UTICA COLLEGE (0-1, 0-0 E8)  
VS.  
HUSSON COLLEGE (0-1)  
September 13, 2008  
Alfond Field

2008 Schedule

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Utica is 3-0 all-time against Becker

Last Meeting Against Husson:

UTICA, NY – Husson College’s Shane Rogers (Warren Harding/Bridgeport, CT) posted the only touchdown of the game after a 39-yard fumble recovery returned for a touchdown on the second play from scrimmage and the Eagles went on to defeat Utica College 10-3 at Charles A. Gaetano Stadium Saturday.

UC tallied its only points of the game when Casey McNulty (Red Hook/Red Hook) capped an 11-play 62-yard drive with a 29-yard field goal to cut the Eagles lead to 7-3 with 10:57 left in the first half. Husson kicker Darren Gauthier (Brunswick/Brunswick, ME) answered back with a 31-yard field goal of his own to extend the Eagles’ lead back to seven points with just under ten minutes left in the third quarter.

The rest of the game turned out to be a defensive battle with neither team scoring an offensive touchdown. The Pioneers were held to 140 yards of total offense (105 passing, 35 rushing) after posting 41 points in a week one victory over Becker College. Husson did most of their damage on ground racking up 144 yards on 45 attempts. Bryan Ferguson (New Britain/New Britain, CT) led the way for the Eagles with 73 yards on 20 carries, while Julius Williams (East Boston/Boston, MA) netted 55 yards on 15 carries.

After senior free safety Marcus Maroney (Lockport/Utica) blocked a Gauthier field goal attempt with less than two minutes left in the game it seemed as if UC still had a shot to tie the game up and send it to overtime. On the ensuing drive Pinelli lofted a pass over the middle intended for Jim Pincher (Christian Brothers Academy/Albany) on third down and inches that was intercepted by Rameal Barton (Danbury/Danbury, CT) to seal the victory for the Eagles.

The Pioneers defense was led by Maroney, who tallied a season-high 11 tackles, including two for a loss of seven yards.

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Fellow safety Bryan Johnson (Bristol/Bristol, PA) made ten stops on the day, while senior linebacker Corey Jure (Sheepshead Bay/Brooklyn) made nine stops for UC.

Brandon Harris (Danbury/Danbury, CT) tallied three sacks, while Ross Salovitch (Pinkerton/Derry, NH) and Doug Blades (Norwich/Norwich, CT) combined for 15 tackles for the Husson defense. Husson has allowed just one offensive touchdown in two games this season.

Sophomore running back Kamaal Mabry (Goshen/Goshen), who was named UC male athlete of the week last week, tallied 35 yards on 13 carries, while freshman fullback Brendon Ring (St. Francis/Eden) rushed for 17 yards on his first collegiate carry.

Pinelli completed 17-of-35 passes for 105 yards and was sacked six times on the day. James Proniewych (Patchogue Medford/Medford) led all receivers with seven catches for 63 yards. Senior tight end Marc Neff (Dolgeville/Little Falls) caught four balls for 21 yards, while Pincher caught two passes for 17 yards on the day.

The Pioneers (1-1) return to action at RPI next Saturday at 1:00 p.m. The game can be heard live on the Sports Stars Radio Network (1230, 1350, 1480, 1550 AM) or streaming live on the web at: www.ucpioneers.com. Husson (2-0) looks to stay undefeated as they take on host Norwich University Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

What to watch for:
Sophomore running back Brian Jones looks to repeat the success of his rookie season and add to his career total rushing yards. In his first season at UC he rushed for 241 yards on 43 carries. Junior Cody Elliot has tallied 67 receptions during his first two years for a total of 759 yards. Having similar seasons during his latter two years as a Pioneer could allow him to break the all-time pass reception record at UC. He also is 125 yards away from breaking the college’s all-time kick return yards record. Senior defensive back Lazarus Morgan is only 36 yards away from breaking the interception return yards record. Sophomore Keith Barone looks to break the punt return yards record. He has already returned 13 punts for 116 yards. The current record is 192 yards. Finally, Casey McNulty, junior, attempts to break the field goal record. He has successfully made five field goals out of 13 attempts and hopes to break the former record of 12.
### Pioneer Facts

**Location:** Utica, N.Y.  
**Founded:** 1946  
**Enrollment:** 2,800  
**President:** Todd S. Hutton  
**Nickname:** Pioneers  
**Colors:** Navy Blue and Burnt Orange  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division III  
**Conference:** Empire 8  
**Stadium (Capacity):** Gaetano Stadium (1,200)  
**Surface:** Field turf  
**All-Time Record:** 18-53-0  

**Head Coach:** Blaise Faggiano (Ithaca ’93)  
Phone: (315) 792-3713  
**Record at Utica:** First Year, 0-1  
**Career Record:** First Year, 0-1

**Assistant Coaches:**  
Keith Scranton (Brockport State ’01), special teams  
Curt Fitzpatrick (St. John Fisher ’04), offensive coordinator  
George Penree (St. John Fisher ’03), offensive line  
Justin Higgins (Ithaca ’00), outside linebackers;  
Will Pluff (Utica ’06), linebackers;  
Keith Cherney (Stony Brook ’05), wide receivers;  
Jake Dercola (Brockport State ’08), running backs;  
Frank Palmisano (Daemen ’75), tight ends;  
Greg Pyszczynski (St. John Fisher ’06), defensive line;  
Andrew Massoud (St. John Fisher ’04), head JV;  
Mike Zegarelli (Findlay ’77), assistant defensive

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### Defensive Starters Lost:  

- DL: Omari Brown, Rich Rivenberg  
- LB: Cory Jure, Joe Ryan, Mike DeBetta  
- DB: Bryan Johnson, Marcus Maroney

### Offensive Starters Lost:  

- QB: Greg Pinelli  
- OL: Matt Cole, Anthony Rivie, Dan Nichols  
- TE: Marc Neff  
- WR: James Proniewych  
- RB: Kamall Mabry

### 2008 Captains:  

**Defensive:** Vinson Jones, Eric Kahl  
**Offensive:** Jim Pincher, Mike Zappetti

### Returners  

**Offensive Starters**  
- Cody Elliot (WR/5-11/185/Jr.)  
- Marcus Gurineer (OL/6-0/270/Jr.)  
- Mike Zappetti (OL/6-2/260/Sr.)  
- Robert Montgomery (OL/6-2/298/Sr.)  
- Jim Pincher (WR/6-2/195/Sr.)  
- Brendan Ring (OL/5-8/245/Sr.)

**Defensive Starters**  
- Lazarus Morgan (DB/6-0/185/Sr.)  
- Terrell Cunningham (LB/5-8/212/So.)  
- Vinson Jones (DE/5-11/225/Sr.)  
- Eric Kahl (LB/5-10/210/Jr.)  
- Chris Walrath (DL/5-10/258/Jr.)  
- Peter Vano (DB/5-11/163/Jr.)

**Special Teams:**  
- Ben Atwood (P/6-2/240/Sr.)
Last Week’s Results:

Utica College Football vs. Becker College on Sept. 6, 2008:

Worcester, MA – The Utica College football team lost to host Becker College 26-13 in the season-opener for both squads at recently constructed Alumni Field Saturday.

In three previous meetings the Pioneers had out scored the Hawks 89-40, resulting in three victories for UC over Becker headed into Saturday’s clash. This time around the result was not in favor of the Pioneers as they lost to Becker for the first time in program-history and dropped to 1-0 overall on the year.

The Hawks jumped out to a 6-0 lead with 1:46 remaining in the first quarter when sophomore running back Thomas Pearson found pay dirt. Pearson’s eight yard touchdown scamper capped a five-play 20 yard drive that spanned 2:48. Becker kicker John DiNardi sailed the extra point wide and the score remained 6-0. The Hawks first score came after UC quarterback Keith Barone (Manchester Township/Point Pleasant, NJ) threw his first interception of the day with 4:34 left in the first quarter leaving Becker with the ball on the Utica 20 yard line.

Just 1:30 into the second quarter Jacques Faublas caught a 66 yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Gabriel Prophet to give Becker a 12-0 lead. The ensuing extra point was blocked by the Pioneers. The Hawks second touchdown of the game was part of a four-play 77 yard drive that took only 2:17 off the clock.

UC responded on the next drive when sophomore running back Brian Jones (Wilby/Waterbury, CT) punched in a one yard touchdown run and Casey McNulty (Red Hook/Red Hook) knocked down the extra point to cut the Hawks lead to just five, 12-7. Jones set up his first touchdown of the season by rushing for 35 total yards on six carries during the 11-play, 61 yard scoring drive.

The Pioneers then held the Hawks to three and out and it seemed as if momentum was switching gears. The Pioneers mounted a 40 yard drive and after two straight Barone incompletions McNulty attempted a 39 yard field goal that fell short and the Hawks took over at their own 21 yard line. Utica junior defensive back Peter Vano (Mahopac/Mahopac) picked off Prophet on the ensuing drive but UC did not have enough time left in the half to capitalize on the turnover and the Hawks took a 12-7 lead into the half.

Barone threw his second interception of the day to open the second half, but the Pioneers responded when junior captain Eric Kahl (Spencer-Van Etten/Lockwood) returned the favor and picked off Gabriel on the ensuing drive. Kahl returned the pick for 50 yards, giving the Pioneers the ball on the Becker 15 yard line. UC was on the doorstep and could not find the end zone once again as the drive was ended with another missed field goal.

Becker sealed the victory on the next drive as they marched 80 yards down the field, capped by a four yard touchdown pass from Gabriel to Ryan Mercado with 1:18 left in the third quarter. The quarter would eventually come to a close with the Hawks leading 19-7.

UC opened the fourth quarter with a turnover on downs and on the following possession Becker was forced to punt but senior punt returner Adam Keller (Rome/Rome) fumbled the kick and it was picked up by Becker’s Jackie Williams at the Utica 19 yard line. The Pioneers were fortunate to get the back
two plays later when senior captain Vinson Jones (Roxborough/Philadelphia, PA) jumped on a Jimmy
Chery fumble with 10:42 left in the contest. UC got one first down on their next possession but then
a costly false start penalty on fourth and one pushed UC back five yards and the drive resulted in a
turnover on downs.

Becker then added an insurance touchdown with 2:39 left on the clock when Prophet snuck in the
end zone from one yard out. DiNardi knocked down his second extra point of the evening to give the
Hawks a commanding 26-7 lead.

UC sophomore receiver Dayne Bennett (East Syracuse Minoa/East Syracuse) highlighted the final
scoring drive of the day when he caught two passes for a total of 40 yards and a touchdown with un-
der two minutes left in the contest to cut the Becker lead to 26-12.

Jones led the way on the ground for UC on the day with 50 yards rushing on 11 carries, good for an
average of 4.5 yards per touch. Freshman William Northey (Sherburne-Earlville/Sherburne) had an
impressive collegiate debut carrying the ball four times for 24 yards. Barone threw for 139 yards on 11
completions and he also ran for 12 yards on the day.
The Pioneers receiving corps was led by junior Cody Elliot (John F. Kennedy/Sloan) who caught a
game-high six passes for 58 yards, while Bennett closed out the day with 55 yards receiving on three
snags.

The Pioneers defense was led by Kahl, who totaled 12 tackles on the day. Junior Peter Vano also
made 12 tackles and picked off a pass of his own, while sophomore defensive lineman Tracy Branch
(Brentwood/Bay Shore) tallied six tackles and two sacks on the day to pace the Pioneers.

Becker compiled 16 first downs compared to the Pioneers 14 and the Hawks controlled the ground
game out rushing UC 128-103. Gabriel threw for 198 yards on 14 completions and the Hawks totaled
326 yards of offense on the day.

UC did not convert on third down all day and went 0-for-7 in third down conversions compared to the
Hawks 6-of-17 third down conversion rate. Becker also added four fourth down conversions which
proved to be key down the stretch.

2008 Statistical Leaders:

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