FOOTBALL

Muskies seek win No. 3 when Otterbein visits on Saturday

GAME DATA: Muskingum College and Otterbein College will fight to remain one game behind in the Ohio Athletic Conference standings when the teams collide Saturday in McConagha Stadium/Sherman Field. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

RADIO COVERAGE: Home games bring two stations to the McConagha Stadium press box.

WMCO Radio (90.7 FM) will broadcast the game live in New Concord. Sports director Kreg Carpenter, Kevin Caton and Bill Lehman will describe the action.

WILE Radio (1270 AM) will broadcast the game to its Cambridge and Guernsey County audience. Doug Birdsong and Ron Mazeroski will call the action from the booth, while Jerry Thompson provides reports from the sideline.

Programming for both stations is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

THE COACHES: Jeff Heacock is in his 19th season as head football coach at Muskingum. The 1976 Muskingum graduate is 11-4 against Otterbein.

Wally Hood is in his fifth season at Otterbein and his 23rd season as a college head coach. Hood’s Cardinal teams have compiled a 1-3 record against Muskingum.

RECORDS: Both teams are 2-1 in all games and 1-1 in the OAC. The winner of Saturday’s game will remain in a tie for second place in the conference standings, one game behind the winner of the John Carroll-Mount Union game.

Muskingum recorded a 42-21 come-from-behind win over Capital University in week three.

Otterbein is coming off a 27-24 loss at John Carroll. The Cardinals opened the season with home victories over The College of Mount Saint Joseph, 30-13, and Baldwin-Wallace College, 32-12.

LAST YEAR’S MEETING: Fullback Scott Ray rushed for 70 yards and a touchdown and tailback Matt Colvin (West Lafayette/Ridgewood) scored the first touchdown of his collegiate career, and the defense made big plays in the second half as Muskingum claimed a 14-7 decision over Otterbein on a damp and rainy afternoon in Westerville.

Muskingum started quickly, scoring two touchdowns in the first 18 minutes of the game. Ray rumbled into the endzone from one yard out with 8:37 left in the first quarter. Defensive back Zack Howard set up the Muskie drive by recovering a fumble at the Otterbein 34.

Colvin scored from two yards out with 12:08 left in the second quarter.

Otterbein quarterback Matt D’Orazio, who completed 19 of 39 passes for 177 yards, hooked up with tight end Jeff Gibbs for a 14-yard TD strike with 36 left before halftime.

The Cardinals drove the ball deep into Muskingum territory twice in the fourth quarter, but the Muskie defense forced an interception in the endzone and a turnover on downs.

HEACOCK ON WEEK FOUR: “Otterbein is a much improved football team. Their success to this point is not by accident. They mix the run and the pass. Matt D’Orazio is an outstanding quarterback. Although their offense gets most of the publicity, their defense is solid.”

MORE ON WEEK THREE: Muskingum exploded for five second-half scores, including TD runs of 31 and 15 yards from junior fullback Luke Thimmes (Lancaster/Fisher Catholic), to erase a 14-7 halftime deficit.

Senior Homer Atkins (New Concord/Cambridge) tied the score on a 21-
yard touchdown run. Thimmes gave the Muskies the lead for good with his first TD, and junior quarterback **Jeff Morris (Beloit/West Branch)** hooked up with sophomore split end **John Bullard (Roseboro, N.C./Worthington Kilbourne)** for a 31-yard touchdown strike.

In the fourth quarter, Thimmes scored his second TD and Colvin reached the endzone from five yards out.

Muskingum utilized eight student-athletes to amass 355 rushing yards. Thimmes led the way with 76 yards on seven carries. Colvin had 64 yards on nine carries. Senior tailback **Rocco Dobran (Poland/Poland Seminary)** gained 60 yards on eight carries.

Morris completed nine of 18 passes for 112 yards. Bullard caught three passes for 56 yards, while senior **Marques Scott (Gahanna/Lincoln)** had four receptions for 35 yards. Sophomore split end **Charlie Amlin (Vandalia/Butler)** caught two passes for 21 yards.

**MAKING STOPS:** Senior linebacker **Eric Peterson (Heath)** led the Muskie defense with 13 tackles (five solo and eight assists). Senior defensive back **Chris Clifton (Dublin/Worthington Kilbourne)** was involved in 10 stops (six solo and four assists). Sophomore linebacker **Rob Beight (East Palestine)** was credited with eight tackles, and senior defensive back **Bob Kane (Poland/Poland Seminary)** made seven stops.

**REPOSESSION:** Senior defensive back **Josh Boyer (Heath)** thwarted a Capital drive by making an interception in the endzone. In addition to his work rushing the ball, Colvin recovered a fumbled punt return in the fourth quarter.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Junior **Kevin Smith (Delaware/Buckeye Valley)** averaged 36.8 yards on five punts against Capital. His longest punt of the game went 44 yards and he pinned one punt inside the Crusader 20. He also converted all six of his extra point attempts.

**OAC STATISTICS:** Muskingum leads the conference in rushing offense, averaging 269 yards in the first three games. The Muskies rank second in total offense (averaging 453.7 yards per game), and third in scoring defense (18.7 points per game) and net punting (39.4 yards).

**THE SERIES:** Muskingum holds a 36-20-2 lead in the all-time series. Otterbein claimed a 15-0 victory in the first meeting in 1905. More recently, Muskingum has won six of the nine meetings in the 1990s. Muskingum has a three-game winning streak, eking out a 9-7 victory in 1996 and a 21-17 win in 1997. Otterbein’s last win in the series was a 7-6 decision in 1995.
all-purpose yards with 237...Caught eight passes for 79 yards all of last season...Has returned three kickoffs for 50 yards to rank 10th in the conference (averaging 16.7 yards per return) and rushed twice for 23 yards.

Don Cash (Fr., WR, Martins Ferry): Ranks fifth in the OAC in punt returns with a 9.9 yard average (eight returns for 79 yards).

Chris Clifton (Sr., SS, Dublin): Second on the team with 22 tackles (10 solo and 12 assists)...Credited with 10 stops against Capital.

Matt Colvin (So., TB, West Lafayette): Muskingum's leading scorer with four touchdowns for 24 points...Ranks seventh in the OAC in rushing (averaging 58 yards per game)...Has rushed for 174 yards and three TDs on 27 carries...Caught a 47-yard TD pass at Marietta...Recovered a fumbled punt against Capital.

Rocco Dobran (Sr., TB, Poland): Ranks second on the team and eighth in the OAC in rushing with 165 yards on 28 carries...Rushed for a career-high 89 yards on 12 carries in the season opener at Denison.

Matt Demyan (Jr., DT, Mansfield): Tied for ninth on the team in tackles with 11 (two solo and nine assists).

Corey Dye (Sr., LB, Washington Court House): Tied for third on the Muskie defense with 20 tackles (nine solo, 11 assists)...Forced a fumble at Denison...Two solo tackles and one assist against Capital.

Eric Foust (So. TE, Cortland): Has five receptions for 31 yards and a TD on teh season.

Bob Kane (Sr., DB, Poland): Leads team in interceptions with two...Ranks seventh on the team in tackles with 16 (11 solo, five assists)...Collected seven tackles (six solo, one assist) against Capital.

Brody Mautz (Jr., DE, Blue Rock): Tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 17 (five solo, 12 assists)...Collected four tackles (one solo, three assists) vs. Capital.

Brad Mercer (Jr., LB, Nashport): Tied for third on the team with 20 tackles (eight solo, 12 assists)...Recorded seven tackles (three solo, four assists) against Capital.

Jeff Morris (Jr., QB, Beloit): Continues to rank fourth in the OAC in passing efficiency (129.17 rating)...Also listed sixth in the conference in total offense, averaging 206 yards per game...Has completed 34 of 67 passes for 516 yards and four touchdowns in first three games...Threw for 765 yards last season and 802 yards as a first-year player in '97.

Eric Peterson (Sr., LB, Heath): Thirteen tackles against Capital vaulted him into the team lead in tackles with 25 (10 solo, 15 assists)...Has broken up two passes.

Kevin Smith (So., K/P, Delaware): His 40.3-yard punting average (12 punts, 483 yards) ranks third in the OAC, just 0.1 yard behind Mount Union’s Rod Chernos for second...Booted a career-long 56-yard punt in the season-opener at Denison...Has converted 11 of 12 extra point attempts and a 30-yard field goal.

FOOTBALL FEATURE

Muskies look for success from offensive line

By Hank Alfman '00

Muskimgum College sports information student assistant

Despite being overlooked, one of the most important facets of the game of football depends on the offensive line and how they hold up. From containing a blitzing defense, to pass protecting, or run blocking, the offensive front doesn’t get as much credit as they should game in and game out. Without these punishers up front at the line of scrimmage each and every play, the quarterback and running back would be picking up their remains off the ground all the time. So, needless to say, they’re actually pretty important, huh?

Just three games into the ‘99 season, the Muskie offensive line has looked in mid-season form. The pass protecting has been superior as quarterback Jeff Morris has been able to buy time to throw downfield to open receivers and rank fourth in the Ohio Athletic Conference in passing efficiency. Additionally, the running game averages nearly 454 yards per game (second in the conference) as holes have opened up very nicely. So who’s being counted on to do most of the unappreciated work in the trenches for Muskingum this year?

A pair of seniors are going to be looked upon for that responsibility with Brian Petruska and Dan Filtz leading the way.

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Senior tri-captain Brian Petruska who starts at left guard, is the most experienced veteran on the line. Petruska, who is from Poland, Ohio, is a three-year starter in his final season. He will be counted on to anchor the inexperienced line through his leadership. Petruska, reflected on what it has been like to grow through the years.

"Coming in as a sophomore starter, I was obviously a little bit younger and I tried to learn as much as I could from the guys that had been playing before me because they were a little older than I was," Petruska said.

"Over the previous years I've tried to learn from experience, he added. "As far as being the most experienced player on the line and being a leader, I'm not real vocal with the guys. I lead by example. I go out and do my job and I trust in the line that I'm with and I know they'll do the same."

Meanwhile, senior Dan Filtz has been in a different situation over the years. Filtz, is a first-time starter on this year's team after waiting in line for three years for his chance to contribute. Filtz, who is from Steubenville, Ohio, will be counted on to start plays at the center position and help aid the middle of the field with solid blocking. Filtz, explained his feelings on getting the chance to start after waiting in the wings as a backup.

"I'm proud to be starting now. Everyone wants to start. I've put in my time here, I've worked hard for four years and I'm just grateful to have the opportunity to still be playing and be able to start."

Filtz also believes that it's been a valuable experience to wait his turn.

"I think the three years previously waiting behind Eric Curtis and Scott Will made me learn a lot. I watched them play and I worked hard to be as good as they were. I'm going to try to do the best that I can on the field."

As the season progresses, continue to look for the Muskies to score points, gain yards in chunks, and the offensive line to keep playing strong in helping the offense to succeed led by Petruska and Filtz.
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**MUSKINGUM COLLEGE DEFENSE TWO-DEEP**

*(updated 9/27/99)*

### First Team

**WLB #28 COREY DYE** ............... 6-0, 215, Sr.
- Third on team with 20 tackles...
- Tri-captain

**DE #95 BRODY MAUTZ** ............. 6-2, 215, Jr.
- Tied for sixth on team with 17 tackles.

**NT #62 TOM WILLIAMS** ........... 5-10, 255, Sr.

**DT #94 MATT DEMYAN** ............ 6-4, 260, Jr.
- Recorded a tackle for a loss of 4 yards at Denison.

**OLB #50 DAVID BARRICK** .......... 6-2, 215, So.

**ILB #45 BRAD MERCER** .......... 5-10, 190, Jr.
- Tied for third on team with 20 tackles.

**ILB #32 ERIC PETERSON** .......... 6-2, 230, Sr.
- Tri-captain...Leads team with 25 tackles.

**SC #8 BOB KANE** ................. 5-10, 170, Sr.
- Had two interceptions at Denison.

**SS #35 CHRIS CLIFTON** .......... 6-4, 205, Sr.
- Tied for second on team with 22 tackles...Ten stops vs. Capital

**FS #13 TIM KUHN** ................. 6-3, 205, Sr.
- Collected first ever INT in first quarter at Denison.

**WC #4 JOSH BOYER** .............. 5-10, 175, Sr.
- Intercepted a pass in the endzone vs. Capital.

### Second Team

**WLB #43 DAN LONG** ............... 6-2, 215, Jr.

**DE #85 DAVE SIMON** ............... 6-4, 225, Jr.
- Had an INT at Denison.

**NT #92 BRAD DeHAYS** .......... 6-3, 240, So.

**DT #77 JASON TURNER** .......... 6-0, 255, Fr.

**OLB #40 ADAM SHOOK** .......... 6-0, 197, Sr.

**ILB #52 MATT ROLL** .......... 5-11, 210, So.

**ILB #49 ROB BEIGHT** .......... 5-8, 208, So.

**SC #1 MATT LOUIS** .............. 5-11, 175, Fr.

**SS #44 JASON GATEWOOD** .... 5-11, 190, Jr.

**FS #10 NICK MORRIS** .......... 5-8, 165, Jr.

**WC #17 BEN MATHENEY** .......... 6-1, 175, Fr.
1999 MUSKINGUM COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Muskingum College Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 23, 1999)
All games

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ALL GAMES............ (2-1-0)
CONFERENCE............ (1-1-0)
NON-CONFERENCE............ (1-0-0)

DATE OPPONENT W/L SCORE ATTEND
Sep 11, 1999 at Denison University W 33-0 1100
*Sep 18, 1999 at Marietta College L 19-35 -
*Oct 2, 1999 OTTERBEIN COLLEGE -
*Oct 9, 1999 at Hiram College -
*Oct 16, 1999 OHO NORTHERN UNIV. -
*Oct 23, 1999 at John Carroll Univ. -
*Oct 30, 1999 BALDWIN-WALLACE COL. -
*Nov 6, 1999 MOUNT UNION COLLEGE -
*Nov 13, 1999 at Heidelberg College -
*Sep 25, 1999 CAPITAL UNIVERSITY W 42-21 2750
* denotes conference game

RUSHING G Att Gain Loss Net Avg TD Long Avg/G
Matt Colvin 3 27 176 2 174 6.4 3 26 58.0
Rocco Dobran 3 28 170 5 165 5.9 0 27 55.0
Mike Bailey 3 27 111 0 111 4.1 1 26 37.0
Homer Atkins 3 13 106 0 106 8.2 1 23 35.3
Jeff Morris 3 30 147 45 102 2.8 1 20 34.0
Luke Thimes 2 11 101 1 100 9.1 2 31 50.0
Don Renninger 2 8 29 0 29 3.6 0 15 14.5
Ryan Caldwell 3 2 23 0 23 11.5 0 23 7.7
Marc Von Kaenel 1 2 0 3 -3 -1.5 0 0 -3.0
Total............. 3 154 863 56 807 5.2 8 31 269.0
Opponents........ 3 106 452 77 375 3.5 5 46 125.0

PASSING G Eff Att-Cmp-Int Pet Yds TD Lng Avg/G
Marc Von Kaenel 1 374.60 2-1-0 50.0 38 1 38 38.0
Jeff Morris 3 129.17 67-34-2 50.7 516 4 57 172.0
Marc Von Kaenel 1 374.60 2-1-0 50.0 38 1 38 38.0
Total............. 3 136.28 69-35-2 50.7 554 5 57 184.7
Opponents........ 3 95.34 117-61-5 52.1 603 3 27 201.0

RECEIVING G No. Yds Avg TD Long Avg/G
Ryan Caldwell 3 10 164 16.4 0 57 54.7
John Bullard 3 7 121 17.3 2 37 40.3
Marques Scott 3 1 5 14.6 1 38 36.5
Eric Foust 2 5 31 6.2 1 10 15.5
Homer Atkins 3 4 89 22.3 0 44 29.7
Charlie Amlin 3 2 29 9.7 0 12 14.5
Matt Colvin 3 1 47 47.0 1 47 15.7
Total............. 3 35 554 15.8 5 57 184.7
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FIELD GOALS FG-PGA Pct 01-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-99 Lg Blk
Kevin Smith 1-5 20.0 0-0 0-0 1-5 0-0 0-0 30 0

SCORING TD FGs Kick Rush Rcv Pass DXP Saf Points
Matt Colvin 4 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 24
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John Bullard 2 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 12
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Opponents........ 8 0-0 8-8 0-0 0 0 0 0 56

TEAM STATISTICS MUSK OPP
FIRST DOWNS....... 71 59
Rushing........... 42 20
Passing........... 24 31
Penalty........... 5 8
RUSHING YARDAGE.... 807 375
Yards gained rushing... 863 452
Yards lost rushing... 56 77
Rushing Attempts... 154 106
Average Per Rush... 5.2 3.5
Average Per Game... 269.0 125.0
TDs Rushing........ 3 5

PASSING YARDAGE... 554 603
Att Cmp-Int..... 69-35-2 117-61-5
Average Per Pass... 8.0 5.9
Average Per Catch... 15.8 9.9
Average Per Game... 184.7 201.0
TDs Passing........ 3 3

TOTAL OFFENSE...... 1361 978
Total Plays........ 223 223
Average Per Play... 6.1 4.4
Average Per Game... 453.7 326.0
KICKOFF RETURNS: YARDS.... 11-211 17-269
PUNT RETURNS: YARDS.... 12-95 9-10
INT RETURNS: YARDS.... 5-59 5-28
FUMBLES-LOST........ 7-1 2-1

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INTERCEPTIONS No. Yds Avg TD Long
Bob Kane 2 28 14.0 0 28
Dave Simon 1 4 4.0 0 4
Tim Kuhn 1 27 27.0 0 27
Josh Boyer 1 9 9.0 0 9
Total............. 5 59 11.8 0 31
Opponents........ 2 10 5.5 0 5

PUNTING No. Yds Avg Long TB FC I20 Blkd
Kevin Smith 12 483 40.3 56 0 0 2 0
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PUNT RETURNS No. Yds Avg TD Long
Don Cash 8 79 9.9 0 31
Mike Bailey 2 0 0.0 0 0
Matt Louis 1 9 9.0 0 9
Josh Boyer 1 7 7.0 0 7
Total............. 12 95 7.9 0 31
Opponents........ 9 10 1.1 0 8

KICK RETURNS No. Yds Avg TD Long
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Ryan Caldwell 3 50 16.7 0 28
Brad Mercer 2 3 1.5 0 3
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