Richmond to within 26-20. The Spiders went 86 yards on 11 plays in just 2:45 but Brian Radford's onside kick went straight to Wildcat sophomore **Matt Szczur** at the Villanova 39-yard line with 1:13 left.

Sophomore quarterback **Chris Whitney** made his first start of the season after entering last weekend's game at Penn late in the contest. He threw for 176 yards on 14-of-22 accuracy with one interception and also gained 61 yards on the ground with 17 net rushing yards. Szczur, junior **Brandyn Harvey** and senior **Phil Atkinson** all had four receptions for the Wildcats, with Szczur accounting for a team-high 56 receiving yards.

Senior **Greg Miller** made eight tackles in the game, which included 5.5 tackles for losses totaling 23 yards. He was credited with 2.5 sacks and also forced a fumble, as did sophomore **Terence Thomas**. Thomas had 1.5 sacks and 10 total tackles while senior **Salim Koroma** led the team with 11 stops (four solo, seven assisted).

Villanova last played a No. 1-ranked team on October 1, 2005 when it was defeated 45-17 at New Hampshire. The last time any top-ranked squad played at Villanova Stadium was during the Wildcats undefeated regular season in 1997, when they spent part of the year as the nation's No. 1 team and reached the second round of the NCAA Championship before finishing the year with a 12-1 record.

Box Score (Final) No. 1 Richmond vs. No. 19 Villanova (Sept. 27, 2008 at Villanova, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Richmond	3	7	3	7	- 20	Record: (3-2, 2-1 CAA)
Villanova	7	10	3	6	- 26	Record: (3-1, 1-0 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

1st	06:42 Richmond - Andrew Howard 41 yd field goal, 4(-2) 1:33, Richmond 3 - Villanova 0 03:51 Villanova - Aaron Ball 3 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-60 2:51, Villanova 7 - Richmond 3
2nd	08:39 Villanova - Aaron Ball 63 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 2-70 0:47, Villanova 14 - Richmond 3 03:47 Richmond - Joe Stewart 8 yd pass from Eric Ward (Andrew Howard kick), 9-80 4:52, Villanova 14 - Richmond 10 00:00 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 21 yd field goal, 14-69 3:40, Villanova 17 - Richmond 10
3rd	08:28 Richmond - Andrew Howard 35 yd field goal, 13-60 6:32, Villanova 17 - Richmond 13 04:52 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 25 yd field goal, 10-61 3:30, Villanova 20 - Richmond 13
4th	08:00 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 48 yd field goal, 15-63 6:53, Villanova 23 - Richmond 13 04:04 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 29 yd field goal, 4-8 1:12, Villanova 26 - Richmond 13 01:13 Richmond - Josh Vaughan 7 yd run (Andrew Howard kick), 11-86 2:45, Villanova 26 - Richmond 20

	RICHMOND	VU
FIRST DOWNS.....	22	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	33-83	46-226
PASSING YDS (NET).....	250	176
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	33-24-0	22-14-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	66-333	68-402
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	1-0	2-13
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	4-70	3-60
Interception Returns-Yards...	1-14	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	4-38.2	3-30.7
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards.....	2-15	3-35
Possession Time.....	30:37	29:23
Third-Down Conversions.....	4 of 13	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	3-4	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	4-33	6-35

RUSHING: Richmond - Josh Vaughan 16-44; Eric Ward 17-39. Villanova - Aaron Ball 18-123; Angelo Babbaro 8-58; Matt Szczur 4-32; Chris Whitney 12-17; Phil Atkinson 1-minus 1; TEAM 3-minus 3.

PASSING: Richmond - Eric Ward 23-32-0-236; Brian Radford 1-1-0-14. Villanova - Chris Whitney 14-22-1-176.

RECEIVING: Richmond - Kevin Grayson 7-52; Tre Gray 4-67; Jordan Mitchell 4-65; Joe Stewart 3-23; Joe Monteverde 2-28; Donte Boston 1-13; John Crone 1-8; Garrett Wilkins 1-minus 3; Josh Vaughan 1-minus 3. Villanova - Matt Szczur 4-56; Brandyn Harvey 4-55; Phil Atkinson 4-43; Stephen Pimm 1-21; Ramin Mobasserri 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Richmond - Michael Ireland 1-14. Villanova - None.

FUMBLES: Richmond - Garrett Wilkins 1-0; Eric Ward 1-1. Villanova - Chris Whitney 2-0; TEAM 1-0.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 5 No. 14 Villanova 38, William & Mary 28 Oct. 4, 2008 Williamsburg, Va.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.--Strong special teams play was complemented by an offense that was in top form in the first half and Villanova ran out to an early lead in an eventual 38-28 win over William & Mary at Zable Stadium. The visiting Wildcats scored the game's first 35 points and never looked back in winning their fourth consecutive game.

Villanova reached the end zone on five of its first seven possessions of the game and led 35-0 after sophomore **Chris Whitney** found classmate **Matt Szczur** for an 11-yard touchdown pass with 51 seconds remaining in the second quarter. The Wildcats scored 21 points off turnovers in the half thanks to scoring drives that began after a blocked field goal, fumble recovery and blocked punt.

With the ball in its hands during the opening half, Villanova was nearly unstoppable. Whitney completed 17-of-21 passes in the half for 163 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while also rushing in for a score. The Wildcats generated 297 yards of offense and converted on 6-of-9 third-down situations before the break, while the Tribe had just 139 yards of offense and were 0-of-6 on third downs.

Whitney opened the scoring with 7:42 left in the opening quarter when he threw a five-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end **Stephen Pimm**, who recorded his first career touchdown reception.

It was a half full of firsts before intermission and the game turned in the second quarter when Villanova had back-to-back scores just 49 seconds apart. True freshman running back **Lawrence Doss** caught his first career pass for a 15-yard touchdown with 12:52 left in the second quarter. On the second play of the next William & Mary drive, sophomore **Marquis Kirkland** forced a fumble that was recovered by classmate **Frederick Maldonado** and returned to the Tribe 32-yard line. From there, sophomore **Aaron Ball** rushed for a 32-yard touchdown on the first play of the ensuing Wildcat drive to spot Villanova a 21-0 lead.

The Wildcats blocked two kicks in the same game for the first time since 2004 and also recorded both a blocked field goal and blocked punt in the same game for the first time since 2002. The drive that ended with Pimm's touchdown began on a blocked 32-yard field goal attempt by junior **Osayi Osunde** that sophomore **Ross Ventrone** recovered. In the second quarter, junior **Damian Kelley** blocked a punt that was recovered by freshman **Mikey Reynolds** at the William & Mary 18-yard line. Whitney ran in for a 1-yard score four plays later.

Despite the early surge, Villanova had to hang tough in the closing minutes of the game to win in Williamsburg for only the second time since 1997. Jonathan Grimes returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown with 37 seconds left in the first half to make the score 35-7 and Michael Alvarado blocked a field goal attempt as time expired to give William & Mary a bit of momentum going into the second half. Scoring drives early in the third and fourth quarters eventually allowed the Tribe to score 21 unanswered points and pull to within 35-21 on R.J. Archer's 3-yard run with 11:50 left in the game.

After that score, however, the Wildcats consumed more than five minutes of clock during a 13-play drive that ended with a 23-yard field goal by senior **Joe Marcoux** with 6:15 remaining and restored a three-possession lead. Archer's six-yard run with 4:20 to play closed the scoring at 38-28.

Whitney finished 20-of-27 for 186 yards and two scores and Ball established a career high for the second straight game with 137 rushing yards. Whitney also ran for 60 yards on 19 carries, Szczur finished with a game-high seven receptions for 78 yards and senior **Phil Atkinson** caught five passes.

Box Score (Final) No. 14 Villanova vs. William & Mary (Oct. 4, 2008 at Williamsburg, Va.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Villanova	7	28	0	3	- 38	Record: (4-1, 2-0 CAA)
William & Mary	0	7	7	14	- 28	Record: (2-2, 0-1 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

- 1st 07:42 Villanova - Stephen Pimm 5 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 10-71 3:45, Villanova 7 - William & Mary 0
 12:52 Villanova - Lawrence Doss 15 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 11-87 5:11, Villanova 14 - William & Mary 0
 12:03 Villanova - Aaron Ball 32 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 1-32 0:09, Villanova 21 - William & Mary 0
 08:24 Villanova - Chris Whitney 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-18 1:31, Villanova 28 - William & Mary 0
 00:51 Villanova - Matt Szczur 11 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 8-60 3:13, Villanova 35 - William & Mary 0
 00:37 William & Mary - Jonathan Grimes 97 yd kickoff return (Brian Pate kick), Villanova 35 - William & Mary 7
 3rd 12:52 William & Mary - Elliott Mack 44 yd pass from R.J. Archer (Brian Pate kick), 3-75 0:41, Villanova 35 - William & Mary 14
 4th 11:50 - William & Mary - R.J. Archer 3 yd run (Brian Pate kick), 8-52 3:10, Villanova 35 - William & Mary 21
 06:15 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 23 yd field goal, 13-68 5:35, Villanova 38 - William & Mary 21
 04:20 William & Mary - R.J. Archer 6 yd run (Brian Pate kick), 6-80 1:55, Villanova 38 - William & Mary 28

	VU	W&M
FIRST DOWNS.....	27	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	54-255	22-76
PASSING YDS (NET).....	186	307
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	27-20-0	37-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	81-441	59-383
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	1-9	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	5-49	4-41
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	2-47	4-161
Interception Returns-Yards....	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	6-36.8	7-36.4
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	5-32	4-29
Possession Time.....	36:36	23:24
Third-Down Conversions.....	7 of 16	3 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	5-5	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	1-8	3-10

RUSHING: Villanova - Aaron Ball 22-137; Chris Whitney 19-60; Matt Szczur 5-34; Angelo Babbaro 5-23; Mikey Reynolds 1-5; TEAM 2-minus 4. William & Mary - Jonathan Grimes 11-58; R.J. Archer 8-10; C. Marriner 1-5; DeBrian Holmes 2-3.

PASSING: Villanova - Chris Whitney 20-27-0-186. William & Mary - R.J. Archer 21-37-1-307.

RECEIVING: Villanova - Matt Szczur 7-78; Phil Atkinson 5-27; Mike Reynolds 2-36; Brandyn Harvey 2-14; Lawrence Doss 1-15; Angelo Babbaro 1-6; Norman White 1-5; Stephen Pimm 1-5. William & Mary - Jonathan Grimes 6-105; Rob Varno 6-58; Chase Hill 4-37; Elliot Mack 3-83; D.J. McAulay 2-24.

INTERCEPTIONS: Villanova - Ross Ventrone 1-0. William & Mary - None.

FUMBLES: Villanova - Chris Whitney 1-0. William & Mary - Jonathan Grimes 1-1.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 6 No. 7 Villanova 44, Rhode Island 7 Oct. 18, 2008 Kingston, R.I.

KINGSTON, R.I.--A sluggish offensive start eventually gave way to a dominant performance and No. 7 Villanova scored 44 unanswered points to beat Rhode Island by a 44-7 score at Meade Stadium.

Senior **Phil Atkinson** had three touchdowns and sophomore **Angelo Babbaro** registered a pair of scores for the Wildcats, who eclipsed 40 points for the first time this season. Atkinson matched his career-high with the three touchdowns and went over 100 yards receiving for the first time this season. He finished with five catches for 108 yards and two touchdowns, while also running in for a 10-yard score.

The Rams held possession for more than 11 minutes in the first quarter and forced Villanova to go three-and-out on their first two drives. With 4:42 remaining in the period, Derek Cassidy capped a nine-play, 80-yard drive with a 21-yard rushing touchdown to put Rhode Island in front, 7-0.

That touchdown seemed to wake up the Wildcats own offense and Villanova needed just two plays to tie the game 39 seconds later. Sophomore **Chris Whitney** threw an 84-yard touchdown pass to Atkinson and the floodgates were open the rest of the way. The 84-yard play was both a career-long pass for Whitney as well as a career-long reception for Atkinson. Neither player had had a play of longer than 50 yards in their careers.

The Wildcats scored in all four quarters for the second time this season and led for good after junior **Antwon Young** threw a 60-yard pass for a touchdown to Babbaro with 3:41 remaining in the first half. Babbaro also had a one-yard score on the ground 28 seconds before intermission to send Villanova into the break with a 21-7 lead. Five of the six Wildcat scoring drives in the game took six or fewer plays and occupied less than two minutes of clock time. Villanova's average field position starting their drives was their own 44-yard line.

At the start of the second half, the Rams kicked off and Babbaro returned the kickoff 53 yards to set the Wildcats up at the Rhode Island 34-yard line. Sophomore **Aaron Ball** rushed for a touchdown on the first play of the ensuing Wildcat drive as Villanova led 28-7 thanks to scoring 21 points in fewer than four minutes.

Atkinson's second touchdown of the day with five minutes left in the third period was a 10-yard rush and he caught a three-yard touchdown pass from Young with 7:15 remaining in the game. The final points came on a safety with 6:24 to play. The Wildcats held the ball for more than 12 minutes in the fourth quarter.

Whitney was 10-of-12 for 163 yards and a touchdown before yielding to Young the rest of the way. Young finished 5-of-8 for 98 yards and a pair of scores while also running twice and picking up 10 yards.

Ball finished with 95 yards on just 10 carries and Villanova gained 255 yards on the ground. It marked the third straight game with over 200 rushing yards for the Wildcats and the team's 516 yards of total offense was its highest since recording 542 yards in a 27-20 win over Penn on September 23, 2006.

Sophomore **Louis Adeyemi** had a career-high 50 yards rushing on seven carries and true freshman **Lawrence Doss** carried seven times for 30 yards. Babbaro finished with 141 all-purpose yards (14 rushing, 74 receiving, 53 kickoff return).

Defensively, senior **Darrel Young** had a team-high nine tackles and junior **Osayi Osunde** had seven tackles and a forced fumble. Junior **Damian Kelley** made four tackles, including 3.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Box Score (Final) No. 7 Villanova vs. Rhode Island (Oct. 18, 2008 at Kingston, R.I.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Villanova	7	14	14	9	- 44	Record: (5-1, 3-0 CAA)
Rhode Island	7	0	0	0	- 7	Record: (2-6, 0-4 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

1st	04:42 Rhode Island - Derek Cassidy 21 yd run (Louis Feinstein kick), 9-80 4:33, Rhode Island 7 - Villanova 0
	04:01 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 84 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 2-82 0:39, Villanova 7 - Rhode Island 7
2nd	03:41 Villanova - Angelo Babbaro 60 yd pass from Antwon Young (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-96 1:57, Villanova 14 - Rhode Island 7
	00:28 Villanova - Angelo Babbaro 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-25 1:51, Villanova 21 - Rhode Island 7
3rd	14:43 Villanova - Aaron Ball 34 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 1-34 0:07, Villanova 28 - Rhode Island 7
	05:00 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 10 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 10-69 4:29, Villanova 35 - Rhode Island 7
4th	07:15 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 3 yd pass from Antwon Young (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-32 1:34, Villanova 42 - Rhode Island 7
	06:24 Villanova - TEAM safety, Villanova 44 - Rhode Island 7

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FIRST DOWNS.....	20	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	45-255	28-24
PASSING YDS (NET).....	261	196
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	20-15-0	38-23-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	65-516	66-220
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	1--7	1--2
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	3-72	6-92
Interception Returns-Yards...	2-15	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	3-32.3	6-32.7
Fumbles-Lost.....	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	4-26	5-55
Possession Time.....	28:56	30:50
Third-Down Conversions.....	6 of 12	2 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 1	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	3-5	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	7-40	2-11

RUSHING: Villanova - Aaron Ball 10-95, Louis Adeyemi 7-50, Matt Szczur 5-30, Lawrence Doss 7-30, Phil Atkinson 2-17, Angelo Babbaro 5-14, Antwon Young 2-10, Chris Whitney 5-8, Marlon Calbi 1-2, TEAM 1-minus 1. Rhode Island - Hughes 9-44, Johnson-Farrell 1-minus 1, Lawrence 1-minus 1, Ferrer 2-minus 2, Cassidy 11-minus 5, Stefkovich 2-minus 5, Leonard 2-minus 6.

PASSING: Villanova - Chris Whitney 10-12-0-163, Antwon Young 5-8-0-98. Rhode Island - Cassidy 22-34-2-171, Stefkovich 0-3-0-0, Edger 1-1-0-25.

RECEIVING: Villanova - Phil Atkinson 5-108, Brandyn Harvey 4-34, Angelo Babbaro 3-74, Stephen Pimm 1-26, Lawrence Doss 1-21, Matt Szczur 1-minus 2. Rhode Island - Leonard 6-72, Hughes 6-34, Bellini 4-37, Johnson-Farrell 4-19, Del Grosso 2-25, Scott 1-9.

INTERCEPTIONS: Villanova - Justin Murrell 1-15, James Pitts 1-0. Rhode Island - None.

FUMBLES: Villanova - Aaron Ball 1-1, Angelo Babbaro 1-0, Chris Whitney 1-1, Antwon Young 1-0. Rhode Island - Cassidy 1-1.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 7 No. 1 James Madison 23, No. 7 Villanova 19 Oct. 25, 2008 Villanova, Pa.

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP)-Rodney Landers found Bosco Williams for the game-winning 35-yard touchdown pass with no time left as top-ranked James Madison rallied past Villanova 23-19.

A poor punt gave James Madison, which is No. 1 in both Football Championship Subdivision polls, the ball at its own 34-yard line with 1:01 left.

Battling rainy, gusty weather, Landers accounted for all 66 yards on the drive, completing three passes and rushing for 11 yards before he found Williams for the game-winning score.

Villanova (5-2, 3-1) took a 19-14 lead early in the fourth after **Chris Whitney** threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to **Phil Atkinson** with 14:09 left. But the Dukes got a 25-yard field goal from Dave Stannard with 4:08 left and forced the Wildcats to punt on their next possession.

Punter **Joe Marcoux's** kick went just 14 yards, giving the Dukes a slim chance to drive for the game-winning score.

James Madison took a 14-10 lead into halftime on two TD passes by Landers. He threw a 23-yard scoring pass to Griff Yancey in the first quarter and added a 55-yard TD pass to Rockeed McCarter early in the second.

Villanova responded after halftime with a 37-yard field goal by Marcoux and then took the lead on Atkinson's TD catch.

Landers threw for 184 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 133 yards.

Aaron Ball rushed for 108 yards and **Matt Szczur** scored on a 15-yard run in the second quarter for the Wildcats. Marcoux kicked two field goals for Villanova, including a 42-yarder in the first.

Box Score (Final) No. 1 James Madison vs. No. 7 Villanova (Oct. 25, 2008 at Villanova, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
James Madison	7	7	0	9	- 23	Record: (7-1, 5-0 CAA)
Villanova	3	7	3	6	- 19	Record: (5-2, 3-1 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

1st	10:13 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 42 yd field goal, 4-3 2:31, Villanova 3 - James Madison 0
	00:58 James Madison - Griff Yancey 23 yd pass from Rodney Landers (Dave Stannard kick), 16-78 9:10, James Madison 7 - Villanova 3
2nd	11:51 James Madison - Rockeed McCarter 55 yd pass from Rodney Landers (Dave Stannard kick), 5-73 2:40, James Madison 14 - Villanova 3
	03:24 Villanova - Matt Szczur 15 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 18-97 8:21, James Madison 14 - Villanova 10
3rd	08:57 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 37 yd field goal, 15-60 6:03, James Madison 14 - Villanova 13
4th	14:09 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 6 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Chris Whitney rush failed), 16-82 7:42, Villanova 19 - James Madison 14
	04:08 James Madison - Dave Stannard 25 yd field goal, 9-52 5:23, Villanova 19 - James Madison 17
	00:00 James Madison - Bosco Williams 35 yd pass from Rodney Landers, 9-66 1:01, James Madison 23 - Villanova 19

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FIRST DOWNS.....	16	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	43-169	54-229
PASSING YDS (NET).....	184	48
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	18-8-0	11-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	61-353	65-277
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	3-51	2-13
Interception Returns-Yards....	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	2-37.5	2-15.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	6-60	4-22
Possession Time.....	27:36	32:24
Third-Down Conversions.....	7 of 15	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	4 of 5	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	2-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	1-9	1-7

RUSHING: James Madison - Rodney Landers 25-133, Eugene Holloman 14-36, Kerby Long 1-9, Griff Yancey 1-7, Jamal Sullivan 1-minus 2, TEAM 1-minus 14. Villanova - Aaron Ball 23-108, Chris Whitney 12-65, Matt Szczur 14-60, Angelo Babbaro 2-7, TEAM 1-minus 2, Phil Atkinson 2-minus 9.

PASSING: James Madison - Rodney Landers 8-12-0-184, TEAM 0-4-0-0, Kerby Long 0-1-0-0, Drew Dudzik 0-1-0-0. Villanova - Chris Whitney 8-11-0-48.

RECEIVING: James Madison - Rockeed McCarter 3-87, Kerby Long 2-24, Bosco Williams 1-35, Griff Yancey 1-23, Eugene Holloman 1-15. Villanova - Angelo Babbaro 3-20, Phil Atkinson 2-10, Brandyn Harvey 1-7, Matt Szczur 1-7, Tony Canci 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: James Madison - None. Villanova - None.

FUMBLES: James Madison - TEAM 1-0. Villanova - Phil Atkinson 1-1, TEAM 1-0.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 8 No. 7 Villanova 20, Northeastern 14 Nov. 1, 2008 Brookline, Mass.

BROOKLINE, Mass.--Sophomore **Marquis Kirkland** preserved a six-point lead with an interception at the two-yard line and Villanova held the ball for the final 5:39 to defeat Northeastern by a 20-14 score at Parsons Field. Head coach Andy Talley tied the all-time record for conference wins by a head coach with his 97th career league win.

The Wildcats scored 20 unanswered points in the first half to take a 20-7 lead by the intermission but then had to hold on to an increasingly tentative lead in the closing minutes. After sophomore quarterback **Chris Whitney** was picked off for the second time in the game, the Huskies took over possession at their own 34-yard line with 10:17 to play.

Northeastern went 53 yards in 11 plays that consumed 4:38 of clock time and had a first down at the Villanova 13-yard line. However, Anthony Orio threw one of his two interceptions on the next play as Kirkland returned possession to the Wildcats.

With the ball back in its hands, Villanova does what it has done better than any other CAA team this season - hold the ball. After starting the game's final drive at their own 8-yard line, the Wildcats ran out the clock by driving 88 yards on 12 plays and forcing the Huskies to use their final two timeouts in the process. Sophomore **Aaron Ball** ran eight yards to the Northeastern 3-yard for a first down with less than a minute left and Villanova took a knee on the next play to end the game.

For the third straight game the Wildcats eclipsed 200 yards on the ground as Ball ran for 91 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries and Whitney picked up 51 yards on 14 carries. Whitney also threw for 161 yards and a touchdown on 11-of-16 passing, while junior **Antwon Young** played one series and was 3-of-3 for 49 yards with a rush for nine yards.

Villanova put together touchdown drives on each of its first two possessions but the winning margin came from senior **Joe Marcoux**, who kicked a pair of field goals to tie the team's single-season record with 13 made field goals this season. He made his attempts from 28 yards and 42 yards in the second quarter before missing a 38-yard attempt wide right in the third quarter which would have broken the record.

Whitney improved to 7-3 as a starter in his collegiate career and was crisp from the start, completing his first six passes for 112 yards in the first half. He threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to sophomore **Matt Szczur** on the first Villanova possession of the game to cap a six-play, 60-yard drive that took just 2:15 to tie the game after the Huskies got on the board first.

Northeastern nearly went three-and-out on the game's opening drive but on fourth-and-eight from the Huskies 30-yard line Ron Conway successfully faked a punt and threw a 14-yard pass to Tony Torres to keep the drive going. Northeastern eventually converted two third-down opportunities during the drive and Alex Broomfield threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Brian Mandeville on the 12th play of the drive.

That score only caused the Wildcats to roar back into the game as sophomore **Angelo Babbaro** returned the ensuing kickoff 32 yards to start Villanova's drive at its own 40-yard line. He also carried for 14 yards on the second play of the drive as the Wildcats offensive engine revved up.

Senior **Phil Atkinson** caught a team-high six passes for 58 yards and junior **Brandyn Harvey** had 73 receiving yards on three receptions, including a 54-yard catch on the team's second drive that eventually led to Ball's six-yard touchdown run to open the second quarter.

Kirkland led Villanova with eight tackles and senior **Darrel Young** had seven tackles and one of the team's two sacks. Junior **Osayi Osunde** had the other Wildcat interception.

Box Score (Final) No. 7 Villanova vs. Northeastern (Nov. 2, 2008 at Brookline, Mass.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Villanova	7	13	0	0	- 20	Record: (6-2, 4-1 CAA)
Northeastern	7	0	7	0	- 14	Record: (2-7, 1-4 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

1st	08:51 Northeastern - Brian Mandeville 12 yd pass from Alex Broomfield (Mat Johnson kick), 12-72 6:09, Northeastern 7 - Villanova 0
	06:29 Villanova - Matt Szczur 20 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-60 2:15, Villanova 7 - Northeastern 7
2nd	14:56 Villanova - Aaron Ball 6 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 5-73 1:48, Villanova 14 - Northeastern 7
	06:23 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 28 yd field goal, 10-55 6:16, Villanova 17 - Northeastern 7
	01:46 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 42 yd field goal, 7-37 1:59, Villanova 20 - Northeastern 7
3rd	08:49 Northeastern - Tony Lott 20 yd pass from Anthony Orio (Mat Johnson kick), 4-36 1:51, Villanova 20 - Northeastern 14

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FIRST DOWNS.....	25	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	45-216	27-65
PASSING YDS (NET).....	210	210
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	19-14-2	30-20-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	64-426	57-275
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	1-14	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	3-94	3-44
Interception Returns-Yards....	2-11	2-55
Punts (Number-Avg).....	0-0.0	2-48.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	7-63	4-45
Possession Time.....	32:13	27:47
Third-Down Conversions.....	5 of 10	7 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	3-5	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	2-17	2-11

RUSHING: Villanova - Aaron Ball 17-91, Chris Whitney 14-51, Phil Atkinson 4-33, Angelo Babbaro 4-18, Matt Szczur 4-15, Antwon Young 1-9, TEAM 1-minus 1. Northeastern - Alex Broomfield 18-48, Greg Abelli 3-24, John Griffin 1-0, Anthony Orio 5-minus 7.

PASSING: Villanova - Chris Whitney 11-16-2-161, Antwon Young 3-3-0-49. Northeastern - Anthony Orio 16-25-2-158, Alex Broomfield 2-3-0-29, Ron Conway 1-1-0-14, Chris Plum 1-1-0-9.

RECEIVING: Villanova - Phil Atkinson 6-58, Brandyn Harvey 3-73, Matt Szczur 2-58, Angelo Babbaro 2-12, Mike Reynolds 1-9. Northeastern - Chris Plum 6-44, Tony Lott 5-62, Brian Mandeville 3-48, Greg Abelli 2-13, Rob Theoudele 1-17, Tony Torres 1-14, Alex Broomfield 1-9, John Griffin 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Villanova - Marquis Kirkland 1-6, Osayi Osunde 1-5. Northeastern - Cornelius Bunch 1-43, Jocquez Fears 1-12.

FUMBLES: Villanova - Chris Whitney 1-0. Northeastern - None.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 9 No. 6 Villanova 24, No. 8 New Hampshire 13 Nov. 8, 2008 Villanova, Pa.

VILLANOVA, Pa.--Key plays in the biggest of spots in the fourth quarter for the second straight week allowed Villanova to prevail over New Hampshire, 24-13, at Villanova Stadium.

The Wildcats held off their mascot namesake for their second win of the season against a top-10 team and in the process senior **Joe Marcoux** set a single-season school record for field goals in a season when his 14th of the year with 1:33 remaining in the contest made the score a two-possession margin for the first time in the contest.

Villanova began the fourth quarter with a slim 14-13 advantage and New Hampshire holding a 3rd-and-12 possession at the Villanova 26-yard line. On fourth down from the same spot a 43-yard field goal attempt by Tom Bishop missed when it hit the right upright.

The running game for Villanova took over on the ensuing possession as the Wildcats converted two third-and-short situations before capping an 11-play, 73-yard drive with a touchdown run by senior wide receiver **Phil Atkinson** that made the score 21-13 with 8:56 to play. On first down at the New Hampshire 21-yard line, sophomore quarterback **Chris Whitney** ran for four yards before pitching the ball to Atkinson for a 17-yard scoring run.

New Hampshire went three and out on their next drive and punted 56 yards to give Villanova the ball back at their own 14-yard line with an eight-point lead and 7:10 to play. On 4th-and-1 from the Villanova-38 five plays later, sophomore **Matt Szczur** rushed for six yards on a fake punt to continue the drive that eventually led to the late Marcoux field goal that put the game out of reach.

For the sixth straight game Villanova gained more than 200 yards on the ground and sophomore **Aaron Ball** ran for 73 yards on 15 carries to lead all players. Whitney gained 70 yards on 11 rushes and Atkinson and junior quarterback **Antwon Young** each had rushing touchdowns for the Wildcats.

Whitney was 10-of-14 passing the ball for 80 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Junior **Brandyn Harvey** had five receptions for 51 yards, including a five-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter that gave Villanova the only lead it would need in the game.

Villanova used all of its traditional strengths to pull out the victory and is now averaging 206.9 rushing yards per game this season. The Wildcats began the day leading the CAA in time of possession per game and surpassed their average by four seconds with a total of 32:16 in today's contest. That included holding the ball for nearly 12 minutes in the fourth quarter alone.

The victory still was anything but comfortable and New Hampshire twice held the lead in the first half. Simpson ran in for a three-yard score with 4:18 left in the opening quarter to give the visitors a 7-0 lead. Villanova answered on Young's own three-yard run early in the second quarter to tie the game 7-7 but New Hampshire countered and led 10-7 after Bishop's 36-yard field goal with 9:31 left in the opening half.

Villanova led 14-10 at halftime and New Hampshire pulled to within a point on a 23-yard field goal by Bishop midway through the third period. Following that field goal, however, New Hampshire gained just 64 yards the rest of the game as Villanova won for the 10th time in its last 11 home games.

Penalties provided another telling indicator of the game as New Hampshire was penalized nine times for 54 yards. Meanwhile, Villanova was not called for a single penalty for the first time since a 28-15 loss on the road to Boston College on October 12, 1968. The Wildcats lead the CAA in fewest penalties per game.

Box Score (Final) No. 8 New Hampshire vs. No. 6 Villanova (Nov. 8, 2008 at Villanova, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
New Hampshire	7	3	3	0	- 13	Record: (7-2, 4-2 CAA)
Villanova	0	14	0	10	- 24	Record: (7-2, 5-1 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

1st	04:18 New Hampshire - Robert Simpson 3 yd run (Tom Bishop kick), 7-34 2:00, New Hampshire 7 - Villanova 0
2nd	12:28 Villanova - Antwon Young 3 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 13-79 6:43, Villanova 7 - New Hampshire 7
	09:31 New Hampshire - Tom Bishop 36 yd field goal, 8-53 2:51, New Hampshire 10 - Villanova 7
	05:17 - Brandyn Harvey 5 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 9-69 4:06, Villanova 14 - New Hampshire 10
3rd	06:53 New Hampshire - Tom Bishop 23 yd field goal, 14-68 8:07, Villanova 14 - New Hampshire 13
4th	08:56 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 17 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 11-73 5:51, Villanova 21 - New Hampshire 13
	01:33 Villanova - Joe Marcoux 35 yd field goal, 12-68 5:37, Villanova 24 - New Hampshire 13

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FIRST DOWNS.....	15	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	34-50	46-222
PASSING YDS (NET).....	264	120
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	28-18-0	18-13-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	62-314	64-342
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	4-75	4-74
Interception Returns-Yards....	1-26	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	3-50.7	3-31.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	9-54	0-0
Possession Time.....	27:44	32:16
Third-Down Conversions.....	5 of 13	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	3-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	0-0	5-39

RUSHING: New Hampshire - Robert Simpson 12-53, Chad Kackert 5-13, Terrance Fox 1-5, Mike Boyle 1-5, R.J. Toman 15-minus 26. Villanova - Aaron Ball 15-73, Chris Whitney 11-70, Matt Szczur 9-40, Phil Atkinson 1-17, Antwon Young 3-14, Angelo Babbaro 4-13, Lawrence Doss 1-5, TEAM 2-minus 10.

PASSING: New Hampshire - R.J. Toman 18-28-0-264. Villanova - Chris Whitney 10-14-1-80, Antwon Young - 3-4-0-40.

RECEIVING: New Hampshire - Mike Boyle 5-101, Scott Sicko 3-53, Terrance Fox 3-39, Travis Negron 2-30, Chad Kackert 2-20, Chris Jeannot 2-10, Robert Simpson 1-11. Villanova - Brandyn Harvey 5-51, Angelo Babbaro 2-24, Phil Atkinson 2-19, Stephen Pimm 2-10, Matt Szczur 1-8, Norman White 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS: New Hampshire - Sean Ware 1-26. Villanova - None.

FUMBLES: New Hampshire - R.J. Toman 3-1. Villanova - TEAM 2-1.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 10 No. 6 Villanova 34, Towson 31 Nov. 15, 2008 Villanova, Pa.

Box Score (Final) Towson vs. No. 6 Villanova (Nov. 15, 2008 at Villanova, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
New Hampshire	10	7	7	7	- 31	Record: (3-8, 1-6 CAA)
Villanova	0	20	7	7	- 34	Record: (8-2, 6-1 CAA)

VILLANOVA, Pa.--In its final home game of the regular season, Villanova faced stiff pressure from a game Towson team hungry for an upset but pulled out a 34-31 win at Villanova Stadium. The Wildcats have now won eight games overall and six conference games for the first time since 2002.

From the game's outset the Tigers did an effective job of taking away one of Villanova's top strengths - holding possession of the ball. Despite an offense that relies heavily on passing, Towson held the ball for more than 10 minutes in the first quarter and over 18 minutes in the first half. The result was the Tigers scoring the game's first 10 points and holding the Wildcats off the scoreboard until the 11:15 mark of the second quarter.

Junior **Brandyn Harvey** caught a four-yard touchdown pass to get Villanova on the board but Towson responded with a 10-play drive that consumed 4:45 and produced a 17-7 lead for the visitors with 4:09 remaining in the opening half. The game featured three lead changes and the Tigers took the lead for the final time, 24-20, on Marcus Lee's nine-yard touchdown reception five minutes into the third quarter.

Despite briefly trailing during the third quarter the Wildcats seized the game's momentum late in the first half and essentially held onto it for the rest of the game. Villanova scored twice in the final 64 seconds of the second quarter and led 20-17 at the intermission. Sophomore **Aaron Ball** ran in for a three-yard score with 1:04 left in the half and freshman **James Pitts** returned an interception 65 yards for a touchdown with 12 seconds showing.

In the third period, Ball's second three-yard run of the game gave Villanova the lead for good, 27-24, just 89 seconds after the Tigers had gone back in front. Sophomore **Louis Adeyemi** had a one-yard touchdown run with 13:05 to play in the fourth quarter that stretched the Wildcat lead to 34-24.

Villanova won for the 11th time in its last 12 home games despite being out-gained in total offensive yards by Towson, 402-386. The Tigers wound up holding the ball for 32:59 to interrupt a streak of three straight games in which the Wildcats possessed the ball for over 32 minutes.

Sophomore quarterback **Chris Whitney** completed 14-of-23 passes for a career-high 212 yards and also ran for 37 yards on five carries. Senior **Phil Atkinson** caught a team-best seven passes for 78 yards and sophomore **Matt Szczur** had two receptions for 54 yards. Ball rushed for two touchdowns for the second time this season and gained 62 yards on 23 carries, while Szczur netted 68 yards on the ground.

Sean Schaefer threw for 326 yards and four touchdowns on 35-of-47 accuracy in the game and with his 18th completion of the afternoon became the third quarterback in FCS history to have at least 1,000 completions in his career.

Schaefer's two-yard touchdown pass to tight end John Godlasky with 5:12 left in the game narrowed the score to 34-31 but Villanova ran out the final five minutes with possession to hold on for the win.

NOTES: Whitney registered his first career 200-yard passing game ... Saturday was Senior Day at Villanova and the football team honored its graduating seniors in a ceremony held prior to the start of the game.

Scoring Summary:

1st	02:16 Towson - Mark Bencivengo 27 yd field goal, 15-70 7:14, Towson 3 - Villanova 0
	00:39 Towson - Marcus Lee 9 yd pass from Sean Schaefer (Mark Bencivengo kick), 4-43 0:33, Towson 10 - Villanova 0
2nd	11:15 Villanova - Brandyn Harvey 4 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 12-80 4:24, Towson 10 - Villanova 7
	04:09 Towson - Tommy Breaux 10 yd pass from Sean Schaefer (Mark Bencivengo kick), 10-57 4:45, Towson 17 - Villanova 7
	01:04 Villanova - Aaron Ball 3 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 11-66 3:00, Towson 17 - Villanova 14
	00:12 Villanova - James Pitts 65 yd interception return (Joe Marcoux kick blocked), Villanova 20 - Towson 14
3rd	10:01 Towson - Marcus Lee 9 yd pass from Sean Schaefer (Mark Bencivengo kick), 9-80 4:59, Towson 24 - Villanova 20
	08:32 Villanova - Aaron Ball 3 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 5-57 1:23, Villanova 27 - Towson 24
4th	13:05 Villanova - Louis Adeyemi 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-73 2:33, Villanova 34 - Towson 24
	05:12 Towson - John Godlasky 2 yd pass from Sean Schaefer (Mark Bencivengo kick), 10-91 3:27, Villanova 34 - Towson 31

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FIRST DOWNS.....	27	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	23-76	45-174
PASSING YDS (NET).....	326	212
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	48-35-1	23-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	71-402	68-386
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	2-61
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	1-24	2-37
Interception Returns-Yards....	0-0	1-65
Punts (Number-Avg).....	4-38.5	3-48.7
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	4-34	10-84
Possession Time.....	32:59	27:01
Third-Down Conversions.....	8 of 14	9 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	5-6	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	1-4	1-9

RUSHING: Towson - Damien Kinchen 8-46, Sean Schaefer 5-26, Jas Lee Rouson 10-4. Villanova - Matt Szczur 8-68, Aaron Ball 23-62, Chris Whitney 5-37, Angelo Babbaro 2-8, Phil Atkinson 1-7, Louis Adeyemi 1-1, Antwon Young 2-minus 1, TEAM 3-minus 8.

PASSING: Towson - Sean Schaefer 35-47-1-326, Casey Cegles 0-1-0-0. Villanova - Chris Whitney 14-23-0-212, Antwon Young 0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: Towson - Casey Cegles 9-95, Marcus Lee 8-52, Tommy Breaux 6-58, Hakeem Moore 4-55, David Newsom 3-15, Steve Holmes 2-32, John Godlasky 2-15, Jas Lee Rouson 1-4. Villanova - Phil Atkinson 7-78, Brandyn Harvey 3-37, Matt Szczur 2-54, Norman White 1-35, Angelo Babbaro 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS: Towson - None. Villanova - James Pitts 1-65.

FUMBLES: Towson - None. Villanova - TEAM 2-1.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 11 No. 6 Villanova 21, Delaware 7 Nov. 22, 2008 Newark, Del.

NEWARK, Del.-Sixth-ranked Villanova rolled past Delaware, 21-7, to close out its best regular season since 2002.

With the victory, the Wildcats reach nine regular season wins for the first time since the 2002 campaign yielded a 9-3 regular season mark and the team's last playoff appearance. Villanova also won a seventh conference game for the fourth time in team history and finished one passing play short of earning the CAA automatic bid to the championship.

The Wildcats left nothing to chance with their performance on Saturday against their top rival. Villanova captured the Battle of the Blue trophy for the second straight year and snapped a tie in the all-time series between the teams. The Wildcats have won three games overall in the series, which dates back to 1895, and lead it by a 21-20-1 margin.

Villanova limited the Blue Hens to just 175 yards of total offense and seven points. Both totals were the lowest allowed by the Wildcats since a 41-6 victory over Towson on October 23, 2004. The Villanova offense, on the other hand, ran for over 300 yards for the first time in more than six years. The Wildcats picked up 317 yards on the ground, their first 300-yard rushing game since getting 316 yards against New Hampshire on September 21, 2002 in a 45-3 win. Villanova has not surpassed 317 rushing yards in a game in the last decade.

Sophomore **Aaron Ball** moved into sixth place in team history for rushing yards in a single season, running for 105 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Wildcats on the ground. All three Villanova scores on the day came on runs into the end zone as Ball and sophomore **Chris Whitney** each ran for over 100 yards. Whitney opened the scoring with 6:54 left in the first half on a 1-yard run to cap a 10-play, 65-yard drive.

Just over three minutes later, Ball broke away for a 51-yard scoring run on the second play of a Villanova drive to stretch the lead to 14-0. He also ran in for a 1-yard score late in the third quarter and Delaware did not get its lone points until scoring on a 34-yard pass play with 7:51 left in the game.

The top possession team in the CAA held the ball for at least eight minutes in every quarter and the Wildcats finished the day with more than 39 minutes of possession time. Villanova ran 83 offensive plays to just 55 by the Blue Hens and totaled 377 yards of total offense.

The Blue Hens nearly matched that yardage total on punts, as Stuart Kenworthy punted nine times for 368 yards. Delaware's 15 drives yielded nine punts, two interceptions, two turnovers on downs and just one score.

Junior **Osayi Osunde** led the defense with 11 tackles and sophomore **Ross Ventrone** recorded both of the Wildcat interceptions. The defense held the Blue Hens to just 38 yards on the ground, while two Delaware quarterbacks combined to go 12-of-31 for 137 yards.

In fact, Ball had a net gain of just two yards on his first eight carries before instantly turning that stat around with his 51-yard touchdown run. He finished with 105 yards on 20 carries and Whitney picked up 102 yards on 23 carries. Villanova nearly had three different players with over 100 rushing yards, as sophomore **Matt Szczur** gained 96 yards on 13 carries. Senior **Phil Atkinson** tallied a team-high four receptions for 26 yards.

Box Score (Final) No. 6 Villanova at Delaware (Nov. 22, 2008 at Newark, Del.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Villanova	0	14	7	0	- 21	Record: (9-2, 7-1 CAA)
Delaware	0	0	0	7	- 7	Record: (4-8, 2-6 CAA)

Scoring Summary:

2nd	06:54 Villanova - Chris Whitney 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 10-65 5:07, Villanova 7 - Delaware 0
	03:39 Villanova - Aaron Ball 51 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 2-60 0:48, Villanova 14 - Delaware 0
3rd	04:08 Villanova - Aaron Ball 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 7-62 2:24, Villanova 21 - Delaware 0
4th	07:51 Delaware - Martwain Johnson 34 yd pass from Robby Schoenhof (Jon Striefsky kick), 5-95 1:44, Villanova 21 - Delaware 7

	VU	DELAWARE
FIRST DOWNS.....	22	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	64-317	24-38
PASSING YDS (NET).....	60	137
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	19-11-0	31-12-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	83-377	55-175
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	4-18	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	2-39	2-20
Interception Returns-Yards...	2-16	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	7-37.4	9-40.9
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	6-65	6-56
Possession Time.....	39:36	20:24
Third-Down Conversions.....	6 of 17	3 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 3	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	2-3	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	2-16	5-32

RUSHING: Villanova - Aaron Ball 20-105, Chris Whitney 23-102, Matt Szczur 13-96, Angelo Babbaro 5-21, TEAM 2-minus 2, Antwon Young 1-minus 5. Delaware - Kervin Michaud 9-25, Lou Ritacco 3-7, Junior Jabbie 5-4, Robby Schoenhof 5-3, Jerry Butler 2-minus 1.

PASSING: Villanova - Chris Whitney 10-16-0-65, Antwon Young 1-2-0-minus 5, Phil Atkinson 0-1-0-0. Delaware - Robby Schoenhof 8-19-1-115, Lou Ritacco 4-12-1-22.

RECEIVING: Villanova - Phil Atkinson 4-26, Brandyn Harvey 2-20, Matt Szczur 2-16, Stephen Pimm 1-5, Angelo Babbaro 1-minus 2, Lawrence Doss 1-minus 5. Delaware - Martwain Johnston 4-81, Tommy Crosby 3-14, Junior Jabbie 2-21, Mark Duncan 2-10, Mark Schenauer 1-11.

INTERCEPTIONS: Villanova - Ross Ventrone 2-16. Delaware - None.

FUMBLES: Villanova - Matt Szczur 1-0, Chris Whitney 1-1. Delaware - None.



2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 12 No. 6 Villanova 55, No. 16 Colgate 28 NCAA Division I Championship First Round Nov. 29, 2008 Villanova, Pa.

VILLANOVA, Pa.--**Matt Szczur** returned the opening kickoff 91 yards for a score and added two more touchdowns as Villanova cruised to a 55-28 win over Colgate in the first round of the NCAA Division I Championship at Villanova Stadium.

Villanova won its fifth straight game and picked up its first playoff victory since 2002, when it advanced to the semifinals before losing to McNeese State.

Jordan Scott scored three touchdowns for Patriot League champion Colgate, which had its eight-game winning streak snapped. It was Colgate's first loss since falling to Furman, 42-21, on Sept. 13.

Szczur gave the Wildcats a quick 6-0 lead 13 seconds into the game.

Before **Joe Marcoux's** PAT attempt missed wide right, the game was delayed nearly 15 minutes as Villanova safety **Darrel Young** was carted off the field in an ambulance with a neck sprain. He was taken to University of Pennsylvania Hospital, and after the game Villanova coach **Andy Talley** said all tests came back negative.

Colgate eventually cut the lead to 13-7 when Scott scored on a 2-yard run with 1:22 left in the first quarter.

The Wildcats responded with 28 unanswered points for a commanding 41-7 halftime advantage. Four Villanova players scored in the second quarter.

Aaron Ball's 8-yard touchdown run for Villanova came with 1:41 left for the final score of the first half. Ball also scored from 6 yards in the first.

Szczur added a 4-yard run in the second and a 16-yard touchdown reception on a pass from **Chris Whitney** early in the third.

NOTES: The 55 points scored by Villanova were its most ever for the team in a postseason game ... The Wildcats ran for a total of 386 yards in the game, the team's highest single-game mark in over a decade ... **Ball** eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark during the game and has now tallied the fifth season of at least 1,000 rushing yards by a Villanova player.

Box Score (Final) No. 16 Colgate at No. 6 Villanova NCAA Division I Championship First Round (Nov. 29, 2008 at Villanova, Pa.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Colgate	7	0	7	14	- 28
Villanova	13	28	14	0	- 55

Record: (9-3)

Record: (10-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st	14:47 Villanova - Matt Szczur 91 yd kickoff return (Joe Marcoux kick failed), Villanova 6 - Colgate 0
	09:26 Villanova - Aaron Ball 6 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 5-35 2:09, Villanova 13 - Colgate 0
	01:22 Colgate - Jordan Scott 2 yd run (Jacob Stein kick), 8-46 4:10, Villanova 13 - Colgate 7
2nd	13:48 Villanova - Angelo Babbaro 5 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 8-68 2:30, Villanova 20 - Colgate 7
	09:29 Villanova - Matt Szczur 4 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 6-55 2:22, Villanova 27 - Colgate 7
	05:14 Villanova - Phil Atkinson 65 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-77 1:51, Villanova 34 - Colgate 7
	01:41 Villanova - Aaron Ball 8 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-62 1:18, Villanova 41 - Colgate 7
3rd	10:09 Villanova - Matt Szczur 16 yd pass from Chris Whitney (Joe Marcoux kick), 7-64 3:26, Villanova 48 - Colgate 7
	03:33 Colgate - Jordan Scott 1 yd run (Jacob Stein kick), 13-73 6:31, Villanova 48 - Colgate 14
	01:50 Villanova - Anthony Lucidonio 1 yd run (Joe Marcoux kick), 4-79 1:39, Villanova 55 - Colgate 14
4th	13:00 Colgate - Jordan Scott 2 yd run (Jacob Stein kick), 9-69 3:44, Villanova 55 - Colgate 21
	04:31 Colgate - Pat Simonds 12 yd pass from Greg Sullivan (Jacob Stein kick), Villanova 55 - Colgate 28

	COLGATE	VU
FIRST DOWNS.....	22	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	51-205	44-386
PASSING YDS (NET).....	168	86
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	22-15-0	7-5-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	73-373	51-472
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	1-49
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	4-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	9-168	4-114
Interception Returns-Yards...	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	6-37.3	3-29.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	2-20	4-34
Possession Time.....	36:21	23:39
Third-Down Conversions.....	3 of 11	3 of 6
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	4-4	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	2-28	2-13

RUSHING: Colgate - Jordan Scott 27-94, Nate Eachus 10-60, Greg Sullivan 12-33, Sam Breslin 2-18. Villanova - Aaron Ball 15-92, Angelo Babbaro 7-85, Louis Adeyemi 2-69, Phil Atkinson 1-65, Antwon Young 2-44, Lawrence Doss 7-14, Matt Szczur 2-11, Tony Canci 1-4, Chris Whitney 6-1, Anthony Lucidonio 1-1.

PASSING: Colgate - Greg Sullivan 15-22-0-168. Villanova - Chris Whitney 5-7-0-86.

RECEIVING: Colgate - Pat Simonds 6-82, Doug Rosnick 3-22, Eric Tupta 2-15, Jordan Scott 2-14, Adrien Schrieffer 1-25, Charles Babb 1-10. Villanova - Brandyn Harvey 3-35, Matt Szczur 2-51.

INTERCEPTIONS: Colgate - None. Villanova - None.

FUMBLES: Colgate - Pat Simonds 1-1. Villanova - Martel Moody 1-1.



WILDCATS OF NOTE

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH	CAREER HIGH
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#11 Phil Atkinson (WR, Sr., 5-11, 185 lbs.)

Receptions	7 vs. Towson (11/15/08)	same as season
Receiving Yards	108 vs. URI (10/18/08)	112, vs. Penn (9/22/07)
Touchdowns	2 vs. URI (10/18/08)	3, vs. Penn (9/22/07)
Longest Catch	84 vs. URI (10/18/08)	same as season

Career Stats (2005-08)

Year	Games	Receptions	Yards	TD	Longest Catch	Rec./Game	Avg./Catch	Avg./Game
2005	9	10	110	0	38	1.1	11.0	12.2
2006	11	29	361	1	37	2.6	12.4	32.8
2007	11	32	324	8	47	2.9	10.1	29.5
2008	12	50	520	4	84	4.1	10.8	43.3
Total:	43	119	1,315	13	84	2.7	11.0	30.5

#25 Aaron Ball (RB, So., 5-9, 200 lbs.)

Carries	23, on two occasions	same as season
Rushing Yards	137, vs. William & Mary (10/04/08)	same as season
Touchdowns	2, on four occasions	same as season
Longest Rush	63, vs. Richmond (9/27/08)	same as season
100-Yard Rushing Games	4	4

Career Stats (2007-08)

Year	Games	Carries	Yards	TD	Longest Rush	Avg./Rush	Avg./Game
2007	10	47	247	1	33	5.3	24.7
2008	12	206	1,052	13	63	5.1	87.7
Total:	22	253	1,299	14	63	5.1	59.0

#96 David Dalessandro (DL, Sr., 6-3, 265 lbs.)

Solo Tackles	4 vs. UNH (11/08/08)	5, four times, last vs. Hofstra (10/27/07)
Assisted Tackles	4 vs. Northeastern (11/01/08)	9, vs. James Madison (11/12/05)
Total Tackles	7 vs. Northeastern (11/01/08)	10, vs. James Madison (11/12/05)
Sacks	1 on three occasions	1, on eight occasions

Career Defensive Stats (2005-08)

Year	Games	Tackles			TFL-Yds.	Sacks			Int.-Yds.	QBH	Pass Brkup	Blk Kick
		Solo	Ast	Total		No.-Yds.	FF	FR-Yds.				
2005	11	24	28	52	5.0-22	2.5-12	1	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
2006	11	21	25	46	6.0-22	3.5-16	0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
2007	19	21	21	42	4.0-12	1.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2008	12	22	13	35	13.0-48	3.5-24	0	1-0	0-0	0	1	0
Total:	53	88	87	175	27.0-99	10.0-52	1	2-0	0-0	2	2	0



WILDCATS OF NOTE

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH	CAREER HIGH
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#3 Brandyn Harvey (WR, Jr., 6-3, 195 lbs.)

Receptions	5 on two occasions	5, on three occasions
Receiving Yards	85 vs. WVU (08/30/08)	135, vs. Richmond (11/3/07)
Touchdowns	1 on two occasions	1, on five occasions
Longest Catch	54 vs. Northeastern (11/01/08)	60, vs. Lehigh (9/8/07)

Career Receiving Stats (2006-08)

Year	Games	Receptions	Yards	TD	Longest Catch	Rec./Game	Avg./Catch	Avg./Game
2006	11	10	154	0	42	0.9	15.4	14.0
2007	10	25	435	3	60	2.5	17.4	43.5
2008	12	38	461	2	54	3.1	12.1	38.4
Total:	33	73	1,050	5	60	2.2	14.3	31.8

#56 Tim Kukucka (DE, Jr., 6-3, 250 lbs.)

Solo Tackles	4, vs. Colgate (11/29/08)	6, vs. Maine (9/15/07)
Assisted Tackles	3, on two occasions	3, on three occasions
Total Tackles	6, vs. Richmond (09/27/08)	6, on two occasions
Tackles for Loss	3.0, on two occasions	3.0, on four occasions
Sacks	2.0, on two occasions	2.0, on three occasions

Career Defensive Stats (2006-08)

Year	Games	Tackles			TFL-Yds.	Sacks		FF	FR-Yds.	Int.-Yds.	QBH	Pass Brkup	Blk Kick
		Solo	Ast	Total		No.-Yds.	FF						
2006	10	10	10	20	3.5-18	1.5-5	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	
2007	11	31	9	40	12.0-55	7.0-34	3	1-17	0-0	1	1	0	
2008	12	20	14	34	14.0-73	8.5-60	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	
Total:	31	61	33	94	29.5-146	17.0-99	6	1-17	0-0	1	4	1	

#31 Joe Marcoux (PK, Sr., 6-4, 210 lbs.)

Field Goals Made	4 on two occasions	same as season
Field Goals Attempted	4 on two occasions	4, three times, last vs. Lehigh (09/13/08)
Longest Field Goal Made	48 vs. Richmond (09/27/08)	same as season
Extra Points Made	7, vs. Colgate (11/29/08)	9, vs. William & Mary (10/6/07)
Extra Points Attempted	8, vs. Colgate (11/29/08)	9, vs. William & Mary (10/6/07)
Points	15 vs. Lehigh (09/13/08)	same as season

Career Kicking Stats (Kicking) (2005-08)

Year	Games	PAT	FG	Long	Blocked
2005	11	17-20	3-4	41	1
2006	10	24-25	5-11	42	0
2007	10	34-35	12-18	35	0
2008	12	41-44	14-19	48	1
Total:	42	116-124	34-52	48	2



WILDCATS OF NOTE

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH	CAREER HIGH
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#52 Greg Miller (DL, Sr., 6-3, 250 lbs.)

Solo Tackles	6 on two occasions	same as season
Assisted Tackles	3 vs. Penn (09/20/08)	6, vs. Hofstra (10/7/06)
Total Tackles	9 vs. Penn (09/20/08)	same as season
Tackles for Loss	5.5(-23) vs. Richmond (09/27/08)	same as season
Sacks	2.5 (-18) vs. Richmond (09/27/08)	3.0, vs. William & Mary (10/6/07)

Career Defensive Stats (2005-08)

Year	Games	Tackles			TFL-Yds.	Sacks			Int.-Yds.	QBH	Pass Brkup	Blk Kick
		Solo	Ast	Total		No.-Yds.	FF	FR-Yds.				
2005	7	5	5	10	3.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2006	7	10	16	26	5.0-26	3.5-23	0	1-0	0-0	1	2	0
2007	11	24	14	38	11.5-61	7.5-42	3	1-2	0-0	0	7	0
2008	12	30	11	41	13.0-63	5.5-42	2	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
Total:	37	69	46	115	32.5-155	16.5-107	5	2-2	0-0	1	12	0

#91 Osayi Osunde (LB, Jr., 6-1, 235 lbs.)

Solo Tackles	7, vs. JMU (10/25/08)	8, vs. Hofstra (10/27/07)
Assisted Tackles	4, vs. Penn (9/20/08)	9, twice, last vs. Massachusetts (10/13/07)
Total Tackles	11, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	12, vs. Richmond (11/3/07)
Tackles for Loss	1.5, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	2.0, twice, last vs. Delaware (11/17/07)
Interceptions	1, on two occasions	1, on two occasions
Blocked Kicks	1, vs. William & Mary (10/4/08)	1, twice, last vs. Massachusetts (10/13/07)

Career Defensive Stats (2005-08)

Year	Games	Tackles			TFL-Yds.	Sacks			Int.-Yds.	QBH	Pass Brkup	Blk Kick
		Solo	Ast	Total		No.-Yds.	FF	FR-Yds.				
2006	8	3	0	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	1-0	0-0	1	0	0
2007	11	36	46	82	5.0-13	1.5-8	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	1
2008	12	40	28	68	5.0-17	1.0-7	2	0-0	2-61	0	0	1
Total:	31	79	74	153	11.0-36	3.5-21	2	2-0	2-61	1	0	2



WILDCATS OF NOTE

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH	CAREER HIGH
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#4 Matt Szczur (WR, So., 5-11, 195 lbs.)

Receptions	7, vs. William & Mary (10/04/08)	same as season
Receiving Yards	78 vs. William & Mary (10/04/08)	same as season
Touchdowns	1 on four occasions	same as season
Longest Catch	38 on two occasions	same as season
Carries	14, vs. James Madison (10/25/08)	same as season
Rushing Yards	96, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	same as season
Touchdowns	1, on two occasions	same as season
Longest Rush	25, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	40, vs. Hofstra (10/27/07)

Career Receiving Stats (2007-08)

Year	Games	Receptions	Yards	TD	Longest Catch	Rec./Game	Avg./Catch	Avg./Game
2007	11	15	124	0	29	1.4	8.3	11.3
2008	12	30	440	4	38	2.5	14.7	36.7
Total:	23	45	564	4	38	1.9	12.5	24.5

Career Rushing Stats (2007-08)

Year	Games	Carries	Yards	TD	Longest Rush	Avg./Rush	Avg./Game
2007	11	23	173	0	40	7.5	15.7
2008	12	73	437	2	15	6.0	36.4
Total:	23	96	610	2	40	6.3	26.5

#54 Terence Thomas (LB, So., 6-0, 220 lbs.)

Solo Tackles	7, vs. JMU (10/25/08)	same as season
Assisted Tackles	5, on two occasions	8, vs. James Madison (9/29/07)
Total Tackles	10 vs. Richmond (09/27/08)	10, on two occasions
Interceptions	N/A	1, vs. Lehigh (9/8/07)

Career Defensive Stats (2007-08)

Year	Games	Tackles			TFL-Yds.	Sacks			Int.-Yds.	QBH	Pass Brkup	Blk Kick
		Solo	Ast	Total		No.-Yds.	FF	FR-Yds.				
2007	11	25	34	59	4.0-21	3.0-19	2	1-0	1-2	0	1	0
2008	12	40	27	67	6.5-31	4.0-25	3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Total:	23	70	61	126	10.5-52	7.0-44	5	1-0	1-2	0	3	0



WILDCATS OF NOTE

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH	CAREER HIGH
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#83 Zach Ugarte (P, Jr., 5-11, 195 lbs.)

Punts	6, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	7, three times, last vs. Hofstra (10/27/07)
Average Distance	48.7, vs. Towson (11/15/08)	same as season
Longest Punt	66, vs. Towson (11/15/08)	same as season
Punting Yards	221 on two occasions	294, vs. James Madison (11/11/06)
Inside-20	2 on two occasions	3, vs. Lehigh (9/9/06)

Career Punting Stats (2006-08)

Year	Games	Punts	Yards	Average	Long	Blocked	TB	Inside 20
2006	11	44	1,612	38.5	59	1	3	13
2007	11	60	2,266	37.8	59	0	3	15
2008	8	28	1,087	38.8	66	3	2	8
Total:	30	132	4,965	37.6	66	4	8	36

#17 Chris Whitney (QB, So., 6-2, 225 lbs.)

Attempts	27 vs. William & Mary (10/04/08)	same as season
Completions	20, vs. William & Mary (10/04/08)	same as season
Passing Yards	212, vs. Towson (11/15/08)	same as season
Longest Pass	84, vs. URI (10/18/08)	same as season
Touchdowns	3, vs. William & Mary (10/04/08)	same as season
Interceptions	2 vs. Northeastern (11/01/08)	same as season

Carries	23, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	same as season
Rushing Yards	102, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	same as season
Rushing Touchdowns	1, six times, last vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	same as season
100-Yard Rushing Touchdowns	1, vs. Delaware (11/22/08)	same as season
Longest Rush	37, vs. Richmond (9/27/08)	same as season

Career Stats (Passing) (2007-08)

Year	Games	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TD	Int	Long	Pct.	Avg./Pass	Avg./Game
2007	7	115	68	702	5	3	42	59.1	6.1	100.3
2008	11	154	107	1,235	9	4	84	69.5	8.0	112.3
Total:	18	269	175	1,937	14	7	84	65.0	7.2	107.6

Career Stats (Rushing) (2007-08)

Year	Games	Carries	Yards	TD	Longest Rush	Avg./Rush	Avg./Game
2007	7	78	90	2	15	1.2	12.9
2008	11	118	444	4	37	3.8	40.4
Total:	18	196	534	6	37	2.7	29.6



WILDCATS OF NOTE

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH	CAREER HIGH
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#5 Antwon Young (QB, Jr., 6-4, 215 lbs.)

Attempts	35 vs. Lehigh (09/13/08)	same as season
Completions	22 vs. Lehigh (09/13/08)	same as season
Passing Yards	231 vs. Lehigh (09/13/08)	257, vs. Lehigh (9/8/07)
Longest Pass	60 vs. URI (10/18/08)	67, vs. Maine (9/15/07)
Touchdowns	2 vs. URI (10/18/08)	4, two times, last vs. William & Mary (10/6/07)
Interceptions	4 vs. Penn (09/20/08)	same as season

Career Stats (Passing) (2005, 2007-08)

Year	Games	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TD	Int	Long	Pct.	Avg./Pass	Avg./Game
2005	5	12	7	76	0	0	25	58.3	6.3	15.2
2006	REDSHIRT									
2007	6	153	99	1,192	14	4	67	64.7	7.7	198.7
2008	9	111	66	803	4	7	60	59.5	7.2	89.2
Total:	20	276	172	2,071	18	11	67	62.3	7.5	103.5

#2 Darrel Young (LB, Jr., 5-11, 245 lbs.)

Solo Tackles	6 vs. JMU (10/25/08)	7, three times, last vs. Delaware (11/17/07)
Assisted Tackles	6 vs. WVU (08/30/08)	9, vs. Massachusetts (10/13/07)
Total Tackles	9 on three occasions	12, vs. Lehigh (9/8/07)
Tackles for Loss	1 on eight occasions	2, vs. Lehigh (9/8/07)
Sacks	1 on two occasions	2, vs. Penn (9/24/05)
Blocked Kicks	N/A	1, on four occasions

Career Defensive Stats (2005-08)

Year	Games	Tackles			TFL-Yds.	Sacks			Int.-Yds.	QBH	Pass Brkup	Blk Kick
		Solo	Ast	Total		No.-Yds.	FF	FR-Yds.				
2005	9	11	2	13	2.0-9	3.0-20	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1
2006	11	25	19	44	4.5-10	1.0-3	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
2007	11	36	42	78	4.0-10	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-11	0	2	0
2008	12	35	28	63	8.0-43	2.0-14	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
Total:	43	173	91	198	18.5-72	6.0-37	1	0-0	1-11	0	8	3

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(10-2-0)	(5-1-0)	(5-1-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(7-1-0)	(3-1-0)	(4-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-1-0)	(2-0-0)	(1-1-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	TEAM STATISTICS	VU	OPP
Aug 30, 2008	at #8 West Virginia	L	21-48	60566	FIRST DOWNS.....	268	215
Sep 13, 2008	LEHIGH	W	33-14	11101	Rushing.....	165	77
Sep 20, 2008	at Penn	W OT	20-14	14758	Passing.....	91	126
*Sep 27, 2008	#1 RICHMOND	W	26-20	6107	Penalty.....	12	12
*Oct 04, 2008	at W&M	W	38-28	10632	RUSHING YARDAGE.....	2739	1083
*Oct 18, 2008	at Rhode Island	W	44-7	6704	Rushing Attempts.....	575	363
*Oct 25, 2008	#1 JAMES MADISON	L	19-23	6721	Average Per Rush.....	4.8	3.0
*Nov 1, 2008	at Northeastern	W	20-14	2205	Average Per Game.....	228.2	90.2
*Nov 08, 2008	#8 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	24-13	6627	Tds Rushing.....	29	10
*Nov 15, 2008	TOWSON	W	34-31	5101	PASSING YARDAGE.....	2038	2639
*Nov 22, 2008	at Delaware	W	21-7	21457	Att-Comp-Int.....	266-173-11	389-239-14
Nov 29, 2008	#16 COLGATE	W	55-28	4489	Average Per Pass.....	7.7	6.8

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BALL, Aaron	12	206	1111	59	1052	5.1	13	63	87.7
WHITNEY, Chris	11	118	596	152	444	3.8	4	37	40.4
SZCZUR, Matthew	12	73	450	13	437	6.0	2	25	36.4
BABBARO, Angelo	12	59	343	8	335	5.7	2	30	27.9
ATKINSON, Phil	12	20	201	17	184	9.2	3	65	15.3
ADEYEMI, Louis	12	15	143	0	143	9.5	1	69	11.9
YOUNG, Antwon	9	46	202	93	109	2.4	3	30	12.1
DOSS, Lawrence	8	19	57	3	54	2.8	0	11	6.8
REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.5
CANCI, Tony	11	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
CALBI, Marlon	11	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
LUCIDONIO, Anth	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	1.0
TEAM	9	15	0	31	-31	-2.1	0	0	-3.4
Total.....	12	575	3115	376	2739	4.8	29	69	228.2
Opponents.....	12	363	1436	353	1083	3.0	10	35	90.2

Average Per Game.....	169.8	219.9
Tds Passing.....	13	20
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	4777	3722
Average Per Play.....	5.7	4.9
Average Per Game.....	398.1	310.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards....	34-768	49-973
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards....	25-205	9-102
INT RETURNS: #-Yards....	14-203	11-145
FUMBLES-LOST.....	23-9	14-7
PENALTIES-Yards.....	58-515	59-491
PUNTS-AVG.....	41-34.0	56-39.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game..	31:42	28:16
3RD-DOWN Conversions.....	75/155	59/151
4TH-DOWN Conversions.....	4/11	10/20

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
WHITNEY, Chris	11	150.94	107-154-4	69.5	1235	9	84	112.3
YOUNG, Antwon	9	119.51	66-111-7	59.5	803	4	60	89.2
ATKINSON, Phil	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	137.25	173-266-11	65.0	2038	13	84	169.8
Opponents.....	12	128.19	239-389-14	61.4	2639	20	55	219.9

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
VENTRONE, Ross	4	47	11.8	0	31
OSUNDE, Osayi	2	61	30.5	1	56
MALDONADO, Fred	2	8	4.0	0	8
PITTS, James	2	65	32.5	1	65
KIRKLAND, Marqu	1	6	6.0	0	6
MURRELL, Justin	1	15	15.0	0	15
MOODY, Martel	1	0	0.0	0	0
KOROMA, Salim	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	14	203	14.5	2	65
Opponents.....	11	145	13.2	1	43

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
ATKINSON, Phil	12	48	520	10.8	4	84	43.3
HARVEY, Brandyn	12	38	461	12.1	2	54	38.4
SZCZUR, Matthew	12	30	440	14.7	4	38	36.7
BABBARO, Angelo	12	23	225	9.8	1	60	18.8
REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	10	136	13.6	0	33	13.6
WHITE, Norman	12	8	94	11.8	0	35	7.8
PIMM, Stephen	12	6	67	11.2	1	26	5.6
MOBASSERI, Rami	12	3	33	11.0	0	16	2.8
DOSS, Lawrence	8	3	31	10.3	1	21	3.9
SMITH, Shawn	3	2	27	13.5	0	24	9.0
CANCI, Tony	11	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
BALL, Aaron	12	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Total.....	12	173	2042	11.8	13	84	170.2
Opponents.....	12	239	2639	11.0	20	55	219.9

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
UGARTE, Zach	28	1087	38.8	66	2	7	8	1
MARCOUX, Joe	10	292	29.2	46	0	1	5	0
TEAM	3	13	4.3	13	0	0	0	2
Total.....	41	1392	34.0	66	2	8	13	3
Opponents.....	56	2194	39.2	56	3	11	15	1

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
MARCOUX, Joe	14-19	73.7	0-0	7-8	2-4	5-7	0-0	48	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
HARVEY, Brandyn	17	149	8.8	0	59
SZCZUR, Matthew	5	43	8.6	0	16
TEAM	1	2	2.0	0	0
MOODY, Martel	1	0	0.0	0	0
KELLEY, Damian	1	11	11.0	0	0
Total.....	25	205	8.2	0	59
Opponents.....	9	102	11.3	0	25

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
MARCOUX, Joe	0	14-19	41-44	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	83
BALL, Aaron	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	78
ATKINSON, Phil	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
SZCZUR, Matthew	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
WHITNEY, Chris	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	24
YOUNG, Antwon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
BABBARO, Angelo	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
HARVEY, Brandyn	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
LUCIDONIO, Anth	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
DOSS, Lawrence	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
OSUNDE, Osayi	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BABBARO, Angelo	25	595	23.8	0	53
SZCZUR, Matthew	3	131	43.7	1	91
DOSS, Lawrence	2	24	12.0	0	19
DEMPSEY, John	2	10	5.0	0	10
ATKINSON, Phil	1	8	8.0	0	8
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	34	768	22.6	1	91
Opponents.....	49	973	19.9	1	97

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
BABBARO, Angelo	12	335	225	0	595	0	1155	96.2
BALL, Aaron	12	1052	4	0	0	0	1056	88.0

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TEAM STATISTICS	VU	OPP
SCORING.....	355	247
Points Per Game.....	29.6	20.6
FIRST DOWNS.....	268	215
Rushing.....	165	77
Passing.....	91	126
Penalty.....	12	12
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	2739	1083
Yards gained rushing.....	3115	1436
Yards lost rushing.....	376	353
Rushing Attempts.....	575	363
Average Per Rush.....	4.8	3.0
Average Per Game.....	228.2	90.2
TDs Rushing.....	29	10
PASSING YARDAGE.....	2038	2639
Att-Comp-Int.....	266-173-11	389-239-14
Average Per Pass.....	7.7	6.8
Average Per Catch.....	11.8	11.0
Average Per Game.....	169.8	219.9
TDs Passing.....	13	20
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	4777	3722
Total Plays.....	841	752
Average Per Play.....	5.7	4.9
Average Per Game.....	398.1	310.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards.....	34-768	49-973
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards.....	25-205	9-102
INT RETURNS: #-Yards.....	14-203	11-145
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	22.6	19.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.2	11.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	14.5	13.2
FUMBLES-LOST.....	23-9	14-7
PENALTIES-Yards.....	58-515	59-491
Average Per Game.....	42.9	40.9
PUNTS-Yards.....	41-1392	56-2194
Average Per Punt.....	34.0	39.2
Net punt average.....	30.5	34.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game.....	31:42	28:16
3RD-DOWN Conversions.....	75/155	59/151
3rd-Down Pct.....	48%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions.....	4/11	10/20
4th-Down Pct.....	36%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards.....	30-204	29-185
MISC YARDS.....	14	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	45	32
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	14-19	8-11
ON-SIDE KICKS.....	0-0	1-3
RED-ZONE SCORES.....	42-52 81%	28-34 82%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS.....	32-52 62%	22-34 65%
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	41-44 93%	31-31 100%
ATTENDANCE.....	40146	116322
Games/Avg Per Game.....	6/6691	6/19387
Neutral Site Games.....		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Villanova.....	51	182	58	58	6	355
Opponents.....	62	62	44	79	0	247

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BALL, Aaron	12	206	1111	59	1052	5.1	13	63	87.7
WHITNEY, Christopher	11	118	596	152	444	3.8	4	37	40.4
SZCZUR, Matthew	12	73	450	13	437	6.0	2	25	36.4
BABBARO, Angelo	12	59	343	8	335	5.7	2	30	27.9
ATKINSON, Phil	12	20	201	17	184	9.2	3	65	15.3
ADEYEMI, Louis	12	15	143	0	143	9.5	1	69	11.9
YOUNG, Antwon	9	46	202	93	109	2.4	3	30	12.1
DOSS, Lawrence	8	19	57	3	54	2.8	0	11	6.8
REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.5
CANCI, Tony	11	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
CALBI, Marlon	11	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
LUCIDONIO, Anthony	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	1.0
TEAM	9	15	0	31	-31	-2.1	0	0	-3.4
Total.....	12	575	3115	376	2739	4.8	29	69	228.2
Opponents.....	12	363	1436	353	1083	3.0	10	35	90.2

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
WHITNEY, Christopher	11	150.94	107-154-4	69.5	1235	9	84	112.3
YOUNG, Antwon	9	119.51	66-111-7	59.5	803	4	60	89.2
ATKINSON, Phil	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	137.25	173-266-11	65.0	2038	13	84	169.8
Opponents.....	12	128.19	239-389-14	61.4	2639	20	55	219.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
ATKINSON, Phil	12	48	520	10.8	4	84	43.3
HARVEY, Brandyn	12	38	461	12.1	2	54	38.4
SZCZUR, Matthew	12	30	440	14.7	4	38	36.7
BABBARO, Angelo	12	23	225	9.8	1	60	18.8
REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	10	136	13.6	0	33	13.6
WHITE, Norman	12	8	94	11.8	0	35	7.8
PIMM, Stephen	12	6	67	11.2	1	26	5.6
MOBASSERI, Ramin	12	3	33	11.0	0	16	2.8
DOSS, Lawrence	8	3	31	10.3	1	21	3.9
SMITH, Shawn	3	2	27	13.5	0	24	9.0
CANCI, Tony	11	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
BALL, Aaron	12	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Total.....	12	173	2042	11.8	13	84	170.2
Opponents.....	12	239	2639	11.0	20	55	219.9

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
HARVEY, Brandyn	17	149	8.8	0	59
SZCZUR, Matthew	5	43	8.6	0	16
TEAM	1	2	2.0	0	0
MOODY, Martel	1	0	0.0	0	0
KELLEY, Damian	1	11	11.0	0	0
Total.....	25	205	8.2	0	59
Opponents.....	9	102	11.3	0	25

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
VENTRONE, Ross	4	47	11.8	0	31
OSUNDE, Osayi	2	61	30.5	1	56
MALDONADO, Frederick	2	8	4.0	0	8
PITTS, James	2	65	32.5	1	65
MURRELL, Justin	1	15	15.0	0	15
KIRKLAND, Marquis	1	6	6.0	0	6
MOODY, Martel	1	0	0.0	0	0
KOROMA, Salim	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	14	203	14.5	2	65
Opponents.....	11	145	13.2	1	43

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BABBARO, Angelo	25	595	23.8	0	53
SZCZUR, Matthew	3	131	43.7	1	91
DOSS, Lawrence	2	24	12.0	0	19
DEMPSEY, John	2	10	5.0	0	10
ATKINSON, Phil	1	8	8.0	0	8
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	34	768	22.6	1	91
Opponents.....	49	973	19.9	1	97

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
MALDONADO, Frederick	1	9	9.0	0	9
KIRKLAND, Marquis	1	49	49.0	0	49
Total.....	2	58	29.0	0	49
Opponents.....	2	71	35.5	0	41

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SCORING	----- PATS -----								Points	TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf								
MARCOUX, Joe	0	14-19	41-44	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	83	WHITNEY, Christopher	11	272	444	1235	1679	152.6
BALL, Aaron	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	78	BALL, Aaron	12	206	1052	0	1052	87.7
ATKINSON, Phil	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42	YOUNG, Antwon	9	157	109	803	912	101.3
SZCZUR, Matthew	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42	SZCZUR, Matthew	12	73	437	0	437	36.4
WHITNEY, Christopher	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	24	BABBARO, Angelo	12	59	335	0	335	27.9
BABBARO, Angelo	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	ATKINSON, Phil	12	21	184	0	184	15.3
YOUNG, Antwon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	ADEYEMI, Louis	12	15	143	0	143	11.9
HARVEY, Brandyn	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	DOSS, Lawrence	8	19	54	0	54	6.8
DOSS, Lawrence	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	1	5	0	5	0.5
ADEYEMI, Louis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	CANCI, Tony	11	1	4	0	4	0.4
PITTS, James	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	CALBI, Marlon	11	1	2	0	2	0.2
OSUNDE, Osayi	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	LUCIDONIO, Anthony	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
PIMM, Stephen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	TEAM	9	15	-31	0	-31	-3.4
LUCIDONIO, Anthony	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	Total.....	12	841	2739	2038	4777	398.1
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2	Opponents.....	12	752	1083	2639	3722	310.2
Total.....	45	14-19	41-44	0-1	0	0-0	0	1	355							
Opponents.....	32	8-11	31-31	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	247							

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
MARCOUX, Joe	14-19	73.7	0-0	7-8	2-4	5-7	0-0	48	1

FG SEQUENCE	Villanova	OPPONENTS
West Virginia	42	(52),(33)
Lehigh	(44),(23),(44),(22)	-
Penn	41	-
Richmond	(21),(25),(48),(29)	(41),(35)
W&M	38,(23)	32
Rhode Island	-	-
James Madison	(42),(37)	(25)
Northeastern	(28),(42),38	-
New Hampshire	(35)	(36),(23),43
Towson	24	(27),29
Delaware	-	-
Colgate	-	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
UGARTE, Zach	28	1087	38.8	66	2	7	8	1
MARCOUX, Joe	10	292	29.2	46	0	1	5	0
TEAM	3	13	4.3	13	0	0	0	2
Total.....	41	1392	34.0	66	2	8	13	3
Opponents.....	56	2194	39.2	56	3	11	15	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
MARCOUX, Joe	69	4378	63.4	17	2			
Total.....	69	4378	63.4	17	2	973	44.4	25
Opponents.....	48	2849	59.4	9	4	768	39.6	30

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
BABBARO, Angelo	12	335	225	0	595	0	1155	96.2
BALL, Aaron	12	1052	4	0	0	0	1056	88.0
SZCZUR, Matthew	12	437	440	43	131	0	1051	87.6
ATKINSON, Phil	12	184	520	0	8	0	712	59.3
HARVEY, Brandyn	12	0	461	149	0	0	610	50.8
WHITNEY, Christopher	11	444	0	0	0	0	444	40.4
ADEYEMI, Louis	12	143	0	0	0	0	143	11.9
REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	5	136	0	0	0	141	14.1
YOUNG, Antwon	9	109	0	0	0	0	109	12.1
DOSS, Lawrence	8	54	31	0	24	0	109	13.6
WHITE, Norman	12	0	94	0	0	0	94	7.8
PIMM, Stephen	12	0	67	0	0	0	67	5.6
PITTS, James	10	0	0	0	0	65	65	6.5
OSUNDE, Osayi	12	0	0	0	0	61	61	5.1
VENTRONE, Ross	12	0	0	0	0	47	47	3.9
MOBASSERI, Ramin	12	0	33	0	0	0	33	2.8
SMITH, Shawn	3	0	27	0	0	0	27	9.0
MURRELL, Justin	12	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.2
KELLEY, Damian	12	0	0	11	0	0	11	0.9
DEMPSEY, John	11	0	0	0	10	0	10	0.9
MALDONADO, Frederick	12	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.7
CANCI, Tony	11	4	4	0	0	0	8	0.7
KIRKLAND, Marquis	12	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.5
CALBI, Marlon	11	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
LUCIDONIO, Anthony	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
KOROMA, Salim	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
TEAM	9	-31	0	2	0	0	-29	-3.2
Total.....	12	2739	2042	205	768	203	5957	496.4
Opponents.....	12	1083	2639	102	973	145	4942	411.8

The Automated ScoreBook
Villanova Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 30, 2008)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	|-----Tackles-----|					|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
91 OSUNDE, Osayi	12	40	28	68	5.0-17	1.0-7	2-61	.	.	.	2	1	.	
54 THOMAS, Terence	12	41	23	64	6.5-31	4.0-25	.	2	.	.	3	.	.	
2 YOUNG, Darrel	12	35	28	63	8.0-43	2.0-14	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
9 KIRKLAND, Marquis	12	37	26	63	7.5-18	.	1-6	1	.	1-49	1	.	.	
28 KOROMA, Salim	12	36	20	56	.	.	1-1	8	.	1-0	.	.	.	
14 VENTRONE, Ross	12	30	22	52	.	.	4-47	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
21 DEMPSEY, John	11	33	14	47	4.0-10	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.	
39 MALDONADO, Frederick	12	34	10	44	2.0-7	.	2-8	2	.	1-9	.	.	.	
52 MILLER, Greg	12	30	11	41	13.0-62	5.5-42	.	3	.	.	2	.	.	
96 DALESSANDRO, David	12	23	13	36	14.0-56	4.5-32	.	1	.	1-0	2	.	.	
56 KUKUCKA, Tim	12	19	14	33	14.0-72	7.5-52	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	
94 MATUSZ, Phil	12	13	10	23	3.5-4	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 MURRELL, Justin	12	17	3	20	2.0-18	1.0-11	1-15	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 RODRIGUEZ, Jeremy	12	12	6	18	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42 WADE, Jacob	12	7	9	16	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55 WEAVER, Thomas	12	8	6	14	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81 KELLEY, Damian	12	10	4	14	3.5-8	2.0-5	.	.	.	1-0	.	1	.	
13 MOODY, Martel	12	10	4	14	2.0-3	.	1-0	5	.	.	.	.	.
18 JOHNSON, Anthony	10	7	6	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 HOLLAND, Michael	2	5	2	7	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 POTTS, Joshua	7	3	4	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
32 CANCI, Tony	11	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 PITTS, James	10	5	.	5	.	.	2-65	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 SZCZUR, Matthew	12	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 BABBARO, Angelo	12	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 SCARNECCHIA, Dominic	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 JAYROE, Trey	2	3	.	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 HARVEY, Brandyn	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 WHITNEY, Christopher	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 ADEYEMI, Louis	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
61 SHERIDAN, Michael	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 NELSON, John	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 NELSON, Connor	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 PIMM, Stephen	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 YOUNG, Antwon	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 REYNOLDS, Mikey	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 MILLER, Sean	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total.....	12	476	276	752	88-365	30-204	14-203	32	.	7-58	11	3	1	
Opponents.....	12	542	324	866	79-314	29-185	11-145	18	2	8-71	8	6	.	