Danny Hale is entering his 14th season as the head coach of the Bloomsburg University football program. He also spent five years as the head coach at West Chester.

At Bloomsburg, Hale has posted a career record of 110-40-1 and holds the school record for most coaching victories. Overall in 18 years as a head coach he has a mark of 150-53-1 (.739) and is ranked among the top 10 active coaches in NCAA Division II in winning percentage. He has led the Huskies to seven shared or outright PSAC Eastern Division titles and four NCAA post-season playoff berths.

In 2005, Hale led the Huskies to a record of 11-1, including an unbeaten (11-0) mark in the regular season. It was just the fourth time in school history that a Bloomsburg team went through the regular season without a loss. He also led the team to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the fourth time in his 13 years and the fifth time in school history. He earned PSAC Eastern Division Coach of the Year honors for his efforts.

The Huskies also reached the NCAA championships in 1996, 2000 and 2001. During the 2000 season the Huskies were 12-3 and advanced to the NCAA championship game, eventually losing in the title contest. The team reached the finals after rallying from a 19-point deficit against UC-Davis in the national semi-finals to post a 58-48 win. Hale earned the American Football Coaches Association Division II National Coach of the Year award following the season.

Hale has also earned AFCA District I Coach of the Year honors seven times, including back-to-back years of 2000 and 2001. He has been named the PSAC Eastern Division Coach of the Year nine times, including four straight from 1994 to 1997.

Hale also coached Irv Sigler, the winner of the 1997 Harlon Hill Award as the nation’s best Division II football player. Sigler finished the year as one of the few players ever in Division II history to average more than 200 yards per game rushing.

Bill Zwaan begins his fourth season as head coach of the Golden Rams after leading West Chester University to the NCAA Division II playoffs two years in a row.

In 2004, Zwaan was chosen the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Coach of the Year as his club posted a school-record 11 victories in finishing 11-4 overall. The Golden Rams won the PSAC East, captured the Division II Lambert Trophy for the first time in school history. It was just the fourth time in school history that a Bloomsburg team went through the regular season without a loss. He also led the team to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the fourth time in his 13 years and the fifth time in school history. He earned Eastern Division Coach of the Year honors for his efforts.

Zwaan’s career record is 84-27. The former Widener University head football coach and director of athletics took over the Golden Ram coaching reins in February of 2003. He owns the all-time highest winning percentage at Widener at .794, while his record ranks seventh among active NCAA Division III head coaches with at least five years of head coaching experience.

In addition to being named the Middle Atlantic Conference and Region II Coach of the Year in 2000 and again in 2001, Zwaan was named the Tri-State Region Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club and was also honored as the American Football Coaches Association Division II National Coach of the Year.

Zwaan was a standout quarterback at the University of Delaware and led the Blue Hens to the 1974 NCAA Division II National Championship game as a junior.
WEST CHESTER (W, 53-12 vs. Cheyney)

Junior tailback Osagie Osunde rushed for a career high 205 yards and four scores as the west Chester University football team thrilled a homecoming crowd with a 53-12 blistering of Cheyney University Saturday at home.

The victory was WCU’s third straight and improved the Golden Rams to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division. The loss drops Cheyney to 0-5 and 0-1 in the league.

Osunde carried the ball 18 times for 205 yards and scored WCU’s first four touchdowns, including two in the first quarter on runs of 11 and eight yards. He scored from one and six yards out in the second period to give WCU a 27-0 lead.

Cheyney broke West Chester’s seven-quarter scoreless streak with a five-yard touchdown throw from Derrick Murry to Dominique Curry with 1:50 left in the opening half. Curry finished the game with 10 catches for 169 yards and one score. Murry completed 21 of 35 pass attempts for 191 yards and one touchdown.

After Cheyney cut the WCU lead to 21 points in the second quarter, sophomore WR Michael Washington snared a six-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Bill Zwaan for a 34-6 halftime lead.

Zwaan completed 5 of 7 pass attempts for 89 yards and one touchdown, while Washington had two grabs for 39 yards. But it was the WCU rushing offense that produced 408 net yards on 47 carries and seven scores. The Golden Rams finished the day with 531 yards of total offense.

In addition to Osunde, red-shirt freshman Lee Hopkins carried the ball seven times for 76 yards and a 30-yard fourth-quarter touchdown burst. Junior Dean Millard ran nine times for 71 yards and a three-yard dive for a score and Sophomore Pat McDermott scored on a five-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Defensively, the Golden Rams picked off four passes for the second straight game. Red-shirt freshman Devon Johnson had a pair of interceptions, while senior Anthony Belasco returned a pick 45 yards to the Cheyney five-yard line that set up a score. He also forced a fumble, had a pass defensed and posted three tackles.

Junior Lateef Ferguson registered six tackles, an interception, a pass defended and a nine-yard sack. Senior Chris Tagye and red-shirt freshman James Thorpe each had three tackles and a sack.

BLOOMSBURG (W, 35-14 at Shippensburg)

Tailback Jamar Brittingham rushed for 154 yards and three touchdowns to lead Bloomsburg University to a 35-14 road win over Shippensburg University on Saturday. The win was the 150th in the coaching career of Huskies coach Danny Hale and his 110th at Bloomsburg.

Defense set up Bloomsburg’s first score when Corey Gipe recovered a fumble by Red Raider quarterback Tony Gomez giving Bloomsburg the ball at the Shippensburg 20-yard line. Six consecutive carries by Brittingham resulted in the junior scoring from four yards out with 8:09 left in the first period for a 7-0 lead.

The Red Raiders cut the lead to 6-3 on a 33-yard field goal by Jamie Redder with 5:09 left in the opening period. The scoring drive for Shippensburg was set up by a 51-yard kickoff return by Howard Chavous.

On the ensuing drive Brittingham put the Huskies in front by a 14-3 score when he capped a 65-yard drive with a one-yard plunge with 14:16 to play in the half. Brittingham had a key play on the drive when he ran for 33-yards on third and eight from midfield.

Another Redder field goal, this one from 36-yards, cut the lead to 14-6 for Shippensburg with 9:18 to play in the second quarter.

The Huskies made it 21-6 before the half when quarterback Dan Latorre ran 48-yards for a score. It was Latorre’s longest run of his career and his first rushing touchdown.

Brittingham scored his third touchdown of the afternoon midway through the third period when he ran in from 11-yards out to make it 28-6. Brittingham's 48-yard run two-plays before he scored was a key play in the drive.

Shippensburg finally reached the end zone in the fourth period when Pat Ferguson caught a 10-yard pass from Gabe Maiocco with 10:51 to play. Following a successful two-point conversion, the Red Raiders trailed by just 28-14.

However, after a failed on-side kick attempt by the Red Raiders, Latorre connected with Brahin Bilal, who went up between two defenders to snare the pass, on a 53-yard scoring pass to seal the win for the Huskies.

With three rushing touchdowns, Brittingham moved into second place all-time in the PSAC in rushing touchdowns with 57.

Defensively, Rob Biernat led the Huskies with eight tackles, while Matt Smith added seven tackles, including a sack.

For Hale, the win was number 150 between Bloomsburg and West Chester. Overall he is now 150-53-1 in his 19-year career and 110-40-1 in 14 years with the Huskies.

BY THE NUMBERS

+1
The turnover margin for the Huskies in 2006.

10
Straight wins for the Huskies against PSAC Western Division teams. The longest since a streak of 12 in a row from 1985-88.

11
Different receivers that quarterback Dan Latorre has completed 56 passes to so far this season.

56
Fourth quarter points for the Huskies this season.

150
Career wins for Danny Hale as a collegiate coach (between West Chester and Bloomsburg).
Last Meeting

In their last meeting, the Huskies defeated the Golden Rams 42-35 on October 29, 2005 in Bloomsburg.

Jamar Brittingham scored on a 14-yard touchdown run with 47 seconds left in the fourth quarter to give the Huskies a 42-35 win that gave the Huskies sole possession of first place in the PSAC East.

The Huskies got off to a fast start when quarterback Jack Lydic connected with Brittingham for a 59-yard touchdown pass on their first play from scrimmage. West Chester answered on the next drive when tailback Brent Steinmetz scored on a one-yard touchdown run that capped an 80-yard Golden Ram drive to tie the score at 7-7.

The teams exchanged scores two more times to make it 21-21. With 14 seconds left in the first half, West Chester botched a punt to give BU excellent field position at the West Chester 24. Two plays later, Lydic tossed a 24-yard touchdown pass to Donny Patrick as time expired to give Bloomsburg a 28-21 advantage at the half.

The score remained tied until Brittingham scored his third touchdown of the game on a two-yard run. However, West Chester answered with back to back scores to tie the game at 35 with 3:14 left to play. After Brittingham scored his fourth touchdown to give the Huskies the 42-35 lead, West Chester drove the majority of the field and was threatening to score when Zac Barton forced a fumble that was recovered by Rob Biernat. Lydic then downed the ball to end the game and seal the victory for Bloomsburg.

Overall, Brittingham rushed 26 times for 212 yards and three touchdowns, he also caught six passes for 78 yards and a touchdown.

The Series

The Golden Rams lead the all-time series over the Huskies, 43-18. With Bloomsburg, Coach Hale is 9-4 all time versus his former team including 7-2 in Bloomsburg and 2-2 in West Chester. Since 1925, Hale owns half of the Huskies victories over West Chester.

Coach Hale Sounds Off:

Last Week...

“We had a great team victory at Shippensburg. The players were focused and executed well. It was a very physical game and our offense put together a 4 quarter game.”

Looking Ahead...

“Now the start of PSAC East! West Chester is a very good team with very talented players. They’re well coached and they will be UP for this game. They have a big play offense with several weapons. They put a great deal of pressure on defenses. Defensively they’re a very aggressive style and make you earn the yards. They have a great deal of experience and play with confidence. This should be a super spectator game.”
Huskies on Homecoming

This Saturday’s game versus West Chester is the Homecoming game for Bloomsburg. In 76 previous Homecoming games, the Huskies are 46-29-1 all-time. Against West Chester, Bloomsburg is 3-7 in those Homecoming games. For his career at Bloomsburg, Coach Hale is 11-2 in Homecoming games including 3-0 against West Chester.

Jamar Record Watch

Jamar Brittingham three touchdowns against Shippensburg gave him 57 for his career, second all-time in the PSAC. He needs eight more to pass Wesley Cates of Cal to become the conference’s all-time leader. With 49 more points, Brittingham will move past Anthony Carfagno for the PSAC all-time lead in points scored.

Latorre Not Playing Favorites

With two completions to Brad Nailor in Saturday’s win, Dan Latorre has now completed passes to 11 different Huskies. Brahin Bilal, Ryan Schuck, Luke Kuklick, Jamar Brittingham, Greg Masters, Kyle Ream, Christian Allen, Nailor, Al Meacham, Stefan Adams and Jay Collins have all caught passes from Latorre. Latorre has completed 62.2 percent of his passes, good for fifth in the PSAC.

Bilal Leads Receivers

With a talented corps of Husky receivers this season, Brahin Bilal has risen to the top catching 15 passes for 351 yards. In only five games, he has already almost tripled his yardage from last season (144) and nearly doubled his catches (8) from a year ago. Bilal is on pace to finish the season with over 770 receiving yards.

In addition, Bilal’s 78-yard reception in the Huskies’ win over Clarion was the longest completion for a Bloomsburg player since November 13, 1999 when Eric Miller connected with Matt Wilson for a 90-yard completion.

Time for Divisional Play

The Huskies closed out a successful cross-division schedule with a win over Shippensburg last Saturday. The current squad has now won ten straight against their West rivals. However, this week opens Eastern Division play for Bloomsburg.

All-time the Huskies are 211-168-13 (.566) against the Eastern Division. In the Danny Hale era, Bloomsburg is 66-12-1 (.848) against the East. Coach Hale has had six seasons where his teams did not lose a PSAC East game.

Under Hale, the Huskies have a winning record against all East schools and are undefeated against Cheyney, Kutztown and Mansfield. Hale’s worst record against an Eastern Division school is an 8-4-1 (.680) record against Millersville.

Key to Victory? -- Lead at the Half

Coach Hale’s Huskies have been known to jump out to an early lead and then hold on for the victory. In 151 career games at Bloomsburg, Hale’s teams have been ahead at halftime in 101 contests and have won 92% of them (93-8).

Trailing at the half, the Huskies are 14-30-1 under Hale and the team is 3-2 in games tied at halftime.

Huskies Among PSAC Leaders

Several Huskies are among the individual conference leaders. Offensively, Brittingham is leads the conference lead scoring with 13.5 points per game. He is also third in the PSAC in rushing with 124.5 yards per game and third in all-purpose yards with 137.8 per game. His efforts last week against Shippensburg earned him a share of the PSAC Eastern Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Looking at other Huskies that are ranked in the PSAC, Brahin Bilal is first in the in the conference in yards per carry with 23.2. He’s also seventh in receiving with 70.2 yards per game while Ryan Schuck is third in the PSAC in punt return average (9.7).

Placekicker Jon Koenig is on the PSAC leaderboard in scoring (5th 4.8 points per game), field goals (5th - 0.60 made per game) and he’s tied for the lead in extra point percentage, remaining a perfect 15-15 on the year.

Defensively, the Huskies are the top-ranked team in the conference in scoring defense, allowing opponents an average of only 13.4 points per game.
**CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**

1. 63 Wesley Cates, CAL, 1998-2001
2. 57 Jamar Brittingham, BLOOM, 2004-
3. 55 Irv Sigler, BLOOM, 1994-1997
4. 54 John Kuhn, SHIP, 2001-04
5. 52 John Kuhn, SHIP, 1997-2000
6. 48 Michael Mann, IUP, 1990-93
7. 43 Ricke Stonewall, MILL, 1981-84
8. 42 Larry Jackson, EDIN, 1991-94

**BY A BLOOMSBURG PLAYER**

- 20 carries
  - Jamar Brittingham (27) vs. Shippensburg, 9/30/06
- 30 carries
  - Jamar Brittingham (35) vs. Kutztown, 10/8/05
- 40 carries
  - Irv Sigler (41) vs. Millersville, 10/18/97
- 100+ yards rushing
  - J. Brittingham (154) vs. Shippensburg, 9/30/06
- 200+ yards rushing
  - J. Brittingham (200) vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/19/05
- 300+ yards rushing
  - Jerry Marks (300) vs. Mansfield, 11/2/91
- 3 TDs or more
  - Jamar Brittingham (3) vs. Shippensburg, 9/30/06
- 50+ yard run
  - Jack Lydic (23) vs. East Stroudsburg, 10/2/04
- 20 pass completions
  - Jeff King (39) vs. Lock Haven, 9/19/92
- 30 pass completions
  - Jack Lydic (30) vs. Fairmont State, 9/3/05
- 40 pass completions
  - Eric Miller (43) vs. UC Davis, 12/2/00
- 50 pass attempts
  - Jeff King (69) vs. Lock Haven, 9/19/92
- 200+ yards passing
  - Jack Lydic (264) vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/19/05
- 300+ yards passing
  - Jack Lydic (309) vs. Millersville, 11/5/05
- 400+ yards passing
  - Eric Miller (415) vs. New Haven, 9/4/99
- 500+ yards passing
  - Jack Lydic (4) vs. Millersville, 11/5/05
- 3 TD passes or more
  - Latorre to Bilal (53) vs. Shippensburg, 9/30/06
- 10 receptions
  - Steve Burke (11) vs. East Stroudsburg, 10/2/04
- 100+ yards receiving
  - Donny Patrick (110) vs. Shippensburg, 9/10/05
- 200+ yards receiving
  - Ron Leikin (211) vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/16/96
- 3+ TD Receptions
  - Steve Burke (3) vs. East Stroudsburg, 10/4/03
- 3+ interceptions
  - Deric Lynch (3) vs. Mansfield, 11/13/93
- 3+ sacks
  - Nick Kurtz (80) vs. Cheyney, 10/26/02
- Kickoff Return-TD
  - Ryan Schuck (66) vs. Cheyney, 10/15/05
- Punt Return-TD
  - Rob Biernat (37) vs. Lock Haven, 9/18/04
- Fumble Return-TD
  - Matt Keys (96) vs. West Chester, 9/29/01
- 40-yard field goal
  - Tim Oliver (41) at Indiana (PA), 9/7/02

**CAREER POINTS SCORED**

1. 402 Anthony Carfagno, ESU 2002-05
2. 386 Wesley Cates, CAL, 1998-2001
3. 354 J. Brittingham, BLOOM, 2004-
4. 332 Steve Witte, CLAR, 1992-95
5. 330 Irv Sigler, BLOOM, 1994-97
6. 322 John Kuhn, SHIP, 2001-04
7. 318 Stan Kennedy, SRU, 1997-2000
8. 312 Michael Mann, IUP, 1990-93
9. 292 Brian Penecale, WCU, 1992-95
10. 288 Elbert Cole, EDIN, 1986-89

**BY AN OPPONENT**

- 20 carries
  - Maurice Fenner, James Madison, 9/2/06
- 30 carries
  - Mike Eckmeyer (31), West Chester, 11/2/02
- 100+ yards rushing
  - Brandon Lombardy (105), California, 9/9/06
- 200+ yards rushing
  - Gerald Thompson, Edinboro (243), 11/14/98
- 3 TDs or more
  - Elice Parker (3), Indiana (PA), 9/7/02
- 50+ yard run
  - Chris Meyers (69), Millersville, 10/12/02
- 200+ yards passing
  - Mike de Marteleire, Kutztown (32), 11/4/00
- 300+ yards passing
  - Trevor Harris (23), Edinboro, 9/16/06
- 400+ yards passing
  - Mike de Marteleire, Kutztown (32), 11/4/00
- 3 TD passes or more
  - Trevor Harris (211), Edinboro, 9/16/06
- 50+ yard pass
  - Jim Tenwilliger (52), E. Stroudsburg, 11/16/96
- 100+ yards receiving
  - Jim Tenwilliger (4), East Stroudsburg, 11/19/05
- 10 receptions
  - Rupert to Carraway (50), Clarion, 9/23/06
- 100+ yards receiving
  - Alfa Jackson, Millersville (10), 10/27/01
- 200+ yards receiving
  - Evan Prall (110), East Stroudsburg, 11/19/05
- 3+ TD Receptions
  - Elvert Eden, New Haven (240), 9/4/99
- 3+ sacks
  - Ed Giddings, Cheyney (3) 10/25/03
- Kickoff Return-TD
- Punt Return-TD
  - Levi Green, Mansfield (55, blk.) 11/6/99
- Interception Return-TD
  - Matt Kakenda, East Stroudsburg (98) 10/31/98
- Fumble Return-TD
  - Darren Smith, Grand Valley State (35), 11/17/01
- 40-yard field goal
  - Tyree Patterson, Mansfield (73) 11/6/99
- 50+ yards rushing
  - Josh Telenko, Indiana (PA), 9/7/02
- 100+ yards rushing
  - Dan Wilkbourne, West Chester, 11/2/02

**THE LAST TIME**

- Scored all four quarters
  - East Stroudsburg, 10/1/05
- Recorded a safety
  - New Haven 9/4/99
- Shutout
  - Shippensburg, 2003
- 400+ Yards Total Offense
  - Slippery Rock (425), 8/27/05
- 500+ Yards Total Offense
  - West Chester (542), 10/29/05