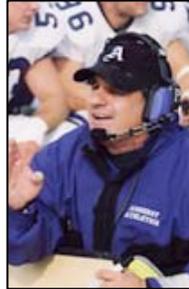


COACH'S CORNER



Dear Alumnus and Friend of Amherst Football,

On behalf of the Amherst College Football Program, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year. As a football team we did not reach our on-field goals in 2007. Ending the season with a 4-4 record was a grave disappointment; however it is not a just reflection of the effort put forth by the outstanding young men in our program. The three season ending losses to Williams, Trinity, and Tufts were unacceptable, and serve as tremendous motivation for the 2008 squad. Rest assured, the players and coaches are working tirelessly to improve ourselves each and everyday – and are completely focused on drastically improving our on-field performance in 2008.

I want to sincerely thank the seniors and their parents for all their hard work and dedication over the past four years. I will be forever grateful for all that they have done for the football program and the entire Amherst College community. The class of 2008 will leave Amherst as a shining example to those underclassmen who are left to build upon the legacy that our seniors leave behind. Playing football at Amherst is being part of a proud tradition. The 2008 Lord Jeff's will take the field knowing that they not only represent themselves, but every former Jeff who ever donned the purple & white.

This installment of *The Jeff Report* includes a review of the 2007 campaign and acknowledges the post season accolades that several of our players have garnered. In addition, I would once again like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for your continuing support of the Amherst football program. It is through your gracious assistance that we are able to maintain a vibrant football program.

In closing, I invite you to stop by and visit the football office if you are on campus this winter/spring. Your active involvement in the football program is vital to our efforts to continue to build upon the storied tradition that you helped create as a member of the Amherst Football family. I want to thank you in advance for your timely attention to the enclosures. All the best to you and your families in the New Year.

Beat Williams,

E.J. Mills
Head Football Coach
Amherst College

February, 2008



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2007 Team Awards:

Ashley Award (Team MVP)	Nick Boehm '08 [LB]
Paul Eckley Award (O-Line MVP)	Dan Guariglia '08 [OT]
George Cadigan Award (D-Line MVP)	Guy Matisis '09 [OLB] Greg Smith '09 [NG]
Friends of Amherst (Coaches Award)	Jon Attridge '08 [DT]
Offensive Back MVP	Brandon Bullock '10 [WR]
Defensive Back MVP	Chris Mottau '08 [CB] A. J. Scola '09 [CB]
Special Teams MVP	Keith Erzinger '08 [P]
Hammer Award	Chris Gillyard '08 [FB]
Rookie of the Year	Brandon Quinn '11 [LB]
James E. Ostendarp (Student Athlete)	Rob Grammer '08 [DB]

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Season Review

9 Seniors Earn All-NESCAC Honors

The 2007 Lord Jeffs set out the season focused on claiming the NESCAC and Little III titles – unfortunately, Amherst fell short of their goals, finishing with a record of 4-4. However, despite finishing 5th in the NESCAC, the 2007 campaign saw Amherst outscore its opponents 110-28 in its four conference victories. Collectively, Amherst enjoyed numerous successes, and while the efforts of the 2007 team ended with some disappointment, the individual hard work and leadership of the senior class will act as a building block for seasons to come.

Helping Amherst to enjoy their collective successes, nine individuals were named to All-NESCAC teams in recognition of their strong performances. Senior Captains Dan Guariglia (Glen Rock, NJ) and Chris Gillyard (Baltimore, MD) accompanied junior Justin Wiley (Baltimore, MD) as members of the 2007 Offensive campaign recognized by the NESCAC with Second Team All-Conference honors for their outstanding personal performance.

The 2007 Amherst Defense saw five players receive All-NESCAC Honors. Senior Jon Attridge (Boston, MA) and junior Guy Matisis (Hull, MA) both received First Team All-NESCAC honors while senior Chris Mottau (Holliston, MA) and juniors, Greg Smith (Potomac, MD) and A.J. Scola (Holden, MA) were recognized as Second Team selections. Amherst place kicker, sophomore Matt Eberhart (Plano, TX) also received Second Team All-NESCAC honors for his outstanding performance this season.

Amherst honors nine players selected to the NESCAC All-Academic Team. Seniors Nick Boehm (Shaker Heights, OH), Bobby DiGiovine (Waltham, MA), Rob Grammer (Glen Rock, NJ), and Dan Guariglia (Glen Rock, NJ) joined by juniors Greg Smith (Potomac, MD), Taylor Brown (Boulder, CO), Pat Moriarty (Dover, MA), Preston Puryear (Tampa, FL) and Sam Rudman (Charlestown, MA) were all recognized for their outstanding performance on the field and in the classroom.

The 2007 team saw eight other seniors make strong contributions that were not recognized by the All-NESCAC for their play. Nick Boehm (Shaker Heights, OH), Bobby DiGiovine (Waltham, MA), Matt Dunleavy (Pittsburgh, PA), Keith Erzinger (Greenwood Village, CO), Jack Ewen (Massapequa, NY), Rob Grammer (Glen Rock, NJ), Mike Myers (Foxboro, MA), and George Read (Milwaukee, WI) all provided tremendous leadership qualities and helped guide our program this season. It is the hard work and unwavering dedication of these seniors that has set an example and will help steer our underclassmen into a much needed strong off-season effort.

As the 2008 football team begins its off-season preparation to once again regain the Little III and NESCAC titles, the efforts of these fine seniors will forever be remembered.



In The News

Recent and Upcoming Lord Jeff Events

❖ Friends of Amherst Athletics Events

- Friends of Amherst Athletics Spring Meeting: Saturday April 26th, 2008
- 2nd Annual Friends of Amherst Athletics Alumni Tennis and Golf Outing: Friday May 30th, 2008 @ 1pm.



The Amherst Football Staff will be hosting an open house on Saturday May 31st, 2008 during Alumni weekend. The open house will take place in the Friends of Amherst Room (Alumni Gymnasium) at 1:30pm. There will be more information to follow.

❖ “The Darp” Bronze Plaque Memorial

During the 2007 Homecoming Weekend, Alumni and Friends of Amherst Football gathered to pay one last enduring tribute to Professor James E. Ostendarp. With the addition of the new landmark and memorial a new tradition has begun with Amherst Football. At the conclusion of practice on Fridays, the team will now gather by the “The Rock” for a final review of the week in preparation for Saturday’s contest. The Darp’s prestigious career and unforgettable impact on Amherst College will now and forever be a part of Pratt Field.



❖ Community Service Activities

Each spring, the members of the football program have taken part in the “Relay for Life” to help raise money for Cancer research. Over the past 5 years, the Amherst Football team has raised over \$ 60,000. Additionally, members of the football program are currently involved with Habitat for Humanity, helping to build homes in the Amherst community for low-income families. During the week of January 21-24th, over 40 team members volunteered their time, making a significant impact on Habitat’s current project. We plan to continue these efforts throughout the spring, and persist in trying to find ways to give back to the greater Amherst community.

❖ Dan Guariglia ‘08 Earns Prestigious Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award

The Nils V. “Swede” Nelson Award is presented annually by The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston to two recipients, one from Division I and one from Divisions II & III. The “Swede” Nelson Award is one of the organization’s oldest and most prestigious honors, which recognizes outstanding achievement in academics, athletics, sportsmanship and citizenship. Dan Guariglia joins two previous Amherst College winners in 1995 and 2004.

❖ Updated Contact Information

If you have changed locations, phone numbers, and/or email addresses, please forward your newest contact information to Assistant Football Coach, Luke Bussard, at jbussard@amherst.edu. There are numerous publications that are sent on an annual basis and we continue to update our contact lists.

❖ Share Your Thoughts

Thoughts and/or suggestions on these, or any other topics, are always welcome. Please contact E.J. directly to share your ideas. The Amherst College Football Family is committed to making this experience a positive one for our players, their families and our Alumni. Your input and involvement is crucial in allowing that to happen.

3rd Annual Friends Of Amherst Football Golf Outing

We are excited to announce the Third Annual Friends of Amherst Football Golf Outing to be held this spring. The last two events were a tremendous success and we are hoping for an even bigger turnout this year. We are changing the venue this year to The Crumpin-Fox Golf Club in Bernardston, MA. Hope to see you there!

When: Friday, June 6, 2008

Check In: 10 am

Tee Off: 12 pm

Where: Crumpin-Fox Golf Club

Bernardston, MA

<http://www.golfthefox.com>

Cost: \$225 Advanced Reservation (\$250 on June 6)

\$175 for Members of Classes '04 - '08

Includes: Golf (W/Cart)

Practice Facilities & Locker Rooms

Cocktails, Lunch, & Dinner

\$75 (Dinner Only)

In preparation for yet another golf outing this spring, emails and mailings will be sent out shortly with further information. If your personal contact information has changed (email, address, or phone), please contact Assistant Football Coach, Luke Bussard directly at 413-542-5143 or jbussard@amherst.edu so that all the information is sent to the right place.

We look forward to a change in venue this year and are excited to once again join younger and older alumni and Friends of Amherst Football for a great day of golf and memories.

Coach Billy "T" McBride: End of an Era



After 17 Seasons of coaching football at Amherst College, Billy "T" McBride leaves the gridiron and hangs up his cleats to pursue other professional opportunities. Coach McBride was recently promoted to Assistant Athletic Director at Amherst and will be taking on many different responsibilities to help better both the academic and athletic experience of our student athletes.

Amherst Football is sad to see Coach McBride go, but we are extremely thankful for all of the years of service that he has given our great program and we wish him all the best in the future.

Alumni Support

As you are aware, your direct monetary contributions have become increasingly vital to the operation of our program. Your donations help us achieve greatness. If you are not already a member of Friends of Amherst Athletics for the 2007-08 academic year, the first \$20.00 of your contribution is deducted for that membership. The "Friends" money is used to support all intercollegiate programs. The membership card is included in this letter. Understand that any gift above and beyond the \$20.00 membership fee will go directly to the football program if so specified. Your generosity enables our program to consistently draw top-notch players and coaches. The primary need for your contribution is to help defray the costs of recruiting, annual video contracts, and hiring of our football interns. The football interns work fulltime for the football program and play a crucial role in mentoring the student-athletes in our program. It is imperative that we have the funds to continue to attract exceptional young coaches to fill these positions on our staff. Your financial support allows us to build upon your legacy. The Amherst College football experience continues to be a special one for all of us. GO AMHERST! - BEAT WILLIAMS!