

Utica

FOOTBALL™

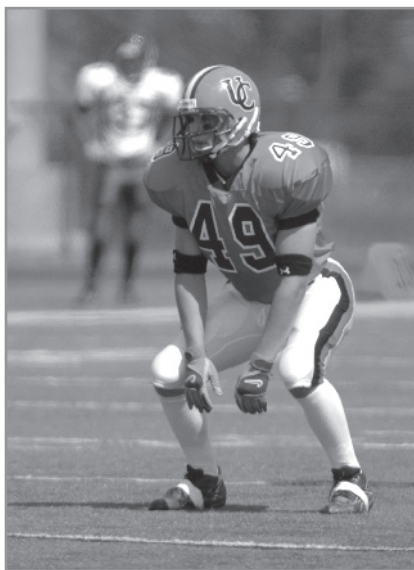


2007 MEDIA GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

QUICK FACTS	
Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3,000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Stadium	Charles A. Gaetano Stadium
Surface	Field Turf
Capacity	1,200
Affiliation	NCAA Division III and ECAC
Conference	Empire 8
President	Dr. Todd Hutton
Athletic Director	Jim Spartano
CONTACT INFORMATION	
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SID Mailing Address	Athletic Department 1600 Burrstone Rd. Utica, NY 13502
Athletics Web site	www.ucpioneers.com
Athletic Department Phone	(315) 792-3051
ATHLETIC TRAINING	
Head Trainer	Dan Sheffer
Phone	(315) 792-5298
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COACHING STAFF	
Head Coach:	Mike Kemp (Notre Dame '75)
Record at Utica	7 years, 15-45
Overall Record	12 years, 34-57
Football Office Phone	(315) 792-3272
Best Time to Reach Phone	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
ASSISTANT COACHES	
Bill Lawrence (Plymouth State '99)	Defensive Line
Keith Cherney (Stony Brook '05)	Wide Receivers
Kirk Jellerson (Cal State, Long Beach '88)	Assistant Head Coach
Frank Palmisano (Daemen '75)	Tight Ends
Terry Stanimer (Ithaca '73)	Offensive Line
Mike Zegarelli (Findlay '77)	Linebackers
Will Pluff (Utica '06)	Linebackers
Jason Lussier (Plymouth State '98)	Quarterbacks





HISTORY	
First Year of Football	2001, NCAA Division III
All-Time Record	15-45-0
Years in Postseason	0
Postseason Record	0-0
TEAM INFORMATION	
2006 Overall Record:	3-7
Basic Offense	Multiple I
Basic Defense	4-3
LETTER WINNERS RETURNING	LETTER WINNERS LOST
Offense: 16	Offense: 4
Defense: 13	Defense: 9
Special Teams: 2	Special Teams: 3
Total: 31	Total: 16
STARTERS RETURNING	
Offense	6
Defense	5
Special Teams	1
Total	12
DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST	
DB: T. Robinson; J. Klosner	
LB: D. Padgett	
DL: M. Sanchez; M. Rubino	
OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST	
QB: N. Martin	
OL: L. Harris	

2007 CAPTAINS	
Marcus Maroney	
Mike Debetta	
Anthony Rivie	
James Proniewych	
RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS (POS./HT./WT./YR.)	
Anthony Rivie (OL/6-0/204/Sr.)	
James Proniewych (WR/5-11/178/Sr.)	
Marc Neff (TE/6-4/254/Sr.)	
Alex Conlon (RB/6-2/205/Sr.)	
Mike Zappetti (OL/6-0/258/Jr.)	
Robert Montgomery (OL/6-1/266/Jr.)	
RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS (POS./HT./WT./YR.)	
Marcus Maroney (DB/6-0/195/Sr.)	
Mike Debetta (LB/5-11/205/Sr.)	
Cory Jure (LB/5-11/201/Sr.)	
Lazarus Morgan (DB/6-0/175/Sr.)	
Joe Ryan (LB/5-10/229/Sr.)	
RETURNING SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS (Pos./Ht./Wt./Yr.)	
Ben Atwood (P/6-2/230/Jr.)	

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

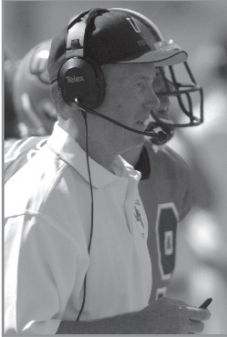
Rushing	GP/GS	Att.	Net	Avg.	TDs			
A. Conlon	10/5	78	242	3.1	3			
K. Mabry	6/2	72	226	3.1	1			
J. Hewitt	2/0	7	15	2.1	0			
Passing	GP/GS	Com.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.	Eff.
G. Pinelli	3/0	7	17	41.2	87	1	2	80.05
Receiving	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs			
J. Proniewych	8/7	32	413	12.9	2			
M. Neff	10/8	23	314	13.7	5			
C. Elliot	8/0	20	226	11.3	1			
A. Casullo	7/5	16	129	8.1	0			
Tackles	GP/GS	Solo	Assists	Tot.	Int.	Sacks	TFL-Yds.	
M. Maroney	10/8	62	56	90	1	2	6.5-20	
C. Jure	9/7	25	28	39	0	2	5-19	

2006 Results

Opponent	Result	Score
Becker	W	20-10
Husson	L	21-7
RPI	L	10-34
Springfield	L	7-41
Mount Ida	W	21-9
Alfred	L	3-24
Ithaca	L	7-33
St. John Fisher	L	0-64
Norwich	W	20-7
Hartwick	L	17-35



HEAD COACH MIKE KEMP



Varsity football saw its debut at UC in the fall of 2001 with head coach Mike Kemp leading the way. Kemp was hired in July 1999 to build a program at the college, and since then he has initiated a strong recruiting program, a successful off-season conditioning program, and has maintained high standards in academics for his athletes.

Kemp is now entering his seventh season as head coach. In 2006, he led the Pioneers to a 3-7 record. On May 26, UC played in a cultural exchange exhibition game, defeating the Quebec Monarchs 29-24 at Laval University's PEPS Stadium in Quebec City. The Pioneers offense racked up more than 400 yards in the game.

The Utica College football team finished the 2005 season with a program-best record of 6-4 overall. The team made history placing a program-record 12 student-athletes on Empire 8 All-Conference teams, while knocking off three Empire 8 Conference opponents.

Kemp has an impressive résumé, beginning with his college athletic career at the University of Notre Dame, where he became a walk-on defensive back while attending the university on a wrestling scholarship. In wrestling, he was a three-year starter and a senior captain. After graduating, he played seven years of semi-pro football with the Rochester Mustangs.

Kemp's 32 years in coaching have been extremely productive. In 1975, he began his coaching career at the high school level. By 1980, he had moved to the college ranks, and developed his own coaching style through a series of assistant coaching positions at Brockport State (1980-1983), Springfield (1984-1985), St. Lawrence (1986), University of Connecticut (1987-1989), University of Pennsylvania (1990), and Cortland State (1991-1995). In 1996, he was named head coach at Plymouth State, where he compiled a 19-12 record in three seasons, leading the school to ECAC playoff appearances in 1997 and 1998.

During his 32-year coaching career, Kemp has mentored five players who have gone on to have professional careers in the NFL. Of the athletes he developed at Plymouth State, 30 or more were named to all-conference teams. His goal at Utica is to continue to develop a program that will compete for post-season recognition on an annual basis.

Kemp graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1975 with a bachelor of arts degree in pre-medical studies. In 1986, he received his master's degree in physical education and athletic administration with a concentration in exercise science at Springfield College. Also in 1986, Kemp earned his NSCA certification as a strength-training specialist.

He resides in Sauquoit with his wife, Katharine; daughter, Stephanie; and son, Sean.

OVERVIEW

All eyes are on the Utica College football program and head coach **Mike Kemp** entering the program's seventh season of varsity competition. The Pioneers are coming off a disappointing 2006 campaign, where they posted a 3-7 overall record. The best off-season in program-history, however, has players and coaches look forward to a big season in 2007.

"Team morale is extremely high right now for a variety of reasons," says Kemp, noting a series of improvements that he hopes will turned the programs fortunes in the right direction. "The new weight room has really energized everyone, we had a positive experience on our cultural exchange trip to Quebec in May, and spring practice helped set a positive tone for training camp in August"

The good feeling in the air is reminiscent of the 2005 preseason, which preceded the Pioneers posting a 6-4 overall record and narrowly missing the postseason.

"This team compares to our 2005 squad in that we have a group of seniors who feel like they have something to prove and want nothing more than to leave there mark," says Kemp, who has guided the team since its inception.

The Pioneers return 31 letter-winners and 15 starters from last season, including senior defensive captains **Marcus Maroney** and **Mike Debetta**, who will lead a lightning-quick defense that held opponents to a conference-low 136 passing yards-per-game and allowed only eight touchdowns through the air in 2006.

Maroney, a free safety, led the conference and ranked 11th in the nation with 90 tackles (62 solo, 56 assisted) in 10 games last season. The all-conference first team selection tallied 15 more tackles than St. John Fisher's Empire 8 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and All-American selection Gene Lang. Maroney made 10 or more stops in five games last season, while recording two sacks, one

interception, and six pass breakups. He ranks third all-time on UC's single-season tackle list behind **Anthony Venturino**, who tallied 92.5 tackles in 2003 and 98 tackles in 2004. Maroney is currently second behind Venturino on the college's all-time career tackle list with 172.

"Maroney is the best defensive player in the conference," Kemp says. "He is a proven leader both on and off the field, and he is in the weight room every day paving the way for the future of this program."



Debetta, a linebacker, led the Pioneers with a team-high three sacks last season. He totaled 25 tackles in 10 games, including eight tackles for a loss of 35 yards. He recorded one sack in each of his final three games. His 4.5 tackles against Springfield was a career-high.

Senior classmates **Cory Jure** and **Joe Ryan**, who combined for 76.5 tackles and four sacks in 2006, round out the linebacking corps. Jure, one of the strongest players on the team, brings an intimidating frame and deceptive speed. Ryan is smaller in stature, but makes up for in football intelligence what he lacks in size.

Junior defensive back **Lazarus Morgan**, who will be looked upon to fill the void left by Jon Klosner, promises to have a breakout season in 2007. Morgan tallied four pass breakups, two interceptions, and 23 tackles in nine games last season.

The return of **Rich Rivenberg** to the "Wolfpac Defense" gives the Pioneers one of the most promising defensive upsides in the Empire 8. Rivenberg, a 200-pound defensive end, led the Pioneers with eight sacks in 2005.

The defensive line will be anchored by some young talent including sophomores **Micheal Gisonda** and **Chris Walrath**. **Vinson Jones** should see time on the defensive line after spending time on special teams and with the junior varsity squad over the past two seasons.

"I think we have a very well balanced team," says Kemp. "Our defense is strong, but I don't think it is any stronger than the offense that will step on the field week one."

The Pioneers offense will feature a talented cast of wide receivers and a promising quarterback in junior **Greg Pinelli**. Senior offensive captain **James Proniewych** is expected to help Pinelli settle in nicely in his first year as a starter. Proniewych, a two-time all-conference selection, ranked third in the conference with four receptions-per-game. He caught a total of 32 passes for 413 yards and two touchdowns. His 12.9 yards-per-catch average was good for second on the team. He is the college's all-time leader in receiving yards (1,388), receptions (85) and receiving touchdowns (11).

Joining Proniewych at receiver is **Cody Elliot** and **Andrew Casullo**, who will flank arguably the most talented tight end in the conference in **Marc Neff**. Elliot caught 20 passes for 226 yards last season, while Neff, a 254-pound senior, led the Pioneers with five receiving touchdowns on 23 catches last year.

Pinelli has big shoes to fill with the departure of graduated quarterback **Nick Martin**. Martin left UC as the college's all-time leader in pass attempts (757), completions (390), yards (4,398), touchdowns (27), and completion percentage (51.5). Pinelli showed great poise in the pocket in the Pioneers' 29-24 spring exhibition victory over the Quebec Monarchs, completing 17 of 25 passes for 236 yards and three touchdowns en route to earning offensive most valuable player honors.

The offensive line will be led by 304-pound senior captain and right guard **Anthony Rivie**, who will be joined in the trenches by sophomore guard **Marcus Gurdineer**, junior center **Dan Nichols**, junior tackle **Mike Zappetti**, and senior tackles **Matt Cole**.

"It's all got to start with the offensive line," says Kemp. "If we can get a good push up front and establish a running game it will take pressure of Pinelli and eventually open up the air attack."

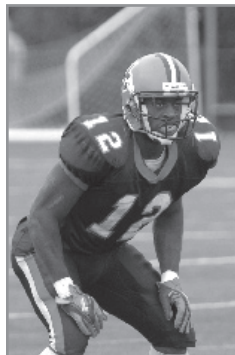
Returning to the backfield will be senior **Alex Conlon** and sophomores **Kamaal Mabry** and **Jamaine Hewitt**. Conlon, a north and south runner, averaged 3.1 yards per carry and scored three touchdowns in 2006. Mabry, who is shifty and quick runner, rushed for 226 yards in just six games last season, while Hewitt averaged 13.8 yards per carry and turned in a highlight reel 68-yard touchdown run during the spring exhibition victory.

The Pioneers boast an excellent special teams group led by all-conference first team selection punter **Ben Atwood**. Atwood led the conference in every major punting category, tallying a conference-best 61 punts for a school-record 2,267 total yards and a 37.2 yards-per-punt average. He tied a school-record for longest punt (70 yards) in the Pioneers' 21-9 win over Mount Ida on October 14.

Kemp is also excited about the arrival of a promising recruiting class, which includes 67 freshmen.

"We have some young players coming into the program who will be able to push veterans for playing time," he says.

It will not be an easy ride for the Pioneers, who will play a difficult conference schedule that includes national powerhouses Ithaca, Springfield, and 2006 NCAA Final Four team St. John Fisher.



"We need to take it one game at a time and not look past any of our opponents this year," Kemp says. "If we can find ourselves on a roll headed into conference play I think we can have a successful season."

PLAYER SHOWCASE



12 Marcus Maroney

FS Sr. 6-0 195 Lockport/Utica

2006: Collected a team-high 90 tackles with 6.5 tackles for loss... Had two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery... Named to the D3Football.com All-Region Third Team Defense, Empire 8 All-Conference First Team Defense...Named Empire 8 Player of the Week for the week ending October 9th.

2005: Registered 56 tackles (29 solo), four tackles for loss, two pass breakups, one interception, one blocked kick, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery in nine games.

2004: Collected 26 tackles (13 solo), 2.5 tackles for loss, two pass breakups and one blocked kick.

Personal: Marcus graduated from Lockport High School in 2002 and is the son of David Haynes...He is currently pursuing a degree in business management.



49 Mike DeBetta

LB Sr. 5-11 205 Harpursville/Harpursville

2006: Recorded 25 tackles (15 solo) and eight tackles for loss, and a team-high three sacks.

2005: Registered 14 tackles (10 solo), one tackle for loss, one pass breakup, and one fumble recovery in eight games.

2004: Collected four tackles (three solo) and one fumble recovery in six games.

Personal: A member of the UC football team and the baseball team...Mike graduated from Harpursville High School and is the son of Patricia and Michael DeBetta...He is currently pursuing a degree in management.



85 James Proniewych

WR Sr. 5-11 178 Pat-Med/Medford

2006: Led the team in catches (32) and yards (413)...Scored two touchdowns...Placed second on team with 12.9 yards-per-catch...Named Empire 8 Honorable Mention.

2005: Led the team in catches (29), receiving yards (505), and yards-per-catch (17.4)...Scored three receiving touchdowns.

2004: Set a single-game team record for touchdown receptions (3) in a 46-24 victory over Husson...Caught 24 passes for a team-high 470 yards and six touchdowns...Averaged 19.6 yards-per-catch.

Personal: James is a 2004 graduate of Patchogue-Medford High School and he is the son of Amy and Donald Proniewych...He is currently pursuing a degree in management.



72 Anthony Rivie

OL Sr. 6-0 304 Cardinal Hayes/Bronx

Personal: The son of Linda and Jaime Rivie, Anthony is a criminal justice major.



89 Marc Neff

TE Sr. 6-4 254 Dolgeville/Little Falls

2006: Led the team in touchdowns (5) and yards-per-catch (13.7)...Placed second on the team in catches (23), yards (314), and yards-per-game (31.4).

Personal: Marc is a 2004 graduate of Dolgeville High School and he is the son of Dona Carpenter...He is currently pursuing a degree in management.

2007 TEAM



2007 UTICA COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	H.S./HOMETOWN
1	Casey McNulty	K	SO	5-7	176	Red Hook/Red Hook
2	Bryan Johnson	SS	JR	6-1	215	Bristol/Bristol, PA
3	Ben Atwood	P	JR	6-2	240	Vernon Verona Sherrill/Verona
4	Sean Dixon	DB	SO	5-11	180	Vernon Verona Sherrill/Sherrill
5	Jamaine Hewitt	RB	SO	5-9	195	White Plains/White Plains
6	Lazarus Morgan	DB	SR	6-0	185	Christopher Columbus/Bronx
7	Marvin Batts	DB	FR	5-8	162	Hillhouse/New Haven, CT
8	Wesley Allen	DB	SO	6-2	205	Minisink Valley/Middletown
9	Alex Conlon	QB	SR	6-2	200	St. Anthony's/East Northport
10	Cody Elliot	WR	SO	5-11	185	John F. Kennedy/Sloan
11	Greg Pinelli	QB	JR	6-2	216	Bristol/Bristol, PA
12	Marcus Maroney	DB	SR	6-1	225	Lockport/Utica
13	Terry Cooper	DB	SO	5-10	160	Fonda Fulntomville/Eesperance
14	Daniel Palma	DB	FR	5-8	196	Brick Township/Brick
15	Keith Barone	QB	SO	6-1	185	Manchester Township/Point Pleasant, NJ
16	Jonanthony Gagliardi	QB	FR	5-10	180	St. Elizabeth/Pilesgrove, NJ
17	Terrell Cunningham	LB	FR	5-8	212	Marshall/Rochester
18	Jim Pincher	WR	JR	6-2	195	Christian Brothers Academy/Albany
19	Sean Phelan	K	FR	6-0	165	Whitesboro/Utica
20	Dayne Bennett	RB	FR	5-11	175	East Syracuse Minoa/East Syracuse
21	Jeremiah Gillette	FB	SO	5-7	189	Saranac Lake/Lake Clear
22	David Hewitt	DB	SO	5-11	180	Central Magnet/Bridgeport, CT
23	Kamaal Mabry	RB	SO	5-11	201	Goshen/Goshen, NY
24	Peter Vano	DB	SO	5-11	163	Mahopac/Mahopac
25	David Green	FB	SO	5-6	203	Wilson/Newfane
26	Margodane Vanriel	DB	FR	5-9	179	Bloomfield/Bloomfield, CT
27	Tom Nanna	DB	SO	5-9	165	Whitesboro/Marcy
28	Aaron Lipski	DB	FR	5-11	180	Miller Place/Miller Place
29	Sean Halligan	WR	FR	6-1	161	East Syracuse Minoa/Minoa
30	Keith Shannon	RB	FR	5-6	195	St. Anthony's/St. James
31	Donshay Speid	DB	FR	5-11	170	Washington/Westover, MD
32	Anthony Velez	FB	SO	5-7	218	Beacon/Beacon
33	Cory Jure	LB	SR	5-9	225	Sheepshead Bay/Brooklyn
34	Zack Daniels	FB	SO	5-11	213	Hannibal/Oswego
35	Matt Kromer	FB	SO	6-1	232	Centereach/Lake Ronkonkoma
37	Joseph DiSalvo	FB	FR	5-7	243	Brighton/Rochester
40	Cody Allen	RB	FR	5-8	170	Oriskany/Oriskany
41	Joseph Vitucci	LB	FR	5-8	195	Longwood/Coram
42	Renaldo Rose	LB	JR	5-11	220	John Marshall/San Antonio, TX
43	Brendon Ring	FB	FR	5-8	245	St. Francis/Eden
44	Kevin Hennion	DL	FR	6-1	200	Dumont/Dumont, NJ
45	Rich Rivenberg	DL	SR	5-10	196	Herkimer/Frankfort
47	Nick Houle	LB	SO	5-6	215	New York Mills/New York Mills
48	Andy Wolffe	RB	JR	5-7	170	Iroquois/Cheektowaga
49	Mike DeBetta	LB	SR	6-0	215	Harpursville/Harpursville

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	H.S./HOMETOWN
50	Eric Kahl	LB	SO	5-10	210	Spencer-Van Etten/Lockwood
51	Joe Ryan	LB	SR	5-8	240	St. Mary's/Rutherford, NJ
52	Anttwan Brown	DL	FR	6-2	215	Hillhouse/New Haven, CT
53	Chad Rockefeller	DB	FR	6-2	195	Delaware Academy/Delhi
54	Vinson Jones	DL	JR	5-11	225	Roxborough/Philadelphia
55	Omar Brown	DL	SO	5-11	254	Brentwood/Brentwood
56	Tim Millerick	LB	FR	6-0	190	South Shore Vo-Tech/Whitman
57	Chris Aldrich	OL	FR	6-0	240	Canterbury/Watertown
60	William Daley	OL	JR	5-10	229	Cardinal Hayes/Bronx
62	Christophe Holden	OL	FR	6-2	269	Rhinebeck/Clinton Corners
63	Rick Rados	OL	FR	6-4	265	Vernon Verona Sherrill/Verona
64	Marcus Gurdineer	OL	SO	6-0	270	Minisink Valley/Westtown
65	Christopher Gallo	DL	SO	5-10	218	Ardasley/Ardasley
66	Robert Montgomery	OL	JR	6-2	298	Sachem/Lake Grove
67	Michael Pabon	DL	FR	5-10	238	Brentwood/Brentwood
68	Joe Stanimer	OL	JR	6-0	300	Notre Dame/Utica
70	Rashawn Haynes	OL	FR	6-1	280	Sachem East/Brentwood
71	Mike Zappetti	OL	JR	6-2	260	Patchogue-Medford/Patchogue
72	Anthony Rivie	OL	SR	6-0	304	Cardinal Hayes/Bronx
73	Andrew Demyan	OL	SO	5-9	300	Liberty/Bethlehem, PA
74	Christopher Walrath	DL	SO	5-10	258	Little Falls/Little Falls
75	John Kaczmarek	OL	FR	6-4	310	St. Francis/Bufalo
76	Brandon Macrina	DL	FR	5-11	210	Mohawk/Mohawk
77	Dan Nichols	OL	JR	6-5	257	Waterville/Waterville
78	Joseph Deciano	OL	FR	6-4	223	Sidney/Bainbridge
79	Matt Cole	OL	JR	6-3	280	Mohonasen/Schenectady
80	Shammel Turnbore	WR	FR	5-8	186	Marshall/Rochester
81	Ryan Donadio	WR	FR	5-8	165	Schalmont/Schenectady
82	Louis Pilaroscia	WR	FR	5-11	198	Avon/Avon
84	Josh Wright	TE	SO	6-0	229	Cortland/Cortland
85	James Proniewych	WR	SR	5-11	185	Patchogue-Med/Medford
86	Brandon Brechue	TE	FR	6-3	200	Brockport/Hamlin
87	Larry Hardison	TE	JR	5-9	213	Boys and Girls/Brooklyn
88	Mark Shields	WR	FR	5-11	170	Notre Dame/Milford, CT
89	Marc Neff	TE	SR	6-4	270	Dolgeville/Little Falls
90	Alex Bopp	DL	FR	6-0	220	Saint Anthony's/Lindenhurst
91	Tracy Branch	DL	FR	6-0	221	Brentwood/Bay Shore
92	Kurt Zimmerman	DL	SO	5-10	230	Sachem North/Holbrook
93	Frank Allen	DL	SR	5-9	251	Whitesboro/Whitesboro
94	Kyle Nedd	DL	FR	5-11	243	Brighton/Boston, MA
95	Matthew Previto	DL	FR	5-10	235	Ward Melville/South Setauket
96	Justin Burdick	DL	FR	6-2	248	Hoosac Valley/Adams, MA
97	Jeff Stanimer	LB	FR	5-9	212	Notre Dame/Utica
98	Terence Culkin	DL	FR	5-8	225	West Islip/West Islip
99	Michael Gisonda	DL	SO	6-0	257	Kellenberg/Searingtown



2007 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/01	Becker	Home	1:30 p.m.
9/08	Husson	Home	1:30 p.m.
9/15	RPI	Away	1:00 p.m.
9/29	Springfield *+	Home	12:30 p.m.
10/06	Mount Ida	Away	1:00 p.m.
10/13	Alfred *	Away	1:00 p.m.
10/20	Ithaca *	Home	1:30 p.m.
10/27	St. John Fisher *	Away	1:00 p.m.
11/03	Norwich *	Away	1:00 p.m.
11/10	Hartwick*	Home	1:30 p.m.

* Empire 8 Conference Game
+ Homecoming Weekend