

2008 Wittenberg University Football News & Notes - Nov. 1, 2008 vs. Denison



• **SETTING THE SCENE:** The Wittenberg Tigers put the finishing touches on the home portion of the 2008 schedule with a North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) showdown with longtime rival Denison. The game takes on added meaning as the Tigers salute their seniors prior to their final game at Edwards-Maurer Field, and the university pays tribute to legendary coach, athletics administrator and professor Dave Maurer with a halftime ceremony and reunion dinner.

The Tigers are coming off a hard-fought 21-14 win at Carnegie Mellon on Oct. 25, which improved Wittenberg to 5-2 overall. The Tigers are 3-1 in the NCAC and currently tied for second place behind Wabash, which rallied for an improbable 13-10 win in Springfield on Oct. 18.

Denison comes in with a 4-3 overall record, including a mark of 2-2 in the NCAC. The Big Red's losses are to teams with a combined record of 19-2 (Wabash, Case Western and Wooster), while the four wins have already matched last year's win total.

• **SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY:** The Wittenberg football program salutes defensive tackle Lance Phillips, cornerback Travis Brunic, defensive end Matt Maidlow, linebacker Anthony Marolo, offensive lineman Brady Swift, offensive lineman Steve Dailey, wide receiver Patrick Williams, running back Tony Hall, defensive tackle Anthony Davis, quarterback Matt Brumfield, safety Zach Brumfield, kicker Zack Harris and quarterback Zack Elrod.

Over the last four years, Wittenberg has posted an overall record of 30-13, including a 20-5 mark in NCAC play. In that span, the Tigers won the 2006 NCAC title and advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament, in addition to a second-place conference finish in 2007.

• **SERIES HISTORY:** Wittenberg leads 46-23-2 in a series that goes all the way back to 1901. The two teams have not played since 2005, when the Tigers captured a 31-6 win at home.

Since Wittenberg joined the NCAC in 1989, the Tigers hold a commanding 16-1 advantage and are riding a 16-game winning streak. Going farther back, Denison has just one win and one tie in the series since 1958, a span of 30 games.

• **SCOUTING THE TIGER OFFENSE:** After piling up more than 4,00 yards total offense in 23 straight starts, junior quarterback **Aaron Huffman** turned the ball over to senior quarterback **Matt Brumfield** midway through a Sept. 20 loss to Washington University after suffering a season-ending injury. Brumfield has split time since with sophomore quarterback **Andrew Durbin**, who got his first start against Carnegie Mellon, since then. Brumfield and Durbin have combined for more than 1,100 yards and 11 touchdowns through the air, while completing more than 61 percent of their passes.

At tailback, the injury-plagued Tigers turned to freshman **Trevor Luckenbill** to carry the load, and he has responded with 522 yards and four touchdowns in the last five games, including a career-high 134 yards in a Homecoming win over Earlham. In short yardage, senior **Tony Hall**, who missed the entire 2007 season due to injury, has excelled. After going for a career-high 53 yards against Carnegie Mellon, Hall has 143 yards and seven touchdowns on the season.

At wide receiver, freshman **Josh McKee** has emerged as a perfect complement to senior **Patrick Williams**, who accumulated 910 yards and six touchdowns in 2007 and already has 38 catches for 452 yards and three touchdowns in 2008. McKee has added 37 receptions, 603 yards and a team-best nine touchdowns to the offensive attack.

Dave Maurer Day



In recognition of his impact on thousands of lives in nearly 40 years as a coach, administrator and professor at Wittenberg, the Wittenberg Committee to Honor Dave Maurer formed to celebrate Dave Maurer Day.

Maurer will be informally honored at halftime of the football game. A reunion dinner for Maurer, his family, friends, former players, fans and supporters will follow in Pam Evans Smith Arena in the HPER Center, starting with a social hour at 5 p.m.

Maurer, a 1987 Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Honor inductee, coached track and field, swimming and diving, and golf at various points during his Wittenberg career,

in addition to his well-known exploits on the football sidelines. He also served as the university's director of men's athletics and was a professor of health and physical education.

After more than a decade as an assistant football coach at Wittenberg, Maurer took the reins in 1969. He posted a career record of 129-23-3, good for an .842 winning percentage, and directed three teams to national championships. The Tigers went undefeated three times and won seven Ohio Athletic Conference championships in his 15 seasons as head coach.

BY THE NUMBERS

WITTENBERG (5-2, 3-1 NCAC) 2008 TEAM STATISTICS

	WIT	NCAC Rank
Scoring Offense	28.1	2nd
Scoring Defense	12.4	1st
Pass Offense	226.4	4th
Pass Defense	173.4	2nd
Kickoff Returns	22.3	2nd
Punting (Net)	35.4	2nd
Rush Offense	145.3	6th
Rush Defense	79.0	2nd
Total Offense	371.7	5th
Total Defense	252.4	1st
Punt Returns	6.5	5th
Pass Efficiency	142.1	2nd

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing		G	Att.	Yds.	TD	
T. Luckenbill	7	102	522	4		
T. Hall	6	40	143	7		
R. Belcher	5	42	113	0		
Passing		G	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD
M. Brumfield	6	51	88	590	5	
A. Durbin	5	47	72	555	6	
Receiving		G	Rec.	Yds.	TD	
P. Williams	7	38	452	3		
J. McKee	7	37	603	9		
M. Cooper	6	17	223	2		
Tackles		G	Solo	Asst.	Total	
B. McKinley	7	24	54	78		
K. Lohrman	7	19	46	65		
Z. Hurtt	7	18	44	62		
M. Rodriguez	7	18	34	52		

DENISON (4-3, 2-2 NCAC) 2008 TEAM STATISTICS

	DEN	NCAC Rank
Scoring Offense	24.3	4th
Scoring Defense	24.4	5th
Pass Offense	127.3	9th
Pass Defense	249.9	9th
Kickoff Returns	18.5	6th
Punting (Net)	33.5	4th
Rush Offense	212.9	1st
Rush Defense	107.0	3rd
Total Offense	340.1	6th
Total Defense	356.9	5th
Punt Returns	6.6	4th
Pass Efficiency	93.9	9th

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing		G	Att.	Yds.	TD	
J. Berg	7	120	616	6		
M. Barnes	7	96	503	6		
N. Krempasky	7	70	351	1		
Passing		G	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD
M. Barnes	7	85	177	880	7	
Receiving		G	Rec.	Yds.	TD	
P. Jarowey	7	23	207	1		
N. Thompson	7	12	181	2		
Tackles		G	Solo	Asst.	Total	
J. Ulrey	7	12	36	48		
D. Homyk	7	26	18	44		
B. Bathiany	7	18	21	39		

TUNE IN TO THE TIGERS!

All Wittenberg athletic broadcasts can be heard locally on WUSO 89.1-FM, the university's student-operated station. They also can be heard around the world on the Internet thanks to Wittenberg's partnership with Stretch Internet. Wittenberg fans do not have to pay to listen to broadcasts, and anyone with a computer and an Internet connection can log in and listen.

Wittenberg is blessed with outstanding radio coverage again in 2008 as Scott Leo, who spends his summers as the play-by-play voice of the Columbus Clippers, heads things up. Leo, who has been involved with Wittenberg athletic broadcasts since 2000, is joined by Assistant Sports Information Director Ben Bradley on this fall's football broadcasts.

The student broadcast team is bigger and better than ever in 2008-09, led by WUSO Sports Director Rob Lehner. The Wittenberg student broadcasters are involved in all aspects of the broadcasts, including sideline reporting, statistical analysis, on-air color analysis, in-game score updates and production work. This year, the team has ambitious plans to produce more than 100 athletics broadcasts in as many as 11 sports, including football, volleyball, men's soccer, women's soccer, field hockey, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, baseball and softball.

• **COACHES SHOW:** Tiger Talk is back again in 2008. It can be heard locally on WUSO 89.1-FM and on the Internet from 7-8 p.m. every Thursday. Leo hosts the show, which features interviews with players and coaches and analysis of the Tigers' season to date.

• **DOUBLE DUTY:** Patrick Williams has been setting records on the gridiron and on the baseball field in his Wittenberg career.

Williams returned to the football starting lineup in 2008 after setting school records for receptions in a season (56) and a game (12 vs. Wabash) in 2007. He was the team leader in receptions and receiving yards by a wide margin a year ago after finishing second in both categories in 2006. With 38 receptions through seven games in 2008, Williams has moved into fifth place on the Wittenberg career receiving list with 121 in less than three full seasons in the football Red & White.

Williams has also started all but two of the Tigers' baseball games over the last three years. In 114 total games, including 112 starting assignments, the speedy outfielder ranked among the team leaders in numerous offensive categories in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Williams, who set a school record with a 27-game hitting streak stretching across the last 14 games of 2007 and the first 13 of 2008, has a career batting average of .342. A second-team All-NCAC honoree in 2006 and 2008 to go along with his first-team All-NCAC award in football in 2007, Williams has 31 doubles, six triples, six home runs, 85 RBI and 33 stolen bases in his baseball career.

• **SCOUTING THE TIGER DEFENSE:** Wittenberg's defense has come together to form one of the most formidable units in the conference. While ranking first in the NCAC in scoring and total defense, the Tigers are also proving opportunistic, forcing 16 turnovers, including five in a 13-10 loss to third-ranked Wabash.

Leading the way for Wittenberg on the front four is sophomore end **Eddie Vallery**, who has done a little of everything in his first season as a starter. He has 40 tackles, including 4.5 for loss, two sacks, four pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and a blocked kick despite missing a game due to injury. The Tiger linebackers have been dynamic, led by sophomore **Brad McKinley** with 78 tackles, including 12 in a dominating performance against the Little Giants in which he finished with 12 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, an interception, three pass break-ups and a sack.

The Tiger secondary is led by sophomore safety **Manny Rodriguez** with 52 tackles, as well as a sack, six pass break-ups and three forced fumbles, and junior cornerback **Brandyn Brown** with an interception, a forced fumble and a team-best 11 pass break-ups.

• **NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** Two Tiger players have earned NCAC Player of the Week awards in 2008. Ironically, both have been freshmen.

On Sept. 28, freshman linebacker Zach Hurtt picked up Defensive Player of the Week after he forced a fumble, intercepted a pass and made 12 tackles, leading the Tigers to a 32-0 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan. Hurtt had a hand in two of the five turnovers forced by Wittenberg.

Josh McKee earned Offensive Player of the Week honors on Oct. 7 after he caught eight passes for 177 yards and a touchdown, and rushed three times for another 18 yards, in the Tigers' 44-7 win over Hiram.

• **SCOUTING THE BIG RED:** Denison has put together a solid 2008 season, thanks in large part to two primary offensive weapons - running back Jon Berg and quarterback Mike Barnes.

Both players rank among the top 10 in the NCAC in rushing - combined they average more than 150 yards per game on the ground. Barnes also averages more than 125 yards per game passing, but it's the NCAC's top-rated rushing attack that makes the Big Red go.

Linebacker Joe Ulrey leads the Big Red in tackles with 48, while defensive lineman Josh Hamperian ranks among the conference leaders with 3.5 sacks for a whopping 35 yards lost.

• **THE COACHES:** Wittenberg is led by Joe Fincham, a 1988 graduate of Ohio University. In his 12th season at the helm, Fincham has a 113-27 overall record, including a mark of 77-12 in the NCAC and a regular season record of 106-21. His teams have claimed six conference titles, including four straight outright with undefeated records from 1998-2001. Fincham has been named NCAC Coach of the Year five times, including 2006 after he led the Tigers to a conference title, and earned American Football Coaches Association/Kodak District IV Coach of the Year honors in 1998.

Fincham stands second in school history with 112 wins, trailing only National College Football Hall of Famer Dave Maurer, who posted a 129-23-3 record between 1969-83. Fincham is third in winning percentage as his .803 mark trails Maurer (.842) and fellow National College Football Hall of Famer Bill Edwards, who had a 98-20-4 record between 1955-69.

Denison is led by Nick Fletcher, who has compiled a 31-56 record in nine seasons leading the Big Red. A 1976 graduate of Johns Hopkins, Fletcher previously was head coach at Eureka, where he earned Illini-Badger Conference Coach of the Year honors twice while finishing with a five-year record of 27-21.

2008 NCAC STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct
Wabash	5	0	1.000	7	0	1.000
Wittenberg	3	1	.750	5	2	.714
Wooster	3	1	.750	5	2	.714
Denison	2	2	.500	4	3	.571
Allegheny	2	2	.500	3	4	.429
Oberlin	2	2	.500	2	5	.286
Earlham	2	2	.500	2	5	.286
Hiram	1	3	.250	2	5	.286
Ohio Wesleyan	1	3	.250	1	6	.143
Kenyon	0	5	.000	1	7	.125

NCAC Game Schedule - Nov. 1, 2008

Wittenberg vs. Denison, 1 p.m.

Allegheny at Wooster, 1 p.m.

Earlham at Kenyon, 1 p.m.

Hiram at Ohio Wesleyan, 1 p.m.

Oberlin at Wabash, 1 p.m.

2007 NCAC STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct
Wabash	7	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Wittenberg	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Oberlin	5	2	.714	5	5	.500
Wooster	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Ohio Wesleyan	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Allegheny	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Denison	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Earlham	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Kenyon	1	6	.143	2	8	.200
Hiram	0	7	.000	0	10	.000

Wittenberg Tiger Two-Deep

OFFENSE

WR 81 Anthony Kralich (So., 6-1, 190)
15 Bill French (So., 6-1, 180)

TE 84 Cody Parsell (Jr., 6-3, 240)
91 Logan Beam (So., 6-3, 230)

LT 52 Ryan Metzger (Jr., 6-2, 270)
78 Nick Hudepohl (So., 6-2, 280)

LG 54 Jeremy Block (So., 5-9, 255)
71 Phil Jenkins (Fr., 6-0, 285)

C 60 Dillon Hollin (Jr., 6-0, 260)
67 Jake Kerger (Jr., 6-1, 260)

RG 58 Clay Hewson (Jr., 6-2, 280)
76 Brady Swift (Sr., 6-3, 285)

RT 69 Alex Burwell (So., 6-0, 285)
70 Steve Dailey (Sr., 6-3, 275)

QB 11 Matt Brumfield (Sr., 6-0, 190)
13 Andrew Durbin (So., 6-4, 225)

TB 24 Trevor Luckenbill (Fr., 5-10, 185)
32 Rod Belcher (So., 5-9, 195)

FB 31 Dan McCormick (Jr., 5-10, 210)
22 Billy West (Jr., 6-0, 210)

WR 1 Patrick Williams (Sr., 6-0, 200)
14 Josh McKee (Fr., 6-2, 175)

DEFENSE

DE 49 Matt Maidlow (Sr., 6-3, 230)
50 Nick Marino (So., 6-1, 245)

DT 95 Taylor Sherer (Jr., 6-0, 230)
96 Anthony Davis (Sr., 5-10, 225)

DT 56 Lance Phillips (Sr., 6-1, 260)
93 Adam Kattoua (So., 6-0, 255)

DE 47 Eddie Vallery (So., 6-2, 215)
99 Nick Wolfe (Jr., 6-2, 230)

ILB 33 Zach Hurtt (Fr., 6-1, 215)
9 Ben Maxwell (So., 6-0, 205)

MLB 21 Brad McKinley (So., 5-8, 195)
44 Fields Davis (So., 5-6, 190)

OLB 42 Kyle Lohrman (Jr., 6-0, 200)
9 Ben Maxwell (So., 6-0, 205)

CB 8 Brandyn Brown (Jr., 5-8, 160)
26 Jumar Guy (So., 5-11, 165)

FS 17 Trent Brunic (Jr., 6-0, 190)
25 Keenan Freeman (Jr., 5-9, 200)

SS 2 Manny Rodriguez (So., 5-11, 190)
19 Ty Whittington (So., 5-10, 170)

CB 20 Travis Brunic (Sr., 6-0, 175)
26 Jumar Guy (So., 5-11, 165)

SPECIALISTS

K 34 David Rome (So., 6-0, 160)
18 Trevor Cochran (So., 6-1, 170)

P 18 Trevor Cochran (So., 6-1, 170)
16 Josh Nettleton (Jr., 6-2, 205)

KO 18 Trevor Cochran (So., 6-1, 170)
34 David Rome (So., 6-0, 160)

KR 32 Rod Belcher (So., 5-9, 195)
8 Brandyn Brown (Jr., 5-8, 160)

PR 8 Brandyn Brown (Jr., 5-8, 160)
14 Josh McKee (Fr., 6-2, 175)

H 1 Patrick Williams (Sr., 6-0, 200)
14 Josh McKee (Fr., 6-2, 175)

LS 58 Clay Hewson (Jr., 6-2, 280)
84 Cody Parsell (Jr., 6-3, 240)

Denison Big Red Two-Deep

OFFENSE

TE 88 Shawn Eagle (6-3, 235, So.)
80 Tyler Freriks (6-3, 215, Sr.)

LT 53 Joe Romanowski (6-1, 221, Fr.)
50 Will Minor (6-3, 225, Sr.)

LG 63 Derek Ulsh (6-1, 245, Jr.)
56 Tony Capetillo (5-11, 255, So.)

C 55 Ed Hebb (5-9, 220, Fr.)
56 Tony Capetillo (5-11, 255, So.)

RG 69 Kyle Guffey (6-0, 265, Fr.)
77 Bobby Fresch (6-3, 305, Jr.)

RT 78 Mike Muldoon (6-6, 256, So.)
74 Hans Dietrich (6-4, 320, So.)

WR 1 Nick Thompson (6-1, 175, Sr.)
5 Brandon Taylor (5-10, 175, Jr.)

WR 2 Peter Jarowey (6-1, 195, Sr.)
3 James Hall (6-0, 180, So.)

WR 81 Drew Clanin (5-8, 160, Fr.)
36 Jeff Cochran (6-1, 190, So.)

QB 7 Mike Barnes (5-10, 185, Sr.)
15 Colin McKelvey (6-3, 215, So.)

TB 24 Jon Berg (5-9, 210, Sr.)
6 Nick Krempasky (5-10, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE 72 Josh Hamperian (6-4, 225, Sr.)
34 Mike Barnum (5-10, 210, Jr.)

DT 40 Adam Lewis (6-0, 215, Jr.)
98 Adam Douglas (5-11, 235, Fr.)

DT 8 Tim Dukovich (6-1, 240, Sr.)
41 Jerome Ray (5-7, 225, Fr.)

DE 99 Drew Hanna (6-2, 225, Jr.)
54 Doug DeVol (6-2, 215, So.)

SAM 10 Bert Bathiany (5-11, 195, Sr.)
29 Andrew Boemi (5-10, 185, Jr.)

MIKE 44 Joe Ulrey (5-11, 225, Sr.)
22 Bill Aukerman (6-0, 215, Jr.)

WIL 43 Jim Minor (6-3, 230, Sr.)
11 John Zanner, 6-2, 230, Jr.)

CB 28 Nick Weiss (5-8, 170, So.)
12 Will Doss (5-9, 170, Jr.)

CB 19 Tyler Lambert (5-11, 170, So.)
23 Pat Effinger (5-9, 175, Fr.)

FS 37 Drew Homyk (6-1, 178, Jr.)
45 Griffin Clark (5-10, 185, Fr.)

SS 9 Caleb McFerren (6-0, 190, Jr.)
16 Jamie Mackie (5-10, 185, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 31 Kevin Schneider (5-9, 175, So.)
83 Matt Ring (5-8, 202, Fr.)

P 9 Caleb McFerren (6-0, 190, Jr.)
83 Matt Ring (5-8, 202, Fr.)

KR 28 Nick Weiss (5-8, 170, So.)
6 Nick Krempasky (5-10, 190, Jr.)

PR 28 Nick Weiss (5-8, 170, So.)
37 Drew Homyk (6-1, 178, Jr.)

HLD 5 Brandon Taylor (5-10, 175, Jr.)

LS 40 Adam Lewis (6-0, 215, Jr.)
50 Will Minor (6-3, 225, Sr.)



2008 Wittenberg Schedule/Results ...

5-2 Overall, 3-1 NCAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 6	OLIVET	W, 22-10
20	WASHINGTON (MO.)	L, 27-30
27	at Ohio Wesleyan*	W, 32-0
Oct. 4	at Hiram*	W, 44-7
11	EARLHAM*	W, 45-13
18	WABASH*	L, 10-13
25	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 21-14
Nov. 1	DENISON*	1 p.m.
8	at Allegheny*	1 p.m.
15	at Wooster*	1 p.m.

* North Coast Athletic Conference Games
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2007 Wittenberg Schedule/Results ...

8-2 Overall, 6-1 NCAC (2nd place)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 1	CAPITAL	L, 0-13
15	at Olivet	W, 17-16
22	at Alma	W, 30-15
29	WOOSTER*	W, 58-7
Oct. 6	at Earlham*	W, 73-0
13	at Wabash*	L, 17-24
20	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 21-16
27	OBERLIN*	W, 38-14
Nov. 3	at Allegheny*	W, 17-6
10	HIRAM*	W, 70-20

* North Coast Athletic Conference Games
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2008 Wittenberg Quick Facts ...

Location:Springfield, Ohio
 Founded: 1845
 Enrollment: 1,950
 Nickname: Tigers
 Colors:..... Red & White
 Stadium (capacity): Edwards-Maurer Field (3,000)
 Surface: Artificial
 Affiliation:..... NCAA Division III
 Conference: North Coast Athletic
 2007 Record:..... 8-2/6-1 NCAC (2nd)
 President:.....Dr. Mark H. Erickson
 Athletic Director: Garnett Purnell
 Head Football Coach: Joe Fincham
 Sports Information Director:..... Ryan Maurer



2008 Denison Schedule/Results ...

4-3 Overall, 2-2 NCAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 6	at Kalamazoo	W, 49-27
13	WABASH*	L, 27-41
27	WOOSTER*	L, 10-21
Oct. 4	at Case Western	L, 14-45
11	at Hiram*	W, 31-13
18	ALLEGHENY*	W, 13-10
25	CHICAGO	W, 26-14
Nov. 1	at Wittenberg*	1 p.m.
8	KENYON*	1 p.m.
15	at Earlham*	1 p.m.

* North Coast Athletic Conference Games
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2007 Denison Schedule/Results ...

4-6 Overall, 3-4 NCAC (6th place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 1	RANDOLPH-MACON	L, 16-42
8	at Case Western	L, 6-45
22	GALLAUDET	W, 42-0
29	at Allegheny*	L, 0-14
Oct. 6	OBERLIN*	L, 27-34
13	at Ohio Wesleyan*	L, 10-27
20	HIRAM*	W, 42-13
27	at Kenyon*	W, 51-41
Nov. 3	at Wabash*	L, 0-42
10	EARLHAM*	W, 20-7

* North Coast Athletic Conference Games
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2008 Denison Quick Facts ...

Location: Granville, Ohio
 Founded: 1831
 Enrollment: 2,100
 Nickname: Big Red
 Colors:..... Red & White
 Stadium (capacity): Deeds Field-Piper Stadium (3,000)
 Surface: Artificial
 Affiliation:..... NCAA Division III
 Conference: North Coast Athletic
 2007 Record:..... 4-6/3-4 NCAC (6th)
 President:..... Dale Knobel
 Athletic Director: Larry Scheiderer
 Head Football Coach: Nick Fletcher
 Sports Information Director:..... Craig Hicks