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**On the Front Cover:** John Dieser (#5), Brian Hulea (#42), and Darrell Adams (#90) will serve as tri-captains in 2005.

**On the Back Cover:** Quarterback Marvin Burroughs (#17), running back Martin Gibson (#22) and wide receiver J.J. Outlaw (#9) are expected to be playmakers for the Villanova offense in 2005.

**On the Inside Front Cover:** The 2005 Villanova Wildcat gridiron schedule.

**On the Inside Back Cover:** Linebacker Bryan Adams (#55), center Christian Gaddis (#79) and safety Allyn Bacchus (#26) will play a prominent role for Villanova in 2005.

## 2005 Villanova Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 10	Rutgers	Piscataway, N.J.	TBA
Sept. 17	Northeastern	Villanova, Pa.	7:00 p.m.
<i>Parents' Weekend</i>			
Sept. 24	Penn	Philadelphia, Pa.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	New Hampshire	Durham, N.H.	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Richmond	Richmond, Va.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Bucknell	Lewisburg, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Rhode Island	Villanova, Pa.	3:00 p.m.
<i>Homecoming</i>			
Oct. 29	William & Mary	Villanova, Pa.	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	Towson	Towson, Md.	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 12	James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Delaware	Villanova, Pa.	1:00 p.m.





## Media Information

**Media Information:** In order for Villanova University's Office of Media Relations to best service responsible media members covering Wildcat Football this year, we ask your assistance and cooperation with the following policies and procedures.

**General Information:** The 2005 Villanova Football Media Guide was prepared by the Villanova University Office of Media Relations specifically to assist the media in their coverage of Wildcat Football. In-season requests for additional information, interviews and photographs should be directed to Dean Kenefick, Assistant Athletics Director/Communications, Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085-1674, (Phone: 610-519-4120).

**Game Credentials:** Only accredited members of the media will receive credentials for any game. Requests for credentials should be made by noon on the day prior to the game. No requests will be honored after that time. Credentials at Villanova Stadium may be picked up two hours prior to kickoff at the press window, located at the base of the Villanova Stadium press box. Credentials should be requested through the Villanova University Office of Media Relations, by contacting Dean Kenefick at 610-519-4120. A valid form of identification is required to pick up media credentials.

**Photo and Film Credentials:** All photo and game film credentials should be requested as early as possible, and no later than noon on the day prior to the game. No photo credentials will be approved the day of the game. Photographers and film crews may work the sidelines between the 35-yard line and the endzone in both directions. Photographers and film crews on the sidelines and endzones assume responsibility for all risks.


**Radio:** Credentials for visiting radio will be limited to four persons unless prior arrangements have been made. Visiting radio phone lines may be rented through the Villanova University Office of Media Relations at a cost of \$75.00 per line. We will not bill for these lines; a valid check must be presented prior to kickoff. There are a maximum of three phone lines available to visiting commercial stations, and one phone line for visiting student stations. Rental of the phone lines is on a first-come basis. For additional information on reserving phone lines please contact Dean Kenefick at 610-519-4120.

**Press Parking:** Parking for the media will be located across Lancaster Avenue in the East Main Lot. These passes must be ordered at least four days prior to a home Villanova football contest in order to ensure receipt by you prior to game day. Please note that space

is limited, and early arrival is recommended. The Villanova University Office of Media Relations has limited access to Stadium parking; we kindly request your patience and cooperation.

### Press Box Game Services:

Pre-game notes and fact sheets, current statistics, media guides, flip cards/lineups will be issued prior to the start of each Villanova home football game. Halftime statistics, as well as complete play-by-play, final team and individual statistics will be provided to the media following the game. Facsimile transmission is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make fax arrangements with Media Relations personnel prior to the game. Also, any post-game quote requests should be made prior to kickoff; a post-game interview session is conducted in the press box conference room 10 minutes after each home game. This season, the visiting teams' head coach and selected student-athletes will be brought to the interview room first; after 10 minutes, Villanova University head coach Andy Talley and selected student-athletes will be brought to the interview room. A light lunch and beverages are served to credentialed media members prior to the game. An internal public address system will be provided for the media. Should you wish for a telephone at

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**Weekly Press Conference:** A weekly press luncheon featuring Villanova University, the University of Pennsylvania, and other Philadelphia area collegiate football programs is held each Wednesday during the football season. Members of the media are welcome to attend. Villanova Football Head Coach Andy Talley will be available at each luncheon. The luncheons alternate between the Donaldson Room at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Connelly Center at Villanova University. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 a.m. Question and answer sessions with the Philadelphia coaches begin at noon. Charge to the media is \$15.00.

**2005 Football Luncheon Schedule:**

<b>At Villanova</b>	September 7, 21
	October 5, 19
	November 2, 16
<b>At Pennsylvania</b>	September 14, 28
	October 12, 26
	November 9

### Atlantic 10 Information

Headquarters for the Atlantic 10 Conference are in Philadelphia, Pa. Contact information for the conference is listed below:



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Commissioner

**Atlantic 10 Conference**  
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Suite 1700  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
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Fax: (215) 545-3342





## Media Outlets

### **Newspapers**

#### **The Associated Press**

1 Franklin Plaza, Suite 250, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
215-561-1133; FAX 215-561-3544  
Rob Maadi - Sports Editor

#### **Philadelphia Inquirer**

400 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101  
215-854-4550; FAX 215-854-4564  
Jim Jenks - Sports Editor  
Mike Jensen - Football Beat Writer

#### **Philadelphia Daily News**

400 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101  
215-854-5700; FAX 215-854-5524  
Pat McLoone - Executive Sports Editor;  
Mike Kern, Bill Fleiselman - Beat Writers

#### **Camden Courier Post**

P. O. Box 5300, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
856-486-2424; FAX 856-663-2831  
Phil Anastasia - Editor

#### **Delaware County Daily Times**

500 Mildred Avenue, Primos, PA 19108  
610-622-8881; FAX 610-622-8887  
Tom McNichol - Sports Editor; Terry Toohey- Beat Writer

#### **Norristown Times Herald**

410 Markley Street, Norristown, PA 19404  
610-272-2322; FAX 610-272-0660  
Tim Fonde - Sports Editor

#### **Philadelphia Tribune**

520-26 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19146  
215-893-4080; FAX 215-893-4064  
Donald Hunt - Beat Writer

#### **West Chester Daily Local News**

P. O. Box 517, West Chester, PA 19380  
610-696-1775; FAX 610-430-1194  
Vic Monaco - Sports Editor

#### **Bucks County Courier Times**

8400 Route 13, Levittown, PA 19067  
215-949-4212; FAX 215-949-4177  
Gary Silvers - Sports Editor

#### **Trenton Times**

500 Perry Street, Trenton, NJ 08605  
609-396-3232; FAX 609-989-8368  
Jim Gauger - Sports Editor

#### **The Trentonian**

600 Perry Street, Trenton, NJ 08618  
609-989-7800; FAX 609-394-1358  
Tom Jacobs - Sports Editor

#### **Wilmington News Journal**

P.O. Box 15505, Wilmington, DE 19850  
302-324-2850; FAX 302-324-2298  
Ron Fritz - Sports Editor

#### **The Main Line Times**

311 East Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003,  
610-642-4300; FAX 610- 642-9704

#### **The Suburban & Wayne Times**

P. O. Box 409, Wayne, PA 19087  
610-688-3000; FAX 610-964-1346  
Michael Bierne - Sports Editor;  
Pete Kelso - Football Beat Writer

#### **The Villanovan**

*(student newspaper)*  
800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085,  
610-519-7206

### **Radio**

#### *Football Broadcasts:*

#### **Flagship Station: WNTP 990 AM**

117 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444,  
610-828-6965; FAX 610-828-8879  
Producer: Russ Whitnah  
Announcers: Joe Eichhorn (play-by-play),  
Ryan Fannon (color analyst)

#### **KYW-AM Newsradio 1060**

*(All-News 24-hour format)*  
Independence Mall East, 5th & Market Streets,  
Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-4991; FAX 215-  
238-4783 (TV), 215-238-4657 (Radio)  
Tom Maloney - Reporter

WXVU-FM Radio (Villanova Student Station)  
Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Avenue,  
Villanova, PA 19085, 610-519-7200

### **Television & Local Cable**

WCAU-TV Channel 10 (NBC Owned & Operated)  
City Avenue & Monument Road,  
Philadelphia, PA 19131  
610-668-5660; FAX 610-668-3700  
Collin McCauly - Producer  
Vai Sikahema, John Clark - On-air hosts

#### **WPVI-TV Channel 6**

*(ABC Owned & Operated)*  
4100 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131  
215-581-4596; FAX 215-581-4530  
Gary Papa - On-air host

#### **KYW-TV Channel 3**

*(CBS Affiliate/Westinghouse Group W)*  
Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
215-238-4646; FAX 215-238-4786  
Saul Stokes - Producer  
Beasley Reese, Steve Bucci- On-air hosts

#### **WTXF-TV Channel 29**

*(FOX Affiliate)*  
4th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
215-923-6397; FAX 215-592-1535  
Tom Schredenckek, Paul Luongo - Producers  
Don Tollefson, Bill Vargus - On-air hosts

#### **WPHL-TV Channel 17**

5001 Winfield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131  
215-878-1700; FAX 215-879-7682

#### **COMCAST SPORTSNET**

1 First Union Complex, Lot D  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-952-5366; FAX 215-952-5953  
Mark Jordan, Steve Bernstein - Producers  
Leslie Gudel, Neil Hartman  
Derrick Gunn, Dei Lynam - Talent and On-air hosts

#### **CN8**

1351 South Columbus Blvd.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19147  
215-468-2222 ext 3810  
Bob Carroll - Coordinating Producer  
Bruce Casella - Managing Editor  
Lou Tilley - On-air host





# Villanova Football Facts & Figures

## Villanova Quick Facts

Location	Villanova, Pa.
Founded	1842
Enrollment	6,295
President	Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A.
Athletics Director	Vince Nicastro
Head Football Coach	Andy Talley
Nickname	Wildcats
Colors	Blue and White
Stadium	Villanova Stadium
Capacity	12,000
Stadium Surface	Astroplay
Playing Field	Leo Goodreau Field
Press Box Phone	610-519-5290
Affiliation	NCAA Division I-AA
Conference	Atlantic 10
2004 Overall Record	6-5
2004 Conference Record/Finish	3-5, 4th place

## Media Information

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Kenefick's Phone	610-519-4120
Kenefick's Email	dean.kenefick@villanova.edu
Scoring Hotline	888-400-NOVA (6682)
Official Web Site	www.villanova.com

## 2005 Wildcat Team Information

Letterman Lost	14
Lettermen Returning	24
Offensive Starters Lost	5
Defensive Starters Lost	5
Offensive Starters Returning	6
Defensive Starters Returning	6
Specialists Returning	3
Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	4-2-5

## 2004 Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Attend.
Sept. 2, 2004	BUCKNELL	W, 20-14	9,073
Sept 11, 2004	at Lehigh	W, 22-16	12,235
Sept. 18, 2004	James Madison *	L, 0-17	3,123
Sept. 25, 2004	at Penn	W, 16-13	16,572
Oct 2, 2004	#12 NEW HAMPSHIRE *	L, 40-51	7,119
Oct 9, 2004	at #23 Northeastern *	L, 30-34	4,126
Oct 16, 2004	RICHMOND *	W, 49-10	5,621
Oct. 23, 2004	TOWSON *	W, 41-6	7,417
Oct. 30, 2004	at Rhode Island *	W, 48-9	2,236
Nov 6, 2004	at #13 William & Mary *	L, 29-37	6,755
Nov 20, 2004	at #11 Delaware *	L, 35-41	22,045

\* indicates conference game  
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

## 2005 Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Andy Talley (Southern Connecticut '67)
Record at Villanova	138-82-1 (20 seasons, .624 win pct.)
Record in Conference Games	85-59 (17 seasons, .590 win pct.)
Overall as a Head Coach	166-100-2 (24 seasons, .619 win pct.)
Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line	Mark Ferrante (St. Lawrence '83)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach	Sam Venuto (Delaware '79)
Defensive Coordinator/Secondary	Mark Reardon (Lafayette '93)
Wide Receivers Coach	Brian Flinn (Mt. Union '97)
Defensive Line Coach	Brendan Daly (Drake '97)
Running Backs Coach	Apollo Wright (Cheyney '98)
Linebackers Coach	Sean Spencer (Clarion '95)
Cornerbacks Coach	Billy Crocker (Villanova '02)
Defensive Assistant	Justus Galac (Brockport State '02)
Offensive Assistant	Mike Kraft (Sacred Heart '02)
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Reggie Barton (Idaho State '03)



## 2004 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Terry Butler	152	636	4.2	10	
MARTIN GIBSON	81	400	4.9	2	
Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
MARVIN BURROUGHS	209	334	12	2,486	20
Joe Casamento	10	22	2	70	0
Receiving	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	TD	
J.J. OUTLAW	57	686	12.0	7	
JOHN DIESER	38	468	12.3	3	
Scoring	TD	Pat.	FG	Conv.	Pts.
Terry Butler	12	0-0	0-0	0	72
ADAM JAMES	0	38-42	4-7	0	50
Tackles	UT	AT	TT	Sacks	
BRIAN HULEA	57	28	85	2.0	
TERRANCE REAVES	48	22	70	1.0	
Interceptions	No.	Yds.	TD		
TERRANCE REAVES	3	17	0		
KALISE COOK	1	33	0		

(Returners in CAPS)



## 2005 Wildcat Football Notes

**I-A Competition:** For the sixth time in the last eight years, Villanova will play a Division I-A opponent when the Wildcats open the 2005 season at Rutgers on Saturday, Sept. 10. The last time Villanova played at Rutgers was in the 2002 season opener when the Wildcats tallied a 37-19 victory. The win was Villanova's first over a I-A opponent since becoming a I-AA program in 1985. Villanova has future games scheduled against I-A teams including Auburn (2006), West Virginia (2007) and Maryland (2008).

**National Recognition:** Villanova defenders **Darrell Adams** and **Brian Hulea** both earned pre-season recognition from the *Sports Network*. Adams earned pre-season first team All-American distinction, while Hulea was an Honorable Mention pre-season All-American

Center **Christian Gaddis** will be looked upon to provide leadership along the offensive line in 2005.

selection. As a junior last year, Adams tallied 40 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, five fumble recoveries, and four quarterback sacks, while Hulea registered a team-high 85 tackles, eight tackles for loss, two sacks, one interception, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery during his junior year in 2004. After both earning first team All-Atlantic 10 distinction in 2003 and 2004, Adams and Hulea were also named to the 2005 pre-season Atlantic 10 first team.

**Captains:**

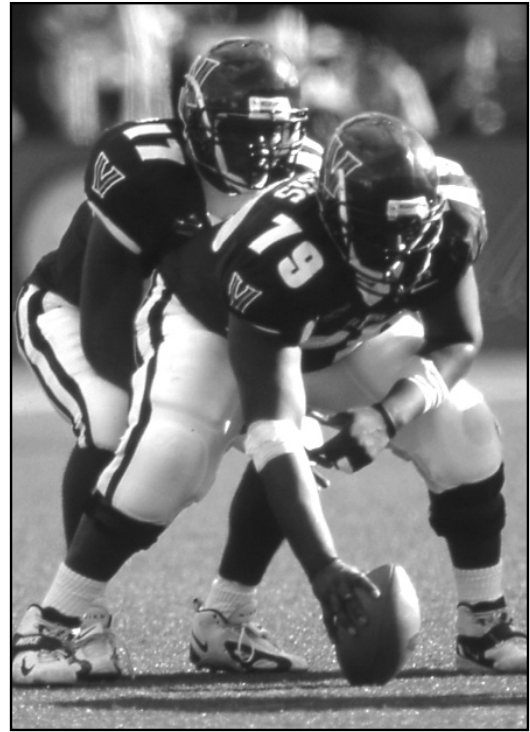
Three fifth-year seniors will serve as team captains in 2005. Wide receiver **John Dieser**, linebacker **Brian Hulea** and defensive lineman **Darrell Adams** earned their captain status by a vote of the Wildcat players.

**The 400 Level:**

Entering the 2005 season, senior linebacker **Brian Hulea** has 296 career tackles to his credit. With 104 total stops this year, Hulea will become just the third player in Villanova history to record 400 career tackles. In his three previous seasons, Hulea had 70 tackles as a redshirt freshman in 2002, 141 tackles as a sophomore in 2003 and 85 tackles last year as a junior. Curtis Eller (1989-92) owns the school record for career tackles with 429, while Shaun Lyons is second with 410.

**Professional Ranks:**

When NFL training camps begin in late July, four Villanova alums will be a part of four different pro franchises. Wide receiver **Brian**



**Finneran** (1994-97) will be entering his seventh season with the Atlanta Falcons, while running back **Brian Westbrook** (1997-01) is set to enter his fourth season as a member of the Philadelphia Eagles and **Clarence Curry** (2000-03) is in his second year with the Arizona Cardinals. A newcomer to the NFL in 2005 is safety **Raymond Ventrone** who graduated this past spring from Villanova. Ventrone is currently a member of the world champion New England Patriots.

**Coaching Changes:**

Head coach **Andy Talley** will have four new assistant coaches in 2005. On defense, secondary coach **Mark Reardon** has been promoted to defensive coordinator. Reardon replaces former defensive coordinator Joe Trainer who left to become the head coach at Millersville University. Also, on defense, **Sean Spencer** will be the new linebackers coach, **Brendan Daly** will take over as the defensive line coach and **Billy Crocker** will coach the Wildcat cornerbacks. On the offensive side of the ball, **Brian Flinn** will be the new wide receivers coach. Daly, Flinn and Crocker have previously coached at Villanova and all three will be in their second stint on the Main Line.



DeQuee May is expected to see significant time in the Wildcat backfield when Villanova kicks off the 2005 season at Rutgers.



## Broadcast Information

### **Villanova Athletics Website** **www.villanova.com**

- Game Notes  
(full game notes available in .pdf format)
- Statistics
- Schedule and Results
- Feature Stories
- Complete media guide  
(available section by section in .pdf format)
- Highlight Videos
- Villanova Apparel

### **Villanova Athletics Hot line** **1-888-400-NOVA (6682)**

- Scores, highlights and statistical leaders for every varsity Wildcat sport.
- Updated immediately following Villanova home and away games.

### **Villanova.com** **Internet Radio Broadcasts**

- Radio Broadcasts and Live Stats of Wildcat football games available over the internet.
- Requirements: IBM (soundcard, speakers, broadcast.com software); Macintosh (broadcast.com software)
- Log on to the Villanova Athletics Website.
- Click on the broadcast icon
- Follow directions

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Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Lacrosse  
Rowing  
Soccer

7/7/05  
**Adams and Hulea Earn National Recognition**  
Villanova defensive lineman Darrell Adams and Wildcat linebacker Brian Hulea have both earned pre-season recognition from The Sports Network. Adams was named a pre-season first team All-American, while Hulea was a Honorable Mention pre-season All-American selection. more(+)

4/25/05  
**Ventrone Signs With Patriots**  
Villanova University senior safety Raymond Ventrone has signed a free agent contract with the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. Ventrone will travel to New England later this week.

LINKS EVENTS

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- Prospective Students-Athlete Questionnaire
- Summer Camp Information
- Directions to Villanova Stadium

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### **Wildcats on TRZ's Teamline**

Villanova University's Wildcat Football broadcasts, for a 11th consecutive year, are now available nationwide through TRZ'S TEAMLINE phone service. Interested fans, family and media can dial 1-800-846-4700, enter their Visa or Mastercard number and expiration date, and then be connected to the live game broadcast on the Wildcat Football Radio Network. TRZ pays for the long distance call, while callers are billed on their credit card a maximum of 50 cents per minute, and as low as 20 cents per minute for the service. Save up to 60 percent on every call by purchasing a TeamLine season ticket. Using a declining rate card, fans pay less per minute the longer they listen, and can listen as long as they like.

**TEAMLINE — 1-800-846-4700**  
**Villanova Football Access Code, 5438**



### **Villanova Football Radio Network**

For the ninth-straight season in 2005, WNTP-AM 990 in Lafayette Hill, Pa., will be the flagship station of the Villanova Football Radio Network. Play-by-play announcer Joe Eichhorn, who has been broadcasting Villanova Football since 1988, returns to anchor the broadcasts. Joining Eichhorn for an 11th consecutive year is Ryan Fannon, who is also Villanova's play-by-play men's basketball announcer. All 11 Wildcat gridiron contests will be broadcast live, with a pre-game show airing prior to selected games. The exciting show includes comments each week from Wildcat head coach Andy Talley.

**Flagship Station:**  
**WNTP-AM 990, Lafayette Hill, Pa.**



### **Wildcats on Television in 2005**

Date	Opponent	Time	Station
9/17	Northeastern	7:00 p.m.	CN8
9/24	Penn	7:00 p.m.	CN8
10/1	at New Hampshire	12:30 p.m.	CN8
11/19	Delaware	1:00 p.m.	CN8

*\*These games were confirmed for television at the time of print. The television schedule is subject to change and may include additional games.*

**www.villanova.com**



## Andy Talley Radio Show

### **Talking Villanova Football With Andy Talley**

Continuing in 2005, WNTP 990-AM, the flagship station of Villanova athletics, will broadcast Talking Villanova Football With Andy Talley. The one hour call-in show is hosted by color commentator Ryan Fannon and will provide a weekly recap of Villanova football games, as well as a preview of upcoming contests. The show will be held on Monday evenings at Kelly's Restaurant and Tap Room. Throughout the one-hour program, Fannon and Coach Talley will take questions about all aspects of the Wildcat football program, in addition to fielding questions concerning all the teams in the Atlantic 10 Conference, a head coach interview from that week's opponent, as well as NCAA I-AA football on the national scene.

Already the winningest coach in Villanova football history entering the 2005 campaign, Tally ranks 9th on the NCAA Division I-AA coaching list with 166 victories.



The Andy Talley Radio Show will move locations in 2005 to Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room.



Andy Talley has led Villanova to six NCAA playoff appearances during his Main Line career.

### **2005 Andy Talley Radio Show Schedule**

#### **"Talking Villanova Football With Head Coach Andy Talley"**

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Date	Day	Time	Location	Station
9/12	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
9/19	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
9/26	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
10/3	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
10/10	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
10/17	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
10/24	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
10/31	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
11/7	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM
11/14	Monday	6-7 PM	Kelly's Restaurant & Tap Room	WNTP 990AM





## Retired Jerseys

At halftime of the University of Delaware game in 1994, Villanova University began a “Wall of Fame” by retiring the jerseys of five former Wildcat Football greats in a special ceremony to honor their outstanding careers. The retired jerseys are permanently recognized on the wall of The Swimming Center next to the scoreboard in the west end of Villanova Stadium in the form of football-shaped plaques, bearing each recipient’s name and number.

The first group of honorees was an impressive one, and shows the history and tradition of 100 years of outstanding football student-athletes on the Main Line. Those inducted were (in alphabetical order) Lou Ferry (player 1945-48, coach 1960-present), Dominic Liotta (1949-51), Eddie Michaels (1933-35), Mike Siani (1969-71) and John Wysocki (1936-38).

Ferry was a standout offensive and defensive tackle for the Wildcats from 1945-1948 earning All-East and All-America honorable mention distinction. He went on to spend seven seasons in the NFL before returning to his alma mater in 1960 where he served as the defensive line coach until 1970, when he was appointed head coach. He served in this capacity between 1970-73 and part of the 1974 season. In 1975 he returned as defensive line coach until 1981, and has currently served in the same role since 1985 when football was restored.

Liotta made his mark on the offensive side of the ball as an offensive guard, playing from 1949-51. As a co-captain in 1951, he earned mention on six different All-American teams. He also made an appearance on the nationally televised “Ed Sullivan Show” as a member of the *Look Magazine* All-American first-team.

Michaels was a lineman who earned honors while playing on both the offensive and defensive lines during his stay at Villanova, including a stint as captain as a senior. Competing between 1933-35, Michaels became Villanova’s first-ever All-American during the 1935 season. Following graduation he played in the NFL as well as the Canadian Football League. Michaels returned to Villanova as an assistant coach from 1951 to 1961.

The most recent player in this group was Siani. This wide receiver ranks high in most of Villanova’s receiving records, and was named a first-team All-American in 1971. He holds Villanova marks for receiving yards in a season (1,358 in 1970), and ranks second in yards receiving (2,776) in a career in just three seasons. Siani went on to play in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders and the Baltimore Colts.

The final inductee, Wysocki, played at Villanova from 1936-38 and played in Villanova’s first bowl game, the 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba. Wysocki was named a first-team All-American end two consecutive years by United Press International and in 1938 was named to six different All-American teams. In his career, he scored three touchdowns on blocked kicks.

Villanova continued the tradition in 1995, inducting three more former Wildcat greats onto the wall of honor. The 1995 inductees included Howie Long (1977-80), Jordan Olivar (player 1935, 1937, coach 1943-48) and John Sandusky (1946-49). Long is the most recent Wildcat to be honored by having his jersey retired. A defensive lineman on Coach Dick Bedesem’s teams from 1977 until 1980, he earned All-East honors as a senior. That year, he played in the Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic and was named the game’s Most Valuable Player after blocking a punt and helping his team to a 24-23 victory. Throughout his career, he tallied 313 tackles, nine quarterback sacks, five deflected passes, five fumble recoveries and one blocked kick. He went on to play 13 years in the National Football League with the Oakland and Los Angeles Raiders and was selected to the Pro Bowl 10 times.

Olivar made his mark on Villanova football history not only as a standout player, but also as one of the outstanding coaches in Wildcat history. As a player, he was co-captain and co-MVP of the 1937 squad that recorded an 8-0-1 ledger under legendary head coach Maurice “Clipper” Smith. He

returned to his alma mater six years following graduation and served as head coach from 1943 to 1948, compiling a mark of 33-20-1. His 33 wins currently ranks fourth on Villanova’s all-time coaching victory list.

Sandusky has ties to both Olivar and Long from his football career. He played three of his four seasons under Olivar while on the Main Line, where he was a four-year starter at lineman. Regarded as one of the quickest big men in the nation during his time, he earned first-team All-America honors at tackle in 1949. He went on to spend seven years in the National Football League, including six with the Cleveland Browns. Recently retired from the Miami Dolphins coaching staff, he battled Long as the Dolphins’ offensive line coach while Long was wrecking havoc as a member of the Raiders’ defensive line.

The third group of retirees were honored during the West Chester game on Friday, August 28, 1997. Three Wildcats were inducted on this night including Al Atkinson (1962-64), Eugene Filipski (1952-53) and Billy Joe (1960-62). An All-East performer, Atkinson started every game of his Villanova career and is regarded as one of the best linemen in Wildcat history. As a sophomore, Atkinson was a big contributor to the 1962 Villanova squad that earned a bid to the Liberty Bowl. Following his career on the Main Line, Atkinson went on to play for the New York Jets where he was a member of the 1969 Super Bowl Championship team.

Filipski is considered by many to be one of the best players to ever wear a Villanova uniform. A

### Wall of Fame Honorees By Year

1994	. . . . . Lou Ferry, Dominic Liotta, Ed Michaels, Mike Siani, John Wysocki
1995	. . . . . Howie Long, Jordan Olivar, John Sandusky
1997	. . . . . Al Atkinson, Eugene Filipski, Billy Joe
1998	. . . . . Paul Berardelli, Curtis Eller
2000	. . . . . Bryan Russo, Sam Gruneisen
2001	. . . . . Bob Brady, Charlie Johnson
2002	. . . . . John Mellus, Harry Stuhldreher
2003	. . . . . Brian Finneran, John Babinecz



standout running back from 1952-53, Filipki was a consensus All-American in 1952 by Look Magazine, the Football Writers Association of America and Collier's. During his two-year Wildcat career, Filipki averaged 5.9 yards per carry, still a Villanova school record. Filipki also owns school records for highest rushing average per game in a season (98.8 yards in 1952) and highest rushing average per game in a career (83.9 yards). His 889 yards rushing in 1952 ranks third all-time at Villanova for single season best rushing totals.

One of Villanova's greatest athletes, Coatesville, Pa., native Billy Joe was a standout fullback from 1960-62. In Villanova's 17-9 victory over Wichita State in the 1961 Sun Bowl, Joe earned Most Valuable Player honors. The following season, Joe was named the Outstanding Back in the 1962 Liberty Bowl. After his Wildcat career, Joe went on to enjoy a fine professional career from 1963-68 as a member of the Denver

Broncos, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins and New York Jets. In 1963, in his first season with the Broncos, he was named the AFL Rookie of the Year. Joe not only played football at Villanova, but he also excelled in track & field for legendary coach Jumbo Elliott. He still holds the five best shot put throws in Villanova history and was the first 60-foot shot putter to ever play in a football game.

On Sept. 12, 1998 at halftime of Villanova's thrilling 34-31 overtime win over Delaware, former Wildcat standouts Paul Berardelli (1985-88) and linebacker Curtis Eller (1989-92) had their jerseys retired.

Playing offensive guard for current Villanova head football coach Andy Talley, Berardelli helped lead the Wildcats to a 24-10-1 record during his four-year career. By garnering AFCA/Kodak All-America honors in 1988, he became the first Villanova player to receive All-American distinc-

tion after return of football to the school in 1985. After concluding his illustrious Villanova playing days in 1988, Berardelli went on to continue his football career as a member of the World League's London Monarchs.

Wrecking havoc for opponents at linebacker, Eller was the first Villanova player to ever earn first team All-America honors twice in his career. Leading the Wildcat team with 101 tackles in 1991, Eller helped Villanova to 10-2 and its second Yankee Conference title in three seasons. For his play he earned Yankee Conference Defensive Player of the year honors and first-team All-Yankee Conference distinction. His greatest Yankee Conference honor came later, however as Eller would become the only Villanova player named to the Yankee Conference 50th

**Howie Long, Jordan Olivar and John Sandusky represent the Wall of Fame induction class of 1995.**





Anniversary All-Time Team.

One season later, Eller received All-America and Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second straight year and All-Yankee Conference first team honors for the third straight campaign. As Wildcat team captain in 1992, he was also named The Sporting News' National Defensive Player of the Year, leading the 'Cats to a 9-3 mark, and bringing Villanova's record during the "Eller Era" to 33-14. Winding down his Villanova career in 1992, Eller signed with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

In 2000, the Wall of Fame added Sam Gruneisen and Bryan Russo. Gruneisen played for Villanova from 1958 through 1961 as both a tight end and outside linebacker. Following his playing days on the Main Line, he spent 11 seasons in the NFL playing for the San Diego Chargers and Houston Oilers. One of the top offensive linemen in the school's history, Russo made Wildcat football a household name during his four years leading the team to a combined 27-16-1 record. In 1989 as a senior, he was named a AFCA All-American, becoming only the second Villanova offensive linemen to earn All-America honors.

In 2001, the Wall of Fame welcomed two more greats in Bob Brady and Charlie Johnson. One of the members of the great 1961 Wildcat football team, Johnson's play on the offensive line was instrumental in leading the team to a victory in the Sun Bowl. In 1962, Johnson was captain of the team that lost to Oregon State in the Liberty

Bowl. He capped an outstanding three-year career, when he was selected as a first team All-America tackle by Williamson in 1962. He also earned All-America honorable mention from the Associated Press in 1962. Brady's Wildcat teams compiled a combined record of 27-14-1 and advanced to the NCAA Playoffs in 1989, the same year Brady served as team captain. Brady ranks among the top players on Villanova's career reception list, as well as on the school's career receiving yards list. His earned a number of honors including 1989 first team All-East and 1989 first team All-Yankee Conference.

On Oct. 5, 2002, Villanova honored two Wildcat football legends as members of the Villanova Wall of Fame "Class of 2002" - Harry Stuhldreher and John Mellus. Stuhldreher was a member of the University of Notre Dame's famed "Four Horsemen". A 5-7, 151-pounder, Stuhldreher could do it all as a quarterback with an accurate throwing arm, as well as tremendous all-around performer with punt return skills and blocking ability. Following his playing career, began an impressive coaching career. He came to Villanova in 1925 and served as head coach for 10 years during which time he guided the 'Cats to an impressive 65-25-9 record. Mellus played tackle as Villanova from 1935-37 and led the Wildcats to a 22-4-2 overall record. As a junior in 1936, he helped Villanova to a 7-2-1 final record and a berth in the Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba, where the Wildcats and the Auburn Tigers played

**Villanova's first two-time First Team All-American, Curtis Eller, was inducted to the Wall of Fame in 1998.**

to a 7-7 tie. This was Villanova's first-ever football bowl game.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, Villanova retired the jerseys of former Wildcat greats Brian Finneran (No. 25) and John Babinecz (No. 64) during a halftime ceremony of Villanova's homecoming game with the University of Massachusetts.

A four-year starter from 1994-97, Finneran finished his Main Line career as the most decorated wideout in school history. In 44 career games, he tallied 265 receptions for 3,872 yards and 34 touchdowns. In 1997, Finneran won the Walter Payton Award given to the top player in Division I-AA football and is still the only receiver to earn the prestigious award. Also, in 1997, he garnered both the Atlantic 10 and ECAC Offensive Player of the Year Awards. Finneran still owns 14 school records including career receptions, receiving yards, receiving touchdowns and single game receptions.

Babinecz was a standout linebacker at Villanova from 1969-71. A three-year starter, he was named captain of the 1971 Wildcat squad. A three-time All-East performer, Babinecz helped lead Villanova to an impressive 21-9-1 record during his Wildcat career. In June of 1972, he was named the College Athlete of the Month by *Sport Magazine*.