

2003 PREVIEW

With nine consecutive winning seasons behind it, Miami University's storied football program attempts to put an exclamation point on a decade of excellence in 2003 when it takes aim at the Mid-American Conference Championship, which has eluded it for the past 16 seasons.

After coming within one win of the MAC's East Division crown and a berth in the MAC Championship game in each of the past two seasons, head coach **Terry Hoepfner** and his RedHawks, armed with one of the nation's top aerial attacks and a rejuvenated defense,

enter the upcoming season poised to challenge for the program's 14th league title. According to Hoepfner, the labors of a strong spring season, especially on the defensive side of the ball, have yielded confidence and a renewed sense of optimism within the Miami ranks.

"I like this team, and I like the depth we've been able to develop," Hoepfner said. "Defensively, I am very happy with the progress we made in the spring. Offensively, I think another year of experience is only going to make us stronger. It's a very confident team coming out of spring practice."

Returning for the RedHawks are seven starters on offense, led by 2002 second-team all-MAC selections junior quarterback **Ben Roethlisberger** and senior running back **Luke Clemens**, and five starters on defense, anchored by senior linebacker **Terrell Jones**, a 2001 first-team all-MAC honoree. Also included among Miami's 49 returning letterwinners are a host of players who saw significant time during the 2002 campaign and are eager to expand their roles in 2003.

"I think the combination of players we have on both sides of the ball as well as special teams gives us a solid, veteran football team with some individuals who can make plays in all facets of the game. That's what it takes. You want to be consistent, you want to be solid, and you want guys to make the plays that will help you win big games and eventually championships."

There will be no shortage of big games in the 12-game RedHawk schedule this season, but with third-year offensive coordinator **Shane Montgomery** fine tuning an offense that has ranked among the best in the nation over the past two seasons and first-year defensive coordinator **Pat Narduzzi** bringing a fresh jolt of



**BEN
ROETHLISBERGER**

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energy to the defense, the pieces appear to be in place for a season that is already generating excitement.

"There's no question that we are all looking forward to this year," said Hoepfner. "There is a lot of anticipation among the players, the coaching staff and the alumni I've talked to. People outside of the program are talking about the difficulty of our schedule, which includes a tough stretch of high-profile opponents, but we relish the challenges and opportunities this season is going to present."

OFFENSE

After producing a 3,000-yard passer (Roethlisberger) and 1,000-yard rusher (Clemens) in the same season for the first time in program history, the RedHawk offense, which ranked 25th nationally in total offense and 19th in passing offense, returns largely intact and eager to build upon the successes of the past two seasons.

"The offense has to be one of our strengths this year," Hoepfner said. "We're confident that we have a defense that can keep us in games, but, in today's game, you have to be able to put points on the board."

Directing the RedHawk attack is third-year signal-caller Roethlisberger, who has amassed a whopping 6,343 yards and 47 touchdown passes in his first two seasons. A two-time second-team all-MAC selection, Roethlisberger, who completed 63.3 percent of his passes and broke Miami's career completion record during his first two seasons, is easily on pace to break Miami's career records for passing yardage and passing touchdowns this season. He enters the season ranked among the Top 10 nationally in terms of active passing yards and passing touchdowns.

QUARTERBACK

- ** Ben Roethlisberger 6-5, 242, Jr.
- * Josh Betts 6-3, 208, So.
- Ryan Busing 6-3, 195, R-Fr.
- JD Vonderheide 6-0, 191, Sr.
- Mike Kokal 6-1, 175, Fr.

"I think if Ben has the kind of year he wants to have and if the team has the type of year it wants to have, we're going to learn a lot," Hoepfner said. "I don't think any of us have ever experienced the hype that he's getting already. If anyone can handle it, I think it's Ben Roethlisberger. He has the ability to stay focused and remain above the hype."

Backing up Roethlisberger is sophomore **Josh Betts**, who made his collegiate debut last season by throwing three touchdown passes in three appearances. Betts insured his back-up role with an impressive spring season. Redshirt freshman **Ryan Busing** enters the fall as Miami's No. 3 quarterback.

"We feel good not only about Ben, but Josh had a much improved spring," Hoepfner said. "He's a good football player that's gotten better and has a great attitude. He's ready to play if the opportunity presents itself. Ryan Busing is a young guy, who gives us some depth, then we have an incoming freshman in **Mike Kokal**, who's very talented, so we think quarterback will be one of the strengths of our team."

While Miami must replace a trio of wide receivers that accounted for 1,042 yards and 11 touchdowns a year ago, the cupboard is far from bare. Returning for the Red and White are five wide receivers that hauled in at least nine passes a year ago in a very balanced passing attack.

WIDE RECEIVERS

- *** Korey Kirkpatrick 6-1, 200, Sr.
- ** Michael Larkin 5-8, 165, Jr.
- * Andre Henderson 6-2, 202, Jr.
- * Mike Iriti 6-0, 185, Jr.
- * Martin Nance 6-4, 210, So.
- Calvin Blackmon 6-4, 203, Sr.
- Jamie Cooper 6-3, 188, Sr.
- R.J. Corbin 5-11, 192, R-Fr.
- Josh Williams 6-1, 210, So.
- Jeff Schroeder 5-11, 184, R-Fr.
- Justin Davis 6-5, 220, Fr.
- Patrick O'Bryan 6-1, 185, Fr.
- Ryne Robinson 5-10, 169, Fr.

"Our wide receivers were a dinged up group in the spring, but that's got to be a group that performs for us this season," Hoepfner said. "Any number of individuals could step up and make an impact out of this group."

Miami's leading returning wide receiver is junior **Michael Larkin**, who last season became the fastest RedHawk receiver to reach 1,000 career yards, achieving the feat in just 19 games. Larkin, who had a team-high eight touchdown receptions in 2002, enters the season as one of three starting wide receivers and will be looked to often.

Korey Kirkpatrick, the lone senior in the Miami receiving corps, is fresh off a breakout 2002 campaign in which he hauled in 26 receptions for 375 yards, and enters the fall in the starting lineup.

Junior **Andre Henderson**, a strong possession receiver, is expected to be Miami's third starter.

A number of young talents also will be looking to make a substantial impact in 2003. Sophomore **Martin Nance** and redshirt freshman **R.J. Corbin** both demonstrated flashes of brilliance in the spring, while sophomore **Josh Williams**, a versatile receiver



MICHAEL LARKIN

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with the size and speed to play either inside or outside, joins the program for the first time in 2003.

TIGHT ENDS

- ** Matt Brandt 6-5, 248, Sr.
- ** Geoff Robinson 6-4, 261, Sr.
- * Dan Tyler 6-4, 241, So.
- * Tyler Vogel 6-3, 245, So.
- Jeremy Thompson 6-4, 242, Jr.

Roethlisberger, who threw to 14 different players in 2002, looked to senior tight end **Matt Brandt** often a year ago and will have a talented cast of tight ends in 2003. Led by Brandt, whose 33 receptions last year were the most by a Miami tight end in more than a decade, the RedHawks have a good mix of savvy and talent.

"We've got a couple of strong veterans in Matt Brandt and **Geoff Robinson**," Hoepfner said. "But we've also got a group of young guys that our line coaches have done a great job developing. It's probably as deep and as high quality a group as we've had."

Brandt enters the season as Miami's starting tight end but will be challenged by Robinson, a strong blocker, and sophomore **Dan Tyler**, a gifted all-around player. Sophomore **Tyler Vogel**, another gifted up-and-comer, also will challenge for time.

In the backfield, Miami will look for veteran running backs Clemens and senior **Cal Murray** to build on their solid careers, though a promising freshman class could make an impact.

"At tailback we've got two seniors who have had great games in the past and are capable of carrying the load for us this season," Hoepfner said. "We've also got a freshman class that we're very happy about and which could make an immediate impact. Tailback is one position that you can really learn early, so any one of our freshmen could step up."

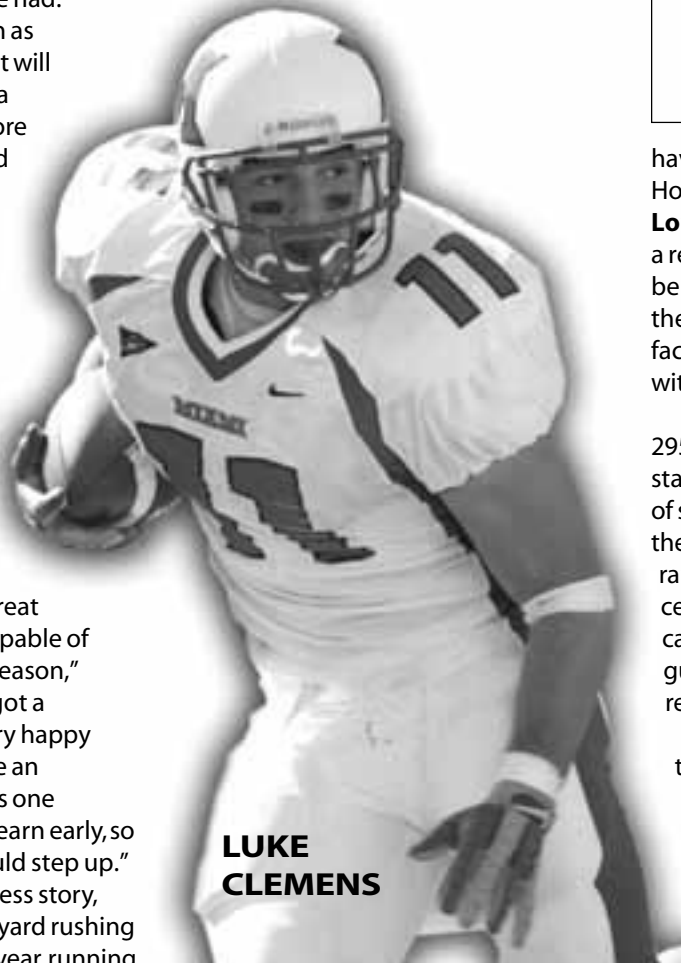
Clemens, a walk-on success story, recorded Miami's first 1,000-yard rushing season in three seasons last year, running

RUNNING BACK

- *** Luke Clemens 5-10, 217, Sr.
- *** Cal Murray 5-10, 198, Sr.
- Adam Ciborowski 6-0, 219, Jr.
- Jimmy Murray 6-2, 202, R-Fr.
- Cory Jones 5-10, 185, Fr.
- Akim Lannaman 6-1, 200, Fr.
- Brandon Murphy 5-8, 170, Fr.
- Austin Sykes 6-0, 220, Fr.

for 1,009 yards and 16 touchdowns while notching four 100-yard days. Murray opened the 2002 season as Miami's starter, running for 101 yards in the RedHawks' season-opening defeat of North Carolina, but was slowed much of the season by injuries. Both players were effective as receivers out of the backfield, combining for 42 receptions and 518 yards.

Miami's talented freshman class includes one of the most prolific running backs in Ohio High School history in three-time all-state honoree **Brandon Murphy**, as well as three-time all-Mississippi selection **Cory Jones**, Pennsylvania product **Austin Sykes** and



LUKE CLEMENS

Florida native **Akim Lannaman**.

The RedHawks also will benefit from the use of a fullback in 2003, as junior **Andy Capper**, a bruising blocker, returns after missing all of last season and much of his career overcoming a leg injury.

Paving the way for the Red and White machine is a veteran offensive line that returns four starters from last season's team, including a seasoned trio of seniors.

I'm excited about the experience we have up front with guys like **Jacob Bell**, **Ben Herrell** and **Frank Smith**, who

OFFENSIVE LINE

- *** Jacob Bell 6-5, 295, Sr.
- *** Frank Smith 6-3, 295, Sr.
- ** Ben Herrell 6-7, 316, Sr.
- * Dan Kosta 6-5, 285, Sr.
- * Dave Rehker 6-5, 275, Jr.
- * Todd Londot 6-7, 284, So.
- Joe Serina 6-2, 284, Sr.
- Nate Bunce 6-6, 287, So.
- Chris Fessel 6-5, 290, So.
- Mark Kracium 6-5, 291, So.
- Ryan Meyer 6-5, 278, So.
- Allen Beneker 6-5, 258, R-Fr.
- Jared Evans 6-3, 290, Fr.
- Steve Meister 6-3, 255, Fr.
- Charles Norden 6-5, 250, Fr.
- Pete Walters 6-5, 285, Fr.

have a lot of games under their belts," Hoepfner said. "Then you look at a **Todd Londot**, who enjoyed a lot of success as a redshirt freshman center and looks to be even better this year. **Nate Bunce** is the fifth starter right now, but we like the fact that we've got some depth to work with."

Weighing in at a hefty average of 295 pounds per man, the RedHawks' starting offensive line likely will consist of seniors Herrell and Smith occupying the left tackle and guard spots. Londot, a rangy sophomore, is slated to start at center, while Bell, an Outland Trophy candidate, and Bunce handle the right guard and tackle responsibilities, respectively.

Others competing for time among the RedHawks' front five include senior **Dan Kosta**, a reserve guard, junior **Dave Rehker**, a back-up center that saw some action in 2002, and sophomores **Chris Fessel**, **Mark Kracium** and **Ryan Meyer**.

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"Right now we've got about eight or nine guys we feel like we can plug into the line without losing much," Hoepfner said. "We'd like to see that number grow to 10 during the fall."

DEFENSE

After a trying 2002 season in which the once vaunted Miami defense ranked toward the bottom of the league in a number of important categories, an injection of youth, speed and fresh ideas has brought defense back to the forefront for the 2003 campaign.

"Anyone who saw us in the spring saw that we have a different look on defense," Hoepfner said. "We have some experienced guys back, and I was really happy with the progress the defense made in a relatively short period of time. They finished the spring playing with a lot of the confidence they may have been lacking at the end of last season."

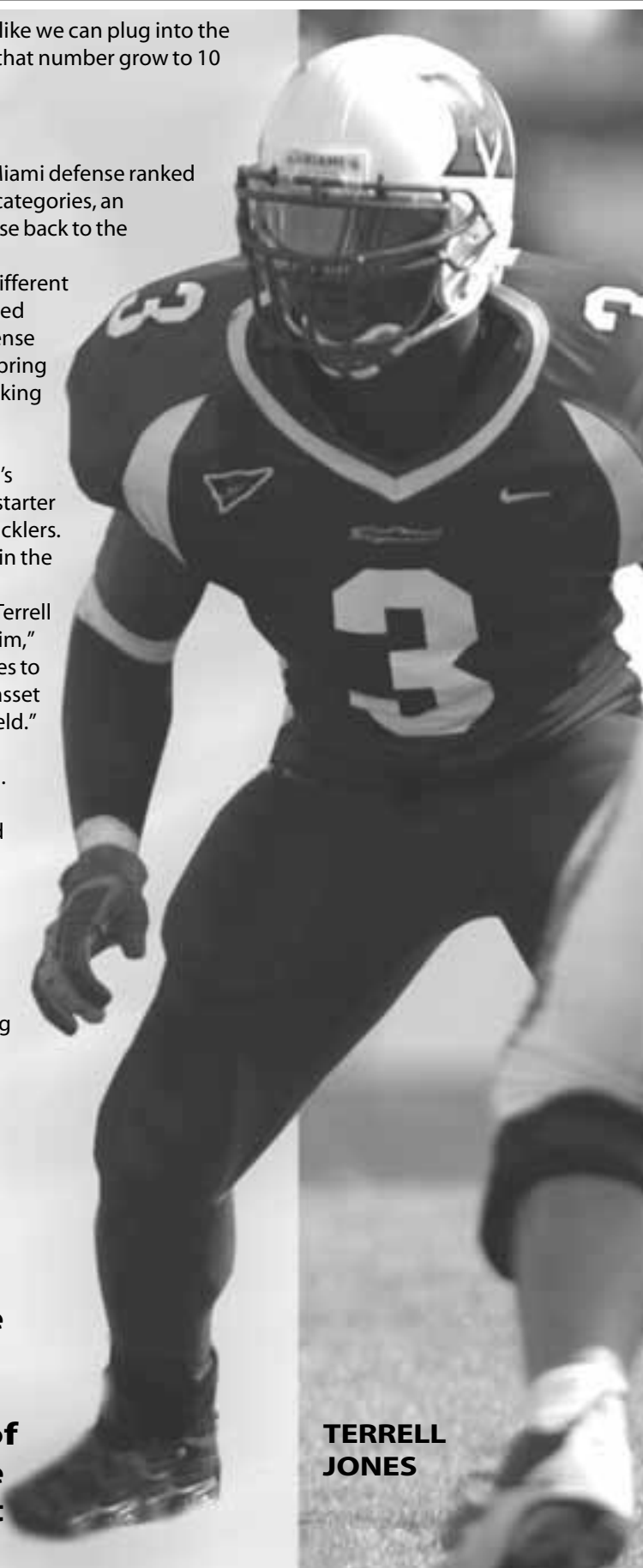
Anchoring the RedHawk defense is senior middle linebacker **Terrell Jones**, a savvy veteran who acts as Miami's coach on the field. Entering his senior season, the four-year starter is rapidly closing in on the Red and White's Top 10 all-time tacklers. According to Hoepfner, a healthy Jones will be a key factor in the success of the defense.

"This spring marked the first time in three seasons that Terrell was healthy enough to practice, and I think that benefited him," Hoepfner said. "With the new defensive coordinator, changes to the defense and so many young players on the field, it's an asset to have such an intelligent player and great leader on the field."

Flanking Jones is an exciting tandem of sophomore linebackers that both saw extensive action as true freshmen. **Terna Nande**, who started nine games last season, is an explosive player with the speed to cover a lot of ground and the strength to make big hits. **John Busing**, who has made big strides in the weightroom over the past year, saw action in 10 games last season and is expected to be a strong presence for the Red and White this season.

"John and Terna are both young guys, so they're going to be learning as they go," Hoepfner said. "They're both good sized linebackers who can run, though, and that's going to cause problems for opposing offenses."

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LINEBACKERS

*** Terrell Jones	5-9, 218, Sr.
* Derek Rehage	6-1, 225, So.
* John Busing	6-3, 225, So.
* Terna Nande	6-1, 214, So.
David Hutzelman	6-2, 218, So.
Nic Manning	6-2, 226, R-Fr.
Matt Vogeles	6-1, 225, R-Fr.
Ryan Brittain	6-3, 220, Fr.
Jerome Bennett	6-2, 215, Fr.
Danny Rehage	6-2, 215, Fr.

Also challenging for time in the RedHawk linebacking corps are junior **Derek Rehage**, a back-up middle linebacker who played in all 12 games a year ago, and redshirt freshmen **Matt Vogeles** and **Dontae Wright**.

"We've got a lot of quality depth at linebacker," Hoepfner said. "There are a lot of guys there capable of being difference makers."

Spearheading the RedHawks' 4-3 defensive front is a defensive line that returns two starters while also welcoming some new faces to the fold. Senior defensive end **Phil Smith** is the most seasoned member of the defensive line and is looking to finish his Miami career with a bang.

DEFENSIVE LINE

*** Phil Smith	6-1, 269, Sr.
*** Will Stanley	6-1, 245, Sr.
** Will Rueff	6-4, 265, Jr.
** Larry Burt	6-4, 299, Jr.
* John Glavin	5-11, 269, So.
* Marcus Johnson	6-3, 261, So.
* Jarrod Rich	6-3, 251, So.
Mike Barz	6-4, 264, So.
Matt Cohen	6-2, 226, So.
Bill Lautar	6-2, 238, So.
Lamont Bender	6-0, 221, R-Fr.
Seth Painter	6-2, 237, R-Fr.
Frank Gray	5-11, 274, Fr.
Josh Brinck	6-5, 230, Fr.
Otto Linwood	6-1, 285, Fr.
Craig Mester	6-3, 215, Fr.

"Phil has the potential to be a dominant player in the MAC," Hoepfner said. "If he shows what he did this spring, he will be."

At the other defensive end, the RedHawk coaching staff was pleasantly surprised by the emergence of senior **Will Stanley**, who was impressive in the spring and battled his way into a starting position.

"Will has always worked hard and been a good special teams player, but he

was really able to put it all together this spring," Hoepfner said. "He was one of the big surprises of the spring."

Sophomore **Jarrod Rich**, who challenged Smith for the right defensive end position in the spring and could also see time at defensive tackle, joins fellow sophomore **Mike Barz** as Miami's top reserves at the end.

Leading the charge in the trenches for the RedHawks are junior defensive tackle **Will Rueff**, who started seven games last season but missed the spring, and stout sophomore **John Glavin**, who saw regular action in 2002. They will be pushed for playing time by junior **Larry Burt** and sophomore **Marcus Johnson**, who were both strong in the spring and are expected to contribute in 2003.

"I really like how the look of our front four developed over the spring," Hoepfner said. "We feel like we have six or seven guys who can contribute consistently and a couple who can be special."

After ranking last in the MAC in pass defense last season, one of the RedHawks' biggest challenges for the upcoming season is to shore up the secondary, an area where huge strides were made in the spring.

"The secondary is a group that didn't come into the spring with

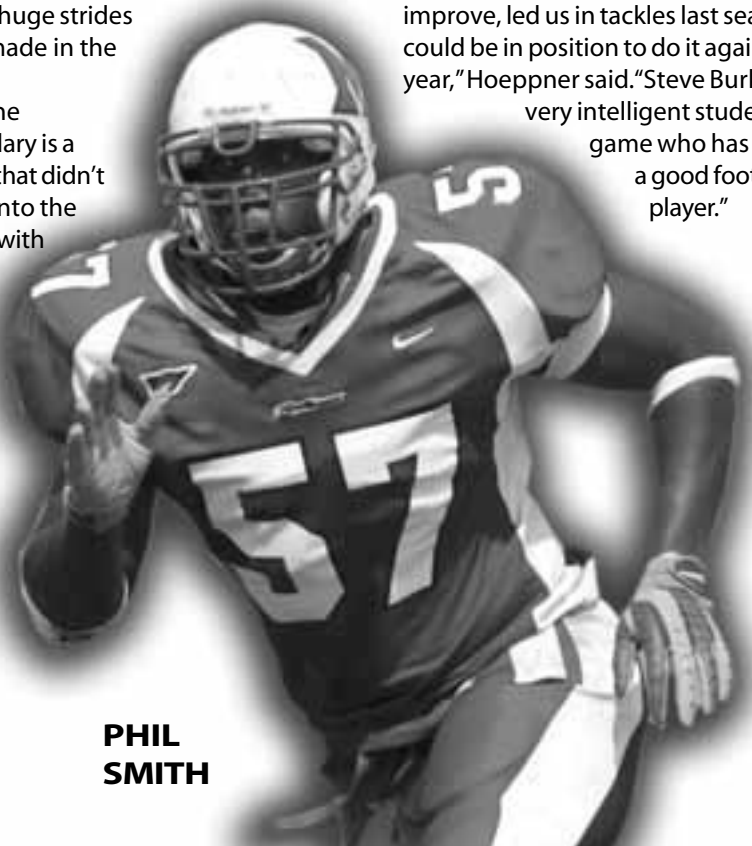
DEFENSIVE BACKS

*** Ryan Sprague	5-10, 191, Sr.
** Alphonso Hodge	5-11, 205, Jr.
** Van Monroe	6-3, 205, Jr.
** Matt Pusateri	5-11, 199, Jr.
* Steve Burke	6-0, 184, So.
* Darrell Hunter	6-1, 201, So.
* Ryan Redd	5-10, 168, So.
* Bryan Tyson	6-0, 193, So.
Sherman Smith	5-11, 192, Jr.
Jimmy Adams	5-10, 180, So.
Joey Card	6-1, 187, R-Fr.
Sean McMonigle	6-1, 190, R-Fr.
Marcus Tate	5-10, 146, R-Fr.
Frank Wiwo	6-3, 169, R-Fr.
Jerrid Gaines	5-11, 175, Fr.
Jake Kuhner	5-10, 170, Fr.

a lot of confidence," Hoepfner said. "They had a very good spring, though, and will be much improved."

Leading the Miami secondary is junior strong safety **Matt Pusateri**, a former walk-on that led the Red and White in tackles a year ago and already has 247 tackles in just two seasons. He will be joined at the other safety by another walk-on, sophomore **Steve Burke**, who saw action in 11 games last season and is coming off a promising spring.

"Matt Pusateri, who continues to improve, led us in tackles last season and could be in position to do it again this year," Hoepfner said. "Steve Burke is a very intelligent student of the game who has become a good football player."



PHIL SMITH

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Speed will be the theme at cornerback, where returning starter **Alfonso Hodge** shaved nearly four-tenths of a second off his time in the 40-yard dash and is joined by sophomore **Darrell Hunter**, the fastest player in the history of the program.

"It's not easy to improve once you've played a lot, but Alfonso really reached a new level this year," Hoepfner said. "He was easily one of our most improved players on both sides of the ball. Darrell Hunter played his way into the other starting cornerback spot. He played some last season and though we hated using that year of eligibility, it made him a better player."

A veteran of the RedHawk secondary who will contribute in a variety of areas in 2003 is senior **Ryan Sprague**, a strong coverage player that could play at safety or cornerback and also could see time in Miami's nickel package. Rounding out the depth in the secondary are speedy cornerbacks **Joey Card** and **Ryan Redd** as well as bruising strong safety sophomore **Bryan Tyson**.

"This is a group that has to play well," Hoepfner said. "We're going to try some things to help them out this year, but if this group doesn't play well, it shows up on the scoreboard."

SPECIAL TEAMS

In a game where all of the little things truly matter, Miami was aided greatly in 2002 by more consistency on special teams. Building upon its past accomplishments is, once again, a



JARED PARSEGHIAN

KICKERS

**	Jared Parseghian	5-10, 194, Jr.
*	Todd Soderquist	6-2, 209, So.
	James Addington	6-0, 175, Fr.

PUNTERS

**	Mike Wafzig	6-4, 229, Jr.
**	Ben Roethlisberger	6-5, 242, Jr.

key for the 2003 campaign.

"We've really gone from holding our breath two years ago to developing some consistency and having our kicking game become a real weapon for us," Hoepfner said."

A year after a rotating trio of placekickers was unable to develop any consistency, junior place kicker **Jared Parseghian** rose above the fray in 2002, drilling 14-of-14 field goal attempts, breaking the MAC record for consecutive field goals and earning first-team all-MAC plaudits. The junior, a candidate for the Lou Groza Award, carries his string of 17 straight field goal conversions into the 2003 season and will handle Miami's short- and middle-ranged field goal attempts.

Another promising leg in the RedHawk kicking corps is sophomore **Todd Soderquist**, who possesses the strongest leg of Miami's kickers and handled Miami's kickoff duties in 2002. The sophomore, who continues to become more consistent, will again kick off for the RedHawks and could attempt some long field goals.

At punter, Miami will turn for the third straight year to junior **Mike Wafzig**, who enjoyed a productive off-season and looked very strong in the spring.

"Mike took some big strides in the spring," Hoepfner said. "He has tremendous potential and should be a dominant punter in this league."

Another critical element of the special teams game is the long snapper position, where the RedHawks are eager to welcome back senior **Scott Sagehorn**, a four-year starter at the position who took a medical redshirt in 2002. Senior **Alan Eyink** and sophomore **Dave McClain** could back up Sagehorn.

"Scott is one of the best we've had," Hoepfner said. "He's

one of the best at his position in the MAC."

SCHEDULE

Much like the game itself, Miami's 2003 football schedule breaks neatly into four quarters, with the RedHawks needing to be at their best when the fourth quarter rolls around.

Miami opens the season with a traditionally strong non-conference schedule that includes consecutive trips to Iowa (Aug. 31), a 2003 Orange Bowl participant, Big Ten foe Northwestern (Sept. 13) and Colorado State (Sept. 20), a 2003 Liberty Bowl participant.

From there, the Red and White opens the home season with a Sept. 27 clash with Cincinnati before opening conference play with an Oct. 4 homecoming tilt with Akron and an Oct. 11 clash with Buffalo.

Road trips to MAC rivals Ball State and Kent State follow on Oct. 18 and 25, respectively, before the RedHawks return to Yager Stadium for two of the biggest home dates in program history. On Nov. 4, Miami welcomes MAC West power Bowling Green for a weeknight game that will be broadcast on the ESPN Networks. The game will mark the first game broadcast by ESPN at Yager Stadium and only the second night game in program history.

On Nov. 12 the lights come on once again as MAC East rival Marshall visits the RedHawks for another ESPN-televized weeknight clash. The battle between the RedHawks and Thundering Herd has decided the MAC East Division champion in each of the past two seasons.

Miami finishes the regular season on the road battling the rival Ohio Bobcats on Nov. 22 and making its first visit to UCF on Nov. 28 for what could be another ESPN-televized affair.

"We want to be competing for a MAC Title when it comes down to the fourth quarter of the season just like we're competing for wins in the fourth quarter of games," Hoepfner said. "That's a position we've placed ourselves in the past couple of years, and that's where we want to be again this year. We want those weeknight, nationally-televized games to be very meaningful."

2003 FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

HISTORY

First year of football	1888
All-time bowl appearances (Record)	7 (5-2)
Last bowl appearance	1986 California Bowl
Result	San Jose State 37, Miami 7
All-time record	611-342-44
All-time winning pct.635

FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach

Head Coach	Terry Hooppner
Alma mater/year	Franklin, 1969
Record at school	27-19 (5th year)
Career record	27-19 (5th year)
Football office phone	(513) 529-3319
Football Fax	(513) 529-5714
Best time to reach coach	Weekday mornings

Assistant Coaches

Off. Coord./QBs	Shane Montgomery
Alma Mater	N. Carolina State, '90
Defensive Coordinator	Pat Narduzzi
Alma Mater	Rhode Island, '90
Defensive Line	Brian George
Alma Mater	Ohio, '94
Tight Ends	Bobby Johnson
Alma Mater	Miami, '95
Linebackers	Taver Johnson
Alma Mater	Wittenberg, '94
Defensive Backs	Joe Palcic
Alma Mater	Miami, '98
Offensive Line	John Peterson
Alma Mater	Ohio State, '91
Wide Receivers/Recruiting	Brian Von Bergen
Alma Mater	Illinois, '92
Asst. Head Coach/RBs	Jim Wachenheim
Alma Mater	North Central, '78

TEAM INFORMATION

2002 Record	7-5
Mid-American Conference Record	5-3 (3rd-place, East Division)
Final ranking	Not Ranked
Basic Offense	Multiple
Basic Defense	4-3
Letterwinners Returning	49
Offense	22
Defense	25
Special Teams	2
Letterwinners Lost	13
Offense	7
Defense	6
Special Teams	0
Starters Returning	12
Offense	7
Defense	5
Special Teams (not included in above totals)	2
Starters Lost	10
Offense	4
Defense	6
Special Teams (not included in above totals)	0

KEY RETURNEES

- **QB Ben Roethlisberger**—2003 Davey O'Brien Award candidate, 2002 Second-Team all-MAC, Miami career record-holder for pass completions, Miami single-season record-holder for passing completions, attempts, yardage and touchdowns.
- **RB Luke Clemens**—2002 Second-Team all-MAC, 1,000-yard rusher in 2002, ranked 11th in the nation and third in the MAC in rushing touchdowns in 2002.
- **WR Michael Larkin**—Fastest player in Miami history to 1,000-yards receiving, reaching the plateau in just 19 games.
- **TE Matt Brandt**—33 receptions in 2002 were the most by a Miami tight end in more than decade.
- **OL Jacob Bell**—2003 Outland Trophy candidate.
- **LB Terrell Jones**—2000 Freshman All-American, 2001 First-Team All-MAC, on pace to finish his career ranked among Miami's Top 10 all-time tacklers.
- **DE Phil Smith**—Top returning player in terms of sacks and tackles for loss.
- **DB Matt Pusateri**—2001 Freshman All-American, led Miami in tackles in 2003.
- **PK Jared Parseghian**—2003 Lou Groza Award candidate, 2002 First-team All-MAC, maintaining nation's longest string of consecutive field goals with 17 straight field goal conversions.
- **P Mike Wafzig**—2003 Ray Guy Award candidate.

KEY LOSSES

- **WR Jason Branch**—Miami's leading receiver in 2002.
- **WR Eddie Tillitz**—Miami's all-time leader in punt return yardage.
- **DL Matt Edwards**—Led Miami in sacks in 2002.
- **LB Matt Robillard**—Four-year starter, two-time all-MAC linebacker.
- **DB Milt Bowen**—Three-year starter in secondary, Miami career record holder for kick return yardage.

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Luke Clemens	223	1,009	4.5	16
Cal Murray	69	253	3.7	3

Passing	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Yds.	INT	TD
B. Roethlisberger	428	271	63.3	3238	11	22
Josh Betts	17	7	41.2	93	2	3

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Michael Larkin	39	436	11.2	8
Matt Brandt	33	348	10.5	1
Luke Clemens	27	334	12.4	1
Korey Kirkpatrick	26	375	14.4	2
Andre Henderson	20	198	9.9	0

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.	INT	TFL	SACK
Matt Pusateri	85	40	125	0-0	2-6	0-0
Terrell Jones	57	34	91	1-10	5-14	1-11
Ryan Sprague	56	15	71	2-11	0-0	0-0
Phil Smith	37	14	51	1-31	10-52	5-25
Terna Nande	28	21	49	0-0	5-23	2-14
Alphonso Hodge	30	10	40	0-0	2-14	2-14
Derek Rehage	17	22	39	0-0	1-8	1-8

2003 DEPTH CHART

Offense (Multiple)

WR	88	Korey Kirkpatrick	6-1, 200, Sr., Aurora, Ind.
	15	Martin Nance	6-4, 210, So., Maryland Hgts., Mo.
LT	71 Ben Herrell	6-7, 316, Sr., Middleton, Wis.	
	75	Mark Kracium	6-5, 291, So., New Carisle, Ohio
LG	54 Frank Smith	6-3, 295, Sr., Cedarburg, Wis.	
	60	Dan Kosta	6-2, 285, Sr., Wickliffe, Ohio
C	62 Todd Londot	6-7, 284, So., Utica, Ohio	
	61	Dave Rehker	6-5, 275, Jr., Avon Lake, Ohio
RG	74 Jacob Bell	6-5, 295, Sr., Euclid, Ohio	
	77	Chriss Fessell	6-5, 290, So., Cincinnati, Ohio
RT	79	Nate Bunce	6-6, 287, So., Hamilton, Ohio
	70	Ryan Meyer	6-5, 278, So., Hubbard, Ohio
TE	87 Matt Brandt	6-5, 248, Sr., Toronto, Ont.	
	90	Geoff Robinson	6-4, 261, Sr., Middletown, Ohio
	89	Dan Tyler	6-4, 241, So., Cleveland, Ohio
QB	7 Ben Roethlisberger	6-5, 242, Jr., Findlay, Ohio	
	8	Josh Betts	6-3, 208, So., Vandalia, Ohio
	13	Ryan Busing	6-3, 195, Fr., Alpharetta, Ga.
TB	11 Luke Clemens	5-10, 217, Sr., Dayton, Ohio	
	43	Cal Murray	5-10, 198, Sr., Dublin, Ohio
WR	6	Mike Larkin	5-8, 165, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio
	82	R.J. Corbin	5-11, 192, Fr., Indianapolis, Ind.
WR	4	Andre Henderson	6-2, 202, Jr., W. Lafayette, Ind.
	2	Mike Iriti	6-0, 185, Jr., Findlay, Ohio
PK	26	Jared Parseghian	5-10, 194, Jr., Sylvania, Ohio
	35	Todd Soderquist	6-2, 209, So., College Grove, TN

Note: 12 players listed on offense due to the variety of sets.

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Specialists

KO	35 Todd Soderquist	6-2, 209, So., College Grove, TN	
	26	Jared Parseghian	5-10, 194, Jr., Sylvania, Ohio
HD	14 J.D. Vonderheide	6-0, 191, Sr., Batesville, Ind.	
	8	Josh Betts	6-3, 208, So., Vandalia, Ohio
LS	53	Scott Sagehorn	6-3, 223, Sr., Barrington, IL
	94	Alan Eyink	6-4, 233, Sr., Celina, OH
KR	88 Korey Kirkpatrick	6-1, 200, Sr., Aurora, Ind.	
	9	Aphonso Hodge	5-11, 205, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio
	28	Darrell Hunter	6-1, 201, So., Middletown, Ohio
PR	6	Mike Larkin	5-8, 165, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio
	15	Martin Nance	6-4, 210, So., Maryland Hgts., Mo.

Defense (4-3)

LE	50 Phil Smith	6-1, 262, Sr., Shaker Heights, Ohio	
	99	Mike Barz	6-4, 264, So., Lisle, Ill.
LT	65	John Glavin	5-11, 269, So., Solon, Ohio
	93	Marcus Johnson	6-3, 261, So., Youngstown, Ohio
RT	52 Will Rueff	6-4, 265, Jr., Louisville, Ky.	
	91	Larry Burt	6-4, 299, Jr., Warrensville Hgts.
RE	49	Will Stanley	6-1, 245, Sr., Cleveland, Ohio
	44	Jarrod Rich	6-3, 251, So., Waynesville, Ohio
OLB	12	John Busing	6-3, 225, So., Alpharetta, Ga.
	37	Dontae Wright	6-3, 211, Fr., Louisa, Ky.
MLB	3 Terrell Jones	5-9, 218, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.	
	38	Derek Rehage	6-1, 225, Jr., Brookville, Ind.
	51	Matt Voegel	6-1, 225, Fr., North Bend, Ohio
OLB	32	Terna Nande	6-1, 214, So., Grand Rapids, Mich.
	46	David Hutzelman	6-2, 218, So., West Chester, Ohio
CB	28	Darrell Hunter	6-1, 201, So., Middletown, Ohio
	22 Ryan Sprague	5-10, 191, Sr., Columbus, Ohio	
SS	19 Matt Pusateri	5-11, 199, Jr., Dublin, Ohio	
	20	Bryan Tyson	6-0, 193, So., Milan, Ill.
FS	38	Steve Burke	6-0, 184, So., Spring, Texas
	22 Ryan Sprague	5-10, 191, Sr., Columbus, Ohio	
CB	9	Aphonso Hodge	5-11, 205, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio
	21	Ryan Redd	5-10, 168, So., Pickerington, Ohio
P	16 Mike Wafzig	6-4, 229, Jr., Germantown, Ohio	
	7	Ben Roethlisberger	6-5, 242, Jr., Findlay, Ohio

Pronunciation Guide

Coaches

Terry Hoepfner	HEP-ner
Joe Palcic	PAL-sick
Jim Wachenheim	WALK-un-heim
Pat Narduzzi	nar-DOOZ-ee

Players

Alan Eyink	EYENK
Ben Herrell	HAIR-ul
David Hutzelman	HUTZ-ul-man
Mike Iriti	eye-REET-ee
Akim Lannaman	AH-kimm LAN-a-man
Bill Lautar	LAWT-ur
Matt Pusateri	POOSE-uh-terry
Derek Rehage	REE-hage
David Rehker	RAY-ker
Ben Roethlisberger	ROTH-liss-burg-ur
Will Rueff	ROOF
Scott Sagehorn	SAGE-horn
Tranaine Sills	tra-NAYNE
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2	Mike Iriti *	WR	6-0	185	Sr./Jr.	Findlay, OH (Findlay)
3	Terrell Jones ***	LB	5-9	218	Sr./Sr.	St. Louis, MO (Mehlville)
+3	Jeff Schroeder	WR	5-11	184	So./Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (Oak Hills)
4	Andre Henderson *	WR	6-2	202	Jr./Jr.	Dublin, OH (Coffman)
5	Frank Wiwo	DB	6-3	169	So./Fr.	Miami, FL (Miami Northwestern)
6	Michael Larkin **	WR	5-8	165	Jr./Jr.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
7	Ben Roethlisberger **	QB	6-5	242	Sr./Jr.	Findlay, OH (Findlay)
8	Josh Betts *	QB	6-3	208	Jr./So.	Vandalia, OH (Butler)
9	Alphonso Hodge **	DB	5-11	205	Sr./Jr.	Cleveland, OH (St. Edward)
10	Sherman Smith	DB	5-11	192	Sr./Jr.	Franklin, TN (Centennial)
11	Luke Clemens ***	RB	5-10	217	Sr./Sr.	Dayton, OH (Bellbrook)
11	Jake Kuhner	DB	5-10	170	Fr./Fr.	Pickerington, OH (Pickerington)
12	John Busing *	LB	6-3	225	So./So.	Alpharetta, GA (Chattahoochee)
13	Ryan Busing	QB	6-3	195	So./Fr.	Alpharetta, GA (Chattahoochee)
14	J.D. Vonderheide **	QB	6-0	191	Sr./Sr.	Batesville, IN (East Central)
+14	Josh Williams	WR	6-1	210	So./So.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
15	Martin Nance *	WR	6-4	210	Jr./So.	Maryland Heights, MO (Pattonville)
16	Mike Wafzig *	P	6-4	229	Sr./Jr.	Germantown, OH (Valley View)
17	Darren Paige	WR/DB	6-1	180	Fr./Fr.	Rosford, OH (Rossford)
18	Mike Kokal	QB	6-1	175	Fr./Fr.	Warren, OH (Warren G. Harding)
19	Matt Pusateri **	DB	5-11	199	Sr./Jr.	Dublin, OH (Bishop Watterson)
20	Van Monroe **	DB	6-3	205	Sr./Jr.	Euclid, OH (Euclid)
21	Ryan Redd *	DB	5-10	168	So./So.	Pickerington, OH (Pickerington)
22	Ryan Sprague ***	DB	5-10	191	Sr./Sr.	Columbus, OH (Worthington Kilbourne)
23	Joey Card	DB	6-1	187	So./Fr.	Canton, OH (Glenoak)
+23	Adam Ciborowski	RB	6-0	219	Jr./Jr.	Brookfield, WI (Brookfield)
24	Brandon Murphy	RB	5-8	170	Fr./Fr.	Strongsville, OH (Strongsville)
+24	Jimmy Adams	DB	5-10	180	So./So.	Vandalia, OH (Butler)
25	Akim Lannaman	RB	6-1	200	Fr./Fr.	Lake Park, FL (Suncoast)
26	Jared Parseghian **	PK	5-10	194	Sr./Jr.	Sylvania, OH (St. John's)
+26	Sean McMonigle	DB	6-1	190	So./Fr.	Monroe, OH (Lemon-Monroe)
27	Marcus Tate	DB	5-10	146	So./Fr.	Canton, GA (Sequoyah)
28	Darrell Hunter *	DB	6-1	201	So./So.	Middletown, OH (Middletown)
29	Austin Sykes	RB	6-0	220	Fr./Fr.	Coraopolis, PA (Moon)
30	Bryan Tyson *	DB	6-0	193	So./So.	Milan, IL (Army Prep)
31	Cory Jones	RB	5-10	185	Fr./Fr.	Ocean Springs, MS (Florence)
+31	Andrew Dunn	WR	5-11	185	So./Fr.	Gahanna, OH (The Columbus Academy)
32	Terna Nande *	LB	6-1	214	So./So.	Grand Rapids, MI (Creston)
33	Jerrid Gaines	DB	5-11	175	Fr./Fr.	Springfield, OH (South)
34	Tersee Nande	WR/DB	6-2	205	Fr./Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI (Creston)
35	Todd Soderquist *	K	6-2	209	So./So.	College Grove, TN (Battle Ground Academy)
36	Steve Burke *	DB	6-0	184	Jr./So.	Spring, TX (Klein)
+36	Jimmy Murray	RB	6-2	202	So./Fr.	Louisville, KY (Trinity)
37	Dontae Wright	LB	6-3	211	So./Fr.	Louisa, KY (Lawrence County)
38	Derek Rehage *	LB	6-1	225	Jr./So.	Brookville, IN (East Central)
39	Andy Capper	FB	6-2	263	Sr./Jr.	Springfield, OH (Kenton Ridge)
43	Cal Murray ***	RB	5-10	198	Sr./Sr.	Dublin, OH (Bishop Watterson)
44	Jarrod Rich *	DL	6-3	251	Jr./So.	Waynesville, OH (Clinton Massie)
45	Jerome Bennett	LB	6-2	215	Fr./Fr.	Southfield, MI (Southfield)
+45	Matt Bachman	WR	6-2	185	Fr./Fr.	Harrison, OH (Harrison)
46	David Hutzelman	LB	6-2	218	Jr./So.	West Chester, OH (Lakota West)
47	Jeremy Thompson	TE	6-4	242	Sr./Jr.	Plainfield, IN (Avon)
48	Bill Lautar	DL	6-2	238	Jr./So.	Kettering, OH (Fairmont)
49	Will Stanley ***	DL	6-1	245	Sr./Sr.	Cleveland, OH (Trinity)

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50	Phil Smith ***	DL	6-1	269	Sr./Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH (St. Ignatius)
51	Matt Vogele	LB	6-1	225	So./Fr.	North Bend, OH (St. Xavier)
52	Will Rueff **	DL	6-4	265	Sr./Jr.	Louisville, KY (Trinity)
53	Scott Sagehorn ***	LS	6-3	223	Sr./Sr.	Barrington, IL (Barrington)
54	Frank Smith**	OL	6-3	295	Sr./Sr.	Cedarburg, WI (Cedarburg)
55	Lamont Bender	DL	6-0	221	So./Fr.	Detroit, MI (Martin Luther King)
56	Nic Manning	LB	6-2	226	So./Fr.	Kettering, OH (Fairmont)
57	Ryan Brittain	LB	6-3	220	Fr./Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Brother Rice)
58	Craig Mester	DL	6-3	215	Fr./Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI (East Grand Rapids)
59	Dave McClain *	LS	6-2	197	So./So.	Cincinnati, OH (Colerain)
60	Dan Kosta *	OL	6-5	285	Sr./Sr.	Wickliffe, OH (Wickliffe)
61	Dave Rehker *	OL	6-5	275	Sr./Jr.	Avon Lake, OH (Avon Lake)
62	Todd Londot *	OL	6-7	284	Jr./So.	Utica, OH (Utica)
63	Frank Gray	DL	5-11	274	So./Fr.	Huntley, IL (Huntley)
64	Josh Brinck	DL	6-5	230	Fr./Fr.	Oxford, OH (Badin)
65	John Glavin *	DL	5-11	269	Jr./So.	Solon, OH (Solon)
66	Joe Serina	OL	6-2	284	Sr./Sr.	Atlanta, GA (Marist)
67	Allen Beneker	OL	6-5	258	So./Fr.	Brookville, IN (Franklin County)
69	Otto Linwood	DL	6-1	285	Fr./Fr.	Frankfort, IL (Lincoln-Way East)
70	Ryan Meyer	OL	6-5	278	Jr./So.	Hubbard, OH (Hubbard)
71	Ben Herrell **	OL	6-7	316	Sr./Sr.	Middleton, WI (Middleton)
72	Steve Meister	OL	6-3	255	Fr./Fr.	Allison Park, PA (Shaler)
73	Pete Walters	OL	6-5	285	Fr./Fr.	Columbus, OH (Upper Arlington)
74	Jacob Bell ***	OL	6-5	295	Sr./Sr.	Euclid, OH (St. Ignatius)
75	Mark Kracium	OL	6-5	291	Jr./So.	New Carlisle, OH (Tecumseh)
76	Charlie Norden	OL	6-5	250	Fr./Fr.	Dublin, OH (Scioto)
77	Chris Fessel	OL	6-5	290	Jr./So.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
78	Brian Cooper	OL	6-5	277	So./Fr.	Springfield, OH (S. Charleston-Southeastern)
79	Nate Bunce	OL	6-6	287	Jr./So.	Hamilton, OH (Badin)
80	Steve Kosky	TE	6-4	253	So./Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (Anderson)
81	Patrick O'Bryan	WR	6-1	185	Fr./Fr.	Beavercreek, OH (Carroll)
82	R.J. Corbin	WR	5-11	192	So./Fr.	Indianapolis, IN (Ben Davis)
83	Calvin Blackmon	WR	6-4	203	Sr./Sr.	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
84	Tyler Vogel *	TE	6-3	245	Jr./So.	Coldwater, OH (Coldwater)
85	Ryne Robinson	WR	5-10	169	Fr./Fr.	Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)
86	Justin Davis	WR	6-5	220	Fr./Fr.	Plain City, OH (Fairbanks)
87	Matt Brandt **	TE	6-5	248	Sr./Sr.	Toronto, CAN (Northern Secondary)
88	Korey Kirkpatrick ***	WR	6-1	200	Sr./Sr.	Aurora, IN (South Dearborn)
89	Dan Tyler *	TE	6-4	241	Jr./So.	Cleveland, OH (St. Edward)
90	Geoff Robinson **	TE	6-4	261	Sr./Sr.	Middletown, OH (Middletown)
91	Larry Burt **	DL	6-4	299	Sr./Jr.	Warrensville Heights, OH (Warrensville Heights)
92	Seth Painter	DE	6-2	237	So./Fr.	Sandusky, OH (Perkins/USAF Prep)
93	Marcus Johnson *	DL	6-3	261	Jr./So.	Youngstown, OH (Ursuline)
94	Alan Eyink *	LS	6-4	233	Sr./Sr.	Celina, OH (Celina)
95	Tranaine Sills	LB	6-1	220	Fr./Fr.	Miramar, FL (Northwestern)
96	Garrit Nixon	LB	6-1	195	So./Fr.	Defiance, OH (Defiance)
97	James Addington	K	6-0	175	Fr./Fr.	Findlay, OH (Findlay)
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49	Will Stanley ***	DL	6-1	245	Sr./Sr.	Cleveland, OH (Trinity)
29	Austin Sykes	RB	6-0	220	Fr./Fr.	Coraopolis, PA (Moon)
27	Marcus Tate	DB	5-10	146	So./Fr.	Canton, GA (Sequoyah)
47	Jeremy Thompson	TE	6-4	242	Sr./Jr.	Plainfield, IN (Avon)
89	Dan Tyler *	TE	6-4	241	Jr./So.	Cleveland, OH (St. Edward)
30	Bryan Tyson *	DB	6-0	193	So./So.	Milan, IL (Army Prep)
84	Tyler Vogel *	TE	6-3	245	Jr./So.	Coldwater, OH (Coldwater)
51	Matt Vogele	LB	6-1	225	So./Fr.	North Bend, OH (St. Xavier)
14	J.D. Vonderheide **	QB	6-0	191	Sr./Sr.	Batesville, IN (East Central)
16	Mike Wafzig *	P	6-4	229	Sr./Jr.	Germantown, OH (Valley View)
73	Pete Walters	OL	6-5	285	Fr./Fr.	Columbus, OH (Upper Arlington)
+14	Josh Williams	WR	6-1	210	So./So.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
5	Frank Wiwo	DB	6-3	169	So./Fr.	Miami, FL (Miami Northwestern)
37	Dontae Wright	LB	6-3	211	So./Fr.	Louisa, KY (Lawrence County)

* Letters earned

+ Duplicate number

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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Over the span of 57 years, the Mid-American Conference has progressively grown and developed into one of the most aggressive NCAA Division I conferences in the country.

Under the guidance of Commissioner Rick Chryst, the seventh commissioner in the history of the league, the MAC has moved its men's and women's basketball championship into a first-class NBA/WNBA facility at Gund Arena.

In the coming years, the MAC will co-host the 2006 NCAA Women's Basketball Midwest Regional and the 2007 Women's Final Four at Gund Arena, after successfully hosting the 2000 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich. It also continues to be one of three conferences (SEC and Big 12) to sponsor a football championship game.



Rick Chryst
MAC Commissioner

Continuing to lead by example, the MAC provides its student-athletes and member institutions with the best possible opportunities. Since 1946, the MAC has not only stood the test of time, but has thrived and formed a league that its founders could not have imagined or dreamed.

Based in Cleveland since July 1999, following a 15-year stay in Toledo, the MAC has established historic measurements in both football and men's and women's basketball since its move to Northeast Ohio.

The 2002-03 athletic season marked the second straight season that the MAC had two teams involved in bowl games with league champion Marshall (GMAC) winning post season competition for the fifth consecutive season while West Division champion Toledo participated in the Motor City Bowl for the second time in as many years.

During the off-season, the MAC had its best year in the NFL Draft as a record nine players were drafted in the seven-round draft. Record-setting Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who repeated as the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and the Vern Smith Leadership Award recipient, became the highest football draft pick in MAC history as the Jacksonville Jaguars selected him with the seventh overall pick in the first round. The University of Central Florida, which completed its first year of football in the MAC in 2002, had the most players drafted among league schools with four.

Attendance at the Men's Basketball Tournament championship game surpassed the 10,000 mark for the third straight year, as Central Michigan knocked off defending champion Kent State. The Chippewas then went on to defeat nationally-ranked Creighton in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The MAC has advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six years, including the past three seasons.



Akron ■ Ball State ■
Bowling Green ■ Buffalo ■
UCF ■ Central Michigan ■ Eastern Michigan
■ Kent State ■ Marshall ■
Miami ■ Ohio ■ Northern Illinois ■ Toledo ■
Western Michigan

In women's basketball, Western Michigan became the first non-Ohio team to win the tournament crown since the Broncos won it in 1985 with a win over Ball State, which appeared in the title game for the second straight campaign. It was also the first non-Ohio championship since WMU defeated Central Michigan in 1985. The championship game crowd was the 10th largest among 29 Division I conference tournaments in 2003.

In men's and women's cross country, the MAC produced five All-Americans while the Eastern Michigan men's squad finished third at the NCAA Championship and the Central Michigan men were ninth.

A year after Miami won the MAC's first-ever NCAA Tournament women's soccer contest with a victory over West Virginia, the RedHawks again advanced to the second round in 2002 with a win over Michigan State. Danielle Berkemeier, the 2002 MAC Player of the Year, was tabbed a third-team all-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

In baseball, Eastern Michigan won the MAC Tournament for the first time since 1982 while Western Michigan claimed the softball crown—its first since 1984. It also marked WMU's first NCAA Tournament since 1982.

A total of 23 baseball players were drafted during the MLB's First-Year Player Draft, the second-highest total in league history and the highest since 27 players were picked in 1979. Two of the selections were first round picks – Ball State's Brad Snyder (Cleveland Indians) and Toledo's Mitch Maier (Kansas City Royals). It was the first time in 35 years that the MAC produced a pair of first-round selections, and the fourth time in five seasons that the MAC has had a player picked in the first round.

Individually, a total of 78 student-athletes from across the league captured Verizon Academic All-District honors. Of that total, 11 student-athletes were tabbed Verizon CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, headlined by three football and three softball team members. Women's soccer had a pair of third-team honorees, while baseball, volleyball and gymnastics (at-large) had one each.

On the field, a total of 35 All-Americans were named in 13 different sports. Women's track and field led the way with five all-Americans, while

men's cross country, wrestling and women's basketball followed with four honors each. Baseball, football and women's indoor track and field each had three. Other sports capturing honors included men's basketball and men's indoor and outdoor track and field with two apiece, and one each from women's cross country, women's soccer and field hockey.

In June of 2003 the MAC reached a five-year agreement with ESPN, Inc. that guarantees the league exposure for the term of the agreement on ESPN and ESPN2. ABC/ESPN owns exclusive rights to the MAC Football Championship game and ESPN/ESPN2 owns those same rights to the MAC Men's Basketball Championship.

The MAC's relationship with ESPN, Inc., helped the league receive additional national exposure in February 2003 as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday. MAC schools Bowling Green and Kent State were on nationally televised games while Ball State and Marshall received ESPN Regional exposure. The MAC will continue as a participant in the 2004 ESPN Bracket Buster event.

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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE AND MAC BOWL GAMES

In the first year of the television deal, the MAC played its first-ever over-the-air broadcast on ABC — the MAC Football Championship game — and also made nine national appearances on ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC.

The Mid-American Conference was founded as a five-school league on February 24, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio with Ohio, Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve admitted as charter members.

The Mid-American Conference has 13 full-time schools and a 14th, UCF, for football only. Comprising the East Division is the University of Akron (joined in 1992), University at Buffalo (1998), University of Central Florida (2002, football only), Kent State University (1951), Marshall University (1954-69, 1997), Miami University (1947) and Ohio University (1946). The West Division members are Ball State University (1973), Bowling Green State University (1952), Central Michigan University (1971), Eastern Michigan University (1971), Northern Illinois University (1975-86, 1997), University of Toledo (1950) and Western Michigan University (1947). Affiliate members include the University of Kentucky in men's soccer, the University of Louisville in field hockey and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) in men's tennis.

The 14 current football-member institutions have a total enrollment of better than 310,000, with individual enrollments ranging from 16,000-

38,000. The MAC's overall enrollment makes it the fourth-largest conference in the United States.

The MAC was the first Division 1-A conference to have its own Hall of Fame, and began honoring its tradition in 1988 with a Hall of Fame. From 1988 to May of 1994, a total of 52 individuals were inducted into the MAC Hall of Fame.

Over its 57-plus years, the MAC has produced a long list of great athletes and coaches from all corners of the sports world. A list that includes Olympic gold medalists, Major League Baseball, NFL and NBA standouts, PGA standouts, national-caliber game officials and Hall of Fame coaches and players.

A presidentially controlled conference, all major policy decisions are made by the MAC council of presidents, which consists of chief officers of the 13 full member universities.

In 1946 men's basketball was the first competitive sport in the MAC, which now sponsors a total of 23 sports. Women's sports were brought into the conference's structure in 1980.

For men, championships (11) are sponsored in football, basketball, baseball, cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, golf and tennis.

For women, championships (12) are sponsored in basketball, softball, volleyball, cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, gymnastics, indoor track and field, outdoor track and tennis.

MAC Earns Spot In GMAC Bowl

With 2002 marking its fourth season, the GMAC Bowl (previously the Mobile

Alabama Bowl), signed an agreement with the Mid-American

Conference to provide the top selection from the league to face the No. 2 choice from Conference USA in the annual postseason holiday bowl game. It marked the first time in the league's 55-year history, two MAC football teams played in bowl games.

This year's GMAC Bowl game will be played at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 in Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium and will be televised on ESPN2.

Several events last year added a festival atmosphere to the game itself. Among them were a Mardi Gras Parade and Block Party the evening prior to the game, a Mayor's Luncheon, an FCA Breakfast, the Coors Classic basketball doubleheader and a Mobile Mysticks hockey game.

"We were very excited to enter into an agreement with the GMAC Bowl," said MAC Commissioner Rick Chryst. "It is especially gratifying that the MAC's second bowl affiliation be with a city like Mobile, where the civic leaders have accomplished so much in just two short years in the bowl business. We look forward to the opportunity for our institutions and our teams to showcase themselves to the great football state of Alabama, as well as to the rest of the nation. We are confident that our conference can add to an exciting and entertaining match-up for college football fans in the region," Chryst added.

"We are very pleased to partner with the Mid-American Conference," said Jerry Silverstein, President of the bowl. "The MAC has a great history and tradition. The 14 member institutions will bring a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm to the partnership and to Mobile."



MAC To Play Big Ten in Motor City Bowl

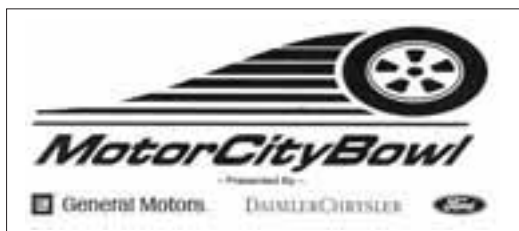
Coming off its best football season in history, the Mid-American Conference took another significant step for its football programs with the announcement of a four-year agreement between the Motor City Bowl and the Big Ten Conference.

"This is a tremendous development for the Mid-American Conference," said MAC Commissioner Rick Chryst. "The opportunity to join with the premier conference in the country, in the heart of our geographies, is a great thing."

The agreement places a seventh bowl-eligible team from the Big Ten into the Motor City Bowl against the No. 1 or No. 2 team from the Mid-American Conference (MAC). The agreement began with the 2002 season and runs through 2005.

The 2003 Motor City Bowl will be televised by ESPN on December 26 at 5 p.m. EST. The bowl game is expected to be played in Ford Field, the new home of the Detroit Lions, which is scheduled to open later this summer. The Detroit area is located in close proximity to most MAC and Big Ten schools, making the drive a one-day trip for the fans of both conferences.

"This is the absolute best thing that could happen to the Motor City Bowl, the Mid-American Conference, the city of Detroit and



the great state of Michigan," said Ken Hoffman, Executive Director of the Bowl.

"The Big Ten Conference is extremely pleased to announce our partnership with the Mid-American Conference and the Motor City Bowl," said Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany. "The Big Ten's relationship with the MAC has produced many exciting regular season games over the years. Now, our teams will have the opportunity to replicate that excitement in the post-season atmosphere at an outstanding venue like Ford Field."

MAC teams have produced an overall 6-2 bowl record since 1997 and a 4-2 record in the Motor City Bowl. In 2001 the MAC featured two teams ranked in the final national polls (Toledo and Marshall). The feat by the MAC marked the first time since the creation of the Bowl Championship Series that a conference outside the BCS had multiple teams ranked in the national top 25.

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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

AUG. 28

Indiana State at Ball State
 East Tennessee State at Eastern Michigan
 Kent State at Akron*
 Southeast Missouri State at Ohio

AUG. 30

Eastern Kentucky at Bowling Green
 Central Michigan at Michigan
 Maryland at Northern Illinois
 Toledo at UNLV
 Western Michigan at Michigan State
 Buffalo at Rutgers
 Hofstra at Marshall
 Miami at Iowa

AUG. 31

UCF at Virginia Tech - ESPN

SEPT. 4

Western Illinois at Eastern Michigan

SEPT. 6

Missouri at Ball State
 Bowling Green at Purdue
 New Hampshire at Central Michigan
 Tennessee Tech at Northern Illinois
 Liberty at Toledo
 William and Mary at Western Michigan
 Akron at Wisconsin
 Buffalo at Iowa
 Kent State at Pittsburgh
 Marshall at Tennessee
 Ohio at Iowa State

SEPT. 12

Toledo at Marshall* [ESPN or ESPN2]

SEPT. 13

Ball State at Pittsburgh
 Liberty at Bowling Green
 Eastern Kentucky at Central Michigan
 Eastern Michigan at Akron*
 Virginia at Western Michigan
 Colgate at Buffalo
 Florida Atlantic at UCF
 Miami at Northwestern
 Minnesota at Ohio

SEPT. 20

Central Michigan at Ball State*
 Bowling Green at Ohio State
 Eastern Michigan at Navy
 Northern Illinois at Alabama
 Pittsburgh at Toledo
 Howard at Akron
 Connecticut at Buffalo
 UCF at Syracuse
 Kent State at Penn State
 Marshall at Kansas State
 Miami at Colorado State

SEPT. 27

Ball State at Boston College
 Maryland at Eastern Michigan
 Iowa State at Northern Illinois
 Toledo at Syracuse
 Western Michigan at Ohio*
 Akron at Buffalo*
 UCF at Kent State*
 Marshall at Troy State
 Cincinnati at Miami

OCT. 4

Ball State at Kent State*
 Central Michigan at Bowling Green*
 Western Michigan at Eastern Michigan*
 Ohio at Northern Illinois*
 Akron at Miami*
 Buffalo at UCF*

OCT. 11

Bowling Green at Western Michigan*
 Northern Illinois at Central Michigan*
 Eastern Michigan at Toledo*
 Cal-Poly at Akron
 Buffalo at Miami*
 UCF at Ohio*
 Kent State at Marshall*

OCT. 18

Miami at Ball State*
 Bowling Green at Eastern Michigan*
 Toledo at Central Michigan*
 Western Michigan at Northern Illinois*
 UCF at Akron*
 Marshall at Buffalo*
 Connecticut at Kent State
 Ohio at Kentucky

OCT. 25

Toledo at Ball State*
 Northern Illinois at Bowling Green*
 Central Michigan at UCF*
 Marshall at Western Michigan*
 Akron at Connecticut
 Ohio at Buffalo*
 Miami at Kent State*

NOV. 1

Ball State at Northern Illinois*
 Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan*
 Buffalo at Toledo*
 Western Michigan at Connecticut
 Akron at Marshall*
 UCF at West Virginia

NOV. 4

Bowling Green at Miami* [ESPN or ESPN2]

NOV. 8

Ball State at Western Michigan*
 Akron at Central Michigan*
 UCF at Eastern Michigan*

Northern Illinois at Buffalo*
 Kent State at Ohio*

NOV. 12

Marshall at Miami* [ESPN or ESPN2]

Nov. 15
 Ball State at Eastern Michigan*
 Kent State at Bowling Green*
 Central Michigan at Western Michigan*
 Northern Illinois at Toledo*
 Ohio at Akron*

NOV. 19

Marshall at UCF* [ESPN or ESPN2]

NOV. 22

Bowling Green at Ball State*
 Central Michigan at Navy
 Eastern Michigan at Northern Illinois*
 Western Michigan at Toledo*
 Buffalo at Kent State*
 Miami at Ohio*

NOV. 28

Toledo at Bowling Green*
 Miami at UCF*
 Ohio at Marshall*

DEC. 4

MAC Championship Game [ESPN2]
 East Division winner at
 West Division winner
 *indicates a conference game
 dates subject to change

FUTURE NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULES (TENTATIVE)

2003

Aug. 30 at Iowa
 Sept. 13 at Northwestern
 Sept. 20 at Colorado State
 Sept. 27 CINCINNATI

2004

Sept. 4 at Michigan
 Sept. 11 at Cincinnati
 TBA COLORADO STATE

2005

Sept. 3 at Ohio State
 Sept. 10 CINCINNATI
 Sept. 17 at Kansas State

2006

Sept. 2 NORTHWESTERN
 Sept. 9 at Purdue
 Sept. 23 at Cincinnati

2007

Sept. 8 CINCINNATI
 Two Opponents TBA

2008

Sept. 6 at Michigan
 Sept. 13 KANSAS STATE
 Sept. 20 at Cincinnati
 One Opponent TBA

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