



WABASH LITTLE GIANTS 5-0, 3-0 NCAC

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| LOCATION | Crawfordsville, Ind. |
| FOUNDED | 1832 |
| ENROLLMENT | 900 |
| NICKNAME | Little Giants |
| COLORS | Red & White |
| STADIUM | Little Giant |
| CAPACITY | 4,200 |
| SURFACE | Natural Grass |
| AFFILIATION | NCAA Division III |
| CONFERENCE | North Coast Athletic |
| 2008 RECORD | 10-2, 7-0 NCAC (1st) |
| PRESIDENT | Patrick White |
| ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | Tom Bambrey |
| HEAD COACH | Erik Raeburn |
| SPORTS INFORMATION | Brent Harris |

2009 SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|----------|---------------|-------------|
| Sept. 12 | DENISON* | W, 56-7 |
| Sept. 19 | at Chicago | W, 48-10 |
| Sept. 26 | KENYON* | W, 62-24 |
| Oct. 3 | at Allegheny* | W, 37-3 |
| Oct. 10 | WASHINGTON U. | W, 31-12 |
| Oct. 17 | WITTENBERG* | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 | at Wooster* | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 31 | at Oberlin* | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 7 | HIRAM* | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 14 | at DePauw | 1 p.m. |

* NCAC Games

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2008 RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Sept. 13 | at Denison* | W, 41-27 |
| Sept. 20 | CHICAGO | W, 49-7 |
| Sept. 27 | at Kenyon* | W, 55-13 |
| Oct. 4 | ALLEGHENY* | W, 48-7 |
| Oct. 11 | at Washington | W, 37-12 |
| Oct. 18 | at Wittenberg* | W, 13-10 |
| Oct. 25 | WOOSTER* | W, 45-24 |
| Nov. 1 | BERLIN* | W, 60-7 |
| Nov. 8 | at Hiram* | W, 63-0 |
| Nov. 15 | DEPAUW | L, 14-36 |
| Nov. 22 | at Case Western&W, | W, 20-17 |
| Nov. 29 | WHEATON& | L, 28-59 |

* NCAC Games

& NCAA Division III Tournament
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

Game of the Year (so far)

Streaking NCAC Rivals Put Perfect Records On The Line

ALL-TIME SERIES: Tied 6-6

SETTING THE SCENE It would be hyperbole to say that Wittenberg's 2009 football season hinges on one game, but it is clear that a great deal rides on Saturday's trip to Wabash. The Little Giants have had a hammerlock on the trophy Wittenberg had once been accustomed to winning - the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship plaque - and the Tigers have gone nine long years without a win on the Little Giants' home field.

The teams head into the game with matching records of 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the NCAC. It is Wittenberg's best overall start since 2000, the last time the Tigers won in Crawfordsville, Ind.

SERIES HISTORY Wabash is the only NCAC team that is even .500 or better against Wittenberg, as the two teams have played to a 6-6 standoff through their first 12 meetings.

Wittenberg won the first four games between the two teams, including 2000 and 2001, the first two years in which Wabash was a member of the NCAC. Since then, however, the Little Giants have gotten the better of things, winning six of the last eight games, including a 2002 NCAA Division III Tournament game in Crawfordsville.

NO. 2 AND RISING In 28 collegiate games, all starting assignments, senior quarterback **Aaron Huffman** has thrown for 4,722 yards, good for second place on Wittenberg's career list. He surpassed Ryan Holmes, who passed for 4,560 yards between 2002 and 2005, during a 42-3 win over Earlham on Oct. 10.

If he accepts his medical red-shirt year in 2010, Huffman almost certainly will supplant National College Football Hall of Famer Charlie Green, who did not lose a game as a starter between 1961-64, atop the school's passing list. Green is the standard bearer among Wittenberg quarterbacks with 5,575 yards.

SCOUTING THE TIGER OFFENSE The Tiger offense is putting up big numbers in 2009, ranking among the top teams in all of NCAA Division III with averages of 438.6 yards and 43 points per game.

Huffman's return from an injury that ended his 2008 season in Game 2 has been key to the Tigers' improved offensive production. His 177.07 passing efficiency ranks ninth in the nation and first in the NCAC.

Huffman benefits from a deep receiving corps, led by senior **Patrick Williams**, who is now just 18 receptions shy of the school's career record after hauling in 15 passes in the first five games this year. Williams led the team in receiving for a second straight season in 2008, finishing with 51 catches for 685 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomores **Josh McKee** and **Michael Cooper** combined for 67 receptions and 11 touchdowns a year ago, and they have already combined for 33 receptions and eight TDs in 2009.

A potent running attack is spearheaded by junior **Corey Weber**, who earned NCAC Offensive Player of the Week honors after

going for 152 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries against Olivet, his first game since going down with an injury in the 2008 opener. Weber ranks among the NCAC leaders with 426 yards and nine touchdowns on 73 carries in 2009.

He has lost yardage on just two carries all season, thanks in part to a deep offensive line that has excelled despite recent injuries to All-NCAC center **Dillon Hollin**, **Tony Eich** and All-NCAC tackle **Alex Burwell**.

SCORELESS That's what Wittenberg's first five opponents are in the first half of games. The Tigers have a scoring advantage of 161-0 in the first half of games in 2009.

Olivet scored a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter of the opener, Hiram found the end zone against the Tiger reserves with a mere 14 seconds remaining and Earlham kicked a long field goal in the third quarter last week.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK (SQUARED) **Eddie Vallery** led a 46-0 demolition of Washington University, recording nine tackles, including five for loss, and four sacks. He was named to the d3football.com Team of the Week.

He followed that up with another nine-tackle performance against Ohio Wesleyan. He added two sacks and key blocked punt, which earned him both NCAC Defensive Player of the Week honors and d3football.com Team of the Week honors.

SCOUTING THE TIGER DEFENSE After ranking first in the NCAC in scoring and team defense in 2007 and 2008, the Tigers have been nothing short of dominant in 2009, checking in nationally at No. 10 in rushing defense, No. 1 in passing defense, No. 1 in scoring defense and No. 1 in total defense.

While the unit is filled with veteran playmakers, the star has unquestionably been junior defensive end **Eddie Vallery**, who has 29 tackles, eight sacks, six passes broken up, 10.5 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a key blocked punt against Ohio Wesleyan.

Junior linebacker **Brad McKinley**, who racked up more than 100 tackles in each of his first two collegiate seasons, has continued his stellar play with a team-leading 35 total tackles. He is flanked by sophomore **Zach Hurtt**, who has 23 tackles, and senior **Kyle Lohrman**, a first-team All-NCAC honoree in 2008 who has 23 stops so far in 2009.

The Tiger secondary isn't accumulating big stats but continues to perform well, led by senior **Brandyn Brown**, also a dangerous return man who took a punt to the house against Washington University. Senior safety **Trent Brunic** has a team-best three interceptions.

NATIONAL WATCH LIST **Zack Harris** has made the most of his red-shirt season, going 4-of-6 on field goals and 18-of-20 on extra points so far in 2009. He missed the last eight games of the 2008 season after injuring his knee against Washington University.

Harris' exploits on the field, in combination



WITTENBERG TIGERS 5-0, 3-0 NCAC

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| LOCATION | Springfield, Ohio |
| FOUNDED | 1845 |
| ENROLLMENT | 1,950 |
| NICKNAME | Tigers |
| COLORS | Red & White |
| STADIUM | Edwards-Maurer Field |
| CAPACITY | 3,000 |
| SURFACE | Artificial |
| AFFILIATION | NCAA Division III |
| CONFERENCE | North Coast Athletic |
| 2008 RECORD | 6-4, 4-3 NCAC (T-3rd) |
| PRESIDENT | Dr. Mark H. Erickson |
| ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | Garnett Purnell |
| HEAD COACH | Joe Fincham |
| SPORTS INFORMATION | Ryan Maurer |

2009 SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Sept. 5 | at Olivet | W, 37-6 |
| Sept. 19 | at WashU. (Mo.) | W, 46-0 |
| Sept. 26 | OHIO WESLEYAN* | W, 20-0 |
| Oct. 3 | HIRAM* | W, 70-7 |
| Oct. 10 | at Earlham* | W, 42-3 |
| Oct. 17 | at Wabash* | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 | CARNEGIE MELLON 2 | p.m. |
| Oct. 31 | at Denison* | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 7 | ALLEGHENY* | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 14 | WOOSTER* | 1 p.m. |

* NCAC Games

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2008 RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Sept. 6 | OLIVET | W, 22-0 |
| Sept. 20 | WASH.U. (MO.) | L, 27-30 |
| Sept. 27 | at Ohio Wesleyan* | W, 32-0 |
| Oct. 4 | at Hiram* | W, 44-7 |
| Oct. 11 | EARLHAM* | W, 45-13 |
| Oct. 18 | WABASH* | L, 10-13 |
| Oct. 25 | at Carnegie Mellon | W, 21-14 |
| Nov. 1 | DENISON* | W, 23-0 |
| Nov. 8 | at Allegheny* L, | 27-30 (ot) |
| Nov. 15 | at Wooster* | L, 6-27 |

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WITTENBERG FOOTBALL

with his contributions as a volunteer at his hometown firehouse and the Springfield YMCA, have earned him a spot on the national watch list for the first-ever Fred Mitchell Outstanding Placekicker Award, which will be presented to the top player at that position among the nearly 400 NCAA Division II and III schools that sponsor football.

Mitchell was Wittenberg's first full-time placekicker, and he earned All-America honors as a senior in 1968. Currently a columnist with the *Chicago Tribune*, best-selling author and philanthropist, Mitchell is a member of Wittenberg's Board of Directors.

LIFE AFTER BASEBALL Patrick Williams has set records on the gridiron and on the baseball field in his Wittenberg career. His days as an outfielder have ended, but he returned for a final season of football in 2009.

The team leader in receptions the last two years after finishing second in both categories in 2006, Williams started all but two of the Tigers' baseball games over the last four years. In 151 total games, including 149 starting assignments, the speedy outfielder ranked among the team leaders in numerous offensive categories in each of his four seasons in the Red & White.

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, finished his career with a .348 batting average. A second-team All-NCAC honoree in 2006, 2008 and 2009 and a first-team All-NCAC award-winner in football in 2007, Williams finished with 39 doubles (fifth in school history), 192 base hits (third), eight triples (seventh), 10 home runs, 109 RBI (seventh) and 42 stolen bases (fourth) in his baseball career.

ALSO ON THE HARDWOOD Josh McKee and Michael Cooper not only made an impact on the Tiger football program in 2008, they both also quickly worked their way into the playing rotation for the men's basketball squad, which finished 13-13 a year ago.

McKee started 20 of the 23 games he played a year ago, averaging 7.3 points and 4.0 rebounds. His 23 steals ranked second on the team.

Cooper started 12 of 22 games he played in 2008-09, averaging 8.0 points and 4.0 rebounds per outing. He

ranked second on the team in scoring and assists.

SCOUTING THE LITTLE GIANTS Wabash is the only team in the NCAC outscoring Wittenberg at present, posting a whopping 46.8 points per game through five lopsided victories so far in 2009.

While the Little Giants have had more success running the ball in 2009 behind the NCAC's leading rusher, Tommy Mambourg, than in past years, their offense is driven largely by one of the top passing attacks in the nation. Senior quarterback Matt Hudson, the 2008 NCAC Offensive Player of the Year, has plenty of offensive weapons, led by two outstanding wide receivers in Wes Chamblee and Kody LeMond.

Defensively, Wabash's veteran unit ranks second in the NCAC to Wittenberg, allowing 45.6 yards per game on the ground and 11.2 points per game overall. Defensive end Matt Whyde is a force on the line with 6.5 tackles for loss, while linebacker Bryan Watson leads the team with 32 total tackles, including 7.5 for loss.

THE COACHES Wittenberg is led by Joe Fincham, a 1988 graduate of Ohio University. In his 14th season at the helm, Fincham has a 119-29 overall record, including a mark of 81-14 in the NCAC and a regular season record of 112-23. 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 their most recent 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 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 (.820) between 1955-69.

Wabash is coached by Erik Raeburn, a 1990 graduate of Mount Union College, where he was coached by his uncle, the legendary Larry Kehres. After going 57-26 in eight years at Coe College, Raeburn made the move to Wabash and led the Little Giants to the 2008 NCAC title.

BY THE NUMBERS...

| | WAB | WITT | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| SCORING | 234 | 215 | | | |
| Points Per Game | 46.8 | 43.0 | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 123 | 100 | | | |
| Rushing | 48 | 51 | | | |
| Passing | 69 | 46 | | | |
| Penalty | 6 | 3 | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 949 | 1087 | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 1047 | 1149 | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 98 | 62 | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 211 | 201 | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 4.5 | 5.4 | | | |
| Average Per Game | 189.8 | 217.4 | | | |
| TDs Rushing | 13 | 14 | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1506 | 1106 | | | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 103-157-6 | 75-126-3 | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 9.6 | 8.8 | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 14.6 | 14.7 | | | |
| Average Per Game | 301.2 | 221.2 | | | |
| TDs Passing | 16 | 12 | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 2455 | 2193 | | | |
| Total Plays | 368 | 327 | | | |
| Average Per Play | 6.7 | 6.7 | | | |
| Average Per Game | 491.0 | 438.6 | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards | 14-326 | 4-142 | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards | 12-245 | 18-206 | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards | 6-91 | 6-113 | | | |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE | 23.3 | 35.5 | | | |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE | 20.4 | 11.4 | | | |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE | 15.2 | 18.8 | | | |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 7-5 | 6-3 | | | |
| PENALTIES-Yards | 37-350 | 27-267 | | | |
| Average Per Game | 70.0 | 53.4 | | | |
| PUNTS-Yards | 12-431 | 15-583 | | | |
| Average Per Punt | 35.9 | 38.9 | | | |
| Net punt average | 33.4 | 38.6 | | | |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 30:47 | 32:41 | | | |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions | 34/65 | 31/63 | | | |
| 3rd-Down Pct | 52% | 49% | | | |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions | 7/10 | 5/7 | | | |
| 4th-Down Pct | 70% | 71% | | | |
| SACKS BY-Yards | 16-105 | 17-136 | | | |
| MISC YARDS | 26 | 0 | | | |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 31 | 29 | | | |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 5-6 | 4-7 | | | |
| ON-SIDE KICKS | 0-0 | 1-1 | | | |
| RED-ZONE SCORES | 24-28 (.86) | 20-25 (.80) | | | |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS | 19-28 (.68) | 16-25 (.64) | | | |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 31-31 (1.00) | 27-29 (.93) | | | |
| Score by quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
| Wittenberg Univ. | 66 | 105 | 38 | 6 | 215 |
| Opponents | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Score by quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
| Earlham College | 73 | 83 | 43 | 35 | 234 |
| Opponents | 20 | 9 | 20 | 7 | 56 |

THIS WEEK IN THE NCAC

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| Visitor | Time | Home |
|---------------|--------|---------------|
| Denison | 7 p.m. | Allegheny |
| Earlham | 1 p.m. | Hiram |
| Kenyon | 1 p.m. | Oberlin |
| Wittenberg | 1 p.m. | Wabash |
| Ohio Wesleyan | 1 p.m. | Case Western |
| Wooster | 1 p.m. | Washington U. |

NCAC Quick Facts

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Founded: February 1983

Championship Sports: 22 (11 men, 11 women)



STANDINGS

| School | NCAC | | Overall | |
|---------------|------|---|---------|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Wabash | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Wittenberg | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Wooster | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Kenyon | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Allegheny | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Denison | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Ohio Wesleyan | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Earlham | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Oberlin | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Hiram | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |

TWO DEEPS

| OFFENSE | | | DEFENSE | | | SPECIAL TEAMS | | |
|--------------|---------|---------------|----------------|----|----------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| WABASH | | WITTENBERG | WABASH | | WITTENBERG | WABASH | | WITTENBERG |
| LeMond 1 | WR | 14 McKee | Eddelman 15 | CB | 8 Brown | Whitehead 30 | K | 4 Harris |
| Wright 81 | | 81 Kralich | Bottos 7 | | 41 Merkert | Direnfeld 37 | | 15 Williams |
| Sorenson 89 | TE | 84 Parsell | Martin 22 | S | 17 Brunic | Schweigel 12 | P | 18 Cochran |
| Kelley 10 | | 98 Kerger | Najar 16 | | 24 Box | Whitehead 30 | | 92 LaValley |
| Isaacs 66 | LT | 52 Metzger | Whyde 94 | DE | 95 Scherer | Chamblee 84 | KR | 8 Brown |
| Linthicum 70 | | 58 Hewson | Austin 45 | | 59 Fleig | Mambourg 35 | | 20 Parker |
| Morrison 53 | LG | 54 Block | McClintic 96 | DT | 93 Kattoua | Chamblee 84 | PR | 8 Brown |
| Burkett 65 | | 77 Trump | Clegg 90 | | 50 Cosby | Groninger 88 | | 30 Everett |
| Durm 69 | C | 60 Hollin | Kolisek 52 | DT | 56 Phillips | Miracle 18 | H | 1 Williams |
| Hackett 79 | | 77 Trump | Brock 95 | | 94 Bartlett | | | 14 McKee |
| Tokar 75 | RG | 78 Hudepohl | OR Tichenor 99 | | | Grand 63 | LS | 58 Hewson |
| Ruddy 51 | | 55 Eich | Coggins 42 | DE | 47 Vallery | | | 59 Fleig |
| Morris 74 | RT | 69 Burwell | Zinmaster 54 | | 99 Wolfe | | | |
| Daniel 64 | | 57 Alspaugh | Frederick 31 | S | 20 Parker | | | |
| Hudson 14 | QB | 7 Huffman | Meyers 47 | | 19 Whittington | | | |
| Miracle 18 | | 13 Durbin | Wood 11 | CB | 25 Freeman | | | |
| Mambourg 35 | RB TB | 9 Weber | Buell 3 | | 30 Everett | | | |
| Walters 23 | | 38 Warye | Kraft 27 | LB | 42 Lohrman | | | |
| Horn 19 | WR FB | 45 Montgomery | Pannell 21 | | 10 Maxwell | | | |
| Miller 9 | | 28 Smelko | Watson 40 | LB | 21 McKinley | | | |
| Chamblee 84 | WR | 1 Williams | Eichler 41 | | 44 Davis | | | |
| Young 83 | | 2 Cooper | Gum 29 | LB | 33 Hurtt | | | |
| | | | Singfield 24 | | 29 Alexander | | | |

TIGER SPORTS NETWORK

Listen to every Wittenberg football game on the Tiger Sports Network, home of Wittenberg's athletic broadcasts, including WUSO 89.1 FM, the Wittenberg student-operated radio station, and the Wittenberg athletics Web site. Thanks to a partnership with Stretch Internet, Wittenberg fans can listen in to the game any time, any where at no cost.

Wittenberg is blessed with outstanding radio coverage again in 2009 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, will be joined by Ben Bradley and assorted Wittenberg students on the majority of this fall's football broadcasts.

The student broadcast team is bigger and better than ever in 2009, led by WUSO Sports Director Jimmy Colloton '11. Students are involved in all aspects of 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 nearly 200 athletics broadcasts (audio and video).

FOOTBALL ROUNDTABLE

Hosted by local sports radio personality Jim Scoby and Ben Bradley, Football Roundtable is a weekly show that features conversation on high school, college and professional football. It can be heard locally on WUSO 89.1-FM and on the Internet from 6-7 p.m. every Thursday. Scoby and Bradley do the show each week from the Barn Pizzeria, located on Upper Valley Pike in Springfield.



THE VOICE OF THE TIGERS

Scott Leo, a familiar voice on the Wittenberg broadcasting scene since 2000, took over the play-by-play duties for football in 2005. Leo, who also serves as WUSO's adviser, originally provided insights from the sidelines during Wittenberg football games from 2000-04, and he has handled Wittenberg men's basketball play-by-play duties since 2005 as well. In addition, he was the first play-by-play announcer for Wittenberg women's basketball from 2000-04.

A graduate of Wright State University, Leo is director of broadcasting for the Columbus Clippers, the AAA affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. He previously held the same position for two years with the Richmond Roosters, formerly of the independent Frontier League. Leo will be working at Wittenberg this year with a broadcast team that includes Assistant Director of Broadcasting Ben Bradley and more than 15 Wittenberg students.



PROVIDING THE COLOR

Ben Bradley serves as the Assistant Director of Broadcasting for Wittenberg and the color analyst for football. Working with Scott Leo, Bradley spearheads the university's coverage of a wide range of sporting events on the student radio station WUSO 89.1 FM and on the Wittenberg athletics Web site. With his help, Wittenberg now boasts one of NCAA Division III's most complete broadcast programs, with most home events receiving audio coverage. Bradley added duties as an assistant coach for the Wittenberg cross country and track & field teams this year.

A 2007 graduate of Denison University, Ben joined the Wittenberg staff in 2008. He currently resides in Springfield.