

## UVa-Wise Highland Cavaliers at Cumberland University Bulldogs



VS.



**Records:** UVa-Wise 1-1 (1-1 Mid-South Conference), Cumberland U. 0-1 (0-1 MSC)

**Coaches:** UVa-Wise: **Bruce Wasem**, (7-16, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), Cumberland U.: **John Parker**, (0-1, 1<sup>st</sup> year).

**Kickoff:** 2:30 p.m. EDT, Saturday, September 11, 2004

**Location:** Lindsey Donnell Stadium (capacity 2,500) in Lebanon, Tenn.

**Series:** The overall series is tied at 5-5.

**Radio:** WAXM 93.5 FM in Norton. (Coverage begins with kickoff at 2:30 p.m.)

**TV:** CAVS-TV (*Tape delay*) – UVa-Wise Channel 55 (8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15).

Games also can be seen on BVU Channel 12 in Bristol and Washington County, Va., STE Channel 30 (Gate City) and ARC-TV Channel 14 (Russell County).

**Last week:** **UVa-Wise** defeated MSC newcomer Kentucky Wesleyan College 22-19 at Carl Smith Stadium in Wise. Cumberland University lost 45-6 at Belhaven (Miss.) College.

**Last meeting:** Cumberland University **won 49-7** (Sept. 27, 2003) over **UVa-Wise** in Lebanon, Tenn.

### **The Highland Cavaliers Football Show**

Join UVa-Wise head coach Bruce Wasem and host Brian Wills each week throughout the gridiron season as they discuss the latest happenings with the Red & Gray on The Highland Cavaliers Football Show. Highlights from last week's game and discussions about the Cavaliers' next opponent, plus interviews and analysis, gives Cavs' fans insight into their favorite team. The Highland Cavaliers Football Show can be seen each week on UVa-Wise Channel 55 and on cable stations throughout Southwest Virginia. Replays of each UVa-Wise football game can also be seen on many of these same stations. Check local listings for times and dates.

### **Where to find Cavs-TV**

UVa-Wise Channel 55

ARC-TV Channel 14 (Russell County)

BVU Channel 12 (Bristol, Va. and Washington County)

STE Channel 30 (Scott County)

### **How did the Cavs do last week?**

WISE, Va. – Devon Carson's (Winter Garden, Fla./West Orange High) six-yard touchdown run late in fourth quarter coupled with William Brooks' (Richmond, Va./Huguenot) last-minute interception sparked UVa-Wise to a thrilling come-from-behind 22-19 victory over Mid-South Conference newcomer Kentucky Wesleyan College Saturday at Carl Smith Stadium.

Carson's TD gallop came at the 4:18 mark in the fourth when the Cavaliers had been

trailing the Panthers 19-14.

The score put UVa-Wise ahead 20-19 and then a two-point conversion pass from a scrambling Josh Mabe (Appalachia, Va./Appalachia) to tight end Jason Levister (Stafford, Va./Brooke Point) put the Cavs up by three.

Kentucky Wesleyan, playing its first game as a member of the Mid-South Conference, had a chance for a come back of its own after getting the ball back with a 1:35 to play following the Cavs' touchdown. Three plays into the drive, however, Brooks picked off KWC quarterback John Jent's pass to seal the win for UVa-Wise.

### **Revvin' Devon**

Redshirt freshman Devon Carson is quickly becoming a fan favorite at Carl Smith Stadium. In two games, Carson is averaging more than four yards a carry and leads the team with three rushing touchdowns. His six-yard burst into the end zone proved to be game-winner last week against Kentucky Wesleyan College.

### **Haddix No. 2 on depth chart, No. 1 in catches**

He often is listed at the second wide receiver spot on the Highland Cavaliers' depth chart, but through two games Jack Haddix has proven to be a nightmare for opposing defensive backs. A quick scan through the stats book shows Haddix, a junior from Richmond, leads the team with 28.8 yards per catch and 72 pass catching yards a game. Haddix showed great concentration against Union when he caught a deflected pass a rumbled 57 yards before being caught just short of the end zone. "He is not a blazer, but he has good speed and good hands," Cavs' coach Bruce Wasem said of Haddix.

### **Manster**

Inside linebacker Jerry Bentley is becoming a monster in the Cavaliers' new 3-5 defense. So far, the freshman from Kingsport leads the team in tackles with 26 – that's an average of 13 a game, if you're keeping score – including two for negative yardage.

### **Jukin' Jersey**

Multi-talented senior Dieontea Stewart found a spot on *NAIAFOOTBALL.NET*'s preseason Super Six list – as a kick returner. After watching last week's game against Kentucky Wesleyan College, it's easy to see how the folks at NAIA Football spotted the New Jersey native in their crystal ball. After the Panthers scored a touchdown to go ahead 13-0 in the third quarter, Stewart took the subsequent kickoff 94 yards to the KWC two-yard line, setting a up a Devon Carson one-yard TD that put the Cavs right back into the game. Stewart, who also plays receiver and, at times, quarterback, set a team record last year with a 99-yard touchdown return against Georgetown College.

### **Allergic to grass?**

Saturday's game at Cumberland University will be the first game the Cavaliers will play on natural grass this season. UVa-Wise, which plays its home games on the artificial surface of Carl Smith Stadium, was 2-2 on natural grass last year.

### **Frivolous stat of the week**

#### **Cavs and ‘canes**

During its brief 14-year history, the UVa-Wise football squad has played five games just days after hurricanes have made landfall in the United States. The Cavaliers are 3-2 in those contests and will play its sixth such game Saturday at Cumberland University, just days after Hurricane Frances hit Florida. Below is a list of hurricanes hitting U.S. soil and each subsequent Highland Cavaliers’ game.

<b>Hurricane</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Game opponent and result</b>
Opal	1995	at Cumberland College, W16-14
Fran	1996	Cumberland University, W 34-27*
Mitch	1998	at North Greenville, L 31-26
Floyd	1999	at Cumberland College, W 48-7
Isabel	2003	Campbellsville University, L 35-16 (Homecoming)

\*Game originally scheduled to be played in Wise, but moved indoors to Memorial Center in Johnson City, Tenn.

#### **Coming up next...**

The Cavaliers will play game two of its current three-game road trip next Saturday, Sept. 18, at Mars Hill College in North Carolina. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. and can be heard live on WAXM 93.5 FM. Play-by-play announcer Brian Wills and color analyst Bill Smith will provide the coverage beginning with the Cavaliers’ Pregame Show at 1 p.m. Last September, the Lions devoured the Cavs 37-14 at Carl Smith Stadium.