





# Georgetown University Football 2008 Preseason Information



## Head Coach Kevin Kelly

When Kevin Kelly was named head football coach at Georgetown University in January 2006, one of his chief goals was to help lay the foundation for what he hopes will not only be a successful program in the Patriot League and at the Division I-AA level, but a program that will be a model off the field as well.

Kelly hit the ground running when he started on the Hilltop, securing his staff over the course of two months, pounding the pavement for a 30-man recruiting class and gearing the returning players up for 15 practices over four weeks. The coaching staff preached of a "Fanatical Effort" to the team, helping to keep the student-athletes focused on a successful season.

Throughout the course of the last two seasons, Kelly and his staff have emphasized the building of a complete program. Members of the team joined together to visit children in the Intensive Care Unit at the Georgetown University Hospital at the start of the 2006 season and participated in walks to benefit brain cancer research as part of the Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers (AMF), a support group organized by 2006 graduate David Fajgenbaum.

Last year, members of the team joined Jon Cassidy as he was among a group of players who ventured to Arlington National Cemetery to lay wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers as part of Wreaths Across America. Fajgenbaum, who created what is now the National Students of AMF, was a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship and was named to the American Football Coaches Association All-Good Works Team.

On the field, the Hoyas win-loss record has not been what the team had hoped for, but two-straight recruiting classes with at least 30 student-athletes have provided the program with a young two-deep depth chart that has the coaches excited for the coming years of Georgetown Football.

Along the way, there have been several strong individual performances for the team.

Former defensive end Alex Buzbee capped off a spectacular career in 2006 by earning honorable mention All-America honors and first team All-Patriot League kudos. He signed a free agent contract with the Washington Redskins during the summer and was moved to the team's active roster during the 2007 season.

One of Kelly's first recruits, running back Charlie Houghton, was named the 2006 Patriot League's Rookie of the Year, the first Georgetown player to win a major conference award since GU joined the league in 2001. Last year, senior fullback Kyle Van Fleet was named Second Team All-Patriot League and was named the league's Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Quarterback Matt Bassuener, a seldom-used player during his first two seasons, came off the bench in 2006 and started seven games and threw for 1,359 yards and 15 touchdowns. He started all of last season, graduated as the all-time leader in completion percentage and among the top-10 all-time in passing yardage and signed to play with the Louisville Fire of Arena Football 2.

After the Hoyas finished the 2006 regular season, Kelly and his staff had the opportunity to coordinate off-season workouts on the Hilltop for the first time. Members of the squad split into six different teams and the coaching staff coordinated the "Super Star Olympics" at the end of the sessions, an event that included sprint relay races, a dunking contest and a hot-dog eating contest. The "Super Star Olympics" were held again following the 2007 season.

Kelly came to the Hilltop after four years as the special teams coordinator/linebackers coach at the United States Naval Academy, where he helped lead the Midshipmen to tremendous success during that span. Navy advanced to three bowl games and posted a 26-11 record during the last three seasons (2003-05).

"We're excited to have Kevin joins us here at Georgetown," Director of Athletics Bernard Muir said at the time of his hiring. "He has had tremendous success in every stop he's made and we think he's going to be a great fit for the University."

"Providing the students at Georgetown with an outstanding opportunity to grow and learn about themselves through competition is the central objective of all of our athletic programs here at Georgetown," Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia said. "Coach Kelly brings a wealth of experience, ability and energy to achieving that objec-

tive in the sport of Football."

"This is a great opportunity and I'm excited to take over as the Georgetown head coach," Kelly said. "There is a tremendous amount of potential for football in Washington and we're confident that we can guide the Hoya program to the top of the Patriot League."

Navy won three Commander-in-Chief's titles during his time in Annapolis (2003-05), won the 2004 Emerald Bowl, the 2005 Poinsettia Bowl and participated in the 2003 Houston Bowl. In 2004, Kelly's efforts helped Navy finish 26th in the country in scoring defense (19.83) as the team won a school record-tying 10 games; in 2003, he helped the defense finish 14th in the nation in pass defense, 42nd in pass efficiency defense (116th the year before), 34th in total defense and 34th in scoring defense (108th the year before) as Navy won eight games.

"Kevin's played a vital role in helping us get the program turned around at Navy and we certainly appreciate the effort of both he, and his family, and we look forward to watching him be successful at Georgetown," Navy Head Football Coach Paul Johnson. "He's a highly motivated and organized individual and I'm sure he will do a great job for Georgetown football."

Prior to joining Navy, Kelly spent two years (2000-01) at Marshall, one of two coaching stints with the Thundering Herd, where he was the defensive coordinator. In 2000, Marshall won the Mid-American Conference Championship and the Motor City Bowl and they followed that up with a win at the 2001 GMAC Bowl.

Kelly also worked at Marshall from 1996-98, when the team was making the transition from the I-AA level to I-A. In 1996, the team won the Southern Conference en route to the Division I-AA National Championship. They won back-to-back Mid-American Conference Championships in 1996-97, reaching the Motor City Bowl in both years, and winning it the second time. His most successful season was in 1998 when Marshall's defense ranked 23rd nationally, including 16th in scoring defense, 14th against the pass and 25th against the run.

Kelly spent a year at Syracuse (1999), where he was the defensive backfield coach when the team won the Music City Bowl. That was his second stint with the Orangemen, as he was a graduate assistant/assistant linebackers coach there from 1986-88, when the team won the 1987 Lambert Cup and reached the 1988 Sugar Bowl. Kelly's other Division I-A experience came at Tulane (1992-94), where he was the linebackers coach.

He also spent time at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where he served as the offensive backfield coach and the linebackers coach. The Big Green won the 1991 Ivy League title. Kelly has also had coaching stints at Northeastern (1989-90), Bowdoin College (1998) and Southern Connecticut State University (1984-85).

A 1982 graduate of Springfield (Mass.) College, Kelly earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education and played football for three years as an undergraduate. He earned a master's degree in physical education from Southern Connecticut State in 1986.

His first coaching job was at Longmeadow High School in Massachusetts, where he was the defensive coordinator and defensive backfield coach in 1981. After graduating from Springfield in 1982, Kelly went to The Fieldston School, where he was the head coach for two years. He also served as a junior varsity basketball coach and the head track and field coach.

During Kelly's 20-plus years of experience in coaching at the collegiate level, he has recruited numerous players who have gone on to professional careers, including former Marshall quarterback (and Washington, D.C. native) Byron Leftwich, who is playing in the National Football League with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Kelly has predominantly recruited on the East Coast, with emphasis in Washington, Maryland and New Jersey.

Kelly and his wife, Kathy, live in McLean, Va. They have a daughter, Alexandra, who is a sophomore at Notre Dame, and two sons, Patrick (16) and Ryan (15).



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## 2008 Georgetown University Football Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School [Previous School]
1	Anthony Homsey	WR	Sr.	6-2	188	Oakdale, Conn./Montville
2	Chris Parker	DB	Sr.	5-11	190	Stone Mountain, Ga./Christian Brothers
3	Brian Newman	QB	Sr.	6-2	200	New York, N.Y./Stuyvesant
4	Willie Bodrick	DB	Jr.	5-10	185	Atlanta, Ga./Benjamin E. Mays
5	Robert Lane	SLOT	Jr.	5-11	205	Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley
6	Frank DiTommaso	DB	So.	5-11	180	Short Hills, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
7	Sidney Baker	WR	Sr.	6-1	180	Atlanta, Ga./Booker T. Washington
8	Ike Acholonu	DB	Jr.	6-1	195	Sickerville, N.J./Paul VI
9	Kenny Mitchell	SLOT	Sr.	5-11	181	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
13	Jon Schoen	QB	So.	6-0	195	Darien, Conn./Darien
14	Mychal Harrison	SLOT	So.	5-8	175	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
15	Travis Mack	DB	Jr.	6-0	190	West Chester, Pa./The Hill School
16	Enico Jones	DB	So.	5-9	165	New Haven, Conn./Wilbur Cross
17	Dean Duchak	RB	Sr.	5-11	205	Mahwah, N.J./St. Joseph's
18	Keerome Lawrence	QB	So.	6-1	195	New Haven, Conn./James Hillhouse
20	Justin Thomas	SLOT	So.	5-9	170	Tucker, Ga./Meadowcreek
21	Dennis Jackson	DB	Jr.	5-10	190	Miramar, Fla./Northwestern
22	Philip Oladeji	SLOT	So.	6-0	185	Plano, Texas/Plano East
23	Charlie Houghton	RB	Jr.	6-0	200	Toronto, Ontario, Canada/Philips Academy (Mass.)
25	Justin Moore	DB	Jr.	5-10	184	Houston, Texas/Strake Jesuit
27	Rick Cosgrove	WR	Jr.	6-4	216	Chalfont, Pa./LaSalle College H.S.
33	Nick Parrish	LB	So.	6-1	210	Irving, Texas/Jesuit College Prep
34	Paul Sant'Ambrogio	DB	So.	6-1	190	Bloomfield, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
35	Nicholas Umar	DE	Sr.	6-2	235	Belle Mead, N.J./Montgomery
36	Torre Soderlund	DB	Sr.	6-1	190	Simi Valley, Calif./Royal
37	Tony Thornton	DB	So.	5-9	180	Blackwood, N.J./Bishop Eustace Prep
40	Geoffrey Schnorr	RB	So.	5-10	215	Wappinger Falls, N.Y./Roy C. Ketcham
41	Chris Rau	DB	Jr.	6-0	180	Avon Lake, Ohio/Avon Lake
44	Jon Cassidy	LB	Jr.	6-1	205	Alton Bay, N.H./Saint John's Prep
42	Sean McNally	DB	So.	6-1	200	Philadelphia, Pa./William Penn Charter
46	Anthony DiTommaso	DL	Sr.	6-2	250	Short Hills, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
45	Justin Young	RB	Sr.	6-0	210	Jim Thorpe, Pa./Jim Thorpe
48	Gyasi Parrish	SLOT	So.	5-10	185	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton
50	Joey Tavarez	LB	Jr.	6-0	210	San Juan Capo, Calif./Mater Dei
53	Patrick O'Donnell	LB	So.	6-0	205	Media, Pa./Penncrest
54	ShaBazz Kelton	DE/LB	So.	6-2	200	New Brunswick, N.J./New Brunswick
57	Travis Zorrilla	DE	Sr.	6-1	230	Lynn, Mass./St. John's Prep
59	Scott Coffman	LB	Jr.	6-2	215	Sugarland, Texas/Strake Jesuit
60	Jon Medina	OL	Jr.	6-4	260	Rio Hondo, Texas/Rio Hondo
61	Tom Amaro	OL	Sr.	6-6	285	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep
62	Daniel Matheny	OL	Jr.	6-2	260	Fairfax, Va./Paul VI
63	Kelvin Moses	OL	Jr.	6-4	280	Nashua, N.H./Lawrence Academy
65	Brooks Caston	OL	Jr.	6-2	240	Dallas, Texas/JJ Pearce
66	Chudi Obianwu	DE	Jr.	6-3	240	Southampton, N.J./Bishop Eustace
67	Erik Antico	OL	So.	6-2	240	Rye, N.Y./Rye
68	George Mosle	OL	Jr.	6-5	255	Olney, Md./Sherwood
70	Dan Semler	OL	So.	6-3	250	Annandale, Va./W.T. Woodson
71	Jamie Holloman	OL	So.	6-3	245	Rye, N.Y./Rye Neck
75	Daniel Lenihan	DL	So.	6-3	250	Ridgewood, N.J./Ridgewood
76	Richard Hussey	DL	Jr.	6-4	250	North Arlington, N.J./St. Peter's
77	Rob Bates	DE	So.	6-2	240	Malvern, Pa./Malvern Prep
80	Matt Kinnan	WR	Jr.	6-1	190	Syracuse, N.Y./Christian Brothers
81	Henry Bowe	WR	Jr.	6-3	217	Deephaven, Minn./Minnetonka
82	Zachary Barbiasz	WR	Jr.	6-2	195	Ware, Mass./Ware
84	Brian Josephs	WR	Jr.	6-4	210	Elmhurst, Ill./York Community
86	Jared Myers	DL	Jr.	6-4	240	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
88	Collin Meador	OL	Sr.	6-3	245	Lyndhurst, Ohio/St. Ignatius Prep
90	Danny Thompson, Jr.	DL	So.	6-2	260	Weston, Fla./Cypress Bay
92	Brent Tomlinson	WR	Sr.	6-1	195	Hoffman Estates, Ill./St. Viator
93	George Cullen	DL	Fr.	6-4	250	Janesville, Wis./Janesville Craig
95	Casey Dobyns	K/P	So.	6-4	185	Highland, Md./Georgetown Prep
96	Shane Isdaner	DE	So.	6-4	200	Gladwyne, Pa./Episcopal Academy
97	Kilgo Livingston	K	So.	5-11	170	McLean, Va./DeMatha Catholic
99	Ataeflok Etukeren	DE	Sr.	6-3	235	Litchfield Park, Ariz./The Lawrenceville School (NJ)



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### OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING: 8

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
OL	63	Kelvin Moses	6-4	280	Jr.	Nashua, N.H./Lawrence Academy
OL	68	George Mosle	6-5	255	Jr.	Olney, Md./Sherwood
OL	77	Rob Bates	6-2	240	So.	Malvern, Pa./Malvern Prep
C	62	Dan Matheny	6-2	260	Jr.	Fairfax, Va./Paul VI
TB	23	Charlie Houghton	6-0	200	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada/Phillips Academy (Mass.)
WR	7	Sidney Baker	6-1	180	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Booker T. Washington
TE	88	Colin Meador	6-3	245	Sr.	Lyndhurst, Ohio/St. Ignatius Prep
SLOT	5	Robert Lane	5-11	205	Jr.	Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST: 3

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
QB	10	Matt Bassuener	6-2	200	Sr.	Port Edwards, Wis./Port Edwards/ Western Reserve Academy
SLOT	83	Brent Craft	5-11	165	Sr.	Jupiter, Fla./The Bishop's School
WR	25	Kyle Van Fleet	6-1	200	Sr.	Williamsport, Pa./Loyalsock

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING: 7

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
DE	35	Nicholas Umar	6-2	235	Sr.	Belle Mead, N.J./Montgomery
DT	46	Anthony DiTommaso	6-2	250	Sr.	Short Hills, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
DE	66	Chudi Obianwu	6-3	240	Jr.	Southampton, N.J./Bishop Eustace
F	15	Travis Mack	6-0	190	Jr.	West Chester, Pa./The Hill School
R	42	Sean McNally	6-1	200	So.	Philadelphia, Pa./William Penn Charter
W	41	Chris Rau	6-0	180	Jr.	Avon Lake, Ohio/Avon Lake
C	21	Dennis Jackson	5-10	190	Jr.	Miramar, Fla./Northwestern

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST: 4

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
DT	91	Nnamdi Obiako	6-0	250	Sr.	Bladensburg, Md./Bladensburg
LB	11	Mike Greene	6-1	225	Sr.	Rockville, Md./Georgetown Prep
LB	30	John Lancaster	6-0	185	Sr.	Foxboro, Mass./Foxboro
CB	29	Kevin Cherepski	5-11	180	Sr.	Carteret, N.J./Carteret

### SPECIALISTS RETURNING: 3

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
KR	9	Kenny Mitchell	5-11	181	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Booker T. Washington
PR	5	Robert Lane	5-11	205	Jr.	Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley
LSNP	39	Nicholas Umar	6-2	235	Sr.	Belle Mead, N.J./Montgomery

### SPECIALISTS LOST: 3

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
PK	95	Eric Bjonerud	6-0	185	Sr.	Potomac, Md./Georgetown Prep
P	93	Christopher MacGriff	5-11	184	Sr.	Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich./Univ. Liggitt School
HLD	10	Matt Bassuener	6-2	200	Sr.	Port Edwards, Wis./Port Edwards