

## 2006 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Result	Att.
Aug. 31	Connecticut	East Hartford, Conn.	L, 52-7	36,227
Sep. 9	Merrimack	Kingston, R.I.	W, 42-7	3,392
Sep. 23	Delaware	Kingston, R.I.	L, 24-17	2,577
Sep. 30	Brown	Kingston, R.I.	W, 28-21	3,467
Oct. 7	James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	L, 45-23	14,679
Oct. 14	Richmond	Kingston, R.I.	L, 31-6	3,403
Oct. 21	Massachusetts	Amherst, Mass.	L, 41-16	15,522
Oct. 28	Maine	Kingston, R.I.	W, 3-0	3,250
Nov. 4	Hofstra	Hempstead, N.Y.	W, 20-13	4,755
Nov. 11	New Hampshire	Kingston, R.I.	L, 63-21	2,937
Nov. 17	Northeastern	Brookline, Mass.	L, 45-31	3, 212

## 2007 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sep. 1	Fordham	Kingston, R.I.	1:00 p.m.
Sep. 8	Army	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Sep. 15	Delaware	Newark, Del.	TBA
Sep. 22	Hofstra	Kingston, R.I.	1:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	Brown	Providence, R.I.	TBA
Oct. 13	James Madison (HC)	Kingston, R.I.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Richmond	Richmond, Va.	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	New Hampshire	Durham, N.H.	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Massachusetts (FD)	Kingston, R.I.	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Maine	Orono, Maine	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	Northeastern	Kingston, R.I.	12:00 p.m.

HC - Homecoming  
FD - Family Day

## 2007 RHODE ISLAND SPRING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar. 25	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28 Practice 4:45 p.m.	Mar. 29	Mar. 30 Practice 3:15 p.m.	Mar. 31 Practice 12:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	Apr. 2 Practice 4:15 p.m.	Apr. 3	Apr. 4 Practice 4:15 p.m.	Apr. 5	Apr. 6 Practice 3:15 p.m.	Apr. 7
Apr. 8	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 11 Practice 4:15 p.m.	Apr. 12	Apr. 13 Practice 3:15 p.m.	Apr. 14 Scrimmage 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 18 Practice 4:15 p.m.	Apr. 19	Apr. 20 Practice 3:15 p.m.	Apr. 21 Scrimmage 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25 Practice 4:15 p.m.	Apr. 26 Brick Alley Pub Fundraiser 7-9 p.m.	Apr. 27 Practice 3:15 p.m.	Apr. 28 Blue/White Scrimmage/ Cookout 12:00 noon
Apr. 29 Autism Walk Goddard Park 10:00 a.m.	Apr. 30					

## GENERAL INFORMATION

School..... University of Rhode Island  
 Location..... Kingston, R.I.  
 Founded..... 1892  
 Enrollment..... 15,095  
 Nickname..... Rams  
 School Colors..... Keaney Blue, Dark Blue, White  
 Conference..... Colonial Athletic Conference  
 Affiliation..... NCAA I-AA  
 Stadium..... Meade Stadium  
 Capacity..... 6,580  
 Year Opened..... 1928  
 Surface..... Natural Grass  
 President..... Dr. Robert Carothers  
 Interim Athletics Director..... Gregg Burke

## HISTORY

First Year of Football..... 1895  
 All-Time Record..... 370-513-43 (.423)  
 All-Time Postseason Record..... 2-4 (.333)  
 All-Time Bowl Record..... 1-1 (.500)  
 All-Time Playoff Record..... 1-3 (.250)  
 All-Time Conference Championships..... Yankee (3), A-10 (0)  
 Last Conference Championship..... 1985  
 NCAA I-AA Playoff Appearances..... 3  
 Last Appearance..... 1985  
 ..... vs. Akron, W, 35-27  
 ..... at Furman, L, 59-15

## TEAM INFORMATION

Offense..... Spread  
 Defense..... Multiple  
 2006 Team Record..... 4-7  
 2006 Conference Record..... 2-6  
 2006 Home Record..... 3-3  
 2006 Road Record..... 1-4  
 2007 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost..... 10/1  
 2007 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost..... 6/5  
 2007 Specialists Returning/Lost..... 2/2

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Tim Stowers (Auburn '80)  
 Rhode Island Record..... 30-39 (.435)  
 Career Record..... 81-72 (.529)  
 Assoc. Head Coach/Offensive Coord. .... Harold Nichols (Presbyterian '89)  
 Defensive Coordinator..... Dick Hopkins (Florida St. '74)  
 Defensive Backs..... Tony Brinson (URI '95)  
 Devensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator..... RaShan Frost (Auburn '00)  
 Offensive Line..... John Gendron (URI '82)  
 Linebackers..... Joe Todd (Hofstra '04)  
 Special Teams/A-Backs..... Jeff Weaver (URI '98)  
 Wide Receivers..... Chuck Watson (URI '93)  
 Strength & Conditioning..... Liz Proctor (So. Conn. St. '97)

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## SQUAD BREAKDOWN

### Starters Returning/Lost

Returning	Lost
Offense: 10	Offense: 1
Defense: 6	Defense: 5
Specialists: 2	Specialists: 2

### Letterwinners Returning/Lost

Returning	Lost
Offense: 22	Offense: 6
Defense: 18	Defense: 7
Specialists: 2	Specialists: 2

### Offensive Starters

Returning	Lost
Tim Allen (HB)	Shamel Lewis (OL)
Joe Casey (FB)	
Derek Cassidy (QB)	
Tolbert Evans (WR)	
Damien Gresko (OL)	
Jimmy Hughes (HB)	
Antal Keszthelyi (OL)	
Shawn Leonard (WR)	
Steve Moll (C)	
Mark Stolte (OL)	

### Defensive Starters

Returning	Lost
Jeff Ball (LB)	Mizraim Farley (LB)
L.T. Brantley (LB)	Virgil Gray (DB)
Raji El-Amin (DB)	Dan Heffron (DL)
Dana Hart (DL)	Raquan Pride (SS)
Nick Levy (DL)	Chad Waltrip (DL)
Adrian Owen (FS)	

### Specialists Starters

Returning	Lost
Bryan Giannecchini (P)	Colin Gallagher (PK)
Raji El-Amin (KR/PR)	Kane Krume (LS)

### Non-Starter Offensive Letterwinners Returning

Joe Bellini (RB), John Butler (QB), Robert Crudup (OL), Fran Dempsey (OG), Chris Dickerson (WR), Frank Foti (OT), Dan Goodman (OL), Ryan Jefferson (WR), Johnathan Pitt-Coombs (RB), D.J. Stefkovich (QB), Matt Vitti (OL), Jimmy Young (QB)

### Non-Starter Offensive Letterwinners Lost

Chad Campbell (RB), Kane Crume (OL), Nick DelGrasso (WR), Kyle Edwards (TE), Marcel Roberson (HB)

### Non-Starter Defensive Letterwinners Returning

Kirk Blackmon (DE), Michael Bland (LB), Carl Daniel (DL), Antonio Johnson (DB), Kevaghn Johnson-Henry (LB), Mike Lane (LB), Scott McKinnie (LB), Rodney Mitchell (DB), Ashley Pierre (LB), Martin Smalls (DE), Marc Toni (DL), David Wilson (DE)

### Non-Starter Defensive Letterwinners Lost

Eric Cervone (DB), Jonathan Hines (DT)

### Non-Starter Specialists Letterwinners Returning

None

( ) - Indicates position played in 2006



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## TIM STOWERS

**Head Coach  
Eighth Season  
Auburn '80**

Year	Position	School	W-L	Pct.	Post-Season W/L
1979	Assistant	Auburn	8-3	.727	
1980	Assistant	Auburn	5-6	.455	
1981	Assistant	Auburn	5-6	.455	
1982	Assistant	Auburn	9-3	.750	Tangerine Bowl Champion
1983	Assistant	Auburn	11-1	.917	Sugar Bowl Champion
1984	Assistant	Jacksonville St.	4-5-1	.450	
1985	Assistant	Georgia So.	13-2	.867	4 0 National Champion
1986	Assistant	Georgia So.	13-2	.867	4 0 National Champion
1987	Assistant	Georgia So.	9-4	.692	1 1
1988	Assistant	Georgia So.	12-3	.800	3 1
1989	Assistant	Georgia So.	15-0	1.00	4 0 National Champion
1990	Head Coach	Georgia So.	12-3	.800	4 0 National Champion
1991	Head Coach	Georgia So.	7-4	.636	
1992	Head Coach	Georgia So.	7-4	.636	
1993	Head Coach	Georgia So.	10-3	.769	1 1
1994	Head Coach	Georgia So.	6-5	.556	
1995	Head Coach	Georgia So.	9-4	.693	1 1
1998	Assistant	Temple	2-9	.182	
1999	Assistant	Temple	2-9	.182	
2000	Head Coach	Rhode Island	3-8	.273	
2001	Head Coach	Rhode Island	8-3	.727	
2002	Head Coach	Rhode Island	3-9	.250	
2003	Head Coach	Rhode Island	4-8	.333	
2004	Head Coach	Rhode Island	4-7	.364	
2005	Head Coach	Rhode Island	4-7	.364	
2006	Head Coach	Rhode Island	4-7	.364	

Record as head coach at Georgia So. 51 23 .689 (Six seasons)  
 Record as head coach at Rhode Island 30 49 .380 (Seven seasons)  
 Overall head coaching record 81 72 .533 (13 seasons)



## 2007 RHODE ISLAND FOOTBALL

- Rhode Island looks break its streak of five consecutive seasons with a winning percentage under .500 after last year's 4-7 finish. URI played six nationally-ranked teams along with FBS UConn during the season.

- Rhody returns all of its starting skill players on offense, and only loses one starting offensive lineman to graduation. The youthful group finished second in the A-10 and 16th nationally in rushing (192.0 ypg) while averaging 308.1 yards of total offense in 2006. Two-time First-Team All-A10 fullback Joe Casey highlights the backfield returners, along with starting quarterback Derek Cassidy.

- The defense loses five starters, but the signing of 11 players, including four junior college transfers that will be in camp this spring, should help bolster a unit that allowed 375.4 yards of offense in 2006.

- The Rams kick-off the 2007 season at home versus Fordham on Sept. 1, before heading to Army on Sept. 8. It is the second of three-consecutive seasons that the Rams will face a FBS opponent, as the Rams will also take on Boston College in 2008.

### Three Rams To Watch In 2007



#### Joe Casey, 5-10, 210, Jr., FB

- First-Team All-Atlantic 10 in 2006
- Finished fifth in the conference in rushing yards (874) and yards per game (79.6), while scoring six TDs
- Had season-high 163 yards rushing at James Madison
- Rushed for 140 yards and 2 TDs versus Brown
- First-Team All-Atlantic 10 and Offensive Rookie of the Year in '05 after leading conference with 1,245 yards rushing

#### Raji El-Amin, 5-11, 185, Sr., DB/KR

- Second-Team All-Atlantic 10, All-New England selection in 2006
- Finished third in the A-10 in kick-return average (23.9) and fourth in punt-return average (10.5).
- Broke an 11-year old school record with an 86-yard punt return for a TD versus Merrimack.
- Rhody's fourth-leading tackler with 63 stops (44 solo, 19 assisted).
- Tied for first in the league with 13 passes defended and four interceptions.



#### Damien Gresko, 6-3, 252, Sr., OT

- Second-Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American
- 4.0 grade point average with a double major in accounting and finance
- Started all 11 games in 2006 at right tackle
- Rams finished second in the A-10 with 192.0 yards rushing, while averaging 308.1 yards of total offense.

# 2007 SPRING ROSTER

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School, Other)
Joe Accinno	Jr.	OL	6-2	270	Wakefield, R.I. (South Kingstown, Bridgeton Academy)
Tim Allen	So.	RB	5-11	194	Salem, Conn. (East Lyme)
Nick Archib	So.	DL	6-1	280	Bel Air, Md. (Bel Air)
Josiah Badejo	So.	DL	6-1	235	Providence, R.I. (LaSalle Academy)
Jeff Ball	r-Jr.	LB	6-0	230	Lansdale, Pa. (North Penn)
Joe Bellini	Jr.	RB	5-10	205	Glendale, R.I. (Burrillville, Suffield Academy)
Kirk Blackmon	So.	DE	6-4	260	East Amherst, N.Y. (Milford Academy)
Michael Bland	Jr.	LB	5-11	190	Long Branch, N.J. (Long Branch, Milford Academy)
Pedro Belinchon	r-So.	PK	6-3	175	Mas Palomas, Canary Islands (East Lyme, Conn.)
L.T. Brantley	Sr.	LB	6-1	220	Atlanta, Ga. (Mays)
John Butler	r-So.	QB	6-0	180	Decatur, Ga. (McNair)
Joe Casey	Jr.	RB	5-10	210	Syracuse, N.Y. (Westhill, Milford Academy)
Derek Cassidy	Jr.	QB	6-2	190	Winter Haven, Fla. (Lake Region)
Akil Chester	So.	TE	6-3	238	Sharon, Mass. (Catholic Memorial)
Robert Crudup	Jr.	OL	6-2	305	Plainfield, N.J. (Plainfield)
Rob Damon	So.	LB	6-1	195	Piscataway, N.J. (Trinity-Pawling)
Carl Daniel	So.	DL	6-2	275	Charlotte, N.C. (Fork Union Military Academy)
Fran Dempsey	r-Jr.	OG	6-0	255	Hazleton, Pa. (Hazleton Area)
Chris Dickerson	r-Jr.	WR	6-3	190	Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (Bishop Hoban)
Raji El-Amin	Sr.	DB	5-11	185	Rochester, N.Y. (Wilson Magnet, Alfred State College)
Tom Estrella	r-Jr.	OT	6-5	315	Warren, R.I. (Mount Hope)
Tolbert Evans	So.	WR	6-2	195	Wakefield, R.I. (Salisbury School)
Anthony Ferrer	So.	LB	5-10	220	West Greenwich, R.I. (Cranston West)
Frank Foti	r-Jr.	OT	6-2	260	Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
Bryan Giannecchini	Sr.	PK/P	5-11	200	Cranford, N.J. (Cranford)
Dan Goodman	r-Jr.	OL	6-3	272	Closter, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional, Demarest)
Damien Gresko	Sr.	OL	6-3	252	Huntingdon, Pa. (Huntingdon Area)
Derek Harris	So.	DB	5-10	185	Columbus, Ohio (St. Francis DeSales, Fork Union Military Acad.)
Dana Hart	Jr.	DE	6-3	235	Plainfield, N.J. (Fork Union Military Acad.)
Charlie Haskell	r-Fr.	OL	6-2	285	Cranston, R.I. (Cranston West)
Jon Hines	r-Sr.	DT	6-5	240	North Babylon, N.Y. (North Babylon)
Jimmy Hughes	r-r.	RB	5-10	193	Westport, Conn. (Staples)
Ryan Jefferson	r-Jr.	WR	5-10	162	Stratford, Conn. (Frank Scott Brunell)
Antonio Johnson	So.	DB	6-0	190	Olive Branch, Miss. (Albermarle, Fork Union Mil. Acad.)
Kevaghn Johnson-Henry	r-Jr.	LB	6-1	230	Hartford, Conn. (Weaver)
Ki'Ameer Johnson	Sr.	DB	6-1	195	Jersey City, N.J. (Hudson Catholic, New Mexico Military Inst.)
Jerell Jones	r-Sr.	RB	5-8	170	Yonkers, N.Y. (Roosevelt)
Antal Keszthelyi	r-Jr.	OT	6-3	285	North Providence, R.I. (La Salle Academy)
Mike Lane	So.	LB	6-3	270	Grafton, Mass. (Grafton, Canterbury School)
Shawn Leonard	Jr.	WR	6-1	200	Stoughton, Mass. (Stoughton)
Nick Levy	r-Sr.	NG	6-1	275	Pittston, Pa. (Pittston Area)
Scott Manni	So.	DL	6-3	280	North Kingstown, R.I. (Hendricken)
Steve Marella	Sr.	LB	6-2	250	Fitchburg, Mass. (Fitchburg)
Scott McKinnie	r-So.	LB	6-0	210	Randolph, N.J. (Randolph, Blaire Academy)
Robert Meredith	Jr.	DL	6-3	330	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Lackawanna C.C.)
Rodney Mitchell	So.	DB	5-10	180	Virginia Beach, Va. (Kempsville, Fork Union Military Academy)
Steve Moll	r-Sr.	C	6-2	260	Doylestown, Pa. (Central Bucks West)
John Monk	r-Fr.	DB	5-11	165	Providence, R.I. (Saint Raphael Academy)
Dan O'Connell	So.	LB	6-0	210	Barrington, R.I. (Milford Academy)
Drew O'Connell	So.	RB	5-11	200	Providence, R.I. (LaSalle Academy)
Adrian Owen	Sr.	DB	6-3	200	Jacksonville, Fla. (Andrew Jackson)
Matt Patterson	Jr.	DB	6-4	220	Burbank, Calif. (Glendale C.C.)
Ashley Pierre	Sr.	LB	5-10	220	Irvington, N.J. (Bayley-Ellard, Alfred State College)
John Pitt-Coombs	r-Jr.	RB	6-0	210	Staten Island, N.Y. (Tottenville)
Miguel Prata	r-Fr.	DE	6-3	250	Cranston, R.I. (Cranston East)
Sean Scott	So.	WR	6-0	165	Beverly, N.J. (Palmyra)
Martin Smalls	Jr.	DE	6-4	200	San Diego, Calif. (Hoover)
D.J. Stefkovich	So.	QB	6-1	215	Westport, Conn. (Staples)
Mark Stolte	r-Sr.	OT	6-3	252	Rochester, N.Y. (Aquinas Institute)
T.J. Stowers	r-Fr.	OL	6-2	280	Warwick, R.I. (LaSalle Academy)
Tre Timbers	r-Sr.	DB	5-10	180	Long Branch, N.J. (Long Branch, Rutgers University)
Marc Toni	Jr.	DL	6-2	265	Madison, Conn. (Daniel Hand)
Matt Urban	r-Fr.	RB	6-1	190	Warren, R.I. (Mount Hope)
Andrew Varner	r-Jr.	RB	5-10	180	Atlanta, Ga. (McNair)
Paul Vellano	Jr.	DE	6-2	250	Rexford, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Academy)
Matt Vitti	r-Fr.	OL	6-2	265	Stamford, Conn. (Stamford)
Greg Wicks	r-Fr.	QB	6-1	195	Bedford, N.H. (Tabor Academy)
David Wilson	Jr.	DE	6-6	255	Warwick, R.I. (Bishop Hendricken)
Jimmy Young	Jr.	QB	5-10	180	Storrs, Conn. (E.O. Smith, Southern Connecticut State)

TEAM STATISTICS	URI	OPP
SCORING	214	332
Points Per Game	19.5	30.2
FIRST DOWNS	177	207
Rushing	118	114
Passing	51	84
Penalty	8	9
RUSHING YARDAGE	2113	2376
Yards gained rushing	2583	2531
Yards lost rushing	470	155
Rushing Attempts	573	442
Average Per Rush	3.7	5.4
Average Per Game	192.1	216.0
TDs Rushing	20	26
PASSING YARDAGE	1276	1753
Att-Comp-Int	157-74-12	261-143-11
Average Per Pass	8.1	6.7
Average Per Catch	17.2	12.3
Average Per Game	116.0	159.4
TDs Passing	8	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	3389	4129
Total Plays	730	703
Average Per Play	4.6	5.9
Average Per Game	308.1	375.4
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	53-1042	37-767
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	15-159	22-285
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-158	12-77
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.7	20.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.6	13.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	14.4	6.4
FUMBLES-LOST	24-11	8-5
PENALTIES-YARDS	60-447	57-408
Average Per Game	40.6	37.1
PUNTS-YARDS	49-1835	39-1452
Average Per Punt	37.4	37.2
Net punt average	31.6	31.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:51	30:09
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	65/165	52/139
3rd-Down Pct	39%	37%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	15/26	13/28
4th-Down Pct	58%	46%
SACKS BY-YARDS	12-43	33-187
MISC YARDS	0	-10
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	29	44
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-12	8-11
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	21-30 70%	38-47 81%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	18-30 60%	31-47 66%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	25-28 89%	44-44 100%
ATTENDANCE	19026	74395
Games/Avg Per Game	6/3171	5/14879
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY 1/4	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Rhode Island	77	61	35	10	183	
Opponents	37	125	45	80	287	

PASSING	G	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	P/G
Derek Cassidy	10	60-122-8	49.2	1060	6	59	106.0
John Butler	6	6-19-4	31.6	88	1	36	14.7
D.J. Stefkovich	2	5-10-0	50.0	68	0	38	34.0
B. Giannecchini	11	1-2-0	50.0	8	0	8	0.7
TEAM	5	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Rodney Mitchell	8	1-1-0	100.0	33	1	33	4.1
Joe Casey	11	1-1-0	100.0	19	0	19	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>74-157-12</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>1276</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>116.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>143-261-11</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>159.4</b>

RUSHING	G	No.	Gain	Loss	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	P/G
Joe Casey	11	191	889	15	874	4.6	6	47	79.5
Jimmy Hughes	11	69	496	30	466	6.8	1	57	42.4
Derek Cassidy	10	158	586	269	317	2.0	11	80	31.7
Tim Allen	9	26	130	15	115	4.4	0	14	12.8
John Butler	6	40	142	70	72	1.8	0	20	12.0
Marcel Roberson	11	20	82	16	66	3.3	0	12	6.0
Tolbert Evans	11	3	64	1	63	21.0	0	35	5.7
John PittCoombs	7	17	59	1	58	3.4	1	13	8.3
Chad Campbell	10	25	59	7	52	2.1	1	11	5.2
Rodney Mitchell	8	10	46	18	28	2.8	0	11	3.5
Andrew Varner	3	3	15	7	8	2.7	0	12	2.7
Joe Bellini	8	4	7	5	2	0.5	0	4	0.2
Eric Cervone	5	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
B. Giannecchini	11	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.3
D.J. Stefkovich	2	4	2	5	-3	-0.8	0	2	-1.5
Vladine Bioso	2	1	4	8	-4	-4.0	0	0	-2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>2583</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>2113</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>192.1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2531</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2376</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>216.0</b>

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg/G
Shawn Leonard	10	18	408	22.7	3	48	40.8
Tolbert Evans	11	15	249	16.6	3	37	22.6
Jimmy Hughes	11	13	230	17.7	0	59	20.9
Nick Del Grosso	7	10	149	14.9	1	38	21.3
Marcel Roberson	11	5	98	19.6	1	36	8.9
Tim Allen	9	4	41	10.2	0	19	4.6
Joe Casey	11	4	41	10.2	0	18	3.7
Kyle Edwards	9	2	34	17.0	0	22	3.8
Rodney Mitchell	8	1	12	12.0	0	12	1.5
Ryan Jefferson	7	1	9	9.0	0	9	1.3
Andrew Varner	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1276</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>116.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>159.4</b>

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99
Colin Gallagher	5-12	.417	0-0	2-4	1-1	2-6	0-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5-12</b>	<b>.417</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>.727</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Field Goals Made: 29, 47, 21, 47, 35</b>							
<b>Missed: 51, 47, 40, 26, 24, 44, 46</b>							

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
B. Giannecchini	47	1821	38.7	60	0	12	10	2
TEAM	2	14	7.0	11	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1835</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Raji El-Amin	13	137	10.5	1	86
Virgil Gray	1	9	9.0	0	0
Marcel Roberson	1	13	13.0	0	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Raji El-Amin	36	860	23.9	0	71
Virgil Gray	6	104	17.3	0	28
Rodney Mitchell	3	21	7.0	0	11
Marcel Roberson	3	28	9.3	0	12
Ryan Jefferson	3	29	9.7	0	16
Joe Bellini	2	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>

# 2006 STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G	INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Derek Cassidy	10	280	317	1060	1377	137.7	Raji El-Amin	4	33	8.2	0	23
Joe Casey	11	192	874	19	893	81.2	Raquan Pride	4	61	15.2	0	51
Jimmy Hughes	11	69	466	0	466	42.4	Virgil Gray	2	32	16.0	0	32
John Butler	6	59	72	88	160	26.7	Mizraim Farley	1	32	32.0	0	32
Tim Allen	9	26	115	0	115	12.8	Total	11	158	14.4	0	51
Marcel Roberson	11	20	66	0	66	6.0	Opponents	12	77	6.4	1	25
D.J. Stefkovich	2	14	-3	68	65	32.5						
Tolbert Evans	11	3	63	0	63	5.7						
Rodney Mitchell	8	11	28	33	61	7.6						
John PittCoombs	7	17	58	0	58	8.3						
Chad Campbell	10	25	52	0	52	5.2						
Andrew Varner	3	3	8	0	8	2.7						
B. Giannecchini	11	3	-3	8	5	0.5						
Joe Bellini	8	4	2	0	2	0.2						
Eric Cervone	5	1	2	0	2	0.4						
Vladine Biosse	2	1	-4	0	-4	-2.0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>2113</b>	<b>1276</b>	<b>3389</b>	<b>308.1</b>						
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>2376</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>4129</b>	<b>375.4</b>						

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs			Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv				
Derek Cassidy	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	66
Colin Gallagher	0	5-12	25-28	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	40
Joe Casey	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Shawn Leonard	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Tolbert Evans	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Chad Campbell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Raji El-Amin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nick Del Grosso	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Marcel Roberson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
John PittCoombs	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jimmy Hughes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
B. Giannecchini	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5-12</b>	<b>25-28</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>44-44</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>332</b>

DEFENSE	Tackles				TFL/Yds	-Sacks-  No-Yards	Pass Def			-Fumbles-		Blkd Kick	Saf
	Solo	Ast	Total				Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF		
5 L.T. Brantley	46	37	83		3-11	.		2	.	.	1	.	.
19 Mizraim Farley	48	29	77		6-9	.		1	.	.	.	.	.
2 Virgil Gray	47	20	67		2-2	.		9	.	.	.	1	.
26 Raji El-Amin	44	19	63		2-5	.		9	.	.	.	.	.
24 Adrian Owen	27	34	61		5-5	.		4	.	1-0	.	.	.
3 Raquan Pride	30	28	58		.			5	.	.	.	.	.
50 Jeff Ball	34	20	54		6-13	1.0-2		1	.	.	.	.	.
99 K.Johnson-Henry	18	10	28		5-13	1.0-9		.	.	.	1	.	.
95 Dan Heffron	15	13	28		6-16	1.5-4		.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Nick Levy	17	9	26		3-9	1.0-7		.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Chad Waltrip	11	10	21		4-15	1.5-8		.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Mike Lane	11	6	17		5-29	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
51 Ashley Pierre	8	8	16		1-1	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Dana Hart	10	4	14		5-9	3.0-4		1	.	.	.	.	.
69 Carl Daniel	10	3	13		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Kirk Blackmon	6	4	10		3-6	1.0-2		.	.	1-0	.	.	.
23 Antonio Johnson	5	5	10		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
11 Michael Bland	6	3	9		1-5	1.0-5		.	.	.	.	.	.
53 Marc Toni	4	4	8		1-0	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
87 David Wilson	5	3	8		2-3	1.0-2		.	.	.	.	.	.
33 Rodney Mitchell	4	1	5		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Eric Cervone	4	1	5		.	.		1	.	.	.	.	.
91 Paul Vellano	1	3	4		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Colin Gallagher	3	1	4		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Jimmy Hughes	2	1	3		.	.		.	.	1-0	1	.	.
75 Martin Smalls	2	1	3		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Tre Timbers	3	.	3		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
20 John PittCoombs	3	.	3		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Joe Casey	2	1	3		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Chad Campbell	2	1	3		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
32 Tim Allen	2	.	2		.	.		.	.	1-0	.	.	.
7 Marcel Roberson	2	.	2		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
17 B. Giannecchini	2	.	2		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
85 Chris Dickerson	2	.	2		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Shawn Leonard	1	1	2		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Jon Hines	2	.	2		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Damien Gresko	1	.	1		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Scott McKinnie	.	1	1		1-1	.		.	.	1-0	.	.	.
81 Tolbert Evans	.	1	1		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
88 Kyle Edwards	1	.	1		.	.		.	.	.	1	.	.
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>723</b>		<b>61-152</b>	<b>12-43</b>		<b>11-158</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>5-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>799</b>		<b>126-388</b>	<b>33-187</b>		<b>12-77</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>11-55</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>

GAME 1

Connecticut 52, Rhode Island 7

August 31, 2006, Rentschler Field, East Hartford, Conn.  
Attendance: 36,227

Rhode Island opened its 107th football season off with a 52-7 loss at Connecticut. The Rams rolled up 293 yards of total offense, including a 25-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Derek Cassidy to sophomore Nick Del Grosso in the second quarter, but it was Connecticut compiling 568 yards en route to the victory. Rhode Island started the game with a little trickery as sophomore Joe Bellini recovered an on-side kick to give the Rams possession on their own 46-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, the Rams, who finished third in the nation last season in rushing offense, picked up 18 yards on a pass as sophomore Derek Cassidy connected with sophomore halfback Marcel Roberson. Four plays later, a 51-yard field goal attempt by senior Colin Gallagher fell short and the Huskies took possession at their own 34-yard line. UConn would score four TDs and a field goal on its first five possessions to take a 31-7 halftime lead. The Huskies found the endzone on three of their five second-half drives to put the game out of reach. Rhode Island got on the board with a 10-play, 76-yard drive over 4:29 that was punctuated by the 25-yard Cassidy-Del Grosso touchdown connection to make the score 24-7 with 2:50 on the first-half clock.

Rhode Island	0	7	0	0-	7
Connecticut	10	21	7	14-	52

**First Quarter**

UC- Larry Taylor 24 pass from D.J. Hernandez (Matt Nuzie kick) 11:28 (3 plays, 66 yards, 1:15);  
UC- Nuzie 41 field goal 04:04 (7 plays, 17 yards, 2:49).

**Second Quarter**

UC- Terry Caulley 1 run (Nuzie kick) 12:39 (5 plays, 58 yards, 2:15);  
UC- Hernandez 18 run (Nuzie kick) 07:19 (8 plays, 48 yards, 3:21);  
URI- Nick Del Grosso 25 pass from Derek Cassidy (Colin Gallagher kick) 02:50 (9 plays, 76 yards, 4:29);  
UC- Brandon Young 61 pass from Hernandez (Nuzie kick) 01:49 (2 plays, 66 yards, 1:01).

**Third Quarter**

UC- Lou Allen 4 run (Nuzie kick) 02:30 (11 plays, 63 yards, 3:48).

**Fourth Quarter**

UC- Donald Brown 3 run (Nuzie kick) 10:14 (12 plays, 99 yards, 5:11);  
UC- Brown 53 run (Nuzie kick) 03:10 (8 plays, 87 yards, 4:38).

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** URI- Hughes 5-54-0, Roberson 7-39-0, Cassidy 13-35-0, Casey 7-25-0, Allen 2-17-0, Varner 1-12-0, Campbell 5-2-0, PittCoombs 1-2-0, Urban 1-(-4)-0, Bellini 2-(-5)-0.  
UC- Brown 9-118-2, Caulley 12-95-1, Allen 15-83-1, Taylor 2-62-0, Hernandez 6-33-1, Barksdale 3-15-0, Anderson 3-7-0, Kanuch 1-(-1)-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** URI- Cassidy 6-16-1, 84 yards, 1 TD, Butler 1-2-1 11 yards 0 TD. UC- Hernandez 8-13-0, 149 yards, 2 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** URI- Del Grosso 2-38-1, Casey 1-18-0, Evans 1-11-0, Hughes 1-5-0, Roberson 1-18-0, Varner 1-5-0. UC- Taylor 3-42-1, Brown 1-7-0, Brouse 1-14-0, Caulley 1-8-0, Mclean 1-17-0, Young 1-61-1.

TEAM STATISTICS	URI	UCONN
First Downs	16	22
Rushes-Yards	49-198	52-418
Passing Yards	95	149
Comp.-Att.-Int.	7-18-2	8-13-0
Punts-Average	6-41.7	2-14.5
Punt Return Yards	9	49
Kickoff Return Yards	161	11
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-35	3-25
Possession	31:32	28:28

GAME 2

Rhode Island 42, Merrimack 7

September 9, 2006, Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.  
Attendance: 3,392

Rhode Island junior Raji El-Amin set a school record with an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown and also intercepted a pass that setup another score to lead the Rams to a 42-7 victory over Merrimack in their home opener. Sophomore Derek Cassidy registered a rushing and a passing touchdown while totaling game-highs with 96 yards rushing and 98 yards passing to lead the Ram attack. The URI defense held the Warriors to 157 yards of offense, including only 13 yards rushing. Rhode Island got on the board in the first quarter after a 80-yard touchdown run by Cassidy that gave the Rams a 7-0 lead with 7:53 to play in the quarter. It was the seventh-longest rush in school history. URI tacked on two more unanswered TDs in the second quarter. Joe Casey would rumble 17 yards to cap a six-play 41-yard scoring drive with 10:38 to play in the quarter, before El-Amin's punt return gave the Rams a commanding 21-0 lead at 3:20 that it would take into halftime. In the third quarter, El-Amin would pick off a Merrimack pass and return it 23 yards to the Warrior 3-yard line to setup a scoring rush by Chad Campbell on the very next play to give URI a 28-0 lead with 5:05 remaining in the third quarter. On Merrimack's ensuing drive, Raquan Pride would intercept another Warrior pass and return it to the Merrimack 21-yard line to setup a scoring pass from Cassidy to Tolbert Evans on the next play to give URI a 28-0 lead with 2:42 to play in the quarter. Merrimack got on the board at 12:57 of the fourth quarter after an 8-yard pass from Paul Pisani to Jawara Loftis finished off a five-play, 56-yard drive that made the score 28-7. Johnathan Pitt-Coombs scored on a 2-yard run with :19 seconds left on the clock after a 10-play, 51-yard drive to make the final score, 42-7. El-Amin's punt return broke the previous record (83 yards) set by Cy Butler against William & Mary on October 7, 1995. It was also the first punt return for a touchdown by a URI player since Wendall Williams returned a ball 75 yards for a score versus Richmond on Sept. 27, 2003.

Merrimack	0	0	0	7-	7
Rhode Island	7	14	14	7-	42

**First Quarter**

URI- Derek Cassidy 80 run (Colin Gallagher kick) 07:53 (2 plays, 83 yards, 0:48).

**Second Quarter**

URI- Joe Casey 17 run (Gallagher kick) 10:38 (6 plays, 41 yards, 2:44);  
URI- Raji El-Amin 86 punt return (Gallagher kick) 03:20.

**Third Quarter**

URI- Chad Campbell 3 run (Gallagher kick) 05:05 (1 play, 3 yards, 0:16);  
URI- Tolbert Evans 21 pass from Cassidy (Gallagher kick) 02:42 (1 play, 21 yards, 0:23).

**Fourth Quarter**

MC- Jawara Loftis 8 pass from Paul Pisani (N. Cappellucci kick) 12:57 (5 plays, 56 yards, 1:36);  
URI- John PittCoombs 2 run (Gallagher kick) 00:19 (10 plays, 51 yards, 4:14).

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** MC- Jackson 1-7-0, Manning 9-3-0, Johnson 5-3-0, Young 3-3-0, Temple 3-(-3)-0. URI- Cassidy 8-96-1, Casey 11-62-1, PittCoombs 7-33-1, Allen 5-26-0, Hughes 5-20-0, Roberson 5-16-0, Campbell 2-9-1, Butler 8-8-0, Varner 2-(-4)-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** MC- Temple 17-38-3, 101 yards, 0 TD, Pisani 4-7-0, 43 yards, 1 TD. URI- Cassidy 6-11-3, 98 yards, 1 TD, Butler 0-1-0 0 yards 0 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** MC- McNeil 4-31-0, Laham 4-15-0, Loftis 3-21-1, Manning 3-20-0, Johnson 2-25-0, Dolan 2-17-0, Salter 2-17-0, Jackson 1-(-2)-0. URI- Evans 3-63-1, Hughes 1-18-0, Jefferson 1-9-0, Del Grosso 1-8-0.

TEAM STATISTICS	MERR	URI
First Downs	11	17
Rushes-Yards	21-13	53-266
Passing Yards	144	98
Comp.-Att.-Int.	21-45-3	6-13-3
Punts-Average	9-33.0	2-45.5
Punt Return Yards	18	125
Kickoff Return Yards	117	6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-2
Penalties-Yards	3-24	7-72
Possession	32:52	27:08

# 2006 GAME RECAPS

## GAME 3

No. 18 Delaware 24, Rhode Island 17

September 23, 2006, Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.

Attendance: 2, 577

Rhody quarterback Derek Cassidy rushed for a pair of 1-yard touchdowns while halfback Jimmy Hughes totaled a game-high 106 yards on the ground, but it was No. 18 Delaware scoring 14 fourth-quarter points en route to a 24-17 victory in both teams' Atlantic 10 Conference opener. On the Rams' first play from scrimmage, Hughes rambled 53 yards to the Delaware 29-yardline, but two penalties stalled the drive and URI would settle for a 29-yard field goal by Colin Gallagher to lead 3-0 with 11:54 to play in the quarter. UD quarterback Joe Flacco started the ensuing Blue Hen drive by completing a 51-yard pass to Mark Duncan, but three consecutive incomplete passes led to a 36-yard field goal by Zach Hobby to tie the score, 3-3. On its next drive, URI reached the Delaware 33, before Cassidy threw an interception to Kyle Campell. The Blue Hens would drive to the URI 35 before turning the ball over on downs, failing to convert on fourth-and-six. Rhody would capitalize, piecing together an 11-play, 65-yard drive capped by a Cassidy scoring plunge that gave URI a 10-3 lead with :07 to play in the first quarter. Flacco, threw an interception to URI's Virgil Gray on Delaware's first drive of the second quarter. The Blue Hens forced a URI punt, and would score after a 13-play, 74-yard drive that culminated in an 11-yard scoring jaunt by Jared Bradley that made the score 10-10 after one half of play. On Delaware's opening drive of the second half, URI's Nick Levy sacked Flacco for a seven-yard loss and also brought down running back Omar Cuff for a one-yard loss. Flacco was brought down again on third-down by Michael Bland for a five-yard loss forcing another Blue Hen punt. URI put together a 12-play, 38-yard scoring drive that ended with Cassidy's second touchdown of the day to put Rhode Island on top, 17-10, with 8:08 to play in the third quarter. After holding Delaware without a first-down on its next three possessions, Rhode Island would open the fourth quarter with the ball its own 29-yard line. A costly fumble by Joe Casey on the first play of the drive gave the Blue Hens the ball that they drove 30 yards and into the endzone on a one-yard dive by Cuff to tie the score at 17-17 with 11:13 to play in the game. After forcing Rhode Island to punt, Delaware would take the lead after a six-play, 62-yard drive, finished off by a three-yard Flacco rush. Rhode Island's L.T. Brantley led all defenders with 13 stops, including eight solo tackles.

Delaware	3	7	0	14-	24
Rhode Island	10	0	7	0-	17

### First Quarter

URI- Colin Gallagher 29 field goal 11:54 (7 plays, 67 yards, 3:06);  
 DEL- Zach Hobby 36 field goal 10:36 (5 plays, 51 yards, 1:13);  
 URI- Derek Cassidy 1 run (Gallagher kick) 00:07 (11 plays, 65 yards, 3:53).

### Second Quarter

DEL- Jared Bradley 11 run (Hobby kick) 03:57 (13 plays, 74 yards, 6:17).

### Third Quarter

URI- Cassidy 1 run (Gallagher kick) 08:08 (12 plays, 38 yards, 4:37).

### Fourth Quarter

DEL- Omar Cuff 2 run (Hobby kick) 11:13 (9 plays, 30 yards, 3:39);  
 DEL-Joe Flacco 3 run (Hobby kick) 06:51 (6 plays, 62 yards, 2:53).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** DEL- Cuff 19-76-1, Bradley 7-30-1, Flacco 16-13-1. URI- Hughes 12-106-0, Casey 18-97-0, Cassidy 20-42-2, Campbell 2-13-0, Bellini 1-4-0, Cervone 1-2-0, Roberson 1-2-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** DEL- Flacco 15-30-1, 205 yards 0 TD. URI- Cassidy 3-12-1, 24 yards, 0 TD, Giannecchini 1-1-0, 8 yards, 0 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** DEL- Patrick 6-91-0, Cuff 3-7-0, Duncan 2-55-0, Michaud 2-28-0, Love 2-24-0. URI- Hughes 1-12-0, Casey 1-8-0, Evans 1-7-0, Roberson 1-5-0.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	DEL	URI
First Downs	16	13
Rushes-Yards	42-119	55-266
Passing Yards	205	32
Comp.-Att.-Int.	15-30-1	4-13-1
Punts-Average	4-32.0	5-41.2
Punt Return Yards	38	0
Kickoff Return Yards	68	89
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-27	10-63
Possession	32:13	27:47

## GAME 4

Rhode Island 28, Brown 21

September 30, 2006, Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.

Attendance: 3,467

Rhode Island fullback Joe Casey rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Rams to a 28-21 victory over Brown at Meade Stadium in the annual Governor's Cup game. Ram quarterback Derek Cassidy ran for 91 yards and a touchdown, while also throwing for a career-high 141 yards and another score in the 91st meeting between the two teams. Rhode Island totaled 375 yards of offense, including 234 on the ground, while Brown ended the game with 364 total yards, including 288 in the air. Rhode Island won the toss drove the opening kick-off 80 yards on 12 plays, capped by a one-yard Casey rush, to take a 7-0 lead. Brown looked to answer, but a 15-play 75-yard drive stalled on the URI 18 and a 35-yard field goal attempt by Steve Morgan sailed left as the Bears trailed, 7-0, after the first quarter. URI totaled 21 points in the second quarter. After stopping Brown on 4th-and-1 on their own 38, Rhody would drive 62 yards on seven plays and score on a 37-yard Cassidy pass to wide out Shawn Leonard to make the score 14-0 with 11:30 on the clock. On the ensuing Brown drive, Ram defensive back Raquan Pride would intercept Joe DiGiacomo for the first of two times on the afternoon and return it to the Brown 40. After picking up six yards on first down, Casey rumbled 34 yards for his second touchdown of the day to make it a 21-0 game with 9:03 to play in the half. Brown got on the scoreboard with a 13-play 79-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard rush by Matt Nuzzo, to make the score 21-7 after one half of play. The second half turned out to be all Brown as the Bears held URI scoreless for the final 30 minutes of play. DiGiacomo connected with Paul Raymond for an 11-yard touchdown with 3:43 remaining in the third quarter, and then again for a 61-yard strike to pull the Bears within seven points with 10:22 on the fourth quarter clock. Brown looked to be driving for the winning score when Pride picked off DiGiacomo on the Ram 1-yardline and returned it to the Brown 49 yard line with 5:45 remaining in the game. Forcing Rhode Island to punt with 4:01 remaining in the game, Brown could not tally the equalizer and turned the ball over on downs as the Rams preserved the victory. Brown linebacker Zak DeOssie led all tacklers with 15 stops, including 13 solo and two for a loss. Mizraim Farley led the Ram defensive corps with 10 tacks, including eight solo and two for a loss.

Brown	0	7	7	7-	21
Rhode Island	7	21	0	0-	28

### First Quarter

URI- Joe Casey 1 run (Colin Gallagher kick) 09:14 (12 plays, 80 yards, 5:46)

### Second Quarter

URI- Shawn Leonard 37 pass from Derek Cassidy (Gallagher kick) 11:30 (7 plays, 62 yards, 2:44);  
 URI- Casey 34 run (Gallagher kick) 09:03 (2 plays, 40 yards, 0:35);  
 BU- Matt Nuzzo 1 run (Steve Morgan kick) 02:44 (13 plays, 74 yards, 6:00);  
 URI- Cassidy 12 run (Gallagher kick) 00:35 (12 plays, 76 yards, 1:58).

### Third Quarter

BU- Paul Raymond 11 pass from Joe DiGiacomo (Morgan kick) 03:43 (6 plays 81 yards, 2:23).

### Fourth Quarter

BU- Raymond 61 pass from DiGiacomo (Morgan kick) 10:22 (1 play, 61 yards, 0:23).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** BU- Knight 16-61-0, Nuzzo 8-25-1, DiGiacomo 1-(-4)-0, Raymond 1-(-6)-0. URI- Casey 25-140-2, Cassidy 23-64-1, Hughes 6-26-0, Campbell 1-4-0, Bellini 1-3-0, Roberson 1-3-0, PittCoombs 1-1-0, Mitchell 1-(-7)-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** BU- DiGiacomo 17-34-2, 244 yards, 2 TD, Nuzzo 3-5-0, 44 yards, 0 TD. URI- Cassidy 7-9-0, 141 yards, 1 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** BU- Hill 5-82-0, Farnham 5-64-0, Raymond 4-90-2, Balestracci 4-41-0, Knight 2-11-0. URI- Leonard 3-58-1, Hughes 1-30-0, Roberson 1-24-0, PittCoombs 1-17-0, Edwards 1-12-0.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	BU	URI
First Downs	20	18
Rushes-Yards	26-76	59-234
Passing Yards	288	141
Comp.-Att.-Int.	20-39-2	7-9-0
Punts-Average	3-51.0	6-31.5
Punt Return Yards	19	4
Kickoff Return Yards	75	63
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-38	7-67
Possession	29:10	30:50

GAME 5

No. 13 James Madison 35, Rhode Island 23

October 7, 2006, Bridgeforth Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va.  
Attendance: 14, 679

URI's Derek Cassidy rushed for three touchdowns and 62 yards, while throwing for a career-high 153 yards, but it was No. 13 James Madison holding off the Rams, 35-23 in Virginia. Fullback Joe Casey rushed for 163 yards, while halfback Jimmy Hughes totaled 140 yards of total offense (87 rushing, 53 receiving) to lead the Rams. URI got the ball first and jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead. A 20-yard run by Casey, followed by a 57-yard run by Hughes put the Rams on the JMU five-yard line. Three plays later, Cassidy would score from five yards out to put URI on top with 12:19 on the clock. The two teams combined for 30 points in the second quarter. The Rams would piece together a 14-play, 49-yard drive to the Duke 30 to setup a 47-yard field goal by Colin Gallagher to make the score 10-0 with 7:06 to play in the first half. JMU would answer, returning the kickoff to the URI 36 and punching it in with a three-play, :48-second drive capped by a seven-yard rush by Banks to make it 10-7 with 6:18 on the clock. On the second play of the ensuing drive, a Cassidy interception led to a four-play 46-yard JMU scoring drive, finished off by a 26-yard TD pass from Justin Rascati to D.D. Boxley, to make it 14-10 with 4:23 to play in the half. The Rams would bounce back with an 11-play, 79-yard drive, finished off by a two-yard scoring rush by Cassidy put URI back on top. The drive was highlighted by a 21-yard Cassidy pass completion to freshman Tolbert Evans on third-and-10 that was tipped by a JMU defender, and a 34-yard completion to Shawn Leonard that put the Rams on the JMU 2-yardline. Gallagher's extra point attempt was blocked to make the score, 16-14, with :52 seconds remaining the half. JMU only needed :46 seconds and four plays to go 64 yards and score on a 28-yard Rascati-to-Bransford touchdown pass to take a 21-16 lead into halftime. After forcing the Dukes to punt to open the third quarter, The Rams would drive 91 yards on 13 plays and take a 23-21 leads on Cassidy's third score of the day from one yard out with 5:31 on the clock. The drive appeared to be stalled on fourth-and-five on the JMU 33 and the Rams lined up for a 47-yard field goal attempt. Holder Bryan Giannaccini pitched the ball to Casey who looked to be running for the first down, but threw a completion to Hughes for a 19-yard gain down to the JMU 14. In the fourth quarter, James Madison would retake the lead after a 64-yard run by Eugene Holloman made the score 28-23 with 10:29 to play in the game. With URI driving with 1:46 to play in the game, JMU forced a Casey fumble on their own 26 and returned it for a touchdown for the final 35-23 score.

Rhode Island	7	9	7	0-	23
James Madison	0	21	0	14-	35

First Quarter

URI- Derek Cassidy 5 run (Colin Gallagher kick) 12:19 (6 plays, 82 yards, 2:41).

Second Quarter

URI- Gallagher 47 field goal 07:06 (14 plays, 49 yards, 5:57);  
JMU- Alvin Banks 7 run (David Rabil kick) 06:18 (3 plays, 36 yards, 0:48);  
JMU- D.D. Boxley 26 pass from Justin Rascati (Rabil kick) 04:23 (4 plays, 46 yards, 1:13);  
URI- Cassidy 2 run (Gallagher kick blocked) 00:52 (11 plays, 79 yards, 3:31);  
JMU- Ardon Bransford 28 pass from Rascati (Rabil kick) 00:06 (4 plays, 64 yards, 0:46).

Third Quarter

URI- Cassidy 1 run (Gallagher kick) 05:31 (13 plays, 91 yards, 5:38)

Fourth Quarter

JMU- Eugene Holloman 64 run (Rabil kick) 10:29 (2 plays, 73 yards, 0:43);  
JMU- Kevin Winston 28 fumble recovery (Rabil kick) 01:46.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** URI- Casey 28-163-0, Hughes 5-88-0, Campbell 1-2-0, Roberson 3-2-0, Cassidy 28-(-1)-3, Butler 2-(-4)-0. JMU- Holloman 20-142-1, Banks 9-51-1, Rascati 8-49-0, Baker 1-5-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** URI- Cassidy 8-16-1, 153 yards, 0 TD, Casey 1-1-0, 19 yards, 0 TD, Butler 0-1-0, 0 yards, 0 TD, Giannecchini 0-1-0, 0 yards, 0 TD. JMU- Rascati 7-9-0 102 yards, 2 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** URI- Hughes 3-53-0, Leonard 2-51-0, Evans 2-31-0, Del Grosso 1-22-0, Roberson 1-15-0. JMU- Bransford 2-45-1, Banks 2-16-0, Boxley 1-26-1, Brown 1-12-0, Baker 1-3-0.

TEAM STATISTICS	URI	JMU
First Downs	24	16
Rushes-Yards	67-249	38-247
Passing Yards	172	102
Comp.-Att.-Int.	9-19-1	7-9-0
Punts-Average	3-40.0	5-38.4
Punt Return Yards	12	17
Kickoff Return Yards	69	89
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	5-35
Possession	37:44	22:16

GAME 6

No. 10 Richmond 31, Rhode Island 6

September 9, 2006, Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.  
Attendance: 3,392

No. 10 Richmond held Rhode Island to 248 total yards en route to a 31-6 victory in Atlantic 10 football action at Meade Stadium. Richmond took the opening kick off and drove 60 yards to the URI 40 where senior Raquan Pride intercepted Spider quarterback Eric Ward to give the Rams possession on their own 26. In his first collegiate start at quarterback in place of the injured Derek Cassidy, who was sitting out the game with an ankle injury suffered last Saturday at James Madison, freshman John Butler drove the Rams 74 yards on six plays in 2:25 and hitting sophomore halfback Marcel Roberson with a 36-yard scoring strike with 7:41 on the first quarter clock. A missed extra point made the score 6-0. On Richmond's next possession, Ward threw his second interception of the day, this time to junior defensive back Raji El-Amin, giving URI the ball on their own 15 yard line. Rhode Island led, 6-0, after the first quarter. In the second quarter, Richmond would piece together a 14-play, 82-yard drive, capped by a 23-yard Ward scoring strike to Matt Hale to give the Spiders a 7-6 lead with 8:51 to play in the first half. Richmond would take a 10-6 lead into halftime after a 25-yard field goal by Andrew Howard with :47 seconds to play in the half. Richmond dominated the second half, holding the Rams to 96 yards of total offense, while scoring 21 points. Ward's second touchdown throw came with 11:06 to play in the third quarter, as he connected with Arman Shields with a 20-yard score. Fifty-four seconds later, David Horton would pick off Butler and return it 20 yards for a touchdown to give Richmond a 24-6 lead with 10:00 on the third quarter clock. Richmond would score the final points of the game after a nine-yard touchdown run by Ward finished off a 13-play, 72-yard drive at 14:55 of the fourth quarter. Rhode Island freshman D.J. Stefkovich made his first collegiate appearance at quarterback in the fourth quarter, completing four-of-eight passes for 61 yards, including a 38-yard completion to sophomore wideout Nick Del Grosso in the fourth quarter. URI was held to a season-low 123 yards rushing, while passing for 125 yards. The last time the Rams totaled more passing yards than rushing was October 26, 2002, when the Rams threw for 104 yards, and only rolled up 90 yards on the ground versus Richmond. The game was actually played over two days due to heavy rain that flooded Meade Stadium, causing the second half to be postponed until the following day.

Rhode Island	6	0	0	0-	6
Richmond	0	10	14	7-	31

First Quarter

URI- Marcel Roberson 36 pass from John Butler (Colin Gallagher kick failed) 07:41 (6 plays, 74 yards, 2:25).

Second Quarter

UR- Matt Hale 23 pass from Eric Ward (Andrew Howard kick) 08:51 (14 plays, 82 yards, 7:19);  
UR- Howard 25 field goal 00:47 (5 plays, 19 yards, 0:44).

Third Quarter

UR- Arman Shields 20 pass from Ward (Howard kick) 11:06 (5 plays, 51 yards, 2:12);  
UR- David Horton 20 interception return (Howard kick).

Fourth Quarter

UR- Ward 9 run (Howard kick) 14:55 (13 plays, 72 yards, 6:43).

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** UR- Hightower 16-99-0, Vaughan 18-88-0, Forte 6-50-0, Ward 6-48-1. URI- Casey 17-65-0, Hughes 6-17-0, Butler 9-13-0, Mitchell 1-9-0, Campbell 4-8-0, Roberson 2-8-0, Stefkovich 3-2-0, Allen 1-1-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** UR- Ward 12-21-2, 125 yards, 2 TD. URI- Butler 4-10-1, 64 yards, 1 TD, Stefkovich 4-8-0, 61 yards, 0 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** UR- Shields 4-51-1, Crone 2-16-0, Vaughan 2-14-0, Hale 1-23-1, Stewart 1-15-0, Desriveaux 1-6-0, Hightower 1-0-0. URI- Del Grosso 2-42-0, Hughes 2-14-0, Roberson 1-36-1, Casey 1-14-0, Mitchell 1-12-0, Allen, 1-7-0.

TEAM STATISTICS	UR	URI
First Downs	23	14
Rushes-Yards	46-285	43-123
Passing Yards	125	125
Comp.-Att.-Int.	12-21-2	8-18-1
Punts-Average	2-36.0	5-37.6
Punt Return Yards	43	0
Kickoff Return Yards	23	126
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-29	1-5
Possession	33:02	26:58

# 2006 GAME RECAPS

## GAME 7

No. 6 Massachusetts 41, Rhode Island 16

October 21, 2006, McGuirk Stadium, Amherst, Mass.

Attendance: 15,522

Rhode Island fullback Joe Casey ran for 136 yards and a touchdown but it was No. 6 Massachusetts cruising to a 41-16, victory at McGuirk Stadium. Massachusetts running back Steve Baylark totaled 235 yards and a pair of touchdowns rushing to pace the UMass attack, which racked up 474 yards of total offense. On the opening kickoff, URI's Kevaugh Johnson-Henry forced a fumble that the Rams recovered on the Minutemen 17 yard-line. Three plays later, Casey scored on a nine-yard run as the Rams took a 6-0 lead with 13:26 on the clock. The extra point attempt was missed by Colin Gallagher. UMass would get on the board with a 12-play, 71-yard drive, capped by a 26-yard field goal by Chris Koeplin to cut the Ram lead to 6-3 with 8:24 to play in the first quarter. A one-yard touchdown rush by quarterback Derek Cassidy would finish off a five-play 65-yard scoring drive to give the Rams a 13-3 edge with 6:16 on the first-quarter clock. Cassidy hooked up with halfback Jimmy Hughes for a 59-yard scoring strike during the drive. UMass would break the game open with 28-straight points to take a 31-13 lead into halftime. The Minutemen would lead, 38-13, after a five-play, 44-yard drive finished off by an eight-yard Baylark rush at 1:26 for the only points of the third quarter. The Rams would put three points on the board with a 21-yard field goal by Gallagher to make the score 38-16 with 14:52 to play in the game. A 24-yard Massachusetts field goal with 12:10 to play made it a 41-16 final.

Rhode Island	13	0	0	3-	16
Massachusetts	10	21	7	3-	41

### First Quarter

URI- Joe Casey 9 run (Colin Gallagher kick failed) 13:26 (3 plays, 17 yards, 1:34);

UM- Chris Koeplin 26 field goal 08:24 (12 plays, 71 yards, 5:02);

URI- Derek Cassidy 1 run (Gallagher kick) 06:16 (5 plays, 65 yards, 2:08);

UM- Steve Baylark 2 run (Koeplin kick) 02:18 (8 plays, 70 yards, 3:58).

### Second Quarter

UM- Brandon London 9 pass from Liam Coen (Koeplin kick) 12:04 (6 plays, 92 yards, 2:37);

UM- Brandon Smith 21 fumble recovery (Koeplin kick); UM- Rasheed Rancker 23 pass from Coen (Koeplin kick) 01:26 (9 plays, 80 yards, 5:04).

### Third Quarter

UM- Baylark 8 run (Koeplin kick) 03:03 (5 plays, 44 yards, 2:34).

### Fourth Quarter

URI- Gallagher 21 field goal 14:52 (8 plays, 66 yards, 3:11);

UM- Koeplin 24 field goal 12:10 (6 plays, 61 yards, 2:42).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** URI- Casey 25-136-1, Hughes 7-32-0, Allen 2-6-0, Mitchell 2-5-0, Campbell 2-5-0, Stefkovich 1-(-5)-0, Cassidy 11-(-11)-1. UM- Baylark 26-235-2, Washington 4-19-0, Nelson 3-17-0, Rancker 1-17-0, Woodward 1-7-0, Lawrence, 2-6-0, Coen 1-(-3)-1.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** URI- Cassidy 5-12-0, 133 yards, 0 TD, Stefkovich 1-2-0, 7 yards, 0 TD. UM- Coen 14-19-0, 176 yards, 2 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** URI- Hughes 2-74-0, Leonard 2-47-0, Allen 1-12-0, Evans 1-7-0. UM- London 4-55-1, Rancker 3-52-1, Lawrence 2-7-0, Moore 2-5-0, Listorti 1-44-0, Washington 1-7-0, Baylark 1-6-0.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	DEL	URI
First Downs	14	23
Rushes-Yards	50-168	38-298
Passing Yards	140	176
Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-14-0	14-19-0
Punts-Average	4-27.2	2-42.0
Punt Return Yards	0	1
Kickoff Return Yards	121	60
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	4-20
Possession	29:48	30:12

## GAME 8

Rhode Island 3, No. 15 Maine 0

October 28, 2006, Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.

Attendance: 3,250

Colin Gallagher's 47-yard field goal in the second quarter proved to be the difference on a blustery, rainy day at Meade Stadium, as URI downed #15 Maine, 3-0, in Atlantic 10 football action. Gallagher's boot with 10:41 to play in the first half was the only score, as weather played a major factor in this afternoon's contest. Winds of up to 50 mph, along with steady rain, made the field conditions especially harrowing. The first three drives of the game resulted in punts - two by Rhody and one by the Black Bears - before Maine had an 11-play, 56 yard drive over a 5:00 span, down to the Rhody eight-yard line. Maine's Devin McNeill missed his 25-yard field goal attempt at the end of the first quarter, wide right. URI set up Gallagher on the first possession of the second quarter, with the 47-yarder capping off a 14-play, 50 yard drive. Maine began the second half with the ball and was driving into Rhody territory. After UM quarterback Ron Whitcomb ran for two yards, down to the URI 28, he threw an incomplete pass to Manzi Pierre, making it 3rd and 8. Rhode Island's Raji El-Amin picked off Whitcomb's 4th down pass attempt, returning it 10 yards. URI went three-and-out and the Black Bears began on their own 20 with 7:28 left in the third quarter. Again they moved the chains down the field, this time on a nine play, 53-yard drive. But Whitcomb's fumble on 4th and 3 was recovered by URI's Kirk Blackmon on the Rams' 27-yard line. Rhode Island committed its lone turnover on its next drive, as quarterback John Butler threw a pass, with eight ticks remaining in the quarter, that was picked off by Maine's Jonathan Calderone at the UM 20.

Maine	0	0	0	0-	0
Rhode Island	0	3	0	0-	3

### Second Quarter

URI- Colin Gallagher 47 field goal 10:41 (14 plays, 50 yards, 4:19).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** UM- Gordon 29-128-0, Whitcomb 16-55-0, Fluellen 7-38-0, Randall 1-3-0. URI- Casey 22-66-0, Hughes 6-42-0, Allen 1-8-0, PittCoombs 1-3-0, Butler 10-(-1)-0, Evans 1-(-1)-0, Cassidy 4-(-1)-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** UM-Whitcomb 1-8-1, 23 yards 0 TD, Gordon 0-1-0, 0 yads, 0 TD. URI- Cassidy 1-5-0, 19 yards, 0 TD, Butler 0-1-1, 0 yards, 0 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** UM- Cotrone 1-23-0. URI- Allen 1-19-0.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UM	URI
First Downs	12	7
Rushes-Yards	53-224	45-116
Passing Yards	23	19
Comp.-Att.-Int.	1-9-1	1-6-1
Punts-Average	4-42.8	8-24.0
Punt Return Yards	45	0
Kickoff Return Yards	15	0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	4-32
Possession	32:52	27:08

GAME 9

Rhode Island 20, Hofstra 13

November 4, 2006, Shuart Stadium, Hempstead, N.Y.  
Attendance: 4,755

Paced by three first quarter touchdowns, the Rhode Island earned its fourth victory of the season - and second in as many weeks - downing Hofstra, 20-13, at Shuart Stadium. Rhode Island scored on its first drive of the game, as quarterback Derek Cassidy found the end zone from a yard out with 9:26 to play in the first quarter. The score capped off a 13-play, 80 yard drive. URI did not convert the extra-point kick after a bad snap. On its first defensive stand, Rhody held the Pride to a three-and-out and downed the Hofstra punt near midfield. A pass interference call against Hofstra on third down moved the Rams to the 41 yard line. On the ensuing play, Tolbert Evans rushed for 35 yards to the Hofstra six, before Jimmy Hughes found the end zone with 5:35 left in the period. Rhody's next touchdown came less than a minute later. After L.T. Brantley forced a fumble, which was recovered by Adrian Owen at the Hofstra 30, Cassidy connected with Evans on a 30-yard scoring strike, making it 20-0 with 4:49 left in the quarter. Hofstra got on the board in the second quarter on a two-yard scamper by Terry Crenshaw with 7:14 left in the half. After a punt by URI on its next offensive possession, the Ram defense made one of its many contributions of the afternoon. On first down, Hofstra QB Dennis Davis dropped back to pass, but was picked off by Virgil Gray, who returned the interception 32 yards to the Hofstra 13, with 3:35 remaining in the first half. But Cassidy would fumble after a sack, which was recovered by Hofstra. They drove all the way to the URI 15 yard line, but the Rhody defense would limit their offense to just a field goal. The Rams took a 20-10 advantage into the locker room at the half. The Pride added another field goal to start the third, converting the three-pointer after a 15-play, 53-yard drive which made it a one-touchdown deficit with 7:14 in the quarter. The Ram defense held Hofstra out of URI territory until late in the fourth quarter. After a 25-yard pass play from the Davis to Marquis Bonds took Hofstra to the Rhody 35, the Pride were unable to convert their next three plays, turning the ball over on downs.

Hofstra	0	10	3	0-	13
Rhode Island	20	0	0	0-	20

**First Quarter**

URI- Derek Cassidy 1 run (B. Giannecchini rush failed) 09:26 (13 plays, 80 yards, 5:34);  
URI- Jimmy Hughes 6 run (Colin Gallagher kick) 05:35 (4 plays, 51 yards 1:52);  
URI- Tolbert Evans 30 pass from Cassidy (Gallagher kick) 04:49 (1 play, 30 yards, 0:16).

**Second Quarter**

HU- Terry Crenshaw 2 run (Rob Zarrilli kick) 07:14 (7 plays, 58 yards, 3:21); HU- Zarrilli 32 field goal 00:49 (8 plays, 61 yards, 1:46).

**Third Quarter**

HU- Zarrilli 32 field goal 09:06 (15 plays, 53 yards, 5:44).

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** URI- Evans 2-64-0, Hughes 8-30-1, PittCoombs 7-21-0, Allen 7-20-0, Casey 5-18-0, Campbell 6-4-0, Cassidy 18-(-22)-1. HU- Crenshaw 22-93-1, Huggins 11-85-0, Davis 4-(-17)-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** URI- Cassidy 7-12-0, 170 yards, 1 TD. HU- Davis 11-27-1, 106 yards, 0 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** URI- Leonard 4-120-0, Del Grosso 2-30-0, Evans 1-30-1. HU- Riley 5-38-0, Crenshaw 2-22-0, Bonds 1-25-0, Smith 1-12-0, Huggins 1-5-0, Sullivan 1-4-0.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	URI	HU
First Downs	16	16
Rushes-Yards	53-135	37-161
Passing Yards	170	106
Comp.-Att.-Int.	7-12-0	11-27-1
Punts-Average	5-41.6	6-41.2
Punt Return Yards	9	6
Kickoff Return Yards	75	73
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-43	6-39
Possession	32:32	27:28

GAME 10

No. 13 New Hampshire 63, Rhode Island 21

November 11, 2006, Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.  
Attendance: 4,755

Derek Cassidy ran for 89 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but it was No. 13 New Hampshire cruising past the Rams, 63-21. UNH cashed in four of URI's five turnovers on the afternoon for TDs. New Hampshire quarterback Ricky Santos ran for three touchdowns, while finishing the day completing 23-of-32 passes for 271 yards and two more scores to lead the Wildcat attack. Wide receiver David Ball tied a NCAA record (held by NFL great Jerry Rice) with his 23rd-career 100-yard receiving game, hauling in 10 passes for 110 yards. He also moved past URI's own Brian Forester (1983-'87) for first on the Atlantic 10 career reception list, breaking the previous record (284) with 287 to date. Santos opened the scoring at 10:14 of the first quarter with a 4-yard scoring rush to finish off a seven-play drive that started on the Rhode Island 36 after the Rams failed to convert a fake punt on fourth down. On the ensuing URI possession, fullback Joe Casey lost a fumble on the Rhody 45 that New Hampshire turned into a four-play scoring drive, finished off by a 6-yard touchdown run by Chris Ward to put the Wildcats up, 14-0, with 8:30 on first-quarter clock. On the next URI drive, Cassidy broke free for a 56-yard touchdown to make the score, 14-7, with 6:17 to play in the first quarter. The Rams would get the ball back after Raji El-Amin intercepted his fourth pass of the season in the URI endzone for a touchback. The UNH defense would force the Rams to go three-and-out and punt with 1:02 in the first quarter. Santos would hook-up with wide receiver Keith Levan for a 18-yard score after an eight-play 56-yard drive to give the Wildcats a 21-7 lead with 12:41 to play in the second. Casey would finish off an 11-play, 77-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown rush to make the score, 21-14, with 7:30 to go in the half, before UNH scored three-straight times to end the half with a 42-14 lead. Ward scored on a 5-yard rush with 7:30 on the clock to finish a three-play, :59 second drive. After a Cassidy interception, Santos would throw a 13-yard score to Levan to cap a four-play, 48-yard drive before Casey's second fumble of the day on the URI 14 led to a 8-yard Santos score to give UNH the 28-point lead. In the third quarter, a 2-yard Santos run finished off a 14-play, 71-yard drive that made the score, 49-14, with 8:17 on the clock. Cassidy's 1-yard touchdown rush after a 10-play, 63-yard drive, made it a 49-21 ballgame with :48 seconds to play in the third quarter. New Hampshire would tack on two more scores in the final 15 minutes of play. Robert Simpson would score on a 4-yard rush at 10:14, and Kackert would run in from 4-yards out after a URI fumble for the final tally.

New Hampshire	14	28	7	14-	63
Rhode Island	7	7	7	0-	21

**First Quarter**

UNH-Ricky Santos 4 run (Tom Manning kick) 10:14 (7 plays, 36 yards, 3:17);  
UNH- Chris Ward 6 run (Tom Bishop kick) 08:30 (4 plays, 45 yards, 1:15);  
URI- Derek Cassidy 56 run (Colin Gallagher kick) 06:17 (6 plays, 90 yards, 2:04).

**Second Quarter**

UNH-Keith Levan 18 pass from Santos (Manning kick) 12:41 (8 plays, 56 yards, 3:21);  
URI- Joe Casey 7 run (Gallagher kick) 08:44 (11 plays, 77 yards, 3:46);  
UNH- Ward 5 run (Bishop kick) 07:30 (3 plays, 73 yards, 0:59);  
UNH- Levan 13 pass from Santos (Manning kick) 04:38 (4 plays, 48 yards, 1:37);  
UNH- Santos 2 run (Bishop kick) 00:57 (2 plays, 14 yards, 0:28).

**Third Quarter**

UNH- Santos 2 run (Manning kick) 08:17 (14 plays, 71 yards, 6:43);  
URI- Cassidy 1 run (Gallagher kick) 00:48 (10 plays, 63 yards, 4:32).

**Fourth Quarter**

UNH- Robert Simpson 4 run (Bishop kick) 10:14 (12 plays 72 yards, 5:11);  
UNH- Chad Kackert 4 run (Manning kick) 08:28 (1 play, 4 yards, 0:12)..

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** UNH- Kackert 6-82-1, Santos 12-40-3, Simpson 7-33-1, Ward 9-31-2, Levan 2-19-0, Hendricks 1-0-0. URI- Cassidy 18-89-2, Hughes 5-45-0, Casey 14-44-1, Butler 6-35-0, Allen 4-21-0, Mitchell 5-10-0, Campbell 1-4-0, PittCoombs 1-(-1)-0, Giannacchini 1-(-3)-0, Roberson 1-(-4)-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** UNH- Santos 23-32-1, 271 yards 2 TD. URI- Cassidy 5-12-1, 66 yards, 0 TD, Butler 1-4-1, 13 yards, 0 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** UNH- Ball 10-112-0, Levan 7-66-2, Brown 2-34-0, Kackert 1-40-0, O'Brien 1-14-0, Lynch 1-5-0, Ward 1-0-0. URI- Evans 2-52-0, Del Grosso 2-19-0, Leonard 1-5-0, Allen 1-3-0.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	UNH	URI
First Downs	24	18
Rushes-Yards	37-205	56-240
Passing Yards	271	79
Comp.-Att.-Int.	23-32-1	6-16-2
Punts-Average	1-40.0	3-41.3
Punt Return Yards	51	0
Kickoff Return Yards	106	139
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-3
Penalties-Yards	9-59	7-45
Possession	44:31	30:29

# 2006 GAME RECAPS/AWARDS

## GAME 11

Northeastern 45, Rhode Island 31

November 17, 2006, Parsons Field, Brookline, Mass.

Attendance: 3,212

Rhode Island dropped a 45-31 decision at Northeastern in its final game of the season. Northeastern scored on its first drive of the game, going 76 yards in 10 plays to set up a Maurice Murray four-yard touchdown run with 10:01 left in the quarter. Rhody answered back, as a Raji El-Amin's 72-yard kickoff return put the Rams in good field position. Four plays later, Colin Gallagher booted a 35-yard field goal to make it 7-3. But NU would respond on its next drive, going 11 plays for 61 yards to set up a 25-yard field goal by Mat Johnson. Northeastern would lead 10-3 at the end of the first quarter. The Huskies would strike again, as Murray found the endzone from a yard out with 13:06 to play in the half. On the Rams' next possession, QB Derek Cassidy was picked off and NU's Anthony Orio was able to convert a 41 yard touchdown strike to Kendrick Ballentyne, capping a five-play, 57 yard drive. The touchdown made it 24-3, Northeastern, with 7:44 left in the half. URI would use a little trickery on its next possession, as Cassidy pitched the ball back to Rodney Mitchell, who found Shawn Leonard in the endzone from 33 yards out. The eight play, 56 yard drive made it 24-10. Northeastern's Ballentyne would register his second score of the afternoon, on a nine-yard run with 2:35 to go before the Rams would end the scoring in the first half on a late touchdown. Cassidy found Tolbert Evans for six points on a 25 yard pass with 47 ticks on the clock. The Huskies held a 31-17 advantage into the break. Rhody marched down the field on its first possession of the second half, going 78 yards on 17 plays, capped by a five-yard touchdown run by Joe Casey, which made it 31-24 with 8:18 in the period. The Rams' defense forced an NU punt and put the offense back on the field. URI advanced down into Huskies territory but Gallagher could not convert the 46-yard field goal attempt. With 13:00 to play, NU's Orio converted a fourth-and-inches on the URI 12 yards before punching it into the endzone from five yards out, giving the Huskies a 38-24 advantage. They would punch another score in with :23 ticks on the clock. For the game, Shawn Leonard caught six passes for 127 yards and two scores. Tolbert Evans had four receptions for 48 yards and a touchdown. On the ground, Joe Casey rushed 19 times for 58 yards.

Rhode Island	3	14	7	7-	28
Northeastern	10	21	0	14-	45

### First Quarter

NU- Maurice Murray 4 run (Mat Johnson kick) 10:01 (10 plays 76 yards, 4:59);

URI- Colin Gallagher field 35 field goal 07:21 (4 plays, 7 yards, 2:40);

NU- Johnson 25 field goal 03:19 (11 plays, 61 yards, 4:02).

### Second Quarter

NU-Murray 1 run (Johnson kick) 13:06 (7 plays, 54 yards, 3:22);

NU- Kendrick Ballentyne 41 pass from John Sperrazza (Johnson kick) 07:44 (5 plays 57 yards, 3:07);

URI- Shawn Leonard 33 pass from Rodney Mitchell (Gallagher kick) 03:54 (8 plays, 56 yards, 3:50);

NU- Ballentyne 9 pass from Anthony Orio (Johnson kick) 01:19 (5 plays 29 yards, 2:35);

URI- Tolbert Evans 25 pass from Derek Cassidy (Gallagher kick) 00:47 (3 plays, 75 yards, 0:32).

### Third Quarter

URI- Casey 5 run (Gallagher kick) 08:18 (17 plays, 78 yards, 6:42).

### Fourth Quarter

NU- Orio 5 run (Johnson kick) 11:38 (12 plays, 71 yards, 5:45);

URI- Leonard 18 pass from Cassidy (Gallagher kick) 03:15 (10 plays, 73 yards, 1:46);

NU- Murray 23 run (Johnson kick) 00:23 (6 plays, 49 yards, 2:52).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** URI- URI- Casey 19-58-1, Cassidy 15-26-0, Allen 4-16-0, Mitchell 1-11-0, Hughes 3-6-0, Campbell 1-1-0. NU- Murray 34-226-3, Orio 13-91-1, Broomfield 2-8-0, Hopkins 2-6-0.

**Passing (Cmp-Att-Int):** URI- Cassidy 12-17-1, 172 yards, 2 TD, Mitchell 1-1-0, 33 yards, 1 TD. NU- Orio 9-15-0, 106 yards, 1 TD, Sperrazza 2-2-0, 58 yards, 1 TD.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** URI- Leonard 6-127-2, Evans 4-48-1, Edwards 1-22-0, Hughes 1-7-0, Casey 1-1-0. NU- Ballentyne 4-93-2, Broomfield 3-32-0, Monan 2-14-0, Hopkins 1-17-0, Plum 1-8-0.

TEAM STATISTICS	URI	NU
First Downs	20	24
Rushes-Yards	43-118	52-330
Passing Yards	205	164
Comp.-Att.-Int.	13-18-1	11-17-0
Punts-Average	2-48.0	1-39
Punt Return Yards	0	26
Kickoff Return Yards	193	130
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	11-92
Possession	26:28	33:32

## 2006 HONORS AND AWARDS

### Chad Campbell

Rhode Island Bruce E. Murry Award

### Joe Casey

Atlantic 10 First-Team All-Conference

### Eric Cervone

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Rhode Island Ram Tough Award

### Fran Dempsey

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

### Kyle Edwards

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Black Lion Award

### Raji El-Amin

New England Football Writers All-New England

Atlantic 10 Second-Team All-Conference

Atlantic 10 Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 11)

Rhode Island Team MVP Award

Rhode Island Co-Outstanding Defensive Back Award

### Mizraim Farly

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Rhode Island Outstanding Linebacker Award

### Colin Gallagher

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Atlantic 10 Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 29)

### Bryan Giannecchini

Atlantic 10 Second-Team All-Conference

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Rhode Island Outstanding Special Teams Award

### Virgil Gray

New England Football Writers All-New England

Atlantic 10 Second-Team All-Conference

### Damien Gresko

ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Second Team Academic All-America

ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA First Team Academic All-District I

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Rhode Island A.A. Savastano Scholar-Athlete Award

### Dan Heffron

Rhode Island Iron Ram Award

Rhode Island Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award

### Jimmy Hughes

Rhode Island Ram Tough Award

### Shamel Lewis

Atlantic 10 Second-Team All-Conference

Rhode Island Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award

### Steve Moll

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Rhode Island Justin Henry Award

### Raquan Pride

Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 2)

Rhode Island Co-Outstanding Defensive Back Award

### Mark Stolte

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Rhode Island Ram Tough Award



## 2007 Marks The Inaugural Season Of Colonial Athletic Association Football

The 2007 season marks the inaugural campaign of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) sponsoring the sport of football. All 12 football playing members of the Atlantic 10 Conference (Rhode Island, Delaware, Hofstra, James Madison, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Northeastern, Richmond, Towson, Villanova and William & Mary) will compete in the CAA this season with the North and South Divisions staying the same to keep intact the regional rivalries between the respective schools.

For more information, log onto CAAsports.com.



### Follow The Spring Football Season With Rhody Senior Mark Stolte

Rhode Island senior offensive lineman **Mark Stolte**, along with selected players from all of the teams in the conference, will be writing a weekly blog during the spring practice season on the Colonial Athletic Association website. Follow all the action this spring as all the teams prepare for the '07 season at CAAsports.com.

## Understanding Division I Football Label Changes

As most football fans know, three classifications - Division I-A, I-AA and I-AAA - were used to differentiate the administration of a school's football program. As of December 15, 2006, those three classifications were declared out of bounds and new designations were kicked off.

The Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) will be used to describe football programs that compete to participate in the postseason bowl system that includes the 32 NCAA-licensed bowls that make up the Bowl Championship Series.

The NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) now will be used to describe schools that participate in the NCAA championship post-season structure (one of 88 NCAA national championships that formerly was described as the I-AA football championship).

### Reason For The Change

The I-A, I-AA and I-AAA designations were confusing and as a result, misapplied by college football fans and the media when referring not only to football programs (e.g. I-AA basketball). And because of greater awareness of specific conferences and schools, the I-A label was rarely emphasized by the I-A membership, which only caused greater confusion about the I-AA classification.

This initiative, voted into effect by the presidents and chancellors who comprise the NCAA Division I Board of Directors last August, is not intended to confuse or devalue the importance of the BCS format.

### Why These Titles Were Chosen

These labels communicate in a positive and clear way about the differences between the Division I football classifications, chiefly the postseason opportunity, while still defining them within the Division I experience.

The name change also clearly defines the student-athlete experience. Rather than being incorrectly referred to by a football classification, they'll simply be a Division-I student-athlete.

### Spreading the Word

The use of the new football labels was rolled out at the 2006 NCAA Division I Football Championship game. During the course of the 2007 season, expect these new football designations to be used by members of the college football community, which includes student-athletes, corporate supporters, university/college officials, community leaders and media partners.

Coaches, administrators and staff have been asked to use the new classifications in media guides, game programs, Web sites, tickets and promotional materials.

Get to know the new names for the teams in your favorite game – the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

## **Chase Daniels, 6-3, 220, DE, Indian Hills H.S./Cincinnati, Ohio**

Second-Team All-State, First-Team Southwestern Ohio defensive end ... also garnered First-Team CHL, First-Team All-City, First-Team Cincinnati Enquirer as a senior ... East-West All-Star Game participant ... team captain and co-defensive player of the year in 2006 ... totaled 76 tackles, nine sacks for coach Kieven Siple and the Braves.

## **Alex Francois, 5-11, 185, CB, Valley Forge Military/Willingboro, N.J.**

Transferring to Rhode Island after garnering First-Team All Seaboard Conference defensive back honors at Valley Forge Military...three-year starting running back at Holy Cross (N.J.) High School ... also played basketball and was a sprinter on the track team.

## **Graylord Gedeon, 6-1, 235, LB, Boca Raton Christian/Boca Raton, Fla.**

Totaled 95 tackles in 2006 at Camden Military under head coach Will Rice ... was a second-Team All-Palm Beach County linebacker as a senior at Boca Raton Christian in 2005 under head coach William Hood...compiled 50 tackles, 8 TFL, two sacks, four fumble recoveries while also compiling 1,256 yards of total offense to go along with 16 TDs...selected to play in the Outback Bowl All-Star Game...was the starting shooting guard on the basketball team, averaging 18.8 points, 13.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists as a senior.

## **Terence Glenn, 6-0, 175, QB, Stonebridge H.S./Ashburn, Va.**

First-Team All-Liberty District quarterback in 2005 and 2006 at Stonebridge under coach Mickey Thompson ... two-year starter for the Bulldogs that were the Liberty District Champs last season (10-1) and the Virginia state runners-up (12-2) in 2005 ... rushed for 1,041 yards and 15 TDs while throwing for 1,420 yards and 11 TDs en route to being named Liberty League Offensive Player of the Year during a standout junior season ... also a standout guard in basketball.

## **Matt Hansen, 5-11, 195, LB, LaSalle Academy/Providence, R.I.**

Named the 2006-07 Gatorade Thirst Quencher Rhode Island Football Player of the Year ... despite platooning at running back as a senior, still managed to rush for 1,353 yards on 105 carries (12.9 yards per carry) and scored 16 TDs ... also caught five passes for 114 yards and another TD ... led the Ram defense with 86 tackles, while recording four INTs, two fumble recoveries and three sacks ... "He only knows one speed on the football field: 100 miles per hour. He's a player the other kids look up to. He treats kids like he wants to be treated. He's a good kid with a good head on his shoulders," said La Salle coach Geoff Marcone ... is the third-straight La Salle Academy player to win the award in the past five years and fourth overall, joining a list that includes UMass quarterback Liam Coen (2003-04) and Bryant University running back Lorenzo Perry (2002-03).

## **Joseph Harris, 5-11, 200, LB, Lowell H.S./Lowell, Mass.**

Will play linebacker at Rhode Island ... All-State selection and Shriner's All-Star Game participant in 2006 ... Boston Globe 2006 All-Scholastic team ... 2006 MVC Player of the Year for head coach Scott Boyle ... ran for 1,018 yards and 18 TDs, while totaling 80 tackles as a senior ... finished high school career with over 2,200 yards rushing, 40 TDs and 220 tackles ... rushed for 254 yards and three TDs on only 14 carries vs. Methuen in 2006 ... also a basketball and track letterman ... born in Monrovia, Liberia

## **Willie McGinnis, 6-3, 250, DL, Bainbridge-Guilford H.S./Norwich, N.Y.**

Intense, active linebacker who will play defensive lineman for the Rams ... also saw time at offensive guard and fullback ... three-year starter and captain for coach Tim Mattingly at Bainbridge-Guilford ... Daily Star All-Defensive Team selection ... had a five-TD game, rushing for 155 yards, in a 52-7 win over Hancock in 2006 ... also a standout basketball and baseball player ... played basketball in last summer's Empire State Games.

## **Robert Meredith, 6-3, 330, DL, Lackawanna C.C./Brooklyn, N.Y.**

Already enrolled for the spring semester ... junior College transfer from Lackawanna C.C. ... defensive tackle for coach Mark Duda and the Falcons ... was a four-year starter at Boys & Girls High School in Brooklyn ... was a Brooklyn All-Star and team captain for coach Barry O'Conner and the Kangaroos.

## **Dan O'Connell, 6-0, 210, LB, Milford Academy/Barrington, R.I.**

Already enrolled for the spring semester ... played the 2006 season at Milford Academy under coach Bill Chaplick ... before that, was a four-year starter for coach Bill McCagney at Barrington ... was named the MVP of the Division I title game after rushing for 167 yards, including a 32-yard TD, and returning a punt 56 yards for another score to lead the Eagles to victory .... rushed for over 1,400 yards for the season, while registering 65 tackles from his safety position.

## **Matt Patterson, 6-4, 220, FS, Glendale C.C./Burbank, Calif.**

Already enrolled for the spring semester .... junior College transfer from Glendale C.C. ... 2006 Western State Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Second-Team All-American ... seven career interceptions at Glendale ... two-year starter at John Burroughs High School totaling 156 tackles and 6 interceptions and garnering all-league honors twice ... also was and all-league triple jumper on the track team.

## **Dante Roberts, 6-0, 180, DB, Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic**

Three-year letterwinner and starter for coach Mike Valazo at Clearwater Central Catholic ... All-County cornerback for the Marauders ... had over 100 tackles and seven interceptions as a senior ... team won the 2006 Regional Championship while finishing runner-up in 2007 ... brother (Tony) enters his sophomore season in 2007 as a fullback at Jacksonville

## **Evan Shields, 5-10, 175, WR, Gonzaga College H.S./Adelphi, Md.**

A speedy wideout who was a two-year letterman for coach Kenny Lucas at Gonzaga ... also a standout 400- and 800-meter runner on the track team ... older brother Arman is a junior wide receiver at Richmond that garnered second-team All-Atlantic 10 honors in 2006.

## **Stan Sturgis, 6-0, 280, OL, LaSalle Academy/Warren, R.I.**

A first-team All-State football player and a second-team All-State lacrosse player ... captain for his senior season as the Rams finished with a 10-2 record and in the RIII State Semifinals ... father Greg played three years at Rhode Island and was an All-American offensive lineman for the 1985 Yankee Conference Championship team.

## **Steven Weedon, 6-3, 240, LB, Valley Forge Military/Silver Spring, Md.**

Junior college transfer from Valley Forge Military ... played linebacker for Dennis Orlando and the Trojans ... was an All-County and All-State linebacker at Richard Montgomery High School ... started all four years for coach Mike Bonavita ... had 91 tackles as a junior and was named All-Met by the Washington Post in his senior season when he had 113 tackles and 8 sacks on defense, while rushing 199 times for 1,769 yards (8.9 YPC) and 18 TDs on offense to lead the state in rushing yards ... also threw three touchdown passes ... as a senior, he was named to George Michael's Golden 11, a top honor in the state of Maryland ... also was an All-Met basketball player that averaged 20 points and 7 rebounds per game during his senior season ... father, Steve Sr., also played football for Richard Montgomery and played college football at the University of Minnesota.

## **Jarrold Williams, 6-1, 200, RB, West Chester East H.S./Glen Mills, Pa.**

Athletic utility back who could see time at a number of positions ... rushed for 881 yards and 11 TDs as a senior, averaging 10.5 yards per carry ... First-Team All-Ches-Mont League selection as a junior and senior under coach Joe Carroll ... scored two TDs as the Vikings won the Ches-Mont League Championship, 28-7, over Downington East in 2006 ... rushed for three TDs, including a 53-yarder, in a 49-48 victory over Upper Darby last season.