



BUTLER FOOTBALL

2008 News & Notes

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sent 9/10/08

Game Data



Game: Butler (1-0) vs. Franklin (1-0)
Date: Saturday, Sept. 13
Site: Butler Bowl
 Indianapolis, Ind.
Time: 1 p.m. EST
Radio: XL 950 (AM)
 BigPlayProductions.com

Coaches

Butler: Jeff Voris (DePauw '89)
 8-15 (3rd year at Butler)
 23-49 (7th year overall)
 0-0 vs. Franklin
FC: Mike Leonard (Hanover '84)
 31-21/6th year
 0-0 vs. Butler

Series

53rd Meeting, Butler leads, 35-15-2

Butler and Franklin are meeting for the 53rd time as football opponents and for the first time since 1987. The Bulldogs won that last meeting, 49-14, at the Butler Bowl and lead the overall series, 35-15-2.

•Butler and Franklin were conference foes in the former Heartland Collegiate Conference, 1977-87. Franklin made the switch to Division III in 1987 and left the HCC.

•Franklin head coach Mike Leonard was an assistant coach at Butler under head coach Ken LaRose in 1992. He helped the Bulldogs to an 8-2 record and a share of the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference championship.

•Franklin wide receiver Kevin Lynch is the son of Indiana University head coach and Butler Hall of Fame member Bill Lynch, who was Butler's head football coach the last time the Bulldogs played Franklin.

For additional information, contact:

Jim McGrath, SID
 Chris Urban, Asst. SID
 Indianapolis, IN 46208
 317 940-9414/317 940-9808 Fax
 www.butlersports.com

Butler Opens Home Slate Against Long-Time Foe

HOME DEBUT: Butler, coming off a successful season-opener at Albion, will make its first home appearance of 2008 when it takes on long-time foe Franklin on Saturday, Sept. 13. The non-league game at the Butler Bowl is slated for 1 p.m. The Bulldogs will be meeting Franklin for the 53rd time overall, which ties St. Joseph's for the fourth-longest Butler football series. Only Wabash, DePauw and Valparaiso have played the Bulldogs more often. But most of the current Butler and Franklin players weren't even born the last time the two squads met (1987)! Franklin, the defending champion and favorite in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, opened the 2008 season with a 42-35 victory over visiting Baldwin-Wallace. Quarterback Chad Rupp, a third team Division III All-American last year, passed for 317 yards and four touchdowns in that victory. The Bulldogs posted a season-opening win for the second straight year with a 20-6 decision at Albion. The win was Butler's fifth consecutive non-league victory.

Butler is 6-6 in the Butler Bowl under head coach Jeff Voris.

ROAD WIN: The Bulldogs scored 10 points in the second quarter to overcome an early three-point deficit and then added 10 more in the fourth period to post a 14-point win in their season-opener at Albion. Butler rolled up 352 yards in total offense, while holding the host Britons to 248 yards in the victory. The Bulldogs' defense held Albion without a touchdown and limited the Britons to just 85 rushing yards and just 10 first downs. The victory was Butler's first at Sprankle-Sprandel Stadium since 1999.

AIR SUPPLY: Sophomore quarterback **Matt Kobli**, getting just his third collegiate start, sparked the Bulldogs at Albion with a career-high 230 passing yards and a pair of touchdown throws. Kobli completed his first 12 pass attempts against the Britons and wound up hitting on 16 of 18 (.889) passes in the first half! He finished the game with 25 completions in 32 pass attempts

Pioneer Football League 2008 Standings

North Division	PFL				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT.	W	L	T	PCT.
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Butler	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Dayton	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Drake	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Morehead State	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Davidson	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	.000
Valparaiso	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	.000
Campbell	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000

PFL This Week (All times local)

Sept. 13

Franklin at Butler, 1 p.m.
 Campbell at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Fordham at Dayton, 1 p.m.
 Concordia (Wis.) at Valparaiso, 1 p.m.
 William Penn at Drake, 7 p.m.
 Davidson at Lenoir-Rhyne, 7 p.m.
 Morehead State at Eastern Kentucky, 7 p.m.

(.781) with no interceptions. Kobli hit sophomore **Eddie McHale** with an eight-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to give the Bulldogs the lead for good, and then he added a 16-yard scoring aerial to senior tight end **Luke Johnson** in the fourth quarter to stretch Butler's lead. The Butler quarterback finished with 243 total offense yards in the game, the second-highest single game total in the Pioneer Football League this season.

Matt Kobli has completed 61% of his passes (79-130) in his young Butler career.

RECORD START: **Matt Kobli** tied a school record with his first 12 completions at Albion. He matched the record for consecutive completions, set by DeWayne Ewing against Valparaiso in 2001. Kobli actually completed his first 13 passes at Albion, but one was nullified by an illegal procedure penalty.

Butler Two-Deep Depth Chart

OFFENSE

WR	81	Eddie McHale, 6-2, 190, So.	15	Alex White, 6-2, 215, Sr.
RT	78	Mike Staniewicz, 6-6, 280, So.	72	Pete Mattingly, 6-5, 330, Fr.
RG	67	Rob Noel, 6-3, 300, Sr.	53	Rob Hobson, 6-4, 295, R-Fr.
C	60	Ryan Secrist, 6-4, 265, So.	71	Robbie Person, 6-2, 280, Sr.
LG	64	Donny Gilmore, 6-3, 290, So.	73	Jack Winter, 6-3, 285, Fr.
LT	76	Brian Crable, 6-4, 250, Jr.	62	Mike Fiedler, 6-8, 300, R-Fr.
TE	80	Luke Johnson, 6-2, 230, Sr.	93	Eric Notestine, 6-3, 245, Sr.
QB	12	Matt Kobli, 6-3, 215, So.	9	Andrew Huck, 6-2, 185, Fr.
RB	21	Ricky Trujillo, 5-9, 195, Jr.	8	Ryan Hitchcock, 5-8, 190, R-Fr.
FB	38	Matt Casula, 5-11, 220, Fr.	33	William Bork, 6-0, 225, R-Fr.
FL	89	Dan Bohrer, 6-2, 190, Jr.	27	Stuart Harvey, 6-1, 185, R-Fr.

DEFENSE

DE	96	Grant Hunter, 6-3, 230, R-Fr.	52	Jeff Poss, 6-2, 230, R-Fr.
NG	50	Peter Xander, 5-9, 250, Jr.	57	Ross Teare, 6-1, 285, Fr.
NG	58	Jared Branyon, 6-0, 235, Jr.	90	Larry Thomas, 5-10, 240, Fr.
DE	99	Derek Day, 6-4, 250, Sr.	51	Rob Cosler, 6-1, 235, So.
LB	17	Mike Bennett, 6-1, 230, Sr.	13	Brian Adika, 5-8, 200, Jr.
LB	37	Derek Guggenberger, 6-1, 220, Jr.	59	Robert Koteff, 6-1, 215, Fr.
LB	31	Derek Bradford, 6-2, 195, So.	14	Nick Caldicott, 6-1, 215, R-Fr.
CB	28	Tadd Dombart, 5-10, 185, So.	32	Mark Kwiatkowski, 6-0, 190, Sr.
CB	2	Jacob Fritz, 5-10, 180, So.	11	Jack McKenna, 6-0, 180, R-Fr.
SS	5	Spencer Summerville, 5-8, 200, Jr.	16	Mark Giacomantonio, 5-11, 195, R-Fr.
FS	3	Rob Blevins, 6-1, 200, So.	4	Ryan Schmitz, 5-11, 200, Sr.

SPECIALISTS

P	3	Rob Blevins, 6-1, 200, So.	10	Jordan Quiroz, 5-7, 180, Sr.
PK	10	Jordan Quiroz, 5-7, 180, Sr.	35	David Lang, 6-0, 210, Fr.
KO	35	David Lang, 6-0, 210, Fr.	10	Jordan Quiroz, 5-7, 180, Sr.
LS	56	Chase Donner, 6-2, 230, Jr.	59	Robert Koteff, 6-1, 215, Fr.
H	4	Ryan Schmitz, 5-11, 200, Sr.	35	David Lang, 6-0, 210, Fr.
PR	28	Tadd Dombart, 5-10, 185, So.	8	Ryan Hitchcock, 5-8, 190, R-Fr.
KR	5	Spencer Summerville, 5-8, 200, Jr.	28	Tadd Dombart, 5-10, 185, So.

FEELING DEFENSIVE: Juniors **Derek Guggenberger** and **Spencer Summerville** sparked Butler's strong defensive effort at Albion with nine tackles apiece. Guggenberger had four solo tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, and five assists, while Summerville finished with two solos, including one tackle for loss, and seven assists for his career-high total. As a team, Butler stopped Albion behind the line of scrimmage eight times for a loss of 21 yards. The Britons entered the Butler "Red Zone" (inside the Butler 20-yard line) just twice in the game and came away with just three points. The six total points allowed by the Bulldogs were the fewest by a Butler opponent in the past 97 games.

SPREAD OFFENSE: Butler quarterback **Matt Kobli** connected with nine different pass receivers at Albion, three of whom were making their collegiate debut and one who hadn't caught a pass since 2005. Sophomore **Eddie McHale** led all receivers with seven catches for 63 yards, while fifth-year senior **Alex White**, who missed

the last two seasons with injury, added five receptions for 42 yards. Senior **Luke Johnson** and junior **Ricky Trujillo** each had three catches, senior **Dan Bohrer** and redshirt freshman **Ryan Hitchcock** each grabbed two passes and senior **Eric Notestine** and redshirt freshmen **Stuart Harvey** and **Dionte Wiggins** each finished with one reception. McHale and Johnson each recorded his career touchdown catch in the victory.

RETURN ADDRESS: Sophomore **Tadd Dombart** has already made a career out of returning punts against Albion. The Butler defensive back had three punt returns for 77 yards in this year's game against the Britons, including a 49-yard return that led to the Bulldogs' final touchdown. A year ago, Dombart returned a punt for 54 yards against Albion and that wound up being the longest punt return of the season for the Bulldogs. It was his first collegiate football play.

Tadd Dombart leads the PFL in punt return average (25.7).

Bulldog Bits

•Butler leading rusher/scorer **Scott Gray** did not play in the season-opener at Albion because of injury. The sophomore running back will be sidelined for six to eight weeks. Gray led the Pioneer Football League in scoring with 15 touchdowns last season.

•Senior placekicker **Jordan Quiroz** was perfect on two field goal attempts and two PAT kicks at Albion. His eight points in the game boosted his career scoring total to 129 points. Quiroz has connected on 23 of 36 field goal attempts (.639) during his Butler career.

•Junior running back **Ricky Trujillo** was given his first collegiate start at Albion, and he wound up leading the Bulldogs in rushing with 45 yards on 11 carries.

•Senior defensive end **Derek Day** had a pair of quarterback sacks in Butler's opener at Albion, matching his entire total of 2007. Day led the Bulldogs with 2.5 tackles for loss (-15 yards) against the Britons.

•Senior linebacker **Mike Bennett** had eight tackles against the Britons, one shy of his career-high set against Morehead State (2007), Albion (2006) and Valparaiso (2005).

•Senior **Eric Notestine** caught a 32-yard pass from quarterback **Matt Kobli** in the fourth quarter to help set up the Bulldogs' final field goal. It was the longest career reception for the Butler tight end.

•Sophomore **Eddie McHale** had a career-high seven pass receptions at Albion, two shy of his career total coming into this season. His 63 receiving yards against the Britons were 10 more than his career total.

•Redshirt freshmen **Ryan Hitchcock** and **Dionte Wiggins** saw their first collegiate action in Butler's backfield at Albion. Hitchcock gained 37 yards on nine carries, while Wiggins added 27 yards on 12 attempts.

•Sophomore **Rob Blevins** had an impressive debut as Butler's punter against Albion, Blevins had a 51-yard punt on his first collegiate kick, and he wound up averaging 40.8 yards on five punts. He leads the PFL in punting heading into the third week.

•Juniors **Derek Guggenberger** and **Spencer Summerville** are tied for second in the PFL in tackles (9.0) behind Cale Hunt of Drake (12.5). Senior **Mike Bennett** (8.0) is tied for eighth in the league.

2008 Butler Football Statistics

SCORING	G	TD	PAT-1	PAT-2	FG	PTS
Jordan Quiroz	1	0	2-2	0-0	2-2	8
Eddie McHale	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Luke Johnson	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Butler	1	2	2-2	0-0	2-2	20
Opponents	1	0	0-0	0-0	2-3	6

FGs	G	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
Jordan Quiroz	1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Butler	1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Opponents	1	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	39

RUSHING	G	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	TD	AVG
Ricky Trujillo	1	11	45	0	45	0	4.1
Ryan Hitchcock	1	7	39	2	37	0	5.3
Dionte Wiggins	1	12	36	9	27	0	2.2
Matt Kobli	1	5	25	12	13	0	2.6
Butler	1	35	145	23	122	0	3.5
Opponents	1	28	114	29	85	0	3.0

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT.	INT	TD	YDS.
Matt Kobli	1	32	25	.781	0	2	230
Butler	1	32	25	.781	0	2	230
Opponents	1	23	12	.522	0	0	163

RECEIVING	G	NO.	YDS.	TD	AVG.	LG
Eddie McHale	1	7	63	1	9.0	23
Alex White	1	5	42	0	8.4	15
Luke Johnson	1	3	36	1	12.0	16
Ricky Trujillo	1	3	8	0	2.7	9
Dan Bohrer	1	2	29	0	14.5	17
Ryan Hitchcock	1	2	11	0	5.5	6
Eric Notestine	1	1	32	0	32.0	32
Stuart Harvey	1	1	5	0	5.0	5
Dionte Wiggins	1	1	4	0	4.0	4
Butler	1	25	230	2	9.2	32
Opponents	1	12	163	0	13.6	48

PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Rob Blevins	1	5	204	40.8	51
Butler	1	5	204	40.8	51
Opponents	1	8	308	38.5	48

PUNT RETURNS	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Tadd Dombart	1	3	77	25.7	49
Ryan Hitchcock	1	2	4	2.0	5
Butler	1	5	81	16.2	49
Opponents	1	0	0	0.0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Spencer Summerville	1	3	53	17.7	23
Butler	1	3	53	17.7	23
Opponents	1	5	102	20.4	33

TEAM STATISTICS	BUTLER	OPPONENTS
First Downs	19	10
By Rush	8	4
By Pass	11	6
By Penalty	0	0
Rush Yards Per Game	122.0	85.0
Pass Yards Per Game	230.0	163.0
Points Per Game	20.0	6.0
Total Plays	67	51
Total Offense	352	248
Offense Per Play	5.3	4.9
Offense Per Game	352.0	248.0
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	2/0
Penalties/Yards	2/14	3/15
Third Down Conversions	6/15	2/13
Fourth Down Conversions	1/1	0/0
Time of Possession/Game	32:57	27:03

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	T
Butler	0	10	0	10	0	20
Opponents	3	3	0	0	0	6

2007 RESULTS (1-0, 0-0 PFL)	BU	OPP.	ATTD.
S. 6 - At Albion	20	6	3,246
S. 13 - FRANKLIN			
S. 20 - HANOVER			
S. 27 - At Missouri S & T			
O. 4 - DRAKE*			
O. 11 - At Campbell*			
O. 18 - At Valparaiso*			
O. 25 - MOREHEAD STATE*			
N. 1 - JACKSONVILLE*			
N. 8 - DAYTON*			
N. 15 - At San Diego*			
N. 22 - At Davidson*			

*--Pioneer Football League game.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	G	ST	AT	TOTAL	TACKLES		QB	FORCED FUMBLE	FUMBLE REC.	PASS INT.	PASS BRKUP
					FOR LOSS	SACKS					
Derek Guggenberger	1	4	5	9	1.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Spencer Summerville	1	2	7	9	1-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Mike Bennett	1	2	6	8	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Derek Bradford	1	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Derek Day	1	3	1	4	2.5-15	2-14	0	0	0-0	0	
Tadd Dombart	1	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Nick Caldicott	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Mark Kwiatkowski	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Rob Blevins	1	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Grant Hunter	1	2	0	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Nick Clarkson	1	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Jacob Fritz	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Ross Teare	1	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Chase Donner	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Alex White	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Robert Koteff	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Jeff Poss	1	0	1	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Rob Cosler	1	0	1	1	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Ryan Hitchcock	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Larry Thomas	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Thorn Murphy	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Jack McKenna	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Chris Salvi	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	
Matt Casula	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	

Blocked Kicks: None.