

Navy Postgame Notes
Navy at Ball State
Sept. 5, 2008 | Attendance: 22,517 (10,546 students)
Scheumann Stadium | Muncie, Ind.

Navy's loss tonight gives the Midshipmen ...

- an overall record of 1-1 in 2008
- a 0-3 record against Ball State, including a 0-1 record in games played in Muncie, Ind.
- an all-time record of 625-512-57 in what is the 128th year of football at the Academy
- a 44-21 record over the last six years after posting a 3-30 record from 2000-02

Navy Head Coach Ken Niumatalolo ...

- is 1-2 all time in his coaching career

First-Time Starters:

Offense: Mike Von Bargen (RT)

Defense: None

Starting Streaks:

Offense: 15 - Tyree Barnes (WR), 15 - Anthony Gaskins (LG), 2 - Curtis Bass (RG), 2 - Jeff Battipaglia (LT), 2- Jarod Bryant (QB), 2- Eric Kettani (FB), 2 - Ricky Moore (C), 2- Curtis Sharp (WR), 2 - Shun White (SB),

Defense: 15 - Michael Walsh (LE), 15 - Nate Frazier (NG), 11 - Blake Carter (LCB), 910 - Wyatt Middleton (FS), 4 - Rashawn King (RCB), 4 - Ross Pospisil (ILB), 2 - Jeff Deliz (R), 2 - Corey Johnson (OLB), 2 - Matt Nechak (RE), 2 - Craig Schaefer (OLB), 2 - Clint Sovie (ILB)

Notes

- after Shun White's 71-yard scamper set up a 1-yd TD by Jarod Bryant, Navy has now scored on its first drive of the second half in 29 of its last 29 games with 25 of the 29 contests resulting in a touchdown.
- Navy has scored TDs on its opening drive of the second half in both games this season.
- the Mids were 1 for 1 against Towson and 1 for 1 against Ball State in fourth down conversions before the Cardinals came up with a huge stop on fourth-and-one on the Ball State three-yard line with 2:21 remaining in the third quarter, stopping what could have been the go-ahead score for Navy.
- Ball State snapped Navy's streak of winning nine in a row when winning the turnover battle ... the Mids intercepted two BSU passes, while the Cardinals picked off Jarod Bryant in BSU territory late in the game.
- Ball State also interrupted Navy's consecutive games streak of scoring 30 or more points ... Navy owned the second-longest streak in the nation, scoring 30 or more points in seven consecutive games.
- the Mids are now 23-14 in games played on the road over the last five years.
- Navy did not punt during the game ... the only punt of the game was by Ball State with 4:52 remaining in the contest.
- Navy came up just short of putting three players over 100 yards rushing ... led by Shun White's 128-yard ground gain, QB Jarod Bryant ran for 94 yards and FB Eric Kettani ran for 92 yards.

Jarod Bryant, Sr., QB

- has scored a rushing touchdown in six of the last seven games in which he has played, including a pair in tonight's game (14 & 1 yd) ... he scored in four in a row, however, did not score against Utah in the Poinsettia Bowl.

Blake Carter, Jr.,CB

- intercepted his first-collegiate pass at 13:43 in the second quarter with Anderson, Ind., native Corey Johnson pressuring QB Nate Davis.

Jeff Deliz, Sr.,S

- recorded a career-high 11 tackles (4-7) ... improved upon his previous best of nine in last year's opener against Temple.

Matt Harmon, Sr., K

- connected on a career-long 49-yard field goal at 9:17 in the 1st quarter ... his previous best was a 46-yarder last September against Duke.
- made all three field goal attempts (49, 29, 28 yds) ... it's the first time a player has made three field goals in a game since Harmon split the uprights three times in last year's opener against Temple.
- was 2 for 2 in extra points in today's game, extending his consecutive PATs made to 54 in a row.
- took sole possession of fifth on the Mids' career PATs made list with his extra-point following Jarod Bryant's TD run with 1:11 remaining in the opening half ... previously tied with Eric Rolfs who made 58 between 2002-03.
- has now made 60 of the 61 PATs he has taken during his four seasons.

Corey Johnson, Sr.,OLB

- recorded a career-high eight tackles (2-6) ... bettered his previous best of five at North Texas a year ago.

Matt Nechak, Jr., DE

- recorded a career-high six tackles (1-5) ... improved upon his previous best of four against Delaware last October.

Greg Shinego, Sr., SB

- ran the ball for a career-long 15 yards on his first carry of the season (12:00, 2nd) ... missed the opener with a broken left hand.

Ram Vela, Jr., OLB

- intercepted his second-collegiate pass as Ball State was driving with under a minute to play in the opening half.

Mario Washington, So., WR

- returned the first kickoff of his career for 16 yards following Ball State's second score of the game (5:41, 1st).

Shun White, Sr., SB

- with 128 yards, White topped 100 yards for the sixth time during his career (twice in '06, twice in '07, twice in '08). ... it's the first time during his collegiate career he has put together back-to-back 100-yard rushing performances.
- ran the ball for 71 yards on his first carry of the second half, setting the Midshipmen up for a game-leading TD by quarterback Jarod Bryant at the 13:23 mark in the third quarter.
- in the first two games of 2008, White has broke free for runs of 87, 73 (Towson) and 71 (Ball State) yards.

Opponent

- Nate Davis threw four TD passes, the most by a Navy opponent since Giovanni Vizza threw eight for North Texas last year
- it's the second straight game Navy's opponent has thrown for 300-plus yards
- Dante Love caught nine passes for 165 yards, the first time a Navy opponent has topped 150 yards receiving since Kenneth Moore of Wake Forest racked up 181 yards receiving last October.