MONARCH FOOTBALL

GAME DAY

- 71ST ANNUAL OYSTER BOWL - OLD DOMINION vs. CHARLOTTE

SAT, NOV 27, 2:00_{P.M.} - ESPN+ S.B. BALLARD STADIUM - NORFOLK, VA





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A Letter from the President

Dear Monarch Nation:

Welcome to Kornblau Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium! I am so pleased you are joining us for Old Dominion University's 12th football season and the second in our expanded and renovated stadium, which greatly upgraded the fan experience.

On behalf of Monarchs, both near and far, we are so incredibly proud of the significant accomplishments of our athletic programs during the prior season, despite all of the challenges associated with the global health pandemic. Both our men's baseball and women's tennis teams won their first Conference USA titles. Our student-athletes also excelled in the classroom, recording a composite 3.31 grade point average in the spring, the highest in the University's history.

Teamwork is critical in athletics and equally critical to fulfilling our worthwhile mission as a public research university. We are focused on access and opportunity, as well as contributing in profound ways to our region, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world. From our outstanding faculty delivering high-quality academic programs to leading cutting-edge research initiatives, we are a forward-focused institution driven by excellence, accountability, transparency, and being student-centered in everything we do. Our talented students are making the most of their Monarch experience, and our impressive graduates are leaving this campus prepared to make a difference for their families, communities, and professions as strong citizen leaders!

As a Monarch, we appreciate your interest and support of our world-class institution. You are an important part of what makes our campus community such a special place! Enjoy the game, and GO MONARCHS!

With Monarch Pride.







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University Administration • Old Dominion President



Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.

Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D., Old Dominion University's ninth president effective July 1, 2021, is an unwavering champion for access and opportunity, as well as innovation and research, with a deep commitment to

forward- focused leadership. President Hemphill is proud to lead ODU with a steadfast dedication to excellence. a firm commitment to accountability and transparency. and - most importantly - a strong focus on student engagement and success. President Hemphill looks forward to expanding existing partnerships and creating new opportunities to advance the institution, the region. and the Commonwealth of Virginia through entrepreneurial and innovative approaches!

A devoted public servant and steward of ODU and the commonwealth. President Hemphill proudly serves on a variety of boards and commissions. He faithfully represents ODU on the national scale with active involvement in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), including the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Presidential Forum. President Hemphill is equally dedicated to state and regional engagement through active membership on various councils and committees.

President Hemphill's road to ODU has taken him from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, a flagship university, where he served as Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students: to Northern Illinois University, a large, public. research university, where he served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and Associate Professor for eight years; West Virginia State University, a public, land-grant, research university, where he served as the 10th President and Professor for four years; and, most recently, Radford University, a comprehensive university, where he served as the seventh President and Professor for five years. While at Radford University, President Hemphill built lasting relationships with many entities and officials throughout the commonwealth and beyond as the institution experienced historic growth and success in programmatic diversification and expansion, infrastructure improvements, and philanthropic giving, just to name a few!

President Hemphill earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and Policy Studies from the University of Iowa, a Master of Science degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Iowa State University of Science and Technology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree

in Organizational Communication from Saint Augustine's University. President Hemphill is a published author with a multitude of writings covering topics related to gun violence and threat preparedness on college campuses; emerging financial concerns affecting the collegiate sphere; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and economic-related issues pertaining to education; and a myriad of additional scholarly perspectives pertinent to the higher education environment. President Hemphill coedited a book, titled College in the Crosshairs: An Administrative Perspective on Prevention of Gun Violence. He is a highly soughtafter keynote speaker, quest presenter, and panelist with frequent appearances across the country.

President Hemphill's passion for life and unparalleled commitment to excellence begin at home where he shares his life with his loving and supportive wife, Dr. Marisela Rosas Hemphill, who proudly serves as ODU's First Lady. The Hemphills are the proud parents of energetic, 8-year-old twins, Catalina and Cruz, President Hemphill also has two adult children, 25-year-old Jada, who is a public school teacher in Fort Worth, Texas, and 22-year-old Jordan, who is a graduate student at the University of Iowa, Above all else, President Hemphill cherishes the time he spends with his children who are so very precious to him. The Hemphill family resides in the Jacobson House. President and First Lady Hemphill look forward to actively engaging both on the campus and in the community by attending a variety of activities and events in support their fellow Monarchs!



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Old Dominion Football • Head Coach



RICKY RAHNE

First Season/Second Overall Cornell, 2002

Ricky Rahne was hired as the second head football coach in Old Dominion history on December 9, 2019.

Rahne was the offensive coordinator at Penn State for two seasons and on the Nittany Lions coaching staff for six vears.

- "I am happy to welcome Ricky Rahne to the Monarch community." ODU President John R. Broderick said. "We are fortunate to have him, and I look forward to the future. With his strong track record of building offensive success and turning around programs, he is the right person to lead our football team into 2020 and beyond."
- "We were fortunate to attract a deep and talented pool of candidates from many of the nation's elite college football programs. We went into the search process targeting a coach with a proven track record of success in transforming programs into sustained championship caliber programs. We wanted a dynamic, high energy coach who could relate to today's student-athlete while also serving as an outstanding role model. Fortunately for ODU, our student-athletes, and our community we have exactly what we were seeking in Ricky Rahne, a seasoned assistant head coach and Big 10 Offensive Coordinator who brings the blueprints for success on how to rebuild an FBS football program into a sustained winner given his recent experiences at both Vanderbilt and Penn State," Selig said. "Consistent themes emerged throughout the search process pertaining to Coach Rahne such as extremely intelligent, amazing work ethic, tenacious recruiter, family man, detail oriented, and proven leader.
- "The elements for a successful football program are firmly in place. We have a new state-of-the art stadium. We have a comprehensive practice complex and training facility. We have a vibrant and diverse University. We have a rabid fan base hungry for a winner. And now we have a hard charging, energetic coach poised and positioned to help us reach our potential and transform ODU into the nationally prominent program we all aspire to embrace."

For the past nine years, Rahne (pronounced ronnie) has developed an increasing national profile as a key component of Coach James Franklin's staff at both Penn State and Vanderbilt. The coaching staff has guided

those teams to bowl games in each of the nine years and have won nine or more games in six of the last eight seasons.

- "First, I love Ricky and his family. This is a bittersweet moment for our program. I am so incredibly proud of Ricky and I am super excited for him, his family and Old Dominion," Penn State head coach James Franklin said. "I am forever indebted to Ricky for his lovalty and drive in helping us succeed at Vanderbilt and Penn State. Ricky is a rising star in the industry and is built for this opportunity. He is a smart, open-minded and talented coach. His humble leadership style will resonate well with Old Dominion's leadership and players. I look forward to following his program at Old Dominion!"
- "I want to thank President John Broderick for his involvement throughout the search process and his continued overall support for ODU athletics. He was a tremendous asset during the search process meeting at length with each of the final candidates and helping them understand the culture of ODU," Selig said.
- "Additionally, I would like to thank Senior Associate Athletic Director Bruce Stewart for his leadership role throughout the last week as we examined dozens of potential candidates. Bruce was a huge asset and worked tirelessly throughout the process helping to ensure a successful search."

Rahne has spent six seasons at Penn State, including the last two as offensive coordinator. Despite having a new starting quarterback, Rahne helped lead the Nittany Lion offense to 34 points per game, while six offensive players earned all-Big10 honors.



Old Dominion Football • Head Coach

Known as a terrific offensive mind that can adjust to his personnel, Rahne demonstrated that again in 2019. Despite the loss of the No. 2 overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft (Saquon Barkley), Penn State rushed for the most yards per game in the last 10 years at 204.9. PSU had nine players earn all-conference accolades, and the Nittany Lions led the Big10 with 42 red zone touchdowns, good for 16th in FBS.

Rahne was the quarterbacks coach in four of his six seasons at Penn State, as both of the quarterbacks he worked with were drafted into the NFL. In 2015, Christian Hackenberg (Jets, 2016) became the all-time leader in career yards passing with 8,457 yards. Three years later, Rahne guided Trace McSorely (Ravens, 2019) past that mark in 2018 with 9,899 yards. He also coached the tight ends in 2016 and 2017, guiding Mike Gesicki who was drafted by the Miami Dolphins.

Penn State played in a bowl game in every year Rahne was there, including a 2016 Big10 Championship and 2017 PlayStation Fiesta Bowl win over Washington. In that time, Penn State had four-straight seasons of at least nine wins, and the Nittany Lions are one of five teams to rank in the Top-15 of the College Football Playoff final rankings in each of the last four years.

Prior to joining Penn State, Rahne was the quarterbacks coach at Vanderbilt for three years.

Prior to Rahne's time at Vanderbilt, the program had been to four bowl games in 121 years of football, none in consecutive seasons. The Commodores were ranked in the Top-25 in the final polls in 2012 and 2013 marking the first time they were ranked in back-to-back seasons in program history.



He spent five years at Kansas State, starting as an offensive graduate assistant before coaching the running backs and tight ends. He helped the Wildcats to two bowl appearances.

Rahne started his coaching career on the defensive side at Holy Cross coaching the defensive line. The following year he coached the running backs at his alma mater, Cornell.

He was a three-year starter at quarterback at Cornell, and graduated as the Big Red's all-time leader in completions (678), passing yards (7,710), touchdown passes (54) and total offense (7,994). He was inducted into the Cornell Hall of Fame in 2014.

Rahne and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons, Ryder and Jake.

COACHING STAFF Head Coach: Ricky Rahne Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Kirk Campbell Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers: Blake Seiler Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers: Kevin Smith Wide Receivers: Mark Dupuis Offensive Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs: Tony Lucas Tight Ends: Fontel Mines Assistant Defensive Coordinator/Safeties: Remington Rebstock Offensive Line: Kevin Reihner Defensive Recruiting Coordinator/Cornerbacks: Leon Wright Defensive Line: Victor Irokansi Special Teams Quality Control/Assistant Recruiting Coordinator: Andrew Malson Director of Sports Performance: Dwight Galt IV Graduate Assistant: Chris James (OL) Graduate Assistant: Casey McHugh (DB) Graduate Assistant: Michael Shuster (QB) Graduate Assistant: Brandon Griffin (DL) Director of Operations: Tim Kovacs Assistant Director of Operations: Tristin lannone Director of Player Personnel: Charles Owens Director of Creative Services: Kyle Barkle

2021 ODU FOOTBALL ROSTER

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Exp.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
0	Ali Jennings III	WR	6-2	200	So.	TR	Richmond, Va./Highland Springs/West Virginia
0	Malcolm Britt	LB	6-0	217	Fr.	HS	Norfolk, Va./Oscar Smith
1	Jordan Bly	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park
2	Blake Watson	RB	5-9	193	R-So.	1L	Queens, N.Y./Green Hope (NC)
3	Frederik Antoine	WR	6-1	213	R-Fr.	RS	Montreal, Canada/Montmorency
3	Jordan Young	LB	6-3	230	R-Sr.	3L	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
4	Stone Smartt	QB	6-4	232	Sr.	1L	Sacramento, Calif./Del Oro/Riverside City
4	LaMareon James	CB	5-10	182	Fr.	HS	Norfolk, Va./Indian River
5	Darius Savedge	WR	6-3	212	R-So.	1L	Smithfield, Va./Smithfield
5	Will Brocchini	CB	5-9	178	Sr.	1L	Sacramento, Calif./Whitney/Sierra
6	Nigel Fitzgerald	WR	6-5	225	R-So.	1L	Greensboro, N.C./Dudley
6	Tre Hawkins III	CB	6-3	195	Jr.	JC	Temple, Texas/Trinity Valley
7	Reese Poffenbarger	QB	6-1	204	Fr.	HS	Middletown, Md./Middletown
7	Harrell Blackmon	S	5-11	195	Sr.	1L	Jackson, Miss./Callaway/Copiah-Lincoln
8	DJ Mack Jr.	QB	6-3	226	Jr.	TR	Norfolk, Va./Norview/UCF
8	Ryan Henry	LB	6-2	232	R-Jr.	RS	Miami, Fla./Miami Southridge/ASACollege
9	Trey Blount	WR	6-2	211	Jr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga./Pace Academy/Georgia
9	Marcus Haynes	DE	6-4	251	R-Jr.	2L	Bowie, Md./Bowie/Fork Union
10	Isiah Paige	WR	5-8	165	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va./Varina
11	Hayden Wolff	QB	6-5	219	R-Fr.	RS	Venice, Fla./Venice
11	Levi Wentz	LB	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	Valencia, Pa./Pine-Richland
12	Elijah Davis	RB	5-10	209	R-So.	1L	Lynchburg, Va./Heritage
12	Tahj Ra-El	S	6-2	188	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park
13	Margeese Dietz	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Norfolk, Va./Norview
13	Terry Jones	S	6-1	178	R-Fr.	RS	Baltimore, Md./Mergenthaler Vo Tech
14	Dominique Anthony	QB	6-1	225	Fr.	HS	Oxon Hill, Md./Potomac
14	Justinn Richardson	S	6-0	185	Jr.	2L	Lauderhill, Fla./Chaminade-Madonna
15	Tyrik McDaniel	S	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Irmo, S.C./Dutch Fork
16	Aaron Moore	WR	6-2	188	R-So.	1L	Dumfries, Va./Potomac
16	Khian'Dre Harris	CB	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Fairless, Pa./Conwell Egan Catholic
17	Jack Shields	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Clifton, Va./Centreville
17	Damion Charity	CB	6-1	180	R-So.	SQ	Hampton, Va./Phoebus
18	Javon Harvey	WR	5-11	176	R-Fr.	RS	Norfolk, Va./Lake Taylor
18	EJ Green	LB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Williamsburg, Va./Lafayette
19	Cornell Hendrick	WR	6-1	183	R-So.	1L	Manson, N.C./Warren County
19	Amorie Morrison	DE	6-4	252	Fr.	HS	Virginia Beach, Va./Salem
20	Keshawn Wicks	RB	6-1	187	R-Fr.	RS	Moncks Corner, S.C./Berkeley
20	Roger Cray	CB	5-9	175	Sr.	TR	Lake City, Fla./Columbia HS/WKU
21	Jon-Luke Peaker	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./Northeast
21	R'Tarriun Johnson	S	5-11	200	R-Jr.	RS	Wiggins, Miss./Stone/Mississippi Gulf Coast
22	Dominic Dutton	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	HS	Glen Allen, Va./Glen Allen
22	Jalen McCain	CB	5-10	175	Fr.	HS	Bowie, Md./Charles Herbert Flowers
23	Noah Robinson	WR	6-3	199	Fr.	HS	Mineral, Va./Louisa County
23	Robert Kennedy III	S	5-10	183	Jr.	TR	Jeannette, Pa./Jeannette/East Carolina
24	Joe Joe Headen	S	5-10	180	R-Sr.	3L	•
25	Steven Williams Jr.		6-4	223	R-Jr.	2L	Harrisburg, Pa./Bishop McDevitt
		LB RB	5-9	223 178		HS	Washington, D.C./Woodrow Wilson Leesburg, Va./Loudoun County
26	Tariq Sims				Fr.		
27	Jahaad Scales	S S	6-0	192	Fr.	HS	Winston-Salem, N.C./Robert B. Glenn
28	Corey Chapman		5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Chesapeake, Va./Hickory
29	Obie Sanni	RB	5-9 5-10	196	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo./Smoky Hill
29	Ali Ali	CB	5-10	183	Fr.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./St. Frances Academy
30	Rafael McCoy	WR	5-10	173	Fr.	HS	Wilkes-Barre, Pa./James M. Coughlin
31	Deeve Harris	DE	6-2	235	R-Fr.	RS	St. Louis, Mo./Lutheran North/Minnesota
32	Joshua Burdsall	LB	6-0	213	R-Fr.	RS	Woodbridge, Va./Forest Park
33	Elijah Rivers	CB	5-11	184	Fr.	HS	Chesterfield, Va./L.C. Bird
34	John Cook	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Manassas, Va./Charles J. Colgan
35	Luke Lindenfeldar	S	5-11	180	R-Fr.	RS	Ashburn, Va./Broad Run

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Ехр.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
36	Alec Solano	LB	6-2	231	So.	TR	Ashburn, Va./Broad Run/Fairmont State
37	Dominik Soos	K/P	6-1	206	Jr.	JC	Budapest, Hungary/St. Mary's (Calif.) CC of San Francisco
38	Colten Hicks	S	6-3	205	R-Fr.	RS	Poquoson, Va./Poquoson
39	Roman Ridley	DE	6-4	210	R-Fr.	RS	Bedford, Va./Liberty
41	Cory Jackson	DE	6-4	240	Sr.	1L	Jackson Miss./Madison Ridgeland/Pearl River
42	Jason Henderson	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Dingmans Ferry, Pa./Delaware Valley HS
43	Kris Trinidad	DE	6-5	225	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va./Lloyd C. Bird
44	Matt Geiger	RB	5-10	197	R-Jr.	2L	Dillsburg, Pa./Bishop McDevitt
45	Denzel Lowry	DT	6-2	270	Fr.	HS	Virginia Beach, Va./Landstown
46	Alhaji Kamara	CB	6-0	160	Fr.	HS	Laurel, Va./Hermitage
47	Wayne Matthews III	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	HS	Largo, Md./Charles Herbert Flowers
48	Estefano Feliciano Jr.	DE	6-1	260	R-Jr.	1L	Tampa, Fla./Gaither
49	John Morton	LS	6-1	218	R-Fr.	RS	Ashburn, Va./Stone Bridge
50	Alonzo Ford	DT	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va./Varina
51	Carson Ramos	DT	6-3	280	R-Jr.	RS	Loma Rica, Calif./Yuba City/American River
52	Chazz Wallace	DT	6-2	292	Fr.	HS	Glenarden, Md./The Avalon School
53	Khadere Kounta	0L	6-6	309	So.	1L	Gaithersburg, Md./Avalon School
55	Keyshawn Hunter	DT	6-2	295	Fr.	HS	Washington, D.C./H.D. Woodson
56	Sokoya McDuffie	DT	6-5	290	R-So.	SQ	Florence, S.C./South Florence
57	Daniel Ogundipe	0L	6-5	291	Fr.	HS	Upper Darby, Pa./Imhotep Institute
58	Stephon Dubose-Bourn	ne	0L	6-4	313	0L	HS Chesapeake, Va./Indian River
59	Will Daniel	DT	6-2	275	R-Fr.	SQ	Chesapeake, Va./Oscar Smith/Hampton
60	Joshua Bennett	0L	6-4	300	R-Fr.	RS	Castleton, Va./Rappahannock County/Fork Union
62	Tyler Lamar	0L	6-2	260	Fr.	HS	West Columbia, S.C./Gray Collegiate Academy
63	Xavier Black	0L	6-4	270	R-Fr.	RS	Fishereville, Va./Wilson Memorial
64	Nick Saldiveri	0L	6-6	307	R-So.	1L	Waxhaw, N.C./Parkwood
65	Chris Adams	0L	6-4	296	Fr.	HS	Hagerstown, Md./South Hagerstown
66	Andrew Blanton	0L	6-2	295	Fr.	HS	Midlothian, Va./Clover Hill
67	Tyran Hunt	0L	6-7	313	Jr.	TR	Boykins, Va./Southampton/Maryland
68	Caleb Gosney	0L	6-3	295	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va./Varina
70	Drew Pascoe	0L	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Clifton, Va./Centreville
71	Isaac Weaver	0L	6-6	303	R-Sr.	3L	Marietta, Ga./Lassiter
72	Talyn Hunter	0L	6-4	265	Fr.	HS	Harrisburg, N.C./Hickory Ridge
73	Austin Mosier	0L	6-3	280	R-Fr.	RS	Piscataway, N.J./Piscataway
74	Santana Saunders	0L	6-5	297	Fr.	HS	Marlboro, Md./Charles Herbert Flowers
75	Skyler Grant	0L	6-3	306	Fr.	HS	Fredericksburg, Va./Riverbend
76	Keshawn Lynch	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	Newport News, Va./Menchville
77	Gerrik Vollmer	0L	6-5	313	R-Jr.	TR	Hamburg, Germany/The Taft School/Virginia
78	Elijah Hoskin	0L	6-3	285	Fr.	HS	Culpeper, Va./Eastern View
79	Leroy Thomas	0L	6-3	275	R-So.	SQ	Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge
80	Zack Kuntz	TE	6-8	245	R-So.	TR	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill/Penn State
82	AC White	TE	6-3	232	R-So.	1L	Harrisonburg, Va./Harrisonburg
83	Isaiah Spencer	TE	6-5	226	R-So.	1L	Gloucester, Va./Gloucester
84	Donta Anthony Jr.	TE	6-6	244	Jr.	2L	Temple Hills, Md./Potomac
86	Avery Ford	TE	6-5	190	Fr.	HS	Clifton, Va./Centreville
87	Braxton Collins	WR	6-4	187	R-Fr.	RS	Greer, S.C./Greer
88	Curtis Nixon II	TE	6-5	223	Fr.	HS	Waldorf, Md./Maret School
89	Kris Caine	DE	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Waldorf, Md./Westlake
90	Taevion Clarke	DE	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Baltimore, Md./Dr. Henry A. Wise
91	B.R. Hatcher	LS	6-5	232	Jr.	2L	Jefferson, S.C./Central
93	Anthony Zaccaro	LS	6-2	240	Fr.	HS	Melville, N.Y./St. Anthony's
94	O'Shea Jackson	DE	6-5	253	R-So.	SQ	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Institute
95	Ethan Duane	P	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Melbourne, Australia
96	Broc Simpson	K	6-2	180	Fr.	HS	Dublin, Va./Pulaski County
97	Devin Brandt-Epps	DT	6-3	283	Fr.	TR	Broken Arrow, Okla./Hilldale/Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
98	Nick Rice	K	6-1	211	Sr.	3L	St. Petersburg, Fla./Plant
99	Tyre Bibby	DT	6-3	281	R-Jr.	1L	Miami, Fla./American Senior/Coffeyville

2021 CHARLOTTE FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/Previous School(s)
0	Trexler Ivey	QB	6-1	185	R-Fr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Wakefield
	Markees Watts	DE			Sr.	
0			6-0	218		Lancaster, S.C. / Lancaster
1	Jon Alexander	DB	6-3	210	Gr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Trimble Tech Kansas State
1	Victor Tucker	WR	6-0	188	R-Sr.	Miami Gardens, Fla. / Carol City
2	Dom Shoffner	QB	6-1	210	R-Sr.	Cary, N.C. / Middle Creek, NC C./Monroe College
2	Justin Whisenhunt	LB	6-1	225	Gr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Ramsay Troy
3	Trey Creamer	DB	6-0	195	R-Sr.	Cartersville, Ga. / Cartersville lowa / Fort Scott C.C.
3		QB			R-Sr.	
	Chris Reynolds		5-11	192		Mocksville, N.C. / Davie County
4	Cameron Dollar	WR	6-2	195	Gr.	Denver, N.C. / East Lincoln
4	Geo Howard	CB	6-0	200	Sr.	Houston, Texas / Ft. Bend Marshall Purdue/Kilgore CC
5	Calvin Camp	RB	5-8	178	R-Sr.	Hickory, N.C. / Shelby
5	Tyler Murray	LB	6-2	215	R-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Baldwin Troy
6	Tre' Goode	WR	6-1	186	Jr.	Jamestown, N.C. / Ragsdale
6	Solomon Rogers	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Rolesville
7	James Foster	QB	6-2	210	R-So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Sidney Lanier / Texas A&M
7	Kofi Wardlow	DE	6-3	250	Gr.	Washington, D.C. / St. John's / Notre Dame
8	Cam Burden	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Sevierville, Tenn. / Alcoa
8	Xavier Williams	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Colquitt County
9	Joshua Bailey	DT	6-2	300	R-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / William Raines / Iowa State
9	Elijah Spencer	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Irmo, S.C. / Dutch Fork
10	Dylan Ratliff	QB	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Harrisburg, N.C. / Hickory Ridge
10	Davondre Robinson	DB	6-0	200	Gr.	Holly Hill, S.C. / Lake Marion / East Carolina
11	Jonathan Cruz	K	5-9	175	Sr.	Cartersville, Ga. / Cartersville
11	Taylor Thompson	TE	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Prattville, Ala. / Prattville
11/31	ChaVon McEachern	RB	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / Trinity Christian School
12	Donta Armstrong	TE	6-4	245	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Vance
12	Shedrick Ursery	DB	6-1	170	R-Fr.	Hialeah, Fla. / Champagnat Catholic
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13	Briston Bennett	DB	6-0	165	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy
13	Shadrick Byrd	RB	5-10	210	R-Fr.	Alabaster, Ala. / Thompson lowa
14	Grant DuBose	WR	6-2	200	So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing Miles College
14	Steven Parker	S	6-2	170	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Bay Tech
15	Justin Jeffery	WR	6-1	177	R-Jr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
15	Jarvis Martin	DB	5-10	188	So.	Macon, Ga. / Howard / College of San Mateo
	Valerian Agbaw	DB	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga. / McEachern HS / Kansas
16	Kendric Blake Jr.	WR	6-2	190	R-So.	Jacksonville, N.C. / Jacksonville
17	Luke Martin	LB	6-1	225	R-Sr.	Cumming, Ga. / Dawson County / Georgia Mililtary
17	Ford Werness	WR	6-0	189	R-Jr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Millbrook / Ole Miss
18	Lance McMillan	DB	5-10	158	R-Jr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Grimsley
18	Colin Weber	TE	6-4	245	Fr.	Hopkins, Mich. / Hopkins
19	Comanche Francisco	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Tyrone, Ga. / Sandy Creek
19	Keith Pearson	WR	5-9	180	Gr.	
						Enoree, S.C. / Woodruff / Presbyterian
20	Doug Newsome	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	Orange, Va. / Orange County
21	Chris Houston	WR	5-9	180	R-Fr.	Chesterfield, Va. / Clover Hill
21	Shyhiem Scotland	LB	6-3	185	Fr.	Piedmont, S.C. / Wren
22	Marcus Robitaille	DB	6-1	185	R-So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Marvin Ridge / Butler
23	Andre François	WR	5-8	185	R-Fr.	Charlotte, NC / Myers Park Eastern Kentucky
23	Matt Martinez	DB	6-2	199	R-Jr.	Mooresville, N.C. / Mooresville Senior
24				205		
	Chavion Smith	RB	5-9		Fr.	Statesville, N.C. / Statesville
24	Lacy Williams	DB	5-11	178	R-So.	Jacksonville, N.C. / Northside
25	Prince Bemah	LB	6-2	234	R-So.	Gastonia, N.C. / Hunter Huss
26	Shamar Baker	DB	5-11	195	So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek HS / NC Central
27	Jordan Moody	RB	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Providence Wingate
27	Bryson Whitehead	DB	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Cornelius, N.C. / Hough
28	Nolan Groulx	WR	6-0	194	R-So.	Cornelius, N.C. / Hough / Wake Forest
29	Ricky Kofoed	TE	6-3	205	R-So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Christian / App State
29	Jonnie Pitman	DB	5-11	183	R-Jr.	Temple Hills, Md. / Potomac
30	Derek Boykins	LB	6-2	208	R-So.	Concord, N.C. / Central Cabarrus / South Carolina
30	Keegan Williams	RB	5-9	185	R-Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. / Oceanside Collegiate Academy
31	Trey Bly	DB	5-8	160	R-So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Myers Park
32	John Anderson	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Kannapolis. NC / Hough HS
32	Henry Rutledge	RB	5-8	172	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Christian
33	Jaylon Sharpe	LB	6-2	240	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Rocky River
33	Hahsaun Wilson	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Florence, SC / South Florence
34	Boyd Farmer	DB	6-1	160	Fr.	Buford, GA / Buford
34	Freddie Felton III	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	Atlanta, GA / Ola
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35	Antone Williams	DB	6-0	187	Gr.	College Park, Ga. / Woodward Academy /Duke
36	DJ Brown	LB	6-0	235	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis University School
37	Jack Reynolds	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	Mocksville, N.C. / Davie County
37	Bailey Rice	Р	6-1	205	Fr.	Melbourne, Australia / Hallam Senior College
38	Anthony Jackson	DB	6-1	175	R-Fr.	Rock Hill, S.C. / Rock Hill
39	Teddy Creecy III	WR	6-1	195	R-So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek HS / UNC Pembroke
39	Colby Garfield	LS	6-1	220	R-Fr.	Clemmons, N.C. / North Davidson
40	Bryce Parker	WR	6-3	180	Fr.	Concord, N.C. / Mount Pleasant
40	Rayshaad Roddy	DL	6-0	290	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Mt. Healthy / Fond Du Lac Tribal & CC
42	Alex Schattin	Р	6-2	180	Fr.	Matthews, N.C. / Weddington
43	Max Blitstein	K	6-0	185	R-So.	Mooresville, N.C. / Lake Norman Charter
43	Isaiah Turnage	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Winterville, N.C. / South Central
44	Mikel Horton	DL	6-1	290	Gr.	Lexington, Ky. / Bryan Station / Wofford
45	Cameron Lyons	LS	6-1	225	Gr.	Morgantown, W.Va. / Morgantown / Akron
46	Aidan Laros	K	6-2	204	Fr.	Chapel Hill, N.C. / Northwood
47	Ethan Torres	P/K	6-0	195	Gr.	Great Falls, Va. / Bishop O'Connell / Bucknell
48	Barutti Mazangu	DL	6-0	326	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Harding University
50	Darion Smith	DL	6-4	220	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Trinity Catholic
51	Peter Agabe	LB	6-0	213	R-Sr.	N. Miami Beach, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep GA Military
51	B.J. Ragland	0L	6-3	305	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Red Bank
52	Jonny King	0L	6-3	276	R-Fr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Southeast Guilford
53	Panda Askew	0L	6-2	276	R-Fr.	Greenville, N.C. / D.H. Conley
53	Michael Kelly	DL	6-3	225	R-So.	Graham, N.C. / Graham
54	Gage Welborn	0L	6-5	280	R-Jr.	Stanley, N.C. / East Lincoln
55	Isaiah Potts	DT	6-2	300	Fr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / Pine Forest
56	Jordan Moore	DL	5-10	250	R-Fr.	Mebane, N.C. / Eastern Alamance
57	Ashton Gist	0L	6-3	310	Sr.	Oxford, Miss. / Oxford / Northwest Mississippi C.C.
57	Siah Sa'o	DL	6-2	295	Gr.	San Diego, Ca. / Kearny / Vanderbilt
58	Jon Jacobs	0L	6-4	305	Gr.	Gainesville, VA. / Battlefield/Taft School Arizona
59	B.J. Turner	LB	5-11	212	R-Jr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Page
60	Bryan Wallace	DL	6-5	275	R-Jr.	Berryville, Va. / Clarke County
61	Marshall Futrell	0L	6-5	300	Fr.	Yonkers, N.Y. / Iona Prep
63	Trevor Timmons	0L	6-2	275	Fr.	Brunswick, Ga. / Blythewood (S.C.)
64	Victor Loftin	0L	6-2	260	Fr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / Trinity Christian
66	Navardo Miller	0L	6-3	318	R-So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Chamber Louisburg College
68	J.D. Therrell	0L	6-4	300	Fr.	Clover, S.C. / Clover
69	Dejan Rasuo	0L	6-5	285	R-Jr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Ragsdale
70	D'Mitri Emmanuel	0L	6-2	285	R-Sr.	Waxhaw, N.C. / Marvin Ridge
71	Arabee Muslim	0L	6-3	295	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek
72	Cameron Clark	0L	6-3	270	R-Fr.	Mooresville, N.C. / Mooresville
74	Knox Boyd	0L	6-4	290	Fr.	Denton, Texas / Guyer HS
75	TJ Moore	0L	6-5	300	R-Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek Florida
76	Jordan Brown	0L	6-6	305	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif. / Jireh Prep
77	Jaxon Hughes	0L	6-6	243	R-So.	Greensboro, N.C. / Northern Guilford
78	Hunter Kelly	0L	6-2	310	Gr.	Langhorne, Pa. / Neshaminy Penn State
79	Chibueze Nwanna	0L	6-7	338	R-Sr.	Hyattsville, Md. / Northwestern / Arkansas
80	Jairus Mack	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Athens, Ga. / Clarke Central
81	Jake Clemons	TE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	Christiansburg, Va. / Christiansburg
82	Jaylan Williams	TE	6-4	220	R-So.	Acworth, Ga. / Allatoona
83	Chris Wiggins	WR	6-1	191	R-Jr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Grimsley
85	Ryan Carriere	TE	6-3	239	R-Sr.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
86	Bryce Kennon	TE	6-3	225	R-Fr.	Waxhaw, N.C. / Marvin Ridge
89	Quinton Patten	WR	5-11	185	R-So.	Blythewood, S.C. / Blythewood
90	Dez Morgan	DL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / Glenn
91	Corey Mobley	DE	6-3	225	R-Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Myers Park / Fayetteville State
92	Miles Posey	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	Yorktown, Va. / Life Christian Acad. / Grafton H.S.
93	Emmanuel White	TE	6-5	239	R-Sr.	Huntersville, N.C. / Victory Christian / GA Prep Sports Academy
94	Isaiah Belk	DL	6-0	250	R-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Butler
95	Miguel Jackson	DE	6-2	270	Fr.	Gibsonia, Pa. / Pine-Richland
96	Isaac Hampton	DL	6-1	300	R-Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek / Miami (Ohio)
97	Jalar Holley	DL	6-2	282	R-Fr.	Queens, N.Y. / Buford / Miami
98	Tyson Clawson	DE	6-1	230	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Independence
90 99	Taylor Chandler				R-Jr.	
IJ		DE	6-3	229		New London, N.C. / North Stanly
	Ryan Tyson	QB	6-0	180	Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, N.C. / Mount Pleasant

GAME DAY PREVIEW

November 27, 2021

Kornblau Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium

NORFOLK, Va. - Old Dominion University football hosts Charlotte in the 71st annual Oyster Bowl game to close out the 2021 regular season. The game will air on ESPN+with a 2 p.m. start. Ted Alexander, Andy Mashaw and James Witham will also have the call on ESPN Radio 94.1, with the pregame show starting at 1:30 p.m.

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Game Notes

- For the first time in school history, ODU defeated Middle Tennessee, knocking off the Blue Raiders 24-17 in Murfreesboro last Saturday. Charlotte lost to Marshall, 49-28. The winner on Saturday will be bowl eligible with a 6-6 overall record.
- Blake Watson saw his streak of five-straight 100yard rushing games come to an end, but he scored the eventual game-winning touchdown on a four-yard pass from Hayden Wolff. Watson carried 18 times for 57 yards on the day.
- Ali Jennings caught four passes for 146, including receptions of 43 and 60 yards. His shortest catch went for 19 yards.
- R'Tarriun Johnson, Jason Henderson and Terry Jones each had nine tackles, while Joe Joe Headen had three tackles and an interception.

Young Closing in on Record

Sixth-year senior linebacker Jordan Young had eight tackles in the win at Middle Tennessee. Young has continued his steady climb on the ODU career tackle charts, as he passed TJ Ricks to move into second at MTSII

With the regular season finale against Charlotte remaining, several things are at stake besides the record for Young.

Young's single-season high for tackles was 86 in 2019. He needs six tackles to surpasses that.

Young has never led ODU in tackles. He's finished second twice and third as a sophomore in 2018. He currently has a 12 tackle lead on second place Ryan Henry.

ODU Career Tackles Leaders

Rank	Player	Tackles Years
 Craig Wilkins 	340	2009-12
2. Jordan Young	328	2017-21
3. TJ Ricks	323	2013-16

Leading the Way

Sixth-year seniors Isaac Weaver and Jordan Young have been starters from day one in their ODU careers. Saturday will be their 47th career start, one shy of the record held by Craig Wilkins and Oshane Ximines.

Most Starts in ODU History

Player	Position	Starts
1. Craig Wilkins	LB/S	48
Oshane Ximines	DE	48
3. Jordan Young	LB	46
Isaac Weaver	0L	46
Nick Clarke	С	46

Wolf(f) Sightings

Hayden Wölff started for the fifth-straight game and ODU is now 4-1 in his starts, including four-straight wins. For the second-straight game Wolff did not throw an interception.

Wolff in Five Starts

Opponent	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD	INT
WKU	26	41 .	327	0	2
LA Tech	23	34	149	1	1
FIU	22	42	283	2	1
FAU	21	33	289	1	0
MTSU	15	24	241	2	0
5-Game Totals	107	174	1285	4	4

Watson Closes in on 1,000

ODU running back had his streak of five-straight 100-yard rushing games snapped in the win at Middle Tennessee. Watson rushed 18 times for 57 yards, but did catch a four-yard touchdown pass. A first for the former ODU wide receiver.

Watson is 17th in the country with 103.2 yards per game and 41st in the country with 929 yards. Watson missed two games earlier in the season with an injury.

In seven league games, Watson is second only to UAB's DeWayne McBride in rushing yards

Watson would be the second Monarch to record a 1,000yard rushing season, joining ODU's all-time leading rusher Ray Lawry, who did it twice. Lawry's freshman season in 2014 is the third highest single-season rushing total. Watson is 18 yards away from surpassing Lawry's total from that season.

ODU Single-Season Rushing Yards

Player	Yards	Year
 Řay Lawry 	1,255	2016
2. Ray Lawry	1,136	2015
3. Ray Lawry	947	2014
4. Blake Watson	929	2021



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GAME DAY PREVIEW (cont.)

Senior Sendoff

ODU will honor 12 seniors prior to Saturday's game. Below is a brief snapshot of each senior. Senior Day ceremonies will begin at 1:35 on Saturday.

Jordan Young - LB - Coatesville, Pa.

Young has already graduated with his degree in sport management and will graduate with his master's degree in sport managament this December. He leads ODU with 81 tackles this season and is 13 tackles shy of becoming ODU's all-time leading tackler.

Stone Smartt - WR - Sacramento, Calif.

Smartt was ODU's quarterback for much of 2019 before moving to wide receiver during fall camp this season. He was coming into his own at WR before an injury knocked him out of action for several weeks. He has 12 receptions for 117 vards this season.

Will Brocchini - CB - Sacramento, Calif.

Brocchini has played in six games this season at corner, making eight tackles with two pass breakups. In 2019, he played in seven games, recording 23 tackles, an interception and a pass breakup.

Nigel Fitzgerald - WR - Greensboro, N.C.

FITzgerald battled injuries during his ODU career, including this season, playing just one game in 2021, making one catch. For his career, he caught 14 passes for 228 yards.

Harrell Blackmon - S - Jackson, Miss.

Blackmon has recorded 46 tackles in 11 games at safety this season and has 88 tackles in his two-year ODU career. He notched his first career interception in 2019 against WKU.

Roger Cray - CB - Lake City, Fla.

A graduate transfer from WKÚ, Cray was the most experienced transfer ODU brought in, having played four years for the Hilltoppers. Cray's veteran leadership has been valuable for ODU. He has recorded 30 tackles, one interception and a teamhigh nine pass breakups. He has also returned 10 punts for 97 yards.

Joe Joe Headen - S - Harrisburg, Pa

One of three sixth year players for the Monarchs, Headen has already earned his degree in finance and is working towards his master's in public administration. He intercepted his first pass of the season in last week's week at MTSU, and the third of his career. His 21 pass breakups are the second most in ODU history.

Corv Jackson - DE - Jackson, Miss.

Mostly a special teams player in 2019, Jackson has come on in 2021, making six starts at defensive end. He has 23 tackles, three sacks and a forced fumble.

Estefano Feliciano Jr. - DE - Tampa, Fla.

Feliciano has played in 10 games in 2021 and has found his way in the defensive line rotation for the last half of the season. He has recorded five tackles and a QB hurry. In his ODU career, he has played in 19 games and made 12 tackles. He has also been an integral member of the kickoff return team.

Carson Ramos - DT - Loma Rica, Calif.

Ramos will graduate with a degree in management this fall. He has played in three games making one tackle, while being a key contributor on the kickoff return team. He returned a kickoff 11 yards last week at Middle Tennessee.

Isaac Weaver - OL - Marietta, Ga.

Weaver has started 46 career games on the offensive line, tied with Jordan Young for second most in school history. This year he has started games at left tackle, center and for the first time in his career, left guard. A three-time team captain, Weaver earned his biology degree and is working on his MBA.

Nick Rice - K - St. Petersburg, Fla.

ODU's all-time leader in field goals with 63, Rice kicked the game-winning field goal in ODU's 23-20 win over Louisiana Tech. In the win at FIU, he drilled a career long 50-yarder in the win over the Panthers. He is only the second Monarchs to score more than 300 points (302), joining former kicker Jarod Brown (388).



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Fri.	Sept. 10	Longwood	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 12	VCU	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 17	UConn*	2:30 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 24	Quinnipiac*	1:00 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 26	Virginia	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 1	Villanova*	3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 3	Richmond	12:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 8	Georgetown*	1:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 10	Duke	12:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 15	Providence*	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 17	Virginia	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 22	Temple*	1:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 24	William & Mary	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 29	Liberty*	3:00 p.m.

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Fri. - Sun. Nov. 5 - 7 at UConn

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Fri.	Aug. 27	Hampton	1:00 p.m.	
Fri.	Aug. 27	West Virginia	7:00 p.m.	
Sat.	Aug. 28	Loyola (Md.)	4:00 p.m.	

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		Appalachian State, Boone, NC	-
Fri.	Sept. 3	ETSU	10:00 a.m.
Fri.	Sept. 3	Appalachian State	7:00 p.m.
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Sat.	Aug. 14	UNCG (Exhibition)	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 21	UNCW (Exhibition)	6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Aug. 29	American	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 3	Loyola	7:00 p.m.
Tue.	Sept. 7	William & Mary	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 10	Campbell	7:00 p.m.
Tue.	Sept. 14	George Mason	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 18	Coastal Carolina*	7:00 p.m.
Tue.	Sept. 21	VCU	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 25	Florida Atlantic*	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 3	Marshall*	2:00 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 9	Charlotte*	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 15	Kentucky*	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 22	FIU*	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 27	Delaware	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 31	UAB*	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 5	South Carolina*	7:00 p.m.

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Thu.	Aug. 19	East Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Aug. 22	NC State	6:00 p.m.
Thu.	Aug. 26	William & Mary	7:00 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 2	VCU	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 5	Richmond	6:00 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 9	American	4:00 p.m.
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Sun.	Oct. 3	East Carolina	4:00 p.m.
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Fri.	Oct. 15	Charlotte*	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 22	FIU*	7:00 p.m.
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Mon. - Sun., Nov. 1 - 7 at FAU

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FOUR REMAINING STAFF MEMBERS FROM ODU'S FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM HAVE FOND MEMORIES

By Harry Minium

NORFOLK, Va. – Tristin lanonne dubbed them "The Founders" shortly after he was named the Old Dominion football team's assistant director of operations. And the nickname is apropos.

Bruce Stewart, Tim Kovacs, Daniel Cornier and Wendell Mitchem are all who remain from the staff from ODU's first football team, which debuted on Sept. 5, 2009, with a 36-21 victory over Chowan.

They worked in temporary offices before the University built the L.R. Hill Sports Complex or renovated Foreman Field. There wasn't even a football on campus for the press conference when ODU named Bobby Wilder its head coach.

One was hastily purchased at a local sporting goods store.

"The thing about what they did that is so awesome is that they didn't have anything

but a vision," ODU coach Ricky Rahne said. "We already have couches in my office. We have equipment. We have practice fields".

"They were starting from scratch. That had to be a unique experience."

It was unique, and one in which they all played differing but important roles.

Hired in 2007, Stewart was the architect behind ODU's football program. From providing the support infrastructure, capital construction, football scheduling to having major input on managing personnel and budget, Stewart called the shots.

ODU was the second startup football program for Stewart. The Columbus, Ohio native, who has a law degree and a Master's in Sports Management from Ohio State, in addition to an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Morehouse

College, was vital in guiding Coastal Carolina's football program successfully off the ground.

"In my field of work I use all three of my degrees on a daily basis," Stewart said. "They have served me well throughout my professional career."

In Stewart's four seasons at Coastal, the Chanticleers were 6-5, 10-1, 9-2 and 9-3.

His expertise in scheduling afforded both schools the opportunity for early success. The Monarchs spent their first two seasons as a Football Championship Subdivision independent and for every VMI, Cal Poly and William & Mary on the schedule, there was a modest sprinkling of Division II and non-scholarship Division I schools.

That allowed ODU to go 9-2 and 8-3 in its first two seasons. Both programs qualified



for the FCS playoffs in their third seasons, and met in the FCS playoff second round in 2011, ODU won that game and finished sixth in the national polls.

Stewart's scheduling mastery continued when ODU moved up to the Football Bowl Subdivision The Monarchs have hosted Virginia Tech. North Carolina and N.C. State and will welcome Wake Forest, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Army to Norfolk in the future. No Group of 5 program has had the kind of success scheduling home games against Power 5 schools as has ODU.

Stewart's responsibilities have grown in the last 14 years. He was recently named deputy athletic director and chief operating officer and has added men's basketball to his highly competitive men's and women's tennis programs to the sports he oversees.

Cornier, Koyacs and Mitchem were all ODU students who began work as unpaid student assistants

Mitchem's father called a friend at ODU who gave Wilder a recommendation. Although he had no experience doing video, Mitchem was assigned to work with the video staff.

"I had no idea what I was doing," he said. But he quickly learned on the job and is now ODLI's football video coordinator

Cornier was a student manager for the baseball team who, when he volunteered to help the Monarch football program, was tasked by Wilder to work on the video crew.

But the first time he saw a machine known as a scissor lift, which lifts videographers 30 or so feet above the practice field to take video, he quickly realized he'd much rather hand out gear and repair helmets than challenge his fear of heights.

"I said, nope, I'm not doing that," Cornier said. "I'll work in the equipment room."

He has worked well. He's now the Assistant Athletic Director for Equipment Operations.

Koyacs had the most indirect path to football. He went to a meeting called to promote the program's first signing class. He tagged along with a friend who wanted to try out for the team.



Bruce Stewart

"I had no interest in attending the event," he said. But his friend insisted that he go with him and when the event ended, he got to meet Andy Rondeau, then ODU's defensive coordinator.

Rondeau pointed at Koyacs and said rather sternly, "what can you do for me?"

"I said, 'why not, sure, I'd love to help out,' not realizing what I was doing," he said.

He began by entering recruiting data into a computer in makeshift offices in the Jim Jarrett Athletic Administration Building. "I think at the time there were five computers total," he said.

He worked four years as a volunteer, but after he graduated, he followed his parents, who moved to Birmingham, Alabama. "I was broke," he said.

He volunteered two years at UAB, where he finally started earning a salary, but came back when ODU joined Conference USA and Wilder offered him a paying job.

Kovacs worked his way up the ladder and is now the director of football operations. He and lannone are Rahne's right-hand men. Kovacs handles travel, the budget, compliance and anything else Rahne asks him to do.

While the Monarchs are preparing to play Charlotte Saturday in their regular-season finale at S.B. Ballard Stadium, Kovacs is already working on spring practice and summer camps. He's also thinking ahead to a potential bowl bid, should ODU defeat the 49ers.

- "They are among the most unselfish individuals in our department. I'm fortunate to have them as colleagues," Stewart said of the trio.
- "They represent the kind of graduates that ODU develops and produces extremely well. You can always count on them to deliver
- "What they do daily underscores their passion for this institution. It's not necessarily a job but a lifestyle for those guys. It's their beloved institution that has given an incredible amount to them through their matriculation.
- "They are repaying it back two-fold. I promise you they aren't doing it for financial prosperity."

Such is the lot for most people in athletics. It's not unusual to work from early morning until late at night and to do so without glory or fanfare, just the satisfaction of knowing you're helping athletes succeed on the field and in the classroom.

It takes a special kind of person. The hours can be disruptive to family life and it's a grind physically and emotionally.

But everyone, from sports information directors to trainers to coaches, knew what they were getting into when they chose to work in athletics.

Cornier said that "we're like everybody else in this building. We're here all day.

"We stay as long as we need to stay to get the job done. Yes, we all work hard, but so does everybody else in this building. We all work our tails off."

So what do they do?

Mitchem has the coolest job, although one that has strict daily deadlines.

He has a staff of student assistants who man six or seven cameras during practice. After practice, he will cut up video so that coaches can see each play from five or six angles. He does so under deadline pressure because the staff is eager to watch video.

He and his staff will also prepare video of upcoming opponents for coaches to watch.

He edits video as games are being played and is so busy he often doesn't know who's winning or losing. A student assistant brings him an SD card of video from three cameras at the end of each quarter. He cuts it up, providing three angles on every play.

"Ten minutes after the game, the video is all ready for the coaches to watch," Mitchem said.

An hour after ODU's 24-17 victory at Middle Tennessee last weekend, as the charter flight made its way from Smyrna, Tennessee to Norfolk, coaches were watching video on IPads.

"Wendell and his staff do such a good job," Rahne said.

Cornier and his staff are responsible for providing players, coaches and staff with all of their equipment and attire, from helmets to jerseys to shoulder pads to shoes, kicking tees and everything you see on the sidelines during games.

ODU has more than 100 players he outfits and about 35 staff members whose game attire he launders and lays out for them each game. He and his staff set up and break down the practice field and locker room for each practice and game. He packs a 53-foot tractor trailer for every road game, which sometimes leaves 48 hours before a game to get to its destination on time.

And he tends to overpack.

"The feeling of being asked if we have something and then to realize we don't have it, that's the worst feeling in the world," he said.

ODU has four sets of jerseys and three sets of helmets per player and the players go through about 400 pairs of cleats. He and his staff also do laundry every day in three huge washing machines not only for the football team, but for 12 other sports.

Koyacs job is one that requires attention to detail. He makes sure meals are ordered for the team after practice and on the road. He schedules charter flights and hotels. He schedules Rahne's speaking engagements and he and lannone often travel with him to events.

As players, coaches and staff line up to check in with TSA agents before a charter flight, he rattled off every name for 150 or so people in a traveling party. He makes sure everyone has a room key at the hotel, and then attends to setting up meals for the team.

"You're always planning ahead to make sure you have everything ready," Kovacs. "But the biggest thing is the budget. I deal with that on a daily basis to make sure we're being resourceful and being good stewards of our funds."

When Wilder resigned in 2019 and was replaced by Rahne. Kovacs was among the coaches and staff told they would be let go. But Rahne was quickly impressed enough to retain him

- "The thing that struck me about Tim was his institutional knowledge," Rahne said. "I think the thing that drew me to him most is that he was so loyal to coach Wilder while also being open to my way of doing things.
- "He only speaks highly about the past, but he never fought me on anything I wanted to do to change things. And he had some ideas on how he thought we needed to change things as well.
- "That kind of dichotomy was awesome. I don't want somebody who is going to say something just to save his hide. And he was never going to do something like that.
- "He was very open about his appreciation of the past but also excited about the future."

Their favorite memory? For the three ODU grads, that's easy. That 36-21 victory

over Chowan, when a sellout crowd of 19,872 jammed into old Foreman Field and cheered wildly.

As ODU alums, they appreciated more than newcomers what football meant. It changed the perception of the University, It gave students and alumni a sense of pride that had not previously existed.

ODU had long been stereotyped as a commuter school, even though nearly 5.000 students live on campus and thousands more live neighborhoods close to ODU.

Football gave people a chance to tailgate and alumni a homecoming game which gave them a reason to come back to campus.

- "People were just so happy to have football," Cornier said. "There were so many people tailgating."
- "There were people watching the game from the top of the parking garage. There may have been more people outside than stadium than were inside " Koyacs added

Stewart said he has a different memory. one that is repeated three times each year - when ODU athletes received their degrees at graduation.

"That's why we're here." Stewart said.

ODU's 49-35 victory over Virginia Tech also ranks among their favorite memories. The largest crowd ODU ever hosted at Foreman Field, 20,532, cheered loudly and thousands rushed the field after the game.

But Mitchem said his proudest moment came after the game when Tech's video coordinator emailed him to let him know his students were completely professional.

No cheering is allowed in the press box and his guvs suppressed their desire to cheer for their team even during a monumental upset.

"That really made me proud," he said.

However, the game that most sticks in their minds is ODU's 2016 victory over Eastern Michigan in the Bahamas Bowl. That's because it was extremely challenging to manage logistics in a foreign country.

Cornier said he began getting calls from

equipment managers at other schools who'd been to the Bahamas even before it was announced ODU was headed to Nassau. You'd better start packing, he was told. Today.

Kovacs had to order passports for staff and players, line up a charter flight and take care of logistics on an island where transportation and other resources can be difficult to arrange.

Cornier and his staff had less than a week to pack two shipping containers with equipment watch as they left on a tractor trailer headed for the Port of Miami, from where it was shipped to the Bahamas.

Mitchem had to set up video on practice fields and a stadium that were designed for soccer and lacked creature comforts, such as a press box.

"The trip itself is a blur," Kovacs said. "But it was a great experience for our studentathletes. The exposure for ODU made everything we had to do worth it."

Only one set of post-game meals was provided by bowl officials and Eastern Michigan claimed them. Kovacs had to hastily order meals for players, coaches and staff. How he pulled that off at the last second is a miracle.

Cornier, meanwhile, spent the third and fourth quarters of the game with Scott Foreman, ODU's equipment truck driver, packing stuff back into shipping containers.

He learned who won the game when Wilder dropped by and said, "Congratulations, Danny."

Although the game was played in mid-December, it wasn't until mid-February, just before spring practice began, that the containers returned to Norfolk.

"I was so glad to see everything was still there when we opened them," Cornier said.

The Founders aren't the only people who've been with the program since the first season.

Rodney Harmon and Guy Williams have worked with the Monarchs from the start.

They are sideline communication techs who work for the University's Information Technology Department but are with the Monarchs every game, making sure that all sideline communications are working.

That includes the head sets worn by Rahne and other coaches who communicate with coaches in the press

"They both play very important roles," Kovacs said.

All four of the Founders say they have no intention of going elsewhere.

"I love the community in which we reside, the leadership and vision of our trajectory as an institution, and most importantly the students in which we serve," Stewart said.

Mitchem said he never envisioned that he would ever work for an FBS football team, especially at his alma mater. He says it's his dream job.

"You lose sight of how lucky we are sometimes because of how busy we are," he said. "We take it for granted sometimes.

"Really, football is secondary. It's the people, everyone from the coaches to the players to our staffs, who make this job special. I enjoy the camaraderie with all of them.

"I've met a lot of people over the last 13 years who I stay in contact with to this dav."

Kovacs said he loves working for Rahne and said the program is headed in the right direction.

ODU's four-game winning streak, and 5-6 record, mark a dramatic turnaround for a program that was 1-11 in 2019 and because of the pandemic, did not play in 2020.

"Ricky and his staff are taking the program back to where it was in the past," he said. "And they're doing it the right way.

"They truly have a passion for the game, for our players, and they're doing everything we need to do to make sure the program gets to where it should be."

"I truly love what I do." he added. "All of us do. This is more than just a job for us. This is our university.

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