

2002 Spring Prospectus

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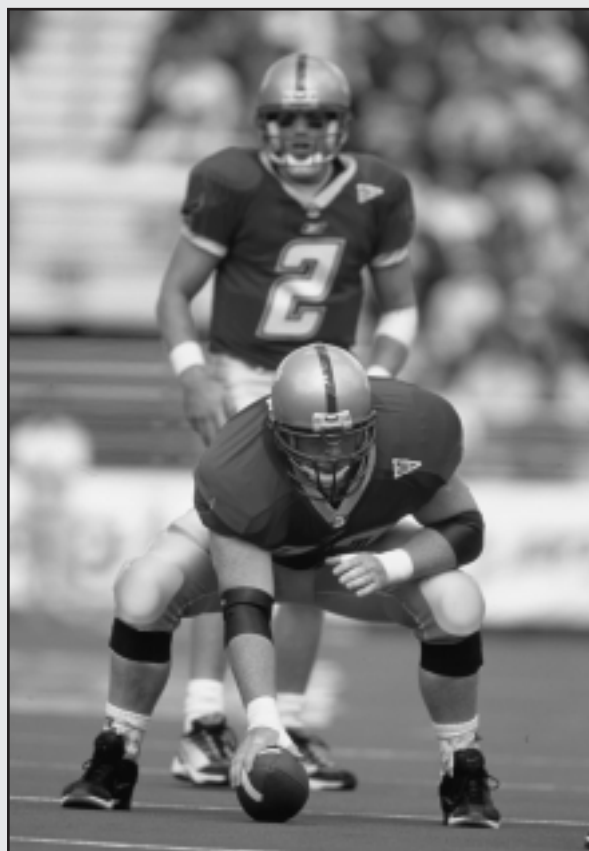
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Senior quarterback Brian St. Pierre and senior center Dan Koppen

2002 Quick Facts

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02467
Founded	1863
Enrollment	14,300
Nickname	Eagles
Colors	Maroon and Gold
President	Rev. William P. Leahy, S.J.
Athletic Director	Gene DeFilippo
Office Phone	(617) 552-4680
Conference.....	BIG EAST Conference
Home Field (Capacity)	Alumni Stadium (44,500)
Field Surface	AstroTurf 2009
Press Box Phone	(617) 552-4747
First Year of Football	1893

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Tom O'Brien (Navy '71)
Record at BC	31-27 (five seasons)
Career Record	Same
Football Office Phone.....	(617) 552-3010
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2002 EAGLE OUTLOOK

Offensive Set.....	Multiple
Defensive Set.....	4-3
Lettermen Returning (Off. - Def. - Sp. Tms.)	40 (21-19)
Lettermen Lost (Off. - Def.)	17 (9-8)
Starters Returning (Off. - Def.)	18 (9-9)
Starters Lost (Off. - Def.)	6 (3-3)

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Spring Preview

As the Boston College football team continues to emerge as one of the elite programs in the nation, head coach **Tom O'Brien** still approaches spring practice in the same manner he has for his entire career.

"This spring will be no different than any other," says O'Brien. "The main thing we will try to accomplish is to get better as individuals. It doesn't matter what year in the program you are in. It's a time to get better at the fundamentals of the game of football and that means working on blocking, tackling, catching and throwing. As individuals become better, we become better as a football team."

O'Brien's Eagles have become a better football team in each of his five years at Boston College. BC has played in a bowl game in each of the last three years.

The Eagles were victorious

in both the 2000 Aloha Bowl over Arizona State and the 2001 Music City Bowl over Georgia making Boston College just one of eight schools nationally to win bowl games in each of the last two seasons.

The Eagles also finished the 2001 campaign ranked No. 21 in the final Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the ESPN-USA Today poll.

"The bowl games have helped this football team immeasurably in

that we understand the work ethic you have to have to play at the highest level of college football," O'Brien says.

The Eagles return 40 letterwinners from last year's team while 17 are lost. Those losses include consensus All-America running back William Green, who rushed for 1,559 yards last season; all-BIG EAST second-team selection Marc Colombo at offensive tackle; receiver Dedrick Dewalt, who led the Eagles with 37 receptions for 539 yards; and defensive leaders Sean Guthrie on the line, Scott Bradley at linebacker and Lenny Walls in the secondary.

"We have to find leaders who will replace those individuals from last year," says O'Brien. "As of right now, this team has worked as hard, or harder, than any other we have had. They have done a great job in the weight room in both the strength area and the running area. What we have to do now is see if we can become better football players this spring."

"In the spring, we have an organizational chart, not a depth chart. Every position is open for grabs. Obviously, players with experience can maintain their jobs, but young players have a chance to step up and get jobs."

Boston College does have eight starters back on offense, including guards **Augie Hoffmann** and **Chris Snee** who shared a starting position. On the defensive side of the ball, eight starters are also back while both starters return in the specialist positions.

Junior Derrick Knight

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THE OFFENSE

Quarterbacks

Brian St. Pierre returns for his senior year after having a successful first year as a starter. St. Pierre was a unanimous second team all-BIG EAST selection as he passed for 25 touchdowns and 2,016 yards. His 25 TD passes were tied for the second-highest single-season total in school history and he also was named co-winner of the Thomas E. Scanlan Memorial Trophy - given to the senior BC player each year who is outstanding in scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

"Brian improved greatly as the year went on," says O'Brien. "He's become a tremendous leader and can become a great quarterback. This spring, there are some fundamental things he has to go back and work on."

Also working at the quarterback spot this spring are sophomores **Quinton Porter**, who saw limited playing time last year, and **Eric Boatwright**.

Receivers

The Eagles lose a pair of talented receivers from last year's team in Dedrick Dewalt and Ryan Read (19 receptions for 311 yards and 4 TDs). The leading returning

receiver is senior **Jamal Burke**, who had 25 receptions for 320 yards and a team-high eight touchdowns last year.

Burke will be complemented by senior **Keith Hemmings**, who had eight receptions in 2001, and a group of relatively untested receivers in senior **Shaun Toof**, junior **Chris Barnes**, sophomores **Grant Adams** and **Joel Hazard** and freshman **Tony Gonzalez**.

"Jamal is a talented performer coming back and it is time for a number of other players to step up," says O'Brien. "These players now have their chance and it is a big spring for this position. They have to get into the rotation and help us."

Backfield

The BC backfield takes a hit this year with Green's departure for the National Football League. The Eagles do return depth at the running back position, led by junior **Derrick Knight** who rushed for 337 yards and one TD last season. Knight had 79 yards in a season-opening win over West Virginia and added 78 yards in a start against eventual-national champion Miami.

Knight will be pushed by sophomore **Brandon Brokaw**, who played in four games last year, and junior **Horace Dodd**, a transfer from Penn State who practiced with the Eagles last year. Senior **Kevin Dykes** will also add experience at this position.

"We should have great competition at tailback," says O'Brien. "I don't know if we will come out of the spring with a starting tailback. We may have tailback-by-committee as we play next season."

Junior **J.P. Comella** returns as the starting fullback and is backed up by junior **Greg Toal**.



Senior Brian St. Pierre



Senior Jamal Burke

Returning Quarterbacks

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Eric Boatwright	6-3	226	So.
Quinton Porter	6-4	210	So.
Brian St. Pierre***	6-4	217	Sr.

Returning Receivers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Grant Adams*	6-0	189	So.
Chris Barnes	6-0	201	Jr.
Jamal Burke***	6-1	207	Sr.
Joel Hazard	5-9	184	So.
Keith Hemmings**	6-2	209	Sr.
Shaun Toof*	5-11	164	Sr.

Returning Running Backs and Fullbacks

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Brandon Brokaw	6-2	241	So.
J.P. Comella**	6-0	240	Jr.
Horace Dodd	6-1	207	Jr.
Kevin Dykes*	5-10	184	Sr.
Derrick Knight**	5-9	205	Jr.
Haven Perkins	5-11	219	So.
Greg Toal**	5-11	214	Jr.

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Returning Tight Ends

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Francois Brochu*	6-5	237	So.
David Kashetta	6-3	248	So.
Chris Miller	6-5	246	Rsf.
Frank Misurelli**	6-4	264	Sr.
Sean Ryan**	6-5	259	Jr.

Returning Offensive Linemen

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Leo Bell*	6-8	306	Jr.
Robert Bennett	6-4	268	So.
Jim Connor*	6-5	285	Jr.
Rudy DiPietro	6-4	315	Jr.
Chris Hathy	6-4	290	Rsf.
Augie Hoffmann	6-2	305	Jr.
Dan Koppen**	6-3	293	Sr.
Marc Parenteau*	6-5	308	Sr.
Pat Ross	6-4	265	Rsf.
Jeremy Simpson	6-7	275	Fr.
Chris Snee*	6-2	310	So.
Jeremy Trueblood	6-9	247	Rsf.
Frank Wilpert*	6-5	308	Jr.

Both players saw significant playing time at that position in 2001. Sophomore **Haven Perkins** will add depth at fullback.

Tight End

When the Eagles entered spring practice last season, the tight end position was being led by two converted defensive lineman in **Sean Ryan** and **Frank Misurelli**. Both of them enjoyed outstanding seasons as Ryan made 17 receptions for 223 yards and three touchdowns as the starter and Misurelli backed up with four receptions for 42 yards and a TD.

This year, the position is now a strength for the Eagles as both players return with a great deal of experience.

Providing depth at tight end are sophomores **David Kashetta** and **Francois Brochu**, who gained valuable experience last year as a long snapper; and redshirt freshman **Chris Miller**.

"Last year at this time, we did not have anybody with tight end experience," says O'Brien. "This year, it's good that Sean and Frank now have a year of tight end experience under their belts. The position should be a strength for us where it was a question mark last year."

Offensive Line

The offensive line has traditionally been the strength of the Boston College football program and this year should be no exception. The team did lose Colombo, but returns five players who started at least one game on the line in 2001.

The Eagles have had a 1,000-yard rusher in each of the past three seasons. Last year the Eagles were ranked 18th in the nation in rushing yardage. The offensive line played a



Junior Sean Ryan

key role in the team achieving those milestones.

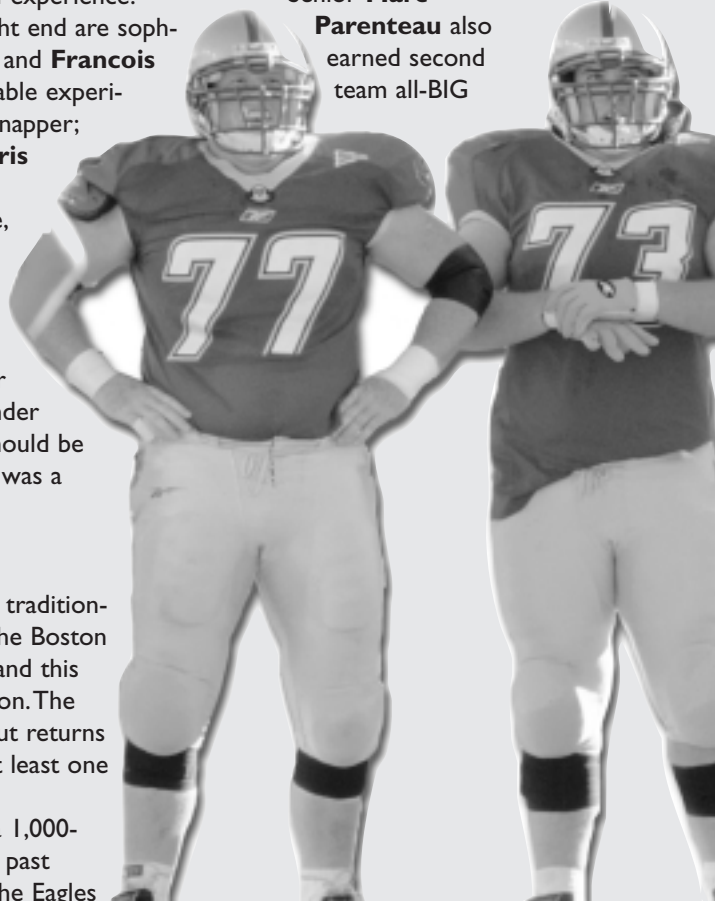
Anchoring the line again this season is center **Dan Koppen**, who earned second team all-BIG EAST honors in 2001 for the second-consecutive year.

"We have some very good players coming back on the offensive line and now the question is who are the best five guys," says O'Brien. "Dan Koppen will lead this group, but we

need to figure out where we will go personnel-wise from there."

Senior Marc

Parenteau also earned second team all-BIG



Seniors Dan Koppen and Marc Parenteau were both All-BIG EAST selections in 2001.



Junior J.P. Comella

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EAST honors last year and was a starter all 11 games, plus the bowl game. He showed his versatility by starting games at three different positions on the line during season.

Junior **Leo Bell** was a starter in seven games last year at right tackle while **Augie Hoffmann** started six and **Chris Snee** started five. Snee was selected as a third-team freshmen All-American by *The Sporting News*.

The Eagles will benefit from a great amount of depth on the line again this season. Juniors **Jim Connor**, **Rudy DiPietro** and **Frank Wilpert**, who made his first career start vs. Syracuse last year, are back in 2002 and are joined sophomore **Robert Bennett**, redshirt freshmen **Chris Hathy** and **Jeremy Trueblood** and freshman **Jeremy Simpson**. In addition, redshirt freshman **Pat Ross** has moved over to the offense line this spring after playing defensive tackle last year.

THE DEFENSE

Defensive Line

The Eagles return three of last year's four starters on the defensive line. Senior **Antonio Garay** will be back at one end position while both starting tackles - juniors **Tom Martin** and **Doug Goodwin** - return to anchor the middle.

Garay played in eight games last season before a neck injury ended his campaign. He will miss spring practice after undergoing surgery to repair the injury. Before his season came to an end, Garay had recorded 57 tackles, nine for a

loss, and five quarterback sacks. Even after missing three games, he finished sixth on the team in tackles.

Goodwin made great strides last season as a sophomore. He recorded 50 tackles with 12 for a loss and four sacks. He was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Temple when he recorded two sacks and a safety. Martin also returns in the middle after starting for his second season last year as a sophomore. He made 55 tackles with five for a loss during the regular season.

Also returning to the defensive line is junior **Keith Leavitt**, who made 12 tackles last season.

Senior **Derric Rossy** also returns on the line. Last year he made three starts including the Music City Bowl. He came away with 44 tackles with five for a loss last year as a junior. Junior **Phil Mettling** had 10 tackles last year and will get more experience this spring at the end spot, along with sophomore **Myron Hunter** and redshirt freshman **Mathias Kiwanuka**.

At the inside tackle spot, sophomore **Tim Bulman** will look to make continued



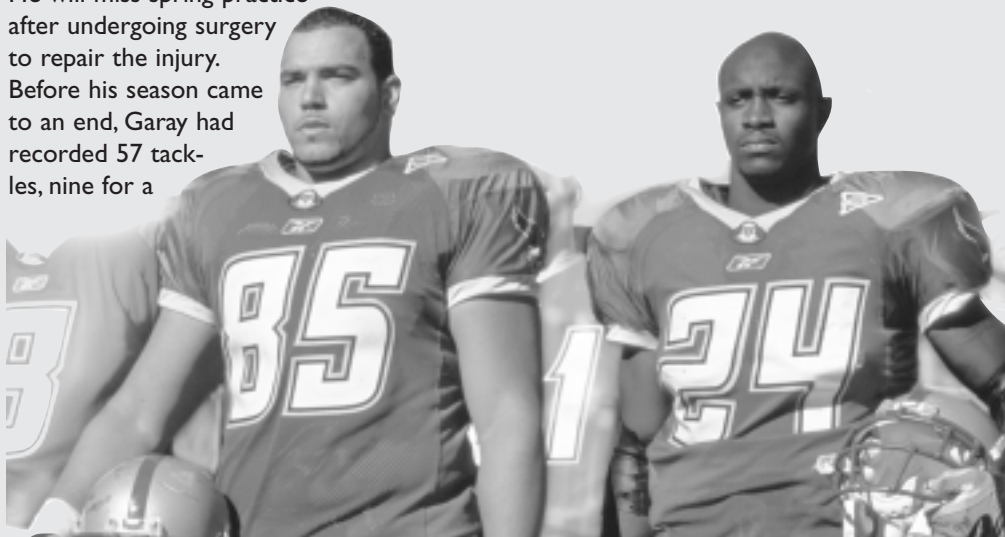
Junior Doug Goodwin

Returning Defensive Linemen

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Tim Bulman*	6-3	258	So.
Anthony Crosson	6-3	272	So.
Antonio Garay***	6-4	290	Sr.
Doug Goodwin**	6-1	285	So.
Myron Hunter	6-2	233	So.
Mathias Kiwanuka	6-6	227	Rsf.
Keith Leavitt**	6-6	337	Jr.
Tom Martin**	6-4	270	Jr.
Phillip Mettling*	6-2	257	So.
Derric Rossy***	6-3	253	Sr.

Returning Linebackers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Sydney Baskins	5-11	230	So.
Vinny Ciurciu*	5-11	240	Sr.
Ray Henderson	6-3	200	Rsf.
Kevin Kiley	6-3	225	Jr.
Jerome Ledbetter**	6-0	222	Sr.
Patrick McShane	6-0	192	Rsf.
Jon Misiewicz	6-2	210	Rsf.
Josh Ott**	6-2	225	Jr.
Jeff Parros	6-5	221	Fr.
J.D. Schmidt	6-3	240	Jr.
T.J. Stancil*	6-1	202	So.



Seniors Antonio Garay and Ralph Parent will look to anchor the experienced Eagle defense.

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Returning Defensive Backs

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Doug Besette***	5-11	203	Sr.
Paul Cook**	5-11	201	Jr.
Brian Flores**	5-11	206	Jr.
Nathanael Hasselbeck	5-11	179	Rsf.
Larry Lester	5-7	169	Rsf.
Ralph Parent***	6-2	206	Sr.
Peter Shean*	5-9	177	So.
Trevor White***	5-8	184	Sr.
Jazzmen Williams	5-8	183	Rsf.

Returning Specialists

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Ken Dudnick*	6-4	203	Jr.
Kevin McMyler***	6-1	194	Sr.
Sandro Sciortino**	5-10	201	Jr.



Junior Tom Martin



Senior Vinny Ciurciu

improvement. He made 19 tackles as a true freshman in 2001 seeing time in all 12 games. Sophomores **Justin Hinds**, who saw considerable time as a true freshman in 2000, and **Anthony Crosson** will also look to improve during the spring sessions.

"This is a big spring for a lot of players on the defensive line," says O'Brien. "It's a chance for many of them to fight for playing time."

Linebackers

Senior **Vinny Ciurciu** will return to anchor the middle of the linebacker unit after leading the Eagles in tackles in 2001 with 87 stops, including four for a loss. In just his first year of playing at the Heights after transferring from Clemson, Ciurciu also added two interceptions and seven quarterback hurries.

Backing up Ciurciu at middle linebacker will be junior **J.D. Schmidt** and redshirt freshman **Jon Misiewicz**.

Junior **Josh Ott** returns at the "will" linebacker spot. Ott missed the first three games of the season with a back injury, but worked his way back into the starting lineup for the last five games of the season and the bowl game. Even though he missed three games, Ott still finished fourth on the team in tackles with 75. At the bowl game he had seven tackles with an interception leading *Sports Illustrated* to name him to its "all-bowl" team.

Ott will be pushed at that position by senior **Jerome Ledbetter**, who had nine tackles last year, while junior **Kevin Kiley** will help add depth.

Scott Bradley's graduation has left a vacancy at

the starting "sam" linebacker spot. Two players who have been converted from different positions will spend the spring learning the position. Sophomore **T.J. Stancil** has been converted from free safety after making 16 tackles last year, while redshirt freshman **Ray Henderson** was a quarterback. Both have been moved to the position and will be joined by redshirt freshman **Patrick McShane**.

"We need to get our best players on the field," says O'Brien, "and we need to get a very good group of linebackers. That's why we made these positional changes."

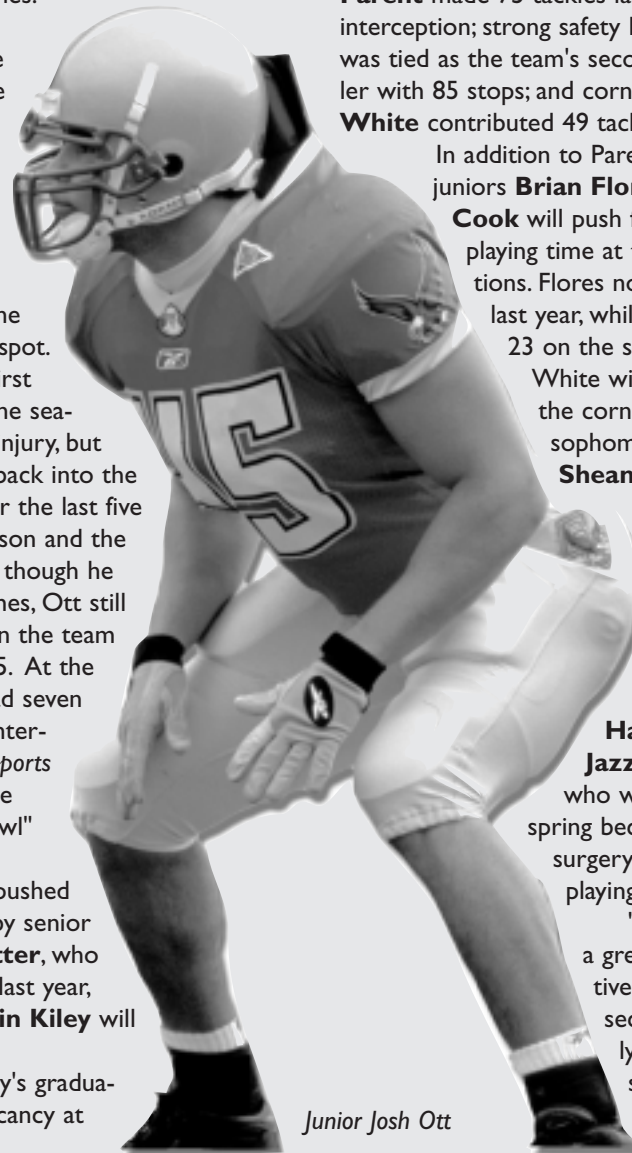
Secondary

Three of four starters return in the defensive backfield led by a talented group of senior athletes. Free safety **Ralph Parent** made 75 tackles last year with one interception; strong safety **Doug Besette** was tied as the team's second-leading tackler with 85 stops; and cornerback **Trevor White** contributed 49 tackles last year.

In addition to Parent and Besette, juniors **Brian Flores** and **Paul Cook** will push for even more playing time at the safety positions. Flores notched 22 tackles last year, while Cook added 23 on the season.

White will be joined at the cornerback spots by sophomore **Peter Shean** who recorded 39 stops in extended time in 2001. Redshirt freshmen **Larry Lester**, **Nathanael Hasselbeck** and **Jazzmen Williams**, who will miss the spring because of shoulder surgery, will also vie for playing time.

"We should have a great and competitive spring in the secondary, especially at the safeties," says O'Brien.



Junior Josh Ott

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Senior Doug Bessette

Specialists

Boston College returns both its starting kicker and its starting punter from last season. Senior **Kevin McMyler** was a second-team All-BIG EAST pick as a punter after leading the league in the category with a 43.2-yard average per boot. While handling both punting and place-kicking duties for most of the season, he also connected on seven of 10 field goals attempts and had 29 extra points.

Junior **Sandro Sciortino** missed a lot of last season with a leg injury, but came back to kick two field goals in the bowl win and another during the regular season. He handled kick-off duties as well last season.

"Kevin is the best punter in the BIG EAST and will only continue to get better," says O'Brien. "Sandro showed us how good he can be late in the year and in the bowl game and just needs the confidence of another year of experience."

The Schedule

The 2002 Boston College football schedule will feature seven home games at Alumni Stadium and five games against teams that played in bowl games in 2001. The NCAA has allowed teams to play 12 regular-season games during the 2002 season.

Boston College will open its season with an Aug. 31 home date against Connecticut before hosting Stanford on

Sept. 7. Following an off-week, the Eagles will open their BIG EAST Conference schedule at Miami (Fla.) on Sept. 21.

The Eagles return home to take on Central Michigan of the Mid-American Conference on Sept. 28 during Parents' Weekend. Their next contest will be a nationally-televised Thursday night game against Virginia Tech on ESPN on Oct. 10 at Alumni Stadium.

Following an Oct. 19 home game against Navy, the Eagles will play three-straight road games against Pittsburgh (Oct. 26), Notre Dame (Nov. 2) and West Virginia (Nov. 9). The regular season will wrap up with games against Syracuse (Nov. 16), at Temple (Nov. 23) and

against Rutgers (Nov. 30).

Other than the Virginia Tech and Notre Dame (2:30 p.m. EST on NBC) games, starting times and television coverage plans are still to be announced.

The five 2001 bowl teams on the schedule are: Stanford (lost to Georgia Tech in the Seattle Bowl), Miami (Fla.) (beat Nebraska in the Rose Bowl), Virginia Tech (lost to Florida State in the Gator Bowl), Pittsburgh (beat North Carolina State in the Tangerine Bowl) and Syracuse (beat Kansas State in the Insight.com Bowl).



Junior Sandro Sciortino



Alumni Stadium - the home of the Eagles - will host seven games during the 2002 season.