

2010 PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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THE SERIES

- Presbyterian College and Wake Forest will be meeting for the 11th time this Thursday with the Demon Deacons leading the series, 5-4-1.

- Wake Forest has won the last five games in the series, including a 53-9 victory on Nov. 3, 1945 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

- The two squads have not met since PC began making the move to Division I.

JUST FOR OPENERS

- Since moving to Division I in 2007, the Blue Hose are 0-3 in season openers.

- The game marks the fourth consecutive season that PC has played its season opener on the road. After making the trip to Furman in 2007, the Blue Hose stayed close to home as it made the trek to Spartanburg, S.C., to play Wofford in 2008.

- This will be the first trip out of the state of S.C. for PC in a season opener since 2006, when the squad traveled to West Georgia on August 26, winning 10-0.

- Over the last 10 seasons, PC is just 2-8 in its season openers. The Blue Hose lost to West Georgia from 2000-2003, lost to Cumberland in 2004, defeated West Georgia in 2005 (48-13), traveled to West Georgia in 2006 and won (10-0), lost at Furman in 2007 (40-16), lost at Wofford in 2008 (38-21) and dropped the opener at Furman, 45-21 a year ago.

- When the ball is kicked off in Winston-Salem, it marks the first time that PC has faced a BCS school since making the move to Division I.

- Second-year head coach Harold Nichols has a big challenge ahead of him against Wake Forest. Presbyterian College is 11-51-3 for season openers on the road (this does not count the few neutral site season-opening games).

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
BLUE HOSE
0-0, 0-0 BIG SOUTH

WAKE FOREST
DEMON DEACONS
0-0, 0-0 ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Thursday, Sep. 2, 2010
Kickoff: 6:30 p.m.

BB&T Field
(31,500)
Winston-Salem, N.C.
ESPN3.com
Commentators: Ryan Rose/Warrick Dunn
Series vs. WF: WF leads, 5-4-1
Series Streak: Wake Forest 5

THIRD SEASON-OPENER ON 9/2

- Presbyterian College is looking for its second victory all-time on Sept. 2. PC's first-ever game played on this date was in 1978. The team traveled to Mars Hill, winning 13-10 in the season opener. The Blue Hose also opened the year on Sept. 2 in 2000, falling at West Georgia, 45-14. The only other time PC has ever played on Sept. 2 came in 2006. That season, the Blue Hose traveled to Charleston Southern in the second game of the year. PC fell to the Bucs 21-13.

- PC is looking for its first season-opening win since making the move to Division I in 2007. The Blue Hose have lost three consecutive season openers, all of which have come on the road.

THE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Head coach Harold Nichols had one of the youngest teams in the nation last year, and will again in 2010. This season, he has just five fifth-year student-athletes on the team.
- ✓ This will be the fourth consecutive season that PC has opened the year on the road since moving to Division I.
- ✓ Coaches on PC's staff that have ACC ties. Those coaches are Andrew Ford, Tom Evangelista and Brandon Sarver.
- ✓ The Blue Hose are playing their first-ever game against a BCS school in football since moving to Division I.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

- 10** Wins the Blue Hose compiled in the team's first three years of Division I play. PC won six in 2007 and four in 2008.
- 9** Fumbles forced by the 2009 PC defense; it is also the number of true seniors on the 2010 roster.
- 8** Redshirt-senior Brian Leonardi led the defense with eight tackles for loss (27 total yards) during the 2009 season.
- 7** Jersey number assigned to true freshman Jimmy Pruitt. The CB from Orlando Fla., could see significant playing time this season.
- 6** Consecutive weeks that the Blue Hose will finish the season after their one off week - Oct. 9.
- 5** Rusing touchdowns by redshirt-senior running back Trandon Dendy during the 2009 campaign through eight games before being injured.
- 4** Number of years that PC football has been broadcast by WLBG. The two signed a three-year deal prior to the 2007 campaign and resigned for the 2010 year.
- 3** Kicks blocked by junior Justin Bethel a season ago.
- 2** Players on PC's roster that were at service academies a year ago. Blake Dowd (Air Force) and Kevin Flanagan (West Point) are now both on the offensive line.
- 1** Collegiate pass thrown by redshirt-senior Myron Gary during his career. That pass was a 27-yard touchdown strike to Parker Fleming on a fake punt.

Trying To Tie The Series

The Presbyterian College football team will attempt to tie the all-time series record against the Demon Deacons. Currently, Wake Forest is 5-4-1 against the Blue Hose. PC won four of the first five in the series, with one being a scoreless tie in 1929. The Demon Deacons have won the last five in the series, with the last being a 53-0 victory in 1945. This will also be the earliest that the teams have ever squared off.

10/16/26	13	0
10/7/27	13	6
10/6/28	12	7
11/19/29	0	0
11/8/30	13	0
11/7/31	0	12
10/19/34	6	14
11/2/35	0	18
10/31/36	0	19
11/3/45	0	53

Byrd Flying High

Sophomore Lance Byrd is coming off a spectacular rookie campaign in which he rushed for a team-best 700 yards on 127 carries for a 5.5 average. He also chipped in four touchdowns on the season. Byrd, who earned his first career start in the ninth game of the season which came against Charleston Southern, rushed for a single-game school-record 274 yards on 33 attempts. For good measure, Byrd rushed for 148 yards the following week, in a close loss at Coastal Carolina. He wrapped up the year with 60 rushing yards against Gardner-Webb. In total, Byrd galloped for 482 yards over the last three games on 76 carries for 6.3 yards per rush. Over the first eight games of the year, he only carried the ball 51 times for 218 yards, which was good for nearly 4.3 yards a carry.

Dual Threat

Lance Byrd was not just a threat on the ground. Although he averaged 5.5 yards a rush on the season, he had solid hands coming out of the backfield, mainly as the last read. Byrd caught 22 passes for 158 yards for an average of 7.2 yards per catch.

Five Fifth-Year Players

Although the PC football team was extremely young last year – and is relatively young again – the Blue Hose have five redshirt-seniors on the 2010 team. Robert Bumgarner, Brian Leonardi and Andrew Newton have been with the Blue Hose all five seasons while Trandon Dendy (Mars Hill) and Myron Gary (Georgia Tech) have decided to complete their collegiate careers with PC.

Streaking Is Not A Good Thing

The Presbyterian College football team currently has the longest losing streak in FCS at 14 games. The Blue Hose last won a game Nov. 1, 2008 against top-20 Liberty by a 31-28 margin. PC has been within a touchdown on a couple of occasions, but has not been able to get back in the win column.

Three-Headed Monster

Late in the 2009 season, PC established a tremendous one-two punch in the backfield, albeit not at the same time. When Trandon Dendy went down with an injury at Liberty, he was the only Big South Conference running back who had led his team in rushing in every game. The following week, Lance Byrd earned his first career start and promptly broke the school's single-game rushing record in front of the home crowd against Charleston Southern. During 2009, true freshman Seth Moreland redshirted. As a redshirt-freshman, Moreland has not only packed on muscle to his frame, but he has also provided another dimension to the backfield. A talented runner, Moreland will get his carries for the Blue Hose this fall.

It's Not The First Time

The Presbyterian College football team arguably has its toughest schedule in the school's history this season. However, the Blue Hose are used to opening the season with tough opponents. In the past, PC has opened its season with back-to-back games against institutions now in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

In 1937, the Blue Hose hit the road for games at Clemson and Georgia Tech. That season, PC went 0-10 under legendary coach Walter Johnson. During the 1935 and 1936 seasons, the Blue Hose took on three teams that are now in the ACC. In 1935, PC opened at Clemson and at Georgia Tech before traveling to Wake Forest later that season. A year later, the Blue Hose once again opened at Clemson and Georgia Tech before a Halloween day loss at Wake Forest. In those six combined games, PC scored just six points, coming in the 1935 season opener against the Tigers.

Miley Making A Name For Himself

Redshirt-junior Brandon Miley, who has secured the starting quarterback spot for the opener, has increased his touchdown passes in each of the last two years after redshirting in 2007. During his redshirt-freshman campaign, Miley completed a career-high 34 passes for 331 yards at Gardner-Webb. In PC's last win, he tossed 21 completions for 301 yards and two touchdowns. In all, he recorded 1,712 passing yards and connected on eight touchdowns while splitting time with Tim Webb. As the two shared time a year ago, Miley got the starting nod in seven games. He then amassed 1,736 yards on 151 completions with 11 touchdown throws. In three of the last four games, he had over 200 yards passing. The one time he didn't was when he came in for the fourth quarter at Liberty. Against the Big South Conference champion, he recorded six completions for 99 yards and two touchdowns.

Familiarity

Presbyterian College tight ends coach, Brandon Sarver, has some familiarity with the Wake Forest staff. Sarver, a letterwinner at Georgia during his playing days, was on the Wake Forest staff for three seasons. Sarver served as the defensive graduate assistant in 2005 with the Demon Deacons. In 2006, he moved to the offensive side of the ball as a GA. That year, Wake Forest won the ACC Championship and played in the Orange Bowl. In his final year on the staff, he was the football operations assistant. While in Winston-Salem, he coached NFL players Josh Gattis, Alphonso Smith and future NFL defensive backs Chip Vaughn and Eric King. When he moved to the offensive side, he worked with the offensive line and tight ends, including coaching NFL players Steve Justice, Steve Vallos and John Tereschinski.

Familiarity – Part II

Redshirt-freshman Trent Bailey, who was injured during preseason camp, is a wide receiver from Enoree, S.C., where he attended Woodruff H.S. Trent's older brother, Trey, played center at Wake Forest. There, he was a four-year letterwinner.

Getting Back To Form

Redshirt-senior Robert Bumgarner and senior Cam Miller hope to return to their 2008 form. After having a 2009 season that was as successful as 2008, each hopes to go out in fine style. Bumgarner ranked among the top tight ends in 2008 in the Big South for receiving yards with 206. Kicker Cam Miller was solid in 2008, knocking through a season-long field goal of 30 yards at Charleston Southern. In 2007, he posted the PC single-season accuracy mark by connecting on 7-9 field goals, including a career-long 40.

Trandon's Trek Back

Redshirt-senior Trandon Dendy is aiming at making the 2009 campaign a memorable one. In his first year with his hometown school after transferring from Mars Hill, he accounted for

554 yards and 696 all-purpose yards despite being hurt during the eighth game of the season. Dendy twice rushed for over 100 yards, including a career-high 147 at The Citadel. That game, Dendy's highlight run came on a 40-yard touchdown scamper on fourth-and-one.

Getting Good Field Position

Senior Tyler Robbins came up big for much of the 2009 season, helping PC out in the field position battle. One of the top kick returners in the Big South, Robbins returned 27 kick-offs for 558 yards on the season, including a season-high 51-yard return at Stony Brook.

More Ties To The ACC

Although PC is playing its first two games against BCS conference schools since moving to Division I, many of the Blue Hose players have ties to ACC schools. Robert Bumgarner's father Tim played offensive tackle at Duke and his grandfather, Dwight, played DE/TE on the Blue Devils' 1961 Cotton Bowl team. Bumgarner's uncle Bill played DE at North Carolina. Trent Bailey's brother Trey played center for Wake Forest. JUCO transfer Kyle Sharman's grandfather played baseball at Georgia Tech and his dad's half brother was a running back at Clemson. Numerous other players on the team played with current ACC players.

Overcoming All Odds

It takes tremendous drive to do the impossible. After going 0-11 in 2009, people automatically discount PC when taking on FBS schools the first two weeks. If anything, PC's student-athletes know about doing the impossible. Sophomore Mark Williams Jr., is a native of New Orleans, La. He lived through Hurricane Katrina. Junior Kyle Sharman lacerated his kidney during his sophomore year of high school. Doctors said he would never play sports again. Yet, both will be on the field for the 2010 season.

Terrific Tandem

The defensive numbers were not great in 2009. However, that was due to a lot of youth in many positions. This year, the defensive side of the ball has improved immensely. Two of the players that will lead the PC defense resurgence are Justin Bethel and Derek Brown. In 2009, Bethel led the team with 79 total tackles, including 55 solo stops. He also chipped in with 4.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, three pass break-ups, forced a fumble and blocked three kicks. Brown was second on the team with 60 stops and 4.5 tackles for loss. He had a sack, forced a fumble and recovered one. The duo has teamed up together since their days at Blythewood H.S.

Making Their Mark

In Phil Steele's preseason football magazine, six Presbyterian College student-athletes earned all-conference honors. Junior Max Travis earned first-team all-conference accolades from his offensive tackle position. Center Jared Tavernier, running back Lance Byrd and wide receiver Patrick McKoy garnered second-team honors on the offensive side of the ball. Defensively, Justin Bethel earned a spot on the second team while Tyler Robbins was tabbed second-team kick returner.

2010 Schedule

9/2	at Wake Forest	6:30 pm
9/11	at Clemson	3:30 pm
9/18	at The Citadel	7 pm
9/25	NORTH GREENVILLE	12 pm
10/2	at VMI*	1:30 pm
10/16	COASTAL CAROLINA*	2 pm
10/23	at Gardner-Webb*	1:30 pm
10/30	LIBERTY*	1:30 pm
11/6	STONY BROOK*	1 pm
11/13	at Charleston Southern*	1:30 pm
11/20	DAVIDSON	1 pm

* Big South Conference Game
BOLD CAPS Home Game

2010 ROSTER

1	Brian Wilson	CB	5-8	175	Sr.	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter H.S.)
2	CeeJay Harris	LB	5-10	225	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif. (Cerritos)
3	Patrick McKoy	WR	6-0	175	Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C. (Douglas Byrd H.S.)
4	Jabri Ridenhour	WR	5-10	186	Fr.	Troy, N.C. (Western Guilford H.S.)
5	Ryan Singer	QB	6-4	180	Fr.	Dunedin, Fla. (Dunedin H.S.)
6	Antarius Terrell	CB	5-10	165	So.	Covington, Ga. (Eastside H.S.)
7	Jimmy Pruitt	CB	5-10	170	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater H.S.)
9	Damon Lawrence	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bartram Trail H.S.)
10	Cedric Byrd	S	5-10	175	Fr.	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek H.S.)
12	Fred Marshall	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Ocilla, Ga. (Irwin County H.S.)
13	Chad Sanders	QB	6-2	225	Fr.	St. Simons, Ga. (Glynn Academy)
14	Michael Ruff	WR	5-8	175	RSo.	Whitmire, S.C. (Whitmire H.S.)
15	Seth Moreland	RB	5-9	180	RFr.	Conway, S.C. (Conway H.S.)
16	Myron Gary	QB	6-1	223	RSr.	New Ellenton, S.C. (Georgia Tech)
17	Brandon Miley	QB	6-2	225	RJr.	Wilmington, N.C. (JT Hoggard H.S.)
18	Anderico Bailey	WR	6-2	175	So.	Covington, Ga. (Eastside H.S.)
19	Arthur Williams	WR	6-3	210	Fr.	Baxley, Ga. (Appling County H.S.)
20	Tyler Watkins	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Fort Mill, S.C. (Indian Land H.S.)
21	Mark Williams	CB	5-9	180	So.	Lithia Springs, Ga. (Carver H.S.)
23	Greg Palmer	DB	6-0	185	RFr.	Flowery Branch, Ga. (Flowery Branch)
24	Lance Byrd	RB	5-8	185	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Stanton College)
25	Isaiah Lynn	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	Fort Lawn, S.C. (Great Falls H.S.)
26	Justin Bethel	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood H.S.)
27	Rossi Thompson	CB	5-10	170	RFr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bishop-Kenny)
28	Drew Swick	DB	6-1	185	RSo.	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Collins Hill)
29	Jeremy Cole	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	Columbia, S.C. (Ridgeview H.S.)
30	Jarrold Watts	DB	5-11	180	RJr.	Greer, S.C. (Riverside H.S.)
31	Montel Hughes	LB	5-11	187	Fr.	North Augusta, S.C. (North Augusta)
32	TJ Devine	FB	5-10	215	RSo.	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter H.S.)
33	Matthan Burton	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	Temple, Ga. (Temple H.S.)
34	Trandon Dendy	RB	5-9	215	RSr.	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens H.S.)
35	LJ Perry	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	Augusta, Ga. (North Augusta H.S.)
36	James Roberts	DB	5-11	178	Jr.	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon H.S.)
37	Jeremy Tommie	K	5-9	170	Fr.	Greenwood, S.C. (Emerald H.S.)
38	Ryan Hall	OL	6-0	258	RSo.	Ladson, S.C. (Fort Dorchester)
39	Thomas King	WR	6-2	180	RFr.	Charleston, S.C. (Bishop England H.S.)
40	James Willet	LB	6-0	217	RJr.	Greer, S.C. (Greer H.S.)
41	Joe Wideman	OLB	6-2	190	RSo.	Belton, S.C. (Belton Honea Path)
42	Brian Leonardi	DE	6-3	223	RSr.	Aiken, S.C. (Aiken H.S.)
43	Shawn Armstrong	FB	5-11	210	So.	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter H.S.)
44	Nathaniel Wuellner	LB	6-2	210	RJr.	St. Augustine, Fla. (St. Augustine)
45	Aaron Mayes	K	5-10	170	So.	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood H.S.)
46	Patrick Morgano	K	6-2	205	So.	Greenville, S.C. (Wade Hampton H.S.)
47	Marcelis Thompson	DB	5-8	185	Fr.	Edgefield, S.C. (Strom Thurmond H.S.)
48	Chris Perdomo	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Easley, S.C. (Wren H.S.)
49	J.J. Russell	S	5-11	190	So.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Wesleyan H.S.)
50	Billy Kaylor	OL	6-4	279	RJr.	Villa Rica, Ga. (Villa Rica H.S.)
51	Derek Brown	LB	6-2	229	Sr.	Ridgeway, S.C. (Blythewood H.S.)
52	Chris Beitz	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Seneca, S.C. (Seneca H.S.)
53	Andrew Williams	OL	6-5	280	So.	Townville, S.C. (Pendleton H.S.)
54	Justin Frierson	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington H.S.)
55	Collin Cole	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Palm Harbor, Fla. (East Lake H.S.)
56	Tim Fowler	OL	6-2	270	RFr.	Aynor, S.C. (Conway H.S.)
57	Matthew Roper	DL	6-1	280	RFr.	Raleigh, N.C. (Broughton H.S.)
59	Dillon Gary	DE	6-2	215	Fr.	Greenwood, S.C. (Emerald H.S.)
61	James Festa	OL	6-2	275	RFr.	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood H.S.)
62	Andrew Newton	OL	6-1	280	RSr.	Sautee, Ga. (White County H.S.)
63	Joe Ben Frye	OL	6-0	240	RSo.	Gaffney, S.C. (Gaffney H.S.)
64	Bryan Shepherd	DL	6-0	275	RFr.	Ellenwood, Ga. (Chamblee H.S.)
65	Jared Tavernier	OL	5-10	264	Sr.	Anderson, S.C. (Belton-Honea Path)
66	Grayson Sumner	OL	6-2	299	Sr.	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington H.S.)
67	Tyler Phillips	OL	6-4	275	RFr.	Spartanburg, S.C. (Boiling Springs)
68	Teddy Goodson	LB	5-10	220	Fr.	Jacksonville, N.C. (White Oak H.S.)

69	Kevin Flanagan	OL	6-4	285	RFr.	Charlotte, N.C. (West Point)
70	Blake Dowd	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	Columbia, S.C. (Air Force)
72	Stephon Williams	OL	6-2	290	RSo.	Belton, S.C. (Belton Honea Path)
74	Murphy Frankhouser	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	Sylvania, Ga. (Screven County H.S.)
75	Michael Butler	OL	6-3	290	Sr.	Dacula, Ga. (Dacula H.S.)
76	Max Travis	OL	6-3	280	Jr.	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork H.S.)
77	Evan Merritt	OL	6-4	250	RSo.	Taylor, S.C. (Blue Ridge H.S.)
80	Joey Gilkey	TE	6-2	240	Fr.	Woodstock, Ga. (Etowah H.S.)
81	Tyler Robbins	WR	6-1	180	Sr.	Homewood, Ala. (Homewood H.S.)
82	Thomas Ligon	WR	5-9	160	RSo.	Georgetown, S.C. (Waccamaw)
83	Hunter Counts	WR	5-11	161	RFr.	Lexington, S.C. (White Knoll H.S.)
84	Robert Bumgarner	TE	6-5	241	RSr.	Durham, N.C. (CE Jordan H.S.)
85	Clint Carpenter	TE	6-2	225	Fr.	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington H.S.)
86	Trent Bailey	WR	6-0	190	RFr.	Enoree, S.C. (Woodruff H.S.)
87	Justin Gillespie	WR	5-10	180	RSo.	Raleigh, N.C. (Chapel Hill H.S.)
88	Derrick Overholt	WR	6-2	200	RSo.	Tryon, N.C. (Polk County H.S.)
89	Cam Miller	K	5-9	170	Sr.	Lyman, S.C. (Byrnes H.S.)
90	Donovan Thomas	DE	6-2	240	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga. (Oconee County)
91	Connor Hawkins	DE	6-2	240	RSo.	Seneca, S.C. (Seneca H.S.)
92	Iouli Burroughs	DE	6-0	220	RSo.	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork H.S.)
93	Parrish Walker	DL	6-1	265	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Olympia H.S.)
94	Keyadd Miller	DE	6-2	231	RFr.	Fort Mill, S.C. (Indian Land H.S.)
95	Josh Polk	DE	6-1	225	Fr.	Lithonia, Ga. (Stephenson H.S.)
96	Kyle Sharman	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Redondo Beach, Calif. (La Harbor)
97	Brian Davis	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Providence Day)
98	Xavier Boatwright	DL	6-5	240	RSo.	Manning, S.C. (Manning H.S.)
99	Derren Evans	DE	6-2	235	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Wesleyan H.S.)
	JL Cannady	QB	6-0	195	RSo.	Brandenburg, Ky. (Meade County)
	Ellis Hammond	QB	5-11	175	RFr.	Monks Corner, S.C. (SJCA)
	Ed Loughlin	K	5-6	180	RFr.	Newnan, Ga. (Heritage School)

2010 Pronunciation Guide

Iouli Burroughs - U-Lee

Jared Tavernier - Tav-er-near

Nathaniel Wuellner - Well-ner

Arthur Williams - Ar-tour

2010 Signing Class

4	Jabri Ridenhour	WR	5-10	186	Fr.	Troy, N.C. (Western Guilford H.S.)
5	Ryan Singer	QB	6-4	180	Fr.	Dunedin, Fla. (Dunedin H.S.)
7	Jimmy Pruitt	CB	5-10	170	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater H.S.)
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74	Murphy Frankhouser	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	Sylvania, Ga. (Screven County H.S.)
80	Joey Gilkey	TE	6-2	240	Fr.	Woodstock, Ga. (Etowah H.S.)
96	Kyle Sharman	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Redondo Beach, Calif. (La Harbor)
90	Donovan Thomas	DE	6-2	240	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga. (Oconee County H.S.)
93	Parrish Walker	DL	6-1	265	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Olympia H.S.)
95	Josh Polk	DE	6-1	225	Fr.	Lithonia, Ga. (stephenson H.S.)



On January 14, 2009, Presbyterian College Athletics Director Dr. William Carlton announced the hiring of Harold Nichols as the head football coach.

Nichols, a 1989 alumnus of PC, came back to the Blue Hose family from Bucknell, where he was the offensive coordinator and assistant coach since January 2008.

In his first season, Nichols guided PC through its most difficult Division I schedule. Three of his student-athletes earned all-conference honors. Defensive standout Justin Bethel, in addition to wide receiver Patrick McKoy and long snapper Matt Quinn earned second-team accolades.

Under Nichols' watch, newcomers Lance Byrd and Patrick Morgano accounted for four Big South Conference Freshman of the Week honors. One such award for Byrd came on the heels of his school-record 274 rushing yards in his first career start.

In 2008, the Bison racked up 24.6 points per contest in Nichols' lone season with the squad. He helped guide the offense to a season-high 48 points in the season-opening victory over Duquesne, 48-42. In addition to his offensive coordinator duties, Nichols also coached the quarterbacks and running backs. Nichols coached all-conference selection Shawn Pasternak, who totaled a school-record 72 catches for 1,083 yards and 12 touchdowns. His quarterbacks combined to pass for 158-258 (61 percent) and 2,063 yards for 20 touchdowns against just seven interceptions.

Under Nichols, the offense amassed its highest points per game average since 2004, tallying 269 points for the season. The team was just three points shy of eighth place on the program's all-time list. Nichols' spread option attack resulted in Bucknell throwing for more than 2,000 yards for the first time since 2001. In the vaunted running attack, six different student-athletes registered at least 100 yards on the ground, totalling more than 1,600 rushing yards for the season.

Prior to joining Bucknell, Nichols was the associate head coach and offensive coordinator at Rhode Island beginning in April 2000. He also coached the quarterbacks and running backs. Nichols led the Rams to a three-win turnaround during his first year with the program.

At Rhode Island, Nichols called all of the offensive plays and worked daily with the Rams' quarterbacks and running backs. He played a major role in turning the Rhode Island offense into one of the top ground attacks in the FCS. The Rams broke the school rushing record in each of his first four seasons in Kingston, including a 4,005-yard ground attack in 2003 that ranked No. 2 in the nation and shattered both Rhode Island and Atlantic 10 records.

In 2005, Rhode Island ranked third in the nation in rushing and led the Atlantic 10 with 318.6 yards per game along with 31 touchdowns. It was also the second-highest rushing total in school history.

For all his hard work, Nichols was promoted to the associate head coach prior to his sixth season as the Rams' offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and running backs coach. In December 2006, Nichols was recognized as the Michael Campbell Top Assistant Coach Award by the All-America Football

Foundation at a banquet held in Newton, Mass.

In 2000, the Rams rang up a then-school record 2,244 yards on the ground. In 2001, the squad piled up 2,565 yards for a 233.2 average, which was the third highest in the Atlantic 10 and a new school record. The Rams topped that total by amassing 2,904 yards in 2002.

After graduating from Presbyterian College in 1989 with a degree in political science and a minor in physical education, Nichols began his coaching career on the Blue Hose sideline in 1990. As an assistant coach, he worked with the quarterbacks and running backs while serving dual roles as he was also the director of campus life for the team members.

In July 1992, Nichols started his coaching tenure with Georgia Southern as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. There, he worked with a variety of student-athletes including wide receivers, running backs, defensive ends, kickers and specialists. His responsibilities included assignment of coaches, being in charge of all visits (official and unofficial), evaluations and all NCAA compliance matters. He helped guide the team to the 1993 Southern Conference title and two Division I-AA playoff berths (1993, 1995).

In each of those years, the team won its first-round game before falling to the eventual national champion (Youngstown State and Montana) and finished 10-3. In five years, Nichols helped the Eagles to a 33-15 mark.

Nichols returned to PC in December of 1996 in the same role he had at Georgia Southern. In his return to PC, Nichols coached the wide receivers, kickers and specialists. He helped head coach Daryl Dickey take the Blue Hose from 5-6 in 1997 to 8-3 and 7-4 the next two seasons before taking the job at Rhode Island.

A standout recruiter, Nichols has recruited in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, North Carolina and South Carolina.

He and his wife, Dee, have an older daughter, Cassie, and twins, Corey and Cameron.

WHAT IS A BLUE HOSE?

"A Blue Hose is a fierce Scotch-Irish warrior. If you have ever seen the movie Braveheart, you have seen a true Blue Hose."

Despite this depiction, it still has been asked many times where Presbyterian College received its Blue Hose nickname. Several rumors exist and Ray Frank in his book, "What's In A Nickname" delved into the subject. Frank discovered that there were many opinions. One story had it that the Presbyterian Scotch-Irish wore blue stockings in the Puritan beginnings of our country. Another said that a fierce war-like band of Scotch-Irish named the Hose painted their entire bodies blue before going into battle. Yet, probably the true story lies in a letter dated June 15, 1935, written by then PC athletic director Walter Johnson to an inquiring English professor in Virginia ... (quoting from Walter Johnson's letter) 'It was about the second or third year, 1915, if I remember right. I think it happened this way: I changed uniform colors to blue, wearing blue stockings and jerseys, and some sports writer started calling in his articles the Presbyterian College teams the Blue Stockings.' ... in later years "Stocking" became abbreviated to "the Hose," particularly in newspaper headlines, and was more or less officially adopted by the student body in the 1950's.

All the PC media guides since 1996 continued to elaborate on the issue, quoting an article by Ben Hay Hammet entitled "The Spirit of PC." The piece by Hammet articulated that, "Johnson always insisted on the fact that his players wear long blue socks similar to stockings (after all, there were White Sox and Red Sox in baseball).

Coach Johnson's explanation may simply be coincidental to the fact that the phrase "Blue Stocking Presbyterian" goes back informally quite a few years in the denomination's history." Nevertheless, PC's athletic nickname was shortened to Blue Hose in 1954.

2009 TEAM STATISTICS

Team Statistics	PC	OPP
SCORING	214	441
Points Per Game	19.5	40.1
FIRST DOWNS	220	265
Rushing	74	128
Passing	121	118
Penalty	25	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	1267	2648
Yards gained rushing	1573	2903
Yards lost rushing	306	255
Rushing Attempts	338	482
Average Per Rush	3.7	5.5
Average Per Game	115.2	240.7
TDs Rushing	12	28
PASSING YARDAGE	2596	2607
Comp-Att-Int	228-411-26	189-295-4
Average Per Pass	6.3	8.8
Average Per Catch	11.4	13.8
Average Per Game	236.0	237.0
TDs Passing	16	29
TOTAL OFFENSE	3863	5255
Total Plays	749	777
Average Per Play	5.2	6.8
Average Per Game	351.2	477.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	71-1293	33-617
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-39	15-98
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-31	26-416
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.2	18.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.6	6.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	7.8	16.0
FUMBLES-LOST	18-11	20-13
PENALTIES-Yards	61-580	82-779
Average Per Game	52.7	70.8
PUNTS-Yards	47-1746	35-1221
Average Per Punt	37.1	34.9
Net punt average	33.8	32.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:41	31:14
3RD-DOWN Conversions	61/158	69/135
3rd-Down Pct	39%	51%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	9/27	7/11
4th-Down Pct	33%	64%
SACKS BY-Yards	14-99	30-186
MISC YARDS	-17	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	28	60
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-13	11-16
ON-SIDE KICKS	2-7	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	23-34 68%	51-61 84%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	17-34 50%	41-61 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	24-27 89%	48-57 84%
ATTENDANCE	13450	69423
Games/Avg Per Game	5/2690	6/11570
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Presbyterian College	23	65	33	93	0	214
Opponents	103	115	125	98	0	441

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
BYRD, L.	11	127	718	18	700	5.5	4	48	63.6
DENDY, T.	8	133	596	42	554	4.2	5	40	69.2
RUFF, M.	9	9	130	0	130	14.4	1	44	14.4
BETHEL, J.	11	1	26	0	26	26.0	0	26	2.4
SMITH, B.	11	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9	0.8
THOMASON, JR	6	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
MCKOY, P.	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
ROBBINS, T.	9	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
MORGANO, P.	11	1	0	14	-14	-14.0	0	0	-1.3
TEAM	8	2	0	15	-15	-7.5	0	0	-1.9
MILEY, B.	11	45	77	137	-60	-1.3	2	10	-5.5
WEBB, T.	9	16	17	78	-61	-3.8	0	7	-6.8
Total	11	338	1573	306	1267	3.7	12	48	115.2
Opponents	11	482	2903	255	2648	5.5	28	49	240.7

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
MILEY, B.	11	109.10	151-276-16	54.7	1736	11	50	157.8
WEBB, T.	9	105.03	75-131-10	57.3	826	4	68	91.8
FLEMING, P.	9	158.80	1-1-0	100.0	7	0	7	0.8
SMITH, B.	11	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	8	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
GARY, M.	2	656.80	1-1-0	100.0	27	1	27	13.5
Total	11	108.73	228-411-26	55.5	2596	16	68	236.0
Opponents	11	168.03	189-295-4	64.1	2607	29	60	237.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MCKOY, P.	11	47	615	13.1	4	44	55.9
ADEGBOLA, S.	10	28	602	21.5	5	68	60.2
BAILEY, A.	9	27	207	7.7	0	21	23.0
BYRD, L.	11	22	158	7.2	0	18	14.4
QUINN, M.	10	20	300	15.0	1	50	30.0
DENDY, T.	8	18	142	7.9	1	25	17.8
SMITH, B.	11	17	128	7.5	0	21	11.6
FROST, D.	11	16	128	8.0	0	22	11.6
ROBBINS, T.	9	8	84	10.5	1	22	9.3
WILSON, S.	11	7	42	6.0	0	12	3.8
ARMSTRONG, S.	11	6	59	9.8	1	14	5.4
RUFF, M.	9	4	39	9.8	1	19	4.3
BUMGARNER, R.	11	4	38	9.5	1	20	3.5
FLEMING, P.	9	2	40	20.0	1	27	4.4
COLE, J.	11	1	9	9.0	0	9	0.8
MERRITT, E.	6	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.8
Total	11	228	2596	11.4	16	68	236.0
Opponents	11	189	2607	13.8	29	60	237.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SMITH, B.	4	12	3.0	0	8
LAWRENCE, D.	1	1	1.0	0	1
DAVIS, B.	1	16	16.0	0	0
SMILEY, B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
EVANS, D.	0	10	0.0	0	10
Total	7	39	5.6	0	10
Opponents	15	98	6.5	0	31

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
LAWRENCE, D.	2	17	8.5	0	17
SMILEY, B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
FUNDERBURK, T.	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	4	31	7.8	0	17
Opponents	26	416	16.0	3	100

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
ROBBINS, T.	27	558	20.7	0	51
SMITH, B.	25	436	17.4	0	32
RUFF, M.	12	235	19.6	0	30
HOUSTON, Z.	3	21	7.0	0	14
ADEGBOLA, S.	1	0	0.0	0	0
WILSON, S.	1	40	40.0	0	40
SMILEY, B.	1	3	3.0	0	3
BUMGARNER, R.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	71	1293	18.2	0	51
Opponents	33	617	18.7	0	47

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
LEONARDI, B.	1	48	48.0	0	48
LAWRENCE, D.	1	6	6.0	0	6
WILSON, B.	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	3	76	25.3	0	48
Opponents	2	30	15.0	0	26

DID YOU KNOW?

The play-by-play commentator for the game, Ryan Rose, attended Wingate University when Presbyterian College offensive coordinator Doug Malone was the head coach.

Color commentator Warrick Dunn is broadcasting his first career game since retiring from the NFL. If anything, Dunn will thrive just as he did in a couple of other firsts during his playing days. On Aug. 28, 1993, Dunn rushed eight times for 68 yards in his collegiate debut - a 42-0 shutout of Kansas in the Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J. In his professional debut with Tampa Bay on Aug. 31, 1997, Dunn had eight rushes for 37 yards and caught two passes for four yards in the Bucs' 13-6 victory over San Francisco.

In Dunn's only collegiate game ever played on Sept. 2, he had nine carries for 124 yards helping No. 1 FSU to a 70-26 victory over Duke in Orlando in 1995. Dunn had two receptions for 13 yards and completed one pass for a 55-yard gain.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
			ua	a	tot		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
26	BETHEL, J.	11	55	24	79	4.5-27	1.5-17	.	3	.	.	1	3	.
51	BROWN, D.	11	29	31	60	4.5-15	1.0-11	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
7	TRIBBLE, B.	11	27	26	53	0.5-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
42	LEONARDI, B.	11	19	32	51	8.0-27	1.5-12	.	1	4	1-48	.	.	.
48	THOMAS, S.	9	28	18	46	2.0-5	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
11	ASH, D.	11	25	18	43	2.0-8	1.0-5	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
9	LAWRENCE, D.	11	17	20	37	1.5-4	.	2-17	2	.	1-6	.	.	.
3	WILSON, B.	11	24	11	35	.	.	.	.	.	1-22	.	1	.
99	EVANS, D.	11	13	21	34	7.0-35	4.0-28	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
37	NORMAN, C.	11	21	8	29	3.5-16	.	.	2	1	2-0	.	.	.
97	DAVIS, B.	11	13	13	26	4.0-19	2.0-12	.	2	1	.	1	2	.
21	WILLIAMS, M.	10	14	11	25	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
20	SMILEY, B.	11	13	12	25	3.0-11	.	1-0	2	2	1-0	1	.	.
44	FREEMAN, M.	11	7	17	24	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
56	EPPS, D.	11	8	14	22	4.0-15	1.0-7	.	.	4	2-0	.	1	.
10	TERRELL, A.	11	15	5	20	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
35	FUNDERBURK, T.	6	11	7	18	.	.	1-14	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	THOMASON, JR	6	11	7	18	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
92	BURROUGHS, I.	10	6	7	13	1.5-3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	WIDEMAN, J.	9	5	8	13	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
4	BOWMAN, C.	5	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	BOATWRIGHT, X.	6	4	6	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	COLEMAN, L.	3	4	6	10	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
30	WATTS, J.	11	6	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	WUELLNER, N.	5	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78	JONES, M.	9	2	6	8	1.0-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	COLE, J.	11	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	HAWKINS, C.	7	3	4	7	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	HACKNEY, C.	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
14	RUFF, M.	9	6	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	QUINN, M.	10	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	BROWN, K.	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	ROBBINS, T.	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	MCDANIEL, B.	3	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	SMITH, B.	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	FROST, D.	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	DENDY, T.	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	BYRD, L.	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	SWICK, D.	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	WILSON, S.	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	ADEGBOLA, S.	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	SUMNER, G.	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	MCKOY, P.	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	MORGANO, P.	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	MAYES, A.	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	1
55	CLEVELAND, D.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	HOUSTON, Z.	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	BAILEY, A.	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	ROBERTS, J.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total		11	429	362	791	51-198	14-99	4-31	19	19	12-76	9	8	1
Opponents		11	413	336	749	64-264	30-186	26-416	45	12	11-30	10	1	.

2009 STARTERS

Offense

	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	RB	WR	WR
at Furman	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Newton	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Quinn	McKoy
Elon	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Quinn	McKoy
UT-Chattanooga	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Quinn	McKoy
at The Citadel	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Quinn	McKoy
at Stony Brook	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Bailey	McKoy
at Old Dominion	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Bailey	McKoy
VMI	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Miley	Dendy	Quinn	McKoy
at Liberty	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Webb	Dendy	Quinn	McKoy
Charleston Southern	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Webb	Byrd	Quinn	McKoy
at Coastal Carolina	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Bumgarner	Webb	Byrd	Quinn	McKoy
Gardner-Webb	Smith	Lanzo	Sumner	Tavernier, J.	Butler	Travis	Wilson, S.	Webb	Byrd	Fleming	McKoy

Defense

	LE	NT	RE	LB	LB	LB	CB	NG	CB	FS	CB
at Furman	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Thomason	Wilson, B.	Tavernier, Jo.	Bethel	Funderburk	Tribble
Elon	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Thomason	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Funderburk	Tribble
UT-Chattanooga	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Thomason	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Funderburk	Tribble
at The Citadel	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Thomason	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Funderburk	Tribble
at Stony Brook	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Smiley	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Funderburk	Tribble
at Old Dominion	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Smiley	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Lawrence	Ash
VMI	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Norman	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Lawrence	Tribble
at Liberty	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Norman	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Lawrence	Tribble
Charleston Southern	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Thomas, S.	Norman	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Lawrence	Tribble
at Coastal Carolina	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Ash	Norman	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Lawrence	Tribble
Gardner-Webb	Evans, D.	Freeman	Leonardi	Brown, D.	Ash	Norman	Wilson, B.	Epps	Bethel	Lawrence	Tribble

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE

Since its founding in 1983, the Big South Conference has matured into a competitive leader in college athletics, actively pursuing excellence on the field of play and in the classroom. The League's growing presence as an NCAA Division I athletic conference is evident by athletic accomplishments on the national stage, innovative marketing and media partnerships, increased television packages, and quality athletic competition while intentionally fostering the academic, personal, social, athletic and leadership development of each student-athlete. This has evolved into the Conference's mission of "Developing Leaders Through Athletics."

The Big South Conference was formed on August 21, 1983, when Charleston Southern (then Baptist College) Athletic Director Howard Bagwell and Augusta President George Christenberry began recruiting members into the Big South, receiving initial commitments from Augusta, Charleston Southern, Campbell, Coastal Carolina and Winthrop. One month later, Dr. Edward M. Singleton was selected as the League's first Commissioner and continued to solicit new members. His efforts led to the additions of Armstrong State, Radford and UNC Asheville, giving the Big South more than the required six members to constitute an official conference. The Big South's first year of competition was in the Fall of 1984, and in September 1986, the Big South Conference was granted full-fledged NCAA Division I status.

During its infancy and prior to securing automatic bids to NCAA Championships, the Big South made early strides in earning at-large berths in several national postseason events, including volleyball, women's basketball and women's golf. In 1989, George F. "Buddy" Sasser replaced the retiring Dr. Singleton as Commissioner, and in 1990, the League received its first automatic bid – receiving an automatic qualifier to the NCAA Baseball Championship. Under Sasser's seven years of leadership, the Conference implemented its public relations and compliance programs, and introduced its first-ever men's basketball television package, featuring the Big South competing among some of the finest teams in the nation.

In August 1996, Kyle B. Kallander replaced Sasser as the League's third Commissioner, and in his 13 years at the helm of the Big South, Kallander has been instrumental in aggressively promoting the Conference to new levels. The Conference has enjoyed record levels in marketing revenue during the past several years, he has brought television coverage to Big South women's basketball, baseball and softball for the first time in Conference history, as well as increased national television exposure to the League as a whole through aggressive and unique television packages.

Under Kallander's leadership, the Big South developed and initiated its first long-range strategic plan, re-affirming the League's vision as a distinctive athletic Conference committed to the quality of institutional life through athletic

competition. He also spearheaded the efforts to add football as a championship sport, which came to fruition in 2002, and has solidified Conference membership with the additions of High Point, Gardner-Webb and Presbyterian, and in 2011-12, the return of charter member Campbell University. Kallander's long range vision has also included technological advancements, as the Conference introduced its first live event video streaming in 2005 and has since expanded its video offerings to more than 600 events annually through a partnership with the member institutions, as well as the creation of several online and social media platforms.

In the last 15 years alone, the Big South Conference has experienced monumental growth and success in nearly every sport. During this time, the Conference has had two individual National Champions, more than 200 All-Americans, has reached the "Sweet 16" in men's soccer, women's basketball and baseball, has received national Top 25 rankings in men's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, men's outdoor track & field, and men's golf, had an individual selected to play in the NCAA Singles Championship four times in addition to the first men's tennis doubles at-large selection, had the No. 1 ranked men's golfer in the country, has had the nation's top scoring men's basketball team three consecutive years as well as the national men's basketball scoring leader twice, received an at-large playoff berth in the Football Championship Subdivision in 2006, and had an institution finish fifth in the NCAA Men's Golf Championships – the Conference's highest-ever team finish in an NCAA event.

In 2006-07 alone, the Big South was the only Conference nationwide to have an at-large participant in the football playoffs (Coastal Carolina), a team in the Second Round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (Winthrop) and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Baseball Regionals (Coastal Carolina). In fact, Coastal Carolina's baseball program has been a No. 1 seed three out of the last five years, while its FCS playoff berth in 2006 came in just the fifth-year of the Big South's football existence.

The Conference's tagline, "Developing Leaders Through Athletics" was unveiled in 2008-09 in conjunction with the Conference's 25th Anniversary. The League also honored its heritage with the Top 25 "Best of the Best" moments in League history from 1983-2008, with Liberty University's 10-year women's basketball championship run from 1996-2007 being crowned the No. 1 moment in the Big South's first 25 years. The Conference's on-field accomplishments have been duplicated in the classroom. Annually, more than 40 percent of Conference student-athletes are named to the Big South's Presidential Honor Roll for maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade-point average, and the League has had more than 95 Academic All-Americans in its quarter-century of existence.

