Excitement builds for 2007

The Wolverines approach the 2007 season with many reasons to be excited. The team will be led by 13 season who are anxious to make their final sea- son a championship experience. The squad will also return 12 starters from 2006, 28 lettermen and six All-Conference players. Also returning are last year’s leading rusher Matt Weid, leading passer and scorer Andrew DiDonato, and the top three tacklers Bill Waugh, Shane Coughlin and Ian Muster. Another defensive stalwart back for 2007 will be Justin Fowler, who has the NCAA record for blocked kicks in a season (7). This schedule proves to be a challenging one. The first two opponents were NCAA playoff teams in 2007. The schedule also sees the return of long-time rival Geneva College. The last meeting between these two teams was in 1983. A newcomer this fall will be St. Vincent College. St. Vincent and Geneva are new mem- bers of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference and will be permanent fixtures on future schedules.

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2007 seniors to lead with depth, experience

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Justin Fowler

Fowler had an outstanding season as a three-technique. He was the sixth leading tackler and set an NCAA record of seven blocked kicks. Fowler is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Greg Frisch

Frisch used the 2006 season to establish himself as the Wolverine left offensive tackle. He will be a big factor in how Grove City moves the ball and protects the passer this year. Frisch is majoring in biochemistry.

Jon Galante

Galante played many positions in the secondary and on special teams. His quickness and attitude will make the 2007 season a successful one. Galante is a political science major.

Matt Gregg

Gregg returns to anchor the defensive line. He was a first team All-Conference selection in 2006 and a second team selection in 2005. He is a communication studies major.

Brandon McCall

McCall was forced to sit out the 2006 season because of a knee surgery. His attitude in rehabilitation and his performance in spring ball gives every indication that he will be back in top form and will make a difference this fall. McCall is a history secondary education major.

Ross McCracken

McCracken brings outstanding athletic ability to the Wolverine defensive front. He has the versatility to play from both a two-point or three-point stance. McCracken is a Christian thought major.

Ian Tobin

Tobin demonstrated ability and versatility during the 2006 campaign. He was always a threat as a receiver and runner. He was the third leading scorer for Grove City College last fall. Tobin is a biology major.

Bill Waugh

Waugh was a dominant linebacker for Grove City College last season and led the team in tackles with 103. He will be one of the top inside LBs in all of Division III. Waugh is a political science major.

Matt Weil

Weil returns as the College’s leading rusher in 2005 and 2006. His hard work and ability will make for a successful season. Weil is a mechanical engineering major.

Jay Yanak

Yanak has the highest number of receptions of any returning player. His hard work and focus on being the best he can be has put him in a position that will make 2007 an exciting season. He is a business management major.

Upgrades open new possibilities

In 2006, Grove City College made significant changes to Thorn Field and the stadium. CS T-turf was installed, as well as a new lighting system.

One of the first changes for the Wolverines was evening practices every Thursday. This greatly reduced conflicts between practice time and class/lab academic time. It was a very positive move for everyone.

Fall 2007 will see the first home night football game. The contest will feature Grove City College against Waynesburg College on Sept. 22. Kick-off will be at 7 p.m.

The Wolverines have also scheduled a night JV football game with Thiel College. That game will be on Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.


Coaches selected to national posts

Three members of the Grove City College football coaching staff have been selected for national committee positions with the NCAA and American Football Coaches Association.

Chris Smith ’72

Head Coach

Coach Smith serves on the Division III AFCA Football Council. He has also been selected to serve on the seven-member NCAA Football Committee.

The committee is responsible for selecting and supervising the NCAA Division III football playoffs and championship.

Rob Skaricich

Defensive Coordinator

Coach Skaricich has been selected to serve on the AFCE National Convention Committee.

Parents’ Day game against Washington and Jefferson.

This past year he assumed the chairmanship of that committee.

Jim Chinn

Assistant Coach

Special Teams Coordinator

Coach Chinn has been selected to serve on the luncheon committee for the AFCE National Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

2007 Wolverine Football Schedule

Aug. 23 Denison* 1:30
Sept. 1 Dickinson 1:30
Sept. 8 @ CMU 1:00
Sept. 15 @ Thomas More 1:30
Sept. 22 Waynesburg* 7:00
Sept. 29 @ Westminster* 1:30
Oct. 6 Bethany** 2:00
Oct. 13 @ Thiel** 1:00
Oct. 20 W&J* 1:30
Nov. 3 St. Vincent* 1:30
Nov. 10 @ Geneva* 1:30

Home games in bold
*Scrimmage **PAC Homecoming
Kickoff times subject to change.