

# **BUFFALO BULLS**

FOOTBALL 08



#### 2008 Schedule/Results

#### Buffalo (1-0)

A28	UTEP	W, 42-17
S6	at Pittsburgh	6:00 pm
<b>S13</b>	TEMPLE*	12:00 pm
S20	at Missouri	TBA
S27	at Central Michigan*	4:00 pm
011	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN</b>	N*3:30 pm
018	ARMY	3:30 pm
028	at Ohio*	7:00 pm
N4	MIAMI (OH)*	<b>7</b> :30 pm
N13	at Akron*	7:00 pm
N21	at Bowling Green*	6:00 pm
<b>N28</b>	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	2:00 pm

<sup>\*</sup>Mid-American Conference game

#### Pittsburgh (0-1)

A30	<b>BOWLING GREEN</b>	L, 17-27
<b>S6</b>	BUFFALO	6:00 PM
<b>S20</b>	IOWA	TBA
S27	at Syracuse*	12:00 pm
02	at USF*	TBA
O18	at Navy	3:30 pm
025	RUTGERS*	TBA
N1	at Notre Dame	2:30 pm
N8	LOUISVILLE*	TBA
N22	at Cincinnati*	TBA
N28	WEST VIRGINIA*	12:00 PM
D6	at Connecticut*	TBA

<sup>\*</sup>Big East game

#### **Storylines for Week 2**

- This is the first ever meeting between the schools.
- UB's visit to Heinz Field will mark the third time in the last six years that the Bulls have played in a stadium shared by an NFL team. Buffalo played Minnesota in the Metrodome in 2002 and Temple at Lincoln Finacial Field last season.
- This will be the only game the Bulls will play on natural grass this season.
- James Starks is 14 yards shy of 2,000 yards rushing for his career and 76 yards shy of moving into third place in career rushing at UB.
- After winning six total games in the 2003-2006 seasons; UB has compiled a 6-7 record in 2007 and thus far in 2008.

### **BUFFALO at PITTSBURGH**

September 6, 2008 • 6:00 pm Heinz Field (65,050) • Pittsburgh, PA Radio: WECK 1230-AM (Buffalo) Television: SNY Network

#### **Bulls Travel to Steel City to Face Pitt**

Buffalo will look to build off its seasonopening win over UTEP when it travels south to face Pittsburgh on Saturday

The Bulls are 1-0 and are coming off a 42-17 win over UTEP in the season opener on August 28. UB was led by Drew Willy (Randolph, NJ/Randolph) who threw a career-best four touchdowns and James Starks (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls) and Brandon Thermilus (Flower Mound, TX/Marcus) who combined to rush for 263 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Pittsburgh was ranked 25th in the nation before falling to Bowling Green in the season opener on Saturday. The Panthers are led by LeSean McCoy who was the nation's top freshman running back and Big East Rookie of the Year a season ago.

#### Game to be Televised

Saturday's game will be televised live on SportsNet New York (SNY) with John Sanders and Doug Graber calling the action.

#### What's at Stake

Buffalo is looking to start the season 2-0 for the first time since returning to Division I-A in 1999.

The Bulls are looking for their second ever win over a BCS opponent. The Bulls downed Rutgers, 34-11, in 2002.

### Willy Named MAC East Division **Player of the Week**

**Drew Willy** was named the Mid-American Conference East Division Player of the Week on Monday after his record-setting game against UTEP.

Willy went 10-for-16 for 221 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in the Bulls' win over UTEP.



He had touchdown passes of 15, 68, 34

and 56 yards. His four touchdown passes were not only a career best, but was a school record for the Division I-A era.

His first completion gave him the school record for career completions with 546.

#### **No Miner Victory**

Buffalo's 25-point margin of victory over UTEP was the largest margin of victory by UB in a non-conference game vs. a I-A opponent since rejoining the I-A ranks in 1999. The previous was a 23-point margin in a 34-11 triumph over Rutgers in 2002.

#### **Backs Hit the Ground Running**

Buffalo had a pair of running backs eclipse the 100-yard plateau in the win over UTEP – marking the first time since the 2002 season that it happened. James Starks ran for 179 yards and **Brandon** Thermilus added 102 yards.



James Starks

The last two running backs to accomplish the feat were Aaron Leeper and Dave Dawson who each ran for over 100 yards against Marshall on Oct. 12, 2002.

#### Unsung Senior Heroes

What a night it was for a half-dozen unsung seniors in the win over UTEP.

- · Senior tight end Bryan Kisabeth (Plymouth, MI/Divine Child) scored the Bulls' first touchdown of the season on a 15-yard catch in the first quarter. It was Kisabeth's first catch since Nov. 13, 2004 in a game against Central Michigan as a true freshman. Kisabeth redshirted his sophomore year and has missed the past two full seasons with knee injuries.
- · Senior wide receiver Gary Rice (Hamilton, OH/Hamilton) also caught the first touchdown of his career and made it a huge one. Rice caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Drew Willy in the final minute of the second quarter to send the Bulls to a 21-14



#### **Buffalo Quick Facts**

Location	Buffalo, NY
	28,054
Year Founded	1846
Nickname	Bulls
Conference	Mid-American (East)
Stadium/Capacity	UB Stadium (29,013)
Year Opened	1993
Playing Surface	_ Artificial (Sportexe 46)
President	John B. Simpson
Athletic Director	Warde Manuel
	Turner Gill
Alma Mater	North Texas, '90
	8-17 (3rd year)
Record at UB	Same
Versus Opponent	0-0
Record	1-0 overall, 0-0 MAC
Offensive/Defensive So	ets Multiple/4-3
	Vecchio (716-645-6761)
Jo	on Fuller (716-645-6762)
Website	$\_$ www.buffalobulls.com

### **Pittsburgh Quick Facts**

Location	Pittsburgh, PA
Enrollment	33,574
Year Founded	1787
Nickname	
Conference	
Stadium/Capacity	
Playing Surface	Natural Grass
Chancellor	
Athletic Director	Steve Pederson
Head Coach	Dave Wannstedt
Alma Mater	
Overall Record	16-20 (4th year)
Record at School	
Versus Opponent	
Record0	
Offensive/Defensive Set	
Contact E.J. Box	
Websitewww.pit	

#### **Preseason MAC Poll**

#### **East Division**

- 1. Bowling Green (206)
- 2. Miami (202)
- 3. Buffalo (145)
- 4. Kent State (137)
- 5. Temple (120)
- 6. Ohio (119)
- 7. Akron (78)

#### **West Division**

- 1. Central Michigan (207)
- 2. Ball State (168)
- 3. Western Michigan (143)
- 4. Toledo (98)
- 5. Eastern Michigan (80)
- 6. Northern Illinois (60)

halftime lead.

• Fifth-year senior center Chris Lauzze (Pembroke, NY/Pembroke) made his first career start. A walk-on his first four years at UB, Lauzze was given a scholarship after spring ball and solidified the starting job in camp. He and his offensive



Bryan Kisabeth

linemates allowed the UB offense to roll up 484 yards of offense, including 263 on the ground.

- Senior defensive end **Andrae Smith** (**Bloomfield**, **CT/Bloomfield**), a sixth-year player due to missing two full years with injuries, returned to the starting lineup, and registered a tackle, a pass breakup and was part of a front seven that allowed just 63 rushing yards to UTEP.
- Senior defensive end **Mike Thompson** (Seffner, FL/Armwood), who played sparingly last year, made the start at defensive end and recorded four tackles and a quarterback hurry.

#### 220, 221...Whatever it Takes

Buffalo featured a balanced offensive attack against UTEP in the season opener. In fact, for only the second time since returning to the Division I-A ranks, the Bulls rushed and passed for over 200 yards in a game.

Led by **James Starks'** 179 yards rushing, the Bulls gained 263 yards on the ground. **Drew Willy** passed for 221 yards. The only other time UB accomplished the feat was back in 2001 when they ran for 242 yards and passed for 296 yards in a 44-0 win over Ohio (Nov.2).

#### New Linebackers Show Veteran Poise

With the loss of a pair of All-MAC linebackers in Kareem Byrom and Larry Hutchinson following last season, the Bulls featured a new linebacking corps in the opener against UTEP and they didn't disappoint.

Sophomore Justin Winters (Greenbelt, MD/Eleanor Roosevelt) led the Bulls with 10 tackles, including two for a loss and a sack – as well as an interception and a pass breakup.

Sophomore **Tom Drewes (Dunmore, PA/Dunmore)** started at middle linebacker and had five tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.

Sophomore Raphael Akobundu (Bronx,

**NY/Christopher Columbus)** started on the outside and finished with eight tackles, including three solo efforts.

#### **Thermilus has Breakout Game**

Brandon Thermilus had a break-out performance against UTEP in the season opener. The sophomore running back ran for 102 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns. Thermilus surpassed his rushing total of all of last season against the Miners. As a red-



**Brandon Thermilus** 

shirt-freshman, Thermilus ran for 85 yards on 23 carries and scored three touchdowns.

#### Willy Looks to Keep Interception-less Streak Alive

**Drew Willy's** has a streak of 251 pass attempts without an interception dating back to last season. It is the longest such streak in the nation. His last interception came in the first quarter of the Bulls' game at Ball State on Sept. 29, 2007.

In the last 13 games, he has 19 TD passes and six interceptions. In 2005 and 2006, he had 12 TD passes and 18 interceptions.

Willy had a school-record 135.7 quarter-back rating in 2007. It was two points better than MAC Player of the Year Dan LeFevour of Central Michigan and nearly eight points better than ACC Player of the Year Matt Ryan of Boston College.

#### **Bright Lights, Big Syty**

Playing in the first game of his career, walk-on **John Syty (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** was Johnny on the Spot against UTEP. The redshirt-freshman linebacker nabbed a pair of interceptions, both off of deflections. He became the first Bull in two seasons to have two interceptions in a game. Mike Newton had a pair of picks against Kent State on Nov. 4, 2006.

#### **Naaman at Home in UB Stadium**

Flanker **Naaman Roosevelt** has put up back-to-back big games at UB Stadium. In the season finale versus Bowling Green last season, Roosevelt recorded a then careerhigh 147 yards receiving.

Against UTEP, Roosevelt topped that number on just four catches, as the multidimensional star had 154 yards receiving (a healthy 38.5 yards per catch), including a

#### **The Start Chart**

This list includes all 2008 players who have started at least one game at Buffalo. Numbers in parentheses indicate current streak of starts:

Ray Norel Mike Newton Ronald Hilaire James Starks Kendric Hawkins Jordan Jerrold Naaman Roosevelt Dane Robinson Brett Hamlin Peter Bittner Jesse Rack Chris Callahan Ernest Jackson Davonte Shannon Domonic Cook Chris Scharon	20 (9) 20 (13) 19 19 19 (8) 14 13 (13) 13 (13) 13 (4) 12 11 (5) 10 (10) 10 (1)
Chris Scharon Josh Thomas Mike Thompson Adekunle Akingba Alex Pierre Chris Storr Andrew West Anel Montanez Tom Drewes Josh Copeland Andrae Smith Chris Lauzze Justin Winters Baphael Akobundu	9 8 (4) 7 (3) 4 4 3 3 (2) 2 (1) 2 (1) 2 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1)
David Hubbard Kyle Brey Mario Henry Terrell Jackson Gary Rice	1 1 1 1 1

pair of touchdowns. His 68-yard catch-andrun touchdown in the first half was also the longest of his career.

#### A "Lott" to Like

After redshirting last season, sophomore cornerback **Sherrod Lott (Plant City, FL/Plant City)** returned in style against UTEP. Lott record six tackles from his corner position – including five solo stops – and tipped a pass that was intercepted by John Syty in the end zone.



**Sherrod Lott** 

#### **Starks in Mid-Season Form**

James Starks got off to a nice start to the 2008 season by rushing for 179 yards against UTEP. It was the third best singlegame rushing performance in the Bulls' Division I-A history.

The junior running back also holds the top two spots with 231-yard performance

against Toledo and a 183-yard game against Ohio.

It was Starks' seventh 100-yard rushing game of his career.

#### **Walk-on Program in Full Effect**

When head coach Turner Gill played at Nebraska the walk-on program was one of the nation's best under head coach Tom Osborne. So good, in fact, that UB defensive coordinator Jimmy Williams, who would earn All-American status and be a first-round draft pick of the Detroit Lions, was a walk-on himself.

So perhaps Williams, who also coaches UB's linebackers, can really appreciate the efforts of three walk-on linebackers who shone in the Bulls' win over UTEP. Sophomore **Justin Winters** led the Bulls with 10 tackles, two tackles for loss and an interception while helping hold the highly-vaunted UTEP offense to 266 total yards.

**John Syty** recorded two interceptions, including a huge pick in the end zone with the Bulls nursing a 28-17 third quarter lead

The third walk-on, outside backer **Raphael Akobundu**, was second on the team

### Quickie Stats (2008)

Buffalo's 2008 record was:	
When leading at the half	1-0
When trailing at the half	
When tied at the half	0-0
When leading after three quarters	1-0
When trailing after three quarters	
When tied after three quarters	0-0
When scoring first	
When opponent scores first	0-0
When running more plays than opp	
When opponent runs more plays	0-0
When running the same number of plays	
When committing more turnovers	
When committing less turnovers	1-0
When turnovers are even	0-0
When committing at least 2 turnovers	1-0
When committing less than 2 turnovers	
When winning time of possession	
When opponent wins time of possession	
When running 70 or more off. plays	
When running less than 70 off. plays	
Rushing for 200 yards or more	1-0
Rushing for less than 200 yards	1-0
When passing for 200 yards or more	1-0
When passing for less than 200 yards	
When passing % is over 55%	1-0
When passing % is less than 55%	
When third down conversion is over 40%	
When third down conversion is less than 40%	
Gaining more total yards than opponent	
Gaining less total yards than opponent	0-0
Playing at home	
Playing on the road	0-0
Playing on natural grass	
Playing on artificial surface	1-0

### 2008 Mid-American Conference Standings

East Division							
Team	MAC		Overall		Points		Strk
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA	
Bowling Green	0	0	1	0	27	17	W1
Buffalo	0	0	1	0	42	1 <i>7</i>	W1
Temple	0	0	1	0	35	7	W1
Akron	0	0	0	1	17	38	L1
Kent State	0	0	0	1	0	21	L1
Miami (OH)	0	0	0	1	13	34	L1
Ohio	0	0	0	1	20	21	L1

### **West Division**

Team	MAC		Overall		Points		Strk
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA	
Ball State	0	0	1	0	48	14	W1
Central Michigan	0	0	1	0	31	12	W1
Eastern Michigan	0	0	1	0	52	0	W1
Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Northern Illinois	0	0	0	1	27	31	L1
Western Michigan	0	0	0	1	24	47	L1

#### **Friday's Game** Navy at Ball State, 7:00

Saturday's Game

Miami at Michigan, Noon Ohio at No. 2/No. 3 Ohio State, Noon Connecticut at Temple, Noon Eastern Michigan at Michigan State, Noon Central Michigan at No. 1/No. 1 Georgia, 3:30 Akron at Syracuse, 3:30 Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:00 Kent State at Iowa State, 7:00 (ET)/6:00 (CT) \*Northern Illinois at Western Michigan, 7:00 Minnesota at Bowling Green, 7:30 Toledo at Arizona, 10;00 (ET)/7:00 (PT)

#### **Bulls in the Record Books**

Career Rushing Touchdowns	
1. Lee Jones (1965-67)	29
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3. Alan Bell (1989-92)	26
<ol> <li>Alan Bell (1989-92)</li> <li>O.D. Underwood (1986-87)</li> <li>Cliff Scott (1991-94)</li> </ol>	23
5. Cliff Scott (1991-94)	20
Steven King (03-06)	18
James Starks (2006-)	
8. Joe Zelmanski (1968-70)	1/
Pat Whitehead (1980-82) 10. Ray Hobson (1988-91)	1/
10. Nay 11003011 (1988-91)	10
Career Rushing Yards	
1. Anthony Swan (1994-97)	3,103
2. Alan Bell (1989-92)	3,022
3. O.D. Underwood (1986-87)	2,062
<b>4. James Starks (2006- )</b> 5. Lee Jones (1965-67)	1,986
3. Lee Jones (1903-07)	1,370
Career Completions	
1. Drew Willy (2005-)	555
2. Cliff Scott (1991-94)	545
3. Joe Freedy (1998-2001)	522
4. Marty Barrett (1980-83)	513
5. Chad Salisbury (1997-98)	3/2
Career Pass Attempts	
1. Cliff Scott (1991-94)	1,101
2. Joe Freedy (1998-2001)	1,008
3. Marty Barrett (1980-83)	956
4. Drew Willy (2005-)	8/0
5. Frank Reilly (1988-89)	697
Career Passing Yards	
1. Cliff Scott (1991-94)	7,578
2. Marty Barrett (1980-83)	6,945
3. Joe Freedy (1998-2001)	5,912
<b>4. Drew Willy (2005-)</b> 5. Chad Salisbury (1997-98)	5,765
5. Chad Salisbury (1997-98)	4,947
<b>Career Passing Touchdowns</b>	
1. Marty Barrett (1980-83)	
2. Cliff Scott (1991-94)	43
3. Joe Freedy (1998-2001)	32
4. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) <b>Drew Willy (2005- )</b>	31 <b>21</b>
6. Frank Reilly (1988-90)	<b>31</b>
Career Interceptions	
1. Steve Nappo (1984-86)	19
2. John Bernard (1980-83)	18
3. Andy Hurley (1983-84)	16
4. Dan Sella (1964-66) Tim Hurd (1965-67)	12
Mark Graham (2000-03)	12
7. Gordon Bukaty (1958-60)	12
8. Craig Rohlfs (1998-00)	10
9. Mike Newton (2006-)	9
Career Field Goals  1. Dallas Pelz (2000-03)	35
2. Gerald Carlson (1993-96)	28
3. Mark Mozrall (1991-94)	22
4. Tom McLaughlin (1988-91)	20
5. Scott Keller (1997-00)	19
6. A.J. Principe (2007-)	15
7. Bernie Weber (1982-83)	12

with eight tackles.

#### **Willy Goes Downtown**

**Drew Willy** threw three touchdown passes of 34 yards or more in the season-opening win over UTEP. Over the first 30 games of his career, Willy threw only five touchdowns of 34 or more yards.

#### Cashing in in the Redzone

The Bulls led all MAC teams in red zone offense last year and got off to a quick start in 2008 against UTEP. Buffalo was 3-for-4 in the Red Zone versus the Miners and the only failure is an aberration. Buffalo sat on the ball at the UTEP three-yard line to run out the game clock with a 42-17 lead.

### Mr. Smith Returns to the Starting Lineup

It has been a long and arduous journey, but senior defensive end **Andrae Smith** is finally back in the starting lineup after missing the last two seasons with a knee injury. Smith was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. He last played during the 2005 sea-



Andrae Smith

son when he appeared in all 11 games and totaled 13 tackles, a pair of sacks and three quarterback hurries.

Also returning to the lineup after a lengthy absence is senior tight end **Bryan Kisabeth**. Kisabeth last played during the 2004 season, but was forced to miss the following three seasons with various injuries.

#### Numerous Bulls Receive Preseason Honors

Numerous Bulls received preseason All-MAC accolades.

Heading the list is **Drew Willy** who was named a candidate for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award given to the nation's top senior quarterback. He was also named to the fourth team by *Phil Steele*.



Jeff Niedermie

**James Starks** was named the first team by *Athlons, MAC Report Online* and second team by *Phil Steele* and *Lindy's*.

Safety **Davonte Shannon (Jeannette, PA/Jeannette)** was named first team by *Athlons, Lindy's, MAC Report Online* and *Phil Steele*.

Guard **Jeff Niedermier (New Washington, OH/Buckeye Central)** was named first team by *Athlons, Phil Steele* and second team by *MAC Report Online* and *Lindy's*.

#### **Record Book Chase**

The following players are among the Bulls all-time career leaders. Here is a look at what they need to climb further.

√ Senior quarterback **Drew Willy** needs one touchdown to move into third place in career touchdowns.

√ Junior running back **James Starks** needs 58 attempts to move into thirdplace all-time in career rushing attempts.

 $\sqrt{$  **James Starks** needs 76 rushing yards to move into third place in career rushing.

√ **Mike Newton's** next interception will move him into eighth place all time.

 $\sqrt{\ }$  UB kicker **A.J. Principe** is four field goals shy of moving in fifth place in career field goals made.

Additional Bio not in Media Guide



## Zach Maynard

QB • Fr. • 6-3 • 185 Greensboro, NC Grimsley HS Major: Undecided



**High School:** Quarterback prospect who is an equal threat to run or pass...passed for 1,635 yards and 20 touchdowns and rushed for 1,404 yards and 14 scores during his senior season at Grimsley High School...named All-Area and All-Conference for head

coach Jeff Smouse...led his team to a conference championship in 2007...chose UB because of the "coaching staff and their beliefs."



#### 2008 Practice/Interview Schedule

All Buffalo football practices will be closed to the public and media with the following exceptions.

#### Sunday

• No player/coaches interviews.

#### Monday

- Coach Gill on Mid-American Media Teleconference from 10:42-10:50.
- Other interviews with coaches or players by appointment only.

#### Tuesday

• Weekly Football Media Luncheon at UB Stadium (Team Meeting room): 12:00 pm-1:00 pm.

Featured players and Coach Gill available for one-on-ones after formal press conference.

#### Print and Radio Media

 Pending availability, interviews with players between 12:45-1:45 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Gill available after practice only (after 5:45 pm).

<u>Television and Still Photographers</u>
The first 20 minutes of practice (3:45-4:05 pm) may be shot by television and still photographers.

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<u>Television and Still Photographers</u>
The first 20 minutes of practice (3:45-4:05 pm) may be shot by television and still photographers.

Print and Radio Media

Pending availability, interviews with players between 12:45-1:45 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Gill available from 12:30-1:00 pm and after practice (after 5:45 pm)

#### **Thursday**

Television and Still Photographers
The first 20 minutes of practice (3:45-4:05 pm) may be shot by television and still photographers.

Print and Radio Media

Pending availability, interviews with players between 12:45-1:45 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Gill available from 12:30-1:00 pm and after practice only (after 5:45 pm).

#### **Friday**

No player/coaches interviews.

#### Saturday

Game day – Post-game interviews only unless by live television.

\*For games played on Saturdays.

### Punter from Down Under Peter Fardon (Brisbane, Australia/ Brisbane Grammar School) will handle the punting duties in 2008, following the

the punting duties in 2008, following the graduation of record-setting punter Ben Woods. Fardon is a 26-year-old freshman who played Australian Rules Football in his native Australia before enrolling at UB.

In his first game as a Bull, Fardon had three punts that averaged 39.7 yards. His first career punt was a 45-yarder that was downed inside the 20-yard line.

#### The Pleasure Principe

Sophomore A.J. Principe begins his second season as the Bulls' kicker. Principe originally came to UB as a walk-on last season and by the end of camp had not only earned a scholarship, but also the starting job.



A I Principe

Principe went on to set a school record

for points by a kicker with 77. He made 15-of-20 field goals, including nine straight at one point. He also made good on 32-of-34 PAT attempts in the finest freshman season by a kicker in school history.

#### **Bulls Name Captains**

Head coach Turner Gill has announced team captains for the 2008 season.

Senior quarterback **Drew Willy**), senior guard **Jeff Niedermier** (**New Washington**, **OH**), senior defensive tackle **Ronald Hilaire** (**Laval**, **Quebec/Cegep-Vieux**) and junior safety **Mike Newton** will serve as team captains for the 2008 season. Willy was also a captain last year.

#### It's All Relative

Several Bulls have interesting family ties.

Redshirt-freshman running back **Brandon Thermilus** is the son of long-time Houston Oilers running back Alonzo Highsmith.

Redshirt-freshman tight end **Kyle Brey** (**Granger**, **IN/Penn**) is the son Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey.

Sophomore offensive lineman **Brian Kelly (Richmond, VA/Monacan)** is the nephew of Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly.

#### Weighing in at the Line of Scrimmage

Here are the average heights and weights on the UB and Pittsburgh offensive and defensive lines when they are facing each other (projected starters only):

With Ball	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>
Buffalo	6'4", 308	6′1,″ 275
Pittsburgh	6'3", 295	6'3" 274

#### **Bulls vs. Big East**

The Bulls are looking for their second win against a Big East opponent. Buffalo is 1-10 all-time against the Big East with a win at Rutgers in 2002. UB does have wins over Syracuse and Connecticut, but it was before the schools joined the conference.

#### **Under the Lights**

Buffalo will play six night games this season beginning with UTEP in the season opener. In addition, The Bulls will play five games on a day other than Saturday.

Buffalo's game against Army on October 18 will be its last Saturday game of the season. The Bulls will close the season against Ohio (Tue./Oct. 28), Miami (Tue./Nov. 4), Akron (Tue./Nov. 13), Bowling Green (Fri./Nov. 21) and Kent State (Fri./Nov. 28).

#### **On The Airwaves**

Bulls football has a new radio home this season as games will be broadcast on WECK-1230 AM.

Long-time and highly-respected Buffalo television reporter and anchor Paul Peck, who had previously been the voice of UB football from 1992-99, returns to call Bulls' football. Peck will be reunited with an old broadcast partner, as former Buffalo Bills standout Steve Christie, one of the most accurate placekickers in NFL history, will work as the team's analyst on football games.

In addition, for the sixth season, Bulls' football games will also air in Rochester on WHTK, "Hot Talk" 1280 AM. WHTK is Rochester's only 24-hour sports station.

In addition, Brendan McDaniels will return for sideline duty for football games and will team with WECK Sports Director and night-time host Brad Riter to anchor the UB football pre- and post-game shows. Riter, who for several seasons hosted the Buffalo Sabres pre- and post-game shows, will also take phone calls from fans following the games while mixing in post-game interviews with head coach Turner Gill and players.

In addition, Riter's weekly call-in show with Coach Turner Gill will begin on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm with callers welcome to join in.



**Last Meeting**First Meeting

#### 2008 Key Numbers **Third Down Efficiency** Third Downs Pct. Result Opponent 70.0 7-of-10 W UTEP at Pittsburgh Temple at Missouri at Central Michigan Western Michigan Army at Ohio Miami (OH) at Akron at Bowling Green Kent State **Time of Possession** Buffalo Opp. Diff. Opponent UTEP 32:39 27:21 +5:18 at Pittsburgh Temple at Missouri at Central Michigan Western Michigan Army at Ohio Miami (OH) at Akron at Bowling Green Kent State **Number of Plays** Opponent Buffalo Opp. Diff. UTEP 66 63 +3 at Pittsburgh Temple at Missouri at Central Michigan Western Michigan Army at Ohio Miami (OH) at Akron at Bowling Green Kent State **Turnover Breakdown** Opponent Buffalo Opp. Diff. UTEP 2 3 +1 at Pittsburgh Temple at Missouri at Central Michigan Western Michigan Army at Ohio Miami (OH) at Akron at Bowling Green Kent State



# Offensive Depth Chart vs. Pittsburgh

QB	<b>16 – Drew Willy Sr., 6-4, 214 Randolph, NJ</b> '08 Season: 10-for-16, 221 yards, 4 TDs, long 68*	11 – Cory Jorgensen R-Fr., 6-2, 205 Williamston, MI '07 Season: Did not attempt a pass
QD	Career: 555-for-870, 5,665 yards, 31 TD, 24 INT, long 75* Notes: Coming off a career-high 4 TD game against UTEP.	6 – Zach Maynard Fr., 6-3, 185 Greensboro, NC Notes: Threw for 1,635 yds & 20 TD and ran for 1,404 yds & 14 TD in HS
RB	19 – James Starks Jr., 6-2, 211 Niagara Falls, NY '08 Season: 31 att., 179 yds, 5.8 avg., long 34 Career: 457 att., 1,986 yds, 4.3 avg., 18 TDs, long 92* Notes: Leads the MAC in rushing	27 – Brandon Thermilus So., 5-11, 224 Flower Mound, TX '08 Season: 16 att., 102 yds, 6.4 avg., 2 TDs, long 19  28 – Mario Henry Jr., 5-9, 213 Erie, PA '08 Season: Has not had a carrry.
FB	32 – Chris Scharon Sr., 6-2, 237 Salem, NH '08 Season: 1 rec., 4 yds, long 4 Career: 3 att., 2 yd, 0.7 avg., 13 rec., 72 yds, TD, long 16 Notes: Has played in 33 games and started 10 at fullback.	<b>86 – Kyle Brey So., 6-1, 247</b> Granger, IN '08 Season: Does not have a carry. Notes: Played in 9 games at tight end last season. Played fullback his freshman season. Son of Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey.
WR	18 – Naaman Roosevelt Jr., 6-0, 187 '08 Season: 4 catches, 154 yards, 38.5 avg., 2 TDs, long 68* Career: 98 catches, 1,349 yards, 13.8 avg., 8 TDs, long 68* Notes: Had a career-high 154 yards receiving against UTEP.	3 – Gary Rice Sr., 5-9, 170 Hamilton, OH '08 Season: 1 catches, 34 yards, 34.0 avg., TD, long 34* Career: 20 catches, 147 yards, 7.3 avg., TD, long 34* Notes: Scored his first career touchdown against UTEP.
WR	21 – Ernest Jackson Sr., 6-2, 215 Rochester, NY '08 Season: Did not have a catch against UTEP. Career: 71 catches, 896 yards, 12.6 avg., 7 TD, long 75* Notes: Led all UB receivers with six touchdowns last season.	88 – Brett Hamlin Jr., 6-1, 190 Jupiter, FL '08 Season: Did not have a catch against UTEP. Career: 83 catches, 833 yards, 10.0 avg., TD, long 46 Notes: Had 4+ catches in 8 games last season.
TE	82 – Jesse Rack Jr., 6-3, 236 Maspeth, NY '08 Season: Did not have a catch against UTEP. Career: 17 rec., 206 yards, 12.1 avg., 2 TD, long 38 Notes: Had a career-best 15 receptions in 2007.	45 – Robert Yealu Sr., 6-3, 250 Cedar Grove, NJ '08 Season: Did not have a catch against UTEP. Career: 6 rec., 97 yards, 16.2 avg., long 23 Notes: Missed all of last season with a knee injury.
LT	70 – Ray Norell Sr., 6-6, 306 Monroe, CT '08 Season: Started against UTEP. Career: Started 25 games. Notes: Has played both the guard and tackle position.	78 – Matt Ostrowski R-Fr., 6-7, 296 Natrona Heights, PA Notes: Redshirted his first season at UB.
LG	73 – Peter Bittner So., 6-4, 301 Williamsville, NY '08 Season: Started against UTEP. Notes: Named Western New York Lineman of the Year as a senior in high school. Lone freshman starter on offensive line last year.	71 – Jose Cortes Fr., 6-4, 285 El Cajon, CA Notes: One of four players from the state of California on the Buffalo roster.
C	79 – Chris Lauzze Sr., 6-2, 309 Pembroke, NY '07 Season: Made his first career start against UTEP. Notes: Originally a walkon. Awarded a scholarship prior to camp.	75 – Jeff Niedermier Sr., 6-3, 310 New Washington, OH Notes: Starting right guard. Has not seen action at center.  55 – Graham Whinery Fr., 6-3, 260 Arlington, TX
RG	75 – Jeff Neidermier Sr., 6-3, 310 New Washington, OH '08 Season: Started against UTEP. Career: Has started 31 straight games. The most of any player on the UB roster.	Notes: One of eight players from the state of Texas.  69 – Josh Violanti R-Fr., 6-2, 264 Lackawanna, NY  Notes: Walk on who redshirted last season.
RT	72 – Andrew West Jr., 6-6, 314 Croswell, MI '08 Season: Started against UTEP. Notes: Selected as an alternate to the prestigious East-West Michigan All-Star team in high school.	77 – Jordan Jerrold Jr., 6-8, 307 Fairless Hills, PA '07 Season: Started all 12 games. Career: Has started 19 straight games heading in the 2008 season.
PK	39 – A.J. Principe So., 5-8, 154 Columbus, OH '07 Season: 6-6 PATs Career: 15-20 FGs, long 47, 38-42 PATs Notes: Originally a walk-on. 15 FGs in '07 were 2nd most in in school history.	9 – George Eldayrie R-Fr., 5-8, 188 Clarence, NY '08 Season: Has not attempted a kick. Notes: Walk on. Played kicker, cornerback as well as punt and kick returner in high school.
SNP	58 – Anthony Carpanini Fr., 5-10, 205 Lakeland, FL Notes: Walk-on. Earned the starting job in camp.	<b>48 – Chris Callahan Sr., 6-3, 238 Webster, NY</b> Notes: Defensive lineman who has experience playing longsnapper in his career.
HLD	88 – Brett Hamlin Jr., 6-1, 190 Jupiter, FL Notes: First season as holder.	13 – Peter Fardon Fr., 6-1, 180 Brisbane, Australia Notes: Has not seen action as a holder.
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# **Defensive Depth Chart vs. Pittsburgh**

DE	97 – Andrae Smith Sr., 6-4, 257 Bloomfield, CT '08 Season: tackle (solo), PBU Career: 14 tackles (8 solos), 2 TFL, 2 sacks, 3 QBH, PBU Notes: Missed '06 and '07 seasons with a knee injury.	90 – Bruno Lapointe Jr., 6-5, 247 Lennoxville, Quebec '08 Season: Has not registered a tackle. Career: 3 tackles (3 solos), TFL Notes: One of two defensive linemen from Canada (Hilaire)
DT	95 – Ronald Hilaire Sr., 6-1, 298 Laval, Quebec '08 Season: Has not registered a tackle. Career: 79 tackles, (34 solos), 5.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, PBU, 3 QBHs, FR, 2 FF, Blk Notes: One of two Canadians on the defensive line (Lapointe). Captain.	92 – Dane Robinson Jr., 6-2, 267 Baltimore, MD '08 Season: Has not registered a tackle. Career: 31 tackles (15 solos), 7 TFL, 2 sacks, PBU, QBH Notes: High school teammate of fellow Bull Mike Newton.
DT	74 – Anel Montanez R-So., 5-11, 290 Trumbull, CT '08 Season: 1 tackle (solo) Career:10 tackles, (7 solo), FF Notes: Back at defensive tackle after playing on the offensive line in '07.	63 – Kevin Johnson Jr., 6-4, 304 Newton, NJ '08 Season: Has not registered a tackle. Notes: Originally recruited as an offensive lineman.
DE	60 – Mike Thompson Sr., 6-1, 257 Seffner, FL '08 Season: 4 tackles (3 solo), 1.5 TFL, QBH Career: 28 tackles (13 solos), 6.5 TFL, 1.5 sack, 2 QBH, INT Notes: Started the last two games of the 2007 season.	53 – Jerry Housey So., 6-0, 244 Bronx, NY '08 Season: Has not registered a tackle. Career: 7 tackles (3 solos), TFL Notes: Played linebacker in 2007.
OLB	51 – Raphael Akobundu So., 5-11, 223 Bronx, NY '08 Season: 8 tackles (3 solo) Notes: Transfer from Iowa Wesleyan. Had 5.5 tackles in the spring game.	47 – Imani Chatman Fr., 6-3, 215 Fredrick, MD '08 Season: tackle (solo) Notes: Had 70 tackles and a school-record 12 sacks as a defensive end as a senior in high school.
ILB	708 Season: 5 tackles (3 solo), TFL, sack, FF Career: 16 tackles (9 solo), 2 TFL, sack, FF Notes: Returned to the LB position after working as a DE in spring.	33 – Scott Pettigrew Fr., 6-2, 210 Thompson's Station, TN '08 Season: tackle (solo) Notes: One of three freshman from Tennessee. Also played running back in high school and ran for 1,300 yards and 25 TDs as a senior.
OLB	<b>34 – Justin Winters So., 6-11, 202</b> Greenbelt, MD '08 Season: 10 tackles (solo), 2 TFL, sack, INT, PBU Career: 4 tackles (1 solo), 0.5 TFL, QBH Notes: Had a career-high 10 tackles and first INT against UTEP.	20 – Ray Anthony Long Fr., 6-1, 195 Houston, TX '08 Season: Has not registered a tackle.  Notes: Had 60 tackles, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries as a senior in high school.
СВ	25 – Domonic Cook So., 5-8, 187 Buffalo, NY '08 Season: 2 tackles (solo), PBU Career: 60 tackles (41 solo), 2 TFL, 4 PBU, Blk Notes: High school teammate of Bulls' wide receiver Naaman Roosevelt.	12 – Kendric Hawkins Jr., 5-10, 184 Upper Marlboro, MD '08 Season: Did not play in the opener due to an injury. Career: 105 tackles (80 solos), 4 TFL, sack, 3 INT, 11 PBU, 3 FR, 2 FF Notes: Has started 18 games over his career. Led team with 6 PBUs in '07
SS	7 – Davonte Shannon So., 6-0, 193 Jeannette, PA '08 Season: 8 tackles (4 solo), PBU Career: 123 tackles (73 solos), 10 TFL, 2.5 sack, 3 INT, 5 PBU, QBH, 3 FF Notes: Led all freshman in the nation in tackles in '07.	49 – Adekunle Akingba Sr., 6-4, 204 Brooklyn, NY '08 Season: 3 tackles (solo) Career: 46 tackles (25 solo), FR, 2 FF Notes: Transfer from Nassau CC.
FS	30 – Mike Newton Jr., 5-10, 195 Pasadena, MD '08 Season: 5 tackles (3 solos), 0.5 TFL, PBU Career: 151 tackles (79 solos), 5.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, 9 INT, 6 PBU Notes: Has led the Bulls in interceptions in each of the last 2 seasons.	43 – Chris Storr Jr., 5-11, 195 Southfield, MI '08 Season: tackle (solo) Career: 16 tackles (13 solo), PBU, FF Notes: Started three games as a freshman in 2006.
СВ	15 – Josh Thomas So., 5-10, 180 Cedar Hill, TX '08 Season: 4 tackles (3 solo), 2 PBU Career: 49 tackles (32 solo), INT, 6 PBU Notes: Also competes as a sprinter on the UB track team.	22 – Sherrod Lott So., 5-9, 176 Plant City, FL '08 Season: 6 tackles (5 solo) '07 Season: 39 tackles (26 solo), 2.5 TFL, PBU, Blk Notes: Sat out last season after starting 6 games as a true freshman in 2006.
P	13 – Peter Fardon Fr., 6-1, 180 Brisbane, Australia '08 Season: 3 punts, 119 yards, 39.7 avg., long 45, 1 inside 20 Notes: 26-year-old freshman who grew up playing Australian Rules Football.	10 – Gerry McGroarty Sr., 6-2, 220 Wilkes-Barre, PA Notes: Handles Buffalo's kick-off duties. Has not attempted a punt in his career.
KOR	18 – Naaman Roosevelt Jr., 6-0, 187 Buffalo, NY '08 Season: 1 ret., 24 yds, 24.0 avg., long 24 Career: 50 ret., 1,219 yds, 24.4 avg., TD, long 94* Notes: Returned the first kick of his career 94 yds for a TD at Bowling Green	21 – Ernest Jackson Sr., 6-2, 215 Rochester, NY Notes: Bulls starting wide receiver. Has not returned a kick in his career.
KOR	27 – Brandon Thermilus So., 5-11, 224 '08 Season: 1 ret., 22 yds, 22.0 avg. '07 Season: 2 ret. 49 yds, 24.5 avg. Notes: Son of long-time Houston Oilers running back Alonzo Highsmith.	17 – Ed Young R-Fr., 5-11, 184 Fort Worth, TX '07 Season: Redshirted in his first season at UB. Notes: Originally recruited as a quarterback. Moved to wide receiveer in preseason camp.
PR	18 – Naaman Roosevelt Jr., 6-0, 187 '08 Season: Has not had a return. Career: 21 ret., 220 yds, 10.5 avg., long 55	17 – Ed Young R-Fr., 5-11, 184 Fort Worth, TX  '07 Season: Redshirted in his first season at UB.  Notes: Has not returned a punt in his career.



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Starks Career Highs	
Attempts36 vs. Ohio (10/6	/07)
Yards231 vs. Toledo (10/13	/07)
Touchdowns3 vs. Kent State (11/4	/06)
Long run92 at Miami (11/3	/07)
Receptions9 at Miami (11/3	/07)
Yards receiving83 at Temple (9/8	/07)
All-purpose yards244 vs. Toledo (10/13	/07)

<u>Thermilus Career Highs</u>	
Attempts	16 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Yards	102 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Touchdowns	2 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Long run	19 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Receptions	4 at Rutgers (8/30/07)
Yards receiving	37 at Rutgers (8/30/07)

<u>McCune Career Highs</u>
Attempts3, two times
Yards11 at Auburn (9/23/06)
Touchdowns0
Long run(9/23/06)
Receptions0
Yards receiving0

Scharon Career Highs		
Attempts1, two times		
Yards2 vs. Eastern Michigan (11/19/05)		
Touchdowns0		
Long run 2 vs. Eastern Michigan (11/19/05)		
Receptions 3 at Syracuse (10/20/07)		
Yards receiving22 at Syracuse (10/20/07)		
Long reception16 vs. Akron (10/27/07)		
Touchdowns 1 vs Akron $(10/27/07)$		

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<u>Fardon (</u>	Career Highs
Punts	3 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Yards punting	119 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Punting avg	39.7 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Long	45 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Inside 20	1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)

Hamlin Career Highs		
Receptions	9 at Miami (11/3/07)	
Rec. Yards	100 at Miami (11/3/07)	
Touchdowns	1 at Kent State (11/24/07)	
Long reception46	5 at W. Michigan (10/1/05)	

<u>E. Jackson Career Highs</u>	
Receptions9 at Kent State (11/24/07)	
Rec. Yards118 at Kent State (11/24/07)	
Touchdowns2 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)	
Long reception75 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)	

<u>Rice Career Highs</u>	
Receptions4, three times	
Rec. Yards 44 at Northern Illinois (9/16/06)	
Touchdowns1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)	
Long reception34 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)	

<u>Connacher Career Highs</u>	
Receptions	2 at Rutgers (8/30/07)
Rec. Yards	13 at Temple (9/8/07)
Touchdowns	none
Long reception	13 at Temple (9/8/07)

Rack Career Highs	
Receptions	3 vs. Akron (10/27/07)
Rec. Yards	48 vs. Akron (10/27/07)
Touchdowns	1, twice
Long reception	38 at Penn State (9/15/07)

<u>Roosevelt Career Highs</u>
Receptions 10 at Syracuse (10/20/07)
Rec. Yards154 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Touchdowns2, two times
Long reception 68 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
All-purpose yards 206 at Syracuse (10/20/07)
Kickoff return yards 132 vs. Central Michigan (11/24/06)
Long kickoff return 94 at BGSU (9/9/06)*
Punt return yards 64 at BGSU (9/9/06)
Long punt return 55 at BGSU (9/9/06)

Brey Career Highs	
Receptions1, two times	
Rec. Yards3, two times	
Touchdowns0	
Long reception3 at Ball State (9/29/07)	

<u>Kisabeth Career Highs</u>	
Receptions 2 vs. Central Michigan (11/13/04)	
Rec. Yards56 vs. Central Michigan (11/13/04)	
Touchdowns1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)	
Long reception 51 vs. Central Michigan (11/13/04)	



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	<u> Hilaire Career Highs</u>
Tackles	8 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)
Solos	3 - three times
Assists	6 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)
Sacks	1 vs. Akron (10/27/07)
TFL	1 vs. Akron (10/27/07)

<u> Montanez Career Highs</u>	
Tackles	5 at Ohio (10/21/06)
Solos	4 at Ohio (10/21/06)
	1, twice
Sacks	0
TFL	0

Robinson Career Highs	
Tackles	4 vs. Miami (10/15/06)
Solos	2, twice
Assists	2, twice
Sacks	1, twice
TFL	2 vs. Miami (10/15/06)

<u> Callahan Career Highs</u>	
Tackles	8 at Kent State (11/24/07)
Solos	3 at Kent State (11/24/07)
Assists	5 at Kent State (11/24/07)
Sacks	2 at Kent State (11/24/07)
Tackles for loss.	1, twice

<u>A. Smith Career Highs</u>	
Tackles 5 at I	Kent State (11/12/05)
Solos 3 at I	Kent State (11/12/05)
Assists	2, two times
Sacks	1, two times
Tackles for loss	1, two times
QB Hurries	2 vs. Akron (10/8/05)

<u>Lapointe Career Highs</u>	
Tackles	2 at Ball State (9/29/07)
Solos	2 at Ball State (9/29/07)
Assists	none
Sacks	none
Tackles for loss	1 at Rutgers (8/30/07)

<u> Akobundu Career Highs</u>	
Tackles 8 vs. UTEP	(8/28/08)
Solos 3 vs. UTEP	(8/28/08)
Assists5 vs. UTEP	(8/28/08)
TFLs	0
Interceptions	0

Hubbard Career Highs	
Tackles	6 vs. Miami (10/15/06)
Solos	5 vs. Miami (10/15/06)
Assists	3 vs. Temple (8/31/06)
TFLs	1.5 vs. Miami (10/15/06)
Interceptions	0

<u>Storr Career Highs</u>	
Tackles 5 vs. Ball State (10/7/06)	
Solos 5 vs. Ball State (10/7/06)	
Assists2 at Northern Illinois (9/16/06)	
TFL0	
Interceptions0	
Passes defended0	

Copeland Career Highs	
Tackles	12 at Miami (11/3/07)
Solos	5 at Miami (11/3/07)
Assists	7 at Miami (11/3/07)
TFL	1 at Syracuse (10/20/07)
Interceptions	1 vs. Akron (10/27/07)
Passes defended	d 1, twice

<u>Winters</u>	Career Highs
Tackles	10 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Solos	6 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Assists	4 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
TFL	3 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Interceptions	1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Passes defended	1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)

<u>Syty Career Highs</u>
Tackles 1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Solos 0
Assists 1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
TFL0
Interceptions2 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Passes defended 2 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)

<u>Drewes Career Highs</u>
Tackles 6 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Solos 4 at Auburn (9/23/08)
Assists 3 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
TFL2 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)
Interceptions0
Sacks1 vs. UTEP (8/28/08)

Cook Career Highs		
Tackles 11 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)		
Solos7 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)		
Assists4 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)		
TFL 1 at Penn State (9/15/07)		
Interceptions0		
Passes defended1, four times		

Hawkins Career Highs		
Tackles	11, twice	
Solos9	at Penn State (9/15/07)	
Assists6 at	Bowling Green (9/9/06)	
TFL	2, twice	
Interceptions	1, three times	
Passes defended	1, four times	

Newton Career Highs		
Tackles	13, twice	
Solos	7 at Syracuse (10/20/07)	
Assists	9, twice	
TFL1	.5 vs. Kent State (11/4/06)	
Interceptions	.2 vs. Kent State (11/4/06)	
Passes defended	2, three times	

Shannon Career Highs		
Tackles 1	17 vs. Bowling Green (11/17/07)	
Solos1	11 vs. Bowling Green (11/17/07)	
Assists	9 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)	
TFL	2.5 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)	
Interceptions	1, three times	
Passes defended	4 vs. Baylor (9/22/07)	
Sacks	2 at Syracuse (10/20/07)	

<u>Thomas Career Highs</u>		
Tackles 10 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)		
Solos 8 vs. Toledo (10/13/07)		
Assists 5, two times		
TFL0		
Interceptions1 at Syracuse (10/20/07)		
Passes defended2, two times		

ı	<u> Akingba Career Highs</u>
	Tackles10, twice
	Solos8 vs. Baylor (9/22/07)
	Assists 5 at Rutgers (8/30/07)
	TFLs2 vs. Baylor (9/22/07)
	Interceptions0
	Passes Defended0

<u>Lott Career Highs</u>
Tackles8 at Boston College (10/28/06)
Solos5, three times
Assists3 at Boston College (10/28/06)
TFL0.5 vs. Ball State (10/7/06)
Interceptions0
Passes defended0



# **HEAD COACH TURNER GILL**

#### THIRD SEASON AT BUFFALO • 8-17 RECORD AT UB

In just two seasons, head coach Turner Gill has lifted the Buffalo football program to historic heights and has gained national attention for the Bulls' youthful program – less than a decade into major college football.

During the 2007 season, Gill earned Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year honors after leading the Bulls to five wins - the most in its Division I-A history. The program had won 10 games in its first seven years in I-A, they won half of that total in '07. UB finished with a 5-3 conference record, including a 4-2 mark in the MAC East Division to claim a share of the regular season title. Prior to the 2007 campaign, UB

had won eight MAC games total in the previous eight years.

In addition, under Gill's tutelage Buffalo had eight players selected to the All-MAC after having just seven in their first eight years of conference play. The Bulls had eight MAC Players of the Week had two players on national semifinal "watch lists" – Ben Woods (Ray Guy Award – top punter) and Trevor Scott (Ted Hendricks Award – top defensive end), while senior center Jamey Richard was invited to play in the Hula Bowl and earned an invitation to the

Three of UB's eight All-MAC players came from Gill's first two recruiting classes, including safety Davonte Shannon, a true freshman, who became UB's first All-MAC first-team selection. Buffalo enjoyed its first winning record at home since moving up to Division I-A and its two MAC road wins was also its best effort since joining the conference.

Gill, who also served as the offensive coordinator, directed an offense that scored 291 points - the most in its I-A history and just 28 points shy of the all-time school record. Quarterback Drew Willy completed a school-record 258 passes and had the highest pass efficiency rating in school history and running back James Starks became the Bulls' first 1,000-yard rusher in the I-A era with 1,103 yards.

For his many efforts in bringing national respect to the Bulls'football program, Gill received a contract extension through 2012 in December of 2007.

"I am extremely pleased to reward Turner's outstanding efforts in this way," said Warde Manuel, Buffalo's Director of Athletics. "He has brought to our football program a winning mentality, stability, confidence and a true vision for excellence both on and off the field. All of the accolades he has received have been richly deserved and I am very happy to know that he will continue to lead our football program for the foreseeable future. On the day we hired Turner I stated that, 'I can't wait to get started with what I think will be a very exciting chapter in Bulls' football history.' I am even more excited about what the future holds for UB football now that I have seen Turner's work over the past two years."

UB President John B. Simpson noted that: "Coach Gill has proven himself to be an outstanding ambassador for UB wherever he goes, whether on the playing field or in our surrounding communities. His commitment to serving our communities, including the leadership role he and his wife Gayle have taken in partnering with the Buffalo school system to create new opportunities for youth in our region, plays just as important a role in advancing the UB vision," said Simpson. "Those achievements and contributions are a source of pride for all of us at UB—and indeed, for Bulls fans and UB alumni and supporters everywhere."

"I am grateful to President John Simpson and Athletic Director, Warde Manuel for extending my contract and their commitment to both myself and the football program," said Gill. "It is great to know they are as committed to the staff as we are to them. I feel very honored to be at this outstanding University."

The Texas native made an immediate impact in his first year as he led the Bulls to a number of firsts. In 2006, Buffalo scored the most points in a season (220) since moving to Division I-A. UB also scored the most points (201) of any team in the MAC East Division and defeated the first team – Kent State – with a winning record since joining Mid-American Conference in 1999.

Gill has reached the pinnacle of college football as both a player and a coach, he was part of three national championships as a coach at the University of Nebraska and a Heisman Trophy finalist as a player. He become the 23rd head football coach at the University at Buffalo on December 16, 2005.

Gill, 45, who spent the 2005 season serving as Player Development Director and Offensive Assistant with the Green Bay Packers, was lauded as one of the nation's top recruiters while an assistant coach at Nebraska from 1992-2004. The Cornhuskers won national titles in 1994, 1995 and 1997 during that span.

Gill, who was selected following a national search, brings with him tremendous success as both a player and coach. Consider how few head coaches in America can claim to have:

• As a player, to have never lost a conference game as a starter; to have led his team to the national championship game and to have been a finalist for the Heisman Trophy (won by his teammate)

• As a coach, to be on the sidelines for three national championships and to have coached an individual who won the Heisman Trophy.

UB President John B. Simpson said that Gill's hiring "is great news for UB, marking not just an important step forward in our continuing work to build a strong, competitive athletic program, but also a key outcome of our university-wide commitment to institutional excel-

lence."

During his tenure at Nebraska, Gill served as an assistant coach for College Football Hall of Famer Tom Osborne, current Ohio University head coach Frank Solich and current Nebraska mentor Bill Callahan. He tutored the Huskers' quarterbacks from 1992-2002, was named assistant head football coach in 2003, and served as wide receivers coach in 2004.

"I am honored and privileged to be a part of a great team with President John Simpson and Warde Manuel," said Gill. "They are tremendous people and I know the University at Buffalo has great leadership with them in place. I sincerely thank both of them for giving me this apportunity.

"When I talked to people about Warde, they had nothing but high regard for him as a person and as an athletic director," said Gill. "He has created an excitement on campus and in the community. I want to be a part of this special time at this institution. Warde has that drive and determination that brings out excellence in other people. Our football staff will help him to deliver that excitement to Western New York, the rest of New York State, and hopefully, the rest of the country."

In speaking about his expectations for his team, Gill said: "We are going to be a team where each person believes in himself, his teammates, his coaches, and the people of this institution. We will be a family that will dedicate ourselves to excellence, balance, and growth. It is one of our main goals to make sure that these young men truly enjoy the college football experience.

"It is our intention to build a team that will be physical and attacking on both sides of the ball, as well as on special teams. Not only will the experience be great for the players, but we will entertain the students and the fans as well," said Gill.

During the height of Nebraska football in the 1990s, with Gill serving as quarterbacks coach, the Cornhuskers had unprecedented success at both the quarterback position and as a team. Gill - rated one of the top ten recruiters in the nation in 2000 and 2001 by ESPN. com - played a vital role in Nebraska's three national titles, and mentored a string of record-breaking quarterbacks, from Tommie Frazier to Jamaal Lord to 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch.

Crouch, Frazier and Lord rank as the top three total career offense leaders in Nebraska history (while Gill, himself, ranks eighth). Crouch won the Heisman Trophy, Walter Camp Award (top player in the nation) and the Davey O'Brien Award (nation's top quarterback) as well as being a first-team All-American in 2001 under Gill's tutelage.

Frazier was also a first-team All-American, Johnny Unitas Award winner and Heisman Trophy finalist in 1995, and led Nebraska to back-to-back national championships (1994-95). Both Fraizer and Crouch were tabbed as Big 12 Offensive Players of the Year. Gill also mentored a pair of Big 12 Conference Offensive Newcomers of the Year in Frazier and Scott Frost (1996). Frost would lead Nebraska to another national title in 1997.

In 2002, he was nominated and among the finalists for the Frank Broyles Award, given annually to the top assistant coach in the nation. He was regarded by several sources as one of the top recruiters in the nation.

"Turner is an outstanding human being," said former Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne, a member of the College Football Hall of Famer and one of the winningest coaches in college football history. "He has great character. He's a great family man, an excellent recruiter, he relates well to his players and he really works well with people. He'll always represent the program well. He is very knowledege as far as football goes. I have nothing but the greatest admiration for him."

Before accepting the job at Buffalo, Gill served as the direct liaison to players and their families as the Player Development Director. He also served as an offensive assistant, with a focus on wide receivers. He began his coaching career at Southern Methodist University as receivers coach in 1991

Gill's outstanding coaching career mirrors a memorable playing career that culminated with him being named a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in 1983 (finishing fourth behind teammate Mike Rozier) and earning a berth on the All-Decade Big Eight team (1980-89) as the starting quarterback.

Gill, a native of Fort Worth, TX, was the starting quarterback at Nebraska from 1981-83 and led the team to a No. 2 and No. 3 national ranking. Overall, Nebraska teams had a 28-2 overall record with Gill as the starting quarterback and a 20-0 record in Big Eight conference play. He is the 12th winningest QB in NCAA Div. I history.

He spent two seasons as quarterback of the Montreal Concordes of the Canadian Football League, leading his team to playoff berths in 1984 and 1985.

One of the most respected student-athletes in Nebraska athletics history, Gill earned the Tom Novak Award for Outstanding Leaadership and Character as well as the Herbert Marshall Award for leadership. He has been inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame, was a three-time All Big Eight selection, and was the MVP of the Orange Bowl and Kickoff Classic. A multi-talented athlete, Gill also spent three seasons in the minor league systems of the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians.

He received his bachelor's degree in Behavior Analysis from the University of North Texas in 1990

Gill has also served as a Spokesperson for the United Way and as honorary chairman for Cystic Fibrosis, the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. He is a also a board member of the Lincoln (NE) Children's Musuem.

He and his wife Gayle have two daughters, Jordan (17) and Margaux (13).



### **Bulls Among The MAC Leaders**

Drew Willy	8th in total offense per game (204.0) 1st in the MAC in pass efficiency (261.0) 7th in passing average per game (221.0)
James Starks	1st in MAC rushing yards per game (179.0) 4th in all-purpose yards per game (183.0) 10th in total offense per game (179.0)
A.J. Principe	T-1st in PAT percentage (100.0) T-7th in scoring (kick) (6.0)
Justin Winters	T-3rd in interceptions (1.00)  11th in tackles (10.0)  T-3rd in sacks (1.00)  T-1st in passes defended (2.00)

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Brandon Thermilus	3rd in rushing (102.0) 9th in all-purpose (134.0) T-1st in scoring (12.0) T-1st scoring (TDs) (12.0)	Sack Third Third Four Four
John Syty	T-1st in interceptions per game (2.00)	Red .
Naaman Roosevelt	3rd in receiving yards per game (154.0) T-1st in scoring (12.0) T-1st scoring (TDs) (12.0)	Fum Turn Pena

Statistical	Comparison	
Bulls-Panthers S	tatistical Comp	arison
	Buffalo	Pittsburgh
Points Per Game	42.0	17.0
Points Allowed Per Game	17.0	27.0
Rushing Offense Per Game	263.0	129.0
Passing Offense Per Game	221.0	264.0
Total Offense Per Game	484.0	393.0
Rushing Defense Per Game	67.0	64.0
Passing Defense Per Game	199.0	190.0
Total Defense Per Game	266.0	254.0
Kickoff Return Average	23.0	16.2
Punt Return Average	0.0	6.7
Net Punting	35.3	33.4
Sacks by-yards lost	2-13	2-20
Sacks allowed	2-17	4-17
Third Down Conversions	7-of-10	6-of-16
Third Down Percentage	70%	37.5%
Fourth Down Conversions	1-of-1	3-of-4
Fourth Down Percentage	100%	75%
Red Zone Offense	75%	100%
Red Zone Defense	75%	100%
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-3
Turnovers (For/Against/+/-)	2/3/+1	4/1/-3
Penalties-Yards	6-60	2-10
Penalty yards per game	60.0	5.0
Time of possession	32:39	33:08

### **UB Players of the Week**

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	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
UTEP	Offensive Line	Justin Winters	Sherrod Lott
at Pittsburgh			
Temple			
at Missouri			
at C. Michigan			
W. Michigan			
Army			
at Ohio			
Miami (OH)			
at Akron			
at Bowling Green	1		
Kent State			

#### **Bulls in the MAC Team Rankings**

Scoring offense	3rd (42.0 ppg)
Scoring defense	T-6th (17.0 ppg)
Rushing offense	2nd (263.0 ypg)
Rushing defense	2nd (67.0 ypg)
Passing offense	8th (221.0 ypg)
Pass defense	8th (199.0 ypg)
Total offense	
Total defense	3rd (266.0 ypg)
Kickoff returns	6th (23.0 ypr)
Punt returns	
Net punting	8th (35.3 ypg)
Turnover margin	
Quarterback sacks	T-4th (2)
Penalties against	11th (60.0 ypg)

	2008 University at Buffalo Game-By-Game Starters											
	UTEP	Pittsburgh	Temple	Missouri	CMU	WMU	Army	Ohio	Miami	Akron	BGSU	Kent State
LT	Norell		•									
LG	Bittner											
C	Lauzze											
RG	Niedermier											
RT	West											
TE	Rack											
WR	Roosevelt											
WR												
TE/WR												
TB	Starks											
FB/RB												
QB	Willy											
WR	Jackson											
DE	A. Smith											
DT	Hilaire											
DT	Montanez											
DE	Thompson											
LB	Akobundu											
LB	Drewes											
LB	Winters											
CB	Thomas											
S	Shannon											
S	Newton											
CB	Cook											



	Passing /illy 10-16-0 21 yards, 4TD	Receiving  Roosevelt 4-154, 2 TD Thermilus 2-10 Rice 1-34, TD	Punting Fardon 3-119 39.7, (long 45), 1 inside 20	Principe 6-6 PAT	Defense  Winters 6-4-10, 2 TFL, Sack, INT Shannon 4-4-8, PBU Akobundu 3-5-8
		Thermilus 2-10	39.7, (long 45),	Principe 6-6 PAT	Shannon 4-4-8, PBU
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- 2008 Football Highlights - √ Against UTEP, Drew Willy threw a career-best four touchdowns, including a pair of long strikes to Naaman Roosevelt in a Bulls 42-17 win. James Starks rushed for 179 yards.



#### THE LAST TIME

**Last Shutout:** 

Nov. 3, 2001 - Buffalo 44, Ohio 0

**Last Time Shut Out:** 

Oct. 28, 2006 - Boston College 41, Buffalo 0

**Last Overtime Game:** 

Nov. 24, 2007 – at Kent State, 30-23 (OT)

**Last Overtime Win:** 

Nov. 24, 2007 – at Kent State, 30-23 (OT)

**Last Overtime Loss:** 

Sept. 9, 2006 – at Bowling Green, 40-48 (3 OT)

**Last Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown:** 

Sept. 9, 2006 – Naaman Roosevelt at Bowling Green (94 yds)

Last Punt Returned for a Touchdown:

Aug. 29, 2002 - Andre Forde vs. Lehigh (83 yds)

Last Interception Returned for a Touchdown:

Sept. 8, 2007 – Mike Newton at Temple (50 yards)

Last Fumble Returned for a Touchdown:

Oct. 15, 2006 - James Judges vs. Miami (5 yards)

Last 100 yard Rush Game:

Aug. 28, 2008 – James Starks vs. UTEP (179 yards, 31 att.)

Last 200 yard Rush Game:

Oct. 13, 2007 – James Starks vs. Toledo (231 yards, 34 att.)

Last UB Running Back To Score 3 or more TDS/Game

Oct. 13, 2007 - James Starks vs. Toledo (45, 9, 36 yds)

Last UB Rusher To Have 30 or More Carries In a Game

Aug. 28, 2008 – James Starks vs. UTEP (31 att., 179 yards)

Last Time Two UB Rushers Have Gone Over 100 yards

Aug. 28, 2008 - James Starks (179 yds),

Brandon Thermilus (102 yds) vs. UTEP

Last Receiver to Have 10 or More Catches in a Game:

Oct. 20, 2007 - Naaman Roosevelt at Syracuse (10 rec.)

Last 100 yd Receiving Game:

Aug 28, 2008 - Naaman Roosevelt vs. UTEP (4 rec., 154 yds)

Last 200 yd Receiving Game:

Sept. 29, 2002 - Andre Forde at Ohio (12 rec., 202 yards)

Last Receiver To Catch 3 or More TDs In One Game:

Sept. 7, 2002 – Andre Forde at Rutgers (12, 8, 4 yds)

Last 300 yd Passing Game:

Nov. 24, 2007 - Drew Willy at Kent State (334 yards)

**Last 400 yd Passing Game:** 

Oct. 18, 1997 – Chad Salisbury vs. Massachusetts (459 yards)

Last Time a UB Quarterback Has Thrown 3 Touchdowns:

Aug. 28, 2008 - Drew Willy vs. UTEP (4 TDs)

Last Time a UB Quarterback Has Thrown 4 Touchdowns:

Aug. 28, 2008 - Drew Willy vs. UTEP

Last Time a UB Quarterback Has Attempted 40 Passes:

Nov. 24, 2007 – Drew Willy at Kent State (34-of-44)

Last Time a UB Quarterback Has Completed 25 Passes:

Nov. 24, 2007 – Drew Willy at Kent State (34-of-444)

**Last Successful Two-Point Conversion:** 

Nov. 3, 2007 – Drew Willy pass to Brett Hamlin at Miami

**Last Defensive Two-Point Conversion:** 

Nov. 18, 1995 – Eric Lee vs. Boston University (102 yards)

Last 50-Yard Plus Field Goal:

Nov. 1, 2003 - Dallas Pelz at Toledo (50 yards)

Last kicker to record four or more field goals in a game:

Oct. 20, 2007 – 4, A.J. Principe at Syracuse (31, 33, 29, 32)

**Buffalo recorded a safety:** 

Oct. 13, 2007 – Larry Hutchinson sack in end zone vs. Toledo

A UB Player recorded two or more interceptions

Aug. 28, 2008 – John Syty vs. UTEP

A UB player recorded 15 or more tackles

Nov. 24, 2007 – Davonte Shannon vs. Kent State (15 tackles)

A UB player recorded two or more sacks in a game

Sept. 22, 2007 - Trevor Scott vs. Baylor (2 sacks)

A UB player blocked a field goal

Nov. 24, 2007 - Labinot Hakanjin at Kent State

A UB player blocked an extra point

Oct. 13, 2007 - Domonic Cook vs. Toledo

A UB player blocked a punt

Nov. 17, 2007 - Alex Pierre vs. Bowling Green

Last blocked punt returned for a touchdown

Sept. 9, 2006 – Jared Patterson at Bowling Green (block by Sherrod Lott)



# 2008 University at Buffalo Numerical Football Roster

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NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN	HS/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Marcus Rivers	WR	6-4	204	R-Fr.	Lackawanna, NY	Lackawanna
3	Gary Rice***	WR	5-9	170	Sr.	Hamilton, OH	Hamilton
4	Jamal Chisam***	LB	5-11	204	Sr.	Glendale, MD	DeMatha Catholic
5	Terrell Jackson*	WR	5-11	177	So.	Temple, TX	Temple
6	Zach Maynard	QB	6-3	185	Fr.	Greensboro, NC	Grimsley
7	Davonte Shannon*	DB	6-0	193	So.	Jeannette, PA	Jeannette
8	Isaac Baugh	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Spring Hill, TN	Independence
9	Alan Hayes	DB	5-10	193	R-Fr.	Houston, TX	Northland Christian
9	George Eldayrie	K	5-8	188	R-Fr.	Clarence, NY	Clarence
10	Gerry McGroarty**	K	6-2	220	Sr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Bishop Hoban
11	Cory Jorgensen	QB	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Williamston, MI	Williamston
12	Kendric Hawkins**	DB	5-10	184	Jr.	Upper Marlboro, MD	DeMatha Catholic
13	Peter Fardon	Р	6-1	180	Fr.	Brisbane, Australia	Brisbane Grammar School
14	Jerry Davis	QB	6-1	200	Fr.	Fresno, CA	Edison
15	Josh Thomas*	DB	5-10	180	So.	Cedar Hill, TX	Cedar Hill
16	Drew Willy***	QB	6-4	214	Sr.	Randolph, NJ	Randolph
17	Ed Young	WR	5-11	184	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, TX	Eastern Hills
18	Naaman Roosevelt**	WR	6-0	187	Jr.	Buffalo, NY	St. Joseph's
19	James Starks**	RB	6-2	211	Jr.	Niagara Falls, NY	Niagara Falls
20	Ray Anthony Long	LB	6-1	195	Fr.	Houston, TX	Nimitz
21	Ernest Jackson***	WR	6-2	215	Sr.	Rochester, NY	Gates-Chili
22	Sherrod Lott*	DB	5-9	176	So.	Plant City, FL	Plant City
23	Alex Pierre**	WR	6-1	180	Jr.	Hackensack, NJ	Hackensack
24	Dalonte Wallace	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	Temple Hills, MD	Eleanor Roosevelt
25	Domonic Cook*	DB	5-8	187	So.	Buffalo, NY	St. Joseph's
26	John Syty	LB	6-2	200	R-Fr.	Clarence, NY	Clarence
27	Brandon Thermilus*	RB	5-11	224	So.	Flower Mound, TX	Marcus
28	Mario Henry**	RB	5-9	213	Jr.	Erie, PA	Strong Vincent
29	Lawrence Rolle	FB	5-10	248	Jr.	Bronx, NY	John F. Kennedy/Nassau CC
29	Joe Petit	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	White Plains, NY	White Plains/Milford Academy
30	Mike Newton**	DB	5-11	200	Jr.	Pasadena, MD	Calvert Hall
31	Jonathan Ramos	DB	5-9	170	Fr.	Lackawanna, NY	Lackawanna
31	Aaron Simon	FB	6-1	225	Fr.	Ellicott City, MD	Mount Hebron/Navy Prep
32	Chris Scharon***	FB	6-2	237	Sr.	Salem, NH	Salem
33	Scott Pettigrew	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Thompson's Station, TN	Independence
34	Justin Winters*	LB	5-11	202	So.	Greenbelt, MD	Eleanor Roosevelt
35	Mark Richardson	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Miami, FL	Hialeah
36	Ike Nduka	FB	5-11	223	So.	White Plains, NY	White Plains
						Buffalo, NY	
37 27	Da'Von McCune**	RB	5-10	195	Jr. ⊏∽		City Honors
37	Ryan Cotton	DB	5-8 5-0	186 214	Fr.	East Aurora, NY	East Aurora
38	Lucas West*	DB	5-9 5-11		Sr.	Syracuse, NY	Corcoran
38	Bill Dean	FB	5-11	260	Fr.	Monson, MA	Milford Academy
39	A.J. Principe*	K	5-8	154	So.	Columbus, OH	St. Francis De Sales
40	Steven Means	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	Buffalo, NY	Grover Cleveland
42	Josh Copeland*	DB	6-0	204	So.	Fairborn, OH	Fairborn
43	Chris Storr**	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	Southfield, MI	Southfield
44	David Hubbard**	LB	5-10	225	Sr.	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Etiwanda/Citrus JC
45	Robert Yealu**	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	Cedar Grove, NJ	Cedar Grove
46	Dustin Tait	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Knoxville, TN	Knoxville Catholic
47	Imani Chatman	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Frederick, MD	Urbana
48	Chris Callahan***	DL	6-3	238	Sr.	Webster, NY	Webster Thomas
49	Adekunle Akingba*	DB	6-4	204	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY	Sheepshead Bay/Nassau CC
50	Joe Mostafa	OL	6-7	265	Fr.	Shrub Oak, NY	Long Branch



NO.	PLAYER	POS	нт	WT	CL	HOMETOWN	HS/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
51	Raphael Akobundu	LB	5-11	223	So.	Bronx, NY	Christopher Columbus/Iowa Wesleyan
52	Tom Drewes*	LB	6-1	249	R-So.	Dunmore, PA	Dunmore/Milford Prep
53	Jerry Housey*	DL	6-0	244	So.	Bronx, NY	John F. Kennedy
54	Richie Smith	DL	6-2	298	Fr.	Pen Argyl, PA	Pen Argyl
55	Graham Whinery	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	Arlington, TX	Martin
58	Anthony Carpanini	LS	5-10	205	Fr.	Lakeland, FL	George W. Jenkins
60	Mike Thompson**	DL	6-1	257	Sr.	Seffner, FL	Armwood
61	Tyler Durinka	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	East Amherst, NY	Williamsville East
62	David Skrip	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Albion, NY	Albion
63	Kevin Johnson	DL	6-4	304	Jr.	Newton, NJ	Newton
64	Solomon Richberg	DL	6-4	296	R-Fr.	Queens, NY	August Martin
65	Ted Carlson	OL	6-4	288	R-Fr.	Irondequoit, NY	West Irondequoit
67	Gokhan Ozkan	OL	6-7	300	Fr.	Staten Island, NY	Bishop Ford
68	Brian Kelly	OL	6-6	312	So.	Richmond, VA	Monacan/Hargrave Academy
69	Josh Violanti	OL	6-2	264	R-Fr.	Lackawanna, NY	St. Francis
70	Ray Norell***	OL	6-6	306	Sr.	Monroe, CT	Masuk/Milford Academy
71	Jose Cortes	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	El Cajon, CA	Valhalla
72	Andrew West*	OL	6-6	314	Jr.	Croswell, MI	Croswell-Lexington
73	Peter Bittner*	OL	6-4	301	So.	Williamsville, NY	Williamsville North
74	Anel Montanez*	DL	5-11	290	R-So.	Trumbull, CT	Trumbull
75	Jeff Niedermier***	OL	6-3	310	Sr.	New Washington, OH	Buckeye Central
76	Matt Bacoulis**	OL	6-3	316	Jr.	Des Plaines, IL	Maine East
77	Jordan Jerrold**	OL	6-8	307	Jr.	Fairless Hills, PA	Pennsbury
78	Matt Ostrowski	OL	6-7	296	R-Fr.	Natrona Heights, PA	Highlands
79	Chris Lauzze**	OL	6-2	309	Sr.	Pembroke, NY	Pembroke
80	Saron Hood	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	San Diego, CA	The Bishop's School
81	Bryan Kisabeth*	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Plymouth, MI	Divine Child
82	Jesse Rack**	TE	6-3	236	Jr.	Maspeth, NY	Christ The King
83	Matt Abdo*	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	Manlius, NY	Fayetteville-Manlius
84	Skyler Hagg*	WR	5-10	175	So.	Glendale, AZ	Ironwood
86	Kyle Brey*	TE	6-1	247	So.	Granger, IN	Penn
87	Aaron Connacher*	TE	6-3	250	So.	Jamestown, NY	Jamestown
88	Brett Hamlin**	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Jupiter, FL	William T. Dwyer
89	Michael Marr	TE	6-3	236	Jr.	Moravia, NY	Moravia Central/Erie CC
90	Bruno Lapointe*	DL	6-5	247	So.	Lennoxville, Quebec	Champlain Cegep
91	Willie Moseley	DL	6-4	225	Fr.	Sandston, VA	Varina
92	Dane Robinson**	DL	6-2	267	Jr.	Baltimore, MD	Calvert Hall
93	Terry Peden	LB	6-1	240	Fr.	Houston, TX	Langham Creek
94	Derrick Brown	DL	6-2	264	R-Fr.	Harrisburg, PA	Harrisburg
95	Ronald Hilaire***	DL	6-1	298	Sr.	Laval, Quebec	Cegep-Vieux
96	Jaleel Verser	DL	6-6	225	Fr.	Lansing, MI	Everett
97	Andrae Smith*	DL	6-4	257	Sr.	Bloomfield, CT	Bloomfield
98	Matt Brennan	DL	6-4	243	R-Fr.	Cheektowaga, NY	Maryvale
99	Gordon DuBois	DL	6-1	248	R-Fr.	Andover, MA	Andover

**Head coach:** Turner Gill (3rd year)

Assistants: Danny Barrett (Asst. Head Coach/Quarterbacks), Jimmy Williams (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers),

Allen Mogridge (Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator), Brian Mohnsen (Defensive Ends), Aaron Stamn (Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator), Lee Chambers (Running Backs), Juan Taylor (Wide Receivers), Fred Reed (Defensive Backs), Vantz Singletary (Defensive Tackles), Joe Dailey (Graduate Asst.), Bill Lund (Graduate Asst.), Scott Pilkey (administrative assistant)

**Sports Performance:** Ryan Groneman, Paul Childress

**Operations:** Paul Bittar

**Training staff:** Nick Mouyeos, Dale Zulawski **Equipment staff:** Dave Borsuk, Megan Prunty



# The Automated ScoreBook Buffalo Game Results (as of Aug 29, 2008) All games

				Overall	Conference		
Date	Opponent		Score	Record	Record	Time	Attend
Aug 28, 2008	UTEP	W	42-17	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	2:55	16656

<sup>\*</sup> indicates conference game

The Automated ScoreBook
Buffalo Overall Team Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2008)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	UB	OPP
SCORING	42	17
Points Per Game	42.0	17.0
FIRST DOWNS	23	16
Rushing	17	6
Passing	5	9
Penalty	1	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	263	67
Yards gained rushing	281	98
Yards lost rushing	18	31
Rushing Attempts	50	26
Average Per Rush	5.3	2.6
Average Per Game	263.0	67.0
TDs Rushing	2	1
PASSING YARDAGE	221	199
Att-Comp-Int	16-10-0	37-20-3
Average Per Pass	13.8	5.4
Average Per Catch	22.1	9.9
Average Per Game	221.0	199.0
TDs Passing	4	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	484	266
Total Plays	66	63
Average Per Play	7.3	4.2
Average Per Game	484.0	266.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-46	6-149
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	1-13
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-26	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.0	24.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	13.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.7	0.0
FUMBLES-LOSTPENALTIES-Yards	2-2 6-60	1-0 2-14
	60.0	14.0
Average Per Game PUNTS-Yards	3-119	3-145
Average Per Punt	39.7	48.3
Net punt average	35.3	41.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:39	27:21
3RD-DOWN Conversions	7/10	7/16
3rd-Down Pct	7/10	44%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/1	0/2
4th-Down Pct	100%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	2-13	2-17
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	6	2
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-0	1-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	3-4 75%	3-4 75%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	3-4 75%	
PAT-ATTEMPTS	6-6 100%	2-2 100%
ATTENDANCE	16656	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/16656	0/0
Neutral Site Games	·	0/0
SCORE BY QUARTERS 1st 2nd	3rd 4th	Total
Buffalo 14 7	7 14 -	42
Opponents 0 14	3 0 -	17



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend	
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<sup>\*</sup> indicates conference game



# The Automated ScoreBook Buffalo Overall Individual Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2008) All games

RUSHING							•	-	-			1
STARKS, James												:
THERMILUS, Bran	1	16	102	0	102	6.4	1 2	19	102	.0		•
TEAM	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1	.0		
WILLY, Drew	1	2	0	17	-17	-8.	5 0	0	-17	.0		:
Total	1	50	281	18	263	5.3	3 2	34	263	.0		
Opponents	1	26	98	31	67	2.6	5 1	15	67	.0		:
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PASSING	GP	Ef	fic Cı	np-Att	-Int	Pct	Yd:	s TD	Lng	Avg	/G	,
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WILLY, Drew												
Total	1	261	.02	10-16-	-0	62.	22	1 4	68	221	.0	
Opponents	1	91	.94	20-37-	-3	54.	l 19	9 1	31	199	.0	
RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/	G				,
								-				:
ROOSEVELT, Naam	1	4	154	38.5	2	68	154.	0				(
THERMILUS, Bran	1	2	10	5.0	0	7	10.	0				
RICE, Gary	1	1	34	34.0	1	34	34.	0				1
KISABETH, Bryan	1	1	15	15.0	1	15	15.	0				
SCHARON, Chris	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.	0				,
STARKS, James	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.	0				
Total	1	10	221	22.1	4	68	221.	0				

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	13	13.0	0	13
INTERCEPTIONS		Yds	Avg	TD	Long
SYTY, John	2	21	10.5	0	21
WINTERS, Justin	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	3	26	8.7	0	21
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0
KICK RETURNS		Yds	Avg	TD	Long
	1	 24	24.0	0	24
ROOSEVELT, Naam	1 1	24 22	24.0	0	24 22
ROOSEVELT, Naam	1 1 2	24 22 46	24.0 22.0 23.0	0 0 0	24 22 24
ROOSEVELT, Naam THERMILUS, Bran Total	1 1 2 6	24 22 46 149	24.0 22.0 23.0 24.8	0 0 0 0	24 22 24 52 Long
ROOSEVELT, Naam THERMILUS, Bran Total Opponents	1 1 2 6	24 22 46 149 Yds	24.0 22.0 23.0 24.8 Avg	0 0 0 0	24 22 24 52 Long



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					PAT	5													
SCORING		FGs	Kick						Points	TOTAL OFFENSE		•					Avg/G		
THERMILUS, Bran		0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0		 0	12	WILLY, Drew			-17				204.0		
ROOSEVELT, Naam	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	STARKS, James	1	31	179	0	17	9 1	179.0		
RICE, Gary	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	THERMILUS, Bran	1	16	102	0	10	2 1	102.0		
KISABETH, Bryan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	TEAM	1	1	-1	0	-	1	-1.0		
PRINCIPE, A.J.	0	0-0	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	Total	1	66	263	221	48	4 4	184.0		
Total	6	0-0	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42	Opponents	1	63	67	199	26	6 2	266.0		
Opponents	2	1-2	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	17										
										PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avç	J Lo	ng I	В	FC I	20 Bl	kd
FIELD GOALS									-	PUNTINGFARDON, Peter			•						
									-		3	119	39.7		 45	 0		1	
FG SEQUENCE		Buff	 alo			OPPON	ENTS		-	FARDON, Peter	3 3	119 119	39.7	· 	 45 45	 o o	0	1 1	0
		Buff	 alo			OPPON	ENTS		-	FARDON, Peter Total Opponents	3 3 3 No.	119 119 119 145 Yds	39.7 39.7 48.3	3 !	 45 45 59	0 0 1 B	0 0 0 0	1 1 2 Net	 0 0 0 VdL:
FG SEQUENCE		Buffa	alo 			OPPON	 IENTS 		-	FARDON, Peter Total Opponents	3 3 3 No.	119 119 145 Yds	39.7 39.7 48.3	7 7 8	45 45 59 TB 0	0 0 1 B	0 0 0 0	1 1 2 Net	 0 0 0 VdL:
FG SEQUENCE		Buffa	alo 			OPPON	 IENTS 		-	FARDON, Peter Total Opponents KICKOFFS	3 3 3 3 No.	119 119 145 Yds	39.7 39.7 48.3	7g !	45 45 59 TB 0	0 0 1 B	0 0 0 0	1 1 2 Net	 0 0 0 VdL:
FG SEQUENCE		Buffa	alo 			OPPON	 IENTS 		-	FARDON, Peter Total Opponents KICKOFFS	3 3 3 No.	119 119 145 Yds 359	39.7 39.7 48.3 48.3	7g :	45 45 59 TB 0	0 0 1 B  0	0 0 0 0	1 1 2 Net	 0 0 0 VdLi



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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
STARKS, James	1	179	4	0	0	0	183	183.0
ROOSEVELT, Naam	1	0	154	0	24	0	178	178.0
THERMILUS, Bran	1	102	10	0	22	0	134	134.0
RICE, Gary	1	0	34	0	0	0	34	34.0
SYTY, John	1	0	0	0	0	21	21	21.0
KISABETH, Bryan	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
WINTERS, Justin	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	5.0
SCHARON, Chris	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
TEAM	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
WILLY, Drew	1	-17	0	0	0	0	-17	-17.0
Total	1	263	221	0	46	26	556	556.0
Opponents	1	67	199	13	149	0	428	428.0



# The Automated ScoreBook Buffalo Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2008) All games

		Tackles		-Sacks-	Pas	s Def	-Fumbl	les-	Blkd			
DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp QB	H Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
34 WINTERS, Justin	1	 6	4	10	2.0-9	1.0-7	1-5	1			•	
51 AKOBUNDU, Rapha	1	3	5	8	•	•	•	•				
7 SHANNON, Davont	1	4	4	8	•	•	•	1			•	•
22 LOTT, Sherrod	1	5	1	6	•	•	•	•				•
30 NEWTON, Mike	1	3	2	5	0.5-2	•	•	1		•		•
52 DREWES, Tom	1	3	2	5	1.0-6	1.0-6	•	•		1	•	•
60 THOMPSON, Mike	1	3	1	4	1.5-3	•	•	•	1.		•	•
15 THOMAS, Josh	1	3	1	4	•	•	•	2			•	•
49 AKINGBA, Adekun	1	2	1	3	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
25 COOK, Domonic	1	1	1	2	•	•	•	1		•		•
48 CALLAHAN, Chris	1	•	1	1	•	•	•	•			•	•
33 PETTIGREW, Scot	1	1	•	1	•	•	•	•			•	•
97 SMITH, Andrae	1	1		1	•	•	•	1		•		•
74 MONTANEZ, Anel	1	1		1	•	•	•	•		•		•
27 THERMILUS, Bran	1	1		1	•	•	•	•		•		•
43 STORR, Chris	1	1		1	•	•	•	•		•		•
47 CHATMAN, Imani	1	1	•	1	•	•	•	•			•	•
23 PIERRE, Alex	1	1		1	1.0-13	•	•	•		•		•
26 SYTY, John	1	•	1	1	•	•	2-21	•		•		•
Total	1	40	24	64	6-33	2-13	3-26	7	1.	1	•	•
Opponents	1	38	38	76	2-17	2-17	•	1	1 2-0	2		



# The Automated ScoreBook Buffalo Team Game-by-Game (as of Aug 29, 2008) All games

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	1	-RUSHING   RECEIVING				ING	PASSING						KICK	RET	r	-   PUNT RET			
Date Opponent	No.	Yds	TD Lo	No.	Yds	TD L	g Cmp	-Att	-Int	Yds TD	Lq	No	Yds	TD	Lq N	yd:	s TD	Lq	off
Aug 28, 2008 UTEP										221 4		2			24			ő	484
<b>,</b> ,												_		-		_		_	
Totals	. 50	263	2 34	10	221	4 6	8 10	- 16	- 0	221 4	68	2	46	0	24	0 (	0 0	0	484
Opponent	. 26	67	1 15	5 20	199	1 3	1 20	- 37	- 3	199 1	31	6	149	0	52	1 1:	3 0	13	266
Games played: 1																			
Avg per rush: 5.3																			
Avg per catch: 22.1																			
Pass efficiency: 261.02																			
Kick ret avg: 23.0																			
All purpose avg/game: 556.0																			
Total offense avg/gm: 484.0																			
iocai offense avg/gm. 404.0	1		ma cvi	P.C		116	ACVC	m	MDT F	1		D-	aa B	11.4	-Kick	~ VD	ne i		
Data Omenant					TFL-Yd													a - £	D
Date Opponent			Tota							ds Int-		внв							
Aug 28, 2008 UTEP	. 40	24		54	6.0-33	2	.0-13	1	0-0	3-	26	1	7	U	6-6	0	0	0	42
Totals	. 40	24		54	6.0-33	2	.0-13	1	0-0	3-	26	1	7	0	6-6	0	0	0	42
Opponent					2.0-17		.0-17	_	2-0			1	1	0		0			17
opponenc	. 50	30		U	2.0-17		.0-17		2-0	0-	,	-	-	٠	2-2	·	٠	·	11
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Date Opponent										Att-Made				io 3		va Ti			
			-	-	Blkd						-					-			
Aug 28, 2008 UTEP	. 3	119	39.7	45	5 0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	1	7 4	414 59	• т	1	U	
Totals																			
	. 3	119	39.7	45	. 0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	1	7 4	414 59	. 1	1 (	0	



# The Automated ScoreBook Buffalo Game Superlatives (as of Aug 29, 2008) All games

#### INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	31	STARKS, James vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Rushing	179	STARKS, James vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Rushes	2	THERMILUS, Bran vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Rush	34	STARKS, James vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass attempts	16	WILLY, Drew vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass completions	10	WILLY, Drew vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Passing	221	WILLY, Drew vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Passes	4	WILLY, Drew vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Pass	68	WILLY, Drew vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Receptions	4	ROOSEVELT, Naam vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Receiving	154	ROOSEVELT, Naam vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Receptions	2	ROOSEVELT, Naam vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Reception	68	ROOSEVELT, Naam vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Field Goals	0	
Long Field Goal	0	
Punts	3	FARDON, Peter vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Punting Avg	39.7	FARDON, Peter vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Punt	45	FARDON, Peter vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Punt Return	0	
Long Kickoff Return.	24	ROOSEVELT, Naam vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Tackles	10	WINTERS, Justin vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Sacks	1.0	DREWES, Tom vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
		WINTERS, Justin vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	WINTERS, Justin vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)
Interceptions	2	SYTY, John vs UTEP (Aug 28, 2008)



# The Automated ScoreBook Buffalo Red-Zone Results (as of Aug 29, 2008) All games

#### Buffalo Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score		Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	I FGA	Failed Downs			ide R2 Half	
Aug 28	UTEP W	42-17	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Totals 3 of 4 (75.0%)		4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

#### Opponents Inside Buffalo Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score		Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	FGA	Failed	to sco		ide RZ Half		
Aug 28	UTEP W	42-17	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
<b></b>	Totals 3 of 4 (75.0%)		4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	