



2004 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

Game 5

#4 Delaware (3-1, 2-0 A-10) vs. #8 Maine (2-1, 0-0 A-10)

October 2, 2004 • 12 noon • Newark, DE (Atlantic 10 TV)

Tubby Raymond Field at Delaware Stadium • Homecoming

MEDIA COVERAGE

Delaware Radio/TV Coverage: Live radio coverage on Blue Hen Radio Network on The River 94.7 FM throughout the state of Delaware with Mike Corey and Bill Komissaroff calling the action. Live coverage on UD student station WVUD 91.3 with Brendan Boylan and Craig Schlosser...**Television:** Atlantic 10 Football Network Game of the Week...Live broadcast on Comcast SportsNet throughout the Delaware Valley with Bob Picozzi (play by play) and former Delaware QB Scott Brunner (color) providing commentary...also live on Empire Sports (Western NY) and Metro Channel (NY City)...national broadcast on CSTV on tape delay (6 p.m.)...**Internet Broadcast:** The River (www.river947.com), WVUD (www.wvud.org), and UD Athletics statistics webcast (www.udel.edu/sportsinfo/football)...**National Rankings:** Delaware is ranked No. 4 in TheSports Network poll and No. 5 in the USAToday/ESPN poll for Sept. 27...Maine is ranked No. 8 in both polls.

TEAM SCHEDULES/RESULTS

DELAWARE "Blue Hens" (3-1, 2-0 A-10)

Sept. 2	New Hampshire.....L	21-24
11	*Towson.....W	21-17
18	West Chester.....W	24-6
25	at #16 *Massachusetts (CSTV/CN8) ..W	21-7
Oct. 2	#8 *Maine (A10 TV/CSTV TV / Homecoming)	Noon
16	at *Hofstra	1:30 p.m.
23	*William & Mary (Parents/Family Weekend)	1 p.m.
30	at Navy (CN8 TV).....	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at *James Madison	1:30 p.m.
13	at *Richmond	1 p.m.
20	*Villanova (CN8 TV/ Hall of Fame Day) ..	1 p.m.

MAINE "Black Bears" (2-1, 0-0 A-10)

Sept. 4	at Montana.....L	20-27
11	Northern Colorado	W 38-0
18	at Mississippi State.....W	9-7
Oct. 2	at *Delaware	12 noon
9	at *Richmond	3 p.m.
16	*James Madison.....	2 p.m.
23	*Northeastern	2 p.m.
30	at *Massachusetts.....	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	*Hofstra.....	2 p.m.
13	at *Rhode Island	12 noon
20	*New Hampshire.....	1 p.m.

*=Atlantic 10 Conference Games

GAME PREVIEW

A battle of top 10 teams looms this week as No. 4 ranked University of Delaware (3-1, 2-0 Atlantic 10) hosts No. 8 ranked University of Maine (2-1) for Homecoming Saturday afternoon at Delaware Stadium. A crowd in excess of 21,000 is expected to be on hand to see the defending national champion Blue Hens take on a Maine team that was picked in the top five nationally in several pre-season polls. The Hens enter with a three-game win streak following a 21-7 win over No. 16 Massachusetts Saturday while Maine enters with a two-game win streak against what may be the toughest schedule in NCAA I-AA football. The Black Bears, who will open Atlantic 10 play this week, were off last week after posting one of the biggest upsets in Atlantic 10 history two weeks ago with a 9-7 win over Mississippi State in Starkville, MS.



THE SERIES

Delaware and Maine meet for the 26th time since the first game in 1972 this week with Delaware holding a 20-5 edge with two straight wins and four victories in the last five meetings. The Blue Hens won last year's game in a classic battle, prevailing 24-21 in overtime at Delaware Stadium. Delaware rallied from a 21-0 deficit late in the third quarter, backed by an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown by **SidneyHaugabrook**, to send the game into overtime and won it on a field goal by **Brad Shushman** in the extra session. Delaware is 12-3 all-time vs. Maine at Delaware Stadium. *(more series details on page 2)*

THE COACHES

Delaware: K.C. Keeler (Delaware '81)...24-8 (.750) in third season at Delaware...112-29-1 (.793) in his 12th season as a college coach...14-6 (.700) all-time in Atlantic 10 Conference play...2-0 all-time vs. Maine (1-0 at Delaware Stadium)...one of just 17 active I-AA coaches to have reached 100 wins...led Delaware to 2003 NCAA I-AA national title with 15-1 record...placed fifth in voting for the Eddie Robinson I-AA Coach of the Year Award...named 2003 Maxwell Football Club Tri-State Coach of the Year...owns 35-4 (.897) record all-time as a player and coach at Delaware Stadium, including a 17-2 (.895) mark as a coach...played three times vs. Maine during his playing career, leading the Blue Hens to wins of 48-0 in 1978, 31-14 in 1979, and 35-6 in 1980...led NCAA III Rowan to five NCAA national championship game appearances in 1993-2001...starting linebacker at Delaware in 1978-80, leading Blue Hens to 1979 NCAA II national title under head coach Tubby Raymond...Kurt Charles Keeler...born July 26, 1959...native of Emmaus, PA.

Maine: Jack Cosgrove (Maine '78)...62-67 (.481) in his 12th season overall at Maine....40-51 (.439) all-time in Atlantic 10 play...3-5 all-time vs. Delaware, 0-2 vs. K.C. Keeler...was 0-3 vs. Delaware as a player at Maine, falling 39-13 in 1974, 35-9 in 1975, and 36-0 in 1976...one of five Atlantic 10 head coaches coaching at their alma mater (Keeler at Delaware, Jimmie Laycock at William & Mary, Sean McDonnell at New

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Blue Hens on the Web - www.udel.edu/sports info

ON THE AIRWAVES

THE RIVER 94.7 FM: The River (WRDX FM 94.7 in Wilmington, DE) is currently in its sixth season as the flagship station for the Blue Hen Radio Network, airing UD football live throughout Delaware and parts of Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. **Mike Corey** once again handles play-by-play duties with **Bill Komissaroff** handling analysis, and **Paul Schmidt** providing on the field coverage. **Rob Reb** will serve as the in-game engineer. In addition to broadcasting all Delaware games live, Corey hosts the weekly K.C. Keeler Show live each Wednesday at the Deer Park Tavern in Newark. The weekly call-in show airs at 7-8 p.m. All broadcasts can also be heard via the internet at www.wrdx.com.

WVUD 91.3 FM: University of Delaware student station WVUD broadcasts all Blue Hen football games home and away live in 2004. **Brendan Boylan** handles the play-by-play duties and **Craig Schlosser** provides color. Games can also be heard via the internet at www.wvud.org. Games will also be simulcast on TV Channel 2 on Comcast cable systems.

TELEVISION: In addition to University of Delaware student station STN TV (UD campus Channel 49) televising all but one Delaware home game (this week's game will NOT be broadcast) on a tape delay basis (Mondays at 6 p.m.), Delaware will appear on television four times during the 2004 season - Sept. 25 at Massachusetts (Live on CN8 TV/Tape delay on CSTV); Oct. 2 vs. Maine (A10 TV Network/Comcast SportsNet (Phila.)/CSTV); Oct. 30 at Navy (CN8 TV); and Nov. 20 vs. Villanova (CN8 TV).

LIVE STATS: Live statistics for each Delaware home game are available once again during the 2004 season on the University of Delaware Athletics Website. Click on www.udel.edu/sportsinfo and go to the "Live Stats" link for football located on the right side of the page.

ATLANTIC 10 WEEKLY TELECONFERENCE

The Atlantic 10 Conference conducts a weekly teleconference involving all 12 league coaches. Each Monday during the season, coaches will be available for media interviews through the teleconference beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 12 noon. To take part in the teleconference, contact Delaware SID Scott Selheimer for the phone number. Below is the weekly schedule.

10:00 a.m. Atlantic 10 Update
10:10 - Dave Clawson - Richmond
10:20 - Jimmie Laycock - Wm. & Mary
10:30 - Andy Talley - Villanova
10:40 - Rocky Hager - Northeastern
10:50 - Mickey Matthews - James Madison
11:00 - Jack Cosgrove - Maine
11:10 - Don Brown - Massachusetts
11:20 - Tim Stowers - Rhode Island
11:30 - K.C. Keeler - Delaware
11:40 - Sean McDonnell - UNH
11:50 - Joe Gardi - Hofstra
12:00 - Gordy Combs - Towson

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Hampshire, and Gordy Combs at Towson)...Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 1996 and 2001...two-time All-Yankee Conference QB at Maine...has served at Maine for the last 25 years as an undergraduate, assistant coach, and head football coach...led Maine to 2001 and 2002 NCAA I-AA quarterfinal appearances.



KEY INJURIES

Delaware: LB **John Mulhern** (groin) missed the Massachusetts game and is probable...DE **Lou Samba** (shoulder) missed the last two games and is questionable...**Maine:** Contact the Maine Sports Information office for injury details.

LAST WEEK FOR DELAWARE:

Sean Bleiler rushed for a career-high 110 yards and scored one touchdown, QB **Sonny Riccio** tossed two touchdown passes, and Delaware's defense came up with another dominating effort as the No. 4 ranked Blue Hens downed No. 16 Massachusetts 21-7 Saturday at McGuirk Stadium in Amherst, MA. The Hens won their third straight game and improved to 3-1 (2-0 Atlantic 10) while Massachusetts dropped its second straight in a battle between last year's Atlantic 10 co-champions. Delaware opened the scoring on a 26-yard touchdown pass from Riccio to **Joe Bleymaier** midway through the second quarter but UMass came back to tie the score on a nine-yard scoring pass from Tim Day to Brandon London with 5:18 left in the half. The Hens took the lead for good on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Riccio to **David Boler** with 12:21 left to play and added some insurance on an eight-yard scoring run by Bleiler with 1:41 left. The Hens held UMass to just 10 first downs and 226 total yards.

LAST WEEK FOR MAINE:

The No. 8 ranked Black Bears from Maine were idle this past week but are coming off one of the biggest wins in program history. Maine (2-1, 0-0 Atlantic 10), which plays one of the nations' toughest schedules, downed Southeast Conference entry Mississippi State by a 9-7 score Sept. 18 in Starkville, MS as **Ron Whitcomb** hit **Kevin McMahan** on a 17-yard scoring pass with 2:55 left. The Black Bear defense, which forced three turnovers on the day, then held Mississippi State in check on two more possession to clinch the win. Whitcomb, the 2003 Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year, threw for 124 yards and connected on a touchdown pass for the 14th straight game of his career while RB **Marcus Williams** ran for 58 yards. S **Brandon McGowan** was named the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week and USA Today National I-AA for his efforts as he posted 12 tackles, including two for loss. Maine, which will be opening Atlantic 10 play this week, opened the season with a tough 27-20 setback to then No. 3 Montana and followed with a 38-0 win over rising I-AA power Northern Colorado before the win over MSU.

TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

Delaware

Rushing - Sean Bleiler, 64 carries for 325 yards, 2 touchdowns; Lonnie Starks, 43-224-0 TD; Niquan Lee, 23-114-1 TD; Sonny Riccio, 38-98-1 TD.

Passing - Sonny Riccio, 58 of 97 for 514 yards, 6 TDs, 5 Int.; Ryan Carty, 3 of 5 for 71 yards, 0 TD, 0 Int.

Receiving - Justin LaForgia, 13 for 78 yards, 1 TD; Justin Long, 11-143-2 TDs; Brian Ingram, 9-85-0 TD; G.J. Crescione, 9-61-0 TD.

Kicking - Brad Shushman, 10-10 PAT, 3-6 FG (Long 48); Mike Weber, 22 punts for 36.0 avg. (Long 52)

Defense - Mondoe Davis, 39 tackles (27 solo), 3 TFL, 2 FF, 1 Int.; Kyle Campbell, 32 tackles (27 solo), 5.0 TFL; Garron Bible, 23 tackles (18 solo); Sidney Haugabrook, 18 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 2 Int.

See website www.udel.edu/sportsinfo/football/stats04.html for complete Delaware statistics

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DELAWARE VS. MAINE SERIES

- Delaware leads the series by a 20-5 margin all-time, including two straight wins, four victories in the last five games, and 10 wins in the last 14 games
- Delaware won the first 10 games in the series before Maine won 10-7 in 1985 at Delaware Stadium
- The series is tied 1-1 in overtime games with Maine winning 59-56 in 1987 (most points ever scored by Delaware in a loss) and Delaware winning 24-21 last year.
- Hens have scored 30 or more points 17 times in 25 games, including 61 (61-0) in 1995
- Delaware leads the series 12-3 in games played at Delaware Stadium with four wins in the last five games

YEAR BY YEAR

1972 - *Delaware, 62-0	1988 - Delaware, 31-14
1973 - Delaware, 28-12	1989 - *Delaware, 35-28
1974 - *Delaware, 39-13	1990 - Maine, 17-10
1975 - *Delaware, 35-9	1991 - *Delaware, 34-10
1976 - *Delaware, 36-0	1992 - Delaware, 57-13
1978 - *Delaware, 48-0	1993 - *Delaware, 21-19
1979 - *Delaware, 31-14	1994 - Maine, 19-13
1980 - *Delaware, 35-6	1995 - *Delaware, 61-0
1981 - Delaware, 42-5	1996 - Delaware, 27-17
1984 - Delaware, 37-7	1998 - *Maine, 39-27
1985 - *Maine, 10-7	2002 - Delaware, 37-13
1986 - Delaware, 34-31	2003 - *Dela., 24-21 (ot)
1987 - *Maine, 59-56 (ot)	*=at Delaware

LAST MEETING

Delaware 24, Maine 21 (OT)
November 1, 2003 - Delaware Stadium

NEWARK, DE -- Brad Shushman, who missed two field goals earlier, redeemed himself with a 36-yarder in overtime to complete Delaware's 21-point comeback.

Shushman slid the game-winning kick just inside the right side of the crossbar to set off a wild celebration and finish a game that had several twists and turns in the final quarter. The No. 2 Blue Hens, who trailed 21-0 until the final seconds of the third quarter, remained perfect on the season at 9-0 (6-0 A-10).

The win marked the second biggest comeback win from a halftime deficit in school history, second only to the famous 51-45 "shootout" win over Youngstown State in 1979 when the Hens trailed 31-7 at halftime.

Maine (5-4, 4-3 A-10), which advanced to the NCAA I-AA playoffs each of the last two seasons and had won three of its last four games, was most likely knocked out of playoff contention.

Maine dominated the first three quarters of the contest, jumping out to a 21-0 halftime lead. Atlantic 10 rushing leader Marcus Williams, who finished with 111 yards on the ground for his fifth 100-yard game of the season, scored on one-yard dives with 11:09 left in the opening quarter and with 6:46 left before halftime. Redshirt freshman Ron Whitcomb, who hit on 21 of 34

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Maine

Rushing - Marcus Williams, 53-248, 2 TDs; Montell Owens, 17-77, 0 TD; Keien Williams, 7-51, 0 TD.

Passing - Ron Whitcomb, 48 of 73 for 470 yds., 5 TD, 4 Int.; Chris Legree, 2 of 3 for 17 yds., 0 TD, 0 Int.

Receiving - Christian Periera, 15 for 198 yds., 2 TD; Ryan Waller, 8-114, 0 TD; Kevin McMahan, 8-68, 2 TDs.

Kicking - Mike Mellow, 7-9 PAT, 2-2 FG(Long 33), 19 punts for 43.6 avg. (Long 64)

Defense - Brandon McGowan, 23 tackles (14 solo), 4.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 int.; Jermaine Walker, 21 tackles (12 solo), 2.5 TFL, 1 sack; Marcus Walton, 11 tackles (7 solo), 5 TFL, 2.0 sacks.

DELAWARE NOTES OF INTEREST

BLUE HENS WORKING ON THREE-GAME WINNING STREAK: After losing their season opener Sept. 2 to New Hampshire, the Hens have put together a three-game winning streak and enter this week's game vs. No. 8 Maine with a 3-1 overall mark and tied for first place in the Atlantic 10 South Division standings with a 2-0 record. This week the Hens will be trying to start the season 4-1 or better for the second straight year (5-0 last year on the way to a 9-0 start) and for the eighth time in the last 14 seasons since 1991. The Hens also started out 5-0 in 1995 and 2000 and started 4-1 in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Delaware advanced to post-season play each of those seasons except 1998. The Hens will also be looking to open Atlantic 10 play at 3-0 for the second straight year (6-0 last year) but for just the fifth time since joining the Atlantic 10 (Yankee Conference) in 1986. Delaware started out 3-0 in 1992, 1995, 2000, and 2003 and advanced to post-season each of those seasons.

CONTINUING ATLANTIC 10 SUCCESS: This fall the Blue Hens will look to capture consecutive league titles for the first time since sharing the league title with Villanova and New Hampshire in 1991 and winning the title outright in 1992. Delaware is looking to become the first Atlantic 10 team to share a piece of the league title in consecutive years since New Hampshire accomplished the feat in 1996-97. Delaware has been the pride of the Atlantic 10 since joining the league in 1986, capturing its 100th Atlantic 10 victory in 2003 with a 51-45 overtime win over UMass. The Hens are now 103-44 (.701) all-time since joining the league in 1986. Delaware is also 12-7 all-time in Atlantic 10 openers, including this year's 21-17 win over Towson Sept. 11.

DELAWARE DEFENSE DOMINATING: Delaware defensive coordinator **Dave Cohen's** Blue Hens have been dominating in the early going this season and have been the biggest reason why the No. 4 Blue Hens are 3-1 entering this week's game vs. Maine. In four games this season, the Hens are allowing just 13.5 points per game (No. 3 in Atlantic 10/No. 9 in NCAA I-AA) and 235.0 total yards per game (No. 4 in Atlantic 10/No. 6 in NCAA I-AA) and also rank in the top 30 nationally in pass defense (12th at 128.0), rushing defense (23rd at 107.0 per game), and pass efficiency defense (28th at 99.61). The Hens have yet to allow more than 24 points or 340 yards in any game and have allowed just two touchdowns and 448 total yards combined over the last two weeks in wins of 24-6 over West Chester and 21-7 over Massachusetts. Prior to West Chester, the Hens held Towson to just nine first downs and 152 total yards in a 21-17 win Sept. 11, the lowest total allowed by the Blue Hens since The Citadel managed just 92 yards in a 38-0 win back on Sept. 9, 2000.

HENS ON HOMECOMING: This weekend will mark Homecoming festivities on the University of Delaware campus. On the football field, the Hens have usually given the UD alumni plenty to cheer about for Homecoming, posting an overall record of 37-12 since 1955, including a 26-2 mark vs. Yankee Conference/Atlantic 10 Conference foes and a 4-0 mark vs. Maine. The Hens, who have won two straight Homecoming games, including last year's 55-10 win over Rhode Island, have posted Homecoming wins over Maine in 1978 (48-0), 1984 (37-7), 1989 (35-28), and 1993 (21-19).

DELAWARE STADIUM SUCCESS: Delaware was the only school in all of college football in 2003 to play 10 home games – and the Blue Hens posted a perfect 10-0 record at Tubby Raymond Field at Delaware Stadium. The Hens outscored opponents 414-154 for an average win margin of 26.0 points per game.

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passes for 246 yards, hit Christian Pereira on an 11-yard scoring pass with 2:17 left in the first quarter.

Delaware finally showed some life in the second half and got on the board on a two-yard dive into the end zone by AndyHall with just 12 seconds left in the third stanza. The score was set up on a fumble recovery by UD safety Dave Camburn at the Maine 10-yard line. The Hens came right back again just under two minutes later when Sidney Haugabrook returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown to pull Delaware back to within 21-14 with 13:21. The return was the third longest in school history.

The rest of the quarter was filled with missed opportunities. Maine's Mike Mellow missed a 36-yard field goal with 9:23 left and Hall was intercepted by Mike DeVito inside theMaine 20-yard line with 7:10 left. Maine appeared to have clinched the win minutes later when Joan Quezada returned an interception 97 yards for a score, but the play was negated due to a roughing the passer penalty on the play. The Hens continued the drive, but were thwarted when Germaine Bennett (96 yards rushing) fumbled at the UM one-yard line and Clinton Brown recovered with 3:35 left.

Maine got the ball back but was forced to punt from its own end zone. Haugabrook returned the punt to the Maine 39-yard line and on the first play from scrimmage, Hall fired a 39-yard scoring strike to David Boler down the right sideline and Shushman hit the extra point for the 21-21 tie with 1:34 remaining.

The Black Bears went first in the extra session but Mellow's 35-yard attempt was blocked by DT Chris Mooney, his second block of the game. Delaware took over and drove the ball to the 19-yard line, setting up Shushman's heroics.

Maine.....	14	7	0	0	0	-	21
Delaware.....	0	0	7	14	3	-	24

- Maine - Williams 1 run (Mellow kick), 11:09 left (1st)
- Maine - Pereira 11 pass from Whitcomb (Mellow kick), 2:17 (1st)
- Maine - Williams 1 run (Mellow kick), 6:46 (2nd)
- Delaware - Hall 2 run (Shushman kick) :12 (3rd)
- Delaware - Haugabrook 80 punt return (Shushman kick), 13:21 (4th)
- Delaware - Boler 39 pass from Hall (Shushman kick), 1:39 (4th)
- Delaware - FG Shushman 36 (OT)

UM	TEAM STATISTICS	UD
23.....	First Downs	18
41-97.....	Rushes-yards.....	43-118
22-35-0-269.....	Passing	11-21-1-166
366.....	Total Offense	284
6-38.2.....	Punts-Avg.....	3-41.0
2-1.....	Fumbles-lost	2-1
9-72.....	Penalties-yards	5-38
32:13.....	Time of Possession	27:47

Rushing: Maine, Marcus Williams, 26-111; Mike Zyskowski, 1-0; Team, 1 (-2), Ron Whitcomb,13 (-12); **Delaware**, Germaine Bennett, 18-96, Antawn Jenkins, 11-35; Team, 1 (-2), Andy Hall 13-(11); **Passing: Maine**, Whitcomb, 21-34-0-246; Mike Mellow, 1-1-0-23; **Delaware**, Hall, 11-21-2-166; **Receiving: Maine**, Ryan Waller, 9-107, Kevin McMahan, 5-64, Christian Pereira, 3-44, Dante Fusco, 2-20; Ivi Nwosu, 2-11, Brandon McGowan, 1-23; **Delaware**, David Boler, 4-56; Justin Long, 3-50, Joe Bleymaier 1-45, Sean Bleiler, 1-6, Rick Lavelle, 1-5, G.J. Crescione, 1-4.

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Delaware had won 10 straight games at Delaware Stadium before the 24-21 loss to New Hampshire in the season opener Sept. 2 but after successive home wins over Towson and West Chester, the Hens have now won 18 of their last 20 games in Newark and have won six straight conference games at home (New Hampshire this year was a non-league game). The Hens have posted an all-time record of 246-74-4 (.766) in 324 games over 51 seasons since 1952 at Delaware Stadium. That mark includes an all-time NCAA playoff home record of 15-5, including a 3-0 mark in 2003 when the Hens defeated Southern Illinois, Northern Iowa, and Wofford to advance to the I-AA championship. Tubby Raymond Field is named in honor of Delaware's long- time head coach who served as the Blue Hen mentor for 36 season, notching 300 wins and leading the Blue Hens to three national titles. Raymond, who continues to attend UD games and works as a color analyst for WDEL Radio, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, IN in August, 2003.

ABUNDANT ATTENDANCE: The Blue Hens are the only school in NCAA I-AA to average over 20,000 fans per game during the regular season each of the past five seasons and there's a good chance that streak will be continuing in 2004. Delaware sold a school-record 10,500 season ticket packages during the pre-season and currently ranks third nationally in NCAA I-AA in home attendance with a mark of 22,511 - trailing only Tennessee State (25,117 in one game) and Montana (23,183 in three games). Delaware Stadium drew its third straight sellout crowd vs. West Chester Sept. 18 as 22,036 fans passed through the turnstiles and now, for the first time in school history, the Hens have drawn over 22,000 fans for three straight home games. Delaware drew 22,782 fans for the Towson game, the ninth largest crowd in UD history, and 22,727 for the New Hampshire game, the 10th largest all-time. Delaware will draw in excess of 19,000 or more fans for its 18th straight home game since 2002 this week.

POLL TALK: Delaware, the No. 1 pick in the pre-season polls released by both The Sports Network and USA Today/ESPN, is at No. 4 in TheSports Network Top 25 poll for the second straight week (No. 5 in the USA Today/ESPNTop 25) after last week's victory over Massachusetts. Delaware has now appeared in The Sports Network Top 25 poll for 20 straight weeks since the 2003 season and appeared in the top 10 for 17 straight weeks.

BLUE HENS VS. RANKED TEAMS: Maine, which is ranked No. 8 by The Sports Network Top 25 poll, is the eighth top 20 team the Hens have faced in their last 11 games since the 2003 season. Delaware has currently won seven straight games vs. Top 20 opponents, including a 51-45 triple overtime win over No. 3 Massachusetts, and wins of 20-17 over No. 18 Villanova, 48-7 over No. 4 Southern Illinois, 37-7 over No. 7 Northern Iowa, 24-9 over No. 2 Wofford, and 40-0 over No. 6 Colgate in the NCAA I-AA championship game during the 2003 season and last week's 21-7 win over No. 16 Massachusetts. The Hens have not lost a game vs. a top 20 team since falling to No. 13 ranked Villanova 38-34 in the 2002 season finale. Against Top 10 teams, the Hens are an impressive 18-10 since 1991.

SCORING STREAK STANDS AT 102 FOR HENS: Although the Blue Hens have yet to score a point in the first quarter in four games this season (the longest such streak since five straight games without a first quarter touchdown in 1974-75), Delaware is still putting up respectable offensive numbers. The Hens are averaging 21.7 points and 337.2 total yards per game and have extended their scoring streak to 102 straight game since a 27-0 loss to Villanova in 1996. In addition, the Hens have scored 10 or more points in 22 straight games and in 116 of their last 125 games (92.8 percent) since 1994. The Blue Hens have not suffered a shutout in a span of 139 home games at Delaware Stadium since Holy Cross blanked them 24-0 in 1983 and have not been shutout on the road in their last 44 games since that 27-0 setback to Villanova in 1996. The last time Delaware was held under 10 points was Nov. 2, 2002 when the Hens fell to Massachusetts 17-7 at McGuirk Stadium while the last time they were held in single digits at home was in a 10-7 season-opening loss to Rhode Island Aug. 30, 2001 - a span of 23 games.

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ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE UPDATE

(through games of Oct. 1)

	Conference		Overall		
South	W	L	W	L	This Week
Delaware	2	0	3	1	Maine (12)
James Madison.....	1	0	2	1	Hofstra (6)
Richmond.....	1	0	2	2	Idle
Wm. & Mary	1	0	2	1	Northeastern (1)
Villanova.....	0	1	3	1	UNH (6)
towson	0	2	1	2	Cornell (6)
North	W	L	W	L	This Week
Hofstra	1	0	2	1	at JMU (6)
Northeastern.....	1	0	2	1	at W. & Mary (1)
Maine	0	0	2	1	at Delaware (12)
New Hampshire ..	0	1	3	1	at Villanova (6)
Rhode Island.....	0	1	2	1	Brown (12)
Massachusetts	0	2	2	2	at Boston Coll. (1)

LAST WEEK IN THE ATLANTIC 10

Delaware def. Massachusetts, 21-7
 Hofstra def. Rhode Island, 62-43
 Northeastern def. Towson, 27-3
 West Virginia def. James Madison, 45-10
 New Hampshire def. Dartmouth, 45-24
 Lafayette def. Richmond, 21-16
 Villanova def. Pennsylvania, 16-13
 William & Mary def. Virginia Military Institute, 42-6

ATLANTIC 10 / NCAA I-AA STATISTICAL TEAM RANKINGS

Delaware	Category	Maine
9th/76th (21.7)	Scoring Offense	8th/72nd (22.3)
3rd/28th (191.0)	Rushing Offense	7th/60th (141.0)
8th/89th (146.2)	Passing Offense	7th/78th (162.3)
7th/64th (337.2)	Total Offense	10th/86th (303.3)
3rd/9th (13.5)	Scoring Defense	2nd/5th (11.3)
5th/23rd (107.0)	Rushing Defense	4th/14th (89.7)
4th/12th (128.0)	Passing Defense	9th/69th (200.3)
4th/6th (235.0)	Total Defense	6th/25th (290.0)
9th/53rd (117.6)	Pass Efficiency	7th/35th (130.8)
4th/28th (99.6)	Pass Effic. Defense	6th/42nd (102.4)
9th/65th (32.9)	Net Punting	1st/4th (41.3)
7th/54th (+.25)	Turnover Margin	2nd/17th (+1.33)
1st/6th (17.2)	Punt Returns	5th/38th(10.9)

DELAWARE PLAYERS IN ATLANTIC 10 (Top 10) / NCAA RANKINGS(Top 50 only)

Sean Bleiler - 6th in rushing (81.2 - 50th in NCAA)
Sonny Riccio - 9th in passing efficiency (114.4 - 48th in NCAA)
SidneyHaugabrook - 1st in punt returns (19.1 - 6th in NCAA); 2nd in kickoff returns (24.2 - 30th in NCAA); 7th in interceptions (.50- 55th in NCAA);
MikeWeber - 10th in punting (35.9)
Brad Shushman - 5th in field goals (.75 - 44th in

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SENSATIONAL SIDNEY: University of Delaware senior cornerback and co-captain **SidneyHaugabrook**, a three-time All-Atlantic 10 selection and the 2001 Atlantic 10 and ECAC Rookie of the Year, has earned his share of pre-season notice lately. Haugabrook was a popular guy over the summer, being named to virtually every pre-season All-American team. He was named pre-season All-American by *Athlon Magazine*, *Street & Smith's Magazine*, *Lindy's Magazine*, and the TheSports Network. Locally, he was named pre-season first team All-Atlantic 10 at defensive back and second team at kick returner by the league head coaches. In addition, Haugabrook was rated the top cornerback in NCAA I-AA by The Sports Network. In late August, he was recognized as one of official candidates for the Buck Buchanan Award - which recognized the top defensive player in I-AA each season. Haugabrook was one of just five defensive backs on the "watch" list and one of two Atlantic 10 players, joining Northeastern LB Liam Ezekiel. Haugabrook has enjoyed a solid start in 2004 and will start his 43rd straight game this week vs. Maine. In the 21-17 win over Towson Sept. 11, for which he was named the Atlantic 10 Special Teams Player of the Week, Haugabrook returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown to tie the score at 7-7 midway through the third quarter, returned two kickoffs for 54 yards, and posted four tackles. For the season, he has collected 18 tackles, intercepted two passes (seventh in Atlantic 10), and averaged 19.1 yards on punt returns (1st in Atlantic 10, 6th in NCAA I-AA) and 24.2 on kickoff returns(2nd in Atlantic 10, 30th in NCAA). His career totals include 254 tackles (No. 1 all-time at Delaware among cornerbacks, No. 15 among all players), 12 interceptions (10th at Delaware, second among active players in I-AA), and 20 pass breakups (11th).

DELAWARE JOINS THE 600-WIN CLUB: The Delaware football program reached a significant milestone with the 24-6 win over West Chester Sept. 18 and accomplished what just seven other schools in I-AA have managed. The Blue Hens now own an all-time overall record of 601-381-44 over 113 seasons, moving them into the 600-win club. Only seven other current NCAA I-AA programs have reached 600 wins all-time - Yale (822), Pennsylvania (769), Harvard (759), Princeton (753), Fordham (717), Dartmouth (635), and Lafayette (608). Other schools that could reach the 600-win mark this season are Lehigh (594) and Cornell (593).

ENTERING ON A ROLL: The Blue Hens, who opened the 2004 season riding a six-game winning streak since a 24-14 setback at Northeastern last Nov. 8, continued their winning ways last week with the 21-7 win over Massachusetts. The Hens have now won 24 of their last 32 games under **K.C. Keeler** and 26 of their last 35 games overall since 2001. The Hens are 40-16 (.714) this decade, including a mark of 25-12 (.676) in conference play.

NEWS FLASH - TIGHT END LEADS HENS IN RECEIVING: Don't look now but the Blue Hens' leading receiver plays tight end. Junior **Justin LaForgia**, a second-year transfer from the University of Cincinnati, tops the Hen receiving corps with 13 catches for 78 yards and one touchdown. He had a career-high five catches for 29 yards vs. UMass Saturday, following up a four-reception performance the week before vs. West Chester when he scored his first career touchdown. While it's not unusual for a tight end to lead a football team in receiving, it has been at Delaware. A tight end has not led Delaware in receiving for an entire season since **Mark Steimer** had 22 catches for 369 yards in 1981. When last year's starting tight end **Rick Lavelle** caught 17 passes for 197 yards, it was the most receptions by a UD tight end since **Rob Higbee** had 20 catches for 306 yards in 1994.

MAKING HISTORY IN THE TRENCHES: Delaware freshman **Mike Byrne**, an offensive lineman from Lititz, PA (Manheim Central HS), made history Sept. 18 in the Hens' 21-17 victory over Towson. When starting offensive tackle **Paul Thomson** left the game in the first quarter with an elbow injury, Byrne entered the game, becoming the first true freshman offensive lineman to appear in a game since **Steve Butcher** in 1952. Byrne played the rest of the half before Thomson returned to the lineup in the second half and started again vs. West Chester last week. Byrne earned first team *Associated Press* All-State honors last fall at Manheim Central High School, leading the squad (along with current UD freshman quarterback **Jarryd Moyer**) to the state AAA title. Another Blue Hen freshman has also made history. Redshirt freshman **Rich Beverley**, who started the first two games before being limited with a broken hand last week vs. West Chester, is the first redshirt freshman to start a game at Delaware since **Brian Cook** in 1995 and is believed to be the first redshirt freshman ever to be a regular starter. Sophomore **Scott Conley** is expected to start at guard for the third straight week for Beverley but the freshman will continue to see action.

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NCAA I-AA TOP 25 RANKINGS

The Sports Network
(September 27, 2004)

- 1. Southern Illinois (71) 2584
- 2. Furman (15) 2458
- 3. Georgia Southern (10) 2413
- 4. **Delaware (1)** 2187
- 5. S.F. Austin (4) 2180
- 6. Western Kentucky (1) 2017
- 7. Montana 1981
- 8. **Maine (2)** **1893**
- 9. Wofford 1660
- 10. Villanova 1510
- 11. Colgate 1446
- 12. New Hampshire 1389
- 13. Cal Poly 1278
- 14. Northwestern State 1141
- 15. Northern Iowa 1104
- 16. Northeastern 1006
- 17. Hampton (2) 999
- 18. Sam Houston State 637
- 19. Massachusetts 501
- 20. Northern Arizona 487
- 21. Lehigh 429
- 22. Jacksonville State 416
- 23. McNeese State 406
- 24. Appalachian State 372
- 25. James Madison 303

ESPN/USAToday
(September 28, 2004)

- 1. Southern Illinois (32)
- 2. Furman (6)
- 3. Georgia Southern (2)
- 4. Stephen F. Austin (2)
- 5. **Delaware**
- 6. Western Kentucky
- 7. Montana
- 8. **Maine (1)**
- 9. Wofford
- 10. Colgate
- 11. Villanova
- 12. New Hampshire
- 13. Cal Poly
- 14. Northern Iowa
- 15. Northwestern State
- 16. Hampton
- 17. Northeastern
- 18. Northern Arizona
- 19. Sam Houston State
- 20. Massachusetts
- 21. McNeese State
- 22. Appalachian State
- 23. Lehigh
- 24. James Madison
- 25. Portland State

()=First Place Votes

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HAVEN'T LOST BY MUCH: Head coach **K.C. Keeler's** squads have posted a record of 24-8 in his three seasons at Delaware. His team's average winning margin in the 23 victories is a formidable 10.7 points per game. His average losing margin is a paltry 4.9 points per game with only two setbacks over five points and none over 10 during his Blue Hen career.

WINNING THE TURNOVER BATTLE: The University of Delaware ranked among the national leaders in 2003 in turnover margin with a mark of +19. Over the last 10 seasons, Delaware is 78-14 (.848) when having less or equal amount of turnovers than its opponents and is 54-7 (.885) with 15 straight wins when having less turnovers than its opponent. That streak continued in the win over UMass Saturday as the Hens turned the ball over just once while taking advantage of two Minuteman mishaps.

BACKFIELD BY COMMITTEE WORKING WELL: **Germaine Bennett** and **Antawn Jenkins** handled most of the Blue Hen backfield duties a year ago in Delaware's one-back attack. Bennett earned All-American honors and set a UD single season record with 1,625 yards and Jenkins was a four-year regular who totalled more than 2,000 career yards. This year, the Blue Hen running game is being handled quite capably by a committee of senior co-captain **Sean Bleiler**, sophomore **Niquan Lee**, and redshirt freshman **Lonnie Starks**. Prior to this season, the trio had a combined grand total of just 64 career carries. But the inexperience hasn't showed. The group has combined for 130 carries for 663 yards and three touchdowns and has averaged 5.1 yards per carry. Bleiler, who carried the ball just twice over the last two seasons, both off fake punts, leads the way with 325 yards (81.2 per game) and two touchdowns, having rushed for 110 yards last week vs. UMass, 90 yards vs. New Hampshire, 71 vs. Towson, and 52 vs. West Chester. Starks has rushed for 224 yards (5.2 per carry, 56.0 per game), including a game-high 81 vs. West Chester, and Lee, who missed the season opener vs. New Hampshire with a foot injury, has rushed for 114 yards (57.0) and one touchdown, including 68 yards vs. West Chester.

WELL-GROUNDED: With such outstanding balance in the backfield for the Hens this season, it might be tough getting one player over 100 yards rushing in a single game this season. But **Sean Bleiler** did just that in Saturday's 21-7 win over Massachusetts, rushing 22 times for a career-high 110 yards and a touchdown. The 100-yard effort almost guarantees Delaware of a victory. Delaware has won eight straight games when having a runner rush for over 100 yards in a game (since a Nov. 16 loss at Villanova) and has won 31 of its last 32 games since 1994 when that happens.

"LONG" ON MILESTONES: Delaware junior **Justin Long** reached an impressive milestone vs. West Chester Sept. 18 when he caught his 100th career reception. He added two more catches vs. UMass last week and now has 107 for his career, ranking him sixth all-time at Delaware. Next up is fifth place held by running back **Bob Norris**, who had 112 in 1984-86. The 100-career reception club also includes leader **Eddie Conti** (192 in 1994-98), **Courtney Batts** (179 in 1994-97), **Jamin Elliott** (158 in 1988-2001), and **Ron Withelder** (118 in 1967-69). Milestones should fall soon for two other Blue Hen junior receivers. **Brian Ingram** enters the Maine game with 94 career receptions while **David Boler** owns 90 career receptions.

QUITE A PASS-CATCHING TRIO: The Blue Hens return a talented corps at wide receiver in 2004, which has helped as Delaware breaks in new starting quarterback and Missouri transfer **Sonny Riccio**, who took over after the graduation of All-American **Andy Hall**. The explosive trio of **Boler**, **Long**, and **Ingram** each caught 48 or more passes last season with Boler leading the way with 60 catches for 716 yards and nine touchdowns. The trio combined to catch 158 passes for 1,890 yards and 17 touchdowns during the season. All three also went over the 1,000 career yard receiving mark, making it the first time that Delaware has had three 1,000-yard receivers on the same team in school history. Boler, who missed two games this season with a hamstring injury before returning vs. UMass, has caught at least one pass in 23 straight games entering the Maine game and has recorded career totals of 90 receptions (13th all-time at UD) for 1,282 yards (10th). Long, who has caught at least one pass in 14 straight games, has caught 107 passes (sixth) for 1,281 yards (14th) while Ingram has pulled in 94 receptions (10th) for 1,136 yards (16th). The three have combined for 28 touchdowns. Below is a breakdown of the trio's 2004 and career statistics:

Player	2004 Season (Rec.-Yds.-TDs-Avg.)	Career (Rec.-Yds.-TDs-Avg.)
Brian Ingram.....	9 - 85 - 0 - 9.4	94 - 1136 - 4 - 12.1
David Boler	3-77- 1 - 25.7	90 - 1282 - 13 - 14.4
Justin Long	11-143-2-13.0	107-1281 - 11 - 11.9

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K.C. KEELER BY THE NUMBERS

As Head Coach at Delaware

Overall Record	24-8
Conference Record	14-6
Non-League Record	10-2
vs. NCAA I-A Opponents	1-0
vs. NCAA I-AA Opponents	20-8
vs. NCAA II Opponents	3-0
vs. Gateway Conference	2-0
vs. Southern Conference	3-1
vs. Patriot League	1-0
Record at Delaware Stadium	17-2
Record on Road	7-6
NCAA Tournament Games	4-0
Night Games	9-1
Day Games	15-7
Overtime Games	2-1
In August	1-0
In September	8-4
In October	7-1
In November	5-3
In December	3-0
Delaware Scores First	19-3
Leading or tied at Halftime	20-1
Trailing at Halftime	4-7
Leading or tied Heading Into 4th Quarter	21-3
Gaining More Yards than Opp.	20-4

Year by Year Record as Head Coach

1993	Rowan.....	11-2-0
	NCAA IIIRunner-up; NJAC Champions Lambert Cup	
1994	Rowan.....	6-3
1995	Rowan.....	10-3-1
	NCAA IIIRunner-up; NJACChampions NJACCoach of the Year; Lambert Cup	
1996	Rowan	10-3
	NCAA IIIRunner-up; Lambert Cup	
1997	Rowan	11-1
	NCAA IIISemifinals; NJAC Champions NJAC Coach of the Year	
1998	Rowan	10-3
	NCAAIIIRunner-up; Lambert Cup	
1999	Rowan	12-2
	NCAA IIIRunner-up; ECACTeam of theYear Lambert Cup	
2000	Rowan	7-2
2001	Rowan	11-2
	NCAA IIISemifinals; NJACChampions NJAC Coach of the Year; ECACTeam of the Year; Lambert Cup	
2002	Delaware	6-6
2003	Delaware	15-1
	NCAA I-AA Champions; Atlantic 10 Co- Champions; ECAC Team of the Year; Lambert Cup	
2004	Delaware	3-1

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GOOD TO LEAD AT HALFTIME: When Delaware took a 10-0 lead into halftime and moved on to the 24-6 victory Sept. 18 vs. West Chester, it marked the 13th straight game that the Blue Hens have won when leading at intermission. The Blue Hens have posted an impressive record of 29-3 (.906) this decade when leading at the half and over the last 100 games since 1990, when the Hens have taken a lead into intermission, Delaware is 92-8. Delaware hasn't lost a game when leading at halftime since Oct. 19, 2002 when the Hens let a 14-7 halftime lead slip away in a 17-14 overtime setback to Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

DELAWARE MILESTONES OF NOTE:

K Brad Shushman...20 career field goals ranks No. 6 all-time (No. 5 is Brandt Kennedy with 21 in 1977-79)...career-long 48-yard field goal vs. West Chester was the fifth longest in UDhistory and longest since Garon Sizemore's 48-yarder vs. Youngstown State in 1998...74 career PATs rank No. 8 all-time (No. 7 is Larry Washington with 78 in 1971-72)...134 career points by kicking ranks No. 7 all-time (No. 6 is Steve Leo with 147 in 1990-93).

KR Sidney Haugabrook...67 career punt returns ranks No. 3 all-time (No. 2 is Eddie Conti with 88 in 1994-98)...782 career punt return yards ranks No. 2 all-time (No. 1 is Eddie Conti with 814 in 1994-98)...11.7 career punt return average is No. 1 all-time (No. 1 was 11.3 by Owen Brand in 1981-82)...12 interceptions is No. 10 all-time (No. 9 is 13 by Bernie Ebersole in 1972-74 and by Joe Purzycki in 1967-69 ...198 interception return yards is No. 7 all-time (No. 6 is 229 by Ricardo Walker in 1999-02)...20 career pass breakups is No. 11 all-time (No. 10 is 21 by Warren McIntire in 1989-92)...254 career tackles is No. 16 all-time (No. 15 is 258 by Mondoe Davis, current)

LB Mondoe Davis...258 tackles ranks No. 15 all-time (No. 14 is 261 by Dale Koscielski in 1994-98)...seven forced fumbles ranks No. 2 all-time (No. 1 is eight by Kenny Bailey in 1993-96).

QB Sonny Riccio...became the 23rd player in UDhistory to throw for over 200 yards in a game (217 vs. West Chester)...became just the ninth player in UDhistory to complete 20 passes in a game (20 vs. West Chester).

A SEASON TO REMEMBER: The University of Delaware is coming off the finest season in school history as the Blue Hens won the sixth national title in school history, its first ever in NCAA I-AA, and its first since winning the 1979 NCAA II title in 2003. The Hens set a school record with 15 wins in a 15-1 season and were named Lambert Cup Eastern champions for the 18th time and the ECAC Team of the Year for the 10th time. Delaware was also named State Team of the Year by the Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association and Local Team of the Year by the Philadelphia Sportswriters. The Hens captured their 14th conference title all-time, including their seventh as a member of the Yankee Conference/Atlantic 10 Conference. This season, Delaware and head coach **K.C. Keeler** will be looking to become the first team to repeat as NCAA I-AA national champions since Georgia Southern in 1999-2000.

THE SEASON AHEAD: The Blue Hens, who welcomed back 15 starters and 40 letterwinners from last year's national championship team, were the overwhelming No. 1 pre-season pick in both The Sports Network and USA Today/ESPNpolls selected from I-AA head coaches, sports information directors, and media members. This year marks the first time that Delaware (or any team from the Atlantic 10) was the pre-season No. 1 pick but the Hens appeared in the pre-season poll for the 13th straight season. Delaware received 57 of the 71 first place picks in The Sports Network poll and 26 of the 35 first place votes in the USAToday/ESPN poll. In addition, the Blue Hens were the No. 1 pre-season pick by Street & Smith's Magazine and Lindy's Magazine and picked No. 3 in Athlon Magazine. Ironically, Delaware was not picked to finish first in its own Atlantic 10 Conference based on a poll conducted by league coaches and media members. Delaware was picked No. 2 behind Villanova in the Atlantic 10 South Division and ahead of William & Mary, James Madison, Richmond, and league newcomer Towson. In the North Division, Maine was the pre-season No. 1 pick followed by Northeastern, defending league co-champion Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Hofstra.

NEW UNIFORMS: The Blue Hens are sporting new Nike uniforms and helmets with new colors this fall. Delaware will go back to its official school color of royal blue for its uniforms and its distinctive helmet. The helmet, which will not change design, had previously consisted of gold and navy or dark blue for its colors. The helmet will now be a royal metallic blue which better matches the royal blue colors in Delaware's new uniforms. The Hens will debut the new road uniforms Sept. 25 at Massachusetts.

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BLUE HEN PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaching Staff

Offensive Coordinator
Kirk Ciarrocca (shuh-rock-uh)
Passing Game
Coordinator Bryan Bossard (bo-sard)
Defensive Line Coach Rob Neviasser (nuh-visor)
Graduate Assistant Lyle Hemphill (hem-pull)

Players

#3 G.J Crescione (cresh-she-own)
#5 Sonny Riccio (reach-e-o)
#6 David Boler (bowler)
#12 Jarryd Moyer (jared)
#14 Armand Cauthen (ar-mond caw-thun)
#15 Rashaad Woodard (ruh-shahd wood-urd)
#16 Kervin Michaud (curvin muh-shawd)
#18 Joe Bleymaier (blay-myer)
#19 Mike Weber (Web-ur)
#23 Rafiq Gunthorpe (ruh-feek)
#24 Jahiri Gunthorpe (juh-hear-e)
#29 Nicos Chavis (nee-cos chay-vus)
#30 Anthony Cinelli (suh-nelli)
#33 Jeremy Kametz (kuh-mets)
#37 Lou Samba (sahm-ba)
#39 Mario McLean (muh-clean)
#40 Niquan Lee (nee-kwan)
#41 John Nauss (nouse)
#43 Mark Zambrano (sam-brah-no)
#45 KeiAndre Hepburn (key-andre)
#47 Sidney Haugabrook (hog-a-brook)
#49 Emanuel Benez (ben-uh-be)
#52 Demetrice Alexander (duh-me-truss)
#55 Marquez Davis (mar-kwez)
#58 Mondoe Davis (mon-dough)
#63 Mark Ciavarella (cav-a-rella)
#67 Rich Beverly (beverly)
#76 Jared Wray (ray)
#80 Justin LaForgia (la-four-ja)
#82 Joe Cordrey (core-dree)
#86 Jon Heydt (height)
#93 Jim Casertano (cass-ur-tah-no)
#96 Rachid Stoury (ra-sheed story)
#97 Bubba Jespersen (jesper-son)

DID YOU KNOW?

The fifth place finishing 4 x 100 meter relay team at the 2004 Colonial Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field meet held in Richmond last April had a distinctive Blue Hen football flavor. The foursome of Blue Hen junior defensive back **Roger Brown**, senior defensive back **Sidney Haugabrook**, sophomore defensive back **Rashaad Woodard**, and **Charlie Williams**, who does not play football, placed fifth overall with a time of 42.49. All four are expected to return this spring to help improve upon that time and finish.

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THESE HENS HAVE BRAINS.....: Not only have the Blue Hens got the job done on the field, they are seeing outstanding results in the classroom. No less than seven Delaware players are potential Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American candidates. To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must have at least sophomore standing, be a starter or key reserve, and hold a 3.2 or better grade point index. Leading the way is senior defensive lineman **Ben Cross** who holds a 3.9 grade point index as a civil engineering major. Cross, who is also a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award candidate, earned the inaugural Atlantic 10 Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award last season when he also was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American second team. In addition to Cross, other Blue Hens eligible for the Academic All-American team are junior wide receiver **Joe Bleymaier**, sophomore quarterback **Ryan Carty**, graduate linebacker **Mondoe Davis**, senior defensive lineman **Chris Mooney**, senior linebacker **Mark Moore**, and defensive lineman **Tom Parks**. Cross, Bleymaier, and Mooney were also named to the CoSIDA District 2 team a year ago. The Hens would have had an eighth candidate but senior pre-season All-Atlantic 10 offensive guard **Jared Wray** suffered a career-ending back injury in pre-season and will not play this fall. Four current UD players are currently enrolled in graduate school - Davis, **Sean Bleiler**, **Garron Bible**, and **Dominic Santoli**.

.....**AND BRAUN**: According to University of Delaware strength and conditioning coach **Russell Barbarino**, the current Blue Hen roster is stronger and more fit than any other in school history. Broken records in spring and summer testing - including strength, speed, and agility drills - have become commonplace. Each summer Barbarino conducts a Best Conditioned Athlete contest with the overall winner having the most points from a battery of tests. And this year, for the second time in three seasons, senior defensive lineman **Ben Cross** was named the winner. Cross earned first place with 3,239 points followed by LB Mondoe Davis (3,082), and RB **Sean Bleiler** (2,961). Individual position leaders were Cross (defensive line), Davis (big skill), Bleiler (offensive sk), **Sidney Haugabrook** (defensive backs), and **Mark Ciavarella** (offensive line). Individual event leaders were Ciavarella (bench press - 455 lbs.), Davis (squat lift - 675 lbs.), LB **Ryan McDermond** (agility - 3.97); DL **Bubba Jespersen** (225 lb. lift - 27 times); Cross (vertical jump - 40 inches; power clean lift - 355 lbs.), and DB **Jeff Robinson** (broad jump - 11-2).

BLUE HEN PRE-SEASON HONORS:

Sidney Haugabrook (DB) - Athlon Magazine Pre-Season All-American; Street & Smith's Magazine Pre-Season All-American; Lindy's Magazine Pre-Season All-American; The Sports Network Pre-Season 1st team All-American; 1st team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10 (DB); 2nd team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10 (KR); Buck Buchanan Award "Watch" List.

Chris Mooney (DL) - 1st team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10; Lindy's Magazine Pre-Season All-American

Mondoe Davis (LB) - The Sports Network Pre-Season 2nd team All-American; 1st team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10

Trip DelCampo (OL) - 1st team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10

Jared Wray (OL) - 2nd team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10

John Mulhern (LB) - 2nd team Pre-Season All-Atlantic 10

OH BROTHER! The Hens have two sets of brother on the team this season - linebackers **Marquez and Mondoe Davis** from Newport News, VA, and freshman defensive backs **Rafiq and Jahiri Gunthorpe** from Brandywine, MD. In addition, redshirt freshman linebacker **Erik Johnson** is the younger brother of Delaware's 2004 All-American defensive end Shawn Johnson, junior linebacker **John Mulhern** is the younger brother of former Blue Hen standout linebackers and captains Pat and Dan, senior running back **Sean Bleiler** is the younger brother of former Blue Hen punter Ryan Bleiler; No. 3 quarterback **T.J. DiMuzio** is the son of former Delaware All-American quarterback Tom DiMuzio, and sophomore DB **Zach Thomas** is the younger brother of New Hampshire senior DB Aaron Thomas.

IN THE PROS: The National Football League career of former University of Delaware standout quarterback **Rich Gannon** has been well-documented. The former All-American still rates among the top signal callers in the NFL and he was the league Most Valuable Player in 2002 when he led the Oakland Raiders to a berth in the Super Bowl. But Gannon isn't the only former Blue Hen chasing professional glory. He is one of five former Delaware players currently on NFL rosters. Quarterback **Andy Hall** and defensive end **Shawn Johnson**, both 2003 All-Americans who led Delaware to the NCAA I-AA title last fall, are on the practice squads of the Philadelphia Eagles and Tennessee Titans respectively. Johnson was picked up after being released by Oakland in the pre-season. Also on NFL practice squads this fall are 2003 co-captains, DB **Mike Adams** (San Francisco 49ers) and OG **Jason Nerys** (New York Jets). Nerys, who was signed just this past week after being released by the Jets, earned All-American honors in 2003. In addition to those five, former Delaware wide receiver **Jamin Elliott** was released by the Chicago Bears and 2002 leading rusher **Keith Burnell** were released by the New York Jets in pre-season.



PROBABLE TWO-DEEP LINEUPS • Oct. 2, 2004

DELAWARE VS. MAINE

DELAWARE OFFENSE

TE	87	STEVE SELK *	(So., 6-2, 225)
	80	Justin LaForgia *	(Jr., 6-5, 220)
WR	6	DAVID BOLER **	(Jr., 6-2, 215)
	36	Bryan Tingle **	(Jr., 5-10, 185)
WR	18	JOE BLEYMAIER **	(Jr., 5-10, 185)
	3	G.J. Crescione ***	(Sr., 5-9, 180)
WR	8	JUSTIN LONG **	(Jr., 6-0, 190)
	7	Brian Ingram **	(Jr., 6-5, 180)
LT	72	TRIP DELCAMPO ***	(Sr., 6-5, 300)
	60	Marco Kristen	(Fr.r, 6-8, 285)
LG	68	SCOTT CONLEY *	(So., 6-3, 280)
	67	Rich Beverley	(Fr.r, 6-5, 285)
C	69	CHRIS EDWARDS ***	(Sr., 6-3, 290)
	63	Mark Ciavarella	(Fr.r., 6-3, 295)
RG	74	BRIAN SIMS **	(Jr., 6-4, 280)
	64	Greg Benson	(Fr.r, 6-4, 265)
RT	78	PAUL THOMSON **	(Sr., 6-6, 330)
	75	Mike Byrne	(Fr., 6-5, 265)
QB	5	SONNY RICCIO	(Jr., 6-2, 215)
	10	RyanCarty *	(So., 5-11, 210)
RB	22	SEAN BLEILER ***	(Sr., 6-0, 220)
or	20	LONNIE STARKS	(Fr.r, 5-9, 165)

DELAWARE DEFENSE

LE	1	DOMINIC SANTOLI ***	(Sr., 6-2, 245)
	37	Lou Samba **	(Jr., 6-0, 250)
DT	84	BRIANJENNINGS ***	(Sr., 6-2, 270)
	90	Richard Washington	(Fr.r, 6-2, 250)O
DT	51	TOM PARKS **	(Jr., 6-4, 260)
	97	Bubba Jespersen *	(So., 6-1, 240)
RE	92	CHRIS MOONEY ***	(Sr., 6-5, 270)
	26	Ben Cross ***	(Sr., 5-10, 210)
OLB	44	JOHN MULHERN **	(Jr., 6-2, 225)
	55	Marquez Davis	(Fr.r, 6-2, 210)
MLB	58	MONDOE DAVIS ***	(Sr., 6-1, 225)
	9	Ryan McDermond *	(Sr., 6-1, 235)
OLB	53	MARK MOORE ***	(Sr., 5-11, 210)
	45	KeiAndre Hepburn *	(So., 5-11, 210)
LCB	15	RASHAAD WOODARD *	(So., 5-9, 185)
	4	Roger Brown **	(Jr., 5-11, 190)
SS	32	KYLE CAMPBELL *	(So., 5-11, 190)
	29	Nicos Chavis *	(So., 6-1, 180)
FS	2	GARRON BIBLE	(Sr., 5-10, 197)
	17	Dave Camburn ***	(Sr., 5-11, 188)
RCB	47	SIDNEY HAUGABROOK ***	(Sr., 5-10, 185)
	4	Roger Brown **	(Jr., 5-11, 190)

DELAWARE SPECIALISTS

K/KO	21	BRAD SHUSHMAN **	(Sr., 5-11, 190)
	25	Chris Rossman	(Fr., 6-0, 185)
PUNT	19	MIKE WEBER *	(Jr., 6-2, 195)
	21	Brad Shushman **	(Sr., 5-11, 190)
HOLD	18	JOE BLEYMAIER **	(Jr., 5-10, 185)
	3	G.J. Crescione ***	(Sr., 5-9, 180)
LS	65	BRETT WHARTON **	(Jr., 6-1, 205)
	80	Justin LaForgia *	(Jr., 6-5, 220)
SS	68	SCOTT CONLEY *	(So., 6-3, 280)
	65	Brett Wharton **	(So., 6-1, 205)
KR	47	SIDNEY HAUGABROOK ***	(Sr., 5-10, 185)
	15	Rashaad Woodard *	(So., 5-9, 185)
PR	47	SIDNEY HAUGABROOK ***	(Sr., 5-10, 185)
	7	Brian Ingram **	(Jr., 6-5, 180)

MAINE OFFENSE

TE	80	JOSH RADULSKI	(Jr., 6-5, 248)
	89	Mike Moran	(Fr., 6-4, 249)
WR	1	CHRISTIAN PEREIRA	(Sr., 6-3, 218)
	5	Kevin McMahan	(Jr., 6-2, 200)
WR	8	RYAN WALLER	(Jr., 6-0, 197)
	7	Ivi Nwosu	(Sr., 6-1, 200)
LT	72	RYAN BIRD	(Jr., 6-3, 302)
	76	Dimitri Vallis	(Fr.-r., 6-3, 284)
LG	52	EVIGN DODGE	(Jr., 6-1, 290)
	58	Shawn Demaray	(Fr.-r., 6-2, 270)
C	62	BEN LAZARSKI	(Jr., 6-1, 278)
	79	Mike Piekanski	(So., 6-1, 282)
RG	68	MIKE LECONTE	(Sr., 6-3, 287)
	65	Justin Roberts	(So., 6-3, 285)
RT	73	MARK LEHNER	(Sr., 6-3, 307)
	51	Brian Quinn	(Jr., 6-3, 260)
QB	19	RON WHITCOMB	(So., 6-2, 219)
	14	Chris Legree	(Jr., 6-0, 213)
FB	40	KENNETH HENRY	(So., 6-2, 255)
	84	Dzigbodi Ababi	(Jr., 6-3, 248)
TB	21	MARCUS WILLIAMS	(Sr., 5-10, 230)
	33	Montell Owens	(Jr., 5-10, 221)

MAINE DEFENSE

DE	45	MATTHEW KING	(So., 6-3, 226)
	98	Patrick McCrossan	(Fr.-r., 6-4, 233)
DT	55	PAT PA'U	(Sr., 6-5, 254)
	96	Bruno Dorismond	(Fr.-r., 6-4, 281)
NT	90	MIKE DEVITO	(So., 6-3, 275)
	95	Bryan Grier	(Fr., 6-1, 365)
DE	99	MARCUS WALTON	(Sr., 6-2, 253)
	30	Kurt Bulwith	(Jr., 6-4, 245)
SS	17	JOAN QUEZADA	(Jr., 6-2, 222)
	23	Alex Goyins	(So., 6-0, 197)
LB	38	JERMAINE WALKER	(Jr., 6-0, 232)
	35	Justin Knox	(Jr., 6-1, 223)
LB	11	AGEAN ROBINSON	(Sr., 6-1, 228)
	36	Anthony Hicks	(Fr.-r., 6-1, 212)
SS	4	BRANDON MCGOWAN	(Sr., 5-0, 217)
	24	James Henry	(Sr., 6-9, 210)
CB	2	DEVON GOREE	(Sr., 5-8, 193)
	27	Manauris Arias	(So., 5-8, 174)
FS	47	DAREN STONE	(So., 6-3, 212)
	31	Joe Vanidestine	(So., 5-11, 190)
CB	20	JOHN BAUMGARTNER	(Sr., 5-11, 180)
	26	Clinton Brown	(Jr., 5-9, 185)

MAINE SPECIALISTS

K/KO	12	MIKE MELLOW	(Sr., 6-2, 230)
	82	Rocco Navarro	(So., 5-11, 208)
PUNT	12	MIKE MELLOW	(Sr., 6-2, 230)
	82	Rocco Navarro	(So., 5-11, 208)
HOLD	18	ANTHONY COTRONE	(Fr.-r., 6-2, 234)
	19	Ron Whitcomb	(So., 6-2, 219)
LS	59	ROB BROOKS	(Sr., 6-5, 248)
	17	Joan Quezada	(Jr., 6-2, 222)
SS	59	ROB BROOKS	(Sr., 6-5, 248)
	17	Joan Quezada	(Jr., 6-2, 222)
KR	6	AREL GORDON	(So., 5-9, 170)
	5	Kevin McMahan	(Jr., 6-2, 200)
PR	5	KEVIN MCMAHAN	(Jr., 6-2, 200)
	6	Arel Gordon	(So., 5-9, 170)

2004 SEASON IN REVIEW

New Hampshire24

#1 DELAWARE21

September 2, 2004 • Delaware Stadium (22,727)

NEWARK, DE -- Redshirt freshman QB Ricky Santos took over for injured starter Mike Granieri in the first half and hit on 10 of 11 passes for 146 yards and threw a game-clinching 44-yard touchdown pass to David Ball early in the fourth quarter as New Hampshire upset top-ranked and defending NCAA I-AA national champion Delaware in the season opener for both teams.

The Wildcats, who defeated a No. 1 ranked team for the first time in school history, held the lead for the entire game before Delaware went up 21-17 on a seven-yard touchdown run by Sean Bleiler with 13:56 left to play. But New Hampshire came right back on its next possession and moved 67 yards on eight plays for the what proved to be the winning score when Santos hit Ball across the middle for a 44-yard pass play.

Delaware, which won its final six games on the way to capturing the 2003 NCAA I-AA title with a 15-1 mark, had a 10-game home win streak as the sellout crowd of 22,727 went home disappointed. The Hens lost just their second season opener in the last 10 years.

Granieri, a third-year starter and widely considered one of the best quarterbacks in the Atlantic 10, went down with a season-ending knee injury midway through the second half. But Santos was up to the task in relief in leading UNH to the win.

New Hampshire running back R.J. Harvey rushed 32 times for 114 yards and two touchdowns, including a one-yard scoring dive to open the scoring with 6:32 left in the first quarter and on an eight-yard run with 2:10 left in the third quarter that gave the Wildcats their biggest lead of the night at 17-8. Ball caught five passes for 118 yards to aid the UNH attack. New Hampshire, although outgained 351-340 by the Blue Hens, held a 12-minute advantage in time of possession.

Delaware junior quarterback Sonny Riccio, a transfer from Missouri who was making his first start at Delaware, completed 13 of 17 passes for 101 yards and one touchdown, a 29-yard screen pass to redshirt freshman running back Lonnie Starks with 1:34 left in the third quarter that cut the UNH lead to 17-15. Starks rushed for 74 yards on 11 carries and caught four passes for 40 yards. Brad Shushman added field goals of 27 and 22 yards for the Blue Hens.

New Hampshire.....	7	0	10	7	-	24
Delaware.....	0	3	12	6	-	21

New Hampshire - Harvey 1 run (McCormick kick), 6:32 (1st Quarter)

Delaware - FG Shushman 27, 13:44 (2nd)

New Hampshire - FG McCormick 36, 11:46 (3rd)

Delaware - Team Safety, 7:17 (3rd)

Delaware - FG Shushman 22, 5:37 (3rd)

New Hampshire - Harvey 8 run (McCormick kick), 2:10 (3rd)

Delaware - Starks 29 pass from Riccio (Shushman kick), 1:34 (3rd)

Delaware - Bleiler 7 run (Carty pass failed), 13:56 (4th)

New Hampshire - Ball 44 pass from Santos (McCormick kick), 11:13 (4th)

UNH	TEAM STATISTICS	UD
19.....	First Downs	16
59-157.....	Rushes-yards	35-179
14-18-1.....	Passing	16-22-1
340.....	Total Offense	351
5-41.4.....	Punts-Avg.....	2-2
2-1.....	Fumbles-lost	0-0
7-40.....	Penalties-yards	4-51
35:57.....	Time of Possession	24:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Rushing - **New Hampshire**, B.J. Harvey, 32-114, Mike Granieri, 7-40, John McCoy, 11-24, Ricky Santos, 7-9, Shaun Diner 1-6, Team, 1-(-36); **Delaware**, Sean Bleiler, 12-90, Lonnie Starks, 11-74, Sonny Riccio, 10-9, Ryan Carty, 1-5, Joe Bleymaier, 1-1; **Passing: New Hampshire**, Santos 10-11-146-0, Granieri 4-7-1-37-0; **Delaware**, Riccio 13-17-101-1, Carty 3-5-0-71-0; **Receiving: New Hampshire**, David Ball, 5-118, David Bailey, 3-4, McCoy 2-34, Harvey 2-8, Jonathan Williams 1-13, Aaron Brown 1-6; **Delaware**, Starks, 4-40, Brian Ingram, 3-26; Bleiler, 3-22, Justin LaForgia, 2-10, David Boler, 1-61, Justin Long, 1-11, G.J. Crescione, 1-1, Steve Selk, 1-1.

#7 DELAWARE21

Towson.....17

September 11, 2004 • Delaware Stadium (22,782)

NEWARK, DE -- SidneyHaugabrook ignited Delaware with an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown midway through the third quarter and Niquan Lee scored the game-winner with a one-yard dive with 7:26 left to play as No. 7 Delaware rallied to defeat Towson 21-17 in the Atlantic 10 Football Conference opener for both teams.

The Blue Hens (1-1, 1-0) overcame a sluggish offensive effort and three interceptions by Towson's Allante Harrison to take the early Atlantic 10 lead. Towson (1-1, 0-1), a first-year member of the Atlantic 10 after seven years in the Patriot League, almost pulled the big upset.

It was a defensive struggle for most of the evening as Delaware managed just 213 total yards and Towson tallied just 152. The game also featured 17 punts and four turnovers before the Hens pulled out the win. The 213 total yards by theBlue Hens was the lowest total in three seasons under head coach K.C. Keeler.

Towson took the early lead when Corle scored from four yards out to cap a 43-yard drive that consumed over five minutes. The sluggish Delaware offensive was finally ignited with 7:16 left in the third quarter when Haugabrook took a punt at his own 20-yard line, dodged a trio of tacklers, and romped 80 yards for his second career punt return for a touchdown.

The tie was short-lived though as Will Marcus returned the ensuing kickoff 69 yards to set up a career-long 41-yard field goal by Towson's Stephan Toth, giving the Tigers a 10-7 edge with 5:17 left in the third quarter.

The rest of the scoring took place in the final quarter as the Hens took the lead on a six-yard pass from Sonny Riccio to Justin Long to cap a 14-play, 74-yard drive and give Delaware a 14-10 lead with 13:15 remaining. But back came Towson again as Harrison picked off his third pass of the game, and his fifth in two games this season, and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown to give the Tigers a 17-14 lead with 12:39 remaining.

With Towson facing a second and three at its own 27-yard line midway through the final stanza, Goldbeck made an errant pitch to Miles and Chris Mooney recovered for the Hens. After Sean Bleiler gained 12 yards on two carries, Lee leaped over from the one-yard line for what proved to be the winning score.

Towson put one last drive together and got down to the Delaware 23-yard line but the Hens threw Miles for a one-yard loss and Goldbeck's four-yard pass to Jim Alexander on fourth down was short of the first down. Delaware closed out the win by getting two first downs, including runs of 14 and 20 yards by Lee.

Towson.....	0	7	3	7	-	17
Delaware.....	0	0	7	14	-	21

Towson - Corle 4 run (Toth kick), 6:40 left (2nd quarter)

Delaware - Haugabrook 80 punt return (Shushman kick), 7:16 (3rd)

Towson - FG Toth 41, 5:17 (3rd)

Delaware - Long 6 pass from Riccio (Shushman kick), 13:15 (4th)

Towson - Harrison 54 interception return (Toth kick), 12:39 (4th)

Delaware - Lee 1 run (Shushman kick), 7:26 (4th)

TOW	TEAM STATISTICS	UD
9.....	First Downs	14
35-93.....	Rushes-yards	38-132
15-28-0-59.....	Passing	14-31-3-81
152.....	Total Offense	213
11-36.5.....	Punts-Avg.....	8-37.6
1-1.....	Fumbles-lost	1-0
11-95.....	Penalties-yards	6-49
30:02.....	Time of Possession	29:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:Rushing - **Towson**, Josh Corle, 15-46, Kerry Miles, 11-45, Eugene King, 4-9, Will Marcus, 1-5, Andrae Brown, 1- (-4), Andrew Goldbeck, 3- (-8); **Delaware**, Sean Bleiler, 17-73, Niquan Lee, 8-46, Lonnie Starks, 7-8, Sonny Riccio, 4-6, Team, 2- (-2); **Passing: Towson**, Goldbeck, 15-28-0-59; **Delaware**, Riccio, 14-31-3-81; **Receiving: Towson**, Jim Alexander, 4-20, Eric Yancey, 3-19, Will Marcus, 2-10, Paul Perry, 2-4, Ryan Collins, 2-3, Josh Corle, 2-3; **Delaware**, G.J. Crescione, 6-54, Brian Ingram, 3-16, Justin Long, 2-7, Justin LaForgia, 2-6, Dominic Madigan, 1- (-2).

#6 DELAWARE24

West Chester6

September 18, 2004 • Delaware Stadium (22,036)

NEWARK, DE -- Sonny Riccio threw for 217 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score and the Delaware defense forced three turnovers as the No. 6 Blue Hens handled local rival West Chester.

Riccio, a first-year transfer from Missouri, had by far his best game in three starts as he hit on 20 of 31 passes for a career-high 217 yards and threw touchdown passes to tight end JustinLaForgia and wide receiver Justin Long. He also ran for a one-yard score to spark the Blue Hens (2-1) to their second straight win and their 18th win in their last 20 home games before a third straight sellout crowd.

The Hens have now defeated NCAAADivision II West Chester (2-2)11 straight times and 14 times in the last 15 meetings. The win also gave the Delaware football program its 600th win all-time as the Hens became just the eighth current NCAAI-AA program to reach that victory total.

West Chester played tough defensively but could not overcome three turnovers and just 222 total yards of offense. Quarterback Bob Findora hit on 16 of 29 passes for 153 yards but was intercepted twice. Brent Steinmetz, who transferred to West Chester from Delaware last spring, led theRam running attack with 43 yards.

Delaware enjoyed a balanced effort as the Hens managed 431 total yards, including 214 on the ground and 217 through the air. Delaware's running back trio of redshirt freshmanLonnie Starks (81 yards), sophomore Niquan Lee (68 yards), and senior Sean Bleiler (52 yards) led the way. Long caught six passes for 81 yards and notched his 100th career reception.

The Blue Hen defense, led by Mondoe Davis' four tackles, one interception, two pass breakups, and once forced fumble, came up with another big defensive effort, holding West Chester to 222 yards and holding a 13-minute advantage in possession time.

Neither team could get anything going offensively until midway through the second half when the Hens got on the board first, driving 75 yards on 10 plays and capping the drive when Riccio hit a diving LaForgia in the end zone for a 7-0 lead. Delaware took a 10-0 advantage into halftime when senior kicker Brad Shushman nailed a career-long 48-yard field goal with 3:30 left before intermission.

The Hens went up 17-0 with 9:40 left in the third quarter when Riccio dove in from one-yard out to cap an 80-yard drive. West Chester scored its lone points midway through the fourth quarter when Findora scored on a one-yard leap to cap a 74-yard drive. Riccio capped the night's scoring when he hit Long on a four-yard scoring toss with 4:59 left.

West Chester.....	0	0	0	6	-	6
Delaware.....	0	10	7	7	-	24

Delaware - LaForgia 7 pass from Riccio (Shushman kick), 7:55 (2nd Quarter)

Delaware - FG Shushman 48, 3:30 (2nd)

Delaware - Riccio 2 run (Shushman kick), 9:40 (3rd)

WCU - Findora 1 run (Collins kick failed), 7:13 (4th)

Delaware - Long 4 pass from Riccio (Shushman kick), 4:59 (4th)

WCU	TEAM STATISTICS	UD
15.....	First Downs	21
29-66.....	Rushes-yards	48-214
17-31-2-156.....	Passing	20-31-0-217
222.....	Total Offense	431
5-37.0.....	Punts-Avg.....	5-31.4
3-1.....	Fumbles-lost	0-0
6-44.....	Penalties-yards	12-94
23:23.....	Time of Possession	36:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Rushing - West Chester, Brent Steinmetz, 15-43, Bob Findora, 5-10, Osagie Osunde, 5-7, Matt Burdalski, 2-5, Josh Fidler, 2-1; **Delaware**, Lonnie Starks, 13-81, Niquan Lee, 15-68, Sean Bleiler, 13-52, Sonny Riccio, 7-13; **Passing: West Chester**, Findora, 16-29-2-153, Burdalski, 1-2-0-3; **Delaware**, Riccio, 20-31-0-217; **Receiving: West Chester**, Brandon Simmons, 6-89, Matt Chambers, 5-41, Cory DeForrest, 3-13, Steinmetz, 2-10, Joe Bernatowicz, 1-3; **Delaware**, Justin Long, 6-81, JustinLaForgia, 4-33, Brian Ingram, 3-43, Sean Bleiler, 2-15, G.J. Crescione, 2-6, Joe Bleymaier, 1-34, Starks, 1-3, Mike Mailey, 1-2.

#4 DELAWARE21

#16 Massachusetts.....7

September 25, 2004 • McGuirk Stadium

AMHERST, MA -- Sean Bleiler rushed for a career-high 110 yards, Sonny Riccio fired two touchdown passes, and the Delaware defensive came up with another dominating effort as the No. 4 ranked Blue Hens knocked off No. 16 Massachusetts in a battle of last year's Atlantic 10 Conference co-champions.

The Blue Hens (3-1, 2-0 Atlantic 10), who downed UMass 51-45 in three overtimes in a classic battle the previous year, used defense this time to pick up their third straight win and hand the Minutemen (2-2, 0-2 A-10) their second straight setback.

Bleiler rushed 22 times for 110 yards and one score, an eight-yard burst with 1:41 left to play, that gave the Hens some breathing room. The bruising senior, a first-year regular in the UD backfield, registered his first career 100-yard rushing game and consistently came up big on several third down plays throughout the game.

Delaware, which has now defeated UMass three times in the last four meetings, had taken the lead for good when Riccio, who completed 11 of 18 passes for 115 yards and also rushed for 70 yards, hit David Boler on a 10-yard fade pattern in the back of the end zone. Boler, who missed the previous two games with a hamstring injury, went high to haul in Riccio's lob pass and pulled it down just inside the end line. That score gave the Hens a 14-7 lead with 12:21 remaining.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Hens opened the scoring with 9:27 left before halftime as they drove 81 yards in six plays and capped the drive with Riccio hitting Joe Bleymaier across the middle for a 26-yard scoring pass.

Massachusetts came right back to the tie the game with 5:18 left in the second quarter behind a 12-play, 76-yard drive that was finished off when Tim Day hit Brandon London with a nine-yard scoring pass. Day, the national leader in passing efficiency entering the game, hit on 12 of 23 passes for 114 yards on the day.

Delaware's defensive stifled Massachusetts all day, holding the Minutemen to just 10 first downs and 226 total yards and sacking Day twice. The Blue Hens held All-American wide receiver Jason Peebler to just one reception for seven yards - on UMass' first offensive play of the day. He had entered the game with 13 receptions for 435 yards and five touchdowns. UMass running back Steve Baylark gained 94 yards on 17 carries but never got into the end zone.

Middle linebacker Mondoe Davis led the Hens with 13 tackles while brother Marquez Davis got his first career start in place of injured John Mulhern and had seven tackles and forced a fumble. SidneyHaugabrook added his second interception of the season and returned it 38 yards to stop a Massachusetts drive in the second half.

Charles Walker recorded a school record 23 tackles for UMass,including two sacks.

Delaware.....	0	7	0	14	-	21
Massachusetts.....	0	7	0	0	-	7

Delaware - Bleymaier 26 pass from Riccio (Shushman kick), 9:27 (2nd Q)

UMass - London 9 pass from Day (Goldstein kick), 5:18 (2nd)

Delaware - Boler 10 pass from Riccio (Shushman kick), 12:21 (4th)

Delaware - Bleiler 8 run (Shushman kick), 1:41 (4th)

UMASS	TEAM STATISTICS	UD
10.....	First Downs	22
29-112.....	Rushes-yards	52-239
12-23-1-114.....	Passing	11-18-1-115
226.....	Total Offense	354
6-53.0.....	Punts-Avg.....	5-38.0
2-1.....	Fumbles-lost	0-0
11-81.....	Penalties-yards	3-19
26:24.....	Time of Possession	33:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:Rushing - Delaware, Sean Bleiler, 22-110, Sonny Riccio, 17-70, Lonnie Starks, 12-61, Team, 1-(-2); **Massachusetts**, Steve Baylark, 17-94, Bryan Smith, 5-18, Tim Day, 6-2, Rich Demers, 1- (-2); **Passing - Delaware**, Riccio, 11-18-1-115; **Massachusetts**, Day, 12-23-1-114; **Receiving - Delaware**, Justin LaForgia, 5-29, Justin Long, 2-44, David Boler, 2-16, Joe Bleymaier, 1-26, Starks, 1-0; **Massachusetts**, Brandon London, 5-56, J.J.Moore, 3-20, Mike Douglas, 1-15, Demers, 1-9, Nathanael Hasselbeck, 1-7, Jason Peebler, 1-7.

2004 Game by Game Team Statistics

GAME	1ST D	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	PASSES	TOT.YDS.	PUNT-AVG.	FUM-LST	PEN.-YDS	POSS.	3RD DWN.
#1 Delaware (21).....	16	35-179	172	16-22-1	351	4-35.8	2-2	4-51	24:03	4-12
New Hampshire (24) L.....	19	59-157	183	14-18-1	340	5-41.4	2-1	7-40	35:57	10-20
#7 Delaware (21) W.....	14	38-132	81	14-31-3	213	8-37.6	1-0	6-49	29:58	8-18
Towson (17).....	9	35-93	59	15-28-0	152	11-36.5	1-1	11-95	30:02	3-16
#6 Delaware (24) W.....	21	48-214	217	20-31-0	431	5-31.4	0-0	12-94	36:37	7-18
West Chester (6).....	15	29-66	156	17-31-2	222	5-37.0	3-1	6-44	23:23	6-13
#6 Delaware (21).....	22	52-239	115	11-18-1	354	5-38.0	0-0	3-19	33:36	9-15
#14 Massachusetts (7)....	10	29-112	114	12-23-1	226	6-53.0	2-1	11-81	26:24	4-13

2004 Game by Game Starters

OFFENSE	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
New Hampshire	Riccio	Bleiler	Ingram	Long	LaForgia (TE)	Selk	Delcampo	Beverley	Edwards	Sims	Thomson
Towson	Riccio	Bleiler	Ingram	Long	Bleymaier	Selk	Delcampo	Beverley	Edwards	Sims	Thomson
West Chester	Riccio	Bleiler	Ingram	Long	Bleymaier	LaForgia	Delcampo	Conley	Edwards	Sims	Thomson
Massachusetts	Riccio	Starks	Boler	Long	LaForgia (TE)	LaForgia	Delcampo	Conley	Edwards	Sims	Thomson

DEFENSE	LE	LT	RT	RE	LLB	MLB	RLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
New Hampshire	Mooney	Jennings	Parks	Santoli	Mulhern	Mo. Davis	Moore	Woodard	Bible	Campbell	Haugabrook
Towson	Samba	Mooney	Parks	Santoli	Mulhern	Mo. Davis	Moore	Woodard	Bible	Campbell	Haugabrook
West Chester	Cross	Mooney	Parks	Santoli	Mulhern	Mo. Davis	Moore	Woodard	Bible	Campbell	Haugabrook
Massachusetts	Mooney	Jennings	Parks	Santoli	Ma. Davis	Mo. Davis	Moore	Woodard	Bible	Campbell	Haugabrook

Overall Team Statistics

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Brad Shushman	3-6	50.0	0-0	2-4	0-0	1-2	0-0	48	0

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-1-0)	(2-1-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(2-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-1-0)	(1-1-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)

FG SEQUENCE	Delaware	OPPONENTS
New Hampshire	(27), 27, (22)	21, (36)
Towson	47	(41)
West Chester	28, (48)	-
Massachusetts	-	36

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sep 02, 2004	NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	21-24	22727
*Sep 11, 2004	TOWSON	W	21-17	22782
Sep 18, 2004	WEST CHESTER	W	24-6	22036
*Sep 25, 2004 at #16 Massachusetts		W	21-7	11298

* denotes conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	UD	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	73	53
Rushing.....	42	28
Passing.....	23	20
Penalty.....	8	5
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	764	428
Yards gained rushing...	848	575
Yards lost rushing.....	84	147
Rushing Attempts.....	173	152
Average Per Rush.....	4.4	2.8
Average Per Game.....	191.0	107.0
Tds Rushing.....	4	4
PASSING YARDAGE.....	585	512
Att-Comp-Int.....	102-61-5	100-58-4
Average Per Pass.....	5.7	5.1
Average Per Catch.....	9.6	8.8
Average Per Game.....	146.2	128.0
Tds Passing.....	6	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1349	940
Total Plays.....	275	252
Average Per Play.....	4.9	3.7
Average Per Game.....	337.2	235.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	9-194	14-301
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	9-155	7-68
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	4-85	5-68
FUMBLES-LOST.....	3-2	8-4
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	25-213	35-260
PUNTS-AVG.....	22-36.0	27-41.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	31:03	28:57
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	28/63	23/62
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	1/5	3/6

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Brad Shushman	0	3-6	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	19
Justin Long	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Sean Bleiler	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Lonnie Starks	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
David Boler	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Joe Bleymaier	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sonny Riccio	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sid. Haugabrook	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Niquan Lee	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Justin LaForgia	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Ryan Carty	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total.....	11	3-6	10-10	0-0	0	0-1	0	1	87
Opponents.....	7	2-4	6-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Delaware.....	0	20	26	41	87
Opponents.....	7	14	13	20	54

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Sid. Haugabrook	2	39	19.5	0	38
Mondoe Davis	1	22	22.0	0	22
Rashaad Woodard	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total.....	4	85	21.2	0	38
Opponents.....	5	68	13.6	1	54

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Mike Weber	22	791	36.0	52	1	3	7	0
Total.....	22	791	36.0	52	1	3	7	0
Opponents.....	27	1112	41.2	76	1	4	8	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Sid. Haugabrook	8	153	19.1	1	80
Brian Ingram	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	9	155	17.2	1	80
Opponents.....	7	68	9.7	0	24

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Sid. Haugabrook	5	121	24.2	0	33
Rashaad Woodard	3	51	17.0	0	22
Lonnie Starks	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total.....	9	194	21.6	0	33
Opponents.....	14	301	21.5	0	69

RUSHING	GP-GS	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Sean Bleiler	4-3	64	335	10	325	5.1	2	36	81.2
Lonnie Starks	4-1	43	232	8	224	5.2	0	39	56.0
Niquan Lee	2-0	23	116	2	114	5.0	1	20	57.0
Sonny Riccio	4-4	38	159	61	98	2.6	1	31	24.5
Ryan Carty	1-0	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Joe Bleymaier	4-2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
TEAM	3-0	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total.....	4	173	848	84	764	4.4	4	39	191.0
Opponents.....	4	152	575	147	428	2.8	4	24	107.0

PASSING	GP-GS	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Sonny Riccio	4-4	114.41	97-58-5	59.8	514	6	37	128.5
Ryan Carty	1-0	179.28	5-3-0	60.0	71	0	61	71.0
Total.....	4	117.59	102-61-5	59.8	585	6	61	146.2
Opponents.....	4	99.61	100-58-4	58.0	512	2	44	128.0

RECEIVING	GP-GS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Justin LaForgia	4-3	13	78	6.0	1	12	19.5
Justin Long	4-4	11	143	13.0	2	37	35.8
Brian Ingram	4-3	9	85	9.4	0	16	21.2
G.J. Crescione	4-0	9	61	6.8	0	20	15.2
Lonnie Starks	4-1	6	43	7.2	1	29	10.8
Sean Bleiler	4-3	5	37	7.4	0	12	9.2
David Boler	2-1	3	77	25.7	1	61	38.5
Joe Bleymaier	4-2	2	60	30.0	1	34	15.0
Mike Mailey	3-0	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Steve Selk	4-3	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Dominic Madigan	4-0	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5
Total.....	4	61	585	9.6	6	61	146.2
Opponents.....	4	58	512	8.8	2	44	128.0

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Sean Bleiler	4	325	37	0	0	0	362	90.5
Sid. Haugabrook	4	0	0	153	121	39	313	78.2
Lonnie Starks	4	224	43	0	22	0	289	72.2
Justin Long	4	0	143	0	0	0	143	35.8
Niquan Lee	2	114	0	0	0	0	114	57.0
Sonny Riccio	4	98	0	0	0	0	98	24.5
Brian Ingram	4	0	85	2	0	0	87	21.8
Justin LaForgia	4	0	78	0	0	0	78	19.5
David Boler	2	0	77	0	0	0	77	38.5
Rashaad Woodard	4	0	0	0	51	24	75	18.8
Total.....	4	764	585	155	194	85	1783	445.8
Opponents.....	4	428	512	68	301	68	1377	344.2

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Sonny Riccio	4	135	98	514	612	153.0
Sean Bleiler	4	64	325	0	325	81.2
Lonnie Starks	4	43	224	0	224	56.0
Niquan Lee	2	23	114	0	114	57.0
Ryan Carty	1	6	5	71	76	76.0
Joe Bleymaier	4	1	1	0	1	0.2
Total.....	4	275	764	585	1349	337.2
Opponents.....	4	252	428	512	940	235.0

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Sean Bleiler	4	325	37	0	0	0	362	90.5
Sid. Haugabrook	4	0	0	153	121	39	313	78.2
Lonnie Starks	4	224	43	0	22	0	289	72.2
Justin Long	4	0	143	0	0	0	143	35.8
Niquan Lee	2	114	0	0	0	0	114	57.0
Sonny Riccio	4	98	0	0	0	0	98	24.5
Brian Ingram	4	0	85	2	0	0	87	21.8
Justin LaForgia	4	0	78	0	0	0	78	19.5
David Boler	2	0	77	0	0	0	77	38.5
Rashaad Woodard	4	0	0	0	51	24	75	18.8
G.J. Crescione	4	0	61	0	0	0	61	15.2
Joe Bleymaier	4	1	60	0	0	0	61	15.2
Mondoe Davis	4	0	0	0	0	22	22	5.5
Ryan Carty	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Mike Mailey	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.7
Steve Selk	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.2
Dominic Madigan	4	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.5
TEAM	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
Total.....	4	764	585	155	194	85	1783	445.8
Opponents.....	4	428	512	68	301	68	1377	344.2

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|	Blkd		
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		QBH	Rcv-Yds	PF	Kick	Saf
58 Mondoe Davis	4	27	12	39	3.0-9	.	1-22	1	.	.	2	.	.
32 Kyle Campbell	4	27	5	32	5.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Garron Bible	4	18	5	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 Rashaad Woodard	4	15	6	21	.	.	1-24	1	.	.	.	.	.
51 Tom Parks	4	15	4	19	5.0-23	3.0-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 John Mulhern	3	11	7	18	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
47 Sid. Haugabrook	4	18	.	18	1.0-1	.	2-39	1	.	.	.	.	.
55 Marquez Davis	4	13	2	15	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	2	.	.
53 Mark Moore	4	8	6	14	2.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Brian Jennings	4	8	3	11	4.0-6	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
1 Dominic Santoli	4	9	2	11	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Ben Cross	4	7	2	9	4.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Chris Mooney	4	5	3	8	3.0-18	1.0-10	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
4 Roger Brown	4	6	2	8	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Ryan McDermond	4	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 KeiAnd. Hepburn	4	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
29 Nicos Chavis	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Bubba Jespersen	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Craig Browne	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Lou Samba	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Sean Bleiler	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Dominic Madigan	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Richard Washington	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 Jeffrey Kametz	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 Brett Wharton	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Justin Long	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 John Russ	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total.....	4	214	75	289	31-96	5-36	4-85	5	.	4-0	4	.	1
Opponents.....	4	236	86	322	22-76	6-38	5-68	8	.	2-0	3	.	.