

# NATIONAL STATS:

## ATTENDANCE:

- Fifth in Accumulated Attendance

|    |                     |               |
|----|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Montana             | 219753        |
| 2. | Appalachian St.     | 168029        |
| 3. | Yale                | 106226        |
| 4. | Delaware            | 124497        |
| 5. | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>138474</i> |

- Fifth in Average Attendance

|    |                     |              |
|----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Montana             | 24730        |
| 2. | Appalachian St.     | 24004        |
| 3. | Yale                | 21245        |
| 4. | Delaware            | 21254        |
| 5. | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>19782</i> |

## TEAM:

- Ninth in Rushing Offense

|     |                     |               |
|-----|---------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | VMI                 | 276.73        |
| 2.  | Wofford             | 270.18        |
| 3.  | Colgate             | 249.91        |
| 4.  | Villanova           | 240.27        |
| 5.  | Southern Illionis   | 221.09        |
| 6.  | North Dakota St.    | 219.82        |
| 7.  | Central Conn. St.   | 219.42        |
| 8.  | McNeesse St.        | 218.00        |
| 9.  | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>216.73</i> |
| 10. | Appalachian St.     | 206.43        |

- Third in Scoring Offense

|     |                     |              |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1   | Liberty             | 36.36        |
| 2.  | Montana             | 35.80        |
| 3t. | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>35.00</i> |
| 3t. | Jacksonville St.    | 35.00        |
| 3t. | McNeese St.         | 35.00        |

- Third in Net Punting

|    |                     |              |
|----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Southern Utah       | 47.62        |
| 2. | Weber St.           | 41.50        |
| 3. | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>44.57</i> |
| 4. | Furman              | 39.82        |
| 5. | Sam Houston St.     | 39.55        |

- Third in Turnover Margin

|    |                     |             |
|----|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Liberty             | 1.91        |
| 2. | Southern            | 1.64        |
| 3. | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>1.45</i> |
| 4. | Jacksonville St.    | 1.36        |
| 5. | Southern Illinois   | 1.31        |

- Second in Sacks Allowed

|     |                     |            |
|-----|---------------------|------------|
| 1.  | VMI                 | .45        |
| 2.  | <i>Old Dominion</i> | <i>.64</i> |
| 3t. | Colgate             | .73        |
| 3t. | Chattanooga         | .73        |
| 5t. | Wofford             | .82        |
| 6t. | Charleston So.      | .82        |



**FOREMAN FIELD AT S.B. BALLARD STADIUM**  
The home of the ODU Monarchs sold out all 11-games of the 2009 season.

## INDIVIDUAL:

- Rushing
  - o Thomas DeMarco - 32nd
  - o Second-leading rushing QB in the FCS
- Total Offense
  - o Thomas DeMarco- 21st
- Punting
  - o Jonathan Plisco- 1st
- Scoring
  - o Thomas DeMarco - 9th

## ALL-AMERICAN:

- Jonathan Plisco - Punter
  - o Associated Press, First Team
  - o The Sports Network, Second Team
  - o College Sporting News, Honorable Mention
- Dustin Phillips - Long Snapper
  - o College Sporting News, Fabulous Fifty Team

## COACHING:

- Brian Scott - Offensive Coordinator
  - o Finalist for FootballScoop.Com I-AA Coordinator of the Year



**Jonathan Plisco**  
**All-American Monarch**

Nation's FCS leader in punting. Made 57 punts with 18 going 50 yards more, 26 inside the opponent 20, and seven for a touchback.



**Dustin Phillips**  
**All-American Monarch**

Helped teammate Joanthan Plisco become the nation's top punter in the FCS and also snapped the ball to kicker Drew Hareza, who in turn scored 71 points.



**Brian Scott**  
**Coordinator of the Year Finalist**

Under Scott's leadership, the ODU offense finished third nationally in scoring offense averaging 35 points per contest and 18th nationally in total offense.

# FCS RECORDS:

## WINS FOR A START-UP PROGRAM:

| <u>School</u>    | <u>FCS/FBS</u> | <u>Year Started:</u> | <u>Record First Season:</u> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Old Dominion     | FCS            | 2009                 | 9-2                         |
| Robert Morris    | FCS            | 1994                 | 7-1-1                       |
| Coastal Carolina | FCS            | 2003                 | 6-5                         |
| FIU              | FBS            | 2002                 | 5-6                         |
| South Florida    | FBS            | 1997                 | 5-6                         |
| Florida Atlantic | FBS            | 2001                 | 4-6                         |
| Jacksonville     | FCS            | 1998                 | 4-5                         |
| Bryant           | FCS            | 1998                 | 2-5                         |
| Campbell         | FCS            | 2008                 | 1-10                        |

## FIELD GOALS IN A HALF:

Drew Hareza had five field goals in the first two quarters against Chowan in the season opener to tie the FCS record for field goals in a half.

(Dean Biasucci, Western Caro. vs. Mars Hill, Sept. 18, 1982 (1st); Tony Zendejas, Nevada vs. Northern Ariz., Oct. 16, 1982 (2nd); Ryan Weeks, Tennessee Tech vs. Chattanooga, Sept. 9, 1989 (2nd).)

## BLOCKED KICKS IN A GAME:

Edmon McClam set an NCAA Division I record for most blocked PAT's by a single player in a game (FCS or FBS) with three against Chowan in the season opener. The previous FCS record was held by Everette Pedescleaux of Northern Iowa with a pair of blocked extra point attempts against the Delaware Blue Hens on December 1, 2007. Four FBS athletes have blocked two PAT's in a single game (Corey Nelson, Air Force vs. Colorado St., Nov. 11, 2000; Josh Buhl, Kansas St. vs. Syracuse, Dec, 29, 2001; Kareem Bland, Middle Tenn. vs. North Texas, Nov. 23, 2002; Linval Joseph, East Carolina vs. Kentucky, Jan. 2, 2009) but never three.

## COMBINED BLOCKED KICKS IN A GAME:

Edmon McClam's blocking prowess also ties the FCS record for combined block kicks in a game (includes blocked punts, PATs, FGs). The last time an FCS student-athlete blocked three kicks of any type in one game was Brandon Tinson of Colgate vs. Towson on Sept. 30, 2000 (all three were punts).

## BLOCKED PATs IN A SEASON:

Edmon McClam blocked his fifth PAT of the season in the October 3rd contest at Fordham. The block became a new FCS record for blocked PATs in a season replacing the previous mark of four set by both Tim Hauck of Montana in 1988 and Ed Groszewski of Cornell in 1991.

# MONARCH MOMENTS:

## 2010 SLATE FINALIZE:

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Opponent:</u> | <u>Field:</u>           | <u>Site:</u>      | <u>Time:</u> |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Sept. 4      | Jacksonville     | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 6:00 p.m.    |
| Sept. 11     | at Campbell      | Barker-Lane Stadium     | Buies Creek, N.C. | 1:00 p.m.    |
| Sept. 18     | William & Mary   | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 6:00 p.m.    |
| Sept. 25     | at Monmouth      | Kesler Field            | Long Branch, N.J. | 1:00 p.m.    |
| Oct. 2       | Gardner-Webb ^   | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 6:00 p.m.    |
| Oct. 9       | Cal Poly         | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 6:00 p.m.    |
| Oct. 16      | OFF              |                         |                   |              |
| Oct. 23      | Georgia State #  | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 2:00 p.m.    |
| Oct. 30      | at Hampton       | Armstrong Stadium       | Hampton, Va.      | 1:00 p.m.    |
| Nov. 6       | Savannah State   | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 2:00 pm.     |
| Nov. 13      | VMI              | Foreman Field           | Norfolk, Va.      | 2:00 p.m.    |
| Nov. 20      | at N.C. Central  | O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium | Durham, N.C.      | 2:00 p.m.    |

# - Homecoming

^ - Parent's Weekend

NOTE: Dates and times subject to change

## OPENING WITH A BANG:

And no, we're not talking about the howitzer you hear being shot off before the Monarchs run onto Foreman Field. Old Dominion has scored on the first drive in seven of its 11 games of the 2009 season.

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

The Monarchs made history on September 5th when a three-year dream became a reality. On May 31, 2006, the ODU board of visitors voted to add football and 1,293 days later, the Monarchs kicked off its first season of Division I FCS play. ODU played an 11-game schedule, including seven home dates at the \$24.8 million renovated Foreman Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium. The schedule was a mix of both D-II and D-I FCS opponents to help the Monarchs transition into not only its first year of football, but also to get ready for entering the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) in 2011, the toughest FCS conference in the nation.

## TOUGHEST TICKET IN TOWN:

Response for Monarch football has been overwhelming. 14,377 season tickets were sold with season ticket applications made available in Feb. 2008. The school had to unfortunately turn away 296 season ticket orders for a total of 1,065 season tickets due to demand. The ODU student ticket allotment of just under 4,000 tickets were all distributed in three days for the season opener. Over 1,200 ODU students were in line when distribution began on Monday, August 24th at 8 a.m. for the inaugural game vs. Chowan on September 5th and over 2,500 student tickets were handed out on the first day. By Tuesday night, only approximately 100 student tickets were available.

## WIN STREAK:

The Monarchs will enter the 2010 season riding a six-game winning streak.

### **12th MONARCH:**

There may be 11 Monarchs on the field, but the 12th Monarch is in the stand. Thanks to all the noise of being "Loud and Proud" from the 12th Monarchs at Foreman Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium, the opposition was charged with 41 penalties this season.

#### **12th Monarch Stats:**

Chowan: Seven Penalties

Virginia Union: Eight Penalties

Monmouth: Three Penalties

Presbyterian: Four Penalties

Campbell: Eight Penalties

Georgetown: Five Penalties

N.C. Central: Six Penalties

### **SO MANY MONARCHS, SO MANY OPTIONS:**

In 2009, 16 different Monarchs put points onto the scoreboard. "It's not necessarily one or two guys who are forcing the defense to defend multiple personnel and different personnel groupings," said head coach Bobby Wilder. "It's making us a team that's able to do different things. We're not an easy team to defend on offense right now."

### **SERVING ON AND OFF THE FIELD:**

For the second straight year, redshirt sophomore defensive lineman Chad King (Springfield, Va.) was selected to attend the All American Bowl as an escort for this year's high school athletes. King, who is a cadet in ODU's Army ROTC program, is a member of a unit that encompasses six different states and over 40 ROTC programs that are in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia. Two cadets from the unit were selected as escorts with King ranked as number one cadet of those nominations submitted due to his athletic and academic successes. While at the All American Bowl, King will serve as a mentor to the high school athletes helping to escort the players throughout the weekend to each event and give advice to those about to enter the college ranks about the experiences of a collegiate student-athlete.

### **"HUMBLE AND HUNGRY":**

The theme for the 2010 team is to be, "*Humble and Hungry*". "We are proud of what we accomplished in 2009. Having a 9-2 record, a six-game winning streak to end the season, and being recognized as the best first year program in FCS history is something we are all proud of," explained head coach Bobby Wilder. "However, we realize that last year's success will not make a difference in the score of our games this year. If anything, we realize our opponents will look at our team differently in 2010."

"We have all decided as a team we will be *Humble* based on our success last year," continued Wilder. "We will be grateful for the support we received. We think often of the 20,000 12th Monarchs that filled Foreman Field for seven Saturday's last fall. We will realize that we had success because we worked together as a team to accomplish our goals."

"At the same time, we have decided we will be *Hungry* for more in 2010," noted Wilder. "We realize our schedule will be more challenging. We realize we have set the bar high for future success and expectations. We want to be the best team we can be in 2010 and we will work to improve everyday as people, students, and football players."