



# BUTLER FOOTBALL

## 2008 News & Notes

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### Game Data



**Game:** Butler (6-1, 4-0 PFL) vs. Jacksonville (5-3, 3-1 PFL)  
**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 1  
**Site:** Butler Bowl (2,500) Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Time:** 12 p.m. (ET)  
**Radio:** XL950 (AM) BigPlayProductions.com

### Coaches

**Butler:** Jeff Voris (DePauw '89) 13-15 (3rd year at Butler) 28-50 (7th year overall) 0-2 vs. Jacksonville  
**JU:** Kerwin Bell (Florida '87) 8-11/2nd year 1-0 vs. Butler

### Series

#### Fourth Meeting, Jacksonville leads, 3-0

Butler and Jacksonville are meeting for the fourth time in a series that began in 2005. Jacksonville has won the first three meetings between the two teams.

- Jacksonville won last year's meeting at D. B. Milne Field, 24-16. The Dolphins built a 21-3 halftime lead, and then held off Butler's comeback attempt in the second half. The Bulldogs had two late drives stopped by pass interceptions.

- The Dolphins are 1-0 at the Butler Bowl, after posting a 31-7 victory over the Bulldogs in 2006. Quarterback Chris Horton passed for four touchdowns in that win.

- Jacksonville is in just its 11th year of intercollegiate football. The program was started in 1998, and the Dolphins joined the Pioneer Football League in 2001.

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## Surging Bulldogs Continue Homestand Against Jacksonville

**TOP DOGS:** Butler will put a five-game winning streak and a share of first place in the Pioneer Football League on the line when it hosts Jacksonville on Saturday, Nov. 1. Kickoff for the contest is slated for 12 noon at the Butler Bowl, one hour earlier than Butler's normal 1 p.m. start time. The Bulldogs (6-1) continued to surprise and improved to 4-0 in the PFL for the first time ever with a stirring, 31-21 come-from-behind victory over Morehead State in last weekend's Homecoming game. The four league victories match Butler's PFL win total for the previous five seasons! The five-game winning streak is Butler's longest since 1991, when the Bulldogs won six straight on the way to a 9-2 season and a trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs. Jacksonville (5-3, 3-1 PFL) has been nearly as hot with three straight wins, including a 30-29 upset of preseason league-favorite San Diego on a 50-yard field goal with 1:23 remaining last week. It was San Diego's first loss this season. The Jacksonville game is the second of three straight home contests for the Bulldogs.

*The Bulldogs have tied the Butler school-record for PFL wins (4) in a season.*

**COMEBACK TRAIL:** The Bulldogs overcame an 18-point deficit in the second half in their victory over Morehead State. Butler trailed 21-3 at halftime, but responded with 28 unanswered points in the second half, including 14 in the fourth quarter. It was the biggest margin overcome by Butler as a Division I football program (since 1993) and the largest deficit erased in the past 30 years! The Bulldogs used a defensive score and a special teams score to ignite the rally and then finished the comeback with a pair of touchdowns passed midway through the fourth quarter. Butler took the lead for good on a 13-yard scoring pass from **Matt Kobli** to **Dan Bohrer** with 8:38 left. Kobli then added an insurance score just over one minute later with a 19-yard scoring strike to **Eddie McHale**. It was Butler's first victory over Morehead State since 2001, snapping a five-game losing streak to the Eagles.

### Pioneer Football League 2008 Standings

North Division	PFL				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT.	W	L	T	PCT.
Dayton	4	0	0	1.000	7	1	0	.875
Butler	4	0	0	1.000	6	1	0	.857
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	6	1	0	.857
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	5	3	0	.625
Drake	2	3	0	.400	4	4	0	.500
Morehead State	1	3	0	.250	3	5	0	.375
Valparaiso	1	3	0	.250	2	5	0	.286
Davidson	1	4	0	.200	2	5	0	.286
Campbell	0	5	0	.000	1	7	0	.125

### PFL This Week (All times local)

**Nov. 1**  
 Jacksonville at Butler, 12 p.m.  
 Valparaiso at Morehead State, 1 p.m.  
 Davidson at Campbell, 1 p.m.  
 Dayton at San Diego, 6 p.m.

**WINNING WAYS:** The Bulldogs' Homecoming victory over Morehead State clinched Butler's first winning season since 1997 (6-4). The last time Butler won more than six games in a season was in 1994, when the Bulldogs finished with a Division I school record 7-3 mark.

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT:** Sophomore **Tadd Dombart** helped spark Butler's comeback against Morehead State with an electrifying, 75-yard punt return for a touchdown. The Bulldogs were trailing 21-10 late in the third quarter, when Dombart fielded a punt at the Butler 25-yard line, broke left and then cut back right to find an open field. He crossed the goal line with just sixth-tenths of a second left on the clock. The punt return for a touchdown was the longest in the PFL this season and the longest by a Butler player in more than 30 years! Dombart was chosen PFL Co-Special Teams Player of the Week for his effort.

*Tadd Dombart's 75-yard punt return is the seventh-longest in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision this year.*

# 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.	62	Mike Fiedler, 6-8, 300, R-Fr.
RG	72	Pete Mattingly, 6-5, 330, Fr.	53	Rob Hobson, 6-4, 295, R-Fr.
C	67	Rob Noel, 6-3, 300, Sr.	53	Rob Hobson, 6-4, 295, R-Fr.
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	23	Dionte Wiggins, 5-10, 185, R-Fr.	8	Ryan Hitchcock, 5-8, 190, R-Fr.
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	57	Ross Teare, 6-1, 285, Fr.	50	Peter Xander, 5-9, 250, Jr.
DT	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.	20	Nick Clarkson, 5-11, 210, Sr.
CB	28	Tadd Dombart, 5-10, 185, So.	11	Jack McKenna, 6-0, 180, R-Fr.
CB	2	Jacob Fritz, 5-10, 180, So.	32	Mark Kwiatkowski, 6-0, 190, Sr.
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.	86	Jordan Koopman, 5-8, 180, Fr.
KR	86	Jordan Koopman, 5-8, 180, Fr.	9	Andy Dauch

**TURNING POINT:** Butler's run of 28 unanswered points in the second half against Morehead State didn't start on offense. Sophomore defensive back **Jacob Fritz** intercepted a pass early in the third quarter and returned it 39 yards for Butler's first touchdown in the game. It was his first touchdown return this season and the second of his young Butler career. It also was the third interception return for a touchdown by the Bulldogs this season.

**CHART CLIMBING:** Sophomore quarterback **Matt Kobli** completed 25 of 40 passes for 259 yards in Butler's win over Morehead State. That boosted his season passing total to 1,609 yards and lifted him into 14th place on Butler's single season passing chart. Kobli added 22 rushing yards against the Eagles to finish with 281 yards in total offense. He continues to lead the Pioneer Football League in total offense (285.4 ypg), while ranking second in pass efficiency (152.5). He's third in the league in passing average (229.9) and fifth in the circuit in rushing (55.6).

**Matt Kobli ranks 10th in the NCAA Division I FCS in total offense (285.4).**

**FINAL CLOSEOUT:** Junior **Spencer Summerville** helped spark the Bulldogs' strong second half defensive effort against Morehead State. The Butler strong safety recorded a career-high 11 tackles against the Eagles, including one quarterback sack for a loss of 13 yards. It was one of four Butler sacks in the game. Butler limited the visitors to 90 yards in the final 30 minutes, while keeping the Eagles off the scoreboard.

**Butler ranks second in the PFL in scoring defense (16.6).**

**KICK SCORING:** Senior placekicker **Jordan Quiroz** tallied seven points in Butler's victory over Morehead State, boosting his career scoring total to 162 points and moving him into a tie for seventh place on Butler's all-time scoring list. He's 10 points shy of Kevin McDevitt, 1973-76, in sixth place. Quiroz has moved into third place in the PFL in kick scoring this season with 41 points.

# Bulldog Bits

•Butler will pay tribute to the 1983 football team on Saturday at the Jacksonville game. It's the 25th anniversary of that squad becoming the first Butler football team to reach the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Bulldogs finished 9-1-1 in 1983.

•Butler's current five-game winning streak is tied for the second-longest in the NCAA Division I FCS. The Bulldogs' four-game road winning streak is tied for the fourth-longest in Division FCS.

•Freshman **Thorn Murphy** recorded his first career blocked punt in the fourth quarter against Morehead State, setting up Butler's final touchdown in the game. It was Butler's first blocked punt this season.

•Freshmen **Zach Watkins** and **Jordan Koopman** both had career days against Morehead State. Watkins had a career-high four receptions for a career-best 75 yards in the game, while Koopman added career-highs of four catches and 48 yards.

•Senior **Mike Bennett** had an active afternoon against Morehead State with four solo tackles, two assists, one quarterback sack for a loss of 13 yards and one pass interception, which he returned 23 yards.

•Redshirt-freshman **Grant Hunter** has taken over the lead in the PFL in quarterback sacks with seven. He had a pair of quarterback sacks against Morehead State. Hunter ranks second in the league in tackles for loss with 10 (1.43).

•Junior **Spencer Summerville** is ranked eighth in the PFL in tackles (7.3), while teammate **Derek Guggenberger** is tied for ninth (7.0).

•Junior **Dan Bohrer** stands second in the PFL in both receiving yards (69.9 ypg) and receptions (5.6 pg). He had four catches for 58 yards and a touchdown against Morehead State.

•Sophomore **Rob Blevins** had a career-long 57-yard punt against Morehead State. He ranks fourth in the PFL in punting (37.2).

•Sophomore defensive back **Tadd Dombart** leads the PFL in punt return average (25.9), and he's tied for ninth in the league in pass interceptions (0.29).

•Sophomore running back **Scott Gray**, who led the PFL in scoring last year, has missed Butler's first seven games this season with injury.

# 2008 Butler Football Statistics

SCORING	G	TD	PAT-1	PAT-2	FG	PTS
Dan Bohrer	7	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	42
Jordan Quiroz	7	0	32-34	0-0	3-3	41
Ryan Hitchcock	7	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	36
Eddie McHale	7	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	36
Matt Kobli	7	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Luke Johnson	7	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Dionte Wiggins	7	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Ricky Trujillo	4	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Derek Bradford	7	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Jordan Koopman	4	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Stuart Harvey	7	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Tadd Dombart	7	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Jacob Fritz	6	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Rob Blevins	7	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Andrew Huck	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32-34</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11-13</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>116</b>

FGs	G	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
Jordan Quiroz	7	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	36
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>39</b>

RUSHING	G	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Kobli	7	68	443	54	389	2	5.7
Ryan Hitchcock	7	64	352	10	342	5	5.3
Dionte Wiggins	7	56	239	26	213	2	3.8
Ricky Trujillo	4	25	100	0	100	2	4.0
Andrew Huck	3	4	45	6	39	1	9.9
Dan Bohrer	7	1	0	3	-3	0	---
Team	7	3	0	23	-23	0	---
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.2</b>

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT.	INT	TD	YDS.
Matt Kobli	7	226	156	.690	3	18	1609
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>.690</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1609</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>.551</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1632</b>

RECEIVING	G	NO.	YDS.	TD	AVG.	LG
Dan Bohrer	7	40	507	7	12.7	48
Eddie McHale	7	25	328	6	13.1	54
Alex White	7	20	232	0	11.6	35
Stuart Harvey	7	15	109	1	7.3	16
Ryan Hitchcock	7	12	107	1	8.9	34
Dionte Wiggins	7	11	47	0	4.3	16
Jordan Koopman	4	8	71	1	8.9	28
Luke Johnson	7	7	48	2	6.9	16
Zach Watkins	4	6	94	0	15.7	42
Ricky Trujillo	4	6	10	0	1.7	9
Eric Notestine	7	2	36	0	18.0	32
William Bork	7	2	11	0	5.5	6
Steve Rickert	5	1	6	0	6.0	6
Rob Noel	7	1	3	0	3.0	3
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1609</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>83</b>

PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Rob Blevins	7	29	1078	37.2	57
Team	7	1	0	0.0	0
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1078</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>59</b>

PUNT RETURNS	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Tadd Dombart	7	7	181	25.9	75
Ryan Hitchcock	7	2	4	2.0	5
Thorn Murphy	7	1	2	2.0	2
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>23</b>

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG
Spencer Summerville	7	14	269	19.2	31
Jordan Koopman	4	4	72	18.0	25
Luke Johnson	7	1	7	7.0	7
Tadd Dombart	7	1	5	5.0	5
Stuart Harvey	7	1	1	1.0	1
<b>Butler</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>59</b>

TEAM STATISTICS	BUTLER	OPPONENTS
First Downs	145	132
By Rush	61	51
By Pass	76	72
By Penalty	8	9
Rush Yards Per Game	151.0	108.7
Pass Yards Per Game	229.9	233.1
Points Per Game	35.0	16.6
Total Plays	447	464
Total Offense	2666	2393
Offense Per Play	6.0	5.2
Offense Per Game	380.9	341.9
Fumbles/Lost	10/6	12/6
Penalties/Yards	31/254	41/339

TEAM STATISTICS	BUTLER	OPPONENTS
Third Down Conversions	42/90	36/99
Fourth Down Conversions	5/10	8/15
Time of Possession/Game	31:05	28:55

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	T
<b>Butler</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>

2007 RESULTS (6-1, 4-0 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*	21	15	2,171
O. 11 - At Campbell*	56	7	3,081
O. 18 - At Valparaiso*	48	21	3,117
O. 25 - MOREHEAD STATE*	31	21	3,592
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				
Spencer Summerville	7	30	21	51	3-15	1-13	0	1	0-0	2
Derek Guggenberger	7	21	28	49	5.5-16	2-9	0	1	0-0	1
Mike Bennett	6	19	22	41	1.5-14	1-13	0	0	2-31	1
Rob Blevins	7	20	18	38	0.5-1	0-0	1	1	1-39	1
Derek Bradford	7	19	14	33	2-8	0-0	0	1	2-94	2
Tadd Dombart	7	19	7	26	0.5-2	0-0	1	0	2-35	2
Grant Hunter	7	11	11	22	10-54	7-47	0	0	0-0	1
Jacob Fritz	6	12	7	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-39	2
Chase Donner	7	9	6	15	2.5-20	2-19	1	0	0-0	1
Jeff Poss	7	10	5	15	4.5-16	1-8	0	0	0-0	0
Nick Caldicott	5	9	4	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	1
Brian Adika	7	8	5	13	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	3
Ross Teare	7	4	9	13	1.5-3	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Jared Branyon	7	5	8	13	2.5-5	1-3	0	0	0-0	2
Mark Giacomantonio	7	4	7	11	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Derek Day	7	8	3	11	4-22	3-20	0	1	0-0	0
Nick Clarkson	7	7	3	10	1-3	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Thorn Murphy	7	6	3	9	4-19	0-0	1	0	0-0	0
Nick Comotto	5	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Rob Cosler	7	4	4	8	3.5-19	1-8	0	0	0-0	0
Jack McKenna	7	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Larry Thomas	7	2	5	7	1.5-18	2-18	0	0	0-0	0
Logan Sullivan	7	4	3	7	0.5-1	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
Ryan Schmitz	7	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-63	2
Mark Kwiatkowski	7	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Peter Xander	7	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Chris Salvi	7	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Robert Koteff	5	3	1	4	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Alex White	7	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Matt Casula	7	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Andy Dauch	2	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Evan Wray	3	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
David Lang	7	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0	0
Dan Bohrer	7	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Ryan Hitchcock	7	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0

**Blocked Kicks:** Tadd Dombart (PAT vs. Missouri S & T), Thorn Murphy (Punt vs. Morehead State).