



Red Devil Football

2008

Dickinson College
Red Devils

vs.

Grove City College
Wolverines



Saturday, September 6th, 2008 - 1:00 pm, Biddle Field

Setting the Stage - The Red Devils are coming off back-to-back post-season appearances, earning an NCAA playoff bid in 2006 and winning the ECAC Southeast Bowl last fall. Head coach Darwin Breaux enters his 16th season at the helm, posting a 96-58-1 record during his tenure. Dickinson welcomes Grove City College to the newly renovated Biddle Field for the 2008 season opener.

The Red Devils and Wolverines met last season for the first time since 2001. The Devils won their fifth straight season opener in 2007, rallying to a 17-13 win in Grove City. Dickinson finished 9-2 overall last season, capturing second in the Centennial Conference standings. Grove City went 4-6 overall and posted a 3-3 mark in the President's Athletic Conference.

Last Year - Conference Player of the Year Eric Dube tallied 18 tackles, including eight solo stops and 4.5 for losses in the opener last season. Michael Maxwell added 10 stops and an interception as the Dickinson defense held Grove City to just 62 yards of rushing offense.

Senior Ben Hargrave will anchor the Devil defense at linebacker this season. He blocked a punt that was recovered by classmate A.J. Reisig to set up the eventual game-winning touchdown. Brian Brugger blocked an extra-point and Paul Titchenell recorded a pair of sacks for the Devils.

Ian Mitchell completed 17-of-25 passes for 172 yards in his debut at quarterback. Chris McInerney caught nine of those passes for 102 yards on the afternoon. Fullback Tim Wells found the endzone twice in the second half, rushing for 52 yards on eight carries, averaging 6.5 yards per run.

Quarterback Andrew Donato will lead the Wolverines onto Biddle Field this weekend. He threw for 252 yards and one touchdown against the Devils last season. He was held to -5 yards rushing, but is always a threat to tuck the ball and run. Senior wide receiver Stephen Mercer will likely be one of Donato's top targets. He caught 26 passes for 302 yards last fall. He had five receptions for 109 yards in the opener last season.

Senior linebacker Adam Eichler is one of eight returning starters on defense. He led the Wolverines with 92 tackles in 2007. Seniors Zach Fulmer and Mike Baker return to the Grove City secondary. Those two combined for 129 tackles and seven interceptions a year ago.

Broadcast - The game will be broadcast on WDCV-88.3 FM and on the internet at <http://dickinson.edu/storg/wdcv/>

The Breaux Report

Dickinson head coach Darwin Breaux (West Chester, '77) holds a 96-58-1 record in his 16th season at the helm of the Red Devil football program. He has one of the highest winning percentages in the history of the program and holds the record for most wins by a Dickinson football coach.

Dickinson has won four Centennial Conference titles and made five post-season appearances under Breaux's direction. His 1994 team set a school record with the college's only 10-0 season, earning him AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) South Region Coach of the Year honors.

Breaux's teams have always been known for a traditionally strong option-oriented running game and hard hitting defense. The Red Devils have balanced the attack, setting school records for passing yards in a season in three of the past four years.

The following are some statistical summaries of Breaux's career:

Overall.....	96-58-1
At home.....	50-27-0
On the road.....	46-31-1
Vs. the Centennial Conference	65-34-1
When outgaining opponents (Total Offense)	78-8
When a Red Devil runs for 100+ yards	51-9
When a Red Devil runs for 200+ yards	6-0
When Dickinson rushes for 200+ yards.....	65-14-1
When Dickinson rushes for 215+ yards.....	64-7
When Dickinson allows 150 or fewer rushing yards	78-28
When Dickinson allows 250 or fewer rushing yard.....	70-34
When Dickinson scores 7+ 1st quarter points.....	57-17-1
When Dickinson leads going into the fourth quarter	77-7

Today's Game

Centennial Conference 2007 Final Standings

CC	All
Muhlenberg College.....	8-0 11-1
Dickinson College.....	6-2 9-2
Gettysburg College	5-3 6-5
Ursinus College.....	5-3 7-3
Moravian College	4-4 6-4
Franklin & Marshall.....	4-4 4-6
Johns Hopkins.....	3-5 4-6
McDaniel College.....	1-7 1-9
Juniata College.....	0-8 1-9

Opponent's Games This Week

Wilkes at #8-Muhlenberg
 Wash & Lee at Franklin & Marshall
 Gettysburg at Lebanon Valley
 St. Lawrence at Johns Hopkins
 Allegheny at Juniata
 McDaniel at St. Vincent
 Susquehanna at Moravian
 Ursinus at Alfred



2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 6	Grove City College	H	1:00
Sept. 13	Hobart College	A	1:00
Sept. 19	Franklin & Marshall*	H	7:00
Sept. 27	McDaniel College*	A	1:00
Oct. 4	Moravian College*	H	1:00
Oct. 10	Johns Hopkins*	A	7:00
Oct. 18	Open		
Oct. 25	Gettysburg College*	H	1:00
Nov. 1	Muhlenberg College*	H	1:00
Nov. 8	Juniata College*	A	1:00
Nov. 15	Ursinus College*	A	1:00

* - Centennial Conference Game

The Series - The Devils and Wolverines meet for the eighth time in the series with the Devils holding a 5-1-1 advantage. Dickinson has won the last four match-ups, capturing season openers in 2000, 2001, 2006 and also in 1950.

The Offense - The Red Devils will look for a balanced attack from the offense again this season. Junior quarterback Ian Mitchell set the school record with 2,213 yards of total offense. He led Centennial Conference QB's with 823 yards rushing while also completing 62 percent of his passes.

Mitchell lost one of his primary targets from 2007 in the graduation of Chris McInerney. McInerney set school records for receptions and receiving yards last fall, hauling in 74 catches for 750 yards. Returning, however, will be junior Patrick O'Connor. O'Connor had an outstanding season as well, making 41 catches for 645 yards.

In the backfield the Devils will have some depth and some options when it comes to running the football. In addition to having to keep an eye on Mitchell, opponents will face sophomore returner Tim Smith at tailback. Smith rushed for just under 500 yards in 2007, reaching the century mark against McDaniel.

He will be joined by classmate Greg Lord, who has shown well in the preseason. Tim Wells proved to be a solid fullback, averaging 4.5 yards per carry with a team-high 10 touchdowns. Senior Matt Manganaro will also see action in backfield. He has proven valuable as a rusher and a receiving back.

The offensive line will play a key role in the Devils' success this season. Junior center Andrew Ciukurescu and senior Eric Angerstein are two of the top returners on the line. Gray Gish returns at tight end, giving the Devils strong blocking and a big receiving target for Mitchell.

Defense - The Devils lost some talented and experienced veterans from the 2007 roster. Two-time Centennial Defensive Player of the Year Eric Dube will be difficult to replace. The Devils will have some experienced returners, however, in seniors Ben Hargrave and Tredell Johns. They are joined by classmates Matt Stone and Ernie Ricci, who will provide the leadership up front.

Seniors A.J. Reisig and Brian Brugger return in the secondary, along with junior Michael Maxwell. Maxwell led the CC with seven interceptions last season. Hargrave is one of the top returning tacklers for the Devils.

Sophomore Pat McNeal gained valuable playing experience in his rookie season. He made some big plays, both on defense and special teams. McNeal had a big day in the annual scrimmage against Lebanon Valley, recording four interceptions and returning one 64 yards for a touchdown.

The Devils ranked 12th in the nation

last season, intercepting 21 passes on the year. Maxwell ranked 17th in picks, nationally, and was named the ECAC Bowl game MVP.

Special Teams - Dickinson's special teams were a key component to the Devils' success in 2007. The Devils graduated four-year starting punter Aren Johnson. Johnson set the school record with 7,639 yards in his career. He ranks third in punting average at 35.7 yards per kick for his career. Junior Matt Stark is expected to take over those duties this fall.

Gordon Craig returns as the top candidate to handle the place-kicking. Craig hit 5-of-8 field-goals with a long of 44 yards last season. He also hit 28-of-29 extra-points on the year.

Greg Lord, Tim Smith and Patrick O'Connor could all find themselves returning kicks this season. All three are dangerous return men with the ability to break open a big play.

Scouting Grove City - The Wolverines bring a significant level of experience, returning 17 starters. Junior quarterback Andrew Donato has started all 20 games in his career, setting the school record with 3,120 passing yards. A dual-threat, Donato also rushed for nine touchdowns last season.

Senior tailback Brian Mercer moved from LB to RB mid-season and led the Wolverines in rushing for 485 yards. Stephen Mercer caught 26 passes for 302 yards on 2007. Zach Summy is also one to watch at WR.

Defensively, Grove City returns its entire secondary from 2007. First-team All-PAC selection Mike Baker is a two-year starter who recorded five interceptions last season.

Adam Eichler led the Wolverines with 92 tackles from his middle linebacker position.



Facts & Figures



Dickinson Depth Chart

Grove City Depth Chart

Offense			
QB	13	Ian Mitchell	Jr
	15	Jordan Kaufman	Fy
TB	23	Tim Smith	So
	2	Greg Lord	So
FB	28	Tim Wells	Jr
	38	Matt Manganaro	Sr
WR	10	Joe Sandoe	Jr
	31	Craig Helfer	So
WR	34	Patrick O'Connor	Jr
	19	Rob Kutner	Sr
TE	81	Gray Gish	Jr
	44	Austen Steele	So
LT	60	Anthony Abbate	So
	68	Micheal Tucker	Fy
LG	67	Bart Blystone	Jr
	76	Corwyn Gordon	Fy
C	66	Andrew Ciukerscu	Jr
	62	Shane Harding	Fy
RG	65	Eric Lopez	Fy
	63	Dave Kalodner	Sr
RT	72	Eric Angerstein	Sr
	56	Andrew Hubley	Fy
Defense			
DE	51	Steve Bokron	Jr
	94	Josh Harrison	So
N	49	Matt Stone	Sr
	92	Ernie Ricci	Sr
DT	91	Tredell Johns	Sr
	74	Ron Garbutt	Sr
DE	97	Adam Lick	Sr
	54	Adam Farrell	So
LB	6	Ben Hargrave	Sr
	14	Keegan Ash	Jr
MLB	58	Kevin Wood	So
	42	Julian Rosen	Fy
LB	3	Cole Glennon	So
	39	Craig Renitsky	Jr
SS	27	Mike Dalton	Jr
	18	Brian Brugger	Sr
FS	9	Mike Maxwell	So
	22	Pat McNeal	So
CB	12	AJ Reisig	Sr
	24	Kevin Joy	Fy
CB	4	Matt Destefano	Jr
	32	Mike Thompson	Fy
Special Teams			
K	1	Gordon Craig	So
	43	Matt Stark	Jr
P	43	Matt Stark	Jr
PR/KR	2	Greg Lord	So
	34	Pat O'Connor	Jr
	23	Tim Smith	So

Offense			
QB	6	Andrew DiDonato	Jr
	16	Clayton Hall	Fr
WB	28	A.J. Tapper	So
	8	Tyler Kirkwood	So
TB	3	Brian Mercer	Sr
	2	Danny Van Dyke	Jr
WB	39	Blaine Miller	Fr
	13	Ed Reith	Fr
WR	22	Stephen Mercer	Sr
	10	Zach Summy	So
LT	66	Pete Polesnak	So
	75	Tyler Allem	Fr
LG	56	Aaron Talbott	Jr
	57	Nick Nosker	Fr
C	64	Dave Salera	Sr
	61	Lucas Chakot	Fr
RG	73	David Gernhard	Jr
	77	Jerry Neilly	Sr
RT	78	Zach Start	Fr
	70	Shane Mullins	Jr
TE	7	Chris Rich	Jr
	88	Anthony Reda	Fr
Defense			
DE	98	Ryan Rylands	Sr
	79	Blane Gold	So
DT	59	Tony Clark	Jr
	93	Matt Muchnok	So
NT	58	Jarred Frawley	Fr
	93	Matt Muchnok	So
DE	51	Kevin Twarek	So
	11	Marc Shamley	Fr
SLB	46	Ian Minster	Sr
	91	Matt Lyons	So
MLB	24	Adam Eichler	Sr
	48	Chris Joseph	Jr
WLB	34	Phil Caruso	Jr
	30	Matt Kennedy	So
LCB	20	Mike Baker	Sr
	25	Mark Rossol	So
FS	5	Zach Fulmer	Sr
	38	Vance Keirsej	Jr
SS	21	Butch Kriger	So
	38	Vance Keirsej	Jr
RCB	19	Randy Santina	Jr
	41	Matt Green	Sr
Special Teams			
P	15	Chris Haley	So
LS	28	A.J. Tapper	So
PR	21	Butch Kriger	So
K	15	Chris Haley	So
	81	Steve Stombaugh	So
H	22	Stephen Mercer	Sr
KR	22	Stephen Mercer	Sr
	21	Butch Kriger	So

2007 FINAL Team Statistical Summaries

TEAM STATISTICS.....	Dickinson.....	Opponents
SCORING.....	311	225
Points Per Game.....	28.3	20.5
FIRST DOWNS.....	203	213
Rushing.....	112	76
Passing.....	81	123
Penalty.....	10	14
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	2114	1266
Yards gained rushing.....	2346	1674
Yards lost rushing.....	232	408
Rushing Attempts.....	494	420
Average Per Rush.....	4.3	3.0
Average Per Game.....	192.2	115.1
TDs Rushing.....	26	12
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1631	2512
Att-Comp-Int.....	241-143-5	420-128-21
Average Per Pass.....	6.8	6.0
Average Per Catch.....	11.4	11.0
Average Per Game.....	148.3	228.4
TDs Passing.....	11	16
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3745	3778
Total Plays.....	735	840
Average Per Play.....	5.1	4.5
Average Per Game.....	340.5	343.5
PUNTS-YARDS.....	54-1981	54-1762
Average Per Punt.....	36.7	32.6
TIME OF POSS/GAME.....	28:5	31:04

TEAM STATISTICS.....	Grove City.....	Opponents
SCORING.....	192	180
Points Per Game.....	19.2	18.0
FIRST DOWNS.....	175	177
Rushing.....	99	95
Passing.....	70	74
Penalty.....	6	8
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1502	1671
Yards gained rushing.....	1825	1897
Yards lost rushing.....	323	226
Rushing Attempts.....	429	423
Average Per Rush.....	3.5	4.0
Average Per Game.....	150.2	167.1
TDs Rushing.....	17	14
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1581	1501
Att-Comp-Int.....	307-169-10	262-141-11
Average Per Pass.....	5.1	5.7
Average Per Catch.....	9.4	10.6
Average Per Game.....	158.1	150.1
TDs Passing.....	8	10
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3083	3172
Total Plays.....	736	685
Average Per Play.....	4.2	4.6
Average Per Game.....	308.3	317.2
PUNTS-YARDS.....	59-2047	59-2049
Average Per Punt.....	34.7	34.7
TIME OF POSS/GAME.....	30:05	29:55