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OTTERBEIN  
COLLEGE

cardinals



FOOTBALL '73

# cardinal quick facts

School.....	Otterbein College
Enrollment.....	1,400
Location.....	Westerville, Ohio 43081
Nickname.....	Cardinals
Colors.....	Tan and Cardinal
Last Year's Record.....	2-7-0
Returning Lettermen.....	36
Conference.....	Ohio Athletic Conference
Athletic Affiliation.....	NCAA
Stadium Name.....	Memorial
Capacity.....	4,000
Campus Radio.....	WOBN-FM (91.5 meg.)
School President.....	Dr. Thomas J. Kerr, IV
Athletic Director.....	Robert "Moe" Agler
Head Coach.....	Robert "Moe" Agler
Years.....	14
Lifetime Record.....	65-55-4
Sports Information Director.....	Dave Bradford
Office Phone.....	614-891-3300

Central switchboard number  
for use until September 4,  
1973: 882-3601 ext. 300.



# football '73

September	15	at Kenyon*.....	1:30
	22	HEIDELBERG*.....	7:30
	29	CAPITAL*.....	7:30
October	6	at Ohio Northern*.....	7:30
	13	MARIETTA** (Homecoming).....	1:30
	20	at Muskingum**.....	1:30
	27	at Allegheny.....	1:30
November	3	DENISON**.....	7:30
	10	at Ohio Wesleyan**.....	1:30
	17	OAC Championship.....	1:30

\*OHIO CONFERENCE GAMES

\*\*BLUE DIVISION GAMES

## 1972 results

(2-7 overall; 1-3 OAC Blue Division)

OTTERBEIN	OPPONENTS
14.....	Kenyon.....17
13.....	Heidelberg.....69
0.....	Capital.....16
7.....	Ohio Northern.....14
14.....	Marietta.....42
21.....	Muskingum.....54
42.....	Allegheny.....7
21.....	Denison.....33
16.....	Ohio Wesleyan.....7

## 1974 football

September	14	MANCHESTER.....	7:30
	21	KENYON*.....	7:30
	28	at Capital*.....	1:30
October	5	OHIO WESLEYAN*.....	7:30
	12	at Marietta*.....	2:00
	19	MUSKINGUM* (Homecoming).....	1:30
	26	at Wooster*.....	2:00
November	2	BALDWIN-WALLACE*.....	7:30
	9	at Heidelberg*.....	7:30

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# traditions to build on . . .

In 1970, when Otterbein College established its governance plan calling for voting student representation on every board, committee, and council--including the Board of Trustees--the plan was hailed across the country as an "innovation".

Established in 1847, Otterbein College opened its doors to women from the very beginning. It was the first college in the United States to do so. Having women as members of the teaching faculty was another innovation for colleges when Otterbein admitted women to faculty ranks from the start. And, as early as 1854, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution encouraging enrollment of minorities.

More recently, Otterbein developed the 3/3 Plan to allow students to enroll in three courses in each of three terms during the regular academic year. The 3/3 Plan allows students to concentrate in given subject areas throughout the ten-week term. It also permits students to utilize the interterms, particularly the full month of December, for off-campus experiences either as an individual or as a participating member of a college group.

A pilot program at Otterbein in the fall of 1973 is the Freshman Seminar. Designed as part of the College program of Common Courses, the Freshman Seminar will have no more than 15 students in each section. The purpose of the Common Courses, based on the unifying theme "The Nature of Man", is to help a student develop his abilities to become a truly humane individual. Encompassing religion, the sciences, philosophy, and the arts, the Common Courses contribute to the liberal arts aim of helping the student understand himself, his society, and his relationship to the universe.

To properly facilitate student growth, Otterbein has recently embarked on a three-phase building campaign featuring the construction of a unique, multi-purpose physical education complex. The facility, which will house a basketball arena with seating for 2800, an indoor track, intramural courts and more, is scheduled for completion in early 1975. In addition to the numerous sports activities, the circular building will house other non-sport activities such as convocations and commencements.

Also included in this major capital improvement program is the total renovation of 103-year old Towers Hall and a remodeling of Otterbein's Alumni Gym pending the completion of the Rike Center.

Constantly growing, changing and building, Otterbein seeks not just to meet the times but to offer a liberal arts education for those who will help shape the times.



# otterbein president

The appearance of Dr. Thomas J. Kerr, IV in the Memorial Stadium President's box is not an unfamiliar sight to Otterbein football fans. Dr. Kerr frequently attends Cardinal sports contests since assuming the presidency in July, 1971.

Dr. Kerr came to Otterbein after serving as a professor of history at the University of Buffalo, where he earned his masters degree in 1959. He received his doctorate from Syracuse University in 1965.

A longtime sports fan, Dr. Kerr discusses the Ohio Athletic Conference and its athletic attitudes both as an administrator-educator and as a man familiar with the fall gridiron contests which open the Otterbein athletic calendar.

Dr. Kerr notes that the Ohio Athletic Conference places football in perspective. Competition with rules, cooperation in pursuit of defined goals, application of skills to problems and discipline and decision-making under pressure are characteristics of good football, a strong liberal arts program and successful living, maintains Dr. Kerr.

"Our concern," says Dr. Kerr, "is with education as the development of human potential. I am proud that both our athletic program and conference reflect that philosophy."

Dr. Kerr cited Coach Robert Agler and the football coaching staff as prime examples of coaches and educators of college athletes.

The familiar sight of President Kerr, his family and guests at their places along the fifty-yard line will mark another Otterbein football season.



# preview '73

Even with the loss of Steve Traylor (all-time receiver) and Doug Thomson (all-time rusher) the Otterbein Cardinals should improve upon last year's 2-7 (1-6 OAC) record.

For 1973 the Cards return 20 starters; 12 seniors, five juniors, and three sophomores.

Otterbein already has a potent passing attack (fourth in OAC) but help is needed with its running game. The Otters will need to improve on football fundamentals and shore up the offensive line before things start clicking.

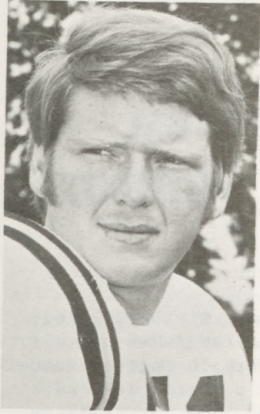
Coach Robert "Moe" Agler (65-55-4), Otterbein's winningest football coach, believes that much of the team's success will depend on quarterback Jim Bontadelli. Bontadelli (5-10, 185) is a senior from Columbus Walnut Ridge who passed and scrambled for 1134 yards in total offense last year. Among returning Ohio Conference quarterbacks, Bontadelli is second in total offense and third in passing, throwing for 944 yards (52%) good for nine touchdowns.

Sophomore Ron Gorman (6-0, 180, Columbus Walnut Ridge, looks to fill one halfback position. Last season Gorman, who caught 14 passes for 162 yards was named the team's most valuable freshman.

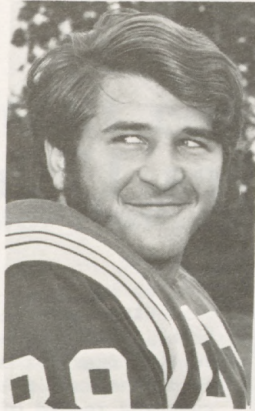


Scrambling Jim Bontadelli

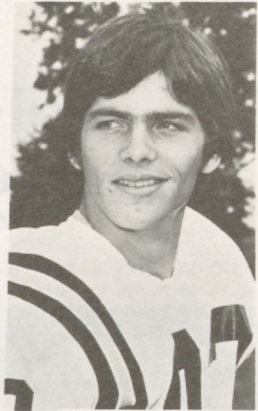




Mike Shannon



Pete Lenge



Leif Pettersen

The offensive line will be anchored by guard Tom Cahill (6-2, 205), a senior from Columbus DeSales who was named to the All-Ohio Conference team last year and tackle Mike Shannon (6-3, 220, Lancaster). Cahill, a two-way performer, teams with junior Pete Lenge (5-11, 185), from DeSales in containing the opposing quarterback from the defensive end position. Lenge, Otterbein's most improved player last season, had 20 solo tackles in one game. Agler labels Lenge and Cahill, "the best pair of defensive ends I've ever coached."

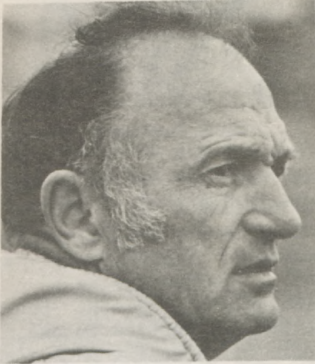
Defensively, the Cards appear solid with senior linebacking trio, Bill Spooner (5-10, 190, Col. Northland), Rick Romer (6-0, 215, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) and Robin Rushton (6-1, 210, Toronto, Ont.) all back.

Senior Leif Pettersen (6-3, 175) from Toronto, Ontario is Otterbein's finest punter. A safety on defense, he averaged over 36 yards per kick, most of which were under heavy pressure. As a sophomore Pettersen's 41.8 yard average was the third best among small college (NCAA) booters. Pettersen, who owns all of Otterbein's punting records, including longest punt of 72 yards, also has a shot at the wide receiver position vacated by Traylor.

Junior Dave Daubenmire (5-8, 160), from Hebron, Ohio, will give Otterbein good field position with his kickoff returns. Daubenmire had the second best average in the conference last year, getting nearly 22 yards per return. He also has a shot at a starting halfback slot.

The 1973 schedule is identical to last year's with Heidelberg, Denison and Ohio Wesleyan being the meat of it. Look for the Otters to be better right from the start (September 15) when they travel to Gambier, Ohio to battle the Kenyon Lords.

# agler eyes 17th season



With each coaching victory, Robert "Moe" Agler further establishes himself as the "Dean" of Otterbein College football mentors. Agler's 14-season head coaching record of 65-55-4 marks him as Otterbein's winningest Cardinal grid coach.

Rated as one of the school's top all-time fullbacks, Agler was a member of the 1946 team which was heralded as one of the finest small college teams in the nation.

After graduation from Otterbein in 1948, Agler played two years with the National Football League's Los Angeles Rams and later for a year with the Calgary Stampeders in the Canadian Football League.

After an injury forced his retirement from pro ball, Agler coached central Ohio high school teams at Johnstown and Dublin before returning to Otterbein as an assistant football coach in 1953.

In 1955 he assumed head coaching assignments in both football and basketball at Otterbein. After three years of double duty he was named Athletic Director and at that time relinquished his basketball coaching assignment.

Agler's grid teams recorded six consecutive winning seasons during a ten-year span from 1955 until his temporary retirement from head coaching in 1965.

Since resuming head coaching duties in 1970 Agler has suffered through three disappointing seasons. With this season's promising squad, however, the disappointments may well be over!



# **assistant coaches**

## **elmer (bud) yoest**

A veteran coach of 17 Otterbein grid seasons, Dr. Yoest will oversee the tackles for Coach Agler. A former Cardinal end, Yoest graduated from Otterbein in 1953. After three years of coaching at Mifflin High School, he returned to his alma mater as assistant football and head track coach. Dr. Yoest also serves as Chairman of the men's health and physical education department and coordinator of Otterbein's intramural program.

## **porter miller**

In his fifth year as an Otterbein staff member, Miller will coach the centers, guards and linebackers. Miller, who graduated from Otterbein in 1965, played football under Coach Agler. Miller taught and coached at Groveport High School before joining the Cardinal staff.

## **ron jones**

Ron Jones spent much of his Otterbein football career from 1958-60 setting records as Larry Cline's favorite pass receiver. Formerly a head coach at Piketon, the 1960 Otter graduate is now a vocational guidance counselor at Westerville High School. He will be coaching the flankers and ends.

## **dick reynolds**

In his fourth year as defensive backfield coach, Reynolds will quickly change hats at the conclusion of the football season and prepare for year number two as head coach of the basketball Cardinals. A 1965 graduate of Otterbein, Reynolds earned twelve letters while participating in football, basketball and track.

## **rich seils**

Although he is entering his first season as a Cardinal coach, Rich Seils is certainly no stranger to football or the Ohio Conference. As an All-Ohio Conference guard his senior year, Seils captained his Denison University squad to an 8-1 record in 1967 and was named Most Valuable Player. Seils will be coaching the offensive backs.

# spooner, rushton back card line

Veteran senior lettermen Bill Spooner and Robin Rushton return this season to fill the Cardinal linebacker slots after turning in solid performances last season.

Spooner, a 5-10, 190-pound native of Columbus, earned seven letters in football, wrestling and track at Northland High School. He received all-city honors in wrestling as a 175-pound junior and in football as a senior fullback and defensive end.

Running the 40-yd. dash in 4.7, Spooner is one of the fastest members on the squad, notes Head Coach Robert Agler. Spooner also has great pursuit and defends particularly well against the pass, says Agler.

One of several Canadian players on the team, Rushton will make use of his mobility and good speed to man the strong side linebacker position. The 6-1, 210-pound native of Toronto participated in the Ontario Metropolitan All-Star football game as a senior and is exceptionally strong against the run, Agler notes. A graduate of Yorkville High School, Rushton is a health and physical education major at Otterbein.

Both players display a great amount of competitive desire, says Agler, and he adds that the Cards will look to the duo for team leadership.



Robin Rushton (53) and Bill Spooner (40) converge on ball carrier



## '73 roster of returning players

<u>NAME &amp; POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Barnes, Mark-HB-DB	Jr.	5-10	170	Columbus	West
Blevins, Wayne-FB**	Sr.	6- 0	215	Hamilton	Taft
Boltin, Jim-T*	Sr.	6- 0	220	Toronto, Can.	N. Toronto Collegiate
Bontadelli, Jim-QB***	Sr.	5-10	180	Westerville	Col. Walnut Ridge
Brookover, Ed-QB	So.	5-11	165	Millersport	Millersport
Burchinal, Charles-G	Jr.	5-10	175	Westerville	Col. North
Cahill, Tom-DE-G***	Sr.	6- 2	205	Columbus	St. Francis DeSales
Cox, Jim-HB**	Jr.	5-10	170	Middletown	Madison
Daley, Gary-DE-C*	So.	6- 2	215	Oakville, Ont.	Thomas A. Blakelock
D'Auito, Bill-End-DB*	So.	5-10	170	Lucasville	Piketon
D'Andrea, Bob-End*	Jr.	6- 2	215	Columbus	St. Francis DeSales
Daniels, Jerry-HB	Sr.	5-10	160	South Solon	Madison South
Daubenmire, Dave-HB*	Jr.	5- 8	155	Hebron	Lakewood
Diller, Chris-HB-DB	So.	5-10	160	Benton Ridge	Liberty-Benton
Doherty, Dan-G-LB	So.	5- 8	175	McLean, Va.	McLean
Donelson, Fred-FB-LB	So.	6- 0	175	Sherman, N.Y.	Sherman Central
Downing, Ted-TE***	Sr.	6- 2	200	Waverly	Waverly
Fagan, Dan-LB-End***	Sr.	6- 1	185	Westerville	Westerville
Fields, Doug-G***	Jr.	5-11	200	Columbus	West
Ford, Dan-T-E	So.	6- 2	185	Lebanon	Lebanon
Harbrecht, Tom-DB*	So.	5- 9	172	Worthington	Worthington
Hartung, Ed-DB-E***	Sr.	6- 0	200	Sandusky	Sandusky
Hatem, Abe-HB*	So.	5-11	155	Columbus	Bishop Hartley
Holt, Richard-OT-DT	Jr.	5-11	200	Danville	Danville
Judd, Terry-T**	Jr.	6- 3	230	Westerville	Westerville
Gorman, Ron-HB*	So.	5-11	180	Columbus	Walnut Ridge
Kolotylo, Roy-T**	Jr.	6- 5	245	Sarnia, Ont.	Central Collegiate
Lafferty, Greg-QB-LB	So.	6- 0	185	Columbus	Hamilton Twp.
Lehman, Charles-LB-E*	Jr.	5-11	185	Westerville	Westerville
Lenge, Pete-DE-G**	Jr.	5-11	185	Columbus	St. Francis DeSales
Lopez, Joe-HB	So.	5-10	180	Columbus	Raymondville, Texas
McDaniel, Scott-T*	Jr.	6- 5	230	Hamilton	Garfield
McKelvey, Tom-DB*	So.	5-10	165	Columbus	Eastmoor
Mairs, Neil-DB**	Jr.	6- 1	180	Donmills, Ont.	East York Collegiate
Miller, Pete-End	Jr.	6- 2	185	Payne	Payne
Mott, Steve-End	So.	6- 1	185	Alexandria	Northridge
Pettersen, Leif-E-K**	Sr.	6- 2	172	Toronto, Can.	Northern Secondary
Reall, Scott-FB-DB*	So.	6- 2	185	Hilliard	Hilliard
Ridding, Doug-LB***	Sr.	6- 2	210	Toronto, Can.	East York Collegiate
Robinson, Leonard-T	So.	6- 0	205	Middletown	Middletown
Romer, Rick-G-MG*	Sr.	6- 0	215	Ft. Lauderdale	Ft. Lauderdale
Roush, Larry-OHB	So.	5- 6	150	Westerville	Westerville
Rushton, Robin-LB***	Sr.	6- 1	210	Toronto, Can.	East York Collegiate
Schnarr, Steve-OHB**	Jr.	6- 2	195	Grove City	Grove City
Schultz, Larry-DT***	Sr.	6- 3	225	Miamisburg	Miamisburg
Shannon, Mike-T**	Jr.	6- 3	220	Lancaster	Lancaster
Smith, Joe-C***	Sr.	6- 1	190	Columbus	North
Spooner, Bill-FB-LB***	Sr.	5-10	190	Columbus	Northland
Thomas, Mike-HB**	Jr.	5- 9	162	Columbus	Walnut Ridge
VanTine, Ted-G**	Jr.	6- 1	207	Dayton	Wilbur Wright
Zeigler, Don-G-T**	Sr.	5-11	170	Newcomerstown	Newcomerstown

\*Denotes Letterman

## '73 freshman roster

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Andress, Scott	C-MG	5- 7	195	Strongsville	Strongsville
Baker, John	G-T	6- 2	210	Columbus	St. Charles
Basha, Mike	G	6- 0	195	Miami, Fla.	Curley
Bevilacqua, Doug	QB-DB	5-11	195	Martins Ferry	Martins Ferry
Bolen, Ron	T	5-10	215	London	London
Broska, Charles	HB	6- 1	185	Columbus	Upper Arlington
Cockayne, Dennis	TE-LB	6- 2	220	Dayton	Fairmont East
Comery, Tom	G-B	6- 0	180	Westerville	Westerville
Culbertson, Ron	LB	6- 1	180	Enon	Greenon
Dodge, Bob	HB-LB	6- 0	185	Powell	Buckeye Valley
Gildow, Keith	G	5-11	205	Bellefontaine	Bellefontaine
Hawley, Doug	QB	6- 4	180	Winchester, Ind.	Winchester Community
Hunter, Robert	HB	5- 6	173	S. Charleston	Madison-Plains
Jacklin, Steve	SE	5-10	175	Groveport	Madison
Judd, Stan	DE	6- 2	205	Westerville	Westerville
Judd, Steve	DE	6- 2	200	Westerville	Westerville
Lehnert, Rich	FB	6- 0	190	Palaine	Palaine
Miller, Gary	HB	5- 9	175	Plain City	Jonathan Alder
Morrison, Steve	T	6- 0	235	Gahanna	Lincoln
Ritchey, Rich	T	6- 5	240	Westerville	Westerville
Roberts, Biff	E	5-11	175	Bellefontaine	Bellefontaine
Rossel, Don	OT	6- 1	234	Columbus	Upper Arlington
Ruble, Bob	LB-HB	5-11	160	Carrol	Bloom-Carrol
Simms, Barry	QB	5-11	180	Warren	Western Reserve
Smith, Kevin	G-LB	5-10	210	Washington C.H.	Washington C.H.
Sokolowski, Bernie	LB-C	6- 0	200	Cleveland	Central Catholic
Stapleton, Virgil	OT	6- 1	210	Dayton	Wayne
Tenuta, Chip	E-DB	6- 2	183	U. Arlington	Upper Arlington
Trowell, Rick	LB-TE	6- 3	190	Niagra Falls N.Y.	LaSalle
Viers, Don	E-DB	5-10	165	Marysville	Marysville
Walker, Chris	DE-LB	5-11	180	Delaware	Hayes
Weis, Jeff	DB	6- 0	170	Cincinnati	N. College Hill
Zupp, Doug	G	5-10	220	Rushsylvania	Benjamin Logan