Wolverines to be uncaged

The 2010 Grove City College offense will have a wealth of senior leadership and several returning players with starting experience. First-Team All Presidents’ Athletic Conference tackle Pete Polesnak will anchor the Wolverine offensive line. He will be joined up front by fellow senior Sam Schwabentrauber and a stellar supporting cast including Zach Start, Tyler Kwasnicka, Josh Bermann and Andrew Pisorn.

Junior Anthony Reda will be joined by fellow classmate Joe Gulaskey at the tight end position. Blaine Miller, Ed Reith, Clayton Hall and Shane Kaclik form a talented group of running backs led by senior captains A.J. Tapper and Tyler Kirkwood.

Seniors Luke O’Hara, Zach Summy and junior Will McCoy are returning starters at split end in an explosive passing attack that averaged over 250 yds/game and accounted for 21 TDs in 2009. The quarterback position is one that will be hotly contested in the fall by a host of returning

Four captains selected for 2010 season

The Wolverines selected seniors Tyler Kirkwood, Butch Kriger, Zach Summy and A.J. Tapper as senior co-captains for the 2010 football season. Kirkwood (Clearfield, PA/ Clearfield) returns to his role in the backfield as a hard-nosed blocking back in most offensive packages. He is also known for his efforts as a lead blocker in the Wolverines’ short yardage set.

Joining Kirkwood in the backfield will be three-year letterwinner A.J. Tapper (Cambridge Springs, PA/ Cambridge Springs). Tapper is a returning two-year starter at wingback, and once again will be handling the long snapping duties on the punt team.

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DiDonato honored

Quarterback Andrew DiDonato ’10 was named Grove City College’s Senior Sportsman of the Year for the 2009-10 school year.

DiDonato was Coach Chris Smith’s starting quarterback every game for the past four seasons. Last year, he broke the College’s single season record for total yardage amassed with 2,994 (passing, 2,466; rushing, 528).

He also holds career records for total offense (8,904), passing yards (7,509), completions (750) and pass ing touchdowns (49).

DiDonato finished his senior year by coming off of the bench to help the men’s basketball team win the PAC Championship and advance to the NCAA playoffs.

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players as well as a talented group of underclassmen.

Expectations will be high for the Wolverine defense as eight starters return to form an experienced and aggressive unit. The defensive line will return Jarred Frawley, George Matthews, Zack Patterson and Marcus Chakot, while benefiting from the senior leadership of Dan Pesta, Blane Gold, Dwayne Lettie, Jes Schnatterly and Luke Harmon.

Once again the Wolverines will feature the conference’s leading tackler in middle linebacker Jason Ferguson, who recorded 105 total tackles last season. Ferguson will be joined by sophomore Mitch White and senior Matt Skyrm, juniors Vince Angelo, Tim Irwin and Marc Shamley will seek to terrorize opposing quarterbacks as they handle the outside linebacker duties.

The secondary returns three starters in senior safeties Butch Kriger and Mark Rossol and cornerback Aaron Palmieri. Senior Chris Korn and a trio of talented sophomores will battle for the remaining cornerback spot, while sophomores Kurt Devlin and Shawn Mercer provide depth at the safety position.

Kicker Craig Bicehouse, who led the team in scoring last season, will return to handle kickoffs and field goals. The special teams unit will also feature Tapper as long snapper and Ed Reith as punter.

Oh, so good: Team fifth in nation in red zone efficiency

The 2009 campaign proved to be one of offensive efficiency for the Grove City College Wolverines.

Nationally, the offense was ranked fifth in Division III in red zone offense and 13th in fourth-down conversions.

The Wolverines led the Presidents’ Athletic Conference in red zone offense by scoring on 35 of 39 attempts, including 31 touchdowns.

The team also led the conference in both third-down and fourth-down conversions, with a success rate of 45.6 percent and 64.3 percent, respectively.

With a core group of receivers and running backs returning, the Grove City College Wolverines hope to continue the offensive trend throughout 2010.

Help us recruit

Do you know of a talented student-athlete who would be a good fit for our football program? Please pass along their name to us so that we can include them in our recruiting process. We are looking for students who can make a difference on the field and in the classroom. The athlete must have strong board scores and at least a 3.0 GPA to be considered.

Please forward this information to Coach Chris Smith, Box #3069, 200 Campus Drive, Grove City, PA 16127, e-mail cwsmith@gcc.edu or contact by phone at (724) 458-2126.

Luke O’Hara ’11 has developed into a big-play receiver for the offense.
Class of 2011 seniors prepared to lead team

Two-year starter and three-year letterwinner, Zach Summy (Manheim, PA/Manheim Central), will help to lead a talented and experienced receiving corps this season. Summy will prove to be a reliable target as he helps welcome a new starting quarterback to the offense.

Butch Kriger (Pittsburgh, PA/Montour) returns as a three-year starter at strong safety, where he recorded 49 tackles, two interceptions and two forced fumbles in 2009. Kriger also serves as return specialist for punts and kickoffs.

Players lend a helping hand for community

The Grove City College football team was once again involved in raising money for two organizations in the community. In the fall, the players went door-to-door in the community asking for donations for the Grove City Area United Way. During the spring, the team conducted a lift—a-thon to benefit the Keystone Blind Association. Combined, the players raised $2,100 for the organizations.
Attendance among best in the nation

Once again, the Grove City College football team led the Presidents’ Athletic Conference in attendance this past season. On a national level, the Wolverines were ranked 18th out of 236 Division III colleges and universities, finishing with the best attendance record among schools in Pennsylvania.

2010 Schedule

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*Presidents’ Athletic Conference

Alums enjoy golf outing

Many Wolverine alumni gathered at Oakview Country Club in Slippery Rock, Pa. for the annual Doc McMillan Golf Outing on May 15. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to seeing even more former players next year!