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## OFFENSE INFORMATION

### Letterwinners Returning (18)

FB Kyle Banna, WR Dominique Barnes, TB Dana Brown, QB Dailyn Campbell, OG Bobby Coates, OT Chris Gammon, WR Donald Jones, QB Marc Kanetsky, TB Kamryn Keys, WR Josh Lee, OG Brian Mel-lott, WR Aaron Pitts, C Justin Rechichar, OG Eric Rodemoyer, OT Greg Sazdanoff, WR Nate Schkurko, WR Dionte Snow, QB Brandon Summers

### Letterwinners Lost (9)

TE Patrick Bellish, OT Tyler Booth, TE Derrick Bush, WR Nick Canterino, WR Da'Michael Horne, FB Ben Lane, OG Brad Samsa, OG Nhemie Theodore, WR Ferlando Williams

### Redshirts

OL Bill Dugan, OL Andy Kowicki, OL D.J. Main, TB Kevin Smith, WR Zeke Sosanya, FB Gary Thornton, TB Paris Wicks Jr.

### Squad Members Returning

OL Kyle Brown, WR Ty Campana, C/TE Andy Colegrove, WR Ely Ducatel, OG Rob Fernback, C Tyler Figueroa, TE David Rogers

### Newcomers

FB Dan Banna, WR Jelani Berassa, FB Jim Bowersock, TB Jamaine Cook, QB Kurt Hess, QB Gannon Hulea, WR Armani Johnson, OT Marcus O'Hara, TB Torrian Pace, WR Troy Rice, TB Devanuel Samuel, TE Conner Seeman, TE Carson Sharbaugh, FB Rob Stupar, OL Brandon White

### Starters Returning (5)

TB Kamryn Keys, OG Eric Rodemoyer, OT Bobby Coates, WR Donald Jones, QB Brandon Summers

### Starters Lost (6)

WR Ferlando Williams, OT Tyler Booth, OG Nhemie Theodore, C Brad Samsa, WR Da'Michael Horne, TE Derrick Bush

### Percentage of What Returns

Touchdowns	27 of 36 (75 percent)
Passing Yards	1,837 of 2,045 (89.8)
Rushing Yards	1,812 of 1,988 (91.1)
Receiving Yards	1,115 of 2,045 (54.5)
Total Offense	3,646 of 4,033 (90.4)

## Overview

For just the second time since 1990, the Penguins had more passing yards than rushing in 2008. The difference wasn't much - 50.7 percent to 49.3 - but it has not happened often in the past 19 seasons.

The Guins scored 28 or more points in seven of the final 10 games after taking some time to get used to the spread offense and a new quarterback. YSU scored more than 30 points in the final three games.

## Quarterback

A major question last year, the quarter-back position will be a strength with the return of senior **Brandon Summers**. Summers took over the starting duties after the Penguins lost the first two games last year and righted the ship immediately.

He guided the Guins to wins over Central State and then No. 2-ranked North Dakota State. The next week he set a school record for completions with 32 while throwing for 334 yards and three touchdowns in a final-play loss to Liberty.

Then Summers was hurt at Southern Utah and missed the following two games. But in the final four weeks of the year, he showed amazing potential.

In the final four contests, Summers completed 61 passes for 864 yards with 11 touchdowns and just two interceptions. Highlighting those numbers was a 347-yard, school-record-tying four-touchdown performance at Illinois State.

For the year, he was 122-of-195 for 1,540 yards with 18 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions. His 62.6 completion percentage set a school mark as did his 152.18 passing efficiency. He became the first Penguin to throw 18 touchdowns in a regular season since Ron Jaworski (1972).

While Summers was out, true freshmen **Dailyn Campbell** and **Marc Kanetsky** got thrown into the fire.

Campbell showed a bruising running style when he was inserted into the lineup at Missouri State. He started against Southern Illinois. Campbell had 53 yards rushing on 22 carries while completing 32-of-51 passes for 224 yards and a score. Kanetsky saw action versus SIU and is team's holder on placement kicks.

Freshmen **Kurt Hess** and **Gannon Hulea** get set to join the program this fall.

## Backfield

The tailback and fullback spots saw some changes last year in the spread at-tack, and, entering this year there is a great abundance of numbers and talent.

A thin area last year the fullback spot, has some solid numbers and size this year.

**Kyle Banna** was at the top of the depth chart before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Liberty. He returns in 2009 and YSU returns redshirt freshman **Gary Thornton**.

Joining the program to contribute are **Dan Banna**, **Jim Bowersock** and talented freshman **Rob Stupar**.

The tailback position is loaded with sophomore **Kamryn Keys** and seniors **Jabari Scott**, **Dana Brown** and **Kevin Smith** all returning. Keys burst on the scene with a freshman school-record 804 yards rushing, including four 100-yard performances. He was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year for his efforts.

Scott started the year strong with 427 yards on 78 carries in the first seven games. But an injury limited him to just four offensive snaps in the final five games.

Brown came on strong at the end of the year and finished his first season with the



In his career, tailback Jabari Scott has rushed for 1,072 yards and 13 touchdowns.



program with 259 yards on 73 attempts.

Smith, who was named to the conference's all-newcomer team in 2007, sat out last year with a hamstring injury. In 2007, he rushed for 524 yards on a team-high 123 carries and scored five touchdowns.

Two highly-sought after all-state selections in freshmen **Jamaine Cook** and **Torrian Pace** have joined the program. Also back are redshirts **Devanuel Samuel** and **Paris Wicks Jr.**

## Wide Receivers

Like the tailbacks, the wide receivers return a lot of numbers. This spot's growing importance in the spread showed last year as three players caught 30-or-more passes.

Junior **Dominique Barnes** led the team in receptions last season while senior **Donald Jones** was the team leader in yards and touchdowns. Barnes and Jones combined for 69 receptions, 878 yards and 10 touchdowns. Jones finished with seven touchdown receptions, the most by a Penguin in the regular season since 1998.

Jones and Barnes also became the first tandem of receivers to each have 100 yards in a game since 1987. Both finished with more than 100 at Illinois State in November.

Two players who will see increased action are senior **Aaron Pitts** and sophomore **Josh Lee**. Pitts caught nine passes for 101 yards while Lee bounced back and forth between receiver and tailback. He caught one pass and had 13 carries for 118 yards.

Others who will be counted on to step in are **Ely Ducatel**, who missed the season with a knee injury, and **Dionte Snow**, who played primarily on special teams.

Other wide receivers returning are **Ty Campana**, **Armani Johnson**, **Troy Rice** and **Zeke Sosanya**. Freshman **Jelani Berassa** joins the program this fall.

## Offensive Line

The offensive line loses three starters with the departures of Brad Samsa, Tyler Booth and Nhemie Theodore.

Starters returning from last year are **Eric Rodemoyer** (10 games), **Bobby Coates** (nine), **Justin Rechichar** (five) and **Greg Sazdanoff** (one).

Rodemoyer started eight games at right guard and two at right tackle after transferring from West Virginia. Coates started nine at right tackle, Rechichar started twice at



WR Donald Jones caught six of his seven touchdown passes against Valley Football opponents.

guard and the final three games at center.

Senior **Brian Mellott** started nine games in 2007 on the line and should step in at guard in 2009. He rotated between tight end and the line on occasion last year.

The positions up front are still to be determined. There is a good group of players with experience, but a drop exists beyond that group. However, Mellott is the only senior and could move into the center spot.

The group of redshirts from 2008 include **Bill Dugan**, **Andy Kowicki** and **D.J. Main**. Other returning players who saw action are **Rob Fernback**, **Tyler Figueroa** and **Kyle Brown**. Ohio transfer **Marcus O'Hara** joins the program while **Chris Gammon**, who has played on both the offensive and defensive lines at YSU, is back on offense.

Freshman Brandon White joins the program and brings great size at 6-5, 310 pounds.

The tight end spot will see a big change. Veteran Derrick Bush is gone after starting for four seasons, and the returnees on the squad at the position are **Andy Colegrove** and **David Rogers**. Rogers moved to tight end after joining the program as a quarterback. Colegrove saw snaps when Bush missed time with an injury but was primarily a blocker.

Joining the program are two talented freshmen in **Carson Sharbaugh** and **Conner Seeman**. Both players are taller than 6-4 and could provide big targets immediately.

## OFFENSIVE PERSONNEL

### Quarterback

- Daily Campbell • 6-1, 210, So.
- Kurt Hess • 6-3, 220, Fr.
- Gannon Hulea • 6-2, 200 • Fr.
- Marc Kanetsky • 6-0, 190, So.
- Brandon Summers • 6-2, 215, Sr.

### Tailback

- Dana Brown • 5-10, 205, Sr.
- Jamaine Cook • 5-9, 195, Fr.
- Kamryn Keys • 5-11, 195, So.
- Torrian Pace • 5-10, 220, Fr.
- Devanuel Samuel • 5-8, 190, So.
- Jabari Scott • 5-10, 195, Sr.
- Kevin Smith • 5-10, 195, Sr.
- Paris Wicks Jr. • 5-9, 190, RFr.

### Fullback

- Dan Banna • 5-11, 225, Fr.
- Kyle Banna • 6-2, 245, Jr.
- Jim Bowersock • 5-10, 265, Jr.
- Rob Stupar • 6-0, 235, Fr.
- Gary Thornton • 5-9, 225, RFr.

### Tight End

- Andy Colegrove • 6-4, 290, So.
- David Rogers • 6-3, 250, So.
- Conner Seeman • 6-4, 250, Fr.
- Carson Sharbaugh • 6-5, 230, Fr.

### Wide Receiver

- Dominique Barnes • 5-11, 180, Jr.
- Jelani Berassa • 6-3, 180, Fr.
- Ty Campana • 6-0, 180, Sr.
- Ely Ducatel • 6-1, 195, So.
- Armani Johnson • 5-11, 205, Jr.
- Donald Jones • 6-2, 210, Sr.
- Josh Lee • 5-9, 175, So.
- Aaron Pitts • 6-3, 190, Sr.
- Troy Rice • 6-0, 200, Jr.
- Dionte Snow • 6-2, 185, So.
- Zeke Sosanya • 6-2, 225, RFr.

### Offensive Linemen

- Kyle Brown • 6-3, 310, Jr.
- Bobby Coates • 6-4, 290, Jr.
- Andy Colegrove • 6-4, 290, So.
- Bill Dugan • 6-5, 300, RFr.
- Rob Fernback • 6-1, 270, Jr.
- Tyler Figueroa • 6-4, 280, Jr.
- Chris Gammon • 6-3, 310, Jr.
- Andy Kowicki • 6-5, 295, RFr.
- D.J. Main • 6-6, 285, RFr.
- Brian Mellott • 6-3, 280, Sr.
- Marcus O'Hara • 6-6, 330, So.
- Justin Rechichar • 6-4, 285, Jr.
- Eric Rodemoyer • 6-4, 305, Jr.
- Greg Sazdanoff • 6-3, 275, So.
- Brandon White • 6-5, 310, Fr.



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## DEFENSE INFORMATION

### Letterwinners Returning (21)

LB Jordan Edwards, FS Andre Elliott, LB Draye Ersery, DT Crispin Fernandez, DE Jaimie Frasure, DT Roger Gillum, SS Nick Gooden, CB Randy Louis, DT Joe Marshall, LB Stephen Meadows, DT Brad Miller, DE Josh Myers, DT Torrance Nicholson, LB Na'eem Outler, CB Brandian Ross, LB John Sasson, SS Scott Sentner, LB Deonta Tate, CB Lenny Wicks, LB Mike Williams, DE Joel Younkins

### Letterwinners Lost (9)

LB Mike Barlak, FS Tony Kavouras, CB Tom Krupko, DT Bobby Lykes-Knight, DE Nick Mernedakis, CB Jarvis Richards, LB Roshon Simons, LB Nate Ward, CB De'Angelo Wilson

### Redshirts

SS David Fleming, CB Bryan Gaiters, DT Chase Lemke, SS Vinnie Patella, DT Mychal Savage, LB Noah Taylor, LB Bryan Whitaker

### Squad Members Returning

DE Obinna Ekweremuba, CB Derek Harris, SS Adam House, LB Michael Kreatsoulas, DE Luke Matelan, FS Gary Pezzuolo, LB David Rach, CB Branden Sibley, SS Jay Wiezbiski

### Newcomers

DL Theo Barnes, LB Slyvestry Gibbs, DL Fred Herdman, LB Taylor Hill, FS Dom Rich, DL Kyle Sirl, LB Kyle Stadelmyer, CB Jerome Swinton, CB Averick Walker

### Starters Returning (9)

SS Brandian Ross, FS Andre Elliott, CB Lenny Wicks, LB Deonta Tate, LB Na'eem Outler, DE Crispin Fernandez, DT Torrance Nicholson, DT Joel Myers, RE Joel Younkins

### Starters Lost (2)

CB De'Angelo Wilson, LB Mike Barlak

**Specialists Returning/Lost:** (3/1); P Ben Nowicki, P Erik Johnson, KO Stephen Blose/PK Brian Palmer.

### Percentage of What Returns

Tackles	676 of 875 (77.3 percent)
Sacks	10 of 13 (76.9 percent)
Interceptions	5 of 12 (41.7 percent)
Forced Fumbles	6 of 7 (85.7 percent)

## Overview

The defensive unit changed at the very top with Head Coach Jon Heacock taking over the coordinator duties. The last time Heacock called the plays on defense was in 2000, the year prior to taking over as the Guins head coach.

The defense brings back a wealth of talent and experience. Overall, 23 letterwinners return from last year's unit while only seven depart. YSU started just one senior in the season finale at Western Illinois and on two other occasions during the year. The most seniors YSU started in a single game was three.

## Defensive Line

The front four was hampered by injuries, but that was one spot that benefited from a youthful group. True freshmen **Stephen Meadows** and **Joe Marshall** started during the year and the position lost just one player, Bobby Lykes-Knight.

Senior preseason All-American **Mychal Savage** suffered a shoulder injury in the opener and missed the rest of the season. In week two, defensive end **Luke Matelan** was lost for the year with a knee injury and tackle **Torrance Nicholson** broke his foot kicking him out of the lineup for six games.

The player who made the biggest impact was junior college transfer defensive lineman **Crispin Fernandez**. Fernandez was the only player on defense to start all 12 games, playing tackle and end. He earned second-team all-league honors finishing with 45 tackles a team-best 6.5 tackles for losses and four sacks.

With the veterans sidelined and Fernandez entrenched as a starter, players like **Joel Younkins**, **Meadows**, **Marshall**, **Jaimie Frasure**, **Josh Myers**, **Chris Gammon** and **Roger Gillum** were forced to step up.

Of the 12 players who started on the line, 10 return for 2009. Nicholson missed six games before returning to play the final four games to stabilize the unit and move Fernandez to the defensive end spot. Nicholson had 32 tackles in just six games played.

Savage, who has 116 career tackles and eight sacks, returns this year after tearing his rotator cuff.

With the injuries, freshman **Mike Wil-**

**liams**, a linebacker, was thrust into action on the line, but rush end **Noah Taylor** was able to redshirt and will see his chance this fall. Also sitting out last year were **Chase Lemke** and **Obinna Ekweremuba** as redshirts. Joining the team this fall are **Theo Barnes** and **Kyle Sirl**.

## Linebackers

Linebacker was another area hit hard by injuries and overall lack of experience.

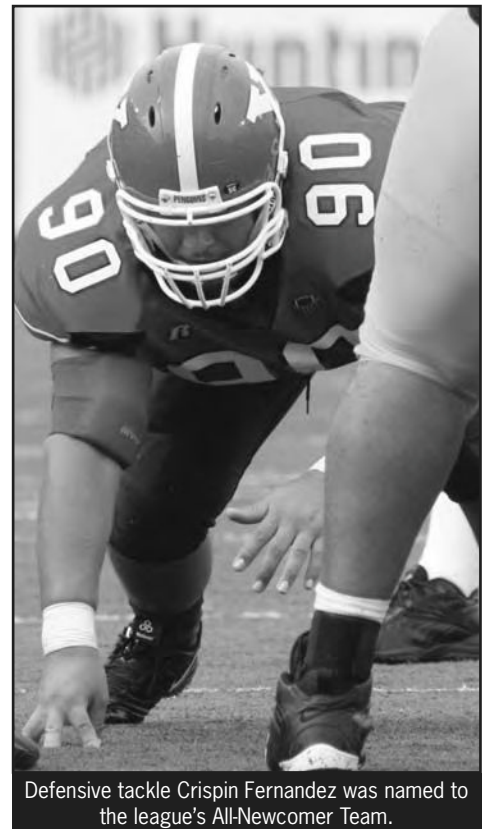
Five first-time starters appeared at the position and of the 36 possible starts among the three positions, 30 were by underclassmen.

Five backers finished with 43 tackles each while redshirt freshman **John Sasson** had 40.

Two of the three players who started the last three games **Na'eem Outler** at SAM and **Deonta Tate** return. Tate was a true freshman while Outler was in his second year with the program. All had 43 tackles.

Converted tailback **Jordan Edwards** also had 43 stops and was in the starting lineup in six of the first seven games. Sasson made three starts in his first season.

Senior **Draye Ersery** was forced to play defensive end late last year but could have a breakout campaign in 2009. **David**



Defensive tackle Crispin Fernandez was named to the league's All-Newcomer Team.



**Rach** and **Michael Kreatsoulas** along with redshirt **Bryan Whitaker** return.

Newcomer **Taylor Hill** played with the top unit throughout spring drills while local standouts **Sylvestry Gibbs** and **Kyle Stadlmyer** join the program this fall.

## Secondary

Last year's secondary had experience and depth to start the season, but that took a hit when Jarvis Richards suffered a career-ending knee injury versus North Dakota State.

Senior **Lenny Wicks** started the first 10 games before redshirt freshman **Randy Louis** stared the final two. De'Angelo Wilson replaced Richards in the lineup and led the team with five interceptions. Wicks had 54

## SPECIAL TEAMS PERSONNEL

### Placekicker

Stephen Blose • 5-10, 185, Jr.  
Bob Gratz • 5-8, 215, Jr.  
Nick Liste • 5-11, 180, Fr.

### Holder

Marc Kanetsky • 6-0, 190, So.  
Aaron Pitts • 6-3, 190, Sr.

### Punter

Ben Nowicki • 5-10, 170, Sr.  
Erik Johnson • 6-1, 205, Jr.  
Jarrod Satmare • 6-0, 220, Jr.

### Snapper

Kyle Banna • 6-2, 245, Jr.  
Nate Schkurko • 6-2, 195, So.  
Bryan Whitaker • 6-3, 200, RFr.

### Returns

Dominique Barnes • 5-11, 180, Jr.  
Bryan Gaiters • 5-9, 185, RFr.  
Josh Lee • 5-9, 175, So.  
Lenny Wicks • 5-10, 190, Sr.

but four-year placekicker Brian Palmer needs to be replaced.

Blose has handled kickoff duties the past two years and his strong leg will give him a shot to move into the placekicker role.

Nowicki improved his yards-per-kick average by four yards from the 2007 season to 2008. He averaged 41.1 yards per kick, placing 13 inside the opposition's 20-yard line. He also had nine punts of 50 yards or more.

Junior **Erik Johnson** stepped in when Nowicki suffered an injury late in the season to have a solid performance at punter. He punted nine times last season.

Freshman **Nick Liste** could push for time at the placekicker position.

Reserve quarterback **Marc Kanetsky** returns to handle the holder duties while long snapper **Nate Schkurko** is back.

Punt returner De'Angelo Wilson, who returned 18 punts for 216 yards last year, must be replaced.

On kickoff returns, **Dominique Barnes** returns after leading the team with 399 yards on 17 returns in 2008.



Brandian Ross will move from safety to cornerback for the 2009 campaign.

## DEFENSIVE PERSONNEL

### Defensive Linemen

Theo Barnes • 5-11, 180, Fr.  
Obinna Ekweremuba • 6-3, 240, RFr.  
Crispin Fernandez • 5-10, 270, Sr.  
Jaimie Frasure • 6-0, 235, Jr.  
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Stephen Meadows • 6-5, 235, So.  
David Rach • 6-4, 215, So.  
John Sasson • 6-2, 235, So.  
Kyle Stadlmyer • 6-2, 210, Fr.  
Deonta Tate • 6-1, 225, So.  
Bryan Whitaker • 6-3, 220, RFr.  
Mike Williams • 6-3, 215, So.

### Safety

Andre Elliott • 6-2, 190, Jr.  
David Fleming • 5-11, 195, RFr.  
Nick Gooden • 5-11, 205, Jr.  
Adam House • 6-2, 180, So.  
Vinnie Patella • 5-10, 195, RFr.  
Gary Pezzuolo • 6-3, 205, Jr.  
Dom Rich • 6-0, 190, Fr.  
Scott Sentner • 6-2, 190, So.  
Jay Wiezbiski • 5-11, 180, So.

### Cornerback

Bryan Gaiters • 5-9, 185, RFr.  
Derek Harris • 5-10, 210, Jr.  
Randy Louis • 5-10, 175, So.  
Brandian Ross • 6-0, 185, Jr.  
Branden Sibley • 5-9, 170, So.  
Jerome Swinton • 5-9, 160, Fr.  
Averick Walker • 5-10, 180, Fr.  
Lenny Wicks • 5-10, 190, Sr.

## Special Teams

The Penguins return kickoff specialist **Stephen Blose** and punter **Ben Nowicki**,