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# BIG EAST CONFERENCE

The 2006 BIG EAST Conference football season was one of the year's best sports stories. Each week seemed to bring with it memorable matchups and record-breaking feats. But it was the brilliant ending – a perfect 5-0 record in bowl games – that put the finishing touches on this BIG EAST best seller.

The league ended the 2006 regular season with a winning percentage of .800 in non-conference games (32-8 record) – the highest in the 16-year history of the conference. This mark included an 11-7 record against BCS Conference opponents. In addition, the final combined overall winning percentage of all BIG EAST football teams in '06 (.644) was the best of any Division I-A conference in the country.

Five of the eight BIG EAST teams went to bowl games and all five emerged victorious. The league captured wins in the FedEx Orange Bowl (Louisville), the Gator Bowl (West Virginia), the Texas Bowl (Rutgers), the PapaJohn's.com Bowl (USF) and the International Bowl (Cincinnati). The BIG EAST's 5-0 bowl mark was the best bowl record of any Division I-A conference in '06, earning the league ESPN's Bowl Challenge Cup. It was only the second time since the inception of the BCS that an automatic qualifying conference has gone undefeated in any one bowl season.

Three BIG EAST teams wound down the '06 campaign in the top 12 of the final Associated Press and *USA Today* Polls – Louisville (No. 6/7), West Virginia (No. 10/10) and Rutgers (No. 12/12).

In 2005, three new schools – the University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville and University of South Florida – joined Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia in the BIG EAST. The additions increased the football membership to eight schools and gave the BIG EAST a presence that ranged as far south as Tampa, Fla., and as far west as Louisville, Ky.

In the first season as the "new-look" BIG EAST in 2005, four conference schools earned trips to bowl games. West Virginia finished the regular season unbeaten in league play for the first time since 1993 to win the conference title. Earning the BIG EAST's automatic Bowl Championship Series bid, West Virginia represented the conference in the 2006 Nokia Sugar Bowl in Atlanta. The Mountaineers defeated Georgia, 38-35, to finish the year fifth in the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll and sixth in the final *USA Today* Poll. Louisville was ranked 19th and 20th, respectively, in the final AP and *USA Today* polls.

Over the last six seasons, the BIG EAST has compiled one of the best winning percentages of any BCS conference in bowl games. BIG EAST Conference teams are 21-13 in postseason play since 2000.

The BIG EAST has been a frequent contender for the national championship. Eight times in the league's 16 seasons a BIG EAST squad has been in a bowl game, playing for a claim to the national crown.

The BIG EAST has always been proud of its football student-athletes for their academic achievements. In 2006, West Virginia senior linebacker Jay Henry was named the BIG EAST/Aeropostale Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Henry, along with Louisville junior quarterback Brian Brohm, also received *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-America First-Team accolades. WVU senior center Dan Mozes earned second-team recognition. In addition, Rutgers' senior fullback



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Brian Leonard was the recipient of the Draddy Trophy. Known in many circles as the "Academic Heisman," the Draddy Trophy continues to be one of college football's most sought after awards, recognizing an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary community leadership.

Since its birth, the BIG EAST has been a national power both on and off the field. Commissioner Michael Tranchese served as coordinator of the BCS for two years from 2002-03. He has spearheaded the development of BIG EAST football since its beginning.

The BIG EAST Conference's entrance into football was announced on February 5, 1991. The league gained instant notice and credibility with its level of excellence on the field and with its television and bowl relationships. The BIG EAST has been a charter member of each of the major bowl agreements with the major conferences, beginning with The Bowl Coalition in 1992 followed by The Bowl Alliance in '95. The Bowl Championship Series began in '98.

Extensive television exposure and the BIG EAST have been synonymous terms. For football, the league established its own regional television package in 1991 before it had played a game. The BIG EAST Television Network immediately was the largest re-

gional college football network in the country.

The BIG EAST has television agreements with ABC and ESPN that run through the 2007 season. Both agreements ensure that ABC or ESPN telecasts a BIG EAST game virtually every week of the year. The BIG EAST and ESPN have already agreed on a new six-year contract that will further enhance the league's exposure. The new agreement will begin with the 2008 regular season and run through 2013.

Of the 73 games played this past season involving BIG EAST teams, 29 of them were seen on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2. In addition, 37 others were seen on either ESPN Regional, ESPN, ESPN360, FSN, CSTV or the NFL Network.

ESPN Regional Television owns broadcasting rights for all telecasts not assigned to ABC or ESPN. ERT, which took over for the BIG EAST Network in 1996, produces and distributes additional games, including a BIG EAST Game of the Week, through syndication, local markets and pay-per-view.

The BIG EAST has always aligned itself with prestigious bowl games. The league is one of the original founders of the Bowl Championship Series and is one of six conferences that receive an automatic annual bid.

The BIG EAST Conference champion earns the league's automatic BCS bid. The BCS — which enters its 10th season in 2007-08 — is a five-game arrangement for postseason college football that is designed to match the two top-rated teams in a national championship game and to create exciting and competitive matchups between eight other highly regarded teams in four other BCS games.

If the BIG EAST champion finishes No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS standings, then that team will earn a spot in the BCS National Championship Game. Otherwise, the league champion will compete in one of the four remaining BCS bowl games — the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, FedEx Orange Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl or the Rose Bowl. Each bowl hosts two

games once every four years - its traditional game plus a National Championship contest approximately one week later.

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration among Division I conferences and football bowl partners, the BIG EAST and Big 12 Conferences — along with Notre Dame — forged a bowl partnership beginning in '06. This agreement assures both BCS Conferences' and Notre Dame's participation in the Gator Bowl and Brut Sun Bowl over a four-year period. The Gator Bowl or Brut Sun Bowl will pick a BIG EAST team after the league's representative to the Bowl Championship Series has been determined. The Atlantic Coast Conference will provide the opposition in the Gator Bowl (CBS) and the Pac-10 Conference will participate in the Brut Sun Bowl (CBS).

The Gator Bowl has the first selection at the conclusion of each season. During the four years of the deal, the BIG EAST (or Notre Dame) will send a team to both the Gator Bowl and the Sun Bowl twice.

The Meineke Car Care Bowl is now in its sixth year with the BIG EAST Conference. The Meineke Car Care Bowl, which is played in Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., picks after the Gator Bowl or Brut Sun Bowl.

In 2006, the BIG EAST entered into a four-year agreement to participate in the Texas Bowl versus an opponent from the Big 12 Conference. During the four-year agreement, the BIG EAST is guaranteed to play in the bowl game twice (2006 and 2008). The Texas Bowl is played at the state-of-the-art Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

The BIG EAST Conference also aligned itself with two new bowls beginning last season — the International Bowl in Toronto, Ontario, and the PapaJohn's.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. The agreements give the BIG EAST a total of six bowl deals. In the International Bowl, the BIG EAST faces a team from the Mid-American Conference. In the PapaJohn's.com Bowl, the BIG EAST plays a team from Conference USA.

# BCS AND THE BIG EAST



**T**he Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is a five-game arrangement for post-season college football that is designed to match the two top-rated teams in a national championship game and to create exciting and competitive matchups between eight other highly regarded teams in four other games.

- The bowl games participating are the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, FedEx Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl and the BCS National Championship Game which will be played each year at one of the bowl sites.

- The BCS is managed by the commissioners of the 11 NCAA Division I-A conferences, the director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame, and representatives of the bowl organizations. The conferences are Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West, Sun Belt, Pacific 10, Southeastern, and Western Athletic.

- The conference commissioners and the Notre Dame athletics director make decisions regarding all BCS issues, in consultation with an athletics directors advisory group and subject to the approval of a presidential oversight committee whose members represent all 117 Division I-A programs.

- The five BCS games are part of the overall bowl structure. All bowl games provide meaningful season-ending opportunities to teams.

- As one conference commissioner said, "the celebration that occurs among the student-athletes, coaching staff, and fans at the end of each bowl game is an indication of the importance of all bowl games."

- The BCS places great premium on the regular season of college football. Football weekends are an important ingredient in the overall college experience-going well beyond simply what occurs in the athletics department. A significant amount of the revenue that supports all athletics programs is generated by regular-season football. And so it is of great importance that the regular season remains strong and vibrant.

- The top two teams were matched in bowl games infrequently before the BCS, when conferences were contractually obligated to certain games and there was no flexibility to attempt to match the top teams.

- The BCS conferences have a contract with Fox Sports to televise the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar Bowls through 2010 and the National Championship Games through 2009. ABC has an agreement to continue to televise the 2010 National Championship Game and the Rose Bowl through 2014.

## Schedule of Games, January 2008

January 1 - Sugar Bowl

January 1 - Rose Bowl

January 2 - Fiesta Bowl

January 3 - Orange Bowl

January 7 - BCS National Championship Game (New Orleans)

## Automatic Qualification

1. The top two teams in the final BCS Standings will play in the national championship game.
2. The champions of the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conferences automatically qualify for BCS games each year.
3. One team from among the champions of Conference USA, the Mid-American Conference, the Mountain West Conference, the Sun Belt Conference, or the Western Athletic Conference automatically qualify for a BCS game if either:
  - A. Such team is ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS Standings, or,
  - B. Such team is ranked in the top 16 of the final BCS Standings and its ranking in the final BCS Standings is higher than that of a champion of a conference that has an annual automatic berth in one of the BCS bowls.
4. Notre Dame will automatically qualify for a BCS bowl if it is in the top eight of the final BCS Standings.
5. If any of the 10 slots remain open after application of provisions 1 through 4, and an at-large team from a conference with an annual automatic berth for its champion is ranked No. 3 in the final BCS Standings, that team shall become an automatic qualifier.
6. If any of the 10 slots remain open after application of provisions 1 through 5, and if Step No. 5 has not been applied and an at-large team from a conference with an annual automatic berth for its champion is ranked No. 4 in the final BCS Standings, that team shall become an automatic qualifier.
7. If any slots remain unfilled after the placement of all teams qualifying for an automatic berth, then the bowls shall choose their participants from the "pool of eligible teams" (see below.)

## Pool of Eligible Teams

If berths are available after the automatic qualifiers have been identified, then the bowls shall select at-large participants from the "pool of eligible teams," which shall include any Division I-A team that is bowl-eligible and meets the following requirements:

- A. Has won at least nine regular-season games, not including exempted games, and
- B. Is among the top 14 teams in the final BCS Standings

## The BCS is Working

The BCS is succeeding. The nation's No. 1 and No. 2 teams met only eight times in bowl games in the 57 seasons between 1936 and 1992. No. 1 and No. 2 have met eight times in the 15 years since 1992. In the nine-year history of the BCS, the AP's No. 1 and No. 2 have met six times.

## The BCS is not ...

It is not a playoff system. It is nothing more than attempt to match the No. 1 and No. 2 teams within the bowl system and to create exciting matchups in four other bowl games.

# 2007-08 BOWL SCHEDULE



| Bowl                                  | Date    | Time       | Location              | Matchup                               | TV    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| San Diego Co. Credit Union Poinsettia | Dec. 20 | 9 p.m.     | San Diego, Calif.     | Mountain West vs. Navy/At-Large       | ESPN  |
| R&L Carriers New Orleans              | Dec. 21 | 8 p.m.     | New Orleans, La.      | Sun Belt Champ vs. C-USA              | ESPN2 |
| PapaJohn's.com                        | Dec. 22 | 1 p.m.     | Birmingham, Ala.      | BIG EAST vs. C-USA                    | ESPN2 |
| New Mexico                            | Dec. 22 | 4:30 p.m.  | Albuquerque, N.M.     | Mountain West vs. WAC                 | ESPN  |
| Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas          | Dec. 22 | 8 p.m.     | Las Vegas, Nev.       | Mountain West vs. Pac-10              | ESPN  |
| Sheraton Hawaii                       | Dec. 23 | 8 p.m.     | Honolulu, Hawaii      | C-USA vs. WAC                         | ESPN  |
| Motor City                            | Dec. 26 | 7:30 p.m.  | Detroit, Mich.        | Big Ten vs. MAC                       | ESPN  |
| Pacific Life Holiday                  | Dec. 27 | 8 p.m.     | San Diego, Calif.     | Big 12 vs. Pac-10                     | ESPN  |
| Texas                                 | Dec. 28 | 8 p.m.     | Houston, Texas        | Big 12 vs. C-USA                      | NFL   |
| Champs Sports                         | Dec. 28 | 5 p.m.     | Orlando, Fla.         | ACC vs. Big Ten                       | ESPN  |
| Emerald                               | Dec. 28 | 8:30 p.m.  | San Francisco, Calif. | ACC vs. Pac-10                        | ESPN  |
| Meineke Car Care                      | Dec. 29 | 1 p.m.     | Charlotte, N.C.       | ACC vs. BIG EAST                      | ESPN  |
| AutoZone Liberty                      | Dec. 29 | 4:30 p.m.  | Memphis, Tenn.        | C-USA vs. SEC                         | ESPN  |
| Alamo                                 | Dec. 29 | 8 p.m.     | San Antonio, Texas    | Big Ten vs. Big 12                    | ESPN  |
| Petro Sun Independence                | Dec. 30 | 8 p.m.     | Shreveport, La.       | Big 12 vs. SEC                        | ESPN  |
| Bell Helicopter Armed Forces          | Dec. 31 | 12:30 p.m. | Fort Worth, Texas     | Mountain West vs. Pac-10              | ESPN  |
| Brut Sun                              | Dec. 31 | 2 p.m.     | El Paso, Texas        | Big 12/BIG EAST/Notre Dame vs. Pac-10 | CBS   |
| Humanitarian                          | Dec. 31 | 2 p.m.     | Boise, Idaho          | ACC vs. WAC                           | ESPN2 |
| Gaylord Hotels Music City             | Dec. 31 | 4 p.m.     | Nashville, Tenn.      | ACC vs. SEC                           | ESPN  |
| Chick-fil-A                           | Dec. 31 | 7:30 p.m.  | Atlanta, Ga.          | ACC vs. SEC                           | ESPN  |
| Insight                               | Dec. 31 | TBA        | Tempe, Ariz.          | Big Ten vs. Big 12                    | NFL   |
| Outback                               | Jan. 1  | 11 a.m.    | Tampa, Fla.           | Big Ten vs. SEC                       | ESPN  |
| AT&T Cotton                           | Jan. 1  | 11:30 a.m. | Dallas, Texas         | Big 12 vs. SEC                        | FOX   |
| Gator                                 | Jan. 1  | 1 p.m.     | Jacksonville, Fla.    | ACC vs. Big 12/BIG EAST /Notre Dame   | CBS   |
| Capital One                           | Jan. 1  | 1 p.m.     | Orlando, Fla.         | Big Ten vs. SEC                       | ABC   |
| Rose presented by Citi                | Jan. 1  | 4:30 p.m.  | Pasadena, Calif.      | *BCS vs. BCS                          | ABC   |
| Allstate Sugar                        | Jan. 1  | 8:30 p.m.  | New Orleans, La.      | *BCS vs. BCS                          | FOX   |
| Tostitos Fiesta                       | Jan. 2  | 8 p.m.     | Phoenix, Ariz.        | *BCS vs. BCS                          | FOX   |
| FedEx Orange                          | Jan. 3  | 8 p.m.     | Miami, Fla.           | *BCS vs. BCS                          | FOX   |
| International                         | Jan. 5  | Noon       | Toronto, Canada       | BIG EAST /Notre Dame vs. MAC          | ESPN2 |
| GMAC                                  | Jan. 6  | 8 p.m.     | Mobile, Ala.          | C-USA vs. MAC                         | ESPN  |
| Allstate BCS National Championship    | Jan. 7  | 8 p.m.     | New Orleans, La.      | *BCS #1 vs. BCS #2                    | FOX   |



# BIG EAST COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

**Thursday, August 30**

Buffalo at Rutgers  
 Southeast Missouri State at Cincinnati  
 Murray State at Louisville

**Friday, August 31**

Washington at Syracuse

**Saturday, September 1**

Connecticut at Duke  
 Eastern Michigan at Pittsburgh  
 Elon at USF  
 Western Michigan at West Virginia

**Thursday, September 6**

Middle Tennessee State at Louisville  
 Oregon State at Cincinnati

**Friday, September 7**

Navy at Rutgers

**Saturday, September 8**

West Virginia at Marshall  
 Syracuse at Iowa  
 USF at Auburn  
 Grambling State at Pittsburgh  
 Maine at Connecticut

**Thursday, September 13**

West Virginia at Maryland

**Saturday, September 15**

Illinois at Syracuse  
 Pittsburgh at Michigan State  
 Cincinnati at Miami (OH)  
 Louisville at Kentucky  
 Norfolk State at Rutgers  
 Temple at Connecticut

**Saturday, September 22**

Marshall at Cincinnati  
*Connecticut at Pittsburgh*  
 East Carolina at West Virginia  
 North Carolina at USF  
*Syracuse at Louisville*

**Friday, September 28**

*West Virginia at USF*

**Saturday, September 29**

Akron at Connecticut  
 Cincinnati at San Diego State  
 Louisville at North Carolina State  
 Maryland at Rutgers  
 Pittsburgh at Virginia  
 Syracuse at Miami (OH)

**Friday, October 5**

Utah at Louisville

**Saturday, October 6**

*Cincinnati at Rutgers*  
 USF at Florida Atlantic  
*West Virginia at Syracuse*

**Wednesday, October 10**

Navy at Pittsburgh

**Saturday, October 13**

Central Florida at USF  
 Connecticut at Virginia  
*Louisville at Cincinnati*  
*Rutgers at Syracuse*

**Thursday, October 18**

*USF at Rutgers*

**Friday, October 19**

*Louisville at Connecticut*

**Saturday, October 20**

Buffalo at Syracuse  
*Cincinnati at Pittsburgh*  
 Mississippi State at West Virginia

**Saturday, October 27**

*Pittsburgh at Louisville*  
*USF at Connecticut*  
*West Virginia at Rutgers*

**Saturday, November 3**

*Cincinnati at USF*  
*Rutgers at Connecticut*  
*Syracuse at Pittsburgh*

**Thursday, November 8**

*Louisville at West Virginia*

**Friday, November 9**

Rutgers at Army

**Saturday, November 10**

*Connecticut at Cincinnati*  
*USF at Syracuse*

**Saturday, November 17**

*Louisville at USF*  
*Pittsburgh at Rutgers*  
*Syracuse at Connecticut*  
*West Virginia at Cincinnati*

**Saturday, November 24**

*Cincinnati at Syracuse*  
*Connecticut at West Virginia*  
*USF at Pittsburgh*

**Thursday, November 29**

*Rutgers at Louisville*

**Saturday, December 1**

*Pittsburgh at West Virginia*

*Italics denotes BIG EAST game.*  
*Schedule subject to change.*





# 2006 BIG EAST SEASON-IN-REVIEW

## 2006 BIG EAST Conference Standings

| School (Rank)         | W-L | Pct. | BIG EAST |     |     |     | All Games |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------|-----|------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                       |     |      | H        | A   | Pts | Opp | W-L       | Pct. | H   | A   | N   | Pts | Opp |
| Louisville (6/7)      | 6-1 | .857 | 4-0      | 2-1 | 247 | 141 | 12-1      | .923 | 6-0 | 5-1 | 1-0 | 491 | 212 |
| West Virginia (10/10) | 5-2 | .714 | 3-1      | 2-1 | 259 | 186 | 11-2      | .846 | 6-1 | 4-1 | 1-0 | 505 | 282 |
| Rutgers (12/12)       | 5-2 | .714 | 3-0      | 2-2 | 182 | 146 | 11-2      | .846 | 6-0 | 4-2 | 1-0 | 387 | 186 |
| Cincinnati            | 4-3 | .571 | 3-1      | 1-2 | 152 | 141 | 8-5       | .615 | 6-1 | 1-4 | 1-0 | 274 | 255 |
| USF                   | 4-3 | .571 | 3-1      | 1-2 | 145 | 133 | 9-4       | .692 | 5-1 | 3-3 | 1-0 | 299 | 220 |
| Pittsburgh            | 2-5 | .286 | 0-3      | 2-2 | 172 | 207 | 6-6       | .500 | 3-4 | 3-2 | 0-0 | 381 | 274 |
| Connecticut           | 1-6 | .143 | 1-3      | 0-3 | 140 | 238 | 4-8       | .333 | 3-4 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 257 | 324 |
| Syracuse              | 1-6 | .143 | 1-2      | 0-4 | 81  | 186 | 4-8       | .333 | 3-3 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 209 | 295 |

## 2006 BIG EAST Bowl Results

**PapaJohns.com Bowl — Birmingham, Ala.**  
*USF 24, East Carolina 7*

**Orange Bowl — Miami, Fla.**  
*Louisville 24, Wake Forest 13*

**Texas Bowl — Houston, Texas**  
*Rutgers 37, Kansas State 10*

**International Bowl — Toronto, Canada**  
*Cincinnati 27, Western Michigan 24*

**Gator Bowl — Jacksonville, Fla.**  
*West Virginia 38, Georgia Tech 35*

## Year-by-Year BIG EAST Conference Standings

| 2005           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 2001           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1997           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1993  | Rank    | Conf. | Overall |
|----------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------|---------|-------|---------|---|---------|-------|---------|
| West Virginia  | (5/6)   | 7-0   | 11-1    | Miami          | (1/1)   | 7-0   | 12-0    | Syracuse       | (21/20) | 6-1   | 9-4     | West Virginia   | (7/6)   | 7-0   | 11-1    |
| Louisville     | (19/20) | 5-2   | 9-3     | Syracuse       | (14/14) | 6-1   | 10-3    | Virginia Tech  |         | 5-2   | 7-5     | Miami   | (15/15) | 6-1   | 9-3     |
| Rutgers        |         | 4-3   | 7-5     | Virginia Tech  | (18/18) | 4-3   | 8-4     | West Virginia  |         | 4-3   | 7-5     | Boston College  | (13/12) | 5-2   | 9-3     |
| USF            |         | 4-3   | 6-6     | Boston College | (21/23) | 4-3   | 8-4     | Pittsburgh     |         | 4-3   | 6-6     | Virginia Tech   | (22/-)  | 4-3   | 9-3     |
| Pittsburgh     |         | 4-3   | 5-6     | Pittsburgh     |         | 4-3   | 7-5     | Miami          |         | 3-4   | 5-6     | Syracuse  |         | 3-4   | 6-4-1   |
| Connecticut    |         | 2-5   | 5-6     | Temple         |         | 2-5   | 4-7     | Boston College |         | 3-4   | 4-7     | Pittsburgh  |         | 2-5   | 3-8     |
| Cincinnati     |         | 2-5   | 4-7     | West Virginia  |         | 1-6   | 3-8     | Temple         |         | 3-4   | 3-8     | Rutgers   |         | 1-6   | 4-7     |
| Syracuse       |         | 0-7   | 1-10    | Rutgers        |         | 0-7   | 2-9     | Rutgers        |         | 0-7   | 0-11    | Temple  |         | 0-7   | 1-10    |
|                |         |       |         |                |         |       |         |                |         |       |         |   |         |       |         |
| 2004           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 2000           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1996           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1992*   | Rank    | Conf. | Overall |
| Pittsburgh     | (25/-)  | 4-2   | 8-4     | Miami          | (2/2)   | 7-0   | 11-1    | Virginia Tech  | (13/12) | 6-1   | 10-2    | Miami   | (3/3)   |       | 11-1    |
| Boston College |         | 4-2   | 9-3     | Virginia Tech  | (6/6)   | 6-1   | 11-1    | Miami          | (14/14) | 6-1   | 9-3     | Syracuse  | (6/7)   |       | 10-2    |
| West Virginia  |         | 4-2   | 8-4     | Pittsburgh     |         | 4-3   | 7-5     | Syracuse       | (21/18) | 6-1   | 9-3     | Boston College  | (21/21) |       | 8-3-1   |
| Syracuse       |         | 4-2   | 6-6     | Syracuse       |         | 4-3   | 6-5     | West Virginia  |         | 4-3   | 8-4     | Rutgers   |         |       | 7-4     |
| Connecticut    |         | 3-3   | 8-4     | Boston College |         | 3-4   | 7-5     | Pittsburgh     |         | 3-4   | 4-7     | West Virginia   |         |       | 5-4-2   |
| Rutgers        |         | 1-5   | 4-7     | West Virginia  |         | 3-4   | 7-5     | Boston College |         | 2-5   | 5-7     | Pittsburgh  |         |       | 3-9     |
| Temple         |         | 1-5   | 2-9     | Temple         |         | 1-6   | 4-7     | Rutgers        |         | 1-6   | 2-9     | Virginia Tech   |         |       | 2-8-1   |
|                |         |       |         |                |         |       |         |                |         |       |         |   |         |       |         |
| 2003           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1999           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1995           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1991  | Rank    | Conf. | Overall |
| Miami          | (5/5)   | 6-1   | 11-2    | Virginia Tech  | (2/3)   | 7-0   | 11-1    | Virginia Tech  | (10/9)  | 6-1   | 10-2    | Miami   | (1/2)   |       | 12-0    |
| West Virginia  |         | 6-1   | 8-5     | Miami          | (15/15) | 6-1   | 9-4     | Miami          |         | 6-1   | 8-3     | Syracuse  | (11/11) |       | 10-2    |
| Pittsburgh     |         | 5-2   | 8-5     | Boston College |         | 4-3   | 8-4     | Syracuse       | (19/16) | 5-2   | 9-3     | Pittsburgh  |         |       | 6-5     |
| Virginia Tech  |         | 4-3   | 8-5     | Syracuse       |         | 3-4   | 7-5     | West Virginia  |         | 4-3   | 5-6     | West Virginia   |         |       | 6-5     |
| Boston College |         | 3-4   | 8-5     | West Virginia  |         | 3-4   | 4-7     | Boston College |         | 4-3   | 4-8     | Rutgers   |         |       | 6-5     |
| Syracuse       |         | 2-5   | 6-6     | Pittsburgh     |         | 2-5   | 5-6     | Rutgers        |         | 2-5   | 4-7     | Virginia Tech   |         |       | 5-6     |
| Rutgers        |         | 2-5   | 5-7     | Temple         |         | 2-5   | 2-9     | Temple         |         | 1-6   | 1-10    | Boston College  |         |       | 4-7     |
| Temple         |         | 0-7   | 1-11    | Rutgers        |         | 1-6   | 1-10    | Pittsburgh     |         | 0-7   | 2-9     | Temple  |         |       | 2-9     |
|                |         |       |         |                |         |       |         |                |         |       |         |   |         |       |         |
| 2002           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1998           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | 1994           | Rank    | Conf. | Overall | *1991 and 1992 champion determined by ranking in final <i>USA Today</i> /ESPN Coaches Poll. |         |       |         |
| Miami          | (2/2)   | 7-0   | 12-1    | Syracuse       | (25/24) | 6-1   | 8-4     | Miami          | (6/6)   | 7-0   | 10-2    |   |         |       |         |
| West Virginia  | (25/20) | 6-1   | 9-4     | Miami          | (20/21) | 5-2   | 9-3     | Virginia Tech  |         | 5-2   | 8-4     |   |         |       |         |
| Pittsburgh     | (19/18) | 5-2   | 9-4     | Virginia Tech  | (23/19) | 5-2   | 9-3     | Syracuse       |         | 4-3   | 7-4     |   |         |       |         |
| Virginia Tech  | (18/14) | 3-4   | 10-4    | West Virginia  |         | 5-2   | 8-4     | West Virginia  |         | 4-3   | 7-6     |   |         |       |         |
| Boston College |         | 3-4   | 9-4     | Boston College |         | 3-4   | 4-7     | Boston College | (23/22) | 3-3-1 | 7-4-1   |   |         |       |         |
| Temple         |         | 2-5   | 4-8     | Rutgers        |         | 2-5   | 5-6     | Rutgers        |         | 2-4-1 | 5-5-1   | Rank—AP/ <i>USA Today</i> polls   |         |       |         |
| Syracuse       |         | 2-5   | 4-8     | Temple         |         | 2-5   | 2-9     | Pittsburgh     |         | 2-5   | 3-8     |   |         |       |         |
| Rutgers        |         | 0-7   | 1-11    | Pittsburgh     |         | 0-7   | 2-9     | Temple         |         | 0-7   | 2-9     |   |         |       |         |



## 2006 BIG EAST SEASON-IN-REVIEW

## Team Statistics

| RUSHING OFFENSE |    |     |       |     |    |       |
|-----------------|----|-----|-------|-----|----|-------|
|                 | G  | ATT | YARDS | YPA | TD | YPG   |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 590 | 3939  | 6.7 | 48 | 303.0 |
| Louisville      | 13 | 483 | 2409  | 5.0 | 35 | 185.3 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 486 | 2195  | 4.5 | 18 | 182.9 |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 496 | 2342  | 4.7 | 28 | 180.2 |
| USF             | 13 | 485 | 1874  | 3.9 | 22 | 144.2 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 513 | 1737  | 3.4 | 11 | 133.6 |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 380 | 1476  | 3.9 | 15 | 123.0 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 420 | 1283  | 3.1 | 8  | 106.9 |

| RUSHING DEFENSE |    |     |       |     |    |       |
|-----------------|----|-----|-------|-----|----|-------|
|                 | G  | ATT | YARDS | YPA | TD | YPG   |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 407 | 1213  | 3.0 | 12 | 93.3  |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 447 | 1313  | 2.9 | 10 | 101.0 |
| Louisville      | 13 | 403 | 1362  | 3.4 | 12 | 104.8 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 380 | 1398  | 3.7 | 13 | 107.5 |
| USF             | 13 | 460 | 1498  | 3.3 | 9  | 115.2 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 479 | 2155  | 4.5 | 20 | 179.6 |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 477 | 2175  | 4.6 | 17 | 181.2 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 467 | 2221  | 4.8 | 2  | 185.1 |

| PASSING OFFENSE |    |     |      |     |      |      |     |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|
|                 | G  | ATT | COMP | INT | PCT  | YDS  | AVG |
| Louisville      | 13 | 384 | 245  | 7   | 63.8 | 3770 | 9.8 |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 332 | 228  | 9   | 68.7 | 2991 | 9.0 |
| USF             | 13 | 356 | 226  | 15  | 63.5 | 2827 | 7.9 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 345 | 207  | 17  | 60.0 | 2689 | 7.8 |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 298 | 165  | 13  | 55.4 | 2144 | 7.2 |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 233 | 149  | 8   | 63.9 | 2059 | 8.8 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 311 | 161  | 5   | 51.8 | 1885 | 6.1 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 313 | 161  | 12  | 51.4 | 1692 | 5.4 |

| PASSING DEFENSE |    |     |      |     |      |      |     |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|
|                 | G  | ATT | COMP | INT | PCT  | YDS  | AVG |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 312 | 162  | 15  | 51.9 | 1966 | 6.3 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 279 | 158  | 12  | 56.6 | 2142 | 7.7 |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 341 | 215  | 11  | 63.0 | 2182 | 6.4 |
| USF             | 13 | 389 | 199  | 15  | 51.2 | 2382 | 6.1 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 419 | 219  | 14  | 52.3 | 2621 | 6.3 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 348 | 226  | 17  | 64.9 | 2571 | 7.4 |
| Louisville      | 13 | 414 | 208  | 12  | 50.2 | 2804 | 6.8 |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 425 | 244  | 16  | 57.4 | 3163 | 7.4 |

| TOTAL OFFENSE |    |      |      |       |       |     |    |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|-------|-----|----|
|               | G  | RUSH | PASS | PLAYS | YARDS | AVG | TD |
| Louisville    | 13 | 2409 | 3770 | 867   | 6179  | 7.1 | 57 |
| West Virginia | 13 | 3939 | 2059 | 823   | 5998  | 7.3 | 63 |
| Pittsburgh    | 12 | 1476 | 2991 | 712   | 4467  | 6.3 | 43 |
| USF           | 13 | 1874 | 2827 | 841   | 4701  | 5.6 | 38 |
| Rutgers       | 13 | 2342 | 2144 | 794   | 4486  | 5.6 | 40 |
| Cincinnati    | 13 | 1737 | 2689 | 858   | 4426  | 5.2 | 28 |
| Connecticut   | 12 | 2195 | 1692 | 799   | 3887  | 4.9 | 32 |
| Syracuse      | 12 | 1283 | 1885 | 731   | 3168  | 4.3 | 21 |

| TOTAL DEFENSE |    |      |      |       |       |     |    |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|-------|-----|----|
|               | G  | RUSH | PASS | PLAYS | YARDS | AVG | TD |
| Rutgers       | 13 | 1313 | 1966 | 759   | 3279  | 4.3 | 18 |
| USF           | 13 | 1498 | 2382 | 849   | 3880  | 4.6 | 20 |
| Cincinnati    | 13 | 1398 | 2621 | 799   | 4019  | 5.0 | 27 |
| Louisville    | 13 | 1362 | 2804 | 817   | 4166  | 5.1 | 24 |
| West Virginia | 13 | 1213 | 3163 | 832   | 4376  | 5.3 | 29 |
| Connecticut   | 12 | 2155 | 2142 | 758   | 4297  | 5.7 | 35 |
| Pittsburgh    | 12 | 2175 | 2182 | 818   | 4357  | 5.3 | 34 |
| Syracuse      | 12 | 2221 | 2571 | 815   | 4792  | 5.9 | 37 |

| SCORING OFFENSE |    |    |    |     |     |    |     |     |      |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|
|                 | G  | TD | XP | 2XP | DXP | FG | SAF | PTS | AVG  |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 65 | 62 | 1   | 0   | 17 | 0   | 505 | 38.8 |
| Louisville      | 13 | 61 | 60 | 1   | 0   | 21 | 0   | 491 | 37.8 |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 49 | 47 | 0   | 0   | 12 | 2   | 381 | 31.8 |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 46 | 41 | 2   | 0   | 22 | 0   | 387 | 29.8 |
| USF             | 13 | 40 | 34 | 1   | 0   | 7  | 1   | 299 | 23.0 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 34 | 28 | 2   | 0   | 7  | 0   | 257 | 21.4 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 31 | 28 | 2   | 0   | 18 | 1   | 274 | 21.1 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 23 | 21 | 1   | 0   | 16 | 0   | 209 | 17.4 |

| SCORING DEFENSE |    |    |    |     |     |    |     |     |      |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|
|                 | G  | TD | XP | 2XP | DXP | FG | SAF | PTS | AVG  |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 22 | 17 | 2   | 0   | 11 | 0   | 186 | 14.3 |
| Louisville      | 13 | 26 | 22 | 2   | 0   | 10 | 0   | 212 | 16.3 |
| USF             | 13 | 25 | 20 | 0   | 0   | 16 | 1   | 220 | 16.9 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 30 | 27 | 1   | 0   | 14 | 2   | 255 | 19.6 |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 33 | 29 | 2   | 0   | 17 | 0   | 282 | 21.7 |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 34 | 29 | 3   | 0   | 11 | 1   | 274 | 22.8 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 37 | 37 | 0   | 0   | 12 | 0   | 295 | 24.6 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 39 | 39 | 0   | 0   | 17 | 0   | 324 | 27.0 |

| NET PUNTING   |    |       |      |     |     |     |       |
|---------------|----|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|               | G  | PUNTS | AVG  | RET | YDS | AVG | NET/P |
| Syracuse      | 12 | 72    | 42.0 | 24  | 199 | 2.8 | 39.2  |
| Pittsburgh    | 12 | 52    | 41.6 | 23  | 191 | 3.7 | 37.9  |
| Rutgers       | 13 | 56    | 44.1 | 26  | 352 | 6.3 | 37.8  |
| West Virginia | 13 | 35    | 41.4 | 17  | 160 | 4.6 | 36.8  |
| Connecticut   | 12 | 74    | 38.4 | 30  | 191 | 2.6 | 35.9  |
| Louisville    | 13 | 46    | 38.6 | 19  | 135 | 2.9 | 35.7  |
| Cincinnati    | 13 | 73    | 38.6 | 23  | 226 | 3.1 | 35.5  |
| USF           | 13 | 59    | 36.3 | 22  | 307 | 5.2 | 31.1  |

| PUNT RETURNS  |    |     |       |    |      |
|---------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|
|               | G  | ATT | YARDS | TD | AVG  |
| USF           | 13 | 34  | 446   | 1  | 13.1 |
| Connecticut   | 12 | 22  | 264   | 1  | 12.0 |
| Rutgers       | 13 | 19  | 187   | 2  | 9.8  |
| West Virginia | 13 | 26  | 234   | 1  | 9.0  |
| Pittsburgh    | 12 | 26  | 222   | 1  | 8.5  |
| Syracuse      | 12 | 21  | 161   | 0  | 7.7  |
| Cincinnati    | 13 | 34  | 251   | 0  | 7.4  |
| Louisville    | 13 | 39  | 2     | 1  | 6.8  |

| KICKOFF RETURNS |    |     |       |    |      |
|-----------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|
|                 | G  | ATT | YARDS | TD | AVG  |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 43  | 1038  | 1  | 24.1 |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 50  | 1192  | 1  | 23.8 |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 36  | 788   | 0  | 21.9 |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 48  | 982   | 0  | 20.5 |
| Louisville      | 13 | 32  | 651   | 1  | 20.3 |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 32  | 630   | 0  | 19.7 |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 41  | 737   | 0  | 18.0 |
| USF             | 13 | 36  | 633   | 0  | 17.6 |

| TURNOVER MARGIN |    |        |     |       |      |     |       |     |       |  |
|-----------------|----|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|-----|-------|--|
|                 | G  | Gained |     |       | Lost |     |       | Mar | AVG   |  |
|                 |    | Fum    | Int | Total | Fum  | Int | Total |     |       |  |
| Syracuse        | 12 | 11     | 17  | 28    | 12   | 5   | 17    | +11 | 0.92  |  |
| Rutgers         | 13 | 16     | 15  | 31    | 7    | 13  | 20    | +11 | 0.85  |  |
| Pittsburgh      | 12 | 15     | 11  | 26    | 9    | 9   | 18    | +8  | 0.67  |  |
| West Virginia   | 13 | 8      | 16  | 24    | 9    | 8   | 17    | +7  | 0.54  |  |
| Louisville      | 13 | 13     | 12  | 25    | 16   | 7   | 23    | +2  | 0.15  |  |
| Connecticut     | 12 | 8      | 12  | 20    | 9    | 12  | 21    | -1  | -0.08 |  |
| USF             | 13 | 11     | 15  | 26    | 14   | 15  | 29    | -3  | -0.23 |  |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 9      | 14  | 23    | 12   | 17  | 29    | -6  | -0.46 |  |



## Individual Leaders

| RUSHING                      | G  | ATT | YDS  | YPA | TD | YPG   |
|------------------------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|-------|
| Ray Rice, RU                 | 13 | 335 | 1794 | 5.4 | 20 | 138.0 |
| Steve Slaton, WVU            | 13 | 248 | 1744 | 7.0 | 16 | 134.2 |
| Patrick White, WVU           | 12 | 165 | 1219 | 7.4 | 18 | 101.6 |
| LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pitt | 11 | 178 | 893  | 5.0 | 9  | 81.2  |
| Donald Brown, II, Conn       | 12 | 161 | 896  | 5.6 | 7  | 74.7  |
| Terry Caulley, Conn          | 10 | 120 | 674  | 5.6 | 3  | 67.4  |
| Kolby Smith, UL              | 13 | 154 | 862  | 5.6 | 7  | 66.3  |
| Delone Carter, SU            | 12 | 156 | 713  | 4.6 | 4  | 59.4  |
| Greg Moore, UC               | 13 | 162 | 709  | 4.4 | 4  | 54.5  |
| Matt Grothe, USF             | 13 | 178 | 622  | 3.5 | 9  | 47.8  |

| PASSING                | G  | ATT | CMP | INT | PCT. | EFFIC. | YDS  | TD | AVG/G |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|------|----|-------|
| Brian Brohm, UL        | 11 | 313 | 199 | -5  | 63.6 | 159.1  | 3049 | 16 | 277.2 |
| Tyler Palko, Pitt      | 12 | 322 | 220 | -9  | 68.3 | 163.2  | 2871 | 25 | 239.2 |
| Matt Grothe, USF       | 13 | 317 | 202 | -14 | 63.7 | 138.8  | 2576 | 15 | 198.2 |
| Mike Teel, RU          | 13 | 296 | 164 | -13 | 55.4 | 120.6  | 2135 | 12 | 164.2 |
| Perry Patterson, SU    | 12 | 300 | 158 | -4  | 52.7 | 115.4  | 1865 | 12 | 155.4 |
| Patrick White, WVU     | 12 | 179 | 118 | -7  | 65.9 | 159.7  | 1655 | 13 | 137.9 |
| Dustin Grutza, UC      | 12 | 225 | 137 | -13 | 60.9 | 123.5  | 1632 | 9  | 136.0 |
| Matt Bonislawski, Conn | 12 | 163 | -75 | -3  | 46.0 | 95.9   | 843  | 5  | 70.2  |

| TOTAL OFFENSE                | G  | RUSH | PASS | PLAYS | YARDS | YPG   |
|------------------------------|----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Brian Brohm, UL              | 11 | 45   | 3049 | 360   | 3094  | 281.3 |
| Matt Grothe, USF             | 13 | 622  | 2576 | 495   | 3198  | 246.0 |
| Tyler Palko, Pitt            | 12 | 77   | 2871 | 388   | 2948  | 245.7 |
| Patrick White, WVU           | 12 | 1219 | 1655 | 344   | 2874  | 239.5 |
| Mike Teel, RU                | 13 | -50  | 2135 | 309   | 2085  | 160.4 |
| Dustin Grutza, UC            | 12 | 246  | 1632 | 310   | 1878  | 156.5 |
| Perry Patterson, SU          | 12 | -174 | 1865 | 382   | 1691  | 140.9 |
| Ray Rice, RU                 | 13 | 1794 | 0    | 336   | 1794  | 138.0 |
| Steve Slaton, WVU            | 13 | 1744 | 0    | 248   | 1744  | 134.2 |
| LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pitt | 11 | 893  | 0    | 178   | 893   | 81.2  |

| RECEIVING            | G  | REC | YDS  | TD | AVG. | REC/G |
|----------------------|----|-----|------|----|------|-------|
| Harry Douglas, UL    | 13 | 70  | 1265 | 6  | 18.1 | 5.38  |
| Derek Kinder, Pitt   | 12 | 57  | 847  | 6  | 14.9 | 4.75  |
| Mario Urrutia, UL    | 13 | 58  | 973  | 6  | 16.8 | 4.46  |
| Ean Randolph, USF    | 13 | 49  | 506  | 4  | 10.3 | 3.77  |
| Oderick Turner, Pitt | 12 | 44  | 660  | 8  | 15.0 | 3.67  |
| Dominick Goodman, UC | 13 | 40  | 452  | 5  | 11.3 | 3.08  |
| Darius Reynaud, WVU  | 13 | 39  | 520  | 2  | 13.3 | 3.00  |
| Brian Leonard, RU    | 13 | 38  | 294  | 0  | 7.7  | 2.92  |
| Larry Taylor, Conn   | 10 | 29  | 261  | 1  | 9.0  | 2.90  |
| Taurus Johnson, USF  | 13 | 37  | 494  | 2  | 13.4 | 2.85  |

| SCORING            | G  | TD | XP | FG | PTS | PPG |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Art Carmody, UL    | 13 | 0  | 60 | 21 | 123 | 9.5 |
| Ray Rice, RU       | 13 | 20 | 0  | 0  | 120 | 9.2 |
| Patrick White, WVU | 12 | 18 | 0  | 0  | 108 | 9.0 |
| Pat McAfee, WVU    | 13 | 0  | 62 | 17 | 113 | 8.7 |
| Steve Slaton, WVU  | 13 | 18 | 0  | 0  | 108 | 8.3 |
| Jeremy Ito, RU     | 13 | 0  | 41 | 22 | 107 | 8.2 |
| Conor Lee, Pitt    | 12 | 0  | 47 | 12 | 83  | 6.9 |
| Anthony Allen, UL  | 13 | 14 | 2  | 0  | 86  | 6.6 |
| Kevin Lovell, UC   | 13 | 0  | 28 | 18 | 82  | 6.3 |
| Patrick Shadle, SU | 12 | 0  | 21 | 16 | 69  | 5.8 |

| ALL PURPOSE                  | G  | RUSH | RCV  | PR  | KR  | YDS  | AVG/G |
|------------------------------|----|------|------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Steve Slaton, WVU            | 13 | 1744 | 360  | 0   | 0   | 2104 | 161.8 |
| Ray Rice, RU                 | 13 | 1794 | 30   | 0   | 0   | 1824 | 140.3 |
| Darius Reynaud, WVU          | 13 | 221  | 520  | 0   | 813 | 1554 | 119.5 |
| LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pitt | 11 | 893  | 231  | 0   | 31  | 1155 | 105.0 |
| Harry Douglas, UL            | 13 | 49   | 1265 | 16  | 3   | 1333 | 102.5 |
| Patrick White, WVU           | 12 | 1219 | 0    | 0   | 0   | 1219 | 101.6 |
| Donald Brown, II, Conn       | 12 | 896  | 66   | 0   | 210 | 1172 | 97.7  |
| Curtis Brinkley, SU          | 12 | 571  | 91   | 0   | 448 | 1110 | 92.5  |
| Larry Taylor, Conn           | 10 | 78   | 261  | 255 | 279 | 873  | 87.3  |
| Kolby Smith, UL              | 13 | 862  | 217  | 0   | 0   | 1079 | 83.0  |

| PUNTING               | G  | PUNTS | YDS  | AVG  |
|-----------------------|----|-------|------|------|
| Joe Radigan, RU       | 13 | 56    | 2467 | 44.1 |
| Adam Graessle, Pitt   | 12 | 49    | 2059 | 42.0 |
| Brendan Carney, SU    | 12 | 72    | 3021 | 42.0 |
| Chris Pavasaris, Conn | 12 | 71    | 2845 | 40.1 |
| Brian Steel, UC       | 13 | 70    | 2715 | 38.8 |
| Justin Teachey, USF   | 13 | 45    | 1718 | 38.2 |

| PUNT RETURNS         | G  | ATT | YARDS | TD | AVG  |
|----------------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|
| Ean Randolph, USF    | 13 | 25  | 370   | 1  | 14.8 |
| Larry Taylor, Conn   | 10 | 20  | 255   | 1  | 12.8 |
| Vaughn Rivers, WVU   | 13 | 18  | 195   | 1  | 10.8 |
| Derrick Stewart, UC  | 13 | 25  | 231   | 0  | 9.2  |
| Willie Foster, RU    | 13 | 14  | 127   | 0  | 9.1  |
| Darrelle Revis, Pitt | 12 | 22  | 190   | 1  | 8.6  |

| KICKOFF RETURNS       | G  | ATT | YARDS | TD | AVG  |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|
| Lowell Robinson, Pitt | 12 | 26  | 725   | 1  | 27.9 |
| Darius Reynaud, WVU   | 13 | 30  | 813   | 1  | 27.1 |
| JaJuan Spillman, UL   | 12 | 17  | 450   | 1  | 26.5 |
| Dominick Goodman, UC  | 13 | 21  | 541   | 0  | 25.8 |
| Larry Taylor, Conn    | 10 | 11  | 279   | 0  | 25.4 |
| Taurus Johnson, USF   | 13 | 14  | 316   | 0  | 22.6 |
| Vaughn Rivers, WVU    | 13 | 13  | 293   | 0  | 22.5 |
| T.J. Porter, Pitt     | 10 | 11  | 244   | 0  | 22.2 |
| Curtis Brinkley, SU   | 12 | 21  | 448   | 0  | 21.3 |
| Willie Foster, RU     | 13 | 18  | 370   | 0  | 20.6 |

| INTERCEPTIONS        | G  | NO. | YARDS | TD | IPG  |
|----------------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|
| Trae Williams, USF   | 13 | 7   | 8     | 0  | 0.54 |
| William Gay, UL      | 13 | 6   | 70    | 0  | 0.46 |
| Quinton Andrews, WVU | 13 | 5   | 67    | 0  | 0.38 |
| Darius Butler, Conn  | 11 | 4   | 37    | 0  | 0.36 |
| Danny Linsanah, Conn | 12 | 4   | 64    | 1  | 0.33 |
| Joe Fields, SU       | 12 | 4   | 6     | 0  | 0.33 |
| Courtney Greene, RU  | 13 | 4   | 26    | 0  | 0.31 |
| Dominic Ross, UC     | 13 | 4   | 14    | 0  | 0.31 |

| TACKLES               | G  | UA | A  | TOTAL | AVG/G |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|-------|-------|
| H.B. Blades, Pitt     | 12 | 86 | 61 | 147   | 12.2  |
| Kelvin Smith, SU      | 12 | 58 | 57 | 115   | 9.6   |
| Ryan Henegan, Conn    | 10 | 50 | 42 | 92    | 9.2   |
| Clint Session, Pitt   | 12 | 67 | 34 | 101   | 8.4   |
| Danny Linsanah, Conn  | 12 | 45 | 54 | 99    | 8.2   |
| Stephen Nicholas, USF | 13 | 71 | 18 | 89    | 6.8   |
| Tyvon Branch, Conn    | 12 | 47 | 32 | 79    | 6.6   |
| Ben Moffitt, USF      | 13 | 60 | 25 | 85    | 6.5   |
| Jerry Mackey, SU      | 10 | 25 | 39 | 64    | 6.4   |
| Devraun Thompson, RU  | 13 | 45 | 38 | 83    | 6.4   |



# 2006 ALL-BIG EAST TEAM

## First-Team Defense

|    |                               |
|----|-------------------------------|
| DL | Terrill Byrd (Cincinnati)     |
| DL | Amobe Okoye (Louisville)      |
| DL | Eric Foster (Rutgers)         |
| DL | Keilein Dykes (West Virginia) |
| LB | Kevin McCullough (Cincinnati) |
| LB | H.B. Blades (Pittsburgh)      |
| LB | Stephen Nicholas (USF)        |
| CB | William Gay (Louisville)      |
| CB | Darrelle Revis (Pittsburgh)   |
| CB | Trae Williams (USF)           |
| S  | Dominic Ross (Cincinnati)     |
| S  | Eric Wicks (West Virginia)    |
| P  | Joe Radigan (Rutgers)         |

## First-Team Offense

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| WR    | Harry Douglas (Louisville)     |
| WR    | Derek Kinder (Pittsburgh)      |
| T     | George Bussey (Louisville)     |
| T     | Renardo Foster (Louisville)    |
| T     | Jeremy Zuttah (Rutgers)        |
| G     | Kurt Quarterman (Louisville)   |
| G     | Jeremy Sheffey (West Virginia) |
| C     | Dan Mozes (West Virginia)      |
| TE    | Clark Harris (Rutgers)         |
| QB    | Patrick White (West Virginia)  |
| RB    | Ray Rice (Rutgers)             |
| RB    | Steve Slaton (West Virginia)   |
| K     | Art Carmody (Louisville)       |
| KR/PR | Ean Randolph (USF)             |

## Second-Team Defense

|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| DL | Rhema Fuller (Connecticut) |
| DL | Joe Clermond (Pittsburgh)  |
| DL | Ramel Meekins (Rutgers)    |
| DL | Jamaal Westerman (Rutgers) |
| DL | Jameel McClain (Syracuse)  |
| LB | Malik Jackson (Louisville) |
| LB | Devraun Thompson (Rutgers) |
| LB | Kelvin Smith (Syracuse)    |
| CB | Mike Mickens (Cincinnati)  |
| CB | Tanard Jackson (Syracuse)  |
| S  | Brandon Sharp (Louisville) |
| S  | Ron Girault (Rutgers)      |
| S  | Courtney Greene (Rutgers)  |
| P  | Adam Graessle (Pittsburgh) |

## Second-Team Offense

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| WR    | Mario Urrutia (Louisville)     |
| WR    | Darius Reynaud (West Virginia) |
| T     | Pedro Sosa (Rutgers)           |
| T     | Ryan Stanchek (West Virginia)  |
| G     | Trevor Canfield (Cincinnati)   |
| G     | Cameron Stephenson (Rutgers)   |
| C     | Eric Wood (Louisville)         |
| TE    | Brent Celek (Cincinnati)       |
| QB    | Brian Brohm (Louisville)       |
| RB    | Donald Brown, II (Connecticut) |
| RB    | Brian Leonard (Rutgers)        |
| K     | Jeremy Ito (Rutgers)           |
| KR/PR | Vaughn Rivers (West Virginia)  |

## Awards

### BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year

Patrick White (West Virginia)

### BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year

H.B. Blades (Pittsburgh)

### BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year

Ean Randolph (USF)

### BIG EAST Rookie of the Year

Matt Grothe (USF)

### BIG EAST Coach of the Year

Greg Schiano (Rutgers)



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