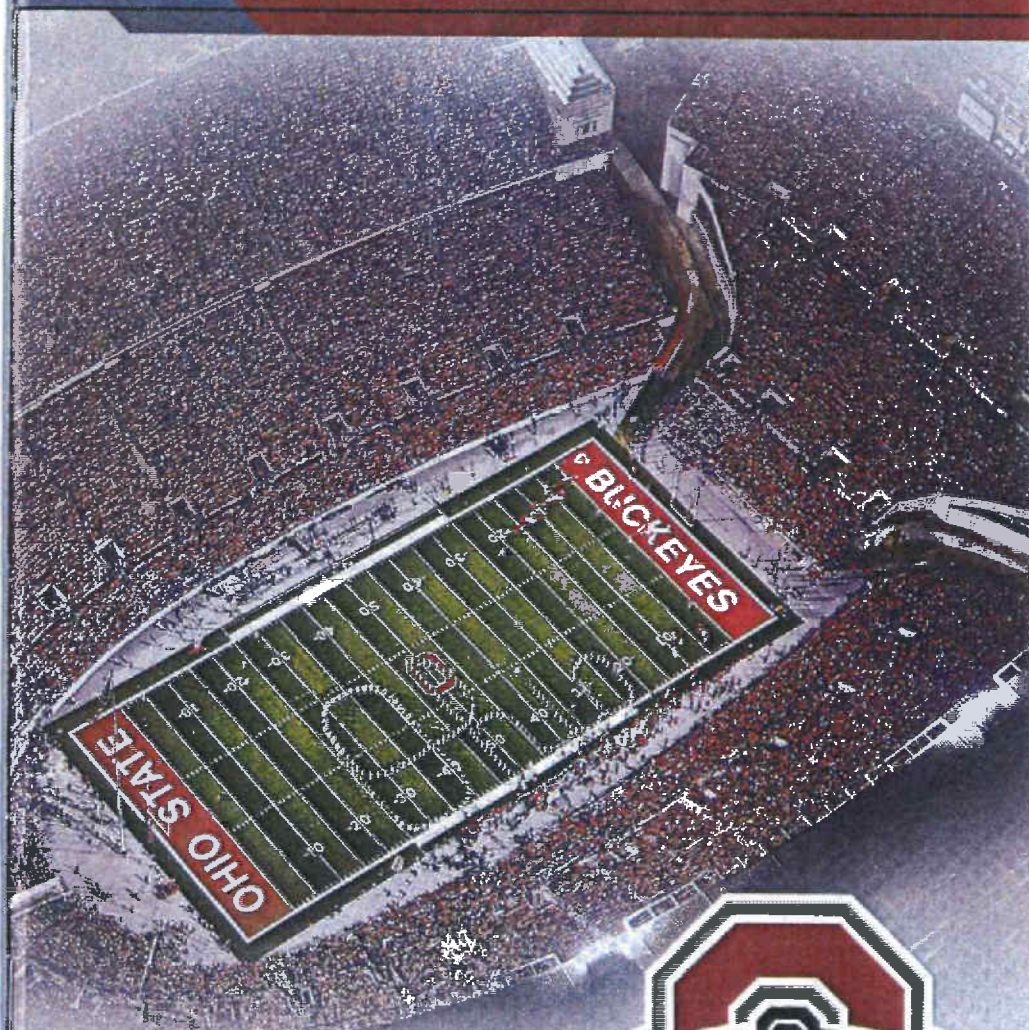


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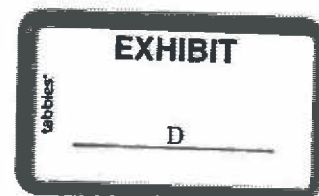
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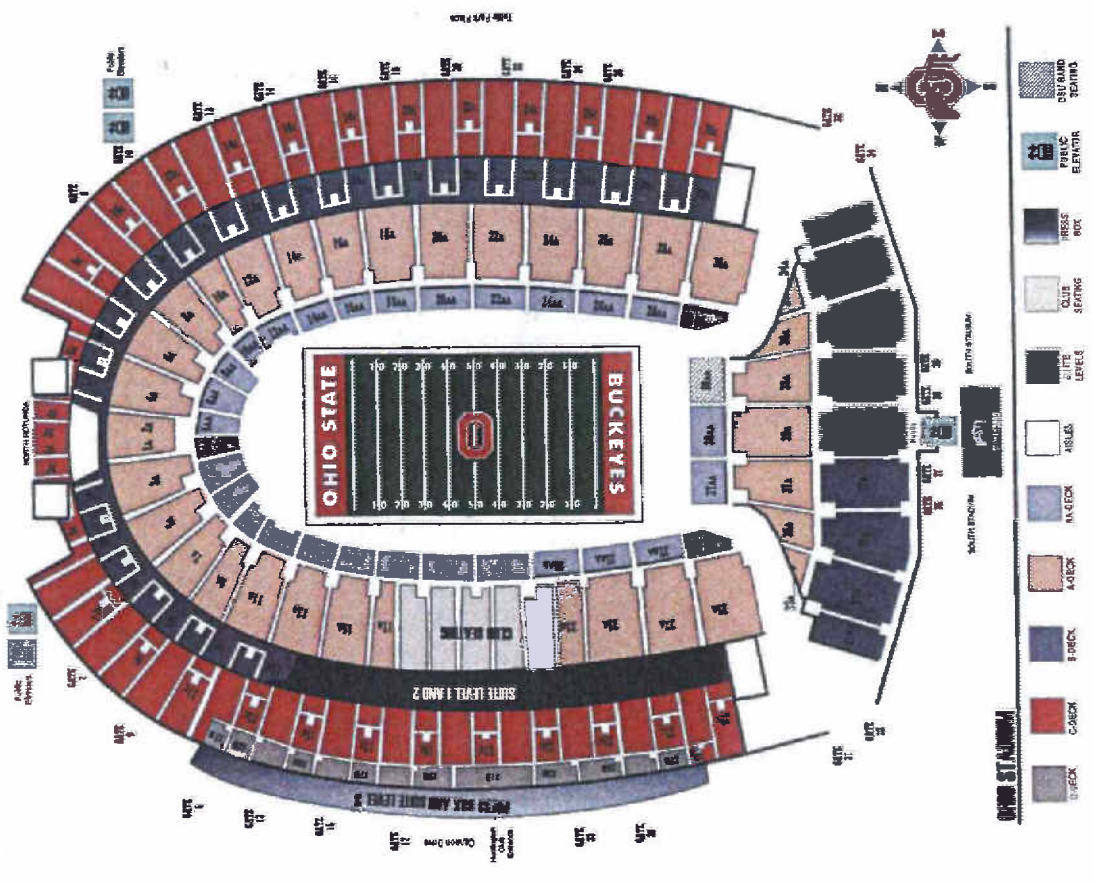
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## OHIO STATE Season Preview

It's just another football season in Columbus. A top-five preseason ranking, Heisman Trophy candidates on each side of the football and Big Ten and national championship expectations are the talk of the town.

Yep, just another summer in Buckeye Nation. Coming off an impressive Rose Bowl victory over Oregon, the Buckeyes certainly have their fans expecting a big 2010 season, and for good reason. It is difficult to look at a roster that boasts quarterback Terrelle Pryor and defensive end Cameron Heyward — each mentioned in just about every Heisman conversation — and not get a little excited about what might happen this fall.

As always, there are holes to fill, notably on the defensive side of the football with the early departure of end Thaddeus Gibson and graduation of tackle Doug Worthington and safeties Kurt Coleman and Anderson Russell, but experienced underclassmen are ready at each spot.

With one final season in an 11-ream Big Ten, the Buckeyes appear well-stocked to extend their streak of five-straight conference titles.

### OFFENSE

With so much firepower back on the offensive side, Ohio State appears to be ready to light up scoreboards in 2010. Returning under center is third-year starter Pryor, who is coming off his best collegiate performance in the Rose Bowl, where he took home MVP hon-

ors. Pryor, 19-3 in his career as a starter, passed for a career-high 266 yards and two touchdowns in that game and ran for 72, setting an Ohio State bowl game record with 338 yards of total offense. For the season, Pryor finished with 2,094 yards through the air with 18 touchdowns and 11 interceptions and added 779 yards on the ground.

The wide receiver position is set with junior wide receiver DeVier Posey and senior Dane Sanzenbacher. The duo accounted for 67 percent of Pryor's passing yardage last season and combined for 17 receptions in the Rose Bowl victory. Also battling for time at receiver will be senior Taurian Washington and redshirt freshman Chris Fields. Sophomore Jake Stoneburner will be the likely candidate to fill the tight end role, replacing Jake Bullard.

In the backfield, Brandon Saine and Daniel Herron are back to carry the bulk of the load. In 2009, that duo combined for 1,339 yards and 11 touchdowns. Sophomore Jordan Hall was the only other back who saw much action in 2009.

Providing protection for Pryor and holes for the backs will be a veteran offensive line that helped the Buckeyes rush for more than 2,500 yards last season. Junior center Mike Brewster and senior guards Justin Boren and Bryan Browning are returning starters, while juniors J.B. Shuggars and Mike Adams appear to be the leading candidates to assume the tackle spots, with sophomore Marcus Hall pushing for playing time.

### '09 RESULTS (11-2)

W, 31-27	Navy	9/2	Marshall
L, 15-18	Southern California	9/11	Miami (FL)
W, 38-0	Toledo (in Cleveland)	9/18	Ohio
W, 30-0	Illinois	9/25	Eastern Michigan
W, 33-14	at Indiana	10/2	at Illinois
W, 31-13	Wisconsin	10/9	Indiana
L, 18-26	at Purdue	10/16	at Wisconsin
W, 38-7	Minnesota	10/23	Purdue
W, 45-0	New Mexico State	10/30	at Minnesota
W, 24-7	at Penn State	11/13	Penn State
W, 27-24 (OT)	Iowa	11/20	at Iowa
W, 21-10	at Michigan	11/27	Michigan

Rose Bowl  
W, 26-17 vs. Oregon



**BIG TIME NUMBERS** > Ohio State enters the 2010 season with an all-time record of 819-308-53. The Buckeyes have won 34 Big Ten titles and seven national championships (1942, '54, '57, '61, '68, '70 and 2002).

### DEFENSE

While the defense faces more question marks than the offense, there are plenty of experienced and talented playmakers back from a squad that allowed only 12.5 points per game and pitched three shutouts in 2009.

The most notable returnee on the defense is senior defensive end Heyward. As a junior, Heyward was a disruptive force, finishing with 46 stops, including 6.5 sacks and 10 tackles for a loss. Senior Dexter Larimore (20 tackles) also returns at a tackle spot.

The rest of the defensive front will see 2009 reserves step into more meaningful roles. Sophomore John Simon is the leading candidate to replace Worthington at tackle, with redshirt freshman Adam Bellamy and sophomore Garrett Goebel providing depth.

The linebacking corps returns the team's top two tacklers from a season ago — seniors Ross Homan (108 tackles, five interceptions) and Brian Rolle (95 stops). Junior Etienne Sabino is the favorite to replace Austin Spidler on the strong side.

The secondary will be strong at corner but has question marks at both safety spots. Seniors Chimidi Chekwa and Devon Towner are each returning starters at cornerback. Chekwa led the team last season with seven passes broken up, while Torrence added a pair of interceptions.

With both starting safeties (Coleman and Russell) lost to graduation, the Buckeyes will turn to senior Jermale Hines at strong safety and sophomore Orhian Johnson at free safety. The wild card in the defensive backfield is senior Tyler Moeller, who is converting from linebacker after missing the entire 2009 season with injury.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Stellar special teams play has been a hallmark of the Buckeyes under head coach Jim Tressel. To continue that tradition, Ohio State will need to replace both place-kicker Aaron Pettrey and punter Jon Thoma.

The place-kicking duties will slide to senior Devin Barclay, who filled in for an injured Pettrey down the stretch last season. The punting chores will likely be handled by sophomore Ben Buchanan, who has seen limited game action during his time in Columbus, averaging 42.8 yards on four punts.

### COACHING STAFF

The numbers on Tressel are just as straightforward as the man himself. As he begins his 10th year at Ohio State, Tressel has elevated the Buckeyes' program to even greater heights. Since taking over the reins in 2001, the coach has guided the Buckeyes to an overall record of 94-21, nine bowl appearances (including seven BCS games), seven 10-win seasons, six Big Ten titles and three national championship game appearances — highlighted by the 2002 victory over Miami (Fla.) to claim the national title.

Once again this season, Jim Bollman will serve as offensive coordinator, while Jim Heacock and Luke Fickell will share the title of defensive coordinator.

### PROJECTED 2010 TWO-DEEP

#### OFFENSE

**WR** 12 Dane Sanzenbacher > 5-11, 180, Sr.  
80 Chris Fields > 6-0, 185, Fr.

**WR** 8 DeVier Posey > 6-2, 215, Jr.  
5 Taurian Washington > 6-1, 181, Sr.

**LT** 75 Mike Adams > 6-8, 300, Jr.  
55 Andrew Miller > 6-6, 288, Sr.

**LG** 65 Justin Boren > 6-3, 320, Sr.  
77 Connor Smith > 6-4, 313, Sr.

**C** 50 Mike Brewster > 6-5, 293, Jr.  
74 Jack Mewhort > 6-6, 288, Fr.

**RG** 70 Bryant Browning > 6-4, 313, Sr.  
71 Corey Linsley > 6-2, 298, Fr.

**RT** 76 J.B. Shuggars > 6-7, 297, Jr.  
79 Marcus Hall > 6-5, 321, So.

**TE** 11 Jake Stoneburner > 6-5, 245, So.  
88 Reid Fragel > 6-8, 260, So.

**QB** 2 Terrelle Pryor > 6-6, 233, Jr.  
14 Joe Bauserman > 6-1, 233, Jr.

**TB** 3 Brandon Saine > 6-1, 219, Sr.  
-OH- 1 Dan Herron > 5-10, 202, Jr.

**FB** 44 Zach Boren > 6-0, 252, So.  
49 Adam Homan > 6-2, 238, So.

#### DEFENSE

**DE** 43 Nathan Williams > 6-3, 266, Jr.  
98 Solomon Thomas > 6-5, 236, Jr.

**DT** 72 Dexter Larimore > 6-2, 210, Sr.  
53 Garrett Goebel > 6-3, 281, So.

**DT** 54 John Simon > 6-2, 270, So.  
93 Adam Bellamy > 6-3, 295, Fr.

**DE** 97 Cameron Heyward > 6-5, 288, Sr.  
91 Melvin Follows > 6-5, 249, Fr.

**SLB** 6 Etienne Sabino > 6-3, 246, Jr.  
42 Andrew Sweat > 6-2, 238, Jr.

**MLB** 36 Brian Rolle > 5-11, 218, Sr.  
32 Scott Klein > 6-2, 230, So.

**WLB** 11 Ross Homan > 6-0, 227, So.  
11 Doran Bell > 6-1, 225, Fr.

**CB** 5 Chimidi Chekwa > 6-0, 190, Sr.  
18 Travis Howard > 6-0, 190, So.

**SS** 19 Orhian Johnson > 6-2, 203, So.  
26 Tyler Moeller > 6-0, 210, Sr.

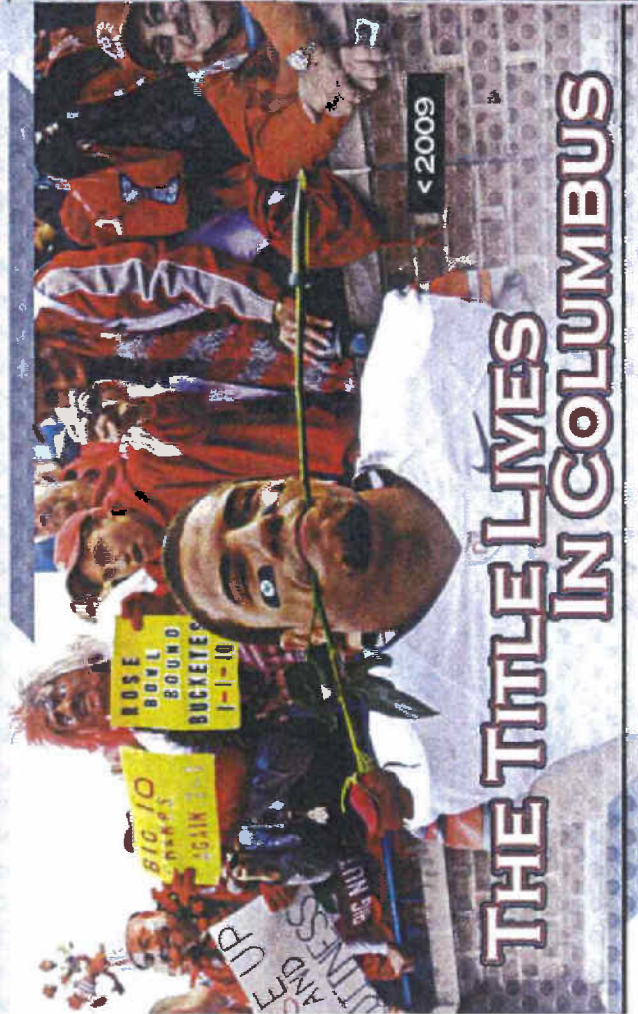
**FS** 7 Jermale Hines > 6-1, 216, Sr.  
16 Zach Domiticone > 6-3, 211, So.

**CB** 10 Devon Torrence > 6-1, 200, Sr.  
20 Donnie Evese > 5-11, 180, Jr.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

**PK** 23 Devin Barclay > 5-10, 204, Sr.  
17 Ben Buchanan > 6-0, 195, Sr.

**P** 17 Ben Buchanan > 6-0, 195, So.  
39 Derek Erwin > 5-10, 203, So.



< 2009

By Paul Keels

## THE BUCKEYES ENTER 2010 HOPING TO RUN THEIR STREAK OF BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS TO SIX STRAIGHT

The Ohio State football team enters the 2010 season looking to continue its dominance in the Big Ten Conference, as well as its current run of success against archrival Michigan.

The 2009 season saw the Buckeyes clinch their fifth consecutive Big Ten Title. A share of the title was assured when Ohio State scored a thrilling overtime win against Iowa in the season's final home game. The outright title was followed with a win in Ann Arbor over Michigan the next week — the Buckeyes' sixth-straight win over the Wolverines. Ohio State's reign over Michigan is further punctuated in noting that head coach Jim Tressel has lost to the "team up north" only once since taking charge in 2001. The season concluded with Ohio State's victory over Oregon in the Rose Bowl, the Buckeyes' first appearance in Pasadena since 1997.

## HERE'S A LOOK AT THE BUCKEYES' RECENT RUN OF BIG TEN TITLES:

In 2008, the Buckeyes' lone league loss to Penn State caused them to share the title with the Nitany Lions. The season was highlighted by a come-from-behind 20-17 nighttime win at Wisconsin, and a 42-7 trouncing of archrival Michigan at Ohio Stadium. The co-title earned Ohio State an invitation to the BCS Fiesta Bowl in Arizona.

In 2007, Ohio State posted an impressive road win at Washington, and ran pretty much unchallenged through most of league play. After being shocked at home by Illinois, the Buckeyes used a dominant defensive performance to beat Michigan in Ann Arbor, clinching another league title and a berth in the BCS national championship game.

In 2006, Ohio State spent most of the year ranked No. 1 in the nation. Troy Smith's Heisman Trophy-winning senior season including many memorable moments, such as a road win at Texas, conquests over Iowa on the road and at home over a highly regarded Penn State team. The outright league title was clinched in a memorable season ending finale in Columbus, with top-ranked Ohio State beating No. 2 Michigan to earn a berth in the BCS national championship game.

A loss at Penn State kept Ohio State from winning the 2005 Big Ten title outright, but the Buckeyes were able to claim a share of the title thanks to impressive wins over Michigan State, Minnesota and, bolstered by a final drive for the ages, a classic come-from-behind win over Michigan in Ann Arbor. The resulting BCS berth saw the Buckeyes finish the season with an impressive win over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.



< 2008

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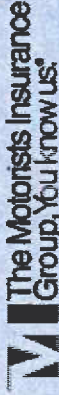
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### [ SCHEDULE OF SHOWS FOR 2010 SEASON ]

- Monday, August 30
- Tuesday, September 7
- Monday, September 13
- Monday, September 20
- Monday, September 27
- Monday, October 4
- Monday, October 11
- Monday, October 18
- Monday, October 25
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- Monday, November 8
- Monday, November 15
- Monday, November 22

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**Paul Keels** will begin his 13th year as "Voice of the Buckeyes." Paul's extensive play-by-play background has included stints with the Cincinnati Bengals, the University of Cincinnati, the Detroit Pistons, Cincinnati Reds and national games for Weswood One. One of the best play-by-play announcers in the country, Keels also moderates The Jim Tressel Show and is part of our Buckeye Roundtable show. In 2007 Paul was inducted into the Ohio broadcaster Hall of Fame.



**Jim Lachey** returns for his 14th season as color analyst. Lachey was an outstanding offensive lineman for Ohio State from 1981-84. He was an All-American and All-Big Ten player his senior year, leading the Buckeyes to a Big Ten championship and the Rose Bowl. A 1985 first-round draft choice, Jim played 11 seasons in the NFL and was an All-Pro a record nine times during his 11-year career. One of "the hogs," Jim helped the Washington Redskins win the 1993 Super Bowl. Lachey also co-hosts The Jim Tressel Show and is part of our Buckeye Roundtable show.



**Mary Bannister** has been a member of the Ohio State Buckeyes Radio Sports Network since 2003 as the play-by-play voice of OSU women's basketball. Mary begins his fifth season as sideline and locker room reporter for OSU football. Some of Bannister's other work has included play-by-play for Wittenberg football and basketball, the Columbus Destroyers Arena Football League and ONN's football and basketball state high school championships. Mary also will be a part of our weekly Buckeye Roundtable show.



**Skip Mistic** begins his 26th season, covering Buckeye football on the Ohio State Buckeyes Radio Sports Network. The long-time WBNS morning host will once again serve as halftime host and provide scoreboard updates throughout the game broadcast. Mistic also hosts ONN Radio's Tonight in High School Football and Ohio College Football Today each fall.



**Craig Kretzel** returns for his third season as part of the Buckeye Roundtable show. The former quarterback led the Buckeyes to the national championship in 2002. Craig is involved in local real estate in Columbus and also does some Ohio State analysis on our network flagship station 97.1 FM the Fan in Columbus.

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Canton	WHBC-AM	1480	Lima	1150	Toledo	WLQR-FM	106.5
Celina	WCSM-FM	96.7	Logan	1510	Uhrichville	WBTC-AM	1540
Celina	WCSM-AM	1350	Logan	98.3	Upper Sandusky	WYNT-FM	95.9
Chillicothe	WBEX-AM	1490	Manchester	1490	Wash. Court House	WERT-AM	1220
Cincinnati	WOXL-FM	97.7	Marion	1490	Waverly	WXIZ-FM	100.9
Cincinnati	WAOJ-AM	99.5	Marion	100.9	Wheeling	WVLY-AM	1370
Cincinnati	WKNR-AM	850	McConnelsville	92.1	Wesport	WKVK-AM	960
Clerland	WBNS-AM	1460	Middleport	910	Wesport	WQKT-FM	104.5
Columbus	WBNS-FM	97.1	Middletown	95.3	Youngstown	WBWG-FM	106.1
Columbus	WBNS-AM	1560	Millsburg	1300	Youngstown	WBWG-AM	1390
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Coshocton	WING-AM	1410	Napoleon	1430			
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# THUNDERING HERD



The Marshall Thundering Herd enters 2010 coming off a winning campaign which included a season-ending victory over Ohio in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. The core of the 2009 team returns, but the leadership has changed.

Doc Holliday takes over the reigns of the program from former Buckeye assistant coach Mark Snyder, who resigned prior to the bowl game last season. Snyder had a record of 22-37 in five seasons as coach of the Thundering Herd.

**OFFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 7)**

Marshall will have a solid core group to work with on offense as the Herd returns seven starters.

Senior Brian Anderson, who started all 13 games in his first full season as the starter, returns at quarterback. Anderson threw for 2,646 yards and 14 touchdowns against 13 interceptions last season.

The Thundering Herd must replace running back Darius Marshall (1,131 yards in 10 games), its leading rusher from a year ago who declared early for the NFL Draft. The top candidate to replace Marshall is sophomore Martin Ward, who rushed for 393 yards and three touchdowns in 2009 and closed the season by earning MVP honors in the bowl game with 75 yards and two scores.

The Herd welcomes back the majority of its top playmakers at receiver, including all-Conference USA freshman selection Antavious Wilson, who led the team in receiving a year ago with 60 catches for 724 yards and three touchdowns.

The most imposing skilled player is tight end Lee Smith. Smith is 6-6, 267 pounds and possesses strength, speed and good hands. He is an above-average blocker and pass catcher who recorded 23 receptions for 335 yards a year ago.

Up front, Marshall's offense returns three starters from last year. Honorable mention all-C-USA selection Chad Schofield returns for his senior year at center, senior Brandon Campbell returns at left tackle and junior Ryan Tillman is back at guard. **DEFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 7)**

The defensive unit returns seven starters from last season, including first-team all-C-USA selection Mario Harvey at linebacker. Harvey, a senior, recorded 117 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks last season. Marshall also welcomes back junior Kellen Harris who started all 13 games last season at middle linebacker and recorded 71 tackles, six tackles for loss and forced a pair of fumbles.

Marshall's defensive front was among Conference USA's best last season, led by senior Michael Janac (44 tackles, three tackles for loss and eight quarterback pressures) and junior Vinny Curry (59 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks). Curry and Janac were both honorable mention all-C-USA selections last season.

The Herd's secondary will be anchored by junior safety Omar Brown, who finished third on the team in tackles with 73 and added two interceptions and 10 pass breakups.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Marshall must replace place-kicker Craig Ratanamorn, a semi-finalist for last year's Lou Groza Award, junior Tyler Warner is the odds-on favorite to handle the duties this fall. Junior Kase Whitehead returns for his third year as Marshall's punter after averaging 39.2 yards per kick in 2009.

**COACHING STAFF**

Holliday comes to Marshall from intrastate rival West Virginia. It is the first head-coaching position for Holliday, who has 31 years of collegiate coaching experience, including stops at Florida and North Carolina State. Bill Legg and Tony Peterson will serve as co-offensive coordinators, while Chris Rippon will lead the defensive side of the ball.

**SEASON WILL BE BETTER THAN EXPECTED IF ...**  
... the team can survive a schedule that begins with seven straight opponents that went to bowl games in 2009.

**SEASON WILL BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED IF ...**  
... the tough schedule leads to injuries or a bruised ego before the team can even reach conference play.

**MARSHALL AT A GLANCE**

Location	Huntington, WV
All-Time vs. OSU	0-1
Last Meeting	L, 24-21 (2004)
Web site	herdzone.com

> *Herd Coach Doc Holliday*



< Tight end Lee Smith

**'09 RESULTS (7-6)**

W, 31-28	at Southern Illinois	9/2	at Ohio State
L, 52-10	at Virginia Tech	9/10	West Virginia
W, 17-10	at Bowling Green	9/18	Bowling Green
W, 27-16	at Memphis	9/25	Ohio
L, 21-17	East Carolina	10/2	at Southern Miss
W, 31-10	at Tulane	10/13	UCF
L, 24-7	at West Virginia	10/23	at East Carolina
W, 27-7	at UAB	10/30	UTEP
L, 21-20	at UCF	11/6	at UAB
L, 20-27	Southern Miss	11/13	Memphis
W, 34-31	SMU	11/20	at SMU
L, 52-21	at UTEP	11/27	Tulane

**Little Caesars Pizza Bowl**

W, 21-17 vs. Ohio



< Linebacker Mario Harvey

**FROM WAY DOWNTOWN** > In 2004, place-kicker Mike Nugent connected on a 55-yard field goal (tied for the longest field goal in Ohio Stadium history) as time expired for a 24-21 Buckeye win over the Herd.

**PROJECTED 2010 TWO-DEEP**

**OFFENSE**

- WR 82 Antavious Wilson > 6-0, 191, Sr.
- 3 Aaron Dobson > 6-3, 185, Sr.
- WR 80 Courtney Edmonson > 6-0, 190, Sr.
- 21 C.J. Crawford > 6-2, 216, Fr.
- LT 78 Brandon Campbell > 6-5, 312, Sr.
- 77 Jordan Jeffries > 6-7, 304, Fr.
- LG 73 Ryan Tillman > 6-5, 289, Jr.
- 74 Alex Scholler > 6-6, 290, Fr.
- C 71 Chad Schofield > 6-4, 304, Sr.
- 64 John Britina > 6-4, 318, Jr.
- RG 68 Landis Provanacha > 6-5, 314, Sr.
- 67 Erik Vint > 6-4, 286, Sr.
- RT 75 C.J. Wood > 6-5, 305, Jr.
- 70 Corey Tenney > 6-7, 295, Fr.
- TE 16 Lee Smith > 6-6, 267, Sr.
- 86 Jannie Hatten > 6-5, 238, So.
- QB 12 Brian Anderson > 6-3, 212, Sr.
- 1 A.J. Graham > 6-4, 208, Fr.
- RB 29 Martin Ward > 5-9, 301, So.
- 19 Andre Booker > 5-10, 178, So.
- WR 87 Tavaris Thompson > 6-2, 194, Sr.
- 11 Wayne Bonner > 6-3, 199, Sr.

**DEFENSE**

- DE 99 Vinny Curry > 6-4, 252, Jr.
- 92 James Rouse > 6-5, 231, Fr.
- NT 91 Johnny Jones > 6-5, 301, Sr.
- 93 Brandon Bullock > 6-3, 361, Jr.
- DT 90 Michael Janac > 6-5, 294, Sr.
- 97 Marques Aiken > 6-4, 248, Fr.
- DE 77 Demetrius Thompson > 6-2, 236, Sr.
- 50 Zakee Bashir > 6-1, 240, Fr.
- SLB 25 Devin Arrington > 6-2, 207, So.
- 43 Trevor Black > 6-2, 227, Fr.
- MLB 35 Kellen Harris > 6-3, 232, Jr.
- 47 Tyson Gale > 6-3, 234, Jr.
- WLB 30 Mario Harvey > 6-0, 250, Sr.
- 48 George Carpenter > 5-10, 214, Jr.
- CB 6 Ahmed Shakoor > 5-11, 203, Jr.
- 36 Montarius Lovett > 5-10, 166, Fr.
- SS 18 Donald Brown > 6-0, 182, So.
- 22 Kevin Perry > 5-10, 192, Sr.
- FS 31 Omar Brown > 5-11, 194, Jr.
- 49 Pete Callicero > 6-1, 210, Sr.
- CB 15 D.J. Wingate > 6-2, 191, Sr.
- 44 Rashad Jackson > 5-9, 178, Jr.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- PK 37 Tyler Warner > 6-4, 215, Jr.
- 27 Drew Stewart > 6-1, 182, Fr.
- P 41 Kase Whitehead > 5-10, 183, Jr.



# HURRICANES

Is this the year that Miami (FL) makes it back? If last year was any indication, then the answer might be yes. There was the tremendous start, with three wins against top-20 opponents in four tries, including a victory over then-No. 8 Oklahoma.

The Hurricanes rose to as high as No. 9 in the nation on the way to a 9-4 final record. The Hurricanes lost a disappointing contest to Wisconsin in the Champs Sports Bowl, creating a bittersweet end to their bounce-back season.

Back this year is a ton of talent and depth, including a total of 15 starters and 51 letterwinners. The chance is there for a great 2010 season, if Miami can get through a brutal early stretch that includes trips to Ohio State, Pittsburgh and Clemson. The remaining schedule is manageable, with the biggest contest being home tilt against Virginia Tech to start a season-ending, two-game homestand.

**OFFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 7)**

A good part of the offense is back, including junior quarterback Jacory Harris. Harris led the Hurricanes with more than 3,300 yards passing and 24 touchdowns in 2009, but also had a more infamous mark, tying for the national lead in interceptions thrown. To take the next step, Harris will have to cut down on the turnovers and get the ball into the hands of his talented wide receivers Leonard Hankerson, LaRon Byrd and Travis Benjamin. The three upperclassmen were the top targets for Harris last year, combining for 1,716 receiving yards.



< Defensive end Allen Bailey



< Quarterback Jacory Harris

**'09 RESULTS (9-4)**

W, 38-34	at Florida State	Florida A&M
W, 33-17	Georgia Tech	at Ohio State
L, 31-7	at Virginia Tech	at Pittsburgh
W, 21-20	Oklahoma	at Clemson
W, 48-16	Florida A&M	Florida State
W, 27-7	at UCF	at Duke
L, 40-37 (OT)	Clemson	North Carolina
W, 28-27	at Wake Forest	at Virginia
W, 52-17	Virginia	Maryland
L, 33-24	at North Carolina	at Georgia Tech
W, 34-16	Duke	Virginia Tech
W, 31-10	at USF	USF

**Champs Sports Bowl**

L, 20-14 vs. Wisconsin

**'10 SCHEDULE**

9/2	Florida A&M
9/11	at Ohio State
9/23	at Pittsburgh
10/2	at Clemson
10/9	Florida State
10/16	at Duke
10/23	North Carolina
10/30	at Virginia
11/6	Maryland
11/13	at Georgia Tech
11/20	Virginia Tech
11/27	USF

Miami also hopes that Damien Berry is ready to lead the rushing offense, after the loss of last year's starter Craig Cooper to injury. Sophomore Mike James also returns to add depth at the tailback position. The running backs will be following an offensive line that returns three starters in Orlando Franklin, Joel Figueroa and Harland Gunn.

**DEFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 8)**

While the offense was piling up numbers last season, the Hurricane defense was very up and down. But with eight starters back, the experience is there for a sharp turnaround, especially since the players have so much raw ability.

Leading the way is defensive end Allen Bailey, whose size (6-4, 288 pounds) allows him to line up nearly anywhere in the trenches. He passed up a chance to be an early-round NFL draft pick to come back and hone his skills. Also back across the line are tackle Josh Holmes and end Marcus Robinson.

The linebacking corps return two starters — Colin McCarthy and Sean Spence — at the outside positions. McCarthy was second on the squad last year with 95 tackles.

The defensive backfield, a sore spot for Miami last year, returns all four starters. Corners Brandon Harris and DeMarcus Van Dyke showed flashes, but were only able to combine for three interceptions last year, which should improve. The safeties are Jared Campbell and Vaughn Telemaque, neither of whom picked off a ball last season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Dual position player Matt Boshier is back to handle all kicking duties, as he connected on 14-of-16 field goal tries and averaged a solid 42.5 yards per punt.

**COACHING STAFF**

In this fourth year as head coach in Miami, Randy Shannon has worked to rebuild the team in an effort to recapture the glory days. It is unlikely one person knows Miami football better than Shannon, as he has spent all of his playing days and coaching years either with the Hurricanes or with the NFL's Miami Dolphins.

**SEASON WILL BE BETTER THAN EXPECTED IF ...**  
... the defense steps up and Harris cuts down on the turnovers, leading the Hurricanes to a New Year's Day Bowl.

**SEASON WILL BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED IF ...**  
... the difficult stretch of early road games take its toll and Miami falls out of the national spotlight before the ACC schedule really begins.



**MIAMI (FL) AT A GLANCE**

Location	..... Miami Gardens, Fla.
All-Time vs. OSU	..... 1-2-0
Last Meeting	..... L, 31-24 (2OT) (2002)
Web site	..... hurricanesports.com

> Head Coach Randy Shannon

**PROJECTED 2010 TWO-DEEP OFFENSE**

- WR 47 LaRon Byrd > 6-4, 215, Jr.
- 4 Aldarius Johnson > 6-3, 208, Jr.
- WR 85 Leonard Hankerson > 6-3, 215, Sr.
- 3 Travis Benjamin > 5-10, 175, Jr.
- LT 74 Orlando Franklin > 6-7, 318, Sr.
- 55 Ben Jones > 6-5, 300, So.
- LG 61 Joel Figueroa > 6-5, 330, Sr.
- 66 Harland Gunn > 6-2, 315, Jr.
- C 63 Tyler Horn > 6-4, 300, Jr.
- 72 Brandon Washington > 6-4, 330, So.
- RG 72 Brandon Washington > 6-4, 330, So.
- 66 Harland Gunn > 6-2, 315, Jr.
- RT 78 Jermaine Johnson > 6-6, 310, Fr.
- 55 Ben Jones > 6-5, 300, So.
- TE 84 Richard Gordon > 6-4, 265, Sr.
- 88 Billy Sanders > 6-4, 248, Fr.
- QB 12 Jacory Harris > 6-4, 190, Jr.
- 11 A.J. Highsmith > 6-0, 195, So.
- RB 20 Damien Berry > 5-11, 217, Sr.
- 5 Mike James > 5-11, 220, So.
- FB 30 Patrick Hill > 5-9, 255, Sr.
- 43 John Calhoun > 6-3, 253, Jr.
- DEFENSE
- DE 57 Allen Bailey > 6-4, 288, Sr.
- 35 Olivier Vernon > 6-3, 250, So.
- DT 54 Micanor Regis > 6-3, 300, Jr.
- 92 Josh Holmes > 6-0, 280, Sr.
- DT 99 Marcus Forston > 6-3, 310, So.
- 96 Curtis Porter > 6-1, 315, So.
- DE 97 Adewalé Olatomo > 6-4, 253, Jr.
- 56 Marcus Robinson > 6-1, 237, Jr.
- LB 31 Sean Spence > 6-0, 212, Jr.
- 58 Jordan Furch > 6-2, 235, Jr.
- LB 44 Colin McCarthy > 6-3, 242, Sr.
- 34 C.J. Holton > 6-1, 215, So.
- LB 35 Kylan Robinson > 6-1, 233, Sr.
- 43 Ramen Buchanan > 6-1, 215, Jr.
- CB 1 Brandon Harris > 5-11, 195, Jr.
- 21 Brandon McGee > 6-0, 198, So.
- SS 26 Roy Roy Armstrong > 6-4, 220, So.
- 15 Jamal Reid > 6-1, 180, Fr.
- FS 7 Vaughn Telemaque > 6-2, 197, So.
- 28 Joseph Nicolas > 6-1, 200, Jr.
- CB 8 DeMarcus Van Dyke > 6-1, 185, Sr.
- 13 Ryan Hill > 6-0, 205, Sr.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- PK 25 Matt Boshier > 6-0, 205, Sr.
- 40 Jake Witclaw > 6-2, 198, So.
- P 25 Matt Boshier > 6-0, 205, Sr.
- 40 Jake Witclaw > 6-2, 198, So.

**THE REMATCH** > Ohio State and Miami (FL) will be meeting this season for the first time since the Buckeyes defeated the Hurricanes, 31-24 in double overtime, to win the 2002 national championship.

Ohio surprised a number of people last year not only with its performance within the Mid-American Conference, but also by challenging big-conference foes Connecticut and Tennessee. The Bobcats ended up as the MAC East champions, and despite a loss in the MAC championship game and to Marshall in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, it was an overall solid season in Athens.

Despite the better-than-expected 9-5 record in 2009, it was not all rosy for the Bobcats. Ohio lived with razor-thin margins, only outscoring its opponents by a margin of 3.5 points per game. The offense — which lost starting quarterback Boo Jackson to injury after only two games — struggled, especially in the ground game, which averaged only 11.2 yards per game and had only five total touchdowns from the running back position.

The spring game did little to change the expected dynamic for the Bobcats, as the offense managed just one touchdown while the defense racked up 12 tackles-for-loss, including three sacks.

**OFFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 6)**

While Jackson would appear to be the clear favorite to start at quarterback, in the spring it was purported to be a three-way battle between him, Ohio State transfer Phil Bates and sophomore Tyler Tetterton. However, Jackson looks to be the one to rise above the others based on his experience and playmaking abilities.

The Bobcats lost their biggest offensive star from



< Linebacker Noah Keller

last season, Taylor Price, who had 76 catches for 784 yards and five touchdowns, although LaVon Brazill (53 catches for 702 yards and six touchdowns) and Terrence McCrae (a team-leading nine touchdown receptions) return.

The running back position is where the Bobcats need their most improvement. Senior Vince Davidson and junior Dante Harden combined for just 527 yards on 128 carries and will have to step the production up this season. Redshirt freshman Ryan Boykin led the way in the spring game with 36 yards on four carries, and could see time in the mix come fall.

The offensive line lost two starters from last season and only two of the 15 players on the roster are seniors, but it's a solid group anchored by A.J. Strum and Joe Flading at the tackles and Skylar Allen at center.

**DEFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 7)**

The star of the defense is expected to be linebacker Noah Keller, an honorable mention All-American in 2009. He led the MAC with 155 tackles and averaged 11.07 per game, good for sixth in the nation. However, Keller lost his bookends at the linebacker position and will have to hope new starters can step in and contribute. Keller should be aided by the fact that the front four return intact.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

This should be an area of strength for the Bobcats, as all-MAC kicker Matthew Weller (21-of-29 in field goals, including 9-of-13 from 40-plus yards) returns. Brazill, the expected star of the receiving corps, should also star on special teams; he was the only Football Bowl Subdivision student-athlete to return three punts for touchdowns last season, and his 13.46-yards-per-return average ranked 12th nationally.

**COACHING STAFF**

Frank Solich, in his sixth season at Ohio after spending six years as head coach at Nebraska, has gone 32-31 at the helm of the Bobcats, leading them to two bowl appearances. While he has led the Bobcats to become regular challengers for the MAC title, Solich's background as a premier collegiate running back has yet paid off with a strong ground game in Athens.

**SEASON WILL BE BETTER THAN EXPECTED IF ...**

... Jackson fulfills his promise as a mobile threat at quarterback and the running game develops.

**SEASON WILL BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED IF ...**

... the offensive line shows its youth and the running game doesn't develop enough to keep opposing defenses honest.

**OHIO AT A GLANCE**

Location	Athens, Ohio
All-Time vs. OSU	0-6-0
Last Meeting	L, 25-14 (2008)
Web site	ohiobobcats.com

> Head Coach Frank Solich



< Wide receiver LaVon Brazill

**SCARE TACTICS** > While Ohio is 0-6 against its intrastate rivals from Columbus, the Bobcats did put a bit of a scare in the Buckeyes in 2008, holding a 14-12 lead after three quarters before falling 26-14.

**PROJECTED 2010 TWO-DEEP**

**OFFENSE**

- WR 11 Terrence McCrae > 6-4, 198, Sr.
- WR 80 Brian Albrecht > 6-3, 222, Sr.
- WR 87 Steven Goutler > 6-2, 200, Sr.
- WR 17 Bakari Bussey > 6-2, 204, So.
- LT 7B Joe Flading > 6-4, 289, Jr.
- LG 60 Ryan McGrath > 6-6, 293, Jr.
- LG 79 A.J. Strum > 6-5, 290, Jr.
- C 64 Vince Carlotta > 6-4, 289, So.
- C 65 Skylar Allen > 6-3, 277, So.
- RG 68 Alex Mitchell > 6-1, 279, Sr.
- RG 77 Eric Herman > 6-4, 300, So.
- RT 76 Kadre Funder > 6-2, 301, Jr.
- RT 60 Ryan McGrath > 6-6, 293, Fr.
- TE 72 George Batsakis > 6-6, 333, Sr.
- TE 88 Jordan Thompson > 6-4, 248, So.
- TE 45 Nathian Caldwell > 6-5, 257, Sr.
- QB 8 Boo Jackson > 6-1, 202, Sr.
- QB 5 Phil Bates > 6-2, 224, Jr.
- RB 26 Vince Davidson > 5-11, 191, Sr.
- RB 2B Dante Harden > 5-11, 176, Jr.
- WR 7 LaVon Brazill > 5-11, 188, Sr.
- WR 15 Riley Dunlap > 6-2, 184, Jr.

**DEFENSE**

- DE 51 Dak Novecine > 6-3, 250, Sr.
- DE 90 Tremayne Scott > 6-4, 249, So.
- NG 62 Marcellis Williamson > 6-1, 340, Sr.
- NG 93 Neal Huyob > 6-3, 279, So.
- DT 95 Ernie Frazier > 6-2, 292, Sr.
- DT 67 A.J. Osley > 6-4, 311, Sr.
- DE 36 Stafford Gaufing > 6-4, 239, Sr.
- DE 55 Melvin Payne > 6-2, 232, Sr.
- SLB 46 Alphonso Lewis > 6-1, 206, So.
- SLB 34 Jelani Wessley > 6-2, 208, So.
- MLB 47 Noah Keller > 6-1, 227, Sr.
- MLB 52 J.B. Strahler > 6-3, 220, So.
- WLB 30 Eric Benjamin > 5-11, 211, Jr.
- WLB 44 Chad Clemens > 5-11, 214, Sr.
- CB 9 Julian Jusey > 5-11, 187, Sr.
- CB 31 Kenny Jackson > 5-9, 168, Jr.
- SS 29 Donovan Fletcher > 6-0, 201, Sr.
- SS 6 Hilton Dawson III > 6-0, 207, Sr.
- FS 13 Gerald Moore > 6-1, 191, So.
- FS 42 Steven Jackson > 6-2, 198, Sr.
- CB 22 Shannon Ballard > 5-11, 193, Sr.
- CB 4 Omar Lefwich > 6-1, 190, Jr.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- PK 49 Matthew Weller > 6-0, 208, So.
- PK 19 Chris Karamer > 5-11, 172, Jr.
- P 49 Matthew Weller > 6-0, 208, So.
- P 41 Paul Hershey > 6-3, 198, Jr.





Most head coaches expect a bumpy ride in year one of a job, and Eastern Michigan's Ron English found that to be true, as his Eagles struggled to get comfortable in his new system and the team went 0-12 in his debut campaign.

Despite the struggles, English believes the principles were laid down that can become the fundamentals which lead to success in 2010.

One of the biggest difficulties of 2009 were injuries. The injury bug forced English and his staff to use 25 newcomers, nine of those newcomers true freshmen. Now the hope is that those newcomers and true freshmen will become the tried veterans that lead teams in the future to winning seasons.

This season's schedule is filled with tough road contests. Trips to Ohio State, Virginia and Vanderbilt are sure to be challenges for a rebuilding program.

**OFFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 6)**  
Last season's EMU offense was unable to stay healthy and was without the needed depth to sustain success.

One of the beneficiaries of the injuries to the starters was quarterback Alex Gillett. The first-year signal caller was pressed into action in nine games, three as a starter, when the team's three-year starter was injured and the back-up was inconsistent. Gillett was able to secure his spot under center in 2010 by throwing for 763 yards and finishing second on the team in rushing with 484 yards. He also finished 10th in the MAC in total offense with

138.6 yards per game. Looking to provide competition at quarterback is redshirt freshman Devonae Payne, a highly rated recruit from Cleveland.

The running game will be expected to support either quarterback and the Eagles' main option is senior Dwayne Priest, who led the team in rushing last season with 633 yards. Priest is the most experienced EMU back having appeared in 34 games and has rushed for 12 touchdowns.

The wide receiver corps returns 10 lettermen so depth on the outside will not be an issue. Out of that group, expect the trio of Nick Olds, Corey Welch and Corey Manns to lead the way.

**DEFENSE (STARTERS RETURNING: 6)**

The strength of the defensive unit is the line, which also happens to be one of the deepest areas on the team with seven returning lettermen. Leading the way for the Eagles is junior defensive end Javon Reese, who was second on the team in tackles for loss with nine last season, and run-stuffing defensive tackle Ryan Leonard, who added 7.5 tackles for loss.

Seven linebackers will be competing for the three starting jobs this fall. Senior Tim Fort is the leading returning tackler of that group with 43. The secondary also returns several key veterans led by senior Ryan Downard. Keep a look out for Louisville transfer Latrius Thomas, who at 6-1 could be a great addition against bigger receivers.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

The Eagles will have a whole new look to their kicking game in 2010 with the departure of place-kicker Joe Carrithers and punter Zach Johnson. As of the end of spring ball, junior Thomas Baertschi stood at the top of both depth charts. Look for fierce competition as new kickers are brought in this fall.

**COACHING STAFF**

In his second year at Ypsilanti, English is looking to restore the Eagles' confidence and get the team trending up the MAC standings. English boasts strong defensive credentials from his time at Michigan. His staff includes offensive coordinator Ken Karcher and first-year defensive coordinator Phil Snow.

**SEASON WILL BE BETTER THAN EXPECTED IF ...**

... the defense steps up and begins to resemble English's Michigan squads and the offense can mix the run and the pass.

**SEASON WILL BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED IF ...**

... both sides of the ball are still slow in year two to adjust to the coaching staff's principles.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN AT A GLANCE**

Location.....	Ypsilanti, Mich.
All-Time vs. OSU.....	First Meeting
Last Meeting.....	NA
Web site.....	emueng.us.com

> Head Coach Ron English



< Strong starter Ryan Downard

'09 RESULTS (0-12)		'10 SCHEDULE	
L, 27-14	..... Army	9/4	..... Army
L, 27-24	..... at Northwestern	9/11	..... at Miami (OH)
L, 45-17	..... at Michigan	9/18	..... Central Michigan
L, 24-12	..... Temple	9/25	..... at Ohio State
L, 56-8	..... at Central Michigan	10/2	..... Ohio
L, 28-6	..... Kent State	10/9	..... at Vanderbilt
L, 29-27	..... Ball State	10/16	..... at Ball State
L, 63-27	..... at Arkansas	10/23	..... at Virginia
L, 59-6	..... at Northern Illinois	10/30	..... Toledo
L, 35-14	..... Western Michigan	11/13	..... at Western Michigan
L, 47-21	..... at Toledo	11/20	..... at Buffalo
L, 28-21	..... at Akron	11/26	..... Northern Illinois



< Running back Dwayne Priest

**NOT COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR** > Eastern Michigan head coach Ron English was an assistant coach at Michigan from 2003-07 where he served as defensive coordinator in his final two seasons.

**PROJECTED 2010 TWO-DEEP OFFENSE**

- WR 80 Nick Olds > 6-2, 192, So.  
1 Kinsman Thomas > 6-2, 197, So.
- WR 26 Corey Welch > 5-9, 179, Jr.  
7 Terrance Gourdine > 6-0, 200, Jr.
- LT 76 Bridger Buche > 6-3, 312, Jr.  
75 Scott MacLeod > 6-8, 287, Fr.
- LG 72 Andrew Sorgatz > 6-5, 266, So.  
71 Brian Moore > 6-5, 305, Sr.
- C 78 Eric Davis > 6-2, 300, Sr.  
70 Corey Worman > 6-1, 291, So.
- RG 65 Dan DeMaster > 6-5, 304, So.  
79 Orlando McCord > 6-5, 285, Fr.
- RT 68 Corey Neal > 6-2, 294, So.  
63 Doniel Gambrell > 6-5, 249, Fr.
- TE 81 Ben Thayer > 6-4, 240, Sr.  
85 Garrett Hoskins > 6-3, 233, So.
- QB 13 Alex Gillett > 6-1, 204, So.  
14 Devonae Payne > 6-6, 231, Fr.
- RB 22 Dwayne Priest > 5-8, 192, Sr.  
4 Ben Axon > 6-1, 202, Fr.
- WR 24 Corey Manns > 5-11, 195, So.  
84 Trey Hunter > 6-0, 200, Jr.
- DEFENSE
- DE 93 Brad Ohrman > 6-4, 263, Jr.  
49 Andy Mulumba > 6-1, 245, So.
- DT 96 Brandon Slater > 6-2, 291, Jr.  
99 Tyler Bakrok > 6-4, 279, Sr.
- DT 56 Ryan Leonard > 6-0, 287, Sr.  
59 Matt Price > 6-2, 245, Fr.
- DE 90 Javon Reese > 6-1, 247, Jr.  
94 Devon Davis > 6-2, 215, So.
- SLB 57 Tim Fort > 6-0, 225, Sr.  
52 Steve Brown > 6-0, 238, So.
- MLB 42 Marcus English > 6-1, 228, Jr.  
45 Matt Boyd > 6-0, 232, So.
- WLB 40 Neal Howey > 6-1, 224, Sr.  
11 Nate Paopao > 6-0, 213, Sr.
- CB 19 Arington Hicks > 5-9, 170, Sr.  
30 JaRon Gillespie > 5-11, 174, So.
- SS 10 Ryan Downard > 6-0, 196, Sr.  
93 Alex Belfry > 6-0, 200, So.
- FS 2 Latrius Thomas > 6-1, 210, Sr.  
6 Marvatus Cardwell > 5-11, 202, Jr.
- CB 31 Marcell Ross > 5-9, 185, Jr.  
74 Brandon Pratt > 6-2, 193, So.
- SPECIAL TEAMS
- PK 39 Thomas Baertschi > 6-1, 187, Jr.
- P 39 Thomas Baertschi > 6-1, 187, Jr.