

2007 HIGHLAND CAVALIER FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES

UVA-WISE HIGHLAND CAVALIERS (1-0)

VS.

NORTH GREENVILLE CRUSADERS (0-0)

SEPTEMBER 1ST - 7:00 P.M.

YOUNTS STADIUM - TIGERVILLE, SC



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2007 UVA-WISE SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	BREVARD	W, 41-23
Sept. 1	at North Greenville	7:00
Sept. 8	at Concord	7:00
Sept. 22	*GEORGETOWN	1:30
Sept. 29	at Bethel	2:30
Oct. 6	at Campbellsville	2:00
Oct. 13	BELHAVEN	1:30
Oct. 20	*PIKEVILLE	1:30
Oct. 27	*at Union	1:30
Nov. 3	*UNIV. OF THE CUMBERLANDS	1:30
Nov. 10	*at West Virginia Tech	1:30
	<i>*Mid-South East Games</i>	

2007 NO. GREENVILLE SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	UVA-WISE	7:00
Sept. 8	at Fairmont State	1:00
Sept. 13	NEWBERRY	7:00
Sept. 22	at Edward Waters	5:00
Sept. 29	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	7:00
Oct. 6	at Presbyterian	2:00
Oct. 13	at North Carolina Central	1:00
Oct. 20	at Chowan	1:00
Oct. 27	CONCORDIA	1:30
Nov. 3	at Faulkner	1:30
Nov. 10	UNC-PEMBROKE	1:30

CAVS ON THE AIR

All UVA-Wise games can be heard on WAXM 93.5 FM in Norton, Va. Brian Wills and Bill Smith capture all of the exciting on the field action including the Bruce Wasem Pregame Interview and post-game player reactions.

The games can also be heard online through www.redzonemedia.com as the games happen or after the games where they are archived

All home games will also have the live game statistics streamed on the Cavs' website at: www.uvawise.edu/athletics.

HIGHLAND CAVALIERS HIT ROAD AGAINST HIGHLY TOUTED CRUSADERS

For the time in the 2007 early season, UVA-Wise will hit the road in the football season. The Highland Cavaliers will be the first opponent of the North Greenville Crusaders to play in the still very new Younts Stadium for a second time.

The Cavs christened the new facility to open the 2005 campaign and scratched out a hard fought 27-26 win. It will be the first night game UVA-Wise will compete at the stadium.

CLOSE GAME AROUND IN RECENT YEARS OF SERIES

In what has become a very good series, the 2007 version should not disappoint. In fact, D2football's Independent schools writer David Bykowski has the contest as his top game of the weekend involving an Independent DII team.

The Cavs have seen all the success in the win/loss column once the calendar turned 2000. The Crusaders captured the first meeting but have seen the squad from Virginia win the last five including last year's 48-35 affair.

UVA-Wise has been able to outscore North Greenville in the six meetings, 213-151, or by a 35.5 to 25.2 point average. The seven contest appears to be another that will light up the scoreboard with both squad's offensive firepower.

The game scores were:

1998	@NGU 31, UVA-Wise 26
2000	@UVA-Wise 41, NGU 29
2001	UVA-Wise 37, NGU 0
2002	@UVA-Wise 34, NGU 30
2005	UVA-Wise 27, @NGU 26
2006	@UVA-Wise 48, NGU 35

CAVS BY THE NUMBERS

Taking a look at the Cavs over program history by the numbers...

Team Record:

1st Road Game of the Year	9-7	won last 4 road openers
2nd Game of the Season	9-7	
2nd Game of the Season on the Road	1-3	

COACHING MATCHUP

The week's head coaching matchup will be the third between North Greenville's Mike Taylor and Bruce Wasem for the Cavs.

In his eighth-year as head coach and fourth in a row, Taylor will be looking for his 50th victory at the helm of the Crusaders. He heads into the season with a mark of 49-20.

Coach Wasem is now in his sixth year as the head coach of the Cavs. He has been part of all 174 games in the Highland Cavaliers aftering being an assistant coach in the program's first 11 campaigns under his mentor Bill Ramseyer. The Cavs are 22-33 during his tenure.



**NAIA Football National Rating #8
Preseason Rankings**

Rank	Institution (1st place votes)	Record	Tot. Pts.
1	Sioux Falls (SD) (15)	14-0	397
2	St. Francis (IN) (1)	13-1	385
3	Missouri Valley	13-1	360
4	Carroll (MT)	11-2	339
5	St. Xavier (Ill.)	10-3	329
6	Bethel (Tenn.)	10-3	313
7	Northwestern (Iowa)	11-2	300
8	Georgetown (Ky.)	9-2	293
9	St. Ambrose (Iowa)	10-1	264
10	Black Hills State (S.D.)	8-3	234
11	Morningside (Iowa)	9-3	229
12	Montana State-Northern	9-3	220
13	Ohio Dominican	7-3	193
14	Friends (Kan.)	10-1	187
15	Walsh (Ohio)	9-3	153
16	Jamestown (ND)	8-3	131
17	MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)	7-3	130
18	McKendree (Ill.)	5-4	107
19	Benedictine (Kan.)	8-3	102
20	Kansas Wesleyan	8-2	94
21	Northwestern Oklahoma	2-8*	74
22	Virginia-Wise	8-3	69
23	Malone (Ohio)	7-4	64
24	Montana Tech	6-4	54
25	Langston (Okla.)	5-4	30

Others receiving votes: Bethel (Kan.) 25; **Shorter (Ga.) 22; Cumberlands (Ky.) 21;** Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 20; Nebraska Wesleyan 19; **Belhaven (Miss.) 10; Cumberland (Tenn.) 9;** Quincy (Ill.) 8; Dickinson State (N.D.) 6; Lindenwood (Mo.) 3; Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 3; Webber International (Fla.) 3; Sterling (Kan.) 1.

MORGAN RUNS CAVS PAST TORNADOS

All-American University of Virginia's College at Wise running back Ra'Shad Morgan picked up where he left off a year ago by plowing through the Brevard College defense for 243 yards and four touchdowns in a season opening 41-23 victory.

Leading 34-23, Morgan sealed the win by breaking three Tornados' tacklers on his way to a 50-yard touchdown with 3:16 to cap his outstanding evening.

Morgan ran for his 243 yards, the third most in Cavs' history, on 29 carries for an 8.4-yard average with four scores. The senior running back set the school mark with 289 yards a year ago against Cumberland University. Quarterback Randy Hippeard hit 16 of 24 attempts for 218 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore Matt Barbour had his best day of his career with six catches for 110 yards and a 44-yard score. Jason Lovett had a solid day with five receptions for 72 yards and a 30-yard touchdown in his first game at wideout.

Linebacker Ben Robertson produced 15 tackles and a tackle for loss. Chas Johnson added 11 stops while Keith McBride and Jahmal Potter snatched interceptions for the UVa-Wise (1-0) defense.

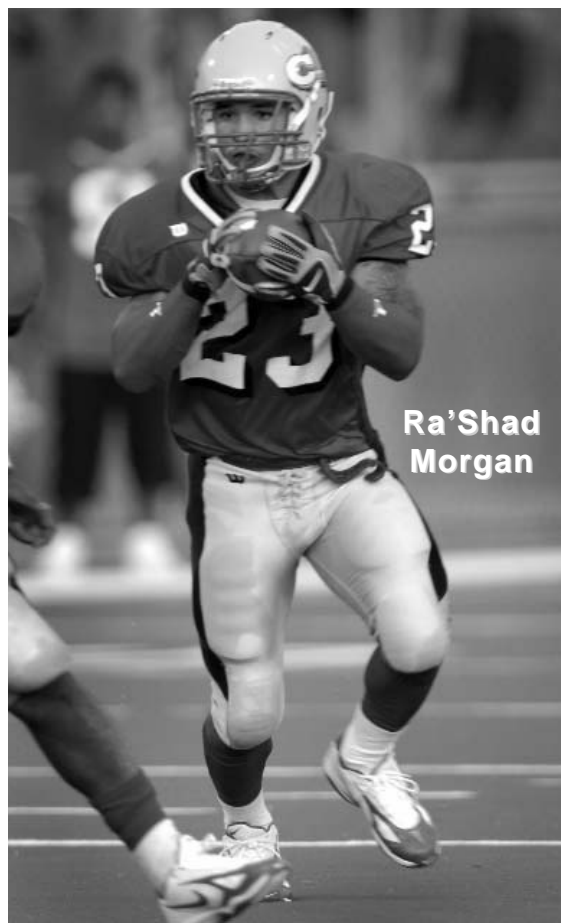
Brevard (0-1) saw John Taylor rush for 76 yards on 24 carries and two scores. Colby McCoy passed for 218 yards on 15 of 32 attempts. Stanley Jones led the defense with 12 tackles and a tackle for loss.

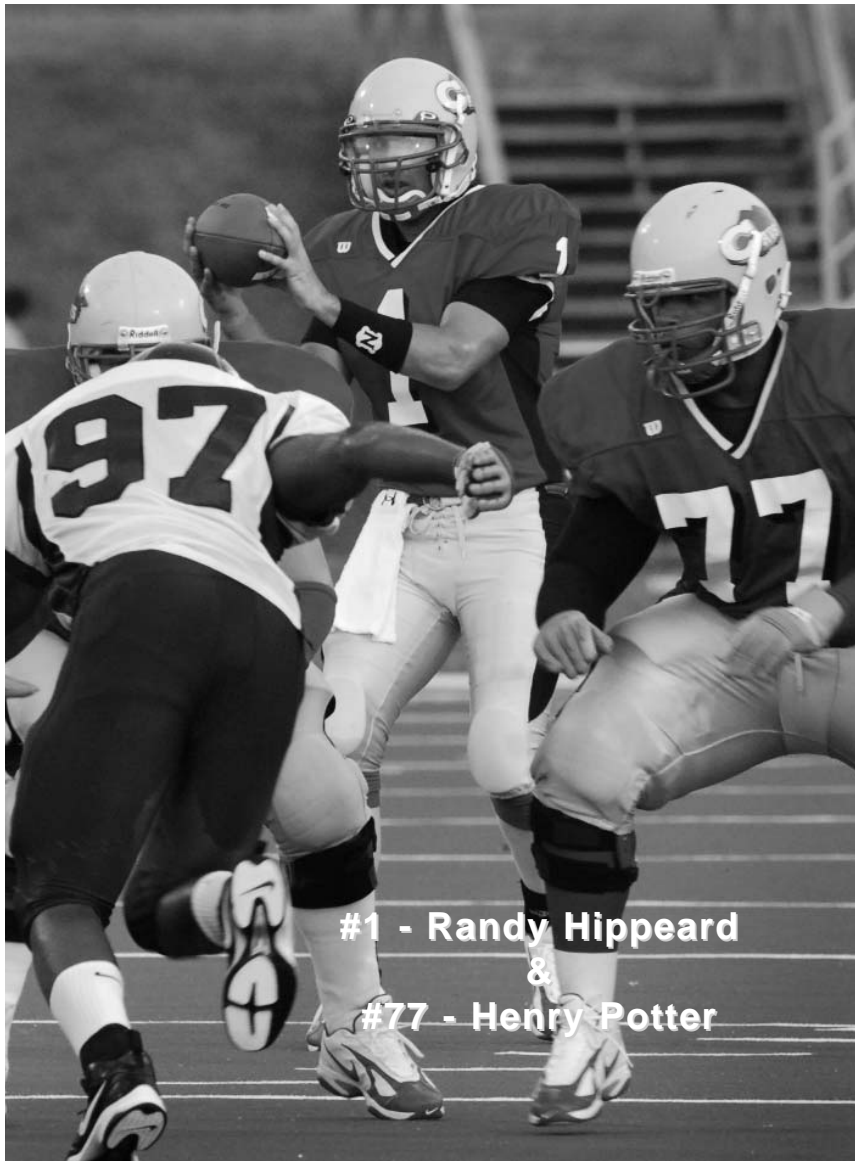
The Tornados took its opening possession 51 yards on 14 plays before McCoy plunged in from one-yard out. Morgan went to work shortly afterwards by scoring three times over the final 15:40 of the first half from 16, four and one yard for a 21-14 halftime tally.

Hippeard hit Lovett on the first possession of the second half from 30 yards and early in the fourth connected from 44 yards with Barbour for a 34-23 score after Brevard returned the extra point for two points. The score remained 34-23 until Morgan's tough 50-yard burst through Brevard defenders for the 41-23 final.

Team Statistical Comparisons

Category	VA-W	NGU (from '06)
First Downs	20 (20.0)	279 (23.3)
Scoring Offense	41 (41.0)	476 (39.7)
Total Offense	478.0	472.2
Rushing Offense	260.0	252.8
Yards Per Rush	6.7	6.2
Passing (C-A-I)	16-24-1	202-313-8
Passing Offense	218.0	219.4
Scoring Defense	23.0 (23.0)	235 (19.6)
Total Defense	325.0	317.0
Rushing Defense	107.0	107.5
Passing Defense	218.0	209.5
Sacks by Defense	0	28 (2.3)
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	20-11
Turnover Margin	+1	+8
Penalties	8-73 (73.0)	63-594 (49.5)
Punting	34.0	35.1
KO Ret. Avg.	19.7	19.4
Punt Ret. Avg.	8.3	11.9
Third Down Con.	7/13 (53.8)	79/143 (55.0)
Fourth Down Con.	1/1 (100.0)	8/18 (44.0)





#1 - Randy Hippeard
&
#77 - Henry Potter

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

NGU	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
Matt Moore	185	1290	7.0	17	69
Rashad Cummings	195	1147	5.9	15	77

UVA-Wise	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
Ra'Shad Morgan	29	243	8.4	4	50
Bruce McMullen	2	16	8.0	0	10
Chris Laws	3	9	3.0	0	4

PASSING

NGU	Att	Cmp	Int.	Yds.	TD
Eric Moeller	293	194	8	2543	21

UVA-Wise	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds.	TD
Randy Hippeard	24	16	1	218	2

RECEIVING

NGU	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
Travis Talbert	62	986	15.9	8	82
Brandon Dobbins	44	650	14.8	8	59
Jarvis Garrett	29	234	8.1	3	22
Joseph Rowe	28	339	12.1	1	54
Travis NeeSmith	14	235	16.8	0	49

UVA-Wise	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
Matt Barbour	6	110	18.3	1	44
Jason Lovett	5	72	14.4	1	30
Ra'Shad Morgan	3	25	8.3	0	15
Bruce McMullen	1	10	10.0	0	10
Aric Evans	1	1	1.0	0	1

SCORING

NGU	TD	2PT	FG	XPT	Tot
Matt Moore	17	0	0	0	102
R. Cummings	15	0	0	0	90
Ad. Escalona	0	0	6-9	58-62	76
Travis Talbert	10	0	0	0	60
B. Dobbins	8	0	0	0	48

UVA-Wise	TD	2PT	FG	XPT	Tot
Ra'Shad Morgan	4	0	0	0	24
Matt Barbour	1	0	0	0	6
Jason Lovett	1	0	0	0	6
Lance Ayers	0	0	0	3	3
Nate Bryant	0	0	0	2	2

TACKLES

Union	Solo	TOT	TFL	SK	INT
Josh Williams	52	96	1.5	0	1
Andre Bernardi	43	85	28.5	14.5	0
Donovan Davis	37	72	3	0	2
Doug Wilson	37	69	5	1	2
Tyrell Davis	26	47	2	0	3

UVA-Wise	Solo	TOT	TFL	SK	INT
Ben Robertson	0	15	1	0	0
Chas Johnson	2	11	0	0	0
Reg. Dorsainvil	1	8	0	0	0
Chris Davenport	1	5	0	0	0
Danny Hinkle	1	4	1.5	0	0
Jahmal Potter	1	2	0	0	1
Keith McBride	1	1	0	0	1

Mid-South Conference Standings

	Western Division				Eastern Division				
	M-S		Overall		M-S		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Bethel	0	0	1	0	UVA-Wise	0	0	1	0
Belhaven	0	0	0	0	Cumberlands (Ky.)	0	1	0	0
Campbellsville	0	0	0	0	Georgetown	0	0	0	0
Cumberland (TN)	0	0	0	0	Pikeville	0	0	0	0
Lambuth	0	0	0	0	Union	0	0	0	0
Shorter	0	0	0	0	West Va. Tech	0	0	0	0

Last Week's Results:

UVA-Wise 41, Brevard 23

Bethel 42, Webber International 21

Today's Games

Saturday, September 1st

12:30 Campbellsville @ Ohio Dominican

1:00 Urbana @ West Virginia Tech

1:30 Faulkner @ Pikeville

2:30 Saint Xavier @ Lambuth

7:00 Bethel @ Austin Peay State

* 7:00 Union vs. Cumberlands (KY) Corbin, KY

7:00 Georgetown @ Wofford College

7:00 Shorter @ Brevard College

7:00 UVA-Wise @ North Greenville

8:00 Concordia College Selma @ Belhaven

UVa-Wise Offense

FL	85	Aric Evans	6-3	167	So.
	86	Brad Ricker	6-1	168	So.
TE	83	Paul Williams	5-11	243	Sr.
	90	Brad Slade	5-11	241	Jr.
RT	52	Kevin Jenkins	6-2	260	Jr.
	78	Eric Haga	6-4	312	rFr.
RG	73	Mike Hall	6-1	262	Fr.
	70	C.J. Phillips	6-1	245	Fr.
C	54	Brian Pisani	6-0	280	So.
	53	Jay Fowler	6-0	244	Fr.
LG	72	Adam Nicholson	6-0	280	So.
LT	77	Henry Potter	6-1	309	Sr.
	76	Kyle Harrell	6-2	285	Fr.
SE	4	Matt Barbour	6-0	178	So.
	6	Jason Lovett	5-11	190	So.
QB	1	Randy Hippeard	6-3	216	Jr.
	8	Brad Robbins	6-2	234	So.
RB	23	Ra'Shad Morgan	5-10	208	Sr.
	14	Chris Laws	6-0	217	So.
	5	Jyron Barclay	5-9	146	Fr.
FB	32	Bruce McMullen	6-0	248	Sr.
	40	Aaron Askew	5-9	233	Jr.

No. Greenville Defense

LE	93	Andre Bernardi	6-3	245	So.
	98	Brad Pavey	6-0	210	So.
LT	50	Mike Rush	6-1	260	Jr.
	51	Clinton Keisler	5-8	190	Fr.
RT	59	Joe Novotasky	6-2	255	Jr.
	91	Johnell Bell	6-1	280	Jr.
RE	96	Rashaun Johnson	6-3	210	So.
	90	Jarius Mack	6-4	245	Jr.
LB	47	Doug Wilson	6-1	200	So.
	56	Aaron Simmons	6-2	195	Fr.
LB	40	Christian Jordan	6-0	200	Fr.
	41	Jared Burdette	5-11	225	R-Fr.
LB	30	Tyrell Davis	5-9	192	Jr.
	48	Andre Woolcock	5-10	205	Jr.
LC	32	Xavier Boykin	5-9	180	So.
	10	Chandler Bailey	6-0	192	So.
S	5	Josh Williams	6-0	204	Sr.
	35	Joey Tamburo	6-2	200	Fr.
S	4	Donovan Davis	6-0	200	R-Jr.
	36	Shane Champion	5-11	180	Fr.
RC	14	Derrick Miller	6-0	190	Jr.
	22	Antoinne Gibson	5-8	165	So.

Cavs Defense

DE	93	Reggie Dorsainvil	6-3	250	Sr.
	57	Luke Spurlock	6-2	222	Fr.
NT	63	Danny Hinkle	6-1	269	Fr.
	44	Kevin White	5-11	244	So.
DE	45	Jerry Bentley	5-10	209	Sr.
	59	Josh Spurlock	6-3	218	Fr.
ILB	31	Chad Hooker	5-11	209	So.
	39	Gio Watford	5-10	209	Sr.
MLB	20	Ben Robertson	6-0	225	Sr.
	48	Adam Sizemore	6-1	189	Fr.
ILB	56	Chas Johnson	6-1	209	Sr.
	51	David Saunders	5-8	219	rFr.
SS	12	James Haley	5-10	181	So.
	27	Ryan Vanover	6-2	189	rFr.
SS	37	Bryan Tolbert	6-2	209	Jr.
	15	Brett Hammack	5-10	199	So.
CB	2	Marvin White	6-1	185	So.
	3	Jahmal Potter	6-2	185	rFr.
FS	25	Matt Gular	5-8	158	So.
	9	Keith McBride	6-0	190	So.
CB	13	Brandon Moore	6-0	206	Sr.
	21	Brandon Thompson	5-8	165	Sr.

Crusaders Offense

QB	8	Eric Moeller	6-2	214	Sr.
	6	Ricky Casco	6-2	195	Fr.
TB	20	Matt Moore	6-0	203	Jr.
	24	Rashad Cummings	5-9	206	Jr.
FB	44	Josh Johnson	6-2	251	Jr.
	39	Travis Shaw	5-8	235	Sr.
WR	1	Travis Talbert	5-9	185	Sr.
	17	Joseph Rowe	6-2	215	Jr.
WR	86	Brandon Dobbins	6-6	235	Jr.
	18	Travis NeeSmith	6-0	180	Jr.
TE	87	Jarvis Garrett	6-5	245	Jr.
	45	James Thurnl	6-4	240	Fr.
LT	74	Patrick Knorr	6-4	270	Jr.
	72	Alex Todd	6-2	295	So.
LG	68	Cameron Hughes	6-2	295	Jr.
	70	Kevin DuBose	6-4	310	So.
C	69	Fred Harris	6-2	270	Jr.
	60	Dexter Durham	6-1	275	Jr.
RG	65	Ken Czar	5-10	260	Sr.
	71	Evan Trigg	6-2	275	Fr.
RT	63	Zac Durham	6-2	290	Sr.
	79	Jordan Floro	6-3	270	Fr.

Special Teams

K	29	Lance Ayers	5-11	176	So.
	16	Nate Bryant	5-10	209	So.
Holder	1	Randy Hippeard	6-3	216	Jr.
LSnap	8	Brad Robbins	6-2	234	So.
P	1	Randy Hippeard	6-3	216	Jr.
	8	Brad Robbins	6-2	234	So.
Koff	29	Lance Ayers	5-11	176	So.
KR	13	Brandon Moore	6-0	206	Sr.
	9	Keith McBride	6-0	190	So.
	12	James Haley	5-10	181	So.
PR	13	Brandon Moore	6-0	206	Sr.

Special Teams

P	13	Justin Jones	5-9	165	So.
K	3	Adrian Escalona	5-8	180	Sr.
KR	20	Matt Moore	6-0	203	Jr.
PR	5	Josh Williams	6-0	204	Sr.

UVa-Wise Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2007)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	|-----Tackles-----|				TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
20 Ben Robertson	1	.	15	15	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Chas Johnson	1	2	9	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Reg. Dorsainvil	1	1	7	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Chris Davenport	1	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Ryan Vanover	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63 Danny Hinkle	1	1	3	4	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Marvin White	1	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Bryan Tolbert	1	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 B. Thompson	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Jerry Bentley	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Brandon Moore	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Matt Gular	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Josh Spurlock	1	2	1	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Chad Hooker	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Aaron Mathis	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 Scott Utterback	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 Jahmal Potter	1	1	1	2	.	.	1-1	1	.	.	.	.	.
29 Lance Ayers	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Kevin White	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Adam Sizemore	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Gio Watford	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Matt Sullivan	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 James Haley	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Keith McBride	1	1	.	1	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
15 Brett Hammack	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
Total.....	1	21	66	87	3-6	0-0	2-1	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
Opponents.....	1	20	70	90	3-16	1-7	1-0	2	.	1-0	.	1	.