After being knocked out of the top spot of the NCAA Super Regional following their loss to West Chester in week 10, the Huskies have reclaimed the number one spot, along with a bid for the NCAA playoffs.

AAs the top seed in Super Regional One, Bloomsburg has received a first round bye and will be hosting their first playoff game November 22nd against the winner of West Chester vs. Southern Connecticut. This season marks the Huskies seventh trip to the NCAA playoffs.

The Huskies have bounced back this week in several national polls, placing number 14 in the D2 Football.com Top 25 Media Poll, as well as in the American Football Coaches Association Poll, proving the Huskies are still one of the strongest teams in their conference.

Standout rushing performances of over 100 yards by Derrick Price, James Sweeting, and Marc Best helped seal the last two Husky victories. Quarterback Dan Latorre also rushed for a career high of 125 yards in Bloomsburg’s shutout over Shippensburg in week nine. Husky defenders Jesse Cooper and Mike Varanavage have made key plays as well. Price, a freshman, is now leading the team in rushing yards, while captain Kyle Ream leads in receiving.

The PSAC East rivalry between Bloomsburg and West Chester housed a crowd of over 6,783 fans, passionately cheering on both teams during the Huskies homecoming game on November 1st.

The home stands were packed with students, parents and Alum draped in yellow and gold in honor of the homecoming “gold rush.” Those who didn’t make it into the stadium gathered on the hill surrounding Redman Stadium to watch the events of the game unfold. With a kickoff of 3:30, the homecoming crowd was able to watch the game finish under the lights of the newly renovated Redman Stadium.

After four quarters of tough competition against the Golden Rams, Bloomsburg fell 24-21; the Huskies first loss since last season. The loss snapped the Huskies 14 game winning streak and temporarily knocked them off of the top spot in the NCAA Super Regional One. While the Huskies did suffer their only loss of the season, the NCAA Playoffs still await the team.
**Koenig: Kicking in the Record Books**

In his third year kicking for the Huskies, Jon Koenig already holds Bloomsburg’s kicking record for most total points kicking (70), beating out Garrett Bloom’s 66 points in 2005. Now, Koenig is making his way to the top of two more Husky kicking records for most PAT’s and most field goals scored in a season.

With the Huskies victory against Gannon last Saturday, Koenig seized the record for career PAT’s with 142, beating out former Husky Tom Boop (1999) who previously held the record with 139. Koenig also took the number two spot for most PAT’s in a season with 47, breaking away from his previous tie for second with Boop.

While Chris Mingrone (1986) holds the record for most field goals in a season with 10, Koenig is close behind him, tied for second with Mark Weiss with 9. He also ranks third in career field goals with 19, trailing Boop’s 24 while Husky kickers Bill Beall (1995) and Mark Weiss (1991) are tied for the top spot with 29.

**An Unstoppable Force**

It takes more than the finesse of quarterback Dan Latorre and the speed of the Huskies’ 100+ rushers to get through nine games undefeated. It is the strength and agility of the much praised Husky defense that allowed Bloomsburg to hold onto their nine game winning streak with just one loss for the 2008 season.

The statistics say it all. In comparison to defensive stats at the end of the 2007 season, the majority of Husky defenders have either met or exceeded their stats from last year, in just the nine games they’ve played this season.

As a team, the defense has already surpassed last season’s number of sacks with 18 and have exceeded last year’s number of tackles for loss of 42, now with 57. The Huskies are also just 2 interceptions behind last season’s total of 10; two of which were made by freshman Oscar Rivera.

Defensive great Greg Myers surpassed his total number of tackles for last season’s 50 with 53 during the Huskies battle against Shippensburg, and now leads the team with 59. Mike Varanavage, Dom Price, Jon Ochs, Tom McFarland, and Andre Ellis have already surpassed their previous season’s number of tackles by as much as 33.

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**Get to Know... Dan Tillotson**

Name: Dan Tillotson  
Position: Outside Linebacker  

Year: Senior  
Height/Weight: 6-0 / 210 lbs

Who is your favorite athlete? Brett Favre  
What food could you live on? Mexican  
Who is the funniest person on the team? Alfonso Nathan  
What is the best thing about playing football? The friendships acquired  
Do you have a secret talent? Eating massive quantities of food in a short amount of time.  
Who does the best impersonation of Coach Hale? Dan Latorre  
If you could go on a date with a celebrity, who would it be? Megan Fox  
What is your best pick-up line? Hey there, good-lookin’  
If you could have any super power, what would it be? Teleportation  
What is your most prized possession? My snowboard  
Where do you see yourself in ten years? Working with a good job in the financial business with a beautiful family living in New Jersey.
NCAA D2 Football Regional Rankings

Super Regional 1
1. Bloomsburg 10-1
2. California (Pa) 10-1
3. American International 9-1
4. West Chester 8-3
5. Southern Connecticut State 8-2
6. Edinboro 9-2
7. Seton Hill 9-2
8. East Stroudsburg 9-2
9. Indiana (Pa) 8-2
10. Shaw 8-3

Super Regional 2
1. Delta State 9-1
2. North Alabama 10-1
3. Valdosta State 8-2
4. Tusculum 8-3
5. Albany State 7-3
6. Carson-Newman 7-3
7. Mars Hills 7-4
8. Wingate 8-3
9. Newberry 6-4
10. Arkansas-Monticello 7-4

Super Regional 3
1. Grand Valley 10-0
2. Minnesota-Duluth 11-0
3. Chadron State 10-1
4. Ashland 8-3
5. Minnesota State 9-2
6. Wayne State (Neb) 9-2
7. Saginaw Valley State 7-3
8. Wayne State (Mich.) 8-3
9. Michigan Tech 8-3
10. Augustana 7-4

Super Regional 4
1. Abilene Christian 10-0
2. Northwest Missouri 10-1
3. Pittsburg State 10-1
4. West Texas A&M 10-1
5. Central Washington 10-1
6. Nebraska-Omaha 7-3
7. Texas A&M (Kingsville) 7-4
8. Tarelton State 8-3
9. Central Oklahoma 7-4
10. Midwestern Missouri 7-4
Captains Corner: Kyle Ream

In the 2008 season, Husky captain Kyle Ream has more than proved his worth to his team. As the lead scorer in touchdowns and earning the most receiving yards on the team, this confident leader has high hopes of getting the opportunity to lead his currently 10-1 team to the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Ream, from Elliottsburg, PA, began his football career in the 7th grade playing as a quarterback and linebacker. Years later he found success at the high school level playing as a wide receiver for West Perry and making trips to district playoffs.

Deciding to continue his football career into college wasn’t a question for Ream. He explains that playing on the college level was something he always wanted to do. “I knew I would from the time I started playing.”

It was this love of the game that led him to consider Bloomsburg as his first pick. “I ultimately chose Bloomsburg because they have a great team concept and winning tradition.” Though, being a part of that winning tradition did take some getting used to, not that Ream minded. “[The first weeks into practice], I was lost. New play book, new people to get to know; I had to prove myself all over again. I loved it.”

Now a senior, Ream has been given the opportunity to prove himself yet again, this time as team captain. It is clear the ambition and ferocity Ream possesses are qualities his teammates saw, and wanted in a leader. Upon being selected as captain for his final season, Ream states, “I had no doubts. I was very excited because I wanted to be one of the chosen to lead this team.” Ten weeks into the season, Ream’s captainship has only proved further that it has driven him to be a better player. “It has given me more confidence in knowing that in a tough time my team may look to me to make a play.”

This confidence Ream has acquired has not only allowed him to step up as an exceptional player, but as an exceptional captain with the desire for a championship. And, according to him, it is this band of Huskies that could actually make that a reality. “Last year’s team was great obviously, but this year’s team has a different attitude, a little more fight and we are more of a unit, looking to each other, not to just one player to make plays all the time. We have become greater all together as a team, picking each other up when one side of the ball is struggling.”

While Bloomsburg’s success so far this season has been immensely rewarding for Ream as a captain, like most great things, his time with the Huskies will come to an end this season. Graduating with a degree in Elementary Education in May, 2009, Ream will be taking with him the lessons he learned in the classrooms at Bloomsburg as well as on the field of Redman Stadium. A true leader, Ream expresses his desire to teach children and coach football in the years he will not be playing it himself. “I will look to coach football and anything else given the opportunity. I enjoy teaching and being a role model, and I want to give young students a positive view of education, a positive experience with education, and see the importance of learning. Plus, I really just don’t want to grow up.”

Though Ream’s four years as a Husky are drawing to an end, he isn’t ready for it to be over just yet. “I’m hoping my greatest moment here will be stepping out onto the field at the National Championship game this December.” With a career filled with countless unforgettable moments stepping out onto the field as number 5, Ream is confident the best are still yet to come.