



BUTLER FOOTBALL

2008 News & Notes

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Game Data



Game: Butler (2-1) vs. Drake (2-2)
Date: Saturday, Oct. 4
Site: Butler Bowl (2,500)
 Indianapolis, Ind.
Time: 1 p.m. (ET)
Radio: XL950 (AM)
 BigPlayProductions.com

Coaches

Butler: Jeff Voris (DePauw '89)
 9-15 (3rd year at Butler)
 24-49 (7th year overall)
 0-2 vs. Drake
Drake: Chris Creighton (Kenyon '91)
 2-2/1st year
 0-0 vs. Butler

Series

18th Meeting, Drake leads, 12-4-1

Butler and Drake are meeting for the 18th time as football opponents. Drake has won nine of the last 10 meetings and leads the overall series, 12-4-1.

•Drake won last year's meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, 37-19. Butler scored first in the contest, but Drake responded with 23 unanswered points to take control of the contest. It was Drake's fifth consecutive win over Butler. During that five-game stretch, Drake has out-scored Butler, 189-42.

•Butler's last win in the series came in 2002, 48-44, at the Butler Bowl. Butler's Dale Jennings rushed for 160 yards and four touchdowns in the game, and the two teams combined for over 1,100 yards in total offense!

•Butler is 3-5-1 all-time against Drake in the Butler Bowl. Drake has won the last two meetings on Butler's home field.

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Bulldogs Begin League Play At Home

'DOG DAYS: Butler will be looking to snap a couple of streaks when it begins Pioneer Football League play at home against Drake on Saturday, Oct. 4. The contest between the two PFL teams that share the same nickname is slated for 1 p.m. (ET) at the Butler Bowl. Butler (2-1), coming off an impressive 41-15 non-conference victory at Missouri S & T, is seeking to end a nine-game PFL losing skid and a three-game home field slide. Butler's last PFL victory came against Valparaiso in 2006, and the team's last home win came against Missouri-Rolla in the fourth game of last season. Coach Jeff Voris' squad has already snapped a five-game road losing streak this season with victories at Albion and Missouri S & T. Butler dropped its 2008 home-opener to Franklin, 31-28, and then had to cancel its second home game against Hanover because of severe weather damage that forced the shutdown of the Hanover campus. Drake (2-2) began PFL play at home last weekend with a 43-17 setback to unbeaten and league-leading San Diego. The Drake game will start a stretch of eight consecutive PFL tests for Butler.

Drake was picked fifth; Butler seventh (tie) in the 2008 PFL Coaches' Poll.

HIGH-POWERED: The Bulldogs rolled up a season-high 440 yards in total offense, including a season-best 233 rushing yards in their road win at Missouri S & T. The 41 points that Butler scored in the victory also were a season-high. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 13-0 lead on touchdowns by junior **Ricky Trujillo** and redshirt-freshman **Stuart Harvey** and never looked back. Missouri S & T trailed by 10 points at halftime, 13-3, and the margin remained at double-digits for the rest of the contest. The victory was Butler's first at MST's Allgood-Bailey Stadium and first in Missouri since 1999.

PFL REWARD: Sophomore quarterback **Matt Kobli** was named Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Butler's victory at Missouri S & T. The sophomore signal caller passed for 207 yards and two touchdowns and rushed

Pioneer Football League 2008 Standings

North Division	PFL				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT.	W	L	T	PCT.
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	4	0	0	1.000
Davidson	1	0	0	1.000	2	1	0	.667
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	2	2	0	.500
Dayton	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	.750
Butler	0	0	0	.000	2	1	0	.667
Morehead State	0	0	0	.000	2	2	0	.500
Valparaiso	0	0	0	.000	1	2	0	.333
Drake	0	1	0	.000	2	2	0	.500
Campbell	0	2	0	.000	0	4	0	.000

PFL This Week (All times local)

Oct. 4

Drake at Butler, 1 p.m.
 Campbell at Dayton, 1 p.m.
 Davidson at Morehead State, 1 p.m.
 Valparaiso at San Diego, 2 p.m.

for 116 yards and a third touchdown to spark Butler's road win. He completed 21 of 28 pass attempts, with no interceptions, and tossed scoring aeriels of seven yards to wide receiver **Stuart Harvey** and 32 yards to wide receiver **Eddie McHale**. Kobli, who guided the Bulldogs on a 99-yard scoring drive on their first possession of the game, closed out Butler's scoring with a career-long 46-yard touchdown run in the final period. The Butler quarterback averaged 14.5 yards per carry on eight rushing attempts, while compiling a career-high rushing total.

Matt Kobli's 116 rushing yards at Missouri S & T are the seventh-most by an NCAA Division I FCS quarterback this season.

LEAD 'DOG: Butler quarterback **Matt Kobli** continues to lead the Pioneer Football League in total offense. He's averaging 299.3 yards in total offense per game through three contests this season.

Butler Two-Deep Depth Chart

OFFENSE

WR	15	Alex White, 6-2, 215, Sr.	81	Eddie McHale, 6-2, 190, So.
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	8	Ryan Hitchcock, 5-8, 190, R-Fr.	21	Ricky Trujillo, 5-9, 195, Jr.
FB	33	William Bork, 6-0, 225, R-Fr.	38	Matt Casula, 5-11, 220, 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.	56	Chase Donner, 6-2, 230, Jr.
LB	17	Mike Bennett, 6-1, 230, Sr.	13	Brian Adika, 5-8, 200, Jr.
LB	37	Derek Guggenberger, 6-1, 220, Jr.	45	Nick Comotto, 6-0, 215, Jr.
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.

RETURN ADDRESS: Butler used two key pass interceptions to help stifle a potent Missouri S & T offense. Senior **Ryan Schmitz** turned in the first big play with a pass theft at the Butler 25-yard line and a 63-yard interception return early in the second quarter. The career-long return for Schmitz set the stage for Butler's second touchdown in the game and gave the Bulldogs a 13-0 lead. Then in the fourth quarter, sophomore **Tadd Dombart** picked off Miners' quarterback Jason Schleuter at the Butler three-yard line and returned it 35 yards to the Butler 38. The Bulldogs used that turnover to spark a 62-yard scoring drive that put the game out of reach at 41-15 with just under three minutes remaining.

Butler leads the PFL in "Red Zone Defense" (64.3%).

BLOCK PARTY: Butler rolled up over 400 yards in total offense for the second consecutive game and at the center of that offensive push has been Butler's offensive line. Senior **Rob Noel**, junior **Brian Crable**

and sophomores **Ryan Secrist**, **Mike Staniewicz** and **Donny Gilmore** started together in eight Butler games last year, and the five have started all three games this year. They've helped the Bulldogs climb to second in the PFL in scoring (29.7 ppg), rushing offense (150.0 ypg), passing offense (248.3 ypg) and total offense (398.3 ypg) through the first month of play! Butler's offensive line has allowed just two quarterback sacks in three games this season.

PLAY TERMINATOR: Senior linebacker **Mike Bennett** led Butler's defense in Missouri with a team-high nine tackles. He had five solo tackles and four assists, and he added one pass deflection. It was the second straight game that Bennett has led or shared the lead in tackles for the Bulldogs, and the nine stops were one shy of his career-high set against Franklin earlier this season. He enters this week's action just four tackles shy of 200 for his Butler career.

Mike Bennett is tied for second in the PFL in tackles (9.0 pg).

Bulldog Bits

•Sophomore quarterback **Matt Kobli** ranks second in the league in passing (248.3 ypg) and in passing efficiency (148.1). He stands fifth in the circuit in rushing (51.0 ypg).

•**Matt Kobli** posted the fifth-highest single game rushing total in the PFL this season with 116 yards at Missouri S & T. It's the highest rushing total by a league quarterback in 2008.

•**Matt Kobli** is the only player in the PFL to own a 100-yard rushing game and a 300-yard passing game this season.

•Junior tailback **Ricky Trujillo** scored his first collegiate touchdown on a nine-yard run to give Butler an early 6-0 lead at Missouri S & T. He later scored his second career touchdown on a one-yard run.

•Junior **Dan Bohrer** stands second in the PFL in receiving yards (85.0 ypg), and he's tied for second in receptions (6.0 pg). Bohrer had six catches for 67 yards in Butler's win at Missouri S & T.

•Senior placekicker **Jordan Quiroz**, who hit five of six PAT kick attempts at Missouri S & T, is five points shy of the No. 11 spot on Butler's all-time scoring list. He enters this week's action with 138 career points.

•Sophomore **Rob Blevins** has taken over the PFL lead in punting with a 40.4 average. Blevins owns the league's fourth-longest punt this year with his 57-yarder against Franklin in Butler's last home game.

•Sophomore **Tadd Dombart** recorded Butler's first blocked kick this season, when he blocked a Missouri S & T PAT attempt in the fourth quarter. Dombart had a blocked field goal last for the Bulldogs last season.

•**Tadd Dombart** continues to lead the PFL in punt return average (22.2).

•Butler redshirt-freshmen **Stuart Harvey** and **Ryan Hitchcock** each scored his first collegiate touchdown at Missouri S & T. Harvey caught a seven-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Matt Kobli** in the second quarter, while Hitchcock had a one-yard touchdown run in the third period.

•Butler's 2007 leading rusher/scorer **Scott Gray** has not played in the Bulldogs' first three games because of injury, and the sophomore back could be sidelined for four more weeks. Gray led the PFL in scoring with 15 touchdowns last season.

2008 Butler Football Statistics

SCORING	G	TD	PAT-1	PAT-2	FG	PTS
Dan Bohrer	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Jordan Quiroz	3	0	11-12	0-0	2-2	17
Eddie McHale	3	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Ricky Trujillo	3	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Ryan Hitchcock	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Matt Kobli	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Stuart Harvey	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Luke Johnson	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Butler	3	12	11-12	0-0	2-2	89
Opponents	3	6	4-6	0-0	4-7	52

FGs	G	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
Jordan Quiroz	3	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Butler	3	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Opponents	3	0-0	2-4	2-2	0-0	0-1	39

RUSHING	G	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Kobli	3	25	179	26	153	1	6.1
Ryan Hitchcock	3	27	128	6	122	1	4.5
Ricky Trujillo	3	25	100	0	100	2	4.0
Dionte Wiggins	3	22	91	13	78	0	3.5
Dan Bohrer	3	1	0	3	-3	0	--
Butler	3	100	498	48	450	4	4.5
Opponents	3	82	324	88	236	2	2.9

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT.	INT	TD	YDS.
Matt Kobli	3	108	75	.694	2	8	745
Butler	3	108	75	.694	2	8	745
Opponents	3	114	73	.640	3	4	937

RECEIVING	G	NO.	YDS.	TD	AVG.	LG
Dan Bohrer	3	18	255	4	14.2	48
Eddie McHale	3	14	142	2	10.1	32
Alex White	3	12	129	0	10.8	25
Stuart Harvey	3	8	52	1	6.5	16
Luke Johnson	3	5	41	1	8.2	16
Ricky Trujillo	3	5	15	0	3.0	9
Ryan Hitchcock	3	4	42	0	10.5	34
Dionte Wiggins	3	3	18	0	6.0	11
Eric Notestine	2	2	36	0	18.0	32
Steve Rickert	1	1	6	0	6.0	6
William Bork	2	1	5	0	5.0	5
Rob Noel	3	1	3	0	3.0	3
Jordan Koopman	1	1	1	0	1.0	1
Butler	3	75	745	8	9.9	48
Opponents	3	73	937	4	12.8	48

PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Rob Blevins	3	14	565	40.4	57
Team	3	1	0	0.0	0
Butler	3	15	565	37.7	57
Opponents	3	14	540	38.6	49

PUNT RETURNS	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Tadd Dombart	3	4	89	22.2	49
Ryan Hitchcock	3	2	4	2.0	5
Butler	3	6	93	15.5	49
Opponents	3	3	35	11.7	15

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Spencer Summerville	3	6	112	18.7	24
Luke Johnson	3	1	7	7.0	7
Stuart Harvey	3	1	1	1.0	1
Butler	3	8	120	15.0	24
Opponents	3	14	260	18.6	33

TEAM STATISTICS	BUTLER	OPPONENTS
First Downs	64	60
By Rush	25	14
By Pass	34	42
By Penalty	5	4
Rush Yards Per Game	150.0	78.7
Pass Yards Per Game	248.3	312.3
Points Per Game	29.7	17.3
Total Plays	208	196
Total Offense	1195	1173
Offense Per Play	5.7	6.0
Offense Per Game	398.3	391.0
Fumbles/Lost	6/3	7/3
Penalties/Yards	15/111	13/119
Third Down Conversions	20/44	14/40
Fourth Down Conversions	3/5	2/3
Time of Possession/Game	31:59	28:01

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	T
Butler	13	24	21	31	0	89
Opponents	3	13	23	13	0	52

2007 RESULTS (2-1, 0-0 PFL)	BU	OPP.	ATTD.
S. 6 - At Albion	20	6	3,246
S. 13 - FRANKLIN	28	31	4,049
S. 20 - HANOVER (Cancelled)			
S. 27 - At Missouri S & T	41	15	2,500
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	PASS INT.	PASS BRKUP	
					FOR LOSS					SACKS
Mike Bennett	3	11	16	27	0.5-1	0-0	0	1-8	1	
Spencer Summerville	3	11	13	24	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Derek Guggenberger	3	7	14	21	3.5-12	2-9	0	0-0	0	
Derek Bradford	3	11	6	17	2-8	0-0	0	0-0	2	
Rob Blevins	3	7	7	14	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Tadd Dombart	3	10	3	13	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-35	1
Jacob Fritz	3	6	6	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	1
Derek Day	3	7	2	9	2.5-15	2-14	0	1	0-0	0
Nick Caldicott	3	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	1
Grant Hunter	3	4	3	7	3.5-18	3-15	0	0	0-0	1
Jared Branyon	3	2	3	5	1-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Chase Donner	3	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Larry Thomas	3	0	4	4	0.5-3	1-3	0	0	0-0	0
Jeff Poss	3	1	3	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Nick Clarkson	3	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Mark Kwiatkowski	3	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Brian Adika	3	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Ross Teare	3	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Nick Comotto	1	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Peter Xander	3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Matt Casula	3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Rob Cosler	3	0	2	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Thorn Murphy	3	1	1	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Jack McKenna	3	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Alex White	3	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Ryan Schmitz	3	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-63	0
Mark Giacomantonio	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Chris Salvi	2	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Robert Koteff	2	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Ryan Hitchcock	2	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0

Blocked Kicks: Tadd Dombart (PAT vs. Missouri S & T).