

# VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



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**On The Front Cover:** Senior tight end Matt Chila and junior defensive end Jamil Butler will lead Villanova in 2003. The trophies seen on the cover represent Villanova's outstanding 2002 campaign where the Wildcats won the ECAC Team of the Year Award, the Lambert Meadowlands Cup and advanced to the semifinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

**On The Back Cover:** Clarence Curry, Brian Hulea, Terence Taylor, Mike Tesesi and Raymond Ventrone will be key members of a Wildcat defense that expects to be one of the top defensive units in the Atlantic 10 in 2003.

**On The Inside Back Cover:** Seniors Baylen Botts, Jason Rogers, Mike Finn and junior Terry Butler will try and help lead Villanova back to the NCAA I-AA playoffs for the second-straight year in 2003.

## VILLANOVA 2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
8/28	Hampton	7:00 p.m.
9/6	at Temple	TBA
9/13	at New Hampshire	Noon
9/27	Northeastern (Parents' Weekend)	12:30 p.m.
10/4	James Madison	6:00 p.m.
10/11	at Rhode Island	Noon
10/25	Massachusetts (Homecoming)	3:30 p.m.
11/1	at Richmond	1:00 p.m.
11/8	at Hofstra	7:00 p.m.
11/15	at Maine	2:00 p.m.
11/22	Delaware	4:00 p.m.





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## MEDIA INFORMATION

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** In order for Villanova University's Office of Media Relations to best service responsible media members covering Wildcat Football this year, we ask your assistance and cooperation with the following policies and procedures.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The 2003 Villanova Football Media Guide was prepared by the Villanova University Office of Media Relations specifically to assist the media in their coverage of Wildcat Football. In-season requests for additional information, interviews and photographs should be directed to Dean Kenefick, Assistant Athletics Director/Communications, Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085-1674, (Phone 610-519-4120).

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**PHOTO AND FILM CREDENTIALS:** All photo and game film credentials should be requested as early as possible, and no later than noon on the day prior to the game. No photo credentials will be approved the day of the game. Photographers and film crews may work the sidelines between the 35-yard line and the end zone in both directions. Photographers and film crews on the sidelines and end zones assume responsibility for all risks.

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**PRESS BOX GAME SERVICES:** Pre-game notes and fact sheets, current statistics, media guides, flip cards/lineups will be issued prior to the start of each Villanova home football game. Halftime statistics, as well as complete play-by-play, final team and individual statistics will be provided to the media following the game. Facsimile transmission is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make fax arrangements with Media Relations personnel prior to the game. Also, any post-game quote requests should be made prior to kickoff; a post-game interview session is conducted in the press box conference room 10 minutes after each home game. This season, the visiting teams' head coach and selected student-athletes will be brought to the interview room first; after 10 minutes, Villanova University head coach Andy Talley and selected student-athletes will be brought to the interview room. A light lunch and beverages are served to credentialed media members prior to the game. An internal public address system will be provided for the media. Should you wish for a telephone at your seat location in the press box, please advise when requesting your credentials.

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**WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE:** A weekly press luncheon featuring Villanova University, the University of Pennsylvania, and other Philadelphia area collegiate football programs is held each Wednesday during the football season. Members of the media are welcome to attend. Villanova Football Head Coach Andy Talley will be available at each luncheon, while telephone conferences with that week's Wildcat opponent will also be conducted. The luncheons alternate between the Donaldson Room at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Connelly Center at Villanova University. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 a.m.; telephone interviews with Villanova and Pennsylvania's weekly opponents begin at 11:30 a.m. Question and answer sessions with the Philadelphia coaches begin at noon. Charge to the media is \$15.00.

### **2003 Football Luncheon Schedule:**

- At Villanova — Sept. 3, 17  
Oct. 1, 15, 29  
Nov. 12
- At Pennsylvania — Sept. 10, 24  
Oct. 8, 22  
Nov. 5, 19

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Terry Toohey — Beat Writer

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Tim Fonde — Sports Editor

Philadelphia Tribune, 520-26 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19146  
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215-949-4212; FAX 215-949-4177  
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Trenton Times, 500 Perry Street, Trenton, NJ 08605  
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Jim Gauger — Sports Editor

The Trentonian, 600 Perry Street, Trenton, NJ 08618  
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Flagship Station: WZZD 990 AM, 117 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444,  
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Announcers: Joe Eichhorn (play-by-play), Ryan Fannon (color analyst)

KYW-AM Newsradio 1060 (All-News 24-hour format)  
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Gary Papa, Scott Palmer, Phil Andrews — On-air hosts

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Beasley Reese, Steve Bucci — On-Air Hosts

WTXF-TV Channel 29 (FOX Affiliate)  
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Don Tollefson, Bill Vargus — On-Air Hosts

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Mike Dardis — On-Air Host

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Philadelphia, PA 19147  
215-468-2222 ext 3810  
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Bruce Casella — Managing Editor  
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## VILLANOVA FOOTBALL FACTS & FIGURES

### VILLANOVA QUICK FACTS

Location	Villanova, Pa.
Founded	1842
Enrollment	6,295
President	Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A.
Athletics Director	Vince Nicastro
Head Football Coach	Andy Talley
Nickname	Wildcats
Colors	Blue and White
Stadium	Villanova Stadium
Capacity	12,000
Stadium Surface	Astroplay
Playing Field	Leo Goodreau Field
Press Box Phone	610-519-5290
Affiliation	NCAA Division I-AA
Conference	Atlantic 10
2002 Overall Record	11-4
2002 Conference Record/Finish	6-3, Third Place

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Kenefick's Email	dean.kenefick@villanova.edu
Scoring Hotline	888-400-NOVA (6682)
Official Web Site	www.villanova.com

### 2003 WILDCAT TEAM INFORMATION

Letterman Lost	13
Lettermen Returning	28
Incoming Freshmen Recruits	19
Eligible Transfers	1
Offensive Starters Lost	5
Defensive Starters Lost	3
Offensive Starters Returning	6
Defensive Starters Returning	8
Specialists Returning	3
Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	4-4

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### 2003 COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Andy Talley (Southern Connecticut '67)
Record at Villanova:	125-73-1 (18 seasons, .631 win pct.)
Record in Conference Games:	77-50 (15 seasons, .606 win pct.)
Overall as a Head Coach:	153-91-2 (21 seasons, .626 win pct.)
Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line	Mark Ferrante
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach	Joe Trainer
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach	Sam Venuto
Wide Receivers Coach	Drew Maginnis
Defensive Line/Ends Coach	Clint Wiley
Running Backs Coach	Apollo Wright
Secondary Coach	Mark Reardon
Administrative Assistant	Lou Ferry
Assistant Coaches	Brett Gordon, Corey Wenger, Justin Lustig
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Shawn Cooley

### 2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS (Returners in CAPS)

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
TERRY BUTLER	202	868	4.3	9
MO GIBSON	69	333	4.8	5
Cameron Cross	62	327	5.3	1

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	YDS	TD
Brett Gordon	386	579	14	4290	36
JOE CASAMENTO	2	4	0	13	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian White	72	805	11.2	8
Shaz Brown	64	866	13.5	6
MATT CHILA	48	514	10.7	5

SCORING	TD	PAT	FG	CONV	PTS
ADAM JAMES	0	55-59	11-19	0	88
TERRY BUTLER	12	0-0	0-0	0	72
Brian White	8	0-0	0-0	0	48

TACKLES	UT	AT	TT	SACKS
Jamison Young	84	31	115	11.5
RAYMOND VENTRONE	83	19	102	0
Gary Johnson	63	20	83	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS	TD
Gary Johnson	3	0	0
Darnell Greene	3	4	0

### 2002 VILLANOVA FOOTBALL RESULTS (11-4 OVERALL, 6-3 ATLANTIC 10)

Date	Opponent	Score
8/31	at Rutgers	W, 37-19
9/7	at Colgate	W, 20-0
9/14	Maine	L, 21-14
9/21	New Hampshire	W, 45-3
9/28	at James Madison	W, 30-26
10/5	Hofstra	W, 35-7
10/10	Pennsylvania	W, 17-3
10/19	at Massachusetts	L, 17-16
11/2	William & Mary	W, 41-20
11/9	at Northeastern	L, 38-13
11/16	Rhode Island	W, 45-3
11/23	at Delaware	W, 38-34
11/30	Furman #	W, 45-38
12/7	Fordham #	W, 24-10
12/14	at McNeese State #	L, 39-28

# NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs

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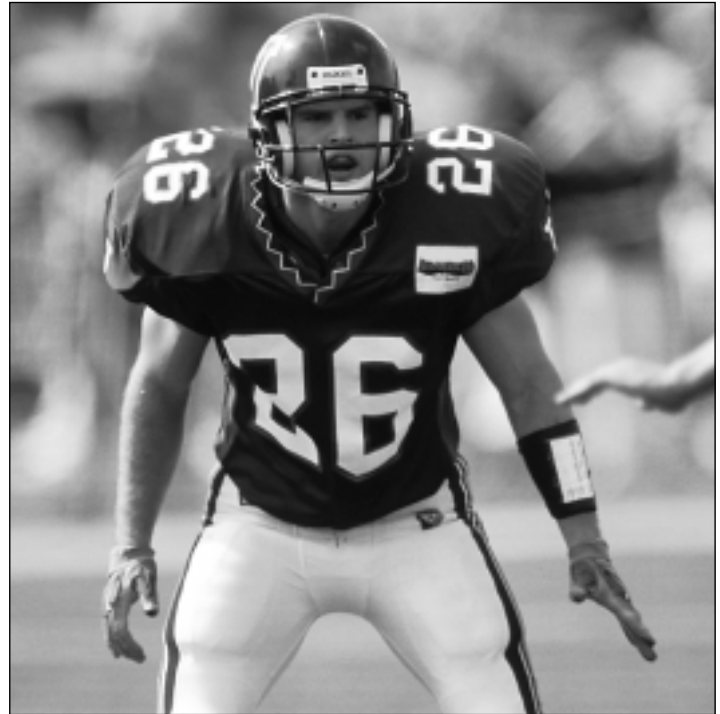


## 2003 WILDCAT FOOTBALL NOTES

**GETTING DEFENSIVE:** With eight starters returning from last year's unit that finished second in the Atlantic 10 Conference in total defense (282.3 yards of total offense per game), the Wildcat defense should be even better this year. Last season, Villanova tallied 41 quarterback sacks in 15 games with 29 of the 41 being credited to players who are returning for the 2003 campaign. In addition, two returning players recorded double figures in tackles for loss with junior safety **Raymond Ventrone** and sophomore linebacker **Brian Hulea** each with 10 stops for loss. Ventrone is the team's top returning tackler. As a sophomore last year, he made 102 total tackles which ranked second on the team.

**PRE-SEASON HONORS:** Eight Wildcats were included on the 2003 pre-season All-Atlantic 10 first and second teams. Three Wildcats were named to the first team including senior tight end **Matt Chila**, junior defensive end **Terence Taylor** and sophomore linebacker **Brian Hulea**. All three were honored for their play last year, as Chila was a first team all-conference selection, while Taylor and Hulea were third team members. The five Wildcats named to the pre-season second team were senior center **Mike Finn**, senior offensive guard **Jason Rogers**, junior defensive end **Jamil Butler**, junior safety **Raymond Ventrone** and sophomore kickoff returner **Martin Gibson**. As a junior a year ago, Finn was a third team All-Conference selection.

**EXCELLING ON AND OFF THE FIELD:** Villanova football continues to produce top notch student-athletes who excel both on the playing field and in the classroom. This past year, Villanova had the most number of players from any school on the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team with 13. To qualify, a student-athlete must have a 3.0 grade point average and be regular performers on the field. The 13 Wildcats who were named to the 2002 Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team included **Carmen DeFrancesco**, **Kingsley Echema**, **Carmen Falcone**, **Mike Finn**, **Brett Gordon**, **Noah Hoffman**, **Brian Hulea**, **Adam James**, **Mike Roseman**, **Jason Saks**, **Dan Silva**, **Raymond Ventrone** and **Anthony Wright**.



*For the second-straight year, Carmen DeFrancesco was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team.*



*Offensive lineman Jason Saks was one of 13 Wildcats to be selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team.*

**SUNDAY SUCCESS:** Two former Villanova football stars enjoyed success in the NFL last season. Wide receiver **Brian Finneran** (Villanova: 1994-97) completed his third season with the Atlanta Falcons last year by leading the Falcons in receiving with 56 catches for 838 yards and six touchdowns, while running back **Brian Westbrook** (Villanova: 1997-2001) earned time in his rookie campaign with the Philadelphia Eagles. Westbrook tallied 46 carries for 193 yards (4.2 yards per rush), nine receptions for 86 yards and he showed his versatility by throwing a 25-yard touchdown pass versus the Dallas Cowboys. Finneran and Westbrook both earned the Walter Payton Award as the top player in Division I-AA football during their season year at Villanova. Westbrook is expected to be the Eagles kickoff and punt returner in 2003. The two played against one another last year in the NFL playoffs when Westbrook's Eagles downed Finneran's Falcons by a score of 20-10 to advance to the NFC Championship game.

**I-A COMPETITION:** For the fifth time in the last six years, Villanova will play a Division I-A opponent when the Wildcats battle crosstown rival Temple University on Saturday, Sept. 6. Since Villanova restored football at the I-AA level in 1985, the 'Cats have recorded a 1-7 mark against I-A opponents. The lone win came in last year's season opener when Villanova earned a 37-19 win at Rutgers. In the seven I-A losses, the average margin of loss has been just 11.2 points per game.

**A NEW BEGINNING:** Dating back to the 1996 season, Villanova has had its quarterback named to one of the All-Conference teams in six of the last seven years. With the loss of Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Year Brett Gordon to graduation, Villanova will have an inexperienced performer start at quarterback in 2003. The two Wildcats who will battle for the starting spot will be sophomore **Joe Casamento** and redshirt freshman **Marvin Burroughs**. As Gordon's back-up last year, Casamento completed just 2-of-4 for 13 yards.



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## BROADCAST INFORMATION

### VILLANOVA ATHLETICS WEBSITE WWW.VILLANOVA.COM

- Game Notes (full game notes available in .pdf format)
- Statistics
- Schedule and Results
- Feature Stories
- Complete media guide (available section by section in .pdf format)
- Highlight Videos
- Villanova Apparel

### VILLANOVA ATHLETICS HOT LINE 1-888-400-NOVA (6682)

- Scores, highlights and statistical leaders for every varsity Wildcat sport
- Updated immediately following Villanova home and away games

### VILLANOVA.COM INTERNET RADIO BROADCASTS

- Radio Broadcasts and Live Stats of Wildcat football games available over the internet
- Requirements: IBM (soundcard, speakers, broadcast.com software); Macintosh (broadcast.com software)
- Log on to the Villanova Athletics Website
- Click on the broadcast icon
- Follow directions

*Open to the public two hours prior to kick-off, Wildcat Village is located adjacent to the east end of Villanova Stadium and offers a wide variety of food, drink and fun for fans of all ages.*

### VILLANOVA FOOTBALL RADIO NETWORK

For the seventh straight season in 2003, WZZD-AM 990 in Lafayette Hill, Pa., will be the flagship station of the Villanova Football Radio Network. Play-by-play announcer Joe Eichhorn, who has been broadcasting Villanova Football since 1988, returns to anchor the broadcasts. Joining Eichhorn for a ninth consecutive year is Ryan Fannon, who is also Villanova's play-by-play men's basketball announcer. All 11 Wildcat gridiron contests will be broadcast live, with a pre-game show airing 30 minutes prior to kickoff during away games and one hour prior to kickoff for home games. The exciting show includes comments each week from Wildcat head coach Andy Talley.

**Flagship Station: WZZD-AM 990, Lafayette Hill, Pa.**



### WILDCAT VILLAGE

The Wildcat Football one hour Pre-Game Radio Show with Joe Eichhorn and Ryan Fannon is broadcast live from festive Wildcat Village before all Villanova home football games. Wildcat Village offers a wide variety of food, drink and fun for fans of all ages. Open to the public two hours prior to kick-off, Wildcat Village is located adjacent to the east end of Villanova Stadium.

### WILDCATS ON TELEVISION IN 2003

Date	Opponent	Time	Station
9/27	Northeastern	12:30 p.m.	CN8
10/25	Massachusetts	3:30 p.m.	TFN
11/8	@ Hofstra	7:00 p.m.	TFN
11/22	Delaware	4:00 p.m.	CN8



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## ANDY TALLEY RADIO SHOW

### TALKING VILLANOVA FOOTBALL WITH ANDY TALLEY

Continuing in 2003, WZZD 990-AM will broadcast Talking Villanova Football With Andy Talley. The one hour call-in show is hosted by color commentator Ryan Fannon and will provide a weekly recap of Villanova football games, as well as a preview of upcoming contests. The show will be held at the Ruth's Chris Steak House in King of Prussia, Pa. The show will be held on Thursday evenings prior to away games, and on Saturdays following home contests. Throughout the one-hour program, Fannon and Coach Talley will take questions about all aspects of the Wildcat football program, in addition to fielding questions concerning all the teams in the Atlantic 10 Conference, as well as NCAA I-AA football on the national scene.

Already the winningest coach in Villanova football history entering the 2003 campaign, Tally ranks 12th on the NCAA Division I-AA coaching list with 153 victories.



*Head Coach Andy Talley has been on the winning end of the postgame handshake 125 times during his Villanova career.*



*The Andy Talley Radio Show will have a new home in 2003 as Ruth's Chris Steak House will host the weekly event.*

### 2003 ANDY TALLEY RADIO SHOW SCHEDULE

#### "TALKING VILLANOVA FOOTBALL WITH HEAD COACH ANDY TALLEY"

Date	Day	Time	Location	Station	Opponent	Date	Day	Time	Location	Station	Opponent
Aug. 28	Thursday	10:30 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	Hampton	Oct. 9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	at Rhode Island
Sept. 4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	at Temple	Oct. 25	Saturday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	UMass
Sept. 11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	at UNH	Oct. 30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	at Richmond
Sept. 27	Saturday	4:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	Northeastern	Nov. 6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	at Hofstra
Oct. 4	Saturday	9:30 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	James Madison	Nov. 13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ruth's Chris Steak House	WZZD	at Maine



# VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

## RETIRED JERSEYS

At halftime of the University of Delaware game in 1994, Villanova University began a "Wall of Fame" by retiring the jerseys of five former Wildcat Football greats in a special ceremony to honor their outstanding careers. The retired jerseys are permanently recognized on the wall of The Swimming Center next to the scoreboard in the west end of Villanova Stadium in the form of football-shaped plaques, bearing each recipient's name and number.

The first group of honorees was an impressive one, and shows the history and tradition of 100 years of outstanding football student-athletes on the Main Line. Those inducted were (in alphabetical order) Lou Ferry (player 1945-48, coach 1960-present), Dominic Liotta (1949-51), Eddie Michaels (1933-35), Mike Siani (1969-71) and John Wysocki (1936-38).

Ferry was a standout offensive and defensive tackle for the Wildcats from 1945-1948, earning All-East and All-America honorable mention distinction. He went on to spend seven seasons in the NFL before returning to his alma mater in 1960 where he served as the defensive line coach until 1970, when he was appointed head coach. He served in this capacity between 1970-73 and part of the 1974 season. In 1975, he returned as defensive line coach until 1981, and has currently served in the same role since 1985 when football was restored.

Liotta made his mark on the offensive side of the ball as an offensive guard, playing from 1949-51. As a co-captain in 1951, he earned mention on six different All-American teams. He also made an appearance on the nationally televised "Ed Sullivan Show" as a member of the *Look Magazine* All-American first-team.

Michaels was a lineman who earned honors while playing on both the offensive and defensive lines during his stay at Villanova, including a stint as captain as a senior. Competing between 1933-35, Michaels became Villanova's first-ever All-American during the 1935 season. Following graduation, he played in the NFL as well as the Canadian Football League. Michaels returned to Villanova as an assistant coach from 1951 to 1961.

The most recent player in this group was Siani. This wide receiver ranks high in most of Villanova's receiving records, and was named a first-team All-American in 1971. He holds Villanova marks for receiving yards in a season (1,358 in 1970), and ranks second in yards receiving (2,776) in a career in just three seasons. Siani went on to play in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders and the Baltimore Colts.

The final inductee, Wysocki, played at Villanova from 1936-38 and played in Villanova's first bowl game, the 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba. Wysocki was named a first-team All-American end two consecutive years by United Press International and in 1938 was named to six different All-American teams. In his career, he scored three touchdowns on blocked kicks.

Villanova continued the tradition in 1995, inducting three more former Wildcat greats onto the wall of honor. The 1995 inductees included Howie Long (1977-80), Jordan Olivar (player 1935, 1937, coach 1943-48) and John Sandusky (1946-49). Long is the most recent Wildcat to be honored by having his jersey retired. A defensive lineman on Coach Dick Bedesem's teams from 1977 until 1980, he earned All-East honors as a senior. That year, he played in the Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic and was named the game's Most Valuable Player after blocking a punt and helping his team to a 24-23 victory. Throughout his career, he tallied 313 tackles, nine quarterback sacks, five deflected passes, five fumble recoveries and one blocked kick. He went on to play 13 years in the National Football League with the Oakland and Los Angeles Raiders and was selected to the Pro Bowl 10 times.

Olivar made his mark on Villanova football history not only as a standout player, but also as one of the outstanding coaches in Wildcat history. As a player, he was co-captain and co-MVP of the 1937 squad that recorded an 8-0-1 ledger under legendary head coach Maurice "Clipper" Smith. He returned to his alma mater six years following graduation and served as head coach from 1943 to 1948, compiling a mark of 33-20-1. His 33 wins currently ranks fourth on Villanova's all-time coaching victory list.

Sandusky has ties to both Olivar and Long from his football career. He played three of his four seasons under Olivar while on the Main Line, where he was a four-year starter at lineman. Regarded as one of the quickest big men in the nation during his time, he earned first-team All-America honors at tackle in 1949. He went on to spend seven years in the National Football League, including six with the Cleveland Browns. Recently retired from the Miami Dolphins coaching staff, he battled Long as the Dolphins' offensive line coach while Long was wrecking havoc as a member of the Raiders' defensive line.

The third group of retirees were honored during the West Chester game on Friday, August 28, 1997. Three Wildcats were inducted on this night including Al Atkinson (1962-64), Eugene Filipksi (1952-53) and Billy Joe (1960-62). An All-East performer, Atkinson started every game of his Villanova career and is regarded as one of the best linemen in Wildcat history. As a sophomore, Atkinson was a big contributor to the 1962 Villanova squad that earned a bid to the Liberty Bowl. Following his career on the Main Line, Atkinson went on to play for the New York Jets where he was a member of the 1969 Super Bowl Championship team.

Filipksi is considered by many to be one of the best players to ever wear a Villanova uniform. A standout running back from 1952-53, Filipksi was a consensus All-American in 1952 by *Look Magazine*, the Football Writers Association of America and *Collier's*. During his two-year Wildcat career, Filipksi averaged 5.9 yards per carry, still a Villanova school record. Filipksi also owns school records for highest rushing average per game in a season (98.8 yards in 1952) and highest rushing average per game in a career (83.9 yards). His 889 yards rushing in 1952 ranks third all-time at Villanova for single season best rushing totals.

One of Villanova's greatest athletes, Coatesville, Pa., native Billy Joe was a stand-out fullback from 1960-62. In Villanova's 17-9 victory over Wichita State in the 1961 Sun Bowl, Joe earned Most Valuable Player honors. The following season, Joe was named the Outstanding Back in the 1962 Liberty Bowl. After his Wildcat career, Joe went on to enjoy a fine professional career from 1963-68 as a member of the Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins and New York Jets. In 1963, in his first season with the Broncos, he was named the AFL Rookie of the Year. Joe not only played football at Villanova, but he also excelled in track & field for legendary coach Jumbo Elliott. He still holds the five best shot put throws in Villanova history and was the first 60-foot shot putter to ever play in a football game.

On Sept. 12, 1998, at halftime of Villanova's thrilling 34-31 overtime win over Delaware, former Wildcat standouts Paul Berardelli (1985-88) and linebacker Curtis Eller (1989-92) had their jerseys retired.

Playing offensive guard for current Villanova head football coach Andy Talley, Berardelli helped lead the Wildcats to a 24-10-1 record during his four-year career. By garnering AFCA/Kodak All-America honors in 1988, he became the first Villanova player to receive All-America distinction after return of football to the school in 1985. After concluding his illustrious Villanova playing days in 1988, Berardelli went on to continue his football career as a member of the World League's London Monarchs.

Wrecking havoc for opponents at linebacker, Eller was the first Villanova player to ever earn first team All-America honors twice in his career. Leading the Wildcat team with 101 tackles in 1991, Eller helped Villanova to 10-2 and its second Yankee Conference title in three seasons. For, his play he earned Yankee Conference Defensive Player of the year honors and first-team All-Yankee Conference distinction. His greatest Yankee Conference honor came later, however, as Eller would become the only Villanova player named to the Yankee Conference 50th Anniversary All-Time Team.

One season later, Eller received All-America and Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second straight year and All-Yankee Conference first team honors for the third straight campaign. As Wildcat team captain in 1992, he was also named *The Sporting News'* National Defensive Player of the Year, leading the 'Cats to a 9-3 mark, and bringing Villanova's record during the "Eller Era" to 33-14. Winding down his Villanova career in 1992, Eller signed with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

In 2000, the Wall of Fame added Sam Gruneisen and Bryan Russo. Gruneisen played for Villanova from 1958 through 1961 as both a tight end and outside linebacker. Following his playing days on the Main Line, he spent 11 seasons in the NFL playing for the San Diego Chargers and Houston Oilers. One of the top offensive linemen in the school's history, Russo made Wildcat football a household name during his four years leading the team to a combined 27-16-1 record. In 1989 as a senior, he was named an AFCA All-American, becoming only the second Villanova offensive linemen to earn All-America honors.

In 2001, the Wall of Fame welcomed two more greats in Bob Brady and Charlie Johnson. One of the members of the great 1961 Wildcat football team, Johnson's play on the offensive line was instrumental in leading the team to a victory in the Sun Bowl. In 1962, Johnson was captain of the team that lost to Oregon State in the Liberty Bowl. He capped an outstanding three-year career, when he was selected as a first team All-America tackle by Williamson in 1962. He also earned All-America honorable mention from the Associated Press in 1962. Brady's Wildcat teams compiled a combined record of 27-14-1 and advanced to the NCAA Playoffs in 1989, the same year Brady served as team captain. Brady ranks among the top players on Villanova's career reception list, as well as on the school's career receiving yards list. His earned a number of honors including 1989 first team All-East and 1989 first team All-Yankee Conference.

On Oct. 5, 2002, Villanova honored two Wildcat football legends as members of the Villanova Wall of Fame "Class of 2002" — Harry Stuhldreher and John Mellus. Stuhldreher was a member of the University of Notre Dame's famed "Four Horsemen." A 5-7, 151-pounder, Stuhldreher could do it all as a quarterback with an accurate throwing arm, as well as tremendous all-around performer with punt return skills and blocking ability. Following his playing career, began an impressive coaching career. He came to Villanova in 1925 and served as head coach for 10 years during which time he guided the 'Cats to an impressive 65-25-9 record. Mellus played tackle as Villanova from 1935-37 and led the Wildcats to a 22-4-2 overall record. As a junior in 1936, he helped Villanova to a 7-2-1 final record and a berth in the Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba, where the Wildcats and the Auburn Tigers played to a 7-7 tie. This was Villanova's first-ever football bowl game.

### WALL OF FAME HONOREES BY YEAR

- 1994:** Lou Ferry, Dominic Liotta, Ed Michaels, Mike Siani, John Wysocki
- 1995:** Howie Long, Jordan Olivar, John Sandusky
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- 2000:** Bryan Russo, Sam Gruneisen
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- 2002:** John Mellus, Harry Stuhldreher