



2011 Baldwin-Wallace College Football Game Notes: Game #3 HOST Capital University



THE BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE Yellow Jacket football team hosts Ohio Athletic Conference rival Capital University on Saturday, September 24, 2011 on Shriners' Day in The George Finnie Stadium in Berea at 1:30 p.m. This is the third game of the regular season. This is the 107th season of football at the College.

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BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

LOCATION :	Berea, Ohio
NICKNAME:	Yellow Jackets
2010 RECORDS:	7-3 overall, 6-3 OAC
2011 RECORD:	2-0
OAC RECORD:	1-0
LAST GAME:	Beat Heidelberg, 35-20, in Berea
HEAD COACH:	John Snell
ALMA MATER/ YEAR:	Baldwin-Wallace / 1987
YEAR AT B-W:	10th
B-W RECORD:	58-36
CAREER RECORD:	same
SERIES BEGAN:	1928, Capital won, 19-0.
LAST METING:	2010, B-W won, 10-7, in Berea.



CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

LOCATION:	Columbus, Ohio
NICKNAME:	Crusaders
2010 RECORDS:	5-5 overall, 4-5 OAC
2011 RECORD:	1-1
OAC RECORD:	1-0
LAST GAME:	Beat Wilmington, 26-12, in Bexley
HEAD COACH:	Henry Stanford
ALMA MATER / YEAR:	Ohio State / 1998
YEAR AT SCHOOL:	Second
SCHOOL RECORD:	6-6
CAREER RECORD:	same
ALL-TIME SERIES:	B-W leads, 32-10
SERIES STREAK:	B-W, one

The Game -- The Baldwin-Wallace College Yellow Jacket football hosts Ohio Athletic Conference rival Capital University on Shriners' Day in Berea. The Yellow Jackets are 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the OAC following their 35-20 victory against Heidelberg University in its OAC-opener last Saturday at Finnie Stadium in Berea. B-W opened its season with a 23-0 shutout of The College of Wooster in Wooster and was picked to finish third by both the OAC Coaches and the Media that cover the league at the annual OAC Media Day in Canton on August 9.

The Crusaders are 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the OAC following a 26-12 win against Wilmington College last Saturday in Bexley. Capital opened its season with a 45-28 loss at Wittenberg University in a game that began on Sept. 3 but did not finish until Sept. 4 due to a lightning and inclement weather conditions. Capital was selected sixth in the OAC Preseason Coaches poll.

The Baldwin-Wallace Versus Capital Series Notes -- The Yellow Jackets and Crusaders have previously met 42 times on the gridiron with Baldwin-Wallace holding a 32-10 series lead, including a 10-7 victory last season. The series began in 1928 when Capital defeated B-W, 19-0.

Last Year's Game in Berea: Baldwin-Wallace -- 10, Capital -- 7 -- A year ago in Berea, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Crusaders, 10-7, before 4,507 fans at Finnie Stadium on Shriners' Day. The Yellow Jackets built a 10-0 lead after three quarters before Capital scored with 2:13 to play to make it close. B-W received a 19-yard field goal from graduated Academic All-OAC placekicker Brad Pollock in the first quarter and graduated All-OAC running back Kyrell Crook scored on a five-yard run in the third period. Despite the final score, Capital dominated in offense and outgained B-W, 312-181, in total offense, but four Crusader fumbles hurt.

B-W was led offensively by current senior RB **Tim Miker (Parma)**, who is out for the season with an injury, current junior quarterback **Ryan O'Rourke (Avon)** and wide receiver Devon Jennings. **Miker** ran for a team-high 83 yards in 15 attempts, **O'Rourke** completed 9-of-22 passes for 78 yards and Jennings had six receptions for 34 yards. The defense was led by current senior linebacker **J.J. Laseak (Mentor)** with a game-high 12 tackles, including a QB sack and a fumble recovery.

Capital was led offensively by current senior defensive back Garrett Bennington, current senior QB Kory Hartsinger and current senior WR Matt White. Bennington ran for a game-high 89 yards in 19 attempts, Hartsinger alternated with graduated QB Marty Assman and completed 12-of-24 aerials for 108 yards and a TD and White caught a game-high 10 passes for 94 yards and grabbed the TD toss by Hartsinger. On defense, All-American LB Sam Jacobs led the Crusaders with 11 tackles, including 1.5 for loss.

Scouting the Yellow Jackets of Baldwin-Wallace College -- Baldwin-Wallace returns 43 lettermen and 17 starters from last season's team that finished 7-3 overall and 6-3 in the OAC. The Yellow Jackets enter this game with a 2-0 record having shutout The College of Wooster, 23-0, on Sept. 1 and beat Heidelberg University, 35-20, in its OAC-opener in Berea last Saturday.

Offensively, the Yellow Jackets average 404.0 yards of total offense, including 191.5 rushing and 212.5 passing yards. Junior QBs **Ryan O'Rourke**, this week's OAC Offensive Player of the Week, and classmate **Andrew Dziak (Maple Heights/ Parma Padua)** run the offense. **O'Rourke** starts and has completed 35-of-48 passes for 408 yards with four TD's and one interception. **Dziak** enters the game in "wild cat" situations and has completed one-of-one passes for 17 yards. He also has run 11 times for 49 more yards. In the backfield, junior **Tyler Lohr (Kent/ Roosevelt)** and freshman **Willie Jackson (Citrus Springs, Fla./ Crystal River)** carried the load and are replacing **Miker**. **Lohr** has started the first two contests and has 185 rushing yards in 36 attempts with two TD's, and **Jackson** has 184 yards in 30 trips (5.8 yards per carry)with one TD. **Josiah Holt** leads the receiving corps with seven catches for 56 yards and one touchdown. The offensive line returns four starters, including senior guard **Rudy Ackerman (Sheffield Village/ Brookside)**, senior tackle **Travis Barnhill (Findlay/ Senior)**, senior center **Jimmy Basar (Parma/Senior)** and sophomore guard **Jason Cook (Streetsboro)**.

Defensively, the Yellow Jackets allow 313.0 yards of total offense per game, including 130.5 rushing and 182.5 passing yards. The defense is led by senior **Ryan Dugan (Mentor)** who leads the team with 16 total tackles (ten solo and six assisted). He also has 2.5 tackles for a loss and one interception. Senior **Derron Hamilton (Euclid)** leads the team in tackles for a loss (3.0) and sacks (1.5). **Hamilton** has also added eight tackles to go along with his one fumble recovery.

On special teams, senior **Dave Cantu (Amherst/ Steele)** does the kicking and sophomore **Matt Harmon (Canfield)** is the punter. After two games, **Cantu** is one for two on field goals with a PAT success percentage of 62.5 (5-of-8). **Harmon** is averaging 37.8 yards in 11 punts, including five that have landed inside the opponents 20-yard line. The sophomore kick-percentage duo of **Johnson** and **Holt** are two of the best in Division III. Each was among the national leaders a year ago and have forced opponents this season to kick short. Look for junior RB **Pat LaGuardia (Brunswick/Parma Padua Franciscan)** and sophomore **Kory Gillissie (Parma/ St. Ignatius)** to return punts. **LaGuardia** leads the Yellow Jacket return team with three returns for a total of 36 yards.

LAST WEEK: B-W -- 35, Heidelberg -- 20 at The George Finnie Stadium in Berea -- B-W improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the OAC with a 35-20 victory against Heidelberg last Saturday in Berea. Heidelberg led 13-3 after one quarter and 20-16 at halftime before the Yellow Jackets scored 19 unanswered points in the second half. The B-W offense was led by **Tyler Lohr** and **Ryan O'Rourke**. **Lohr** rushed for a career-high 124 yards in 25 attempts and scored on runs of one and two yards. **O'Rourke** completed 24-of-29 passes for 279 yards with three TD and no interceptions. His scoring tosses were four yards to **Willie Jackson**, seven yards to **Josiah Holt** and 15 yards to **Nick VanMeter**. The defense was led by **Brett Thompson's** eight tackles.

Scouting the Crusaders of Capital University -- Capital returns 37 lettermen and 16 starters from its 2010 team that finished 5-5 overall and 4-5 in the Ohio Athletic Conference. To date, Capital has lost at Wittenberg University, 45-28, on Sept. 3-4 and won Wilmington College, 26-12, last Saturday in Bexley.

Offensively, Capital is averaging 368.0 yards of total offense, including 94.0 rushing and 274.0 passing yards. To date, three QBs have played for the Crusaders and include sophomores Ryan Kremchek and Jonathan Litman and senior Chase Carris. Kremchek, who started the first game versus Wittenberg but did not play versus Wilmington, has completed 24-of-47 passes for 223 yards and two TD. Litman started against Wilmington last Saturday and has completed 11-of-19 passes for 122 yards with a TD and an interception. Carris has completed 17-of-19 aeriels for 203 yards with three TD and an interception. The Crusaders rushing offense is led by senior RB Josh Anderson, who has rushed for 98 yards in 24 carries with a TD, and junior RB Casey Meridirth, who has carried the ball 18 times for 49 yards and a score. The main passing target on offense is senior WR Matt White who has caught 14 passes for 217 yards and three TD. In addition, senior WR Ryan Williams has 11 grabs for 120 yards and a TD and junior WR Mike Epstein has 10 receptions for 81 yards and a score.

Defensively, the Crusaders are led by senior LB Troy Spiker who has registered 19 total tackles (12 solo and 7 assisted), three tackles for a loss and two sacks. The line is led by Nate Nasrallah who has eight tackles and two sacks. In the secondary, look for sophomores Domenic Hebebrand, Andrew Cousin and Larez Harper, juniors Tyler Dugan and Ryan Neuberger to lead the way. Hebebrand tops the secondary with 15 tackles and four pass breakups.

On special teams, senior Nick VanMeter handles the punting and kicking duties. He is 6-of-7 on PAT's but has not attempted a field goal this season. In terms of punting, VanMeter is averaging 32.3 yards on seven attempts with two landing inside the opposition's 20-yard line. The return game is led by Anderson and Antoine Roberts. Anderson has returned six kicks for a 16.8-yard average and Roberts has returned two for a 25.0-yard average. Sophomore WR Alex Coleman returns piunts and is averaging 17.7 yards in three returns.

LAST WEEK: CAITAL -- 26, Wilmington -- 12 at Bernlohr Stadium in Bexley -- Capital improved to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the OAC with a 26-12 victory against Wilmington College at Bernlohr Stadium in Bexley. The Crusaders scored 13 points in each of the first two quarters to build a 26-0 halftime bulge before Wilmington scored the final 12 points of the game in the second half. The Capital offense was directed by Jonathan Litman and Chase Carris. Litman completed 11-of-19 passes for 122 yards with a TD and an interception. Carris was a perfect 12-of-12 for 151 yards with two TD and ran for 13 yards in three attempts. Josh Anderson paced the running game with 43 yards in nine trips and Casey Merideith had 22 yards in 10 trips with a TD. Matt White led all CU receivers with nine catches for 149 yards and a TD. Troy Spiker led the defense with 11 tackles, including three for loss, two QB Sacks, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble.

The Yellow Jacket Notebook

Today is Shriners' Day -- Today is the 31st Annual Lee Tressel Shrine Classic Day Game. Established in 1980 by former B-W Athletic Director and legendary College Football Hall of Fame Coach Lee Tressel, a Shriner himself, the game benefits children who have suffered severe burns and injuries caused by burns. Prior to the game, the Shrine also will present a check to the B-W Athletic Department, and following the game a Shrine Most Outstanding Player of the Game from each team will be selected.

O'Rourke is the OAC Offensive Player of the Week -- Junior QB **Ryan O'Rourke** was named as this week's Ohio Athletic Conference *Offensive Player of the Week* for his efforts in last Saturday's victory against Heidelberg. It marks the second time he has won that accolade. **O'Rourke** completed 24-of-29 passes for 279 yards and three TD and did not throw an interception.

Lohr was the Dick Miller B-W Most Outstanding Player of the Game on Family & Community Night -- **Tyler Lohr** was last Saturday's *Dick Miller Family & Community Night Outstanding Player of the Game* award winner. **Lohr** rushed for a career-high 124 yards in 25 attempts and two TD. He also caught a pass for eight yards.

B-W Among the Nation's Winningest College Football Programs -- The Baldwin-Wallace College football program is one of the winningest programs in college football history. The Yellow Jackets have an all-time record of 548-319-30 with an impressive and OAC-best .628 winning percentage in their 107-year history on the gridiron. Remarkably, B-W has had 42 winning seasons in the past 45 years, including a 38-year winning streak from 1967 through 2004.

OAC Titles and NCAA Playoff History -- The B-W football program has won 12 Ohio Athletic Conference titles (1935, 1937, 1968, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1994) and appeared in the NCAA Division III National Tournament six times (1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1991 and 2003). B-W earned its first national championship with a 24-10 victory over Wittenberg University in the 1978 Stagg Bowl.

Trio of Great Coaches Have Reached the Century Club at B-W -- Three former B-W legends, Ray E. Watts '23, Lee Tressel '48 and Bob Packard '65 are the only three football coaches in college football history who have won 100 or more games at the same school. Watts won 104 games, compiled a 104-58-14 with a .631 winning percentage and coached from 1928 through 1948. Tressel won 155 games in his College Football Hall of Fame career, compiled a 155-52-6 record and had a .742 winning percentage. Bob Packard won a school-record 156 games, compiled a 156-54-2 mark and had a .741 winning percentage. Comparably after nine seasons, John Snell '87 is 58-36 with a .617 winning percentage.

Finnie Stadium Success -- Since Finnie Stadium opened in 1971, the Yellow Jackets have compiled an impressive 148-31-2 home record with an .823 winning percentage, including a 1-0 record this season.

Finnie Stadium Attendance Always Among National Leaders -- The faculty, administration, students, parents and friends of the B-W football have a long history of supporting the Yellow Jacket program. Every year since the NCAA has kept statistics on home game attendance, B-W has ranked in the Top-10 nationally in Division III. A year ago, B-W's six home games attracted 25,872 fans and ranked fourth in Div. III attendance by averaging 4,312 fans per game. That was an increase of 204 fans per contest. B-W had 6,256 fans for its home opener last Saturday versus Heidelberg University.

B-W Leads Season Series Against Eight of its Ten 2010 Opponents -- Entering the 2010 season, B-W leads the all-time season series against eight of its 10 opponents and is tied with OAC and Cleveland cross-town rival John Carroll University, 23-23-4. This season also marks the second meeting between B-W and The College of Wooster since 1983. The Yellow Jackets also have played Heidelberg University 65 times for the most of any opponent and lead that series, 46-19, including last Saturday's 35-20 win versus the Student Princes.

Annual Community Service Projects: Church Street Ministries -- On August 12, when the B-W football team reported to preseason camp, each student-athlete brought to campus a bag or box filled with school supplies for needy children. Those supplies were then donated to the organization Church Street Ministry. You can read a story about the event at <http://www.bw.edu/athletics/fb/features/1112/pictureday/>.

B-W Picked Third by Coaches and Media in OAC Preseason Poll-- B-W was picked to finish third by the OAC football coaches and the media who cover the league at the annual OAC Football Media Day on August 9 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Meseum in Canton. Mount Union was picked by the media and coaches to win the conference. Representing B-W at Media were senior DB **Ryan Dugan**, senior WR **Matt Hurd** and Head Coach **John Snell**.

Five of 10 Games to be Broadcast on SportsTime Ohio -- Five of the 10 Yellow Jacket football games, including three home games, will be shown this fall on SportsTime Ohio and are available on cable, Direct or Dish television. The three home contests include last Saturday's Family & Community Night game versus Heidelberg University, the October 15 Homecoming contest versus Ohio Northern University and the November 12 "Battle" for the Cuyahoga Gold Bowl Trophy" game versus John Carroll University. The two away games on STO are the Sept. 1 game at Wooster and the Nov. 5 contest at the University of Mount Union. All televised Yellow Jacket athletic events are archived on its web site at www.bw.edu/athletics/video/.

2011 Promotional Dates -- The four remaining Yellow Jacket home games are promotional dates. Tonight is the Annual Lee Tressel Shrine Classic, Oct. 15 (Ohio Northern) is Homecoming, Oct. 29 (Muskingum) is Professor Appreciation Day and Nov. 12 (John Carroll) is Seniors' Day.

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