HUSKIES FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

BLOOMSBURG Huskies vs. C.W. Post Pioneers

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THE COACHES

Danny Hale is entering his 16th 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 128-44-1 and holds the school record for most coaching victories. Overall in 19 years as a head coach he has a mark of 168-57-1 (.743) and is ranked among the top 10 active coaches in NCAA Division II in winning percentage. He has led the Huskies to ten shared or outright PSAC Eastern Division titles and five NCAA post-season playoff berths.

In 2007, the Huskies posted a mark of 7-3. In 2006, the Huskies won the NCAA Northeast Regional title, while advancing to the NCAA Division II national semi-finals along with capturing the PSAC Eastern Division title. Hale was named the PSAC East Coach of the Year, the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II District I Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award. For being named a finalist he was featured on an ABC-TV special hosted by Keith Jackson.

The Huskies also reached the NCAA championships in 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2005. 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 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 Irr 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.

Bryan Collins is in his eighth season as the head coach at C.W. Post. Collins remains near the top of active Division II head coaches in winning percentage with an outstanding 73-17 mark (.811) during his tenure.

Under his leadership, the Pioneers have become a perennial nationally-ranked squad that won three undisputed Northeast-10 Conference championships and a share of another NE-10 title, as well as three times earning a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs. The 2005 season was the most successful in the school record books. The Pioneers won the first two NCAA Division II Championship tournament games in the program’s history while advancing to the national quarterfinals.

Collins has been a part of the Pioneer program for over a decade. He spent five seasons as an assistant coach with the Pioneers.

A 1987 graduate of St. John’s University, Collins played linebacker for four seasons. Following graduation, he served for three seasons as an assistant coach at St. Francis Prep.

HUSKIES RADIO

Play by Play: Jim Doyle
Color Commentary: Andy Ulicny
Sideline Reporter: Larry White
WHLM (AM 930)
Pre-Game Show: 11:30 a.m
Streaming at whlm.com

QUICK LINKS:
Opposing SID: Sarah Ralls
SID Phone: 516-299-3957

WEBSITES:
Bloomsburg: http://www.buhuskies.com
C.W Post: http://www.cwpostpioneers.com
Sophomore tailback Jason Gwaltney rushed in three touchdowns as C.W. Post scored five touchdowns to defeat Cheyney University, 35-0, during Saturday afternoon’s Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference football contest at O’Sheilds-Stevenson Stadium.

The Pioneers, who posted their first shutout since Sept. 8, 2007 at Pace University, improve to 1-3 overall and are 1-0 in the Eastern Division. Cheyney loses its fourth straight game and falls to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the conference. The win also improved head coach Bryan Collins’ overall career record to 85-29, making him the all-time winningest football coach at C.W. Post.

Gwaltney recorded 148 yards on 25 carries - his longest a 37-yard run in the fourth quarter – to lead all rushers in the game. Gwaltney transferred to C.W Post from West Virginia prior to this season. Freshman Quillian Respass, making his first start of the season as quarterback, completed 10 of 16 pass attempts for 175 yards with two interceptions. The Pioneers made quick work in the first quarter when Gwaltney scored the game’s first touchdown fourth-and-goal from the Cheyney 1-yard line at 11:11. Senior kicker Andrew Kroell kicked a successful point after and the Pioneers led, 7-0.

The Wolves were able to hold stop the Pioneers’ progression during their next possession and forced the ball over on downs after a 13 play, 44-yard drive. The offense continued in the second quarter when C.W. Post capitalized on a botched punt attempt that sophomore defensive back Juma McKenley caught and returned from Cheyney’s 12 for an 88-yard touchdown at 13:08 in second quarter.

The Pioneers second touchdown of the quarter was part of a seven play, 53-yard drive that began at the Cheyney 37. On 2nd-and-28 after a holding pass was assessed to the Pioneers, Respass completed a 25-yard pass to senior wide receiver Chris Harris that brought the ball to the Cheyney 4-yard line. The drive culminated with a four-yard pass from Georgetti to senior tight end Dennis Vanella.

At the end of the half, the Pioneers tallied 235 total offensive yards on 33 plays while holding the Wolves to just 33 offensive yards on 26 plays. C.W. Post went 3 for 7 on third down conversions and 2 for 3 on fourth down.

In the third quarter, C.W. Post scored on its first drive on eight plays and 64 yards that resulted in one yard rushing touchdown from Vanella at 11:24. Gwaltney rushed in his second touchdown of the game with 8:12 remaining in the fourth quarter from Cheyney’s 3-yard line for the game’s final score.

The Pioneers totaled 434 yards of offense and was 5 for 11 on third down conversions in the game. The defense held the Wolves to just 66 yards during the game. Harris completed the game with four catches for 83 yards. Junior wide receiver Ryan Pettys caught one pass for 43 yards. Cheyney quarterback Ronald Thompson completed 7 of 13 pass attempts for 26 yards while running back Chinoso Okoro led the Wolves with 16 rushing yards.

**BLOOMSBURG (2008: 4-0, 1-0 PSAC East)**

Quarterback Dan Latorre threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns to lead the 10th-ranked Bloomsburg University Huskies to a 31-21 win over Kutztown University on Saturday.

Latorre connected on throws 55 and 28 yards to help the Huskies, winners of nine straight dating back to last year, rally twice in the game.

Kutztown took the early lead in the game when Matt Dineen connected on a 37-yard field goal with 1:22 left in the first period. Bloomsburg then scored on the ensuing drive when Jon Koenig (Pine Grove/Pine Grove) hit a 35-yard field goal after the Huskies drive stalled at the Golden Bear 18-yard line.

Kutztown regained the lead later in the period when Shane Martin hit Kaleb Klosky with a 15-yard scoring pass with 3:25 left in the half.

On Bloomsburg’s next possession the Huskies needed just three plays to tie the score as Latorre hit Kyle Ream with a 55-yard pass to make it 10-10 at the half.

In the third period the Huskies took the lead for the first time in the game. Starting the Kutztown 28-yard line after a short punt and a face mask penalty, Latorre and Ream clicked on the first play of the drive on a 28-yard scoring strike for a 17-10 lead.

Kutztown cut in the Huskies lead with a 34-yard field goal on the Golden Bears next possession, but Bloomsburg responded with a seven, play, 63-yards scoring drive to extend its lead. On a second and 17-play from the Bloomsburg 45-yard line, Latorre hit connected with Derrick Price on a 44-yard pass play putting the ball at the Kutztown 11-yard line. Two plays later Kenny Domzalski scored from seven yards out for a 24-13 lead. Kutztown then attempted an onside kick following the score,
but the ball was recovered by the Huskies and Bloomsburg drove in for one last score with Price going in from nine yards out with 1:16 left in the game.

Overall, Latorre was 10-15 for 210 yards with one interception and two touchdowns. Price was held below 100-yards for the first time this season, as he finished with 60 yards on the ground. Defensively, Greg Myers had a career high-10 tackles, six of them solo, while Earl McNeil had seven tackles, all solo. Myers was named PSAC Eastern Division Defensive Player of the Week for the week for his efforts. Martin finished with 161 yards through the air for Kutztown.

The 31 points scored by Bloomsburg was the second time this season the Huskies offense has scored over 30 points in a game, as Bloomsburg has averaged 32 points per game through the first four contests. Despite only rushing for 160 yards as a team against Kutztown, the Huskies continue to lead the PSAC in rushing yards per game, averaging 287.5 yards on the ground. Of the 17 touchdowns scored this season by the Huskies offense, 10 of them have come on the ground. Price and Kenny Domzalski both rank in the top eight in the PSAC in all-purpose yardage, as the duo has combined for 1,084 yards of total offense.

Defensively, the Huskies nine sacks rank fourth in the conference, and Jon Ochs ranks second in conference with eight tackles for loss.

THE SERIES
BU leads the all time series 1-0.

COACH HALE SOUNDS OFF:

ON THE KUTZTOWN GAME...
“The Kutztown game played out the way I thought it would. It was a hard earned win. They’re a very good well coached team in spite of their record.”

ON C.W. Post...
“C.W Post is our second PSAC East opponent this season and I’m expecting another tough game. They’ve played a difficult early schedule. We played them last season so both teams are familiar each other.”

HUSKIES IN THE NFL

On April 30, 2006 the New Orleans Saints selected former Bloomsburg All-American offensive tackle Jahri Evans in the fourth round (108th overall) in the NFL draft. Last season, Evans started all 16 games for the Saints, as the team went 7-9 in the regular season.

Before Evans, the last BU alumni in the NFL was Eric Jonassen who was drafted as lineman for the San Diego Chargers in 1992. The most notable former Husky in the NFL was the Giants’ Bob Tucker who had an 11-year career in which he caught 422 passes for 5,421 yards and scored 27 touchdowns. Tucker still ranks fourth all-time in school history with 131 receptions.
LAST SEASON

Jamar Brittingham scored five times and totaled 34 points, setting several school and conference marks, to lead Bloomsburg to a 42-28 win over C.W Post. Brittingham scored on runs of 6, 5, 2, 2 and 2 yards and also had two, two-point conversions giving him 34 points for the day. After a scoreless first quarter Brittingham scored on back-to-back possessions on runs of six and five yards to give the Huskies a 12-0 lead after both extra point attempts were blocked. Defensively, Jeremy Lightner and Rob Biernat each had nine tackles.

POST ERIZED

Last season was the first time Bloomsburg and C.W Post played against one another, and the Huskies made sure it was a memorable first meeting. Dan Latorre threw for a season best of 282 passing yards, and the Huskies posted a season-high five touchdown runs and even contributed on special teams with a 46 yard punt return. It was the first of first of three games last season where neither Bloomsburg or their opponent scored in the first quarter.

GOOD OMENS

This season is the first since 2005 that Bloomsburg has started the season with a 4-0 record. It also marks the 14th season in school history that the Huskies have began the season unbeaten through four games. Out of those 14 seasons, all but one ended with a winning record. The last three times Bloomsburg has opened the season 4-0, the Huskies posted a shut-out in at least one of those games.

REAMS BIG DAY

Huskies senior captain Kyle Ream eclipsed the 100 yard receiving mark for the first time in his career, finishing with 4 catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns against Kutztown on Saturday. It marks the first time a Huskies receiver has gone over 100 yards receiving since last season against West Chester, when Brahim Bilal finished with 148 yards. The 55-yard touchdown pass to start the third quarter was the second consecutive season Latorre has hit Ream for a pass greater than 50 yards. It also marks the longest touchdown pass the Huskies have thrown since November 4th, 2006, when Latorre hit Bilal with a 79-yard strike against East Stroudsburg. Ream now has four touchdown catches, the same total as he had all of last season.

DYNAMIC DANNY

With his two touchdown passes against Kutztown, Dan Latorre needs just one touchdown pass against C.W Post to tie Jay Dedea (1983-86) for fourth all time in career touchdown passes by a Huskies quarterback with 37. He also needs 102 yards to pass Dedea for sixth all-time career passing yards by a Huskies quarterback. Latorre has now thrown eight touchdown passes in his career against Kutztown.

MYERS MAGIC

Huskies linebacker Greg Myers registered his biggest game of the season and one of the best of his career. Myers finished with a game and career-high ten tackles, six of them solo, with 0.5 tackles for loss and a key pass breakup in the end zone against Kutztown. For his efforts, Myers was named the PSAC Eastern Division Defensive Player of the Week.

GETTING DEFENSIVE

The Huskies rank fourth in the PSAC in scoring defense, only giving up an average of 20 points per game, fewest amongst PSAC East teams. The Huskies have the third best defense against the rush, only surrendering an average of 123 yards per game on the ground, best in the PSAC Eastern division. Bloomsburg in +5 is turnover margin this season, averaging 1.25 per game. The Huskies also one of the most disciplined teams in the conference, with only 17 penalties incurred this season.

Did You Know....?

Opponents only score 58.3 percent of the time inside the Huskies 20 yard line, best in the PSAC East.
WELL POSITIONED

The Huskies are off to an impressive 4-0 start, and remain as one of only three PSAC teams still unbeaten to this point. Bloomsburg has out-scored opponents this season by a count of 128-80, giving them the largest average margin of victory amongst PSAC Eastern Division teams. The Huskies begin their stretch of road games this season, as four of the next five games will be played away from Redman Stadium. Of the next five opponents the Huskies will face, Shippensburg and East Stroudsburg are the only schools that have a winning record against Bloomsburg. The Huskies have not lost to any of those teams since 2005, when East Stroudsburg defeated Bloomsburg 52-39 in the NCAA playoffs.

HAIL HALE

The Huskies are now 69-15-1 at Redman Stadium under Danny Hale. Bloomsburg’s overall record this decade is 76-20. With Saturday’s victory, Hale is a perfect 21-0 in his career against Kutztown. The Huskies have won nine straight games dating back to last season.

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The closest Bloomsburg came to winning was a 6-6 tie against SUNY-Cortland in 1959. Bloomsburg has never won a game in the state of New York. The Huskies last game in the state of New York was a 35-0 loss to Ithaca in 1981, while record in those games is 6-11-2, including last year's game with C.W. Post. The Huskies record is 6-4-1 at home and 0-7-1 on the road, meaning 500+ Yards Total Offense

Shutout vs.

Recorded a safety vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/19/05

Scored all four quarters vs. Kutztown (516), 10/14/06

Scoring all four quarters

By an opponent

Osagie Osunde (23) West Chester, 09/29/07

B. Lombardy(30) California, (Pa.), 09/08/07

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Gerald Thompson, Edinboro (243), 11/14/98

Dawon Harvey (3), Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08

Chris Meyers (69), Millersville, 10/12/02

Billy Cundiff (26), Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08

Jim Terwilliger (35), E. Stroudsburg, 11/4/06

Shane Martin (35), Kutztown, 09/20/08

Kyle Spotts (44), Kutztown, 10/06/07

Damian Poalucci (52), E. Stroudsburg, 11/16/96

Billy Cundiff (359), Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08

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Kyle Spotts (463), Kutztown, 10/06/07

Andrew Krewatch (3), East Stroudsburg, 11/10/07

T. Roken to D. Ogden (76), ESU, 10/27/07

Effren Quiles (12), Kutztown,10/06/07

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Ed Giddings, Cheyney (3) 10/25/03


Levi Green, Mansfield (55, blk.) 11/6/99

Matt Kacanda, East Stroudsburg (98) 10/31/98

Darren Smith, Grand Valley State (35), 11/17/01

Tarrell Lewis, (33), Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08

Matt Dineen, (40), Kutztown, 09/20/08

Scored all four quarters vs. Kutztown, 09/20/08

Recorded a safety vs. Ashland, (Oh.), 09/08/08

Shutout vs. Mercerhurst, (490), 09/13/08

Shutout vs. Kutztown (516), 10/14/06

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vs. Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08

vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/19/05

vs. Mercerhurst, 09/13/08

vs. Kutztown (516), 10/14/06

THE LAST TIME

| TEAM                        | SCORE | DATE
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| vs. Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08 | 490   | 09/13/08
| vs. Mercerhurst, (490), 09/13/08 | 516   | 10/14/06

POsiTiVe TREnDs

With the 31 points scored on Saturday, the Bloomsburg has now scored at least 24 points in 12 consecutive games, which continues the longest streak in school history. The Huskies almost had their third straight game with 24 points. Prior to the games of the last two weeks, the last time the Huskies had scored the same total in back-to-back contests was in 2005, when Bloomsburg scored 42 points against both West Chester and Millersville. The last time such an event occurred over three consecutive games was all the way back in 1973, when the Huskies scored 14 points against Millersville, Cheyney and Kutztown. Saturday’s game was only the sixth time in Danny Hale’s 174 games as the head coach at Bloomsburg that the score has been tied at halftime. Bloomsburg’s record in those games is 4-2.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Bloomsburg has played football against seven different teams from the state of New York, the most from any other state. The Huskies’ all-time record in those games is 6-11-2, including last year’s game with C.W. Post. The Huskies record is 6-4-1 at home and 0-7-1 on the road, meaning Bloomsburg has never won a game in the state of New York. The Huskies last game in the state of New York was a 35-0 loss to Ithaca in 1981, while the closest Bloomsburg came to winning was a 6-6 tie against SUNY-Cortland in 1959.

BY A BLOOMSBURG PLAYER

Derrick Price (22) vs. Mercyhurst, 09/13/08

Jamar Brittingham (33) vs. Shepherd, 12/2/06

Irv Sigler (41) vs. Millersville, 10/18/97

Derrick Price (187) vs. Mercyhurst, 09/13/08

Jamar Brittingham (207) vs. Kutztown, 10/06/07

Jerry Marks (300) vs. Mansfield, 11/2/91

Jamar Brittingham (3) vs. Cheyney, 11/03/07

Jamar Brittingham (81) vs. Millersville, 10/20/07

Dan Latorre (21) vs. Edinboro, 09/15/07

Jeff King (39) vs. Lock Haven, 9/19/92

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Eric Miller (43) vs. UC Davis, 12/2/00

Jeff King (69) vs. Lock Haven, 9/19/92

Dan Latorre (210) vs. Kutztown 09/20/08

Jack Lydic (309) vs. Millersville, 11/5/05

Eric Miller (415) vs. New Haven, 9/4/99

Dan Latorre (3) vs. Ashland, (Oh.), 08/30/08

Latorre to Kyle Ream (55) vs. Kutztown, 9/20/08

Steve Burke (11) vs. East Stroudsburg, 10/2/04

Kyle Ream (102) vs. vs. Kutztown, 9/20/08

Ron Lelko (211) vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/6/96

Steve Burke (3) vs. East Stroudsburg, 10/4/03

Deric Lynch (3) vs. Mansfield, 11/13/93

Jon Ochs (3) vs. Mercyhurst, 09/13/08

Brahin Bilal (90) vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/4/06

Ryan Schuck (56) vs. Cheyney, 11/1/06

Oscar Rivera (52) vs. California, (Pa.), 09/06/08

Phil Riccardi (19) vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/4/06

Jon Koenig (42) vs. N.W. Missouri State, 12/10/06