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- **The Nation's 13th-Winningest Division I-A Football Program**
- **13 MAC Championships**
- **Seven Bowl Appearances**

2001 FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

2001 MIAMI FOOTBALL DATA SHEET

General Information

Name of School Miami University
Location Oxford, OH 45056
City Population 19,000
Founded 1809
Enrollment 14,500
Nickname RedHawks
Colors Red and White
Stadium Yager Stadium
Capacity 30,012
Surface Natural grass
Affiliation NCAA 1-A
Conference Mid-American (East Division)
President James Garland (Princeton, 1964)
Athletic Director Joel Maturi (Notre Dame, 1967)
Faculty Representative
Susan Lipnickey (Slippery Rock, 1974)
Athletic Department Phone (513) 529-3113

History

First year of football 1888
All-time bowl appearances (Record) 7 (5-2)
Last bowl appearance 1986 California Bowl
Result San Jose State 37, Miami 7
All-time record 597-332-44

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Record at school 13-9 (3rd year)
Career record 13-9 (3rd year)
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Best time to reach coach Weekday mornings
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Brian George (Ohio, '94)
Defensive Line
Bobby Johnson (Miami U., '95)
Tight Ends
Taver Johnson (Wittenberg, '94)
Linebackers
Shane Montgomery (North Carolina State, '90)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Joe Palcic (Miami U., '98)
Defensive Backs
John Peterson (Ohio State, '91)
Offensive Line
Brian Von Bergen (Illinois, '92)
Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
Jim Wachenheim (North Central, '78)
Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs
Jon Wauford (Miami U., '93)
Defensive Coordinator

Team Information

2000 Record 6-5
Mid-American Conference Record
..... 5-3 (4-2 East Record, 3rd place tie, East Division)
Final ranking Not Ranked
Basic Offense Multiple
Basic Defense 4-3
Letterwinners Returning 36
 Offense 17
 Defense 17
 Special Teams 2
Letterwinners Lost 23
 Offense 10
 Defense 12
 Special Teams 1
Starters Returning 12
 Offense 6
 Defense 6
 Special Teams (not included in above totals) 4
Starters Lost 10
 Offense 5
 Defense 5
 Special Teams (not included in above totals) 1

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Starters Lost — Offense (5)

Mike Bath	QB, 6-2, 225, Sr.
Alex Sulfsted	LT, 6-5, 310, Sr.
Sly Johnson	WR, 5-9, 180, Sr.
Ty Buxton	WR, 5-9, 184, Sr.
Mike Sullivan	TE, 6-4, 257, Sr.

Starters Lost — Defense (5)

Andy Aracri	DT, 6-2, 285, Sr.
Brian Potter	DE, 6-2, 251, Sr.
Brandon Godsey	SS, 5-11, 201, Sr.
Jacob Yavasile	FS, 5-10, 188, Sr.
DeMarrio Jones	CB, 5-11, 189, Sr.

Starters Lost — Special Teams (1)

Kent McCullough	P/Holder, 6-2, 212, Sr.
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Starters Returning — Offense (6)

Joe Costello	LG, 6-6, 321, Sr.
Paul Thaler	C, 6-3, 290, Sr.
Phil Hawk	RG, 6-5, 313, Sr.
Jacob Bell	OT, 6-4, 285, So.
Julian Goodman	FB, 6-2, 242, Sr.
Steve Little	RB, 5-10, 206, Sr.

Starters Returning — Defense (6)

Bob Petrovic	LE, 6-5, 251, Sr.
Ryan Terry	DT, 6-2, 315, Jr.
Matt Robillard	OLB, 6-3, 215, Jr.
Terrell Jones	MLB, 5-10, 210, So.
Eddie Price	OLB, 5-11, 221, Jr.
Milt Bowen	CB, 6-2, 213, Jr.

Starters Returning — Special Teams (4)

Andy Brumbergs	PK, 6-5, 225, Jr.
Scott Sagehorn	Snap, 6-3, 220, So.
Eddie Tillitz	PR, 5-9, 175, Jr.
Milt Bowen	KR, 6-2, 213, Jr.

Returning Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Steve Little	189	986	5.2	8
Cal Murray	72	338	4.7	5

Passing	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Yds.	INT	TD
Ryan Hawk	3	0	.000	0	1	0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Eddie Tillitz	39	387	9.9	1
Jason Branch	31	465	15.0	4
Chauncey Henry	10	157	15.7	0
Cal Murray	10	77	7.7	1

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.	INT	TFL	SACK
Matt Robillard	64	40	104	0	4-30	2-11
Terrell Jones	63	31	94	0	8-14	3-8
Milt Bowen	60	16	76	2	3-6	0
Eddie Price	50	23	73	0	5-17	2-11
Ryan Terry	42	26	68	0	11-29	3-11
Bob Petrovic	29	24	53	0	7-16	1-1

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2001 SCHEDULE (Times TBA)

Sept. 1 ... at Michigan
Sept. 8 ... at Iowa
Sept. 15 .. at Kent State •
Sept. 22 .. CINCINNATI (Victory Bell Game)
Sept. 29 .. at Ball State •
Oct. 6 BUFFALO • (Parents' Weekend)
Oct. 13 ... AKRON •
Oct. 20 ... at Ohio •
Oct. 27 ... WESTERN MICHIGAN • (Homecoming)
Nov. 3 at Bowling Green •
Nov. 10 ... MARSHALL •
Nov. 17 ... at Hawaii

• Mid-American Conference game

2000 RESULTS (6-5)

at Vanderbilt	W, 33-30
at Eastern Michigan •	W, 34-17
at Ohio State	L, 16-27
KENT STATE •	W, 45-14
at Akron •	L, 20-37
BALL STATE •	L, 10-15
BOWLING GREEN •	W, 24-10
at Cincinnati	L, 15-45
OHIO •	W, 27-24
at Marshall •	L, 31-51
at Buffalo •	W, 17-16

• Mid-American Conference game



Terry Hooppner

Head Coach

3rd Year
(13-9 Record)

Miami University's "Cradle of Coaches" reputation is well documented. Throughout Miami history, an impressive group of coaches have strolled the sidelines as either assistant or head coaches.

In terms of coaching longevity, however, no individual can match the dedication and loyalty of current head coach Terry Hooppner. Now in his third season as the RedHawk head mentor, Hooppner is beginning his 16th year with Miami. No other football coach has spent that amount of time in Oxford.

"Miami is an outstanding University with a tradition-rich football program," says Hooppner, who has guided the RedHawks to a 13-9 record after two seasons. "At my first press conference I said that 'earning this head coaching position, where legends abound, would mean a great deal to me,' and it certainly has.

"My goal remains the same: to win a Mid-American Conference championship. I was a part of Miami's last conference championship team (in 1986) and I want to get our program back to that level. With the quality of football that Marshall has brought to our league, and the improved overall play of the MAC in recent years, the challenge is even greater.

"But that is the mission of our 105 players, our coaching staff and the individuals that work with our program on a regular basis. We will not be satisfied until we earn a berth in the MAC Championship game, and then win it."

After spending 13 years as a Miami assistant coach, Hooppner was tabbed the RedHawks' 31st head football mentor on January 27, 1999. He succeeded Randy Walker, the school's winningest coach, who left for the similar position at Northwestern University.

A 1969 graduate of Franklin (Ind.) College, Hooppner made his debut as a collegiate head coach after working four years as an assistant (1986-89) under former Miami mentor Tim Rose and nine under Walker. Just prior to his appointment as head coach, Hooppner served as the RedHawks' assistant head coach and defensive coordinator.

Prior to coming to Oxford, Hooppner spent six years as the defensive coordinator at his alma mater. Two of his three stints as a prep head coach were at East Noble High School in Kendallville, Ind. (1979) and at Mullins High School in Mullins, S.C. (1976-79). Hooppner also spent a pair of years as an assistant high school coach in Alabama (1974-75) after starting his career as the head coach at Eastbrook High School (1970-72) in Marion, Ind.

Since his arrival at Miami, Hooppner's responsibilities have grown, and not coincidentally, the RedHawks' football program has savoring its most success in recent years. He began his Miami tenure coaching linebackers (1986) before starting an eight-year run as the defensive back coach. In 1993, Miami added the assistant head coach title to Hooppner's resume, and then in 1995, he was awarded the defensive coordinator position.

In his final four years (1995-98) as the RedHawks' defensive coordinator, Miami set the standard for defense in the Mid-American Conference. Three of those four years, the RedHawks ranked No. 1 in total defense. Miami also led the MAC in pass efficiency defense and scoring defense. Nationally, Miami's 1998 club ranked fourth in scoring defense, fifth in pass efficiency defense and 16th in total defense. The RedHawks set a single-season school mark 377 interception return yards and five interception returns for touchdowns. In 1995, Miami ranked first nationally in pass defense and second in total defense.

Individually, Hooppner has developed some of the Mid-American Conference's top defensive talent. Some of the all-America and all-MAC players to play for Miami during Hooppner's run as a defensive back and defensive coordinator include: all-America defensive back Ron Carpenter, two-time first-team all-MAC defensive back Sheldon White, three-time first-team all-MAC linebacker Dee Osborne, 1995 MAC Defensive Player of the Year Johnnie Williams, two-time first-team all-MAC defensive back Jamie Taylor, two-time MAC Defensive Player of the Year and 1998 all-America JoJuan Armour, 1998 first-team all-MAC defensive back Jay Baker and 1999 MAC Defensive Player of the Year and 1998 all-America linebacker Dustin Cohen.

Hooppner, who turns 54 in August, was a member of the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers organizations, although he never was placed on either teams' active roster. Hooppner also played for the WFL's Detroit Wheels and Charlotte Hornets.

A native of Woodburn, Ind., Hooppner earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Franklin. He minored in biology. In 1983, Hooppner received a master's degree in education from Butler University.

He and his wife, Jane, a teacher at Kramer Elementary School in Oxford, have three children: Amy, 32, Allison, 29 and Drew, 25.

The Hooppner File

- Born August 19, 1947, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- High School Woodlan High School, Woodburn, Ind.
- Alma Mater Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.
- Degrees Bachelor's Degree in physical education, 1969
Master's Degree in education, 1983
- Coaching Experience *Miami University, 1986-00*
head coach, 1999-
asst. head coach/defensive coordinator, 1995-98
asst. head coach/defensive back coach, 1993-95
defensive back coach, 1987-93
linebacker coach, 1986
Franklin College, 1980-86
defensive coordinator
East Noble HS (Kendallville, Ind.), 1979
head coach
Mullins HS (Mullins, S.C.), 1976-79
head coach, athletic director
Hueytown HS (Hueytown, Ala.), 1975
assistant coach
Pinson Valley HS (Pinson Valley, Ala.), 1974
assistant coach
Eastbrook HS (Marion, Ind.), 1970-72
head coach
- Notes of Interest • Miami's record with Hooppner as an assistant coach: 74-63-7
• Miami's record with Hooppner as assistant head coach: 42-22-2
• Miami's record with Hooppner as defensive coordinator: 32-11-1
• In 1986, Hooppner's first season with Miami, the football team captured the MAC championship, the school's last league title.
• Three defensive starters off the 1998 and 1999 teams—JoJuan Armour, Paris Johnson and Dustin Cohen—earned postseason all-star game invitations.

2001 MIAMI FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

For the first time in several years, Miami University's football team heads into a season without an all-league performer returning.

You have to turn the clock back 12 seasons to find a Miami preseason roster that was void of all-MAC honorees. That year, in 1989, Miami's team went 2-8-1. Is this a harbinger of things to come for the 2001 RedHawks?

Not likely.

While there are a lack of heralded players, head coach Terry Hoepfner is quick to point out that this year's Miami squad has plenty of talent—enough talent to compete for an upper-half finish in the East Division. There are several players who are ready to emerge and make their mark among the MAC's elite, and perhaps the nation. Just who ends up "stepping up" and playing at that next level is the question for Miami.

"Since I became the head coach, I've talked alot about our recruiting classes and our young talent," says Hoepfner. "Now is the time for that young talent to make its mark. We only have 11 seniors on this year's team, so this is a relatively young group. But we're extremely excited about our future, and especially the upcoming season. We'll have some players stepping up who people will know very little about.

"As a coach, this is exciting for the program. Our spring season will be extremely competitive and a great learning experience for both players and coaches."

Miami's two key preseason questions will center around its quarterbacks and defensive upgrades. Three-year starting signal caller Mike Bath, the school's all-time record holder for passing yards and touchdowns, has graduated, leaving the position open for one of several newcomers who has yet to complete a collegiate pass. Defensively, the RedHawks have fallen off their pace they set in the 1990s when they ranked near or at the top of the MAC for scoring defense and defensive yards allowed.

"We want to come out of spring knowing who our likely starting quarterback will be on Sept. 1, and knowing that our defense is going to be much improved," says Hoepfner. "We're excited about our young quarterbacks. Ben Roethlisberger and Ryan Hawk are the likely two guys who are going to battle it out. Both are talented and bring a lot to the table. It's a terrific situation for us.

"Defensively, there are several reasons why we've fallen off a bit, mostly due to injuries, however. We're healthier now and we have some young talent that is ready to restore some of the tradition that unit has developed in recent years."

Hoepfner also points out that the lack of all-MAC returnees could be a sign of the times with the recent expansion of the Mid-American Conference to 13 schools. "I don't care if we ever have an all-conference player again, just as long as we win football games."

If some of Miami's newcomers and top returnees play up to expectations, however, there is a strong chance that Hoepfner and his players will accomplish both winning games and ringing up postseason honors.

The following is an in-depth look at Miami's offensive, defensive and special teams' units:

OFFENSE

Hoepfner has an almost ideal situation in which to develop his offense around a new quarterback: he has return-

ing starting experience at nearly every other offensive position. Up front, four of five starters return. At the skill positions, several experienced players are back at both wide receiver and running back. The only position that is a major concern for Miami is tight end, which has a senior returning in **Robert Frazier (Canton, Ohio/McKinley)**. Frazier, who has logged some minutes at the position, is the only returning player with any amount of tight end experience.

"You'd rather have a veteran group of offensive guys and a young quarterback than the other way around," says Hoepfner.

The spotlight at quarterback is shining on **Ben Roethlisberger (Findlay, Ohio/Findlay)** and **Ryan Hawk (Centerville, Ohio/Centerville)**. Roethlisberger was redshirted in 2000 while Hawk appeared in a couple late season games, giving him sophomore eligibility status. Both players were highly recruited out of high school. Roethlisberger was ranked in *Tom Lemming's* top 10 national quarterbacks of 1999 after he was named Ohio's Division I Offensive Player of the Year. He set a state record by throwing for 4,041 yards and 54 touchdowns in 1999. The 54 TD's rank 14th all-time in national high school history.

Hawk, who set single-season and career passing records at Centerville, also was an accomplished runner, rushing for 923 yards and 23 touchdowns his senior season. He was named the *Dayton Daily News* and Southwest Ohio Offensive Player of the Year.

The offensive line lost just one starter, left tackle Alex Sulfsted, but returns the other four starters and several key reserves. With Sulfsted's departure, second-year starter **Jacob Bell (Euclid, Ohio/St. Ignatius)** is going to move from right to left tackle, leaving a newcomer to take Bell's position. Either redshirt sophomore **Ben Herrell (Middleton, Wis./Middleton)** or freshman **Zac Elcess (Centerville, Ohio/Centerville)** are the likely successors at right tackle. The three middle positions are held down by senior starters **Paul Thaler (Cleveland, Ohio/LaSalle)** at center and **Phil Hawk (Ashland, Ohio/Ashland)** and **Joe Costello (Cheviot, Ohio/LaSalle)** at the guard positions.

"This unit should be one of our strengths," says Hoepfner. "Not only do we have four of five starters returning, but we have some good young players who are going to add a lot of depth here."

At running back, all but one tailback and fullback returns, led by the tailback tandem of **Steve Little (Louisville, Ky./Seneca)** and **Cal Murray (Dublin, Ohio/Bishop Watterson)**. Little, slowed by some nagging injuries in 2000 as well as this year's spring drills (back), rushed for 986 yards (5.2 ypg) and eight touchdowns in 10 games. He



Eddie Tillitz ranked 25th nationally in punt returns and set a single-game MAC record with 162 punt return yards.

capped his junior year with a career-best 222-yard effort at Buffalo.

Murray, who started three games at tailback, also was plagued by a couple injuries, and finished with 338 yards (4.7 ypg) and five touchdowns. He also caught 10 passes for 77 yards and one huge touchdown—the game-winning score against Vanderbilt in the closing seconds of his first collegiate game.

Hoepfner also expects sophomores **Andy Dooley (Lima, Ohio/Elida)** and **Luke Clemens (Dayton, Ohio/Bellbrook)** to make some noise in the backfield. Clemens, one of four true freshmen to make it on the field last year, played special teams primarily.

At wide receiver, two of last year's top four players return, led by Verizon Academic All-America **Eddie Tillitz (Martinsville, Ind./Martinsville)**. Tillitz, who also excelled as the RedHawks' punt returner, caught 39 passes for 387 yards (9.9 ypr) and one touchdown. Junior **Jason Branch (LaBelle, Fla./LaBelle)**, one of Miami's most improved performers in 2000, finished the year with 31 receptions for 465 yards (15.0 ypr) and four touchdowns. In his final five games, the 6-foot-6 receiver totaled 24 catches for 351 yards and all four TD's.

Also figuring in the wideout mix are juniors **Chauncey Henry (Frostproof, Fla./Frostproof)** and **Randy Stegman (Ft. Thomas, Ky./Highlands)** and sophomore **Korey Kirkpatrick (Aurora, Ind./South Dearborn)**. Henry, who has big-play potential, grabbed 10 passes for 157 yards last year.

Besides adjusting to a new signal caller, the Miami offense has a new coordinator, former North Carolina State quarterback Shane Montgomery, who spent the past eight years coaching at Tennessee-Chattanooga.

"We're tweaking the offense a bit," says Hoepfner. "With new quarterbacks and a new coordinator, this is a good time to make some adjustments with what we're trying to do. We still plan to have a balanced offensive attack, though."

DEFENSE

During the 1990s, Miami was known for its quick and play-making defenses. Six times in nine years, a Miami athlete was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

Hoepfner is well aware of his team's dropoff the past two years and is "on a mission" to significantly upgrade the RedHawk defense.

"Our defensive coaches have spent a lot of time in the offseason looking at ways to simplify and improve our defense," says Hoepfner. "We've had to take a hard look at what we're doing. So far, I've been pleased with the changes and think we're better already. The injuries, of course, certainly hindered our play, but there have been other problems, too. We haven't played a football game yet, but I'm already happy with the direction this unit is going. We'll be better."



Eddie Price (#21), Bob Petrovic (#92) and Matt Robillard (#17) are three defensive keys.

The defensive injuries have been well documented, especially at the linebacker spots. But this position is going to be stronger for Miami, perhaps due to the fact that numerous players have earned playing time because of the injuries. Starters **Matt Robillard (Milford, Conn./Milford Academy)**, **Terrell Jones (St. Louis, Mo./Mehlville)** and **Eddie Price (Sylvania, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales)** are all back. That trio ranked two, three and six on the RedHawks' tackle chart last season with Robillard totaling 104 hits, the most of any returning Miami player.

Jones, a true freshman who was thrust into playing by the season's fourth game, savored a spectacular rookie year by leading all freshmen nationally in tackles per game with 11.8 hits. As a result of his strong first year, he finished second in the MAC's Freshman of the Year balloting and received third-team Freshmen all-America honors from *The Sporting News*.

Price, slowed in the season's second half with an injury, totaled 73 tackles in nine games.

Miami also expects to receive help from junior **Cortt Cousino (Cincinnati, Ohio/Indian Hill)** and sophomores **James Sterling (Columbus, Ohio/Centennial)** and **Chuck Ogdan (Germantown, Ohio/Valley View)**, as well as injury-riddled players **Matt Edwards (West Chester, Ohio/Moeller)** and **Nate Clayton (Latrobe, Pa./Greater Latrobe)**.

"Both Matt and Nate were unable to help us much a year ago," says Hoepfner. "But they've made great strides and we think they can really make a difference this season."

The defensive line is led by returning starters **Ryan Terry (Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central)** and **Bob Petrovic (South Euclid, Ohio/St. Ignatius)**. Terry, who led all linemen in 2000 with 68 tackles and 11 tackles-for-loss, did earn second-team all-MAC honors from *The Sporting News*. Although he failed to earn a spot on the recognized coaches' all-league team, he did savor a season worthy of all-conference mention. Petrovic tallied 53 tackles and a team-best 11 quarterback hurries.

Also in the mix up front are junior end **Kurt Mester (Grand Rapids, Mich./E. Grand Rapids)**, senior tackle **Gino DiGiandomenico (Livonia, Mich./Redford Catholic Central)**, sophomore end **Phil Smith (Shaker Heights, Ohio/St. Ignatius)**, and redshirt freshmen **Will Rueff (Louisville, Ky./Trinity)** and **Larry Burt (Warrensville Heights, Ohio/Warrensville Heights)**.

"After playing some linebacker last year, Phil Smith is back at defensive end, which is his best position on the field," says Hoepfner. "We really had high expectations for him last year, but linebacker wasn't the spot for him. He'll help us this year."

In the secondary, junior **Milt Bowen (Newfield, N.J./Delsea Regional)** is the top returnee. One of the team's best athletes, Bowen is slated to play a safety position after manning one of the corner spots in 2000.

"Milt has tremendous potential," says Hoepfner. "If he continues his progression this year, he will be a force in our secondary. He has outstanding size and speed."

Another veteran expected back is cornerback **Michael Adams (Indianapolis, Ind./Ben Davis)**. Adams, who was academically ineligible in 1997, is on pace to graduate in four years and will become Miami's first football player to take advantage of the new NCAA rule that allows athletes a fourth year of competition should they complete their coursework for an undergraduate degree in four years. Adams has started 17 career games and owns 19 career pass deflections.

Also in the secondary equation are redshirt freshmen **Matt Pusateri (Dublin, Ohio/Bishop Watterson)**, **Alphonso**

Hodge (Cleveland, Ohio/St. Edward) and **Van Monroe (Euclid, Ohio/Euclid)**, as well as juniors **Ryan Sprague (Columbus, Ohio/Worthington Kilbourne)** and **Paul Tripp (San Diego, Calif./Santa Monica CC)**.

"This will be one of our most inexperienced position groups," says Hoepfner, "but I'm excited about some of our younger players, especially the safeties."

SPECIAL TEAMS

With the exception of punter and holder Kent McCullough, Miami returns all of its key specialists. Replacing McCullough, of course, is the number-one special teams' goal.

One of Miami's options was to have third-year place-kicker **Andy Brumbergs (Solon, Ohio/Solon)** handle the punting duties. But a recent development in the first week of spring drills has Hoepfner considering another option. Freshman walk-on **Michael Wafzig (Germantown, Ohio/Valley View)** has shown some tremendous potential after three practices and might become the top candidate to replace McCullough. Backup quarterback **J.D. Vonderheide (Batesville, Ind./East Central)** is the likely candidate to handle the holding duties for PATs and field goals.

Brumbergs has provided Miami with solid place-kicking in his first two seasons, but Hoepfner is still asking the former walk-on to become even more consistent, especially with short-yardage field goals. In two years, Brumbergs has converted 70 percent of his field goal attempts. But from 30 yards or more, he is converting 81.3 percent (13-of-16) of his field goal tries.

Miami has two solid returners in **Eddie Tillitz** and **Milt Bowen**. A punt returner, Tillitz ended the nation's longest string of games without a punt return for touchdown when he returned not one, but two for scores against Eastern Michigan last year. Miami had gone 283 games without a TD return before Tillitz's record-setting game. He finished 25th nationally in returns with a 12.2 average.

Another key returnee is two-year long-snapper **Scott Sagehorn (Barrington, Ill./Barrington)**.

Bowen returned kickoffs and ranked 44th nationally with a 22.1 average. He totaled a single-season record 706 kickoff return yards.

SCHEDULE

An eight-game MAC schedule, back-to-back season-opening road games at Big Ten schools Michigan and Iowa, a regular-season ending game at Hawaii and the 106th Victory Bell contest versus Cincinnati highlight the Miami's 2001 schedule.

The RedHawks open the season Sept. 1 at Michigan, the defending Big Ten co-champion. The Wolverines, who last played and defeated the RedHawks 38-19 on Sept. 30, 1995, are coming off a 9-3 season that included a victory over Auburn in the Citrus Bowl. This will be just the third meeting between the two schools.

The following week, Miami travels to Iowa City to play the Hawkeyes in the first meeting between the two institutions. Iowa finished 3-9 a year ago, but won three of its final seven games. The Hawkeyes defeated Michigan State, Penn State and Northwestern.

Miami opens the home season Sept. 22 against Cincinnati. Following that game, the RedHawks will play seven straight conference contests, with four of those coming at Yager Stadium. Miami's home schedule is one of the more attractive slates in recent years. Three of the four MAC teams coming to Yager are among the league's elite: Marshall, Western Michigan and Akron.

"It's a difficult schedule, but we'd prefer it no other way," says Hoepfner. "Over the years, Miami has prided itself on playing the best possible schedule and this year is no different."

MIAMI 2000 FINAL DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (Multiple)

WR	3	Sly Johnson (5-9, 182, Sr.)
	5	Ty Buxton (5-8, 179, Sr.)
LT	75	Alex Sulfsted (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	63	Justin Smith (6-5, 298, So.)
LG	78	Joe Costello (6-5, 321, Jr.)
	79	Jon Ryder (6-4, 312, Sr.)
C	77	Paul Thaler (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	63	Justin Smith (6-5, 298, So.)
RG	73	Phil Hawk (6-5, 313, Jr.)
	76	Brian Luebke (6-6, 305, Sr.)
RT	74	Jacob Bell (6-4, 285, Fr.)
	71	Ben Herrell (6-7, 270, Fr.)
TE	86	Mike Sullivan (6-4, 257, Sr.)
	83	Brett Bilins (6-5, 255, Sr.)
QB	8	Mike Bath (6-2, 225, Sr.)
	15	John Schacke (6-1, 196, Sr.)
FB	32	Julian Goodman (6-2, 242, Jr.)
	49	Will Stanley (6-1, 240, Fr.)
TB	25	Steve Little (5-10, 206, Jr.)
	43	Cal Murray (5-10, 175, Fr.)
FL	80	Jason Branch (6-6, 218, So.)
	4	Eddie Tillitz (5-9, 175, So.)

DEFENSE (4-3)

LE	92	Bob Petrovic (6-4, 251, Jr.)
	47	Mike Montgomery (6-3, 240, Sr.)
LT	98	Andy Aracri (6-1, 279, Sr.)
	89	Joe Lyman (6-1, 258, Sr.)
RT	56	Ryan Terry (6-2, 315, So.)
	68	Gino DiGiandomenico (6-4, 282, Jr.)
RE	55	Brian Potter (6-2, 251, Sr.)
	58	Kurt Mester (6-4, 263, So.)
OLB	17	Matt Robillard (6-3, 215, So.)
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OLB	21	Eddie Price (5-11, 221, Jr.)
	57	Phil Smith (6-1, 258, Fr.)
CB	18	Milt Bowen (6-2, 213, So.)
	22	Ryan Sprague (5-10, 175, Fr.)
FS	28	Jacob Yavasile (5-10, 188, Sr.)
	38	Luke Clemens (5-10, 195, Fr.)
SS	6	Brandon Godsey (5-11, 201, Sr.)
	7	Rod Clark (5-8, 192, Jr.)
CB	2	DeMarrio Jones (5-11, 189, Sr.)
	1	Michael Adams (5-8, 186, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK/KO	36	Andy Brumbergs (6-4, 225, So.)
P	10	Kent McCullough (6-2, 212, Sr.)
KR	18	Milt Bowen (6-2, 213, So.)
	2	DeMarrio Jones (5-11, 189, Sr.)
PR	4	Eddie Tillitz (5-9, 175, So.)
LS	53	Scott Sagehorn (6-3, 220, So.)
H	10	Kent McCullough (6-2, 212, Sr.)

Returning starters indicated in bold (to qualify a player must have started six or more games in 2000)
ALSO: Years listed for each player are eligibility for 2000, not 2001.

2001 MIAMI FOOTBALL NOTES

COACHING CHANGES FOR 2001

There are two new additions to the Miami coaching staff for 2001. **Shane Montgomery**, a former record-setting quarterback at North Carolina State (1987-89) and an eight-year assistant at Tennessee-Chattanooga is returning to his native state to serve as the RedHawks' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He replaces Greg Seamon.

Brian George, a graduate assistant for the RedHawks the past two seasons, has been promoted to defensive line coach and replaces the position previously held by Ron Johnson. Johnson, a long-time running backs coach and most recently Miami's special teams coach, is leaving the program to pursue other coaching opportunities.

DOZEN IS DANDY

For the first time in school history, Miami will play 12 regular-season games. The RedHawks earned the extra game with the addition of Hawaii to their schedule this fall.

Contests played outside the continental United States are considered "exempt" games and do not count toward an institution's regular-season slate. Miami closes the regular season in Honolulu on Nov. 17.

OUT-OF-LEAGUE TRIUMPHS

Lately, Miami has opened its regular season with an impressive road victory over a non-conference foe. In the last three years, Miami has knocked off North Carolina (13-10 in 1998), Northwestern (28-3 in 1999) and Vanderbilt (33-30 in 2000). Overall, the RedHawks have savored tremendous success against non-MAC opponents in recent years. Since 1995, Miami has three wins over top-25 opponents and nine victories over non-conference I-A opponents—the most by any MAC school. In 1995, Miami defeated No. 25 and eventual Big Ten champion Northwestern (30-28), and also in 1999; in 1997, Miami defeated No. 12 Virginia Tech (24-17); and in 1998, Miami defeated No. 12 North Carolina. In addition to last year's season-opening win at Vandy, Miami also has a pair of wins over Cincinnati and Army during that stretch.

SHOOTING FOR 600

Miami, which ranks 13th nationally among long-running

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MIAMI FOOTBALL:

- Miami has won a league-most 13 MAC championships and touts an all-time MAC record of 219-105-11 (.670)—a league best.
- Among programs who have played 10 or more years of major college football (Division I-A), Miami owns the 13th-best record in football (597-332-44, .636 winning percentage).

Division I-A football programs for overall winning percentage, can join an elite club if it earns three victories this year. The third win will give the school 600 all-time victories, making Miami the 22nd school to accomplish the feat. North Carolina was the last team to join the club and sits 21st with an even 600 victories. Miami will be the first MAC program to reach this milestone.

GUNNING FOR AN EIGHTH STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON

Coming off a 6-5 record, Miami shoots for its eighth straight winning season this fall. The RedHawks are 51-24-2 during this current string. The school record for consecutive winning seasons is 17 (1943-1959), while the record for consecutive non-losing seasons is 33 (1943-1975).

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Practice Begins

Tuesday, March 27

Alumni Golf Outing

Friday, April 20

Spring Game

Saturday, April 21

MAC Football

Media Day

Tuesday, July 24

Freshmen Report to

Preseason Camp

Sunday, Aug. 5

Veterans Report to

Preseason Camp

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Miami Football

Media Day

Sunday, Aug. 12

Classes Begin

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Season Opener vs.

Michigan

Saturday, Sept. 1

Home Opener vs.

Cincinnati

Saturday, Sept. 22

MAC Championship

Game

Friday, Nov. 30 (tent.)

Motor City Bowl

TBA

THE "COUGH DROP KIDS"

Miami's preseason roster includes six players with the last name Smith—Dwight, Frank, Mike, Justin, Phil and Sherman. No other Division I-A football team has that many players with the same last name. In honor of the famous "Smith Brothers Cough Drops," these six could be dubbed the Cough Drop Kids.

RUSHING STRING ENDS ... BARELY

In 2000, Miami was bidding for a school-record seventh straight season with a 1,000-yard rusher. The RedHawks nearly came up with one as Steve Little made a late season run, but fell 14 yards shy of the coveted 1,000-yard mark. He closed the year with a personal-best 222 yards versus Buffalo. Generally, when Miami possesses a 1,000-yard rusher, the RedHawks are successful. Miami has finished with a winning record 17 of the 19 times it's had a 1,000-yard rusher.

INJURY UPDATE

Linebacker Gary Richardson is out for the 2001 season with an injury.

2001 Miami University Spring Practice Schedule

MARCH

24 — Practice (Shorts), Cradle of Coaches' Clinic, 10 a.m.

27 — Practice (Shorts), 3:30 p.m.

29 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

31 — Scrimmage, TBA

APRIL

1 — Practice (Shorts), 3:30 p.m.

3 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

5 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

7 — Scrimmage, TBA

8 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

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12 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

17 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

19 — Practice (Pads), 3:30 p.m.

21 — Spring "Red-White" Game, 2 p.m.

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96	Gino DiGiandomenico***	DL	6-4	282	Sr.	Livonia, MI (Redford Catholic Central)
35	Andy Dooley*	RB	6-3	220	So.	Lima, OH (Elida)
50	Matt Edwards*	LB	6-2	241	Jr.	West Chester, OH (Cincinnati Moeller)
55	Zac Elcess	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Centerville, OH (Centerville)
94	Alan Eyink*	LB	6-4	225	So.	Celina, OH (Celina)
76	Chris Fessel	OL	6-3	240	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
72	Ryan Fisher	OL	6-4	305	Fr.	Lexington, KY (Henry Clay)
68	Mark Fragel	DL	6-4	230	Fr.	Grosse Pointe Farms, MI (South)
84	Robert Frazier***	TE	6-4	253	Sr.	Canton, OH (McKinley)
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64	Ben Hartings	OL	6-4	260	R-Fr.	St. Henry, OH (St. Henry)
73	Phil Hawk***	OL	6-5	313	Sr.	Ashland, OH (Ashland)
12	Ryan Hawk	QB	6-2	195	So.	Centerville, OH (Centerville)
71	Ben Herrell	OL	6-7	270	So.	Middleton, WI (Middleton)
13	Chauncey Henry**	WR	6-1	202	Jr.	Frostproof, FL (Frostproof)
9	Alphonso Hodge	DB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	Cleveland, OH (St. Edward)
2	Mike Iriti	WR	6-0	170	R-Fr.	Findlay, OH (Findlay)
15	Ben Isler	DB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Westerville, OH (South)
+93	Marcus Johnson	DL	6-3	250	Fr.	Youngstown, OH (Ursuline)
3	Terrell Jones*	LB	5-10	220	So.	St. Louis, MO (Mehlville)
88	Korey Kirkpatrick*	WR	6-1	190	So.	Aurora, IN (South Dearborn)
60	Dan Kosta	OL	6-2	285	So.	Wickliffe, OH (Wickliffe)
75	Mark Kracium	OL	6-5	250	Fr.	New Carlisle, OH (Tecumseh)
+16	Michael Larkin	WR	5-7	160	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
48	Bill Lautar	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Kettering, OH (Fairmont)
+6	Terry Liggin	WR	5-9	180	So.	Louisville, KY (Seneca)
25	Steve Little***	RB	5-10	206	Sr.	Louisville, KY (Seneca)
62	Todd Londot	OL	6-6	250	Fr.	Utica, OH (Utica)
58	Kurt Mester**	DL	6-4	263	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI (E. Grand Rapids)
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20	Van Monroe	DB	6-3	175	R-Fr.	Euclid, OH (Euclid)

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43	Cal Murray*	RB	5-10	175	So.	Dublin, OH (Bishop Watterson)
37	Martin Nance	WR	6-4	185	Fr.	Maryland Heights, MO (Pattonville)
67	Blake Niemeyer	DL	6-2	240	R-Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (LaSalle)
24	Chuck Ogdan	DB	6-1	212	So.	Germantown, OH (Valley View)
92	Bob Petrovic***	DL	6-5	251	Sr.	South Euclid, OH (Cleveland St. Ignatius)
21	Eddie Price**	LB	5-11	221	Jr.	Sylvania, OH (St. Francis DeSales)
86	Brandon Proctor	DL	6-2	225	Fr.	Shaker Heights, OH (Shaker Heights)
19	Matt Pusateri	DB	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Dublin, OH (Bishop Watterson)
30	Ryan Redd	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Pickerington, OH (Pickerington)
38	Derek Rehage	FB	6-2	220	Fr.	Brookville, IN (East Central)
61	Dave Rehker	OL	6-5	305	R-Fr.	Avon Lake, OH (Avon Lake)
44	Jarrod Rich	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	Waynesville, OH (Clinton Massie)
46	Josh Richards	LB	6-2	235	R-Fr.	Amsterdam, OH (Edison)
17	Matt Robillard**	DB	6-3	220	Jr.	Milford, CT (Milford Academy)
90	Geoff Robinson	DL	6-4	260	So.	Middletown, OH (Middletown)
7	Ben Roethlisberger	QB	6-5	210	R-Fr.	Findlay, OH (Findlay)
97	Chad Rohrer	LB	5-10	215	So.	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)
52	Will Rueff	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Louisville, KY (Trinity)
69	Adam Rummier	DL	6-4	225	So.	Cincinnati, OH (Moeller)
59	Brett Russell*	LB	5-11	201	So.	Middletown, OH (Middletown)
53	Scott Sagehorn**	LS	6-3	220	Jr.	Barrington, IL (Barrington)
66	Joe Serena	DL	6-2	280	So.	Atlanta, GA (Marist)
+34	Dwight Smith	DB	5-10	170	R-Fr.	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
54	Frank Smith	OL	6-3	275	So.	Cedarburg, WI (Cedarburg)
28	Mike Smith	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Twinsburg, OH (Twinsburg)
63	Justin Smith	OL	6-5	291	Jr.	Mason, OH (Mason)
57	Phil Smith*	DL	6-1	258	So.	Shaker Heights, OH (St. Ignatius)
10	Sherman Smith	DB	5-11	170	R-Fr.	Franklin, TN (Centennial)
22	Ryan Sprague*	DB	5-10	175	So.	Columbus, OH (Worthington Kilbourne)
49	Will Stanley*	DL	6-1	235	So.	Cleveland, OH (Trinity)
81	Randy Stegman*	WR	5-10	187	Jr.	Ft. Thomas, KY (Highlands)
29	James Sterling*	RB	6-3	215	So.	Columbus, OH (Centennial)
56	Ryan Terry**	DL	6-2	315	Jr.	Florissant, MO (Hazelwood Central)
77	Paul Thaler***	OL	6-3	281	Sr.	Cleves, OH (Cincinnati LaSalle)
85	James Thompson*	TE	6-2	230	So.	Kettering, OH (Fairmont)
+47	Jeremy Thompson	DL	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Plainfield, IN (Avon)
4	Eddie Tillitz*	WR	5-9	175	Jr.	Martinsville, IN (Martinsville)
31	Paul Tripp	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	San Diego, CA (Patrick Henry/Santa Monica CC)
89	Dan Tyler	TE	6-2	220	Fr.	Cleveland, OH (St. Edward)
33	Marshall Upshaw	DB	5-11	205	Fr.	Chillicothe, OH (Chillicothe)
27	Tyler Vogel	LB	6-4	220	Fr.	Coldwater, OH (Coldwater)
14	J.D. Vonderheide	QB	6-0	175	So.	Batesville, IN (East Central)
16	Michael Wafzig	WR/P	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Germantown, OH (Valley View)
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2001 MIAMI RECRUITING CLASS

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Miami Signs 22 Student-Athletes for 2001

A total of 22 student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent to play football at Miami University. Terry Hoepfner's second recruiting class is comprised of 16 players from Ohio, two from Indiana, one from Illinois, one from Kentucky, one from Michigan and one from Missouri.

"We recruited an entire football team," said Hoepfner, who sports a 13-9 record in two seasons as Miami's head coach. "I wanted to increase our numbers on both the offensive and defensive lines, and we did that. We need more quality depth and this class has done that. This is the foundation of our team."

Miami added five offensive linemen and five defensive linemen, led by highly touted recruits Ryan Fisher, a 6-foot-4, 300-pound offensive tackle from Lexington, Ky., and Marcus Johnson, a 6-foot-3, 265-pound defensive lineman from Youngstown, Ohio. At the skill positions, some of the top RedHawk signees include quarterback Josh Betts, from Vandalia, Ohio, who was named the Southwest Ohio Offensive Player of the Year, 6-foot-4 Martin Nance, a speedy receiver from St. Louis. It was the second straight year Miami won the bidding war for southwest Ohio's top offensive performer after inking quarterback Ryan Hawk of Centerville one year ago.

"We targeted guys, went out and got them and were able to hang on to them," said Hoepfner. "I want to compliment our assistant coaches on the job they did. We did more front-end work and spent a lot of time in summer camps. All the hard work has paid off."

RECRUIT BIOGRAPHIES:

• MIKE BARZ • 6-4, 230, DE • Lisle, OH (St. Francis)

75 tackles (18 TFL, -69 yards), 12.5 sacks, 48 pass hurries, 5 forced fumbles, 11 pass deflections, 14 receptions for 185 yards, 2 TD, 2 PAT ... helped team win its first conference championship in 32 years ... Spartans advanced to state quarterfinals before losing ... named all-state selection by *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Champaign News-Gazette* and Illinois Football Coaches Association ... Conference Player of the Year ... two-time all-area and all-conference selection (1999 and 2000) ... 31 career sacks.

• JOSH BETTS • 6-3, 210, QB • Vandalia, OH (Vandalia Butler)

160 of 262 passing (61 percent) for 2,817 yards, 19 TD's and 4 INT's ... led the Aviators to an 11-2 record ... 2000 regional runners-up ... named *Dayton Daily News* Division I-II Offensive MVP ... all-Southwest Ohio Offensive Player of the Year ... second-team all-state selection ... all-GMVC honoree ... 386 of 685 passing (56 percent) for 6,020 yards, 53 TD's and 21 INT's ... team compiled a three-year record of 24-10 during his tenure.

• NATE BUNCE • 6-6, 265, OL/DL • Hamilton, OH (Badin)

Averaged 9 tackles per game at defensive tackle ... also played tight end ... helped team advance to state district playoff ... 2000 first-team all-GCL ... lettered three years in football and one in basketball (center) ... helped Rams reach state semifinal in 1998 and state district playoff in 1999.

• MATT COHEN • 6-2, 220, LB • Cincinnati, OH (Country Day)

A four-sport athlete at Country Day ... playing linebacker and fullback, Indians went 5-5 ... Division VI AP all-state first-team linebacker ... AP Southwest District Defensive Player of the Year ... *Cincinnati Enquirer* all-city first-team linebacker (Div. II-VI) ... *Cincinnati Post* all-metro first team linebacker ... team MVP and "Iron Man" awards recipient ... 512 career tackles ... four-year starter ... 1999 team went 10-0 (regular season) and 11-1 overall ... career football record of 32-10 ... also played basketball, baseball and ran track ... youngest brother of Dustin Cohen, former all-MAC linebacker at Miami and the 1999 MAC Defensive Player of the Year ... Dustin now plays for the St. Louis Rams.

• **R.J. CORBIN • 6-1, 176, WR • Indianapolis, IN (Ben Davis)**

Averaged 22.1 yards per reception and a touchdown every five catches ... helped lead team to a 12-2 record and the state playoffs ... also returned kickoffs ... garnered all-state honors in track his junior year ... member of 1999 Class 5A state championship football team (15-0) ... 2000 track champion in the 4x100 meter relay ... track team finished as the state runners-up in 2000.

• **CHRIS FESSEL • 6-5, 265, OL • Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)**

Starter on Bombers' offensive line ... garnered first-team all-GCL recognition in 2000 ... honorable mention all-city his senior year ... second-team all-GCL as a junior ... from 1998-2000, helped the Bombers compile a 31-7 record and finish as two-time regional semifinalists and state runner-up ... two-year starter ... played all line positions except center ... numerous relatives have played college or professional football, including cousins Matt Hasselbeck (Boston College/Green Bay Packers) and former Boston College starting quarterback Tim Hasselbeck (potential 2001 NFL draftee).

• **RYAN FISHER • 6-4, 300, OL • Lexington, KY (Henry Clay)**

Team captain for the 9-4 Blue Devils ... played offensive and defensive line ... 2000 all-district first-team and all-city selection ... helped lead team to district championship crowns in 1998 and 2000 ... teams went 9-4 (sophomore), 10-2 (junior) and 9-4 (senior) ... also lettered in basketball and track.

• **MARK FRAGEL • 6-5, 240, OL/DL • Grosse Pointe, MI (Grosse Pointe South)**

Recorded 11 sacks and 50 tackles ... played defensive end and tackle for the Blue Devils, which won the district championship ... chosen to play in the Michigan High School All-Star Game (June 29, 2001) at Spartan Stadium ... all-state, all-East (*Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News*) and all-conference ... lettered three years ... named Most Valuable Underclassmen as a junior.

• **MARCUS JOHNSON • 6-3, 265, DL • Youngstown, OH (Ursuline)**

Started at defensive end and tight end for the state champion (District IV) Fighting Irish ... an all-conference, all-Northeast Ohio and AP all-Ohio selection ... named to Tom Lemming's ESPN preseason watch list ... earned all-conference and all-Northeast Ohio honors as a junior ... team finished as the District IV runner-up in 1998 ... 42.5 career sacks ... had 5.5 sacks in one game ... started 32 career games (203 tackles, 42 TFL, 1 INT, 6 forced fumbles and 3 recoveries).

• **MARK KRACIUM • 6-5, 240, OL/DL • New Carlisle, OH (Tecumseh)**

Played tight end and defensive end for the Arrows ... helped team to 6-4 record ... two-time all-conference selection (1999 and 2000, defense both years) ... unanimous selection in 2000 ... all-Southwest District honoree ... honorable mention *Dayton Daily News* all-area ... selected to play in Miami Valley Coaches Association all-star game ... totaled 140 career tackles and 13 career sacks ... also throws the discus (140 feet) for the Arrows ... team compiled a 24-7 record (10-1 in 1998, 8-2 in 1999) during the three years he lettered ... team won league title and ranked No. 2 in state in 1998.

• **BILL LAUTAR • 6-2, 225, OLB/DE • Kettering, OH (Fairmont)**

Registered 69 tackles (13 TFL), 3 pass deflections, 5 sacks and 1 fumble recovery at linebacker ... averaged 3.8 ypc at fullback ... helped the Firebirds go 5-5 in 2000 ... garnered all-conference and all-area honors in 2000 at linebacker ... Named to *Dayton Daily News* Division I-II all-area first team ... also lettered in track, having placed at state meet as a sophomore (12th in discus) and a junior (8th in discus and 12th in shot put).

• **TODD LONDOT • 6-6, 250, OL • Utica, OH (Utica)**

First-team all-Ohio, all-Mid-Buckeye Conference and MBC Player of the Year ... prep team lost only four games during his career ... named to the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Classic to be played on June 30.

• **RYAN MEYER • 6-5, 265, OL • Hubbard, OH (Hubbard)**

Had a 83 percent blocking efficiency for 9-3 Eagles ... team reached the regional finals ... an all-conference, all-county and all-district selection in 2000 ... school's Lineman of the Year ... selected to play in Ohio's North/South All-Star game ... also lettered in 1999, when the Eagles went 9-2, won the TAC-8 Conference title and earned a playoff berth.

• **MARTIN NANCE • 6-4, 190, WR • Maryland Heights, MO (Pattonville)**

Caught 42 passes for 612 yards (14.6 ypr) ... totaled six interceptions as a cornerback ... set school record for interceptions in a game (three) ... helped the Pirates go 11-3 and reach the finals of the state tourney ... two-time Suburban North all-conference selection ... named to the all-North team at both receiver and defensive back as a senior ... 2000 team captain and Most Valuable Receiver ... Two-time *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Player of the Week and two-time *Suburban Journal* Playmaker of the Week ... earned all-state honors as a junior in track and field ... 4.5 40-time and 10.7 100-meter time ... Pirates went 11-1 in 1999 ... as a junior, named Most Improved and Mr. Consistency Award.

• **BRANDON PROCTOR • 6-3, 225, DE • Shaker Heights, OH (Shaker Heights)**

Totaled 61 tackles (27 TFL), 15 sacks, 14 hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and 4 pass breakups at defensive end ... had 10 receptions for 191 yards (19.1 ypr) and 2 TD's as a tight end ... team went unbeaten (10-0) during the regular season and earned a No. 3 AP state ranking ... first-team all-Lake Erie League, *Cleveland Plain Dealer* 7-County All-Star team, first-team all-Northeast Lakes district team, first-team all-Cuyahoga County team and all-state honoree ... besides football, lettered three years in wrestling (215 pounds) ... did not start playing football until his junior year (1999).

• **RYAN REDD • 5-10, 170, DB • Pickerington, OH (Pickerington)**

Totaled 1,224 rushing yards, 16 TD's, and a school-record 8.6 ypc as a running back ... had 2 interceptions, 80 tackles and 17 pass deflections at defensive back .. also played special teams ... first-team all-district, all-league and all-state ... League's Player of the Year ... Super 25 team ... selected to play in Ohio's North/South and Central District all-star games ... Tigers won the league title two straight years (1999-2000) and won the regional title in 1999 and were region runners-up in 2000.

• **DEREK REHAGE • 6-1, 225, RB • Saint Leon, IN (East Central)**

Totaled 1,563 yards, 146 points, 11 receptions for 131 yards and 3 TD's as a fullback at East Central ... two-time all-conference fullback ... named all-region, Region 10 MVP, EIAC Offensive MVP and a member of the *Bloomington Herald-Times* Big State teams ... selected to play in Indiana State All-Star game ... team captain and team MVP his senior year ... helped team to two sectional championships, one regional title and two conference crowns during his three-year tenure ... also lettered in track.

• **JARROD RICH • 6-3, 235, LB • Waynesville, OH (Clinton-Massie)**

Led team in tackles ... 1999 all-Southwestern Ohio selection and honorable mention all-Southwestern Ohio in 1998 and 2000 ... two-time all-conference pick ... 1999 special mention all-Ohio ... 1999 and 2000 Clinton County Lombardi candidate ... averaged 115 tackles his last three years ... holds school's career record for tackles (led team three straight years) ... team went 25-15 during his four-year career ... Falcons went to the state playoffs for the first time in school history in 1998 ... 1999 Defensive Player of the Year.

• **MIKE SMITH • 6-0, 183, RB • Twinsburg, OH (Twinsburg)**

Totaled 1,902 yards on 248 carries (7.7 ypc), 26 TD's, 1 PAT, 7 receptions for 123 yards (17.5 ypr) and 1 kickoff return for TD ... defensively, had 47 tackles (5 TFL), 2 sacks and 6 interceptions (2 for TD's) ... Most Valuable Offensive Player for the Western Reserve Conference (North division) ... 2000 first-team all-district, *Akron Beacon Journal* all-area, first-team all-Sun Newspaper and second-team all-Ohio ... 2000 *Plain Dealer* Player of the Week ... 2000 *Sun Newspaper* Player of the Week ... 2000 Twinsburg Most Outstanding Award ... 4,165 yards on 614 carries (6.8 ypc) and 46 TD's ... team went 6-4 in 2000.

• **DAN TYLER • 6-4, 210, TE • Cleveland, OH (St. Edward)**

Totaled 643 receiving yards on 25 receptions and 5 TD's ... averaged a whopping 25.7 ypr ... 64.3 yards per game ... tallied 32 points ... an all-district, honorable mention all-state, all-Cuyahoga County Conference and Elite 11 team member ... team went from 4-6 as a junior to 6-4 as a senior ... named Most Valuable Offensive Performer in 2000 after receiving Most Valuable Receiver honors in 1999 ... also played basketball, ran track.

• **MARSHALL UPSHAW • 5-10, 195, DB • Chillicothe, OH (Chillicothe)**

Totaled 121 tackles, 3 interceptions (2 for TD's) and 2 punt return TD's ... first-team all-OCC, first-team all-district and second-team all-state honoree ... three-year starter ... only player in school history to be voted team captain as a junior and senior ... 371 career tackles ... 8 career interceptions.

• **TYLER VOGEL • 6-3, 220, LB • Coldwater, OH (Coldwater)**

Totaled 70 tackles, 5 sacks and 3 interceptions at linebacker ... as a running back, totaled 1,468 yards on 245 carries (6.0 ypc), 43 receptions for 769 yards (17.9 ypc) and 32 total TD's ... first-team all-conference (offense and defense), first-team all-Northwest District, special mention all-state and first-team *Dayton Daily News* all-area (Div. III-IV) teams ... helped team reach state finals in 1998 and 2000 ... also member of state semifinalist/finalist teams in basketball and baseball.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

#74 • Jacob Bell • OL

6-5 • 285 • SO • Euclid, OH



2001: After gaining a year of starting experience at right tackle, expected to fill the starting left tackle vacancy following the graduation of Alex Sulsted ... a talented and highly skilled lineman ... will become one of offensive line's leaders ... **2000:** Started all 11 games in redshirt freshman campaign ... positioned at right offensive tackle ... played a key role in helping Miami rank 33rd nationally in fewest sacks allowed ... **1999:**

Redshirted.

#18 • Milt Bowen • DB/KR

6-2 • 213 • JR • Newfield, NJ



2001: Expected to continue his maturation as both a cornerback and kickoff returner ... possesses all the physical tools to become one of the MAC's best at both positions ... has outstanding size (6-foot-2, 213) for a cornerback ... one of team's most talented athletes ... **2000:** Set a single-season record for kickoff return yards (706) and kickoff returns (32) ... tied for fourth in MAC with 22.1 ypr average ... began the season with four

kickoff returns for 132 yards (33.0 ypr average) in win at Vanderbilt and earning MAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors ... one of his four returns went for a career-best 61 yards ... tied a single-game school mark with six returns (for 131 yards) at Marshall ... registered 76 tackles, including 60 solo hits—the most by a defensive back ... his 76 tackles were the fifth most by a Miami player ... rang up a personal-best 16 tackles (career-high 13 solos) vs. Ball State ... had nine tackles (seven solos) and a career-high three pass deflections at Ohio State ... tied for second on club with 11 deflections ... tied for eighth in MAC in passes defended ... his two interceptions came against Bowling Green and Buffalo ... **1999:** Played in final six games after missing the first half of the season with an injury ... rang up a season-high seven tackles (five solos) and two pass deflections in season-ending win over Buffalo ... **1998:** Appeared in one game (vs. North Carolina) before being redshirted ... had one kickoff return for 20 yards.

CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	UA	A	TT	TFL-Yds.	PS-Yds.	INT
1999	8	4	12	0	0	0
2000	60	16	76	3-6	0	2-0
CAREER	68	20	88	3-6	0	2-0

CAREER KICKOFF RETURN STATISTICS

Year	No.	Yds.	TD	Long	Avg.
1998	1	20	0	20	20.0
1999	0	0	0	0	0.0
2000	32	706	0	61	22.1
CAREER	33	726	0	61	22.0

#80 • Jason Branch • WR

6-6 • 218 • JR • LaBelle, FL



2001: Poised to become Miami's big-play receiver, following in the footsteps of Jay Hall, Trevor Gaylor and Sly Johnson ... like Gaylor, who is now with the San Diego Chargers, is a tall, athletic receiver who can outjump defenders for the ball ... has become a stronger and smarter receiver since the start of his collegiate career ... tons of potential ... a likely candidate to lead the RedHawks in receptions and receiving yards ... **2000:** Blossomed late

in the season to finish fourth in receptions (31), third in receiving yardage (465) and second in receiving TDs (4) ... in final five games (three of those contests were against teams that won seven or more games) totaled 24 catches for 351 yards and four TDs ... his "break-out" game came against Ohio, totaling five receptions for a career-best 143 yards and two TDs ... his second TD—a 37-yarder—came with 1:19 to play and gave Miami a 27-24 come-from-behind win ... caught a personal-best seven passes (for 86 yards) and one TD at Marshall ... **1999:** Played in nine games and caught at least one pass in three games ... had a season-high two catches for 42 yards at Central Michigan ... **1998:** Redshirted.

CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

Year	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1999	4	76	19.0	1	22
2000	31	465	15.0	4	54
CAREER	35	541	15.5	5	54

#36 • Andy Brumbergs • PK/P

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE

6-5 • 225 • JR • Solon, OH



2001: A candidate for Verizon Academic All-America® honors ... besides place-kicking, could be handling Miami's punting duties this year ... an outstanding athlete—one of team's best conditioned performers ... **2000:** Led team in scoring and ranked among MAC leaders in field goals made (fourth), field goal percentage (fourth) and scoring by kickers (sixth) ... scored a season-high 10 points at Eastern Michigan ... converted at least one field

goal in all but two games (0-for-2 at Cincinnati and 0-for-0 vs. Ohio) ... drilled a career-long 49-yarder at Ohio State ... went 6-for-8 from distances of 30 yards or greater ... hit a pair of field goals (47 and 25 yards) and three PATs in 33-30 season-opening win at Vandy ... named to MAC's academic honor roll ... **1999:** Finished third in team scoring with 65 points ... closed the year by booting 9 of 10 field goal tries with the one miss being an ambitious 55-yarder against Ohio on Nov. 13 ... made seven straight field goals before the miss at Ohio ... twice drilled a season-long 42-yarder (vs. Kent State and Cincinnati) ... made a personal single-game best three field goals against UC ... converted

PLAYERS TO WATCH

38 of 39 PAT kicks, with the one miss being a block ... earned MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week honors for his Buffalo performance (career-high 11 points, two FG) ... **1998:** Walked on and was redshirted.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	PAT-ATT	Pct.	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	Pts.
1999	38-39	.974	9-13	.692	42	65
2000	30-33	.909	12-17	.706	49	66
CAREER	68-72	.944	21-30	.700	49	131

#73 • Phil Hawk • OL

6-5 • 313 • SR • Ashland, OH



2001: Named Miami's top freshman in 1998, Hawk is one of three senior starters on the offensive line ... expected to be one of the unit's top leaders and performers ... talented athlete with excellent skills ... most experienced member of offensive line ... one of two true seniors playing for Miami ... slated to start at the right guard position ... **2000:** Started 10 games and played in all 11 ... did not start contest against Ball State due to

injury ... played a key role in helping Miami rank 33rd nationally in fewest sacks allowed ... offense averaged 387.1 yards and 24.7 points per game ... **1999:** Although he failed to earn an official start in his sophomore season, Hawk played a valuable backup role on the right side of the offensive line ... helped Miami roll up over 400 yards of total offense per game ... RedHawk offense also averaged 30.5 points per outing ... **1998:** Played in final 10 games and started five contests at right tackle ... earned team's John Baumes Award, which is presented annually to the top freshman ... played a vital role in team's solid rushing attack (11th best nationally) and pass protection (allowed only seven sacks in 11 games).

#3 • Terrell Jones • LB

5-10 • 220 • SO • St. Louis, MO



2001: After being thrust into action and responding as a true freshman, Jones will be a regular fixture in the RedHawks' linebacking corps ... despite his smaller stature, the 2000 MAC Freshman of the Year runner-up blossomed into a quality linebacker in just one season ... capable of making the big play ... runs to the ball extremely well ... good instincts ... **2000:** Finished second in the MAC Freshman of the Year voting behind Ball State's

Talmadge Hill ... landed a spot on *The Sporting News'* Freshmen all-America team (third team) ... led the nation in tackles per game for true freshmen with an 11.75 average ... ranked second in the MAC in tackle average ... would have ranked 12th nationally if he would have appeared in one more game ... did not play in first three games (coaching staff's plan was to originally redshirt him) ... earned MAC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his career-high 23 tackles (personal-best 16 solos) as well as two sacks and

a forced fumble in win over Ohio ... the forced fumble came in the final seconds when Ohio was trying to move into field goal range and force a tie ... tallied 21 tackles, including 12 solos vs. Ball State ... recorded double-digit tackle totals in his last six games.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UA	A	TT	TFL-Yds.	PS-Yds.	INT
2000	63	31	94	8-14	3-8	0

#25 • Steve Little • RB

5-10 • 206 • SR • Louisville, KY



2001: Team's top returning rusher ... a back injury, however, is preventing him from practicing during the spring drills ... expected to be fully recovered by this summer ... a talented runner who has a good mix of power and speed ... slowed by nagging injuries throughout his career ... **2000:** Led Miami with 986 rushing yards and 1,018 all-purpose yards ... ranked 28th nationally in rushing (98.6 ypg) and fifth in the MAC ... despite a career-high 222 yards (35

carries) in the season-ending win at Buffalo, he came up 14 yards short 1,000 yards, which marked the first time since 1993 that the RedHawks failed to have a 1,000-yard rusher ... totaled five 100-yard efforts in his last seven games (128 yards at Akron, 149 vs. Bowling Green, 133 vs. Ohio, 103 at Marshall and a career-high 222 at Buffalo) ... just missed a sixth during that stretch when he rang up 92 yards at Cincinnati ... averaged 121.4 ypg in Miami's last seven outings ... scored two TD's in win over Ohio ... rambled 51 yards for a career-long run and score against BG ... made first collegiate start against Ohio State ... totaled 26 yards on nine carries and caught a six-yard pass against the Buckeyes ... started vs. Kent State and registered 33 yards on seven carries ... did not play in season's first game after suffering a bruised knee during preseason camp ... began two-a-days as the No. 1 tailback, but slipped behind Cal Murray as the season drew near ... came off the bench in the second half of the Eastern Michigan contest and sparked the RedHawks' ground game with 77 yards on 13 carries ... one of his rushes went for a 29-yard touchdown run—his first TD since scoring against Kent State in 1998 ... against Akron, replaced an injured Cal Murray, and once again, jumpstarted Miami's running attack ... ran for 128 yards (131 in second half) on 17 carries (7.5 ypc) against the Zips ... scored a TD on a 5-yard scamper ... limited to 23 yards on 14 carries (1.6 ypc) against Ball State ... **1999:** Appeared in 10 games, either as a reserve tailback or as a special teams player ... rushed for 40 yards on 15 carries ... ran back a career-long 44-yard kickoff return vs. Akron ... **1998:** Played in all 11 games ... ranked third in team rushing with 217 yards and a 4.8 ypc mark ... totaled a season-high 86 yards on 16 carries vs. Kent State ... 13 carries for 79 yards at Akron ... **1997:** Redshirted.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	No.	Yards	TD	Lg	Avg.
1998	45	217	1	17	4.8
1999	15	40	0	12	2.7
2000	189	986	8	51	5.2
CAREER	249	1243	9	51	5.0

PLAYERS TO WATCH

#43 • Cal Murray • RB 5-10 • 181 • SO • Dublin, OH



2001: With one year of experience under his belt, Murray provides Miami with some solid depth in the offensive backfield ... a quick, scat-back-like runner who can also snare passes ... injuries late in the season made his rookie year finish on a down note ... working hard in the offseason at getting his body stronger and tougher ... **2000:** Miami's second-leading rusher with 302 yards and 50.3 per game average ... averaged 6.0 ppg ... after

sitting out the 1999 season for academic reasons, earned the starting tailback position in season-opening game at Vanderbilt ... turned in a respectable 65-yard rushing effort on 18 carries ... made a memorable debut as a receiver, however, catching the game-winning touchdown with 20 seconds to play ... the pass, a 2-yarder, came on a fourth-and-goal play ... finished the Vandy contest with two receptions for 8 yards ... also started at Eastern Michigan and totaled 48 yards rushing (15 carries) and a TD ... also had a 9-yard catch ... played special teams only at Ohio State, returning one kickoff for 90 yards ... came in off the bench to rush for a career-high 113 yards and score a school-record-tying four rushing touchdowns against Kent State ... also tied the school's mark for rushing TD's in a half (4), held by Ty King ... scored on runs of 5, 4, 48 and 5 yards ... became first-year and eighth player in Miami history to run for four scores in a single game ... rushed for 63 first-half yards at Akron before leaving the game with a thigh injury ... returned to action at Cincinnati after missing previous two games with the injury ... had 13 rushing yards and 12 receiving yards at Cincinnati ... did not play in season-ending game at Buffalo after suffering a neck/back injury at Marshall ... **1999:** Academic non-qualifier.

CAREER RUSHING STATISTICS

Year	No.	Yards	TD	Lg	Avg.
2000	72	338	5	48	48.3

CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

Year	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2000	10	77	7.7	1	20

#92 • Bob Petrovic • DE 6-5 • 251 • SR • South Euclid, OH



2001: Defensive coaching staff is counting on a career-best year from Petrovic, who has logged significant playing time the past three years, the last two as a regular starter ... started 20 career games ... touts all the physical skills of a great end—explosive, fast, smart and tough ... line's fastest athlete ... capable of an all-MAC-type season ... **2000:** After a slow start, posted some solid defensive numbers toward the end of the year ... totaled a

season-best 12 tackles vs. Ohio ... averaged seven-plus

tackles per game in last four outings of the year ... led team in quarterback hurries with 11 ... career-best four hurries at Eastern Michigan ... led all linemen with four pass deflections ... academic all-MAC pick ... **1999:** Ranked second among defensive linemen (behind Andy Aracri) with 60 tackles (39 solos) ... totaled a career-best six sacks ... started eight games and played in all 11 ... finished the season strong, ringing up 33 tackles in the final four games ... tallied a career-high 14 tackles (nine solos) at Ohio ... collected eight tackles (five solos), three of which went for a loss of yardage, against Akron ... six tackles and two pass deflections in home-opening win vs. Eastern Michigan ... six tackles, a fumble recovery and a hurry vs. Cincinnati ... academic all-MAC selection ... **1998:** Played in all 11 games and started two of them—North Carolina and Ohio ... earned MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week honors for his effort in win over Ohio: six tackles, four of which were solo hits ... had a season-best seven tackles at Army ... **1997:** Redshirted.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UA	A	TT	TFL-Yds.	PS-Yds.	INT
1998	17	11	28	3-13	0	0
1999	39	21	60	11-42	6-25	0
2000	29	24	53	7-16	1-1	0
CAREER	85	56	141	21-71	7-26	0

#17 • Matt Robillard • LB 6-3 • 215 • JR • Simsbury, CT



2001: Expected to play a major role in this year's defensive scheme after emerging as a reliable defender ... expected to man one of the two outside linebacker positions ... a hard-hitting, consistent performer ... a former walk-on who earned a scholarship just prior to the 1999 season ... **2000:** Began the season as a safety, but moved back to linebacker, his original defensive position, when injuries took a hit to the RedHawks' linebacking corps ...

finished the final half of the season at linebacker ... averaged 10 tackles per game in last nine games ... ranked second on team with 104 tackles ... that total includes 64 solo stops, which ranked first on squad ... registered a career-high 17 tackles (nine solos) against Ohio State ... finished Ball State game with 15 tackles ... opened season with 11 hits against Vandy ... also had four tackles-for-loss and four pass deflections ... had 10 tackles in victory vs. Bowling Green ... eight hits vs. Cincinnati ... nine tackles in win over Ohio ... seven stops at Marshall ... **1999:** Due to the overwhelming number of season-ending injuries at linebacker, he quickly moved up the depth chart and earned three starts (Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Marshall) before he, too, suffered a mild knee injury (vs. Bowling Green) that forced him to miss three games ... returned to play in final two contests, but was not 100 percent ... **1998:** Redshirted.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UA	A	TT	TFL-Yds.	PS-Yds.	INT
1999	19	9	28	0-0	0-0	0
2000	64	40	104	4-30	2-11	0
CAREER	83	49	132	4-30	2-11	0

PLAYERS TO WATCH

#56 • Ryan Terry • DT 6-2 • 315 • JR • Florissant, MO



2001: One of team's top defensive linemen and perhaps the most talented interior player ... throughout his career, is improving as a down-to-down player ... can make the big play ... runs well for an athlete his size ... **2000:** Honored by *The Sporting News* as a second-team all-MAC honoree ... led all defensive linemen with 68 tackles (42 solos) ... ranked first on team with 11 tackles-for-loss (29 yards) ... surpassed 1999's statistical production in first

five games ... registered seven tackles (four solos) in season-opening win at Vandy ... also had seven tackles at EMU ... against Ohio State, registered a career-high 11 tackles (personal-best seven solos), which included three tackles-for-loss ... two tackles vs. Kent State ... six tackles (five solos) at Akron ... five solo tackles, including a tackle-for-loss, against Ball State ... seven tackles, including a sack, vs. Bowling Green ... four tackles (one tackle-for-loss) and a hurry at Cincinnati ... 5 tackles vs. Ohio ... six tackles and a fumble recovery at Marshall ... **1999:** Played in all 11 games, starting eight ... opened career with an impressive six-tackle (four solo hits) against Northwestern ... one of his tackles was a sack ... tallied at least one tackle in all but one game (0 tackles vs. Akron) ... collected five stops at Kent State ... totaled three solo hits, a fumble recovery and a pass deflection vs. Cincinnati ... **1998:** Redshirted.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UA	A	TT	TFL-Yds.	PS-Yds.	INT
1999	15	13	28	4-11	2-8	0
2000	42	26	68	11-29	3-11	0
CAREER	57	39	96	15-40	5-19	0

#4 • Eddie Tillitz • WR/PR VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN® 5-9 • 175 • JR • Martinsville, IN



2001: A repeat candidate for Verizon Academic All-America® honors ... will contribute as both a receiver and punt returner ... the experience he gained a year ago will go a long way in making him better at both positions in the coming years ... a quick and confident performer ... also plays on the Miami baseball team as an outfielder/pinch-runner ... **2000:** Named a second-team Verizon Academic All-American® ... ranked second on team with 39 recep-

tions and 387 yards ... ranked 25th nationally and fourth in the MAC with a 12.2 yards per punt return average ... turned in a MAC-record-setting and NCAA-record-tying performance at Eastern Michigan ... set the league mark for punt return yardage in a game with 162 yards vs. the Eagles ... tied a I-A single-game record by scoring two TD's on punt returns of 53 and 82 yards ... the 82-yarder was the third longest in Miami history ... first player in school history to return two punts for a TD in the same game ... also led RedHawks with four catches for a team-high 99 receiving yards—a career best—against the Eagles ... a personal-best 53-yard reception in the first quarter helped set up Miami's second TD ... totaled 261 all-purpose yards in the game ... named the MAC's Special Teams Player of the Week and the MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week for his effort ... 3.54 cumulative GPA in zoology ... season started on an inauspicious note, as he fumbled his first punt return, which led to Vanderbilt's first touchdown ... regained his composure, however, and finished strong, catching five passes for 65 yards against the 'Dores ... four of his five receptions came in the fourth quarter, including a 9-yard TD reception, which helped Miami pull within three at 23-20 ... against Ohio State, totaled a game-high six receptions for 52 yards ... grabbed a career-high seven passes for 56 yards vs. Kent State ... limited to one catch (for 6 yards) at Akron ... three receptions for 25 yards vs. Ball State ... 7 catches for 37 yards against BG ... six grabs for 52 yards at UC ... failed to make a reception in last two games ... returned three punts for 60 yards at Marshall ... **1999:** Did not see action ... batted .143 for Miami's 40-23 NCAA-qualifying baseball team ... played in 23 games and had no errors as an outfielder ... **1998:** Redshirted ... played baseball and batted .154.

CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

Year	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2000	39	387	9.9	1	53

CAREER PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

Year	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
2000	37	450	2	82	12.2

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	TB	FB
at Vanderbilt	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Murray	Goodman
at Eastern Michigan	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Murray	Goodman
at Ohio State	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Little	Goodman
Kent State	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Little	Goodman
at Akron	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Murray	Goodman
Ball State	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Little	Stanley
Bowling Green	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Lee	Thaler	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Little	Goodman
at Cincinnati	Branch	Sulfsted	Costello	Thaler	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Buxton	Bath	Little	Goodman
Ohio	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Thaler	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Branch	Bath	Little	Goodman
at Marshall	Johnson	Sulfsted	Costello	Thaler	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Branch	Bath	Little	Goodman
at Buffalo	Johnson	Sulfsted	Luebke*	Thaler	Hawk	Bell	Sullivan	Branch	Bath	Robinson	Goodman

DEFENSE	LE	LT	RT	RE	OLB	MLB	OLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
at Vanderbilt	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	Smith	Richardson	Bowen	Godsey	Robillard	D. Jones
at Eastern Michigan	Petrovic	Lyman	Terry	Potter	Price	Smith	Richardson	Bowen	Godsey	Robillard	D. Jones
at Ohio State	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	Smith	Richardson	Bowen	Godsey	Robillard	Adams
Kent State	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	T. Jones	Richardson	Bowen	Godsey	Robillard	D. Jones
at Akron	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	Monk	Richardson	Bowen	Godsey	Robillard	D. Jones
Ball State	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Lyman (DT)	Monk	Richardson	Bowen	Godsey	Robillard	D. Jones
Bowling Green	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	T. Jones	Robillard	Bowen	Godsey	Yavasile	D. Jones
at Cincinnati	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	T. Jones	Robillard	Bowen	Godsey	Yavasile	D. Jones
Ohio	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	T. Jones	Robillard	Bowen	Godsey	Yavasile	D. Jones
at Marshall	Petrovic	Aracri	Terry	Potter	Price	T. Jones	Robillard	Bowen	Godsey	Yavasile	D. Jones
at Buffalo	M-gomery*	Aracri	Lyman*	Potter	Sterling	T. Jones	Robillard	Walker*	Godsey	Yavasile	D. Jones

* Senior Day Starter

GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSE

Game	Score	First Downs	Rushing No.-Yds.-TD	Passing C-A-I-Yds-TD	Tot. Off. Pl-Yds.	Fum.-Lost	Pen.-Yds.	Third Downs	Poss. Time
Miami at Vanderbilt	33-30	19-15	28-84-0-32-91-2	24-41-1-358-4-18-25-0-307-2	70-429-57-363	4-1-1-0	12-95-13-117	5/15-3/10	31:44-28:16
Miami at Eastern Michigan	34-17	17-18	42-179-2-32-135-0	13-29-1-232-0-23-43-1-228-1	71-411-75-363	1-1-2-0	3-30-3-13	7/17-3/16	30:54-29:06
Miami at Ohio State	16-27	19-26	22-132-0-56-273-2	21-48-3-236-2-13-30-0-194-1	70-386-86-467	0-0-0-0	10-77-9-98	4/16-4/16	26:02-33:58
Kent State at Miami	14-45	15-27	37-193-1-36-195-4	14-28-1-110-1-24-37-1-301-2	65-303-73-496	3-2-2-1	8-61-3-25	5/14-10/14	31:32-28:28
Miami at Akron	20-37	23-20	43-256-2-43-243-3	20-49-2-174-0-9-19-1-214-1	92-430-62-457	1-1-1-1	6-59-6-61	5/19-3/11	33:33-26:27
Ball State at Miami	15-10	23-14	56-218-1-24-65-0	17-29-3-186-1-15-38-2-170-1	85-404-62-235	1-1-3-2	11-106-3-25	12/21-3/13	37:00-23:00
Bowling Green at Miami	10-24	19-19	42-159-0-37-141-3	16-36-2-222-1-24-43-0-222-0	78-381-80-363	2-0-3-1	6-40-11-89	5/18-10/19	29:42-30:18
Miami at Cincinnati	15-45	24-18	42-128-0-41-182-3	20-43-2-261-2-16-29-0-201-2	85-389-70-383	3-2-0-0	7-46-9-105	6/18-4/13	28:31-31:29
Ohio at Miami	24-27	23-17	70-399-2-35-135-2	3-6-1-38-1-9-21-1-213-2	76-437-56-348	2-1-0-0	10-101-4-45	6/15-3/9	35:44-24:16
Miami at Marshall	31-51	24-24	49-185-2-40-196-3	21-39-2-283-2-21-33-0-290-3	88-468-73-486	3-3-1-1	6-99-4-45	8/19-3/12	31:50-28:10
Miami at Buffalo	17-16	20-25	47-217-2-56-290-1	9-21-4-104-0-12-24-3-121-1	68-321-80-411	1-1-0-0	8-60-8-74	7/14-6/16	24:13-35:47

RUSHING	Murray	Dooley	Little	Goodman	Bath
at Vanderbilt	18-65	0-0	DNP	5-15	5-(9)
at Eastern Michigan	15-48	0-0	13-77	8-28	6-26
at Ohio State	0-0	0-0	9-26	2-1	11-105
Kent State	14-113	0-0	7-33	1-1	6-10
at Akron	14-63	4-13	17-128	0-0	7-50
Ball State	DNP-I	4-9	14-23	DNP-I	5-33
Bowling Green	DNP-I	0-0	25-149	1-0	8-23
at Cincinnati	3-13	4-4	22-92	2-6	10-21
Ohio	DNP	0-0	25-133	1-0	3-(4)
at Marshall	8-36	0-0	22-103	0-0	13-36
at Buffalo	DNP-I	0-0	35-222	0-0	4-(12)

PASSING	Bath	Schacke
at Vanderbilt	24-41-1-358-4	DNP
at Eastern Michigan	13-29-1-232-0	DNP
at Ohio State	21-48-3-236-2	DNP
Kent State	22-33-0-276-2	2-4-1-25-0
at Akron	20-49-1-174-0	DNP
Ball State	15-37-2-170-1	DNP
Bowling Green	23-41-0-222-0	1-2-0-12-0
at Cincinnati	14-30-2-189-1	5-11-0-40-1
Ohio	9-19-0-213-2	DNP
at Marshall	19-36-2-253-1	2-2-0-30-1

RECEIVING	Johnson	Buxton	Branch	Sullivan	Bilins	Stegman	Tillitz	Murray	Frazier	Henry
at Vanderbilt	6-134	8-134	1-15	1-4	0-0	0-0	5-60	2-8	1-3	DNP
at Eastern Michigan	3-76	2-13	1-8	2-27	0-0	DNP	4-99	1-9	0-0	DNP
at Ohio State	4-74	5-47	0-0	4-59	0-0	DNP	6-52	0-0	0-0	DNP
Kent State	5-85	6-80	1-22	3-35	0-0	1-3	7-56	1-20	0-0	DNP
at Akron	9-72	2-8	4-69	1-8	0-0	0-0	1-6	3-11	0-0	DNP
Ball State	1-15	9-130	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-25	DNP-I	0-0	DNP
Bowling Green	3-43	7-69	4-38	1-7	1-16	0-0	7-37	DNP-I	0-0	DNP
at Cincinnati	DNP-I	1-17	4-50	2-38	DNP	1-7	6-52	2-12	0-0	2-41
Ohio	3-59	DNP-I	5-143	1-11	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	0-0	0-0
at Marshall	3-62	2-13	7-86	3-42	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-17	0-0	5-63
at Buffalo	0-0	DNP	4-34	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP-I	0-0	3-53

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSE

Player	Vanderbilt	EMU	OSU	Kent State	Akron	Ball St.	BGSU	UC	Ohio	Marshall	Buffalo
Robillard, Matt	7-4-11	3-0-3	9-8-17	3-4-7	6-5-11	9-6-15	7-3-10	5-3-8	5-4-9	6-0-6	4-2-6
Smith, Phil	5-4-9	5-3-8	8-1-9	4-2-6	3-2-5	0-0-0	2-0-2	DNP	DNP	2-0-2	1-1-2
Price, Eddie	6-2-8	7-1-8	8-3-11	4-5-9	5-4-9	DNP-I	6-4-10	8-0-8	3-3-6	3-1-4	DNP-I
Godsey, Brandon	4-4-8	8-10-18	8-2-10	5-4-9	5-2-7	4-4-8	7-5-12	8-3-11	6-1-7	2-5-7	6-4-10
Richardson, Gary	5-2-7	6-1-7	3-0-3	2-1-3	5-1-6	6-2-8	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I
Terry, Ryan	4-3-7	4-3-7	7-4-11	1-1-2	5-1-6	5-0-5	4-3-7	2-2-4	3-2-5	4-2-6	3-5-8
Bowen, Milt	5-1-6	6-0-6	7-2-9	2-0-2	3-0-3	13-3-16	6-1-7	3-3-6	5-4-9	4-1-5	6-1-7
Adams, Michael	4-2-6	3-0-3	2-4-6	5-1-6	1-2-3	1-2-3	1-1-2	1-0-1	1-1-2	0-1-1	1-1-2
Clark, Rod	4-1-5	1-0-1	0-1-1	2-1-3	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-2-2	1-3-4	3-1-4	0-2-2	0-0-0
Yavasile, Jacob	2-2-4	3-0-3	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-0-0	5-1-6	3-3-6	5-3-8	9-6-15	7-3-10	15-7-22
Jones, DeMarrio	3-0-3	3-2-5	3-1-4	2-0-2	4-1-5	4-1-5	4-1-5	3-0-3	4-2-6	5-0-5	2-3-5
Aracri, Andy	2-0-2	DNP-I	1-6-7	1-0-1	1-1-2	2-2-4	1-0-1	2-2-4	3-4-7	5-1-6	3-0-3
DiGiandomenico, Gino	1-1-2	2-2-4	2-2-4	1-2-3	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-2-3	0-1-1	0-1-1	2-0-2
Lyman, Joe	0-2-2	4-1-5	1-3-4	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-2-2	3-0-3	1-3-4	1-0-1	1-0-1	3-1-4
Petrovic, Bob	1-0-1	2-2-4	1-1-2	2-3-5	1-5-6	4-1-5	1-0-1	5-2-7	7-5-12	3-3-6	2-2-4
Cousino, Cortt	1-0-1	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-4
Potter, Brian	1-0-1	1-0-1	2-2-4	1-0-1	3-3-6	3-1-4	5-0-5	1-4-5	9-1-10	3-1-4	3-2-5
Sullivan, Mike	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0
Thompson, James	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Mester, Kurt	0-1-1	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0
Sagehorn, Scott	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-2-3	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0
Stanley, Will	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0
Sterling, James	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	2-1-3	2-0-2	1-4-5
Edwards, Matt	DNP	2-1-3	2-1-3	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	0-1-1	DNP-I	DNP-I
Jordan, Robert	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	2-2-4	1-0-1	1-2-3	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-2-6
Clemens, Luke	DNP	1-0-1	0-2-2	1-1-2	1-2-3	2-0-2	3-0-3	0-0-0	2-0-2	3-0-3	2-0-2
McCullough, Kent	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0
Huelsman, Chad	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
Montgomery, Mike	DNP	0-1-1	1-3-4	3-0-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0-2
Jones, Terrell	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-0-6	0-1-1	12-9-21	8-4-12	9-2-11	16-7-23	6-4-10	6-4-10
Jackson, Andra	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Ryder, Jon	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
Thaler, Paul	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Monk, Nick	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	2-1-3	1-2-3	0-0-0	DNP	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I
Russell, Brett	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Kirkpatrick, Corey	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-4
Sprague, Ryan	DNP	DNO	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	2-0-2	0-0-0
Branch, Jason	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Bath, Mike	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0
Brumbergs, Andy	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0

Statistics read: Unassisted Tackles-Assisted Tackles-Total Tackles

2000 GAME SUMMARIES

MIAMI 33 VANDERBILT 30

Sept. 2, 2000
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, TN
Attendance: 26,240

It might not be as stunning as the Tennessee Titans "Music City Miracle," but Miami's 33-30 come-from-behind win at Vanderbilt is worthy of "Music City Miracle" mention. Trailing 23-13 early in the fourth quarter, the RedHawks marched 84 yards in 10 plays and capped the drive with a 9-yard scoring pass to Eddie Tillitz, cutting the 'Dores lead to 23-20 with 8:28 to play. Vandy, however, responded with a 4:25 scoring drive of its own as quarterback Greg Zolman scored on a 1-yard keeper. Now trailing by 10 again, Mike Bath calmly directed an 8-play, 69-yard drive, resulting in a 4-yard scoring pass to Mike Sullivan with 2:53 to play. The PAT attempt was no good, leaving the RedHawks with a 30-26 deficit. On the 'Dores ensuing possession, Miami's defense held Vandy and forced them to punt, allowing Miami to start their "miracle" drive at the Commodores 48-yard line. A 28-yard strike to Ty Buxton, along with a 15-yard interference penalty on a pass intended for Buxton, moved Miami to the 5-yard line for a first-and-goal. After a 3-yard completion to Tillitz and a dropped TD pass by Johnson on third down, freshman Cal Murray hauled in the game-winner with 20 seconds remaining.

Miami	7	3	3	20	—	33
VU	7	3	7	13	—	30

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

VU—Williams 2 run (Markham kick) 10:13
MU—Johnson 91 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick) 5:09

Second Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 47 FG 6:25
VU—Markham 19 FG 1:33

Third Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 25 FG 9:13
VU—Perkins 30 pass from Zolman (Markham kick) 3:16

Fourth Quarter

VU—Stricker 44 pass from Zolman (kick failed) 12:07
MU—Tillitz 9 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick) 8:28
VU—Zolman 1 run (Markham kick) 4:03
MU—Sullivan 4 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick) 2:53
MU—Murray 2 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick) 0:20

Team Statistics	Miami	VU
First Downs	19	15
Rushes-Yards	28-84	32-91
Passes (C-A-I)	24-42-1	18-25-0
Passing Yards	358	307
Plays-Total Yards	70-429	57-363
Punts-Average	4-44.5	6-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	12-95	13-117
Third Down Conv.	5/15	3/10
Possession Time	31:44	28:16

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Murray 18-65, Goodman 5-15; VU: Williams 13-34, Perkins 6-31

Passing—MU: Bath 24-41-358-1; VU: Zolman 18-25-307-0

Receiving—MU: Buxton 8-134, Johnson 6-134, Tillitz 5-60; VU: Carlson 7-116, Perkins 4-49, Stricker 2-62, Simone 2-31

MIAMI 34 EASTERN MICHIGAN 17

Sept. 9, 2000
Rynearson Stadium, Ypsilanti, MI
Attendance: 10,023

Sparked by a record-setting special teams performance from Eddie Tillitz, Miami posted a 34-17 victory in the MAC opener for both clubs. Tillitz returned not one, but two punts for touchdowns, which tied the NCAA Division I-A single-game record. He also set the MAC single-game record for punt return yardage, totaling 162 yards on five returns. After Tillitz opened the scoring with a 53-yard punt return early in the game, the RedHawks moved ahead 14-0 when Cal Murray scored on a 2-yard run. EMU closed the deficit to 14-10 before Andy Brumbergs drilled a 32-yard field goal as time expired in the first half. With just over five minutes left in the third quarter, Brumbergs converted another field goal, this one a 25-yarder, to give Miami a 20-10 advantage. Then, with 1:55 to go in the third, Tillitz struck again, unleashing an 82-yard return, which is the third longest in Miami history, to put the RedHawks in front 27-10. Steve Little scampered 29 yards for a touchdown to put the game out of reach. Following Little's score, EMU countered with a touchdown drive, but could not pull any closer.

Miami	14	3	10	7	—	34
EMU	0	10	0	7	—	17

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

MU—Tillitz 53 punt return (Brumbergs kick), 10:07
MU—Murray 2 run (Brumbergs kick), 8:07

Second Quarter

EMU—Starnes 27 FG 6:18
EMU—Kelly 3 pass from Church (Starnes kick), 4:02
MU—Brumbergs 32 FG 0:00

Third Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 25 FG 5:09
MU—Tillitz 82 punt return (Brumbergs kick), 1:55

Fourth Quarter

MU—Little 29 run (Brumbergs kick), 10:46
EMU—White 1 run (Starnes kick), 7:56

Team Statistics

	Miami	EMU
First Downs	17	18
Rushes-Yards	42-179	32-135
Passes (C-A-I)	13-29-1	23-43-1
Passing Yards	232	228
Plays-Total Yards	71-411	75-363
Punts-Average	5-44.0	9-39.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	3-13
Third Down Conv.	7/17	3/16
Possession Time	30:54	29:06

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Little 13-77, Murray 15-48; EMU: White 21-63, Watson 5-62

Passing—MU: Bath 13-29-232-1; EMU: Church 23-43-228-1

Receiving—MU: Tillitz 4-99, Johnson 3-76, Sullivan 2-27; EMU: Stevens 6-85, Christian 5-75

OHIO STATE 27 MIAMI 16

Sept. 16, 2000
Ohio Stadium, Columbus, OH
Attendance: 96,721

Miami turned in a valiant effort, but it was not enough as the RedHawks fell 27-16 to the Buckeyes. A 26-yard touchdown reception by Sly Johnson with 2:25 to play in the first half gave Miami a 10-3 lead. Ohio State quickly tied the game, however, scoring less than a minute later on Chad Caccchio's 35-yard TD catch. In the second half, it appeared that the Buckeyes might pull away to an easy victory. A 28-yard field goal and Jonathan Wells' 19-yard run made it 20-10 with 8:42 to go in the third quarter. On OSU's next possession, however, Miami's defense stopped the Buckeyes on a fourth-and-10 play at the RedHawks' 32-yard line. With momentum from the defensive stand, Miami used three big plays to march down the field and cap the drive with a 23-yard diving TD catch by Ty Buxton. The PAT attempt was no good, leaving the RedHawks with a 20-16 deficit. Starting its next possession on the Buckeye's 42-yard line, Mike Bath scrambled 40 yards to set up a first-and-goal situation. A sack, incomplete pass and a 4-yard rush were all that Miami could muster, and Andy Brumbergs, who earlier kicked a career-long 49-yard field goal, missed wide to the left on the 21-yard field goal attempt. From that point on, OSU regained the momentum and helped stave off any Miami rally by intercepting Bath three times in the fourth quarter. The Buckeyes moved ahead 27-16 after a roughing-the-kicker penalty gave OSU a second chance at the end zone.

Miami	0	10	6	0	—	16
OSU	3	7	10	7	—	27

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

OSU—Stultz 49 FG 10:28

Second Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 49 FG 14:49
MU—Johnson 26 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 2:25
OSU—Caccchio 35 pass from Bellisari (Stultz kick), 1:47

Third Quarter

OSU—Stultz 28 FG 11:47
OSU—Wells 19 run (Stultz kick), 8:42
MU—Buxton 23 pass from Bath (kick failed), 2:43

Fourth Quarter

OSU—Wells 1 run (Stultz kick), 6:43

Team Statistics	Miami	OSU
First Downs	19	26
Rushes-Yards	22-132	56-273
Passes (C-A-I)	21-48-3	13-30-0
Passing Yards	236	194
Plays-Total Yards	70-368	86-467
Punts-Average	7-42.3	6-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-77	9-98
Third Down Conv.	4/16	4/16
Possession Time	26:02	33:58

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Bath 11-105, Little 9-26; OSU: Combs 21-142, Wells 17-113

Passing—MU: Bath 21-48-236-3; OSU: Bellasari 13-30-194-0

Receiving—MU: Tillitz 6-52, Buxton 5-47, Johnson 4-74; OSU: Rambo 6-100, Caccchio 2-54

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MIAMI 45 KENT STATE 14

Sept. 23, 2000
Yager Stadium, Oxford, OH
Attendance: 16,298

Miami wasted no time gaining control, scoring on its first possession for a 7-0 lead. The RedHawks drove 54 yards in 10 plays and used a 7-yard Sly Johnson touchdown catch to gain the advantage. Later in the first quarter, following a 56-yard interception return by Brandon Godsey, Cal Murray scored on a 4-yard scamper to put the RedHawks in front 14-0. That would be the first of four consecutive scores by the RedHawk rookie, who tallied touchdowns runs of 4, 48 and 5 yards—all in the second quarter. That gave Miami a commanding 35-0 halftime lead. With his four rushing touchdowns, Murray tied the RedHawks' single-game record, held by seven other Miami players. He also tied the school mark for rushing TD's in a half, previously set by Ty King versus Kent State in 1996. In the second half, the lead ballooned to 38-0 on a 27-yard field goal from Andy Brumbergs. The Golden Flashes broke the shutout string when they scored a TD off a fake field-goal attempt with 1:57 to go in the third quarter. Miami closed out its scoring when Mike Bath fired a second TD strike, this one a 10-yarder, to Johnson.

Kent State	0	0	7	7	—	14
Miami	14	21	3	7	—	45

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

MU—Johnson 7 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 9:41

MU—Murray 5 run (Brumbergs kick), 3:20

Second Quarter

MU—Murray 4 run (Brumbergs kick), 14:56

MU—Murray 48 run (Brumbergs kick), 6:49

MU—Murray 5 run (Brumbergs kick), 3:28

Third Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 27 FG 10:10

KSU—Valentino 11 run (Pavich kick), 1:57

Fourth Quarter

MU—Johnson 10 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 14:07

KSU—Quinn 9 pass from Valentino (Pavich kick), 2:28

Team Statistics	KSU	MU
First Downs	15	27
Rushes-Yards	37-193	36-195
Passes (C-A-I)	14-28-1	24-37-1
Passing Yards	110	301
Plays-Total Yards	65-303	73-496
Punts-Average	7-46.1	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-61	3-25
Third Down Conv.	5/14	10/14
Possession Time	31:32	28:28

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Murray 14-113, Robinson 5-45, Little 7-33; KSU: Murphy 14-98, Vann 15-71

Passing—MU: Bath 22-33-276-0, Schacke 2-4-25-1; KSU: Williams 7-17-58-1, Valentino 6-7-44-0

Receiving—MU: Tillitz 7-56, Buxton 6-80, Johnson 5-85; KSU: Curry 5-40, Quinn 2-25

AKRON 37 MIAMI 20

Sept. 30, 2000
Rubber Bowl, Akron, OH
Attendance: 14,132

Despite running a single-game-record 92 offensive plays, Miami was unable to overcome an early 20-point first-half deficit and fell 37-20 to Akron in a key MAC East Division game. Two first-half turnovers by the RedHawks and three long pass plays (35, 43 and 66 yards) by Akron quarterback Butchie Washington were the difference in the game's first 30 minutes as Akron jumped out in front 23-3. A 43-yard field goal from Andy Brumbergs as time expired in the first half shave the Akron lead to 23-6. In the second half, Miami used a strong rushing attack to get back in the game. Led by tailback Steve Little, the RedHawks used two long drives to pull within three at 23-20. The first drive covered 79 yards and was capped by Little's 5-yard run. After a DeMarrio Jones interception, Miami marched 86 yards on 15 plays and reached the end zone on the first career score—a 2-yard run—by redshirt freshman Andy Dooley. Akron, however, quickly regrouped and put together a five-play, 79-yard drive and regained control of the game on Brandon Payne's second TD of the contest, a 13-yard scamper with 14:13 to play. Midway through the fourth quarter, the Zips clinched the win with a 20-yard TD run from Payne. Miami finished with a season-low 174 passing yards. Akron gained 214 yards in the air and 243 on the ground.

Miami	3	3	14	0	—	20
Akron	3	20	0	14	—	37

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 19 FG 4:21

AKRON—Derr 38 FG 0:28

Second Quarter

AKRON—Payne 1 run (Derr kick), 14:20

AKRON—Derr 34 FG 13:11

AKRON—Derr 38 FG 8:44

AKRON—Schifino 66 pass from Washington (Derr kick), 1:27

MU—Brumbergs 43 FG 0:00

Third Quarter

MU—Little 5 run (Brumbergs kick), 9:05

MU—Dooley 2 run (Brumbergs kick), 0:54

Fourth Quarter

AKRON—Payne 13 run (Derr kick), 14:13

AKRON—Payne 20 run (Derr kick), 9:28

Team Statistics	MU	AKRON
First Downs	23	20
Rushes-Yards	43-256	43-243
Passes (C-A-I)	20-49-1	9-19-1
Passing Yards	174	214
Plays-Total Yards	92-430	62-457
Punts-Average	5-39.8	5-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-59	6-61
Third Down Conv.	5/19	3/11
Possession Time	33:33	26:27

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Little 17-128, Murray 14-63; AKRON: Payne 24-188, Gray 10-51

Passing—MU: Bath 20-49-174-1; AKRON: Washington 9-19-214-1

Receiving—MU: Johnson 9-72, Branch 4-69; AKRON: Schifino 3-123, Bailey 2-49

BALL STATE 15 MIAMI 10

Oct. 7, 2000
Yager Stadium, Oxford, OH
Attendance: 16,412

Held to a season-low 235 yards in total offense, Miami was stunned by winless Ball State 15-10. The victory halted the Cardinals' nation-long 21-game losing skid. The RedHawks, who were held to a season-low 65 rushing yards, struggled with their air attack, completing just 15 of 37 passes for 170 yards. Ball State opened the scoring with a 10-play, 61-yard drive that was capped by Anthony Jones' 1-yard run with 3:40 left in the first quarter. The PAT failed. Miami countered with a long series of its own—a 16-play, 77-yard drive that ended with a 15-yard pass from Mike Bath to Sly Johnson, giving the RedHawks a 7-6 lead early in the second quarter. A 34-yard field goal midway through the second quarter helped the Cardinals regain the lead, 9-7, and close out the first-half scoring. With 1:05 remaining in the third quarter, Miami went in front 10-9 on a 34-yard field goal from Andy Brumbergs. Ball State, however, put together a masterful drive, going 66 yards in 7 minutes 3 seconds and scoring on a 13-yard pass play to Jones. The RedHawks' next drive ended in an interception, which set up the Cardinals on their own 44-yard line with 7:03 left. BSU then held on to the ball for the next 6:46, leaving the RedHawks with 79 yards to cover in 17 seconds. Miami was able to run three pass plays, but could only convert one for 14 yards.

Ball State	6	3	0	6	—	15
Miami	0	7	3	0	—	10

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

BSU—Jones 1 run (Pucke kick failed), 3:40

Second Quarter

MU—Johnson 15 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 13:13

BSU—Pucke 34 FG 6:30

Third Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 34 FG 1:05

Fourth Quarter

BSU—Jones 13 pass from Hill (Hill pass failed), 9:02

Team Statistics	BSU	MU
First Downs	23	14
Rushes-Yards	56-218	24-65
Passes (C-A-I)	17-29-3	15-38-2
Passing Yards	186	170
Plays-Total Yards	85-404	62-235
Punts-Average	2-36.5	5-37.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	11-106	3-25
Third Down Conv.	12/21	3/13
Possession Time	37:00	23:00

Individual Leaders

Rushing—BSU: Jones 46-187; MU: Bath 5-33, Little 14-23

Passing—BSU: Hill 17-29-186-3; MU: Bath 15-37-170-2

Receiving—BSU: Cottee 4-36, Westbrook 3-41; MU: Buxton 9-130, Tillitz 3-25

2000 GAME SUMMARIES

MIAMI 24 BOWLING GREEN 10

Oct. 14, 2000
Yager Stadium, Oxford, OH
Attendance: 10,987

Scoring 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, Miami overcame deficits of 7-0 and 10-7 to halt its two-game losing skid with a 24-10 victory. Touchdown runs of 1 yard by Mike Bath and 51 yards by Steve Little, to go along with a 23-yard field goal from Andy Brumbergs, represented Miami's fourth-quarter scoring. For nearly three quarters, the RedHawk offense was spinning their wheels. Midway through the third quarter, Miami had totaled just 130 yards in total offense and nine first downs. Then, with 4:28 to play in the third, Miami started on its own 39-yard line and decided to go with a "hurry-up" offensive attack. Six plays later, the RedHawks were on the board when Bath broke loose on a 27-yard scamper. That tied the game at 7-7. Following a solid goal-line stand by Miami's defense, which resulted in a Falcons' 19-yard field goal, the RedHawks came back on their next series and went 60 yards in 10 plays for the go-ahead score. Bath crossed the goal line on the quarterback keeper to give Miami its 14-10 lead. Little finished the game with a career-high 149 yards on 25 carries (6.0 ypc). He helped Miami total 158 rushing yards in the second half after being held to -17 yards in the first 30 minutes. Bowling Green entered the game with a defensive rushing average of 106.7 yards, the 27th-best figure in the country. Bath, who started the game 12 of 26 passing for 126 yards, went 11 of 15 for 84 in the second half.

BGSU	7	0	0	3	—	10
Miami	0	0	7	17	—	24

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
BGSU—Pinchem 24 pass from Sahn (Knapp kick), 9:07
Third Quarter
MU—Bath 27 run (Brumbergs kick), 2:37
Fourth Quarter
BGSU—Knapp 19 FG 14:57
MU—Bath 1 run (Brumbergs kick), 11:03
MU—Brumbergs 23 FG 8:35
MU—Little 51 run (Brumbergs kick), 1:19

Team Statistics	BGSU	MU
First Downs	19	19
Rushes-Yards	42-159	37-141
Passes (C-A-I)	16-36-2	24-43-0
Passing Yards	222	222
Plays-Total Yards	78-381	80-363
Punts-Average	5-41.8	7-47.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	11-89
Third Down Conv.	5/18	10/19
Possession Time	29:42	30:18

Individual Leaders

Rushing—BGSU: Harris 18-103, Gibson 13-41; MU: Little 25-149
Passing—BGSU: Sahn 15-34-2-216-1; MU: Bath 23-41-0-210-0
Receiving—BGSU: Bautista 7-106, Pinchem 3-56; MU: Buxton 7-69, Tillitz 7-37

CINCINNATI 45 MIAMI 15

Oct. 28, 2000
Nippert Stadium, Cincinnati, OH
Attendance: 32,924

Four Miami turnovers and a pair of blocked field goals were too much for the RedHawks to overcome as they lost their straight Victory Bell game, 45-15. It was the RedHawks' worst defeat since a 34-0 setback at North Carolina on Sept. 1, 1990, and its worst to UC since a 33-0 loss in 1970. Three of Miami's four miscues were converted into Bearcat touchdowns. The RedHawks' first mistake—a Cal Murray fumble—gave UC the ball on the RedHawks' 11-yard line. Two plays later, it was 10-0. UC then extended its lead to 17-0 early in the second quarter on a 72-yard march. Mike Bath led Miami on a scoring drive of its own that was capped by a 15-yard touchdown pass to Mike Sullivan at the 3:52 mark of the first half. However, with 1:27 to go in the half, the Bearcats went ahead 24-7 on a 2-yard pass play. A 73-yard kickoff return, following the Miami touchdown, helped set up the score. Eleven seconds later, on the RedHawks' first play of the ensuing series, LaVar Glover picked off a Bath pass and returned it 30 yards for a 31-7 UC lead. In the second half, the advantage grew to 45-7 before Miami's Jason Branch hauled in a 14-yard pass from John Schacke early in the fourth quarter. Despite the lopsided score, Miami held a 389-383 edge in total yardage and had 24 first downs to UC's 18. The game was played in front of 32,924 fans—a record for UC's Nippert Stadium.

Miami	0	7	0	8	—	15
Cincinnati	10	21	7	7	—	45

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
UC—Ruffin 22 FG 9:30
UC—McCleskey 2 run (Ruffin kick), 3:11
Second Quarter
UC—Kenner 1 run (Ruffin kick), 11:45
MU—Sullivan 15 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 3:52
UC—McCleskey 2 pass from Kenner (Ruffin kick), 1:27
UC—Glover 30 interception return (Ruffin kick), 1:16
Third Quarter
UC—Vann 13 pass from Kenner (Ruffin kick), 10:17
Fourth Quarter
UC—Jackson 24 run (Ruffin kick), 14:54
MU—Branch 14 pass from Schacke (Brumbergs kick), 12:07

Team Statistics	MU	UC
First Downs	24	18
Rushes-Yards	42-128	41-182
Passes (C-A-I)	20-43-2	16-29-0
Passing Yards	261	201
Plays-Total Yards	85-389	70-383
Punts-Average	5-39.4	6-37.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-46	9-105
Third Down Conv.	6/18	4/13
Possession Time	28:31	31:29

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Little 22-92; UC: Jackson 15-93, McCleskey 12-72
Passing—MU: Bath 14-30-2-189-1, Schacke 5-11-0-40-1; UC: Kenner 12-21-0-149-2, Hoover 4-8-0-52-0
Receiving—MU: Tillitz 6-52, Branch 4-50; UC: Keith 4-37, Vann 3-26

MIAMI 27 OHIO 24

Nov. 4, 2000
Yager Stadium, Oxford, OH
Attendance: 20,941

Using two touchdowns in the final 8 minutes 27 seconds, the RedHawks rallied from a 24-13 deficit to notch the win in Miami's final home game of 2000. The game-winning score came with 79 seconds left when Mike Bath fired a 37-yard scoring pass to Jason Branch. Branch, who was filling in for the injured Ty Buxton, caught the ball at the 10-yard line and then powered his way into the end zone with an Ohio defender clutching his leg. Branch, who earlier caught a 54-yard TD pass, finished with a career-high five catches for 143 yards and the two scores. After Miami gained the advantage at 27-24, its first lead of the contest, the RedHawk defense forced an Ohio fumble on the Bobcats' second-and-10 play from their own 25. Terrell Jones, who finished with a career-high 23 tackles, forced Freddie Ray to fumble the football, which was recovered by Brian Potter. Miami then ran out the clock to keep its MAC East title hopes alive. Steve Little sparked Miami's ground attack, rushing for 133 yards and two TD's. It was his third 100-yard outing in his last five games. Bath, who was 0-for-1 throwing the ball in the first half, completed 9-of-18 second-half passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns.

Ohio	7	7	10	0	—	24
Miami	0	7	6	14	—	27

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
OU—Sherrill 1 run (Kerr kick), 9:02
Second Quarter
MU—Little 3 run (Brumbergs kick), 7:46
OU—Knaack 6 pass from Jackson (Kerr kick), 0:14
Third Quarter
OU—Kerr 38 FG 10:13
MU—Branch 54 pass from Bath (kick blocked), 4:03
OU—Ray 30 run (Kerr kick), 0:03
Fourth Quarter
MU—Little 34 run (Brumbergs kick), 8:27
MU—Branch 37 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 1:19

Team Statistics	OU	MU
First Downs	23	17
Rushes-Yards	70-399	35-135
Passes (C-A-I)	3-6-1	9-21-1
Passing Yards	38	213
Plays-Total Yards	76-437	56-348
Punts-Average	4-50.3	5-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-101	4-45
Third Down Conv.	6/15	3/9
Possession Time	35:44	24:16

Individual Leaders

Rushing—OU: Jackson 41-211, Sherrill 16-91; MU: Little 25-133
Passing—OU: Jackson 3-6-1-38-1; MU: Bath 9-19-0-213-2
Receiving—OU: Knaack 2-34; MU: Branch 5-143, Johnson 3-59

2000 GAME SUMMARIES

MARSHALL 51 MIAMI 31

Nov. 11, 2000
Marshall Stadium, Huntington, WV
Attendance: 30,419

Spurred by 408 yards of first-half total offense, Marshall ended the East Division race by overpowering Miami 51-31. With the win, Marshall captured its fourth straight MAC East crown. The Thundering Herd raced to a 37-3 halftime advantage by scoring on seven of their first eight first-half possessions. The loss was the fourth successive road defeat for the RedHawks. Byron Leftwich completed 21 of 33 passes for 290 and three touchdowns for Marshall. Franklin Wallace registered 186 all-purpose yards in the first half and scored two touchdowns, one on a 55-yard run and the other on a 70-yard pass play. Miami's only first-half points came on a 34-yard field goal from Andy Brumbergs. A season-high five turnovers prevented Miami from mounting a formidable comeback. In the second half, the RedHawks rolled up 285 yards in total offense to the Herd's 78, but the 34-point deficit was too much to overcome. Miami received TD runs from Mike Bath and Steve Little, as well as TD receptions from Ty Buxton and Jason Branch. Branch finished with a career-high seven receptions for 86 yards. Chauncey Henry added a career-best five catches for 63 yards.

Miami	3	0	7	21	—	31
Marshall	20	17	0	14	—	51

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

MAR—Wallace 55 run (Jenkins kick), 11:34
MAR—Poole 12 pass from Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 9:05

MU—Brumbergs 34 FG 6:10

MAR—Jenkins 29 FG 4:37

MAR—Jenkins 21 FG 0:37

Second Quarter

MAR—Jenkins 31 FG 10:35

MAR—Wallace 70 pass from Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 5:35

MAR—Watts 11 pass from Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 3:09

Third Quarter

MU—Bath 1 run (Brumbergs kick), 1:30

Fourth Quarter

MAR—Buggs 2 run (Jenkins kick), 14:20

MU—Little 13 run (Brumbergs kick), 13:00

MU—Buxton 8 pass from Bath (Brumbergs kick), 7:28

MAR—Leftwich 1 run (Jenkins kick), 5:36

MU—Branch 23 pass from Schacke (Brumbergs kick), 0:49

Team Statistics

	MU	MAR
First Downs	24	24
Rushes-Yards	49-185	40-196
Passes (C-A-I)	21-39-2	21-33-0
Passing Yards	283	290
Plays-Total Yards	88-468	73-486
Punts-Average	6-42.8	5-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-99	4-45
Third Down Conv.	8/19	3/12
Possession Time	31:50	28:10

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Little 22-103; MAR: Wallace 9-116

Passing—MU: Bath 19-36-2-253-1; MAR: Leftwich 21-33-0-290-3

Receiving—MU: Branch 7-86, Henry 5-63; MAR: Poole 9-123, Washington 5-54

MIAMI 17 BUFFALO 16

Nov. 18, 2000
UB Stadium, Buffalo, NY
Attendance: 6,871

Paced by a career-high 222 rushing yards from tailback Steve Little, Miami fended off MAC upstart Buffalo 17-16 in the RedHawks' first visit to UB Stadium. It was a tale of two halves as Miami built a 17-6 first-half lead after Little scored his second touchdown of the day on a 4-yard run with 4:52 remaining. The Bulls, however, gained some momentum right before halftime by driving 88 yards in 14 plays and scoring on a 13-yard pass play from Joe Freedy to Dahnell Singfield. That score came with 18 seconds left in the half and pulled the Bulls to within four points at 17-13. When the teams returned to the field for the start of the second half, they were greeted with a snow-covered field. As the game wore on, the snow intensified, making playing conditions less than ideal. As a result, both offenses struggled to with scoring opportunities. Buffalo closed to within one point after Scott Keller drilled a 20-yard field goal. On the Bulls' next possession, they put together the longest drive of the half—a 77-yard march—but Keller narrowly missed a 21-yard field goal, which would have given UB its first lead of the game. The Bulls got the ball back one more time, but Miami's defense held and UB turned the ball over on downs. With the Miami air attack slowed considerably due to the weather conditions, Little carried the RedHawks, totaling 131 yards in the first half and 91 in the second half. Little's record day pushed his season total to 986 rushing yards. At one point in the second half, the teams suffered back-to-back-to-back turnovers.

Miami	3	14	0	0	—	17
Buffalo	0	13	3	0	—	16

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

MU—Brumbergs 21 FG 10:25

Second Quarter

MU—Little 9 run (Brumbergs kick), 10:56

UB—Freedy 1 run (kick failed), 5:50

MU—Little 4 run (Brumbergs kick), 4:52

UB—Singfield 13 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 0:18

Third Quarter

UB—Keller 20 FG 0:44

Team Statistics

	MU	UB
First Downs	20	25
Rushes-Yards	47-217	56-290
Passes (C-A-I)	9-21-4	12-24-3
Passing Yards	104	121
Plays-Total Yards	68-321	80-411
Punts-Average	4-33.8	4-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-60	8-74
Third Down Conv.	7/14	6/16
Possession Time	24:13	35:47

Individual Leaders

Rushing—MU: Little 35-222; UB: Dwarte 26-156, Gordon 11-70.

Passing—MU: Bath 9-21-4-104-0; UB: Freedy 22-11-3-119-1

Receiving—MU: Branch 4-34, Henry 3-53; UB: Singfield 4-48, Forde 4-44