



# UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
QUARTERFINAL ROUND; SAT., DEC 6, 2008  
AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA; UNI DOME  
6 p.m. (CT), 7 p.m. (ET)  
MEDIA NOTES



# 2008 NEW HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL MEDIA NOTES

## NO. 10 NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS (10-2)

at

## NO. 4 NORTHERN IOWA (11-2)

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### New Hampshire (10-2)

Sept. 6	at Army (FBS team)	W 28-10
Sept. 13	at Rhode Island	W 51-43
Sept. 20	ALBANY	W 32-24
Sept. 27	at Dartmouth	W 42-6
Oct. 11	WILLIAM & MARY	L 34-38
Oct. 18	at Northeastern	W 33-21
Oct. 25	TOWSON	W 42-14
Nov. 1	HOFSTRA	W 45-25
Nov. 8	at Villanova	L 13-24
Nov. 15	MASSACHUSETTS	W 52-21
Nov. 22	at Maine	W 28-24
Nov. 29	at Southern Illinois (NCAA)	W 29-20
Dec. 6	at Northern Iowa (NCAA)	

### Northern Iowa (11-2)

Aug. 30	at Brigham Young	L 17-41
Sept. 6	SOUTH DAKOTA	W 24-13
Sept. 20	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W 34-20
Sept. 27	at Southern Illinois	L 24-27
Oct. 2	NICHOLLS STATE	W 31-17
Oct. 8	ILLINOIS STATE	W 31-17
Oct. 18	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	W 23-13
Oct. 25	at Youngstown State	W 21-20
Nov. 1	at Western Illinois	W 30-6
Nov. 8	MISSOURI STATE	W 42-0
Nov. 15	at Indiana State	W 28-0
Nov. 22	at Southern Utah	W34-24
Nov. 29	MAINE	W 40-15

### NORTHERN IOWA UP NEXT FOR WILDCATS IN NCAA FCS QUARTERFINAL CONTEST:

UNH and UNI are familiar with each other. The two teams have played twice in the NCAA FCS playoffs in the last three years and are going to make it a third playoff battle in the span of the last four seasons. Northern Iowa knocked off No. 1 seeded UNH in 2005 (24-21) in a quarterfinal game played in Durham, N.H. Last year, the two teams squared off in the first round and the Panthers came out on top on a late game-winning touchdown pass to post a 38-35 victory. Both were hard-fought and close contests, but both were won by UNI. The 12 members of the UNH senior class either played or were on the roster for both losses to the Panthers and are looking forward to getting one more chance against one of the most successful teams at the NCAA FCS level. The Wildcats are 10-2 and the Panthers are 11-2. Northern Iowa is the third seed in the playoffs and ranked fourth in the most recent Sports Network Poll, while the Wildcats are ranked 10th. The game is being played in the UNI Dome, which has provided Northern Iowa with one of the best home field advantages at the FCS level. UNH is traveling for the second consecutive week after winning at No. 8 Southern Illinois (29-20). UNI defeated Maine at home in the dome, 40-15. For the UNH seniors, this is big.

**SCOUTING NORTHERN IOWA:** It would be fair to say that Northern Iowa has been improving as the season has moved forward. The only losses for UNI were in Sept. against FBS Brigham Young (41-17) and against a team UNH just defeated in the first round of the playoffs, Southern Illinois (27-24). However, the loss to the Salukis was on Sept 27 and since that time the Panthers have won an impressive nine straight games, including two shutouts and the defense has not given up more than 24 points in all nine games. Meanwhile, the offense is has scored over 30 points in four of its last five wins and over 40 points twice during that span. The team is led offensively by running back Corey Lewis, who has topped the 1,000 yard rushing mark with 1,197 yards on 235 attempts and has rushed for a team-high 10 TDs. He is also a receiving threat with 21 catches for 218 yards and two TDs through the air. Pat Grace has led the way at QB with 1,562 passing yards and 12 touchdown passes. Defensively, UNI features an aggressive pass rush and checks in with 30 sacks for a loss of 154 yards. Leading the charge has been James Ruffin with eight sacks this year and 15 tackles for a loss. UNI also checks in with 20 interceptions this season and is led in that category by Jamar Thompson and Terrell McMoore with four interceptions apiece. Leading the team in tackles has been Josh Mahoney with 116 on the season (42-74-116). Northern Iowa head coach Mark Farley has been at the helm of the Panther program since the 2001.

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### **UNH FOOTBALL IN THE MIDST OF ITS FIFTH CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCE IN THE NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS AND SEVENTH OVERALL:**

The University of New Hampshire football team is in the midst of its fifth straight appearance in the NCAA Division I Championship Playoffs and has moved on to the NCAA FCS quarterfinal round in 2008 following a 29-20 first-round road win at Southern Illinois. It is the third largest streak of consecutive NCAA appearances behind only Montana and Southern Illinois. With the win over the Salukis, the Wildcats have posted an overall playoff record of 4-6. Last season UNH was defeated at No. 1 seed Northern Iowa in the first round (38-35), after the Panthers came back to win on a late TD pass. In 2007, UNH posted a victory over Hampton (41-38) in the first round and lost to Massachusetts in the quarterfinals (24-17). In 2005, UNH lost to UNI in the quarterfinals at Cowell Stadium (24-21) and the Wildcats defeated Colgate in Durham in the first round (55-21). In 2004, UNH won at Georgia Southern (27-23) and was defeated at Montana in the quarterfinals (47-17). UNH also lost in the first round of the NCAAs to Appalachian State in 1994 (17-10 OT) and lost to Samford in the first round in 1991 (29-13). For the second consecutive year, UNH is one of five teams from the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) to earn a bid to the NCAA FCS Playoffs.

### **UNH WINS FIRST-ROUND GAME AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (29-20) WITH TOTAL TEAM EFFORT (SPECIAL TEAMS, DEFENSE AND OFFENSE):**

Senior kicker Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) booted a career-high five field goals to lead the University of New Hampshire football team to a 29-20 NCAA FCS First-Round victory at Southern Illinois on Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. UNH, which will travel to play at No. 3 seed Northern Iowa, on Sat., Dec. 6 advances to the NCAA quarterfinals for the fourth time in the last five years. Southern Illinois took the early lead on a long, 12-play, 68-yard drive when Kyle Dougherty booted a 47-yard field goal through the uprights at 8:23 of the first quarter. The Wildcats tied the game at 4:41 of the first quarter when Bishop capped a 12-play 72 yard drive with a 27 yard field goal to knot the contest at 3-3. Dougherty came out on the field again at 14:19 of the second quarter and booted his second field goal of the day, a 30-yarder to give the Salukis a 6-3 advantage. A 52 yard kickoff return by senior John Clements (Hammonton, N.J.) gave UNH the football on the Southern Illinois 37 yard line and UNH drove to the 17 yard line where Bishop kicked his second field goal of the game at 12:50 of the second quarter, a 35 yarder to tie the contest 6-6. An R.J. Toman pass was intercepted at the UNH 12 yard line and Saluki quarterback Chris Dieker scored on a 1 yard run to give the home team a 13-6 advantage with 4:28 left to play before the half. After a 45 yard return by junior Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.), Bishop booted his third field goal of the afternoon, a 28-yarder with 2:34 remaining before the half to cut the Southern Illinois lead to 13-9. UNH put together an amazing 44-second, 80 yard drive in the waning seconds of the first half, including a 54-yard pass play from Toman to senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.). The drive ended with back-to-back rushing attempts by Toman, including a 2 yard TD run with 26 seconds remaining, giving the Wildcats a 16-13 advantage heading into the lockerroom. UNH took the ball on the UNH 30 yard line after the first Saluki drive of the second half ended with a missed 47 yard field goal, however a pass from Toman to Boyle was deflected and intercepted on the UNH 42 yard line by Korey Lindsey. Dougherty came out again to attempt a 46 yard field goal and was short for the second time. UNH's Toman completed a 54-yard pass to junior tight end Scott Sicko that

took the ball deep into SIU territory. UNH had a fourth and 1 on the 16 yard line and Bishop ran onto the field and kicked a 33-yarder his fourth of the afternoon with 2:46 left in the third to give the Wildcats a 19-13 advantage. The UNH defense held again and then on the ensuing punt, sophomore Ryan McGuinness (Howell, N.J.) made the block, which was then scooped up by Clements who ran it in for a 26 yard touchdown to give the Wildcats their biggest lead of the game with 34 seconds to go in the third quarter, 26-13. Southern Illinois answered quickly with a 30 yard touchdown pass from Dieker to tight end Kyle Harruf to cut the UNH lead to 26-20 with 12:57 to play in the contest after the made PAT. Boyle then made a huge 8 yard catch from Toman to keep a key late drive alive on third down. Then Toman completed a series of passes to get into Saluki territory. UNH then continued to kill the clock with runs by Kackert, Toman and Simpson to get to the Saluki 15 yard line. Bishop then kicked a 32 yard field goal, his fifth of the day, to put the Wildcats up 29-20 with just 2:13 to left in the contest. UNH's defense held the Salukis to just 167 rushing yards on the day and recorded three turnovers, including a fumble recovery and two interceptions, one by junior corner Ryan Hinds (Toronto, Ont.) that iced the win with 9 seconds to play. Leading the defense in tackles was sophomore Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) with 7-3-10, and he also had an interception and two breakups. Clements and junior linebacker Sean Ware (Bristol, Conn.) each had nine tackles.

**THE ALL-TIME SERIES VS. NORTHERN IOWA:** Northern Iowa leads this all-time series 2-0 after defeating UNH in the quarterfinals of the NCAA FCS Playoffs (24-21) in 2005 and losing to the Panthers in 2007 in the first round (38-35).

### **10TH YEAR HEAD COACH SEAN McDONNELL NAMED NEW ENGLAND FOOTBALL WRITERS COACH OF THE YEAR AND POSTS HIS 70TH CAREER WIN VS. SIU:**

10th-year head coach Sean McDonnell was recently named the New England Football Writers Coach Of the Year for his outstanding efforts in 2008. It was the second time he has won the award, after being honored in 2005. McDonnell has led UNH to its fifth straight appearance in the NCAA Playoffs and a 10-2 mark so far this season. For his career he now owns a 79-48-0 record as the head coach at the University of New Hampshire. He was named the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year in 2005 as selected by "The Sports Network". In the the last five seasons, McDonnell and his team has posted an impressive overall mark of 47-15 and the program is 28-12 vs. CAA opponents during that timespan. McDonnell was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 2004 and was named District I Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) after leading UNH to its best season ever in the history of the program. The Wildcats also finished first in the North Division of the Atlantic 10 Football Conference and won their first-ever NCAA I-AA tournament game with a victory at Georgia Southern. McDonnell led his squad to the NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals three straight times 2004-2006 and made a fourth straight appearance in the NCAA championships in 2007, dropping a first-round game to No. 1 seeded Northern Iowa. This year marks the fourth time in five years UNH has advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals under McDonnell.

### **NINE UNH FOOTBALL PLAYERS EARN CAA ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS:**

RICHMOND, Va.— The Colonial Athletic Association announced its all-conference award winners and various players of the year on Monday afternoon and the University of New Hampshire saw nine different players earn accolades, including Brian McNally, who received CAA Defensive Rookie

Of The Year honors. McNally, a redshirt freshman defensive end from Cornwall, N.Y. started every game for the Wildcats on the defensive line and was the team's ninth leading tackler on the season (16-29-45). He also put tremendous pressure on opponent backfields, recording a team-best 7.0 tackles for a loss of 24 yards and he checked in with a team best 2.5 sacks on the season for a loss of 10 yards. He also recovered a fumble and forced a fumble. The Wildcats had two players named first-team all-conference on the offensive side of the football in senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) and junior tight end Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.). Boyle has enjoyed an outstanding senior season and leads the team with 10 touchdown receptions and he needs just 74 more receiving yards to reach the 1,000-yard mark in receiving. He is presently ranked second in the CAA in receiving yards and third with 5.1 per contest. Boyle had two key touchdowns in UNH's key win at Maine this past weekend, including the game-winner. Sicko, who was named a preseason All-American by several media outlets has had All-America numbers this season with 41 catches for 506 yards and seven touchdowns, one more than he had as an All-American in 2007. Six different players were also named second-team all-conference, two on offense and four on defense. Sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) performed above and beyond the expectations of many this year and has passed for 27 touchdowns so far this season, while also running for four. He is presently ranked No. 4 in the nation in passing efficiency (167.69) and 17th in the country in total offense (253.08 ypg.). He has thrown only eight interceptions this year and has already emerged as a true team leader, helping to lead the team to the playoffs in his first year as a starter. The UNH offensive line has been outstanding this season and one of the key reasons why has been the steady play of senior starter Josh Droesch (West Boylston, Mass.). At 6-6, 290 pounds he has the size and power to play at the next level. He has excelled at protecting the quarterback this season and is one of the main reasons why UNH has second in the CAA in scoring offense (36.4 ppg.) and first in total offense (414.9 ypg.). Senior Matt Parent (Long Beach, Calif.) leads the second-team defenders as a team tri-captain and he is presently second on the squad in tackles (28-57-85). He is presently ranked third all-time at UNH in total tackles with 344. The big play of Parent's career came in the victory over Massachusetts on Nov. 15 when he grabbed an interception and rambled 100 yards for the first TD of his career. He was named CAA Defensive Player of the Week for his effort. Parent also has posted 6.5 tackles for a loss this season and two sacks. Another key leader in the defensive backfield has been senior John Clements (Hammonton, N.J.). He has done whatever it takes in the backfield to make the team and others around him better, by playing different positions from corner to safety and back again. Clements, who is third on the team in tackles (41-31-72), also recorded two interceptions for 47 yards and recovered two fumbles. He returned one interception for a touchdown. Also named to the second team was sophomore corner Dino Vasso (Crum, Lynne, Pa.) who is ranked first on the team in tackles (57-29-86) and he is tied for the team lead in interceptions with four for 113 yards. He was named CAA Defensive Player of the Week for his two interceptions, one for a 66-yard touchdown, in UNH's victory over Hofstra. Last but certainly not least was senior punter Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) being named second-team punter. Bishop is averaging 41.1 yards per punt this season and is having his best season to date. He has 34 punts this season for 1,398 yards and has put 17 punts inside the 20. He also has booted seven punts over 50

yards in 2008 with a long of 56 yards.

#### **UNH FOOTBALL RANKED NO. 10 IN SPORTS NETWORK FCS**

**TOP 25:** The UNH football team moved into the top 10 after posting a hard-fought 28-24 victory at Maine on Nov. 22. UNH had been ranked 11th Here's a look at the most recent Sports Network FCS Top 25.

1. James Madison Dukes (74)	10-1	2,018	1
2. Appalachian St. Mountaineers (7)	10-2	1,936	2
3. Cal Poly Mustangs	8-2	1,774	3
<b>4. Northern Iowa Panthers</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>4</b>
5. Montana Grizzlies	11-1	1,719	5
6. Villanova Wildcats	9-2	1,627	6
7. Richmond Spiders	9-3	1,550	7
8. Wofford Terriers	9-2	1,422	9
9. Southern Illinois Salukis	9-2	1,377	10
<b>10. New Hampshire Wildcats</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>11</b>
11. Central Arkansas Bears	10-2	1,128	13
12. Weber State Wildcats	9-3	1,095	8
13. South Carolina State Bulldogs	10-2	980	15
14. Liberty Flames	10-2	771	22
15. Harvard Crimson	9-1	676	19
16. Colgate Raiders	9-2	630	21
17. Elon Phoenix	8-4	597	12
18. McNeese State Cowboys	7-4	570	14
19. William & Mary Tribe	7-4	558	16
20. Maine Black Bears	8-4	432	17
21. Eastern Kentucky Colonels	8-3	417	NR
22. Jacksonville State Gamecocks	8-3	401	24
23. Texas State Bobcats	8-4	259	NR
24. Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks	8-4	252	18
25. Prairie View A&M Panthers	9-1	142	NR

Others receiving votes: South Dakota State 139, Grambling 118, Furman 113, Florida A&M 92, Massachusetts 59, Holy Cross 50, Brown 49, North Dakota State 41, Western Illinois 34, Northwestern State 22, Eastern Washington 18, Albany 17, Tennessee State 15, San Diego 11, Montana State 10, Monmouth 7, Jacksonville 6, Bethune-Cookman 5, Lafayette 4, Georgia Southern 3, Dayton 2, Penn 1.

#### **UNH CELEBRATED SENIOR DAY ON NOV. 15 (UMASS GAME):**

The University of New Hampshire football team honored 12 seniors who were honored on the field prior to the Nov. 15 home game vs. UMass. The graduating seniors include:

#### **Kaysonne Anderson**

**Tom Bishop**

**John Clements**

**Josh Droesch**

**Maurice Duper**

**Andrew Elwell**

**Chris McClurg**

**Matt O'Brien**

**Robert Simpson**

**Mike Boyle**

**Eric Cumba**

**Matt Parent**

#### **UNH WINS CAA NORTH TITLE AFTER HUGE 28-24 VICTORY OVER MAINE IN THE SNOW:** The University of New Hampshire

captured first place in the CAA North on Nov.22 with its hard-fought 28-24 victory at Maine during a snow storm. James Madison earned the autobid for the CAA with a perfect 8-0 record in conference Here's a look at the standings after the first round of the NCAA FCS Championships.

#### North

<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>10-2</b>
Maine	5-3	8-5
Massachusetts	4-4	7-5
Hofstra	2-6	4-8
Rhode Island	1-7	3-9
Northeastern	1-7	2-10

#### South

James Madison	8-0	11-1
Villanova	7-1	10-2
Richmond	6-2	10-3
William & Mary	5-3	7-4
Delaware	2-6	4-8
Towson	1-7	3-9

**UNH SPECIAL TEAMS EXTRA SPECIAL IN NCAA FCS FIRST-ROUND VICTORY AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:** The UNH special teams were a major reason why UNH was able to defeat Southern Illinois in the first round of the playoffs, 29-20. Special teams accounted for 21 points, including five field goals and an two extra points by senior place kicker Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) UNH also got six points on a blocked punt return for a touchdown by senior John Clements (Hammonton, N.J.). It doesn't stop there as the kick returners ran back five for 199 yards led by Clements with three for 143 yards.

**TOM BISHOP TIES THE FCS RECORD FOR FIELD GOALS IN A PLAYOFF GAME WITH FIVE VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:** Senior place kicker Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) booted field goals of 27, 35, 28, 33 and 32 yards to tie the NCAA FCS record for field goals in a playoff game.. He also broke the UNH record for field goals in a game., which was previously three, and tied the CAA mark for field goals in a game with 5 also recorded by Mark Kiefer of Villanova in 1995.

**UNH RANKED SECOND IN THE NATION IN KICK RETURN AVERAGE WITH 25.62 YARDS PER RETURN:** The University of Hew Hampshire football team is averaging 25.62 yards per kick return this season, ranking them second in NCAA FCS. Leading the team is junior Chad Kackert and senior John Clements. Kackert is averaging 24.7 yards per return and Clements is at an amazing mark of 32.2 yards per return.

**SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER MIKE BOYLE TOPS THE 1,000 YARD RECEIVING YARDAGE MARK FOR 2008 IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS GAME:** Senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) topped the 1,000 yard receiving yardage mark for 2008 during the NCAA FCS first round playoff game at Southern Illinois. He now has 63 catches for 1,057 yards this season after making seven catches for 131 yards vs. the Salukies.

**SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER MIKE BOYLE SECOND IN CAA IN RECEPTION YARDS AND THIRD IN CATCHES:** One player opponent defenses can not afford to ignore is senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.). Boyle continues to make big catches for the 'Cats. In fact he is ranked third in the CAA

in catches made (5.1) and he is second in the conference in receiving yards with a mark of 84.2 ypg. Boyle leads all receivers in touchdown catches with eight in 2008.

#### **WILDCATS WIN CAA NORTH TITLE AND MAKES NCAA PLAYOFFS WITH 28-24 WIN AT MAINE:**

Trailing 24-21 with under four minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, the No. 11 University of New Hampshire football team scored with 3:27 remaining and held on to capture a 28-24 win over the University of Maine on Saturday afternoon at a cold, snow-covered Alfond Stadium. The Wildcats captured the Colonial Athletic Association's (CAA) North Division Regular Season title, the Brice-Cowell Musket and have solidified their chances for a fifth-straight trip to the NCAA FCS Tournament. UNH will await its placement in the NCAA field, which will be announced during the selection show on Sunday night (7 p.m.) live on ESPNU. The game-winning touchdown came on a 22-yard strike from R.J.Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) to Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) at 3:27 in the fourth quarter, which gave the Wildcats a 28-24 lead that they never relinquished. The score proved to be the only tally of the quarter as the Black Bears had a pair of chances with the football in the final three minutes, but both drives were foiled by interceptions by Terrence Klein (Westwood, N.J.). UNH improves to 9-2, its best regular-season finish since 2005 (11-2), and captures the CAA North title with a 6-2 mark. The Wildcats retain possession of the coveted Brice-Cowell Musket, awarded to the winner of the UNH-Maine game, for the six-straight year. All-and-all, New Hampshire holds the Granite Bowl (via a win over Dartmouth), the Bill Knight Award (via a win over Massachusetts) and the Brice-Cowell Musket. Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) had 12 carries for 89 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Boyle and Toman connected twice for the other two UNH scored. Towan finished 6-of-12 for 127 yards and two TD passes despite the cold and snowy conditions, while Boyle was the team's leading receiver with three catches for 55 yards. Maine's Michael Brusko was 6-of-15 for 98 yards and a pair of late interceptions, but was the team's leading rusher with 18 carries for 65 yards and a touchdown. Jhamal Fluellen had 14 rushes for 33 yards and a score, while Pushaun Brown had 16 yards and a score. New Hampshire won the opening coin toss and proceeded to march down field and as Kackert scored on a 46-yard run at 12:57 to complete a five-play 64-yard drive that was all on the ground. Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) converted the point-after attempt to give the Wildcats a 7-0 lead. The Black Bears took advantage of a pair of UNH turnover to score 10 unanswered for a 10-7 lead at the end of the first. The first score was setup by a Kackert fumble at the 39. Maine engineered a six-play 39-yard drive that end with a 3-yard touchdown run by Brown at 5:23. Jordan Waxman made the extra point to tie it 7-7. The following UNH possession ended with a Bishop punt, which was blocked and recovered by Maine at the 15-yard line. The Black Bears would gain two yards before Waxman made a 30-yard field goal at 1:05 to make it 10-7. The Wildcats scored just 42 seconds into the second quarter to regain the lead on an 18-yard run by Kackert. Bishop converted the PAT to make it 14-10 at half time. In a 21-point third quarter, it was the Black Bears that struck first with nearly a 10-minute drive that was nine plays 62 yards, included a fake punt and ended with a two-yard TD run on a quarterback keeper by Brusko. Waxman's kick gave UM a 17-14 lead at 9:57. UNH made quick work to regain the lead on a five-play 78-yard drive that including a 35-yard bomb to Chris Jeannot (Moon Township, Pa.) and concluded with a 29-yard TD strike from Towan to Boyle at 8:16. Maine

regained the lead on what proved to be its final score of the game as Fluellen completed a five-play 30-yard drive with a three-yard run to make it 24-21 with 2:42 left in the third. In addition to Klein's two interceptions for the Wildcat defense, senior Matt Parent (Plainfield, N.J.) finished with a team-high 12 tackles, while Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) and Maurice Duper (Baldwinsville, N.Y.) had nine and eight tackles, respectively.

**JUNIOR TERENCE KLEIN NAMED SPORTS NETWORK NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AND CAA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AFTER MAKING TWO KEY INTERCEPTIONS TO PRESERVE A 28-24 VICTORY OVER MAINE (NOV. 22):**

Klein, a Westwood, N.J., native recorded two key interceptions on the day in a 28-24 victory at Maine catapulting the Wildcats to their fifth-straight berth in the postseason. Both of Klein's picks came in the fourth quarter as the Black Bears were trying to assemble game-winning drives. The first came with 3:02 left in the game, halting a two-play Maine drive inside Black Bear territory. After a UNH punt on the ensuing possession, Klein again single-handedly stopped a Maine drive by intercepting a pass inside of New Hampshire territory with just 18 seconds left in the game. The junior finished the day with three total tackles to go with the two game-saving interceptions.

**SENIOR LINEBACKER MATT PARENT NAMED SPORTS NETWORK NATIONAL AND CAA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN WIN OVER UMASS:**

Senior linebacker Matt Parent (Long Beach, Calif.) was named the Sports Network National Defensive Player of the Week and the Colonial Athletic Association's Defensive Player of the Week for his outstanding efforts in the University of New Hampshire's 52-21 victory over New England rival Massachusetts on Nov. 15. The winner of the Bill Knight Trophy, awarded annually to the MVP of the UNH/UMass football game, tied a league-record for the longest-ever interception return when he picked off a Liam Coen pass and took it back 100 yards for a score. The pick-six, which was the first in league play since JMU's Tony LeZotte took an interception back 100 yards against Towson in 2005, put the Wildcats on top 10-0 midway through the first quarter. With 2:50 left in the first quarter, junior defensive lineman T.J. Taylor knocked a ball loose and Parent picked it up for a fumble recovery and five-yard return. One play later, New Hampshire extended its lead to 24-0 with a 48-yard touchdown run. Parent, who came up with another fumble recovery in the fourth quarter, ended his day with six total tackles including one for a loss of four yards.

**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN TIGHT END CHRIS JEANNOT NAMED CAA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK AFTER SCORING TWO TDs IN WIN VS. UMASS:**

University of New Hampshire redshirt freshman tight end Chris Jeannot (Moon Township, Pa.) was named the Colonial Athletic Association's Rookie of the Week for his two touchdown catches in the Wildcats' 52-21 victory over Massachusetts on Nov. 15. Jeannot's TD catches accounted for 92 of the Wildcats' 295 receiving yards. The 6-6, 230-pounder logged a 77-yard touchdown catch in the closing minutes of the first half -- the first TD-catch of his career. He then caught a 15-yard touchdown toss from sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman with 7:46 left to play in the game. Prior to the contest against UMass, Jeannot had caught just two passes for 10 yards playing in a back-up role to junior All-America tight end Scott Sicko.

**WILDCATS RANKED THIRD IN THE NATION IN TURNOVER MARGIN AND TIED FOR THIRD IN THE NATION IN INTERCEPTIONS MADE:**

One of the keys to the success of the UNH defense this season according to Coach McDonnell is creating turnovers. The UNH defense has been getting the job done and is presently ranked third in all of FCS with a mark of 1.42 this season. UNH is also tied with Richmond for third place in interceptions made this season with 23.

**UNH AMONG NATIONAL FCS LEADERS:** Here is a look at some of UNH's best rankings among the national FCS leaders statistically.

**TEAM NCAA STATISTICS**

Total Offense	15th	409.42
Scoring Offense	9th	35.75
Net Punting	17th	34.93
Kickoff Returns	2nd	25.62
Passing Efficiency	7th	159.28
Turnover Margin	3rd	1.42

**UNH DEFENSE SUCCESSFUL CREATING TURNOVERS IN 2008:**

The UNH defense has been looked upon to create turnovers within its defensive scheme by the coaching staff and it has been accomplishing that mission. Here's a look at the number of turnovers in each contest this season. UNH is now ranked third in the nation in turnover margin with a mark of 1.42.

Army	4 fumble recoveries
Rhode Island	2 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery
Albany	0
Dartmouth	2 interceptions
William & Mary	2 interceptions
Northeastern	1 interception
Towson	2 interceptions
Hofstra	5 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries
Villanova	1 interception
UMass	4 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries
Maine	2 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery
Southern Illinois	2 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery

**UNH AMONG THE CAA LEADERS OFFENSIVELY AND DEFENSIVELY IN SEVERAL KEY STATISTICS:**

UNH is among the league leaders in several key statistical categories according to the weekly CAA release. Here's a look at where they stand this week compared to other CAA teams:

Scoring Offense	UNH is second (35.8 ppg.)
Rushing Offense	UNH is fifth (169.1 ypg.)
Rushing Defense	UNH is thrd (134.8)
Total Offense	UNH is first (412.3 ypg.)
Pass Offense	UNH is third ( 243.2 ypg.)
Pass Efficiency	UNH is first (159.2)
Interceptions	UNH is second (23)
Punting	UNH is first (34.9)
Kickoff Returns	UNH is first (25.6)
Turnover Margin	UNH is first (+17)
Red Zone Offense	UNH is third (89.4 %, 42-47)
Red Zone Defense	UNH is third (77.1 %, 37-48)

**UNH DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR SEVEN TOUCHDOWNS IN 2008 WITH FOUR INTERCEPTIONS FOR TOUCHDOWNS ONE KICKOFF RETURN, ONE FUMBLE**

## **RECOVERY FOR PAYDIRT AND ONE PUNT RETURN:**

### **Interceptions returned for touchdowns in 2008:**

1. Matt Parent 100 yd Int. Return for TD vs. UMass.
2. John Clements 47 yd Int. return for TD vs. Hofstra
3. Dino Vasso 66 yd Int. return for TD vs. Hofstra
4. Ryan Hinds 74 yd Int. return for TD vs. Towson

### **Fumbles returned for touchdowns in 2008:**

1. Hugo Souza 22 yd fumble return for TD at Army

### **Kickoff Returns for touchdowns in 2008:**

1. John Clements 87 yd kickoff return for TD at Army

### **Blocked Punt returned for touchdown in 2008:**

1. John Clements 26 yd punt return for TD at SIU

## **UNH BREAKS 46-YEAR OLD CAA RECORD FOR INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE IN A GAME VS. HOFSTRA:**

The UNH defense broke a 46-year league record with 207 INT-return yards against Hofstra on Nov. 1. The old mark was set by Maine against Bowdoin on Nov. 10, 1962. The Black Bears had 160 yards in interception returns. UNH had five interceptions in the contest vs. The Pride. UNH also had four interceptions vs. UMass on Nov. 15th.

## **UNH FOOTBALL ROAD WARRIORS ONCE AGAIN IN 2008:**

The UNH football team has once again proven to be road warriors in 2008. After 12 games played, seven of them on the road, the Wildcats are 6-1 when playing out of a suitcase. The Wildcats have defeated Army (28-10), Rhode Island (51-43), Dartmouth (42-6), Northeastern (33-21), Maine (28-24) and Southern Illinois (29-20) in games played away from Cowell Stadium. The lone loss was a 24-13 defeat at Villanova.

## **HOME SWEET HOME: UNH 4-1 AT COWELL STADIUM:**

UNH is has been very successful in its five games played at home this season, posting a 4-1 record. The Wildcats defeated the following teams in the friendly confines of Cowell Stadium: Albany (32-24), Towson (42-14), Hofstra (45-25) and Massachusetts (52-21). The lone loss was against William & Mary on a late TD (38-34).

## **JUNIOR TIGHT END SCOTT SICKO WELL ON HIS WAY TO ANOTHER ALL-AMERICAN SEASON:**

Junior tight end Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.) has been living up to the preseason All-America hype. After 12 games played, Sicko already has seven touchdown catches, good for second on the team. In all, Sicko has accumulated 44 receptions for 574 yards and could be on his way to his best season ever as a Wildcat. Last year, which was also an All-American season for him, Sicko recorded 51 catches for 619 yards and six touchdowns. He has already topped last year's touchdown total with at least one more playoff game ahead of him. He did miss the UMass game on Nov. 15 due to a chest injury suffered at Villanova, but returned to play vs. Maine on Nov. 22.

## **TOM BISHOP HAVING AN AMAZING SEASON AS PUNTER, PLACE KICKER AND KICKOFF MAN:**

Senior punter/place-kicker Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) is making a strong bid for All-America honors. So far this season he is averaging 41.6 yards per punt after booting the ball 38 times for 1,582 yards with 19 punts inside the 20. He has also booted a long of 56

yards this season. As a placekicker, he has taken over the job as the starter and has posted impressive numbers, hitting 11 of 14 field goals, including a career-best of 46-yarder against UMass. He is also a perfect 33-33 in extra points this season. He has also been handling kickoffs since the Villanova game after Tom Manning pulled a hamstring.

## **UNH FOOTBALL POSTS 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY ON OCT. 25 AGAINST TOWSON:**

The UNH football program celebrated a major milestone when it defeated Towson on Oct. 25. The 42-14 victory over the Tigers was the 500th win in the history of the UNH football program. Interestingly, UNH head coach Sean McDonnell was part of an amazing 142 of the first 500 victories, as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

## **DINO VASSO NAMED CO-CAA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR EFFORTS IN WIN OVER HOFSTRA:**

Sophomore corner Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) was named the Co-CAA Defensive Player of the Week for his outstanding defensive efforts in UNH's victory over Hofstra on Nov. 1 (45-25). Vasso led the Wildcats on the day with 12 total tackles, including one for a loss of seven yards and forced a fumble. The sophomore hauled in two of New Hampshire's five interceptions of the contest and returned his fourth-quarter pick 66 yards for a touchdown, making the score 45-17. The Wildcat defense forced seven Pride turnovers on the day, including interceptions by Vasso (2, 1 TD), John Clements (1, 1 TD), Hugo Souza (1) and Ryan Hinds (1). The defense also recovered two fumbles. UNH returned three interceptions for touchdowns in the victories over Towson and Hofstra.

## **RYAN HINDS NAMED SPORTS NETWORK NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK, CAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK, AND ECAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AFTER WIN OVER TOWSON:**

Junior defensive back **Ryan Hinds** (Toronto, Ont.) was named The Sports Network National Defensive Player of the Week, the Colonial Athletic Association's Defensive Player Of the Week, and the ECAC Defensive Player Of The Week for his outstanding efforts in UNH's 42-14 CAA victory over Towson on Oct. 25 at Cowell Stadium. The win was the 500th in the history of the football program. Hinds put the Wildcats on the scoreboard at 10:23 of the first quarter when he stepped in front of a Sean Schaefer pass and returned it 74 yards for a touchdown. The last time UNH had returned an interception to the house was in 2005 when Corey Graham returned his interception 73 yards at Towson. In the second quarter, Hinds again intercepted a Schaefer pass inside of New Hampshire territory and returned it 35 yards, setting up a 7 yard touchdown pass from sophomore R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) to junior running back Sean Jellison (Amherst, N.H.). Hinds ended the day with a total of 109 yards in interception returns, the second-best single-game total in league standings this season. The defensive back also recorded six tackles in the contest, including four solo stops.

## **UNH WHEN STATISTICS:** Here is how the UNH football team has done when:

at home:	4-1
on the road:	6-1
on grass:	1-0
on turf:	9-2
in day games:	10-2
at night:	0-0

leading at the half:	8-1
tied at the half:	0-0
trailing at the half:	2-1
leading after three quarters:	8-1
behind after three quarters:	2-1
tied after three quarters	0-0
UNH scores first:	6-1
Opponent scores first:	4-1
UNH on television	6-1

**UNH OFFENSE MOVING AND SCORING IN 2008:** UNH'S Of-fense is producing both points and plenty of yards in 2008. The Wildcats overall (offense, defense and special teams) is averaging and an eye-popping 409.4 average in total yards per game. UNH had its best overall team effort offensively on Nov. 15 with 620 yards of offense and 52 points vs. UMass. Here's a look game-by-game at the points and yards so far this season.

ARMY	322 yards	28 points
RHODE ISLAND	509 yards	51 points
ALBANY	413 yards	32 points
DARTMOUTH	525 yards	42 points
WILLIAM & MARY	468 yards	34 points
NORTHEASTERN	390 yards	33 points
TOWSON	434 yards	42 points
HOFSTRA	278 yards	45 points
VILLANOVA	314 yards	13 points
MASSACHUSETTS	620 yards	52 points
MAINE	290 yards	28 points
SOUTH. ILLINOIS	384 yards	29 points

**WR TERRANCE FOX MADE THE MOST OF BACK-TO-BACK STARTS VS. NORTHEASTERN AND TOWSON** Sophomore wide receiver Terrance Fox (Piscataway, N.J.) made the most of his first career start in the win vs. Northeastern on Oct. 18 (33-21). Fox went in for the injured Matt O'Brien and posted career highs of 8 catches for 103 yards. He also ran back a 49 yard kick return then made a 31 yard touchdown catch to spark 27 unanswered points for the Wildcats, who trailed 21-6 at half. Fox also made three key catches in UNH's final touchdown drive of the contest to help ice the win. He did it again in his second start vs. Towson (Oct. 25), grabbing four catches for another 103 yards in the win. He also had another TD catch, a 40-yarder from Toman. In addition, he returned a kick 45 yards.

**QB R.J. TOMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR 32 TDS THIS SEASON:** Sophomore QB R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) has thrown 27 touchdown passes so far this season and also rushed for five more, making him responsible for a total of 32 TDs this season. He is completing 66.2 percent of his passes this season (215-325) and is averaging 238.9 passing yards per game this season. He has thrown only 11 interceptions as compared his 27 passing TDS and he is ranked high among the nation's leaders in several passing categories. such as passing efficiency (fifth) and total offense (17th).

**SENIOR TRI-CAPTAIN AND LINEBACKER MATT PARENT MOVES UP TO THIRD ON UNH'S ALL-TIME TACKLES LIST:** Senior tri-captain Matt Parent (Long Beach, Calif.) continues to move up UNH's all time tackles list after a very productive four seasons at linebacker for the Wildcats. He is presently second on the 2008 squad in tackles with 32-61-93. He recorded 88 total tackles in 2005, 90 in 2006, and 81 in 2007 to give him

352 total tackles in his career. That places him third on UNH's all-time tackle list.

1. Steve Doig (1978-81) 484
2. Jeff Pammer (2004-07) 359
- 3. Matt Parent (2005-08) 352**
4. Aaron Thomas (2000-04) 343
5. Chris McGrath (1987-91) 322

**JUNIOR RUNNING BACK CHAD KACKERT STARTED OUT STRONG BEFORE INJURIES** Whether it be rushing the ball, catching the ball or kickoff returns, junior Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) had been racking up big yardage in the first three games of 2008. He also rushed over 100 yards twice during that span. Here's a look at what he has accomplished game-by-game. He had struggled with knee and shoulder injuries at midseason, but played some on Nov. 8 at Villanova and has steadily played even more in the last three contests.

<b>Army</b>	68 rushing yards 1 TD, 30 receiving yards, 98 all-pur pose yards.
<b>URI</b>	164 rushing yards 1 TD, 9 receiving yards, 137 kick off return yards for 310 all-purpose yards.
<b>Albany</b>	106 rushing yards, 53 receiving yards (1 TD), 99 kick off return yards for 258 all-purpose yards.
<b>Dart.</b>	DNP due to knee injury
<b>W&amp;M</b>	17 rushing yards, 23 yards in kickoff returns in limited action due to injury.
<b>NU</b>	DNP due to shoulder injury
<b>Towson</b>	DNP due to shoulder injury
<b>Hofstra</b>	DNP due to shoulder injury
<b>VU</b>	13 rushing yards, 20 receiving yards, 0 TDs
<b>UMass</b>	86 rushing yards (1 TD), 42 receiving yards (1 TD)
<b>Maine</b>	89 rushing yards (2 TDS)
<b>SIU</b>	50 rushing yards (0TDs), 10 receiving yards (0 TDs)

**R.J. TOMAN EARNS BOSTON GLOBE GOLD HELMET AWARD FOR EFFORTS AT URI:** University of New Hampshire sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) was named the recipient of this week's Boston Globe Gold Helmet Award, which is presented on a weekly basis to the top college football player in the area at the New England Football Writers Luncheon on the campus of Harvard University. Toman had his best game as the starter last week, leading his team to a high-scoring 51-43 victory at CAA rival Rhode Island on Sept. 13. Toman threw a career-high five touchdown passes in the contest, good for a career-high mark, just one touchdown shy of the all-time record for touchdown passes in a game set by former Walter Payton Award winning quarterback Ricky Santos. Toman also completed 29 of 40 passes for 309 yards (all career-bests). He connected on touchdown passes of 8, 20, 4, 39 and 20 yards in the contest. Toman presently ranks 14th in all of FCS with a pass efficiency mark of 159.73 and he is ranked 12th in the nation in total offense with an average of 236.0 yards per game.

**HUGO SOUZA AND JOHN CLEMENTS EARN CAA WEEKLY HONORS FOR EFFORTS IN VICTORY OVER ARMY:** Sophomore Hugo Souza (Marshfield, Mass.) and senior John Clements (Hammonton, N.J.) of the University of New Hampshire football team were both honored today by the Colonial Athletic Association for their outstanding play in the Wildcats' 28-10 upset victory at Army on Sept. 6. Souza grabbed CAA Football Defen-

sive Player of the Week honors after helping New Hampshire knock off its fourth FBS foe in five seasons. The Marshfield, Mass., native led the Wildcats with 10 total tackles, eight of which were solo stops. Souza also made two stops behind the line of scrimmage, including a sack for five yards. With just under a minute remaining in the third quarter, Souza picked up a loose ball and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown extending the New Hampshire lead to a decisive mark of 28-10. The honor is the first for Souza playing under the CAA Football banner. Clements, the CAA Football Special Teams Player of the Week, also played a major part in New Hampshire's 28-10 win on the road over FBS foe Army. Clements helped get the Wildcats on the board with just over two minutes remaining in the first quarter. The Hammonton, N.J., native returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown, knotting up the score at 7-7 after Army took the early lead. The return was Clements' first for a touchdown and the longest return of his UNH career. The CAA Football weekly honor is also a first for Clements. Souza was later named ECAC Player of the Week and Any Given Saturday National Player of the Week for his efforts.

**GIANT SLAYER UNH MAKES IT FOUR WINS IN A ROW OVER FBS FOOTBALL TEAMS FOLLOWING ITS VICTORY AT ARMY, 28-10:** The UNH football team continued its success vs. FBS teams this year as the Wildcats upset FBS opponent Army at West Point, 28-10. Last season UNH posted a 48-35 victory over Marshall. UNH also posted two other impressive FBS victories with a 34-17 win over Big Ten Northwestern in 2006 and a victory over Big East Rutgers in 2004 (35-24).

**TE SCOTT SICKO AND PUNTER TOM BISHOP NAMED FIRST-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE BY THE COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION; UNH PICKED SECOND IN THE NORTH DIVISION:** For the second consecutive year, the University of New Hampshire football team has been selected to finish second in the North Division of the Colonial Athletic Association by the league coaches and media in the CAA poll released Wed., July 23 at the conference Media Day. The Wildcats were ranked second behind Massachusetts, which has won the conference championship the past two years, and is predicted to be the overall champion in 2008. UMass received a conference-best 17 first-place votes as the favorite to win the CAA title. Ranked among the top 25 in five national preseason polls so far this year, UNH continues to sustain a reputation as a top team in the conference and nation. The Wildcats have made it to the NCAAs four consecutive times, and advanced to the quarterfinals three out of the four. Two veteran players, junior tight end Scott Sicko and senior punter Tom Bishop, were also named to the 2008 CAA Football Preseason All-Conference Team. Sicko had an All-American season at tight end, ranking second on the team in receptions with 51, and third in both receiving yards (619) and touchdowns (6). Bishop was named second team all-conference for his performance during the 2007 season. He finished the year with 44 punts for 1,776 yards and an impressive average of 40.4 yards per boot. Here is a look at the entire 2008 CAA Football Preseason Poll.

**North Division (First Place votes)**

1. Massachusetts (17)
- 2. New Hampshire (1)**
3. Hofstra (1)
4. Maine
5. Northeastern

6. Rhode Island

**South Division (First Place votes)**

1. Richmond (11)
2. James Madison (7)
3. Delaware (1)
4. Villanova
5. William and Mary
6. Towson

**UNH FOOTBALL RANKED 16TH IN THE NATION IN FCS ACCORDING TO THE PRESEASON SPORTS NETWORK POLL:**

The University of New Hampshire was ranked No. 16 in the nation in a preseason poll released by The Sports Network this week. UNH has been ranked in the top 25 since the start of the 2004 season for the longest stretch of any program in the Colonial Athletic Association. In addition, the CAA placed a total of six teams in the 2008 Sports Network Preseason Football Championship Subdivision Poll, as four squads were ranked among the Top-10. Richmond, one of two defending CAA Football champions, leads the way at No. 4. Massachusetts, picked to win the 2008 CAA Football Championship and defend its 2007 league title, comes in at No. 5. James Madison earned three of the 101 total first-place votes and will begin the season ranked No. 6 in the Sports Network Top-25. Delaware, which last year became the fourth CAA Football team in five years to play in the National Championship game, earned a No. 9 ranking in the preseason poll. Outside of the poll's Top-10, but also among CAA Football's six ranked squads were UNH at No. 16, after making four consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, and Villanova at No. 21. Both Hofstra and Maine appeared in the preseason poll release, but fell just outside the Top-25. The Pride notched 61 votes, while the Black Bears were one of two teams to log one vote. CAA Football's six ranked squads mark the first time since 2005 the league has had as many ranked in a preseason poll. The last time CAA Football placed six among the Top-25 was in Week 11 of the 2007 season which included Delaware, Hofstra, James Madison, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Richmond.

**2008 Sports Network Preseason FCS Top 25**

1. Appalachian State (97)
2. North Dakota State (1)
3. Northern Iowa
4. Richmond
5. Massachusetts
6. James Madison (3)
7. Eastern Washington
8. Montana
9. Delaware
10. McNeese State
11. Southern Illinois
12. Youngstown State
13. Wofford
14. Cal Poly
15. Elon
- 16. New Hampshire**
17. Georgia Southern
18. Eastern Illinois
19. South Dakota State
20. Eastern Kentucky
21. Villanova
22. Central Arkansas

- 23. The Citadel
- 24. Harvard
- 25. Western Illinois

**UNH FOOTBALL NAMES TRI-CAPTAINS FOR 2008:** Three UNH seniors were named tri-captains for the 2008 football season. Senior wide receiver **Mike Boyle** (Plymouth, N.H.) returns as an outstanding receiver and return specialist. Senior offensive lineman **Eric Cumba** (Paterson, N.J.) enters his third season as a starter for UNH. And senior linebacker **Matt Parent** (Long Beach Calif.) starting his fourth season, brings key leadership to a young defensive squad.

**UNH DEFENSE POSTS IMPRESSIVE STATS IN VICTORY OVER ARMY INCLUDING FOUR TURNOVERS AND THREE SACKS:**

The UNH defense did much of what it was asked to do in the victory over Army. The defensive line held against the run stopping the fullback dive, the defense came up with four turnovers in the form of four fumble recoveries. UNH also put pressure on the quarterback with three sacks and several hurries. While the defense had no interceptions, it had three pass breakups vs. a team that did not throw often. Finally, the defense had seven tackles for a loss of 29 yards which was also impressive.

**QB R.J. TOMAN HONORED LAST YEAR (CAA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK) IN FIRST MAJOR APPEARANCE AFTER POSTING WIN OVER DELAWARE, OCT. 6:**

Redshirt freshman quarterback R.J. Toman didn't miss a beat as he led UNH to an impressive 35-30 win over No. 11 Delaware on Oct. 6, 2007. Toman, stepping in for Walter Payton Award winner Ricky Santos who left the game with a shoulder injury, completed 5-of-9 passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns en route to his winning his first-ever CAA Rookie of the Week honor. After Santos left the game in the second quarter Toman continued what was already a 57-yard drive and turned it into a 77-yard scoring drive. The redshirt freshman completed a 21-yard pass to Delaware's one-yard line on the seventh play of the drive, which allowed the Wildcats to plunge into the endzone for a 14-3 lead. The Mission Viejo, Calif., native later completed touchdown passes of 28 and 36 yards to Keith LeVan, and finished the game with seven rushes for 47 yards -- just four yards shy of Santos' team-high 51 yards on eight carries in the game.

**SCOTT SICKO NAMED A PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN BY THE SPORTS NETWORK AND THE COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS**

UNH has had a strong tradition of bringing in talented tight ends and sophomore **Scott Sicko** (Stillwater, N.Y.) is no exception.. The junior was named a preseason All-American this season. Sicko enjoyed a breakout sophomore campaign for the Wildcats in 2007, recording 51 catches for 619 yards and six touchdowns. He finished second on the squad in catches behind only graduated senior wide receiver Keith LeVan, who recorded 71 receptions, and Sicko was third in receiving yardage. The tight end was named an All-American for his efforts in 2007 by The Sports Network. Sicko was also named to the Colonial Athletic Association Preseason All-Conference squad for the 2008 season. Here's a look at his receptions from last season.

JMU	7 catches for 81 yds.
Marshall	6 catches for 78 yds.
Dartmouth	7 catches for 64 yds.
Richmond	3 catches for 39 yds.

Delaware	1 catch for 21 yds.
Iona	3 catches for 36 yds
Hofstra	5 catches for 79 yds, 1 TD
Rhode Island	4 catches for 56 yds 2 TDs
Northeastern	3 catches for 29 yds
UMass	2 catches for 21 yds
Maine	4 catches for 43 yds 1 TD
UNI	5 catches for 53 yds 2 TDs

**DE BRIAN McNALLY OF CORNWALL, N.Y. MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT UNH AS A STARTER NEAR HIS HOMETOWN:**

Redshirt freshman defensive lineman Brian McNally (Cornwall, N.Y.) has been impressive since he arrived at UNH and he will be getting his first start at defensive end right near home at West Point. McNally played at Cornwall High School where he helped his squad to an 11-2 record as the Section 9 champions and the New York State runner-up. He was also named second-team All-State as a defensive end and was a three-time letterwinner on the Cornwall basketball team.

**SENIOR JOHN CLEMENTS A KEY LEADER IN THE DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD:**

Senior defensive back John Clements (Hammon-ton, N.J.) has been a steady performer in UNH's defensive backfield over the past three seasons and this year he will be looked upon to provide leadership and help pick up where graduated senior Jeff Pammer left off. Clements, a second-team All-Conference pick last year and an ECAC All-Star, was third on the team in tackles as a corner last season (54-45-99) and started all 12 contests for the 'Cats. He also had an interception vs. Dartmouth and drew all of the toughest defensive assignments in terms of covering top receivers. He is expected to once again be a strong candidate for post-season honors as well for UNH.

**WILDCATS RETURN FIVE OF TOP SIX RECEIVERS FROM 2007:**

Sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) has plenty of experienced targets to throw to this season as five of the top six receivers return with experience and plenty of catches to their credit. Here's a look at what he has returning to the receiving corps. in 2008. UNH did lose one outstanding senior to graduation in Keith LeVan.

	Catches	Yards	TDs
Scott Sicko	51	619	6
Mike Boyle	50	842	7
J.T. Wright	31	356	2
Chad Kackert	20	196	2
Robert Simpson	18	138	1

**WILDCATS RETURN TOP TWO RUNNING BACKS FROM 2007:**

UNH boasts an impressive stable of running backs returning for the 2008 season, including the top two from 2007. Junior Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) led the group with 80 carries for 380 yard and four rushing TDs, while senior Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) added 64 carries for 284 yards and three TDs. Throw in powerful runner Sean Jellison (Amherst, Mass.) and UNH has a talented group to carry the football in 2008. Here's a look at what they did in 2007.

	Rushes	Yards	TDs
Chad Kackert	80	380	4
Robert Simpson	64	284	3

**CHAD KACKERT ALSO RETURNS AS TEAM'S TOP KICK RE-**

**TURNER WITH IMPRESSIVE AVERAGE OF 26.3 YARDS:** Junior Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) also is back as UNH's top kick return specialist from last season with an average of 26.3 yards on 20 returns for 526 yards. He also scored one touchdown and notched a long return of 94 yards. Throw in senior Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) as a kick returner and UNH's top punt returner and the Wildcat special teams are in a position to earn some decent field position. Boyle returned 12 kicks for 246 yards and returned eight punts for 50 yards on a team that did not punt very often in 2007.

**NEW FACES ON THE UNH COACHING STAFF:** The University of New Hampshire football team has brought in two new assistant coaches who have joined the staff for the upcoming 2008 season. Mike Ferzoco is working with the outside linebackers and former UNH offensive lineman Brian Barbato is responsible for coaching the tight ends. Barbato, who comes to UNH after serving as the outside linebackers and safeties coach under former UNH assistant coach Chris Phelps at St. Lawrence University, spent two seasons as a staff member with the Saints' football squad. He gained valuable experience with the program, serving as assistant recruiting coordinator, assistant video coordinator, assistant academic coordinator and as assistant strength and conditioning coach. In 2004, Barbato mentored the UNH offensive line, working as the assistant offensive line coach. The Wildcats finished 10-3 that season, advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals and had one of the top offenses in the nation in several key statistical categories. Barbato also gained football coaching experience at Exeter High School in 2005, where he was part of a team that posted a 10-2 season record and placed second in the running for the Division II New Hampshire state championship title. A 2004 graduate of UNH, Barbato was an outstanding offensive lineman for the Wildcats, earning second-team All-Atlantic 10 honors in 2003 and third-team honors in 2002 as a 37-game starter who played all five lineman positions. Ferzoco comes to UNH via Kenyon College where he worked as an assistant coach since the 2004 season. He most recently served as the offensive coordinator and coached the quarterbacks and receivers during the 2006 and 2007 seasons. In 2007 his offense broke the school record for yardage with 460.2 yards per game and averaged 31.2 yards per contest. His offense was also explosive in 2006, as the squad averaged 451.4 yards per game and posted 35.4 ppg., 12th-best in the nation. He also served as coach of the offensive line in 2005 and was the wide receivers coach in 2004. Ferzoco is a 2004 graduate of Kenyon, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

**COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE CALL:** The CAA Football coaches will hold a weekly media teleconference every Monday of the football season. The scheduled calls will come to an end when the final CAA Football squad loses in the 2008 NCAA Division I National Championships. Coaches will only participate in the postseason calls if their teams are still alive in Championship play. The teleconference will open at 10 a.m. with the release of the four selected player of the week winners, a recap of the weekend and a preview of the following week. CAA Football coaches will be available to answer questions beginning at 10:10 a.m. as the weekly lineup is listed below. Beginning Sept. 1 and continuing throughout the 2008 season, a featured student-athlete will conclude the call with a 10-minute interview segment at 12:10 p.m.

10:00 a.m. CAA Football Update  
10:10 a.m. Mike London, Richmond  
10:20 a.m. Jimmye Laycock, William and Mary  
10:30 a.m. Andy Talley, Villanova  
10:40 a.m. Rocky Hager, Northeastern  
10:50 a.m. Mickey Matthews, James Madison  
11:00 a.m. Jack Cosgrove, Maine  
11:10 a.m. Don Brown, Massachusetts  
11:20 a.m. Darren Rizzi, Rhode Island  
11:30 a.m. K.C. Keeler, Delaware  
11:40 a.m. Sean McDonnell, New Hampshire  
11:50 a.m. Dave Cohen, Hofstra  
12:00 p.m. Gordy Combs, Towson  
12:10 p.m. Selected Student-Athlete (Beginning Sept. 1)

**WILDCATS ON TELEVISION:** WMUR-TV (Channel 9) in Manchester will once again broadcast UNH football. This year WMUR will produce the annual Granite State Bowl game at Dartmouth on Sept. 27th. Fans can also watch all UNH home games live on the web at [www.unhwildcats.tv](http://www.unhwildcats.tv) for live video-streaming. The CAA has also scheduled UNH for five games on television including: Sept. 13 at Rhode Island (CN8), Oct. 18 at Northeastern (CSN), Oct. 25 Towson at UNH (12 p.m.), Nov. 8 at Villanova (CN8) and Nov 15 Massachusetts at UNH (CSN). CN8 stands for The Comcast Network and CSN is Comcast SportsNet. It was also announced that the Army game on Sept. 6 will be shown on ESPN Classic.

**WATCH ALL UNH FOOTBALL HOME GAMES AT UNHWILDCATS.TV:** Can't make it to the game? Now you can follow the action of UNH Athletics live on your computer. UNH has partnered with Pack Network to provide online video streaming of UNH's seven ticketed sports for the upcoming 2008-09 season. UNH fans are encouraged to buy the "Wildcat All-Access Pass" which is an annual subscription for \$79.95 that provides not only all the live coverage of various UNH home athletic events, but also premium content not available to view without the All-Access Pass. The premium content includes a behind-the-scenes look at UNH athletics through player and coaches interviews, high-lights, podcasts, select post-game interviews and an in-depth archive section of all video available on UNHWildcats.TV. Fans can also purchase home events on a per-game basis for \$6.95. The UNHWildcats.TV website will regularly have live UNH football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's hockey, volleyball and gymnastics. Want to learn more? Check out the tile on the front page of [www.unhwildcats.com](http://www.unhwildcats.com) where you can sign up or e-mail any questions and comments you may have to [info@UNHWildcats.TV](mailto:info@UNHWildcats.TV).

**UNH FOOTBALL COACH'S SHOW RETURNS ON MONDAY NIGHTS IN 2008:** On Monday, September 8th WTSN (AM-1270) will kick off another season of the Monday Night UNH Football Show. The show, which will air throughout the football season on Monday nights from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. will feature head coach Sean McDonnell and the players. Each week Coach McDonnell will discuss the previous Saturday's game and preview the upcoming game with host, Andy Schachat. Each week Schachat will also interview one of the players. WTSN (AM-1270) is now streaming online at [wtsnam1270.com](http://wtsnam1270.com), allowing UNH football fans all over the world, a chance to listen to the show.

**UNH FOOTBALL ON THE RADIO:** The UNH athletic department

has formed the "UNH Sports Network" which began in 1999 to provide radio coverage of UNH athletics. Veteran play-by-play announcer Jim Jeannotte who has been broadcasting Wildcat athletics since 1973, will continue to anchor the show. Handling the color analysis will be Mike Murphy and sideline reporting will be performed by Andy Schachat. All 11 Wildcat contests will be broadcast live, with a pre-game show airing 30 minutes prior to kickoff. The flagship station of the network is WTSN, 1270 AM in Dover, which is the originating station. Games will also be heard on WNTK 99.7 FM, WUVR 1490 AM, WGIR 610 AM and WCNL1010 AM. All UNH football home games are also broadcast on WUNH 91.3 FM, the campus student station.

### **GAME STORIES FROM THE 2008 SEASON:**

#### **A LOOK AT THE 28-10 UNH UPSET VICTORY AT ARMY (SEPT. 6):**

WEST POINT, N.Y.— UNH rushed for two TDs, scored on a fumble return and had a kickoff return for a TD as the Wildcats posted a 28-10 victory over Army at Michie Stadium on Saturday afternoon. It marked UNH's fourth consecutive victory over an FBS school in five years. The Wildcats also defeated Rutgers in 2004 (35-24), Northwestern in 2006 (34-17) and last year defeated Marshall (48-35). The Black Knights, who fell to 0-2 on the season, opened the scoring at 2:35 of the first quarter on a 2-yard pass play to Mike Evans from quarterback Carson Williams to make it 7-0 after the PAT. The touchdown was setup by a 56-yard pass play to Jameson Carter from Williams. The drive was six plays for 77 yards (3:19). However, on the ensuing kickoff, senior John Clements (Hammononton, N.J.) returned the football 87 yards with 2:19 to play in the first quarter. The extra point was good by senior Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) and the game was quickly tied at seven apiece. It was the first kick return for a touchdown for Clements and also the longest of his career. Last season Clements returned four kicks for 94 yards including his previous best of 57 yards. Army fumbled the football at 11:55 of the second and it was recovered by sophomore defensive lineman Lance Mailloux (Bedford, N.H.). The offense took over on UNH's 26 yard line with 11:35 to go in the first half. UNH then drove down the field and scored on a 23-yard run by junior running back Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) and the Wildcats took a 14-7 lead on an eight-play, 79 yard drive (3:00). Army fumbled again at 5:56 of the second quarter providing a fumble recovery for Clements after a forced fumble by sophomore linebacker Hugo Souza (Marshfield, Mass.) on the UNH 20 yard line, but Army recovered a UNH fumble and took over 1st and 10 on the UNH 47 yd line on a wet and drizzly afternoon. Army closed the gap with 25 seconds remaining before the half when Matt Campbell booted a 42 yard field goal to close to within four points to make it 14-10 as UNH took a knee and went to its lockerroom with the lead. UNH opened the third quarter with a well-engineered, nine-play, 66-yard drive, capped off by a five yard run by senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) at 11:19 to give UNH the 21-10 lead following the PAT Bishop. The drive, which mixed the run and the pass, used up 3:34 off the clock and gave UNH the lead it would not relinquish. The UNH defense put the exclamation point on the day by getting into the scoring with 50 seconds remaining in the third quarter when Souza picked up a fumble forced by sophomore defensive lineman Steve Young (Rochester, N.H.) and ran it 22 yards into the endzone. The PAT by Bishop was good and the Wildcats held an 18-point advantage for the rest of the game after more impressive defensive play and an effective running game sparked by junior running back Sean

Jellison (Amherst, N.H.) who carried the football 10 times for 87 yards late in the game. Statistically, UNH outgained the home team by a 322-264 total yardage margin and even outgained Army's option offense running game, 184 yards to 169. The Black Knights were held to just 83 total yards in the second half by a stout UNH defense. Sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman handled the offense well in wet humid conditions completing 12 of 17 passes for 138 yards in a game dominated by rushing. In addition to Jellison's work late in the ballgame, Kackert rushed 12 times for 68 yards. Boyle led all receivers with four catches for 57 yards. Defensively, Souza and Clements led all tacklers with 10 each. Souza also finished the day with one sack, two tackles for a loss a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

#### **UNH IMPROVES TO 2-0 WITH CAA WIN AT RHODE ISLAND:**

KINGSTON, R.I.— Sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) threw five TD passes and junior running back Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) ran for a career-best 164 yards to lead the 10th-ranked University of New Hampshire football team to a 51-43 victory at the University of Rhode Island on Saturday afternoon. Toman completed 29 of 40 passes for a career-best 309 yards and Kackert finished with 310 all-purpose yards and one 72 yard rushing touchdown. UNH (2-0 overall, 1-0 CAA) took the lead early in the contest after both teams stalled in their opening drives. Junior Tom Manning (Rome, N.Y.) booted his first field goal of the season, a 37-yarder with 5:54 to play in the first quarter put the Wildcats up 3-0. Junior tight end Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.) made three tremendous catches during one drive, including an 8 yard touchdown catch from Toman at 14:52 of the second quarter to increase UNH's lead to 10-0. The UNH defense did not give up a first down until the 14:00 mark of the second quarter. Junior defensive lineman Kevin Peters (Pleasantville, N.J.) sacked URI quarterback Derek Cassidy and caused a fumble that was recovered by sophomore defensive lineman Steve Young (Rochester, N.H.) on the URI 28 yard line. Then with 10:54 on the clock Toman completed a 21 yard touchdown pass to the endzone for junior wide receiver Travis Negron (San Diego, Calif.). The PAT was good and UNH led by a 17-0 margin. URI (1-2 overall, 0-1 CAA) got on the board at 7:59 of the second quarter on a 1 yard drive by Anthony Ferrer. Following the PAT the Rams cut the lead to 10 points 17-7. Rhode Island then made it 17-10 at 5:32 of the second quarter following an interception. The field goal, a 36-yarder was kicked by Louis Feinstein. However, UNH responded quickly with a short pass by Toman to sophomore running back Sean Jellison (Amherst, N.H.) who ran 4 yards into the endzone untouched. After the PAT, the Wildcats led 24-10 with just 2:42 left before the half. Sophomore cornerback Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) made a big interception with five seconds left on the UNH 2 yard line to prevent a possible URI touchdown. UNH opened the second half with a long kickoff return by Kackert that took the football down to the URI 39 yard line. Then, Toman completed his fourth TD pass of the contest to a wide open senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) After the PAT UNH led by a 31-10 margin with 14:40 to go in the third quarter. However, Rhode Island scored just as quickly on an 83 yard pass, catch and a long run by running back Jimmy Hughes After the PAT the UNH lead was cut to 31-17. The Wildcats scored again on a 26 yard field goal by Manning at with 10:57 in the third to increase the UNH advantage to 34-17. Rhode Island's Cassidy capped a long Rhode Island drive with an eight yard touchdown run with 4:55 remaining in the third quarter and UNH's advantage

shrank to 34-24 and the Rams were back in the contest. UNH fumbled the football on their own 28 yard line with 4:38 left in the third quarter giving the Rams a chance to make it closer. They did on a 1 yard TD pass by Cassidy to Ferrer and after a missed PAT by Feinstein left UNH up by just four, 34-30. Kackert gave UNH more breathing room at 2:26 running through a big hole on the left side and breaking 72 yards to open up a 41-30 lead with 2:26 to play in the third after the PAT. Following a failed fake punt attempt by URI that left the football on the URI 40 yard line, UNH took advantage and scored on a 20 yard touchdown pass from Toman (his fifth of the game) to Boyle at 13:26 of the fourth quarter to make it 48-30 UNH Feinstein put three more points on the board for URI with a 32 yard field goal at 10:09 of the fourth to cut the UNH lead to 48-33. UNH took the ball down to the URI 2 yard line and Manning was forced to kick a 19 yard field goal with 6:21 to play and the Wildcats led 51-33, a lead they would not relinquish. In addition to Toman and Kackert, Boyle made nine catches for 132 yards and two touchdowns to lead all UNH receivers. Leading the defense in tackles was Vasso with nine tackles (7 solo) to go with his interception.

**UNH SURGES PAST ALBANY, 32-24:** DURHAM, N.H. – R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.), the reigning Boston Globe Gold Helmet Award winner, passed for 255 yards and four touchdowns to lead the 10th-ranked University of New Hampshire football team to Saturday afternoon's 32-24 non-conference victory against the University at Albany at Cowell Stadium. UNH is now 3-0 and has opened the season with three consecutive wins for the third time in the last four years, and the Wildcats have won four straight home openers. Albany, which has played a CAA opponent in all three games this season, is 1-2. New Hampshire's receiving corps was led by Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.; seven receptions, 79 yards, one TD) and Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.; five catches, 104 yards, two TDs). Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) carried the ball 16 times for 106 yards and also had four receptions for 53 yards. Albany was led offensively by Vinny Esposito, who completed 21 of 31 attempts for 283 yards and one TD, and David McCarty with 130 rushing yards on 39 carries. Trailing 17-7 late in the second quarter, UNH scored 16 points in 4 minutes, 18 seconds to take a 23-17 lead. On a drive that started on their own 32 with 46 seconds remaining in the first half, the Wildcats pulled within 17-14 on a 19-yard pass play from Toman to Kackert in which Kackert absorbed a hit near the goal line and stayed in-bounds at the right pylon. Tom Manning (Rome, N.Y.) added the point-after-touchdown with three seconds on the clock. New Hampshire's defense forced Albany to a three-and-out to start the third quarter, and an errant long snap on the punt play gave the 'Cats possession on the Great Danes' 24 yardline. On the ensuing play, Toman lofted a pass to the back-left corner of the end zone to Sicko and another Manning PAT gave UNH its second lead of the game, 21-17, at 13:04. Another errant long snap by Albany sailed over the head of punter Chris Lynch, who scooped up the ball at the Albany 20 yardline and flipped the ball out of the end zone for a safety and a 23-17 Wildcats' lead at 10:45. The Great Danes regained momentum, however, by forcing a punt and then marching 77 yards on seven plays to take a 24-23 lead at 6:16 on a 19-yard pass play from Esposito to Chris Kenneally. UNH went back in front, 29-24, at 3:37 of the third quarter on a 7-play, 60-yard drive that culminated with a 24-yard pass from Toman that Boyle, alone in the middle of the end zone, corralled with his fingertips. The Wildcats' two-point pass attempt failed.

Manning's 45-yard field goal extended the advantage to 32-24 four seconds into the fourth quarter. With the 'Cats marching in Albany territory early in the fourth quarter, Dave Casale intercepted Toman's pass at the 12 yardline and returned it to the 21. A 42-yard pass play from Esposito to Tim Bush advanced the ball to the UNH 24, then a Wildcats' penalty gave the Great Danes 1st-and-goal at the UNH 7. Three McCarty runs moved the ball to the 6, then on fourth down Esposito's pass to Kenneally fell incomplete and the visitors lost the ball on downs with 8:05 remaining. After gaining three first downs, UNH was forced to punt. Ross Bertrand blocked the punt attempt and teammate Duane Harper recovered the ball at the UNH 32. Facing 4th-and-2, Esposito attempted a quick pass to the right side, but a blitzing Hugo Souza (Marshfield, Mass.) leaped into the air and batted the ball directly into the ground to stop the Great Danes with 2:08 to play. Kackert and Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) alternated carries and Simpson's seven-yard gain on 3rd-and-7 advanced the ball to the Albany 30 and secured the win, as the visitors had just one timeout remaining with 1:15 on the clock. UNH took a 7-0 lead at 13:39 of the first quarter when Toman found Sicko alone behind the secondary for a 65-yard play. Albany scored 17 consecutive points to take a 17-7 lead. They pulled within 7-3 on Herb Glass' 47-yard field goal at 11:40, then went ahead 10-7 on McCarty's 19-yard run as he went untouched up the right side. On a quarterback sneak on 3rd-and-2 at the UNH 11, Esposito broke through the line for the touchdown to give the Great Danes a 17-7 lead at 10:40 of the second quarter. UNH's defensive effort was led by Sean Ware (Bristol, Conn.) and Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) with 13 and 12 tackles, respectively.

**UNH WINS GRANITE BOWL TROPHY WITH 42-6 VICTORY AT DARTMOUTH:** HANOVER, N.H.— Sophomore running back Sean Jellison (Amherst, N.H.) ran for a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter to lead the University of New Hampshire to a 42-6 Granite Bowl victory at Dartmouth College on Saturday at Memorial Field. The No.7 Wildcats remain undefeated with a 4-0 record, while the Big Green falls to 0-2 overall. Jellison gave the Wildcats an early 7-0 lead at 8:28 of the first quarter with a 4 yard touchdown run that capped off a six-play, 50 yard drive. The PAT was kicked by junior kicker Tom Manning (Rome, N.Y.). Jellison struck again with 49 seconds remaining in the first quarter when he broke two Dartmouth tackles, spun left and ran 16 yards for the touchdown. After the PAT the Wildcats held a 14-0 advantage. The defense got its first turnover of the contest midway through the second quarter when junior Terrence Klein (Westwood, N.J.) intercepted an Alex Jenny pass and gave UNH the ball on the Wildcat's 37 yard line. As a direct result of the interception, junior wide receiver Travis Negron (San Diego, Calif.) ran in UNH's third touchdown of the afternoon on the 6 yard line and after the PAT by Manning the Wildcats held a 21-0 lead at 6:41 of the second quarter. The Wildcats got their fourth straight rushing touchdown of the first half on a 4 yard run by sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.). The Manning PAT went through the uprights once again and UNH held a commanding 28-0 lead. Dartmouth made one last attempt to score at the end of the first half, but an interception by redshirt freshman free safety Ryan McGuinness (Howell, N.J.) gave UNH the ball at its own 22 yard line. However, UNH was unable to get close enough for a field goal before the intermission. The UNH defense, which held the Big Green scoreless in the first half, gave up just 92 yards of offense in the first half, while the 'Cats moved the ball 310 yards, 132 on the ground and 178

yards in the air. UNH opened up a 35-0 lead at 6:40 of the third quarter on an 18 yard pass play from Toman to sophomore wide receiver Terrance Fox (Piscataway, N.J.). It was the first passing touchdown of the afternoon for the 'Cats. Manning improved to 5-5 in PATS on the afternoon. Dartmouth got on the board with 24 seconds remaining in the third quarter on a 1 yard TD pass from Jenny to Philip McKeating. The PAT was no good and the score was 35-6 in favor of the visitors. Senior running back Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) completed the UNH scoring with a 5 yard TD run with 8:23 remaining in the contest to give the Wildcats a 42-6 lead. Simpson led all rushers in the game with 82 yards on 14 carries, while Jellison finished with 8 carries for 64 yards. Toman was the top passer for UNH, completing 17 of 23 passes for 208 yards and one touchdown. UNH utilized eight different receivers and was led by senior Matt O'Brien (Cambridge, Mass.) with 5 catches for 38 yards and by senior Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) with five catches for 32 yards. For the defense, UNH was led by McGuinness with his seven total tackles and by sophomore cornerback Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) with six.

**UNH LOSES FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON VS. WILLIAM & MARY, 38-34:** Jake Phillips' 17-yard touchdown pass to D.J. McAulay with 22 seconds remaining lifted the William & Mary football team to Saturday afternoon's 38-34 victory against fourth-ranked University of New Hampshire in front 13,255 Homecoming Day fans at UNH's Cowell Stadium. UNH fell to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the CAA while the Tribe improved to 3-2, 1-1. Trailing 34-31, W&M began the game-winning drive at its 28 yard-line with 4:34 on the clock. On 3rd-and-11, a Hugo Souza (Marshfield, Mass.) interception was negated by a roughing the passer infraction against the Wildcats that gave the Tribe 1st-and-10 at the 42. The visitors converted two more 3rd-and-long situations to advance the ball to the UNH 36. Three plays later, on 1st and 10 from the 17, Phillips eluded the pass rush, stepped up to the line of scrimmage and lofted a pass complete to McAulay at the left pylon for the touchdown. Brian Pate's PAT made the score 38-34. UNH's Terrance Fox (Piscataway, N.J.) returned the ensuing kickoff 26 yards to the UNH 45. After an illegal substitution call against New Hampshire, Wildcats' quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) was sacked on first down, forcing a timeout with 11 seconds remaining and the ball on the 32. Toman rolled to the right and his pass down the sideline was intercepted by Fred Johnson at the W&M 30. Phillips took a knee to elapse the last four seconds. Toman finished 27 of 36 for 305 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. He was UNH's leading rusher with 55 yards on 14 carries, and that included TD runs of two and three yards. Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.) caught nine passes for 81 yards, including a 31-yard TD, and Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) had 114 yards on seven catches with a 34-yard TD. Phillips engineered William & Mary's second-half comeback, as the Tribe outscored UNH 31-13 in the second half. After compiling just 137 first-half yards on 26 offensive plays, W&M amassed 358 second-half yards on 49 plays. Phillips finished 30 of 40 for 310 yards and four TDs. Jonathan Grimes, whose 56-yard touchdown run evened the score at 28 at 12:43 of the fourth quarter, ran for 144 yards on 23 rushes. He also had seven catches for 47 yards. W&M took a 7-0 lead at 6:17 of the first quarter on an 8-yard pass play from Phillips to Chase Hill, who ran a slant from the right slot. Toman's pair of rushing touchdowns – both around the right tackle – gave UNH a 14-7 lead. His two-yard run at 3:02 capped a 10-play, 60-yard drive. A John Clements (Hammonton, N.J.) interception

immediately gave possession back to the Wildcats, and five plays later Toman ran the ball in with 57 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. On the second play of the second quarter, a Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) 47-yard interception return gave the 'Cats 1st-and-10 at the W&M 46. New Hampshire marched to the 1-yard line, but was turned away on fourth down on a Michael Alvarado interception in the end zone. UNH extended the lead to 21-7 at 4:36 of the second quarter when Boyle hauled in a lateral near the left sideline and ran it in the end zone from nine yards out. Despite a missed field goal of 28 yards on the first possession of the game, the 'Cats took that 14-point advantage into halftime. The Tribe scored on its initial two possessions of the third quarter to pull even, 21-21. The comeback began with a 14-play, 78-yard drive that consumed 5:54 and ended with a 14-yard pass play from Phillips to Hill at 9:00. UNH stalled at the W&M 27 on its ensuing drive and missed a 44-yard field goal attempt to keep the score 21-14. The visitors then marched 73 yards on 12 plays, the last of which was a 4-yard TD pass in the flat to Rob Varno with 28 seconds left in the third. New Hampshire responded with a seven-play, 59-yard drive that culminated at 13:33 with the 31-yard Toman-to-Sicko combination in which Sicko spun out of an arm tackle at the 20 and rumbled down the left sideline. Grimes' 56-yard scoring scamper – he hesitated at the line of scrimmage, cut back to the left and went untouched into the end zone – leveled the score. The Tribe then forced a three-and-out by the 'Cats and took a 31-28 lead at 6:20 on Pate's 32-yard field goal, which capped a 10-play, 65-yard drive. It took UNH just seven plays and 1:31 to cover 60 yards and regain the lead, 34-31, at 4:40. On 3rd-and-8 from the W&M 34, UNH's offensive line protected Toman from the blitz and that allowed him to connect with Boyle on a post route. The point-after-touchdown caromed off the left upright, leaving the 'Cats with the three-point cushion. William & Mary then went on its game-winning drive.

**UNH SCORES 27 UNANSWERED POINTS IN THE SECOND HALF IN COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN AT NU, 33-21:** BROOK-LINE, MASS. – The University of New Hampshire football team came back from a 21-6 halftime deficit by scoring 27 unanswered points to defeat Northeastern University (33-21) at Parsons Field on Saturday afternoon. The Wildcats took their first lead of the contest, and the lead for good, when junior tight end Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.) caught a 16 yard pass from sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) to make the score 26-21 with 13:47 remaining in the contest. The clincher came with 49 seconds remaining when senior running back Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) ran it in from 2 yards out. The PAT by Bishop was good and UNH drove back to Durham with the 33-21 victory. UNH improves to 5-1, 2-1 CAA, while NU falls to 2-5 overall, 1-2 in conference play. Northeastern took the opening drive 65 yards down the field quickly and scored on a 1 yd TD plunge by Alex Broomfield to give the Huskies the early 7-0 lead following the PAT by Mat Johnson. UNH got on the board with their first drive of the game as well when senior Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) booted a 36 yard field goal through the uprights to cut the NU lead to four points, 7-3. Broomfield struck again at 8:36 of the second quarter with a four yard run to give Northeastern the 14-3 advantage after the made PAT. Bloomfield then caught a 17 yard pass from Anthony Orio with 28 seconds remaining for his third TD of the day before the half and the Huskies led 21-3. On UNH's final drive of the half, the Wildcats moved the ball to the NU 20 yard line with just two seconds left before intermission and UNH cut the

lead to 21-6 after the second field goal of the day by Bishop, a 37-yarder as time expired. UNH came out in the second half fired up and quickly scored at 14:28 of the third quarter on a 31 yard pass play from Toman to sophomore wide receiver Terrance Fox (Piscataway, N.J.) to make the score 21-13 after the made PAT. UNH took advantage of a huge 49 yard kickoff return by Fox on the opening second half kickoff that gave the Wildcats the ball on NU's own 39 yard line. The UNH defense forced a Husky punt and on the Wildcat's very next possession Toman hit senior wide receiver Mike Boyle in the endzone with 5:36 to play in the third quarter for a 14 yard touchdown strike. The two-point conversion pass attempt by Toman was no good and UNH trailed by just two points, 21-19. The UNH defense made another big fourth down stop to take over with the football on the UNH 40 yard line. The Wildcats then drove with down to the NU 16 yard line where Toman completed the game-winning pass to Sicko. Fox recorded his first career 100 yard receiving game after making eight catches for 103 yards and the one touchdown. He also finished the afternoon with 174 all-purpose yards. Toman completed 25 of 36 passes for 277 yards and no interceptions and the Wildcats were led in rushing by Simpson with 11 carries for 40 yards and one TD. As a team, UNH outgained NU by a 390-310 yard margin. Defensively, the Wildcats were led in tackles by three players including junior Sean Ware (Bristol, Conn.) who had seven unassisted tackles, and senior linebacker and tri-captain Matt Parent (Long Beach, Calif.), who had seven tackles, an interception and a tackle for a loss. In addition, sacks were recorded by Brian McNally and Kevin Peters. Both had two tackles for a loss as well.

**UNH RECORDS 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY WITH 42-14 WIN OVER TOWSON: DURHAM, N.H.** -- R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) completed 20 of 26 passes for 292 yards and four touchdowns to lead the 10th-ranked University of New Hampshire football team to Saturday afternoon's 42-14 victory against Towson University in CAA action at Cowell Stadium. The victory marked the 500th in the history of the UNH football program, which dates back to 1893. UNH, which has won all five meetings in the series vs. Towson, improved to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the CAA. Towson is now 3-5, 1-3. Terrance Fox (Piscataway, N.J.) caught four passes for 103 yards, including a 40-yard TD reception. Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) had three catches, two for TD's, for 63 yards. Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) ran for a team-best 85 yards including tying his career-high 68-yard touchdown run, which he also posted in 2005 vs. Towson. Defensively, Ryan Hinds (Toronto, Ontario) had a pair of interceptions including a 74-yard return touchdown for the game's first tally, while Ryan McGuinness (Howell, N.J.) recorded a team-best 13 tackles. The Wildcats scored 28 points in a span of 10:34 in the second quarter to break a 7-7 tie and take a commanding 35-7 lead into halftime. The outburst began with a 48-yard strike from Toman over the top of the defense to Boyle in the end zone at 11:09. Simpson's 68-yard end-around to the left side extended the UNH lead to 21-7 at 7:08. The 'Cats then marched 48 yards in six plays and took a 28-7 lead at 2:18 on a 12-yard pass play in which Toman rolled to the left and found Boyle in the end zone. On the ensuing Towson drive, Hinds intercepted Sean Schaeffer's pass at the UNH 29 yard-line and returned it 35 yards to give the 'Cats possession at the Towson 36 with 1:14 to play. UNH quickly advanced the ball to the TU 7 and then Sean Jellison (Amherst, N.H.) caught Toman's pass in the left flat and ran into the endzone to increase the margin to 35-7 with 35 seconds remaining in the second quarter. UNH opened the

game with a six-play drive that ended with a turnover on downs at the Wildcats 28-yard line. The Tigers were marching until Hinds picked off a Sean Schaefer pass and returned it 74 yards for the score. TU answered with a 12-play 74-yard scoring drive that ending with a six-yard run by Matt Castor to make it 7-7. Neither team converted on a pair of third-quarter possessions as the Wildcats held a 35-7 lead heading into the final stanza. UNH didn't wait long as it scored seven seconds into the fourth on a 40-yard TD-strike from Toman to Fox to extend the lead to 42-7. On the following possession, the Tigers produced an eight-play 63-yard drive that ending with a four-yard touchdown pass from Schaefer to John Godlasky that completed scoring at 42-14. Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) was a perfect six-for-six in extra point conversions, while Towson's Mark Bencivengo made both extra-point opportunities, yet missed a 38-yard field goal attempt. Head coach Sean McDonnell has been a part of 142 of UNH's 500 victories. He has led the Wildcats to 66 victories in his 10 years at the helm. The 'Cats won 53 games in his eight-year stint (1991-98) as an assistant coach and 23 in his three-year playing career.

**UNH DEFENSE COMES UP WITH SEVEN TURNOVERS IN 45-25 WIN OVER HOFSTRA:** The defense forced seven turnovers, including two interception returns for touchdowns by John Clements and Dino Vasso, to propel the ninth-ranked University of New Hampshire football team to Saturday afternoon's 45-25 victory against Hofstra University in CAA action at Cowell Stadium. UNH, which compiled 207 interception return yards, won its third consecutive game to improve to 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the CAA while Hofstra lost for the third time in as many weeks to fall to 3-6, 1-4. Hofstra capitalized on a UNH fumble – caused and recovered by the Pride's Luke Bonus – to set up a 45-yard field goal by Roger Williams to take a 3-0 lead at 12:46 of the first quarter. On the visitor's next possession, a bad exchange by The Pride offense put the ball on the ground and UNH's John Clements (Hammonton, N.J.) recovered at the HU 38-yard line. The Wildcats did not take advantage, however, as junior running back Sean Jellison (Amherst, N.H.) was short of a first down on a 4th-and-3 play from the HU 31. A Hugo Souza (Marshfield, Mass.) interception gave the Wildcats 1st-and-10 at the HU 19, but the Pride defense turned aside the threat on 3rd-and-goal from the 1-yard line on a Leslie Jackman interception at the goal line. Three plays later, Clements intercepted the ball at the Hofstra 47 and raced along the UNH sideline to the end zone to give UNH a 7-3 lead at 4:46 of the first quarter. In the second quarter junior tight end Scott Sicko (Stillwater, N.Y.) capped a three-play 84 yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown reception, his first of two on the day from junior quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.), at 11:09 to make it 14-3 UNH. However, Hofstra struck again at 5:55 of the second stanza on a 10 yard pass play from freshman Steve Probst to Everette Benjamin and the UNH lead was cut to 14-9 after the PAT. Sicko scored his second TD of the day at 3:07 of the second quarter on a 9 yard pass from Toman that put the Wildcats on top 21-9 before the half after the PAT by senior kicker Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) The score was set up on a fumble recovery by sophomore defensive end Brian McNally (Cornwall, N.Y.). In the second half UNH increased its advantage to 24-9 on a 27 yard field goal by Bishop with 0:29 to play in the third quarter after a time-consuming 15-play, 70 yard drive that chewed up 6:53 off the clock. An interception return of 88 yards by junior defensive back Ryan Hinds (Toronto, Ont.) gave the Wildcats the football on the Hofstra 3 yard line and senior running back

Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) finished it off with a 3 yard touchdown run to give UNH a 31-9 advantage with 11:22 to play in the contest. After a 1 yd touchdown run by Aaron Weaver with 8:44 to play to cut the lead to 31-17 following a made two-point conversion pass to Benjamin, Simpson struck again, running 58 yards down the far sideline for his second TD run of the half to put UNH up 38-17 with 8:06 to go. Sophomore defensive back Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) then grabbed his second interception of the game and ran it back 66 yards for a touchdown to put the game away for the Wildcats, 45-17 with 4:51 remaining in the contest. Simpson finished the game with 16 carries for 131 yards and 2 TDs to lead all rushers on the day, while Toman completed 14 of 24 passes for 140 yards and a pair of TDs. Hofstra was led by Weaver who recorded 305 all-purpose yards, including a school record 254 kick return yards. Defensively UNH was led by Vasso with a game-high 12 tackles (7-5-12), a forced fumble, two interceptions (one on the 66 yard return) and a tackle for a loss. Right behind Vasso was Clements with 10 total tackles (3-7-10), the interception return of 47 yards and a fumble recovery.

**UNH SUFFERS LOSS AT NO. 6 VILLANOVA, 24-13:** Wide receiver Phil Atkinson scored with 8:56 to play on a 17-yard run after a long pitch by quarterback Chris Whitney to lead No. 6 Villanova to a 24-13 victory over the University of New Hampshire on Saturday. Villanova improves its record to 7-2 overall, 5-1 CAA, while UNH fell to 7-2 overall and 4-2 in conference. UNH sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) completed 18 of 28 passes for 264 yards and no interceptions and senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) had five catches for 101 yards on the day to lead the 'Cats. Leading UNH in rushing was senior running back Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) with 12 carries for 53 yards and one TD. The UNH defense continued to create turnovers for the third straight week as junior linebacker Sean Ware (Bristol, Conn.) picked off a pass by Chris Whitney and returned the ball 26 yards to the Villanova 34 yard line. On the ensuing drive, senior running back Simpson ran the ball in three yards for the touchdown at 4:18 of the first quarter to give UNH a 7-0 lead following the PAT by senior placekicker/punter Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.). Also playing well during the drive was junior running back Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) who was making a return from a shoulder injury. Villanova answered in its first drive of the second quarter when quarterback Antwon Young ran it in from three yards out with 12:28 to play in the first half. After the PAT the contest was tied 7-7. UNH drove the ball to the 19 yard line to set up a 36 yard field goal by Bishop that gave UNH a 10-7 advantage with 9:31 left in the second quarter. The field goal capped an 8-play, 53-yard drive that took 2:57 off the clock. Villanova took the lead at 5:17 of the second quarter on a 5 yard pass play from Young to wide receiver Brandyn Harvey and Villanova took a four-point lead, 14-10. The TD pass capped an impressive 9-play 69 yard drive using 4:06 off the clock and that was the score as both teams headed into their respective lockerrooms at the half. UNH opened up the third quarter with a long, sustained drive of 14 plays for 68 yards (8:07 TOP) that featured several good runs by Simpson and Kackert and a tremendous 21 yard reception by sophomore Terrance Fox (Piscataway, N.J.). Bishop then booted a 23-yard field goal, his second of the day, to cut the Villanova lead to one, 14-13 with 6:53 to play in the third quarter. Following the field goal UNH attempted on side kick recovered by Villanova but then fumbled and recovered by Simpson to give UNH the football on the UNH 30 yard line, but

UNH was unable to capitalize. After a shanked Villanova punt that went only 20 yards, UNH took over from the VU 34 yard line with outstanding field position, but was unable to score a touchdown, which set up a 43-yard field goal by Bishop that had the distance but hit the right upright and bounced back out. Villanova's Joe Marcoux booted a 35-yard field goal with 1:33 left to play to ice the victory for the home team. Leading the way for the UNH defense was sophomore defensive back Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.) with 9-1-10 and Ware had the interception for UNH and six tackles, one for a loss.

### **NO. 13 UNH FOOTBALL ROLLS OVER NO. 22 UMASS, 52-21:**

DURHAM, N.H. – Matt Parent (Long Beach, Calif.) recorded six tackles, two fumble recoveries and a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown to lead the 13th-ranked University of New Hampshire football team to Saturday afternoon's 52-21 CAA victory against 22nd-ranked University of Massachusetts on Senior Day at Cowell Stadium. UNH improves to 8-2 overall and 5-2 in the CAA while UMass is now 6-5, 3-4. Parent was named the recipient of the 23rd Annual Bill Knight Award, which is presented to the most outstanding player in the game between these programs. He is the third defensive player to earn the award. The Wildcats' defense forced six turnovers and five three-and-outs in 15 Minutemen possessions. UNH's balanced offense amassed 326 rushing yards and 295 passing yards for a total of 621 yards. R.J. Toman (Mission Viejo, Calif.) completed 10 of 18 attempts for 295 yards and four touchdowns; he also had a 43-yard rushing TD and 61 yards on the ground. Mike Boyle (Plymouth, N.H.) had four receptions for 147 yards and one TD, and he also had two carries for 42 yards. Chris Jeannot (Moon Township, Pa.) caught two passes – both for scores – for 92 yards. Robert Simpson (Brockton, Mass.) was UNH's top rusher with 125 yards on 23 carries. Chad Kackert (Simi Valley, Calif.) scored once on the ground and once through the air and had a total of 128 yards (86 rushing, 42 receiving). For UMass, Tony Nelson went over 1,000 yards on the season during his 24-carry, 154-yard effort. Liam Cruz had nine receptions for 80 yards as the top target for Liam Coen, who was 22-for-41 for 211 yards, one TD and four interceptions. Defensively, Jeromy Miles was credited with a game-high 18 tackles. Sparked by Parent's 100-yard interception return, UNH raced out to a 24-0 lead in the first quarter. The Wildcats took a 3-0 lead on a Tom Bishop (Newfield, N.Y.) career-long 46-yard field goal at 13:34. On the subsequent UMass possession, the Minutemen faced 3rd-and-goal at the UNH 6 and Coen's pass intended for Joe Sanford was deflected at the goal line by Dino Vasso (Crum Lynne, Pa.). Parent caught the ball and, surrounded by a fleet of blockers, rumbled down the left sideline for the TD at 9:30. New Hampshire's defense immediately gained the ball back on a Devon Jackson (Williamstown, N.J.) interception that gave the 'Cats possession at the UM 43. On the next play, Toman faked a handoff to Kackert on an end around and ran up the middle untouched for a 43-yard TD run at 7:30 that gave UNH a 17-0 lead. UMass then faced 4th-and-6 at the UNH 37 and Coen fumbled on a hit by T.J. Taylor (Erie, Pa.) in the backfield. Parent picked up the ball at the UNH 47 and advanced the ball to the UM 48. The 'Cats once again struck quickly, as Kackert scampered into the end zone on the next play to extend the lead to 24-0 at 2:43. UNH's defense then forced a three-and-out, and the 'Cats marched 91 yards in seven plays – capped by Toman's 30-yard completion over the top of the defense to Kackert in the front-right corner of the end zone – to build a 31-0 lead at 13:10 of the second quarter. Chris Zardas' one-yard TD run trimmed the margin to

31-7 at 9:20. The three-play, 11-yard drive was set up by Terrence Farris' punt block. UNH gained possession with 1:55 remaining in the first half. The Minutemen held UNH to a pair of one-yard losses and called time out at 1:14, but Toman found Jeannot at the UNH 35 and he ran down the left sideline and, aided a downfield block by Travis Negrón (San Diego, Calif.), into the end zone for a 77-yard pass play that gave New Hampshire a 38-7 lead with 59 seconds to play in the half. UMass failed to gain a first down to start the third quarter, then UNH marched 85 yards on 14 plays – the last was a 20-yard strike from Toman to Boyle – to extend its advantage to 45-7 at 8:34. The Minutemen pulled within 45-14 with 23 seconds left in the third quarter when Coen connected with Matt Silver on a play-action pass play on 3rd-and-goal from the UNH 1. Nelson's three-yard TD run made the score 45-21 at 10:38 of the fourth quarter and Jeannot's second touchdown catch of the day, this time from 15 yards, capped the scoring at 7:46.

## 2008 UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	O'Brien, Matt	Sr.	RB	5-7	175	Cambridge, Mass.	Cambridge Rindge & Latin
4	Ware, Sean	Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Bristol, Conn.	Bristol Central
5	Gorrell, Anthony	So.	DB	5-11	170	Clayton, N.J.	Notre Dame
6	Chandler, Chris	So.	WR	6-2	210	Wakefield, Mass.	Bridgton Academy
7	Clements, John	Sr.	DB	5-11	185	Hammonton, N.J.	t. Joseph
7	DeLago, A.J.	Fr.	K	5-11	200	Menands, N.Y.	Albany Academy
8	McGuinness, Ryan	Fr. (R)	DB	6-1	195	Howell, N.J.	Milford Academy
9	Vasso, Dino	So.	DB	5-10	175	Crum Lynne, Pa.	Ridley
10	Duper, Maurice	Sr.	DB	5-11	205	Baldwinsville, N.Y.	Baldwinsville
10	Welch, Matt	Fr.	QB	6-5	210	Lowell, Mass.	Lowell
11	Mangieri, Mickey	Fr. (R)	WR	5-11	180	Bedford, N.Y.	Fox Lane
12	Toman, R.J.	So.	QB	6-1	195	Mission Viejo, Calif.	Mission Viejo
13	Vick, Josh	Fr.	QB	6-1	215	Apollo, Pa.	Kiski
14	Decker, Kevin	Fr. (R)	QB	6-3	180	Armonk, N.Y.	The Brunswick School
15	Cosgrove, Jamie	So.	LB	6-1	220	Sharon, Mass.	Catholic Memorial
16	Greene, Mike	So.	WR	6-2	200	Stonington, Conn.	Cushing Academy
17	Klein, Terrence	Jr.	DB	5-11	195	Westwood, N.J.	St. Joseph Regional
18	Bishop, Tom	Sr.	P/PK	6-0	215	Newfield, N.Y.	Newfield
19	Auffray, Kyle	Jr.	WR	6-5	233	Cornwall, N.Y.	Mississippi St. U.
20	Flemings, Kyle	Fr. (R)	DB	5-11	175	Forty Fort, Pa.	Bishop Hoban
21	Manning, Tom	Jr.	PK/P	6-1	215	Rome, N.Y.	Rome Free Academy
22	Negron, Travis	Jr.	WR	5-10	175	San Diego, Calif.	Clairemont
23	Fox, Terrance	So.	WR	5-9	170	Piscataway, N.J.	Piscataway
24	Jellison, Sean	So.	RB	5-10	210	Amherst, N.H.	Souhegan
26	Hinds, Ryan	Jr.	DB	6-1	190	Toronto, Ontario	North Toronto
27	Kackert, Chad	Jr.	RB	5-8	190	Simi Valley, Calif.	Grace Brethren
28	Tkowski, R.J.	Fr. (R)	DB	5-11	175	Medway, Mass.	Medway
29	Anderson, K.	Sr.	RB	5-10	185	Belmar, N.J.	Manasquan
30	Bizcaino, William	Fr.	DB	6-0	180	Dorchester, Mass.	Cathedral
31	Peters, Dontra	Fr.	DB	6-0	180	Annapolis, Md.	St. Mary's
32	Sweeney, Shawn	Fr.	RB	6-1	195	Plymouth, N.H.	Plymouth Regional
33	Souza, Hugo	So.	SS	5-11	210	Marshfield, Mass.	Marshfield
34	Parent, Matt	Sr.	LB	6-1	240	Long Beach, Calif.	St. Paul's
35	Howard, Kenneth	Fr.	RB	5-10	210	Plainfield, N.J.	The Hun School
37	Garron, Andre	Fr. (R)	DB	5-9	170	Bedford, N.H.	Manchester West
38	Simpson, Robert	Sr.	RB	6-1	200	Brockton, Mass.	Brockton
39	Duffey, John	Fr. (R)	DB	6-2	215	Tarentum, Pa.	Highlands
40	Perkins, Mike	So.	DB	5-11	200	Hingham, Mass.	Berkshire School
41	Neal, Peter	Fr. (R)	WR	5-11	175	Lynnfield, Mass.	St. John's Prep.
42	MacNevin, Shawn	Fr. (R)	DB	5-10	195	Strafford, NH	Spaulding
43	Greer, John	Fr. (R)	DB	6-1	205	Buffalo, NY	St. Joseph Collegiate
44	Jackson, Devon	So.	LB	6-1	235	Williamstown, N.J.	Williamstown
45	Walker, Rod	Fr. (R)	DB	6-0	205	Portsmouth, N.H.	Portsmouth
46	Pierce, Mike	Fr.	LB	6-0	205	Andover, Mass.	Andover
47	Mayhew, Bryan	So.	DB	5-10	180	Plymouth, N.H.	Plymouth Regional
48	Ruhl, Dan	Jr.	DE	6-1	240	Sanibel Island, Fla.	Valley Forge Prep
49	Sargent, Tyler	Fr.	DB	5-11	180	Fairview, Pa.	Fairview
51	Petercuskie, Mark	Fr. (R)	LB	6-0	210	Holliston, Mass.	Holliston
52	Evans, Matt	Fr.	LB	6-0	200	Hanover, Mass.	Thayer Academy
53	Zarkoskie, Chris	Fr.	OL	6-2	290	West Caldwell, N.J.	Seton Hall Prep.
54	Buzbee, Alan	Fr.	LB	6-3	225	Chester, N.J.	Seton Hall Prep.
55	Drazin, Andrew	Fr.	LB	6-2	210	Hollis, N.H.	Hollis-Brookline
56	Jenkins, James	Fr. (R)	LB	6-2	210	Patterson, N.J.	Paramus Catholic
57	McMath, Jeff	Fr. (R)	DB	6-0	205	Peabody, Mass.	Bridgeton Academy
58	Cumba, Eric	Sr.	OL	6-2	315	Paterson, N.J.	Don Bosco
59	Elwell, Andrew	Sr.	OL	6-3	285	South Berwick, Maine	Marshwood
60	Smith, Jared	Fr.	DL	6-4	275	Greencastle, Pa.	Geencastle-Antrim
62	Murray, John	Fr. (R)	DL	6-3	240	Aston, Pa.	Garnet Valley
63	Barnes, John	Jr.	OL	6-4	315	Hollis, N.H.	George Washington
64	Lane, Josh	Fr.	OL	6-2	275	Derry, N.H.	Pinkerton Academy
65	Neill, Tom	Jr.	OL	6-4	285	Syracuse, N.Y.	The Tilton School

67	Looney, David	So.	DL	6-2	240	Delmar, N.Y.	Bethlehem Central
68	Pecoraro, George	Fr. (R)	OL	6-4	270	Cresskill, N.J.	Cresskill
69	Martin, Isaiah	Fr.	OL	6-2	285	Pennsauken, N.J.	Pennsauken
70	Elmore, Jayson	Fr. (R)	OL	6-3	255	Hershey, Pa.	Hershey
72	DiLima, Mickey	Fr.	OL	6-5	285	Kensington, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel
73	Moher, Will	Fr. (R)	OL	6-1	280	Bedford, N.H.	Manchester West
74	McCarthy, Walter	Fr.	OL	6-5	240	Warwick, R.I.	Milton Academy
75	Couturier, Mike	Fr.	OL	5-10	280	Dover, N.H.	Dover
76	McClurg, Chris	Sr.	OL	6-3	295	Rochester, N.Y.	Webster Schroeder
77/84	Price, Seth	Jr.	OL/TE	6-6	280	Grove City, Ohio	Grove City
78	Larkin, Dan	Jr.	OL	6-4	300	Rochelle Park, N.J.	Bergen Catholic
79	Droesch, Josh	Sr.	OL	6-6	290	West Boylston, Mass.	Boylston
80	McLaughlin, Matt	Fr.	WR	5-11	165	New Market, N.H.	St. Thomas
81	Strand, Ronnie	Jr.	TE	6-4	220	Tuckahoe, N.Y.	Wyoming Seminary
82	Wright, J.T.	So.	WR	6-0	190	Agoura Hills, Calif.	Agoura
83	Boyle, Mike	Sr.	WR	5-8	185	Plymouth, N.H.	Plymouth Regional
84	Orlando, Joey	Fr.	WR	5-11	175	Bethlehem, Pa.	Liberty
85	Mohammed, K.	Jr.	TE	6-6	230	San Diego, Calif.	Hoover
86	Jeannot, Chris	Fr. (R)	TE	6-6	230	Moon Township, Pa.	Moon Area
87	Cullen, Sean	Fr. (R)	TE	6-4	220	Naples, Fla.	Baron Collier
88	Mason, Kevon	So.	WR	6-4	215	Quincy, Mass.	Xavarien Brothers
89	Sicko, Scott	Jr.	TE	6-3	230	Stillwater, N.Y.	LaSalle Institute
90	Taylor, T.J.	Jr.	DL	6-1	285	Erie, Pa.	Fairview
91	Young, Steve	So.	DT	6-4	285	Rochester, N.H.	Spaulding
92	Mailloux, Lance	So.	DE	6-1	230	Bedford, N.H.	Manchester West
93	Maroney, Kyle	Jr.	DE	6-2	240	Brockport, N.Y.	West Point
94	Vines, Randi	Fr.	DL	6-3	240	Oxnard, Calif	Santa Clara
95	Long, Jordan	Jr.	DT	6-3	275	Springfield, Mass.	Commerce
96	Steele, Tim	So.	DL	5-11	288	Springfield, Mass.	SABIS International
97	Peters, Kevin	Jr.	DE	6-3	240	Pleasantville, N.J.	St. Joseph's
98	McNally, Brian	Fr. (R)	DE	6-4	240	Cornwall, N.Y.	Cornwall
99	Glasgow, Ryan	So.	P	6-4	200	Bedford, N.H.	Manchester West
	Marceau, Corey	So.	P	5-10	165	Stratham, N.H.	Exeter
	McNulty, Andrew	Fr. (R)	K	5-10	170	Flemington, N.J.	Hunterdon Central
	Roach, Jason	Fr. (R)	DB	5-9	190	Dorchester, Mass.	Dorchester

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 Asst. Coach: Mike Ferzoco  
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## Northern Iowa Depth Chart

<b>NORTHERN IOWA OFFENSE</b>		
<b>WR</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>JOSH COLLINS (Fr. (R), 5-9, 193)</b>
	2	D.P. Eyman (Jr., 6-1, 175)
<b>TE</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>RYAN MAHAFFEY (So., 6-4, 255)</b>
	87	Schuyler Oordt (So., 6-7, 244)
<b>LT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>AUSTIN HOWARD (Jr., 6-7, 301)</b>
	59	Austin Zlab (So., 6-5, 295)
<b>LG</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>BOB SWIFT (Sr., 6-6, 315)</b>
	66	Nate Herring (Jr., 6-4, 286)
<b>C</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>AUSTIN STEICHEN (Jr., 6-3, 300)</b>
	59	Austin Zlab (So., 6-5, 295)
<b>RG</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>JASON FIACCO (Jr., 6-2, 310)</b>
	73	Brett Bergman (Sr., 6-3, 320)
<b>RT</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>JAY TEPLY (Fr. (R), 6-7, 325)</b>
	71	Bob Swift (Sr., 6-6, 315)
<b>WR</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>D.J. HORD (Jr., 6-1, 198)</b>
	2	D.P. Eyman (Jr., 6-1, 175)
<b>WR</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>MAURICE TURNER (So., 6-2, 210)</b>
	83	Jarred Herring (Fr., 5-10, 165)
<b>QB</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>PAT GRACE (Jr., 6-2, 230)</b>
	17	Zach Davis (Fr. (R), 6-2, 190)
<b>RB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>COREY LEWIS (Sr., 6-0, 197)</b>
	31	Derrick Law (JR., 6-1, 219)

## NORTHERN IOWA DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>JEREMY ROBERTSON (Sr., 6-4, 255)</b>
	51	Justin Kirk (Sr., 6-4, 255)
<b>DT</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>CHUCK KINNEY (Jr., 6-3, 290)</b>
	93	Wes Lane (Jr., 6-4, 290)
<b>DT</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>EVERETTE PEDESCLEAUX (Sr., 6-6, 305)</b>
	96	Mark Huygens (Sr., 6-6, 277)
<b>DE</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>JAMES RUFFIN (Jr., 6-4, 265)</b>
	85	Kyle Bennet (So., 6-4, 238)
<b>OLB</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>JAMAR THOMPSON (So., 6-3, 215)</b>
	58	L.T. Fort (Fr., 6-1, 215)
<b>ILB</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>DE'VEON HARRIS (Sr., 6-1, 215)</b>
	49	Shawn Gerard (Fr. (R), 6-3, 225)
<b>OLB</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>JOSH MAHONEY (Jr., 6-1, 234)</b>
	46	Jordan Smith (Fr. (R), 6-2, 22)
<b>CB</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>SEAN McMOORE (Sr., 6-1, 180)</b>
	11	Adam Roberts (Sr., 5-11, 199)
<b>SS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>DARRELL LLOYD (Sr., 6-0, 191)</b>
	10	Tre'Darrius Canady (Fr. (R), 5-11, 185)
<b>FS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>NICK NELSON (Sr., 5-11, 200)</b>
	25	Ben Schmidt (Sr., 5-11, 193)
<b>CB</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>TERRELL McMOORE (Sr., 6-1, 185)</b>
	16	Craig James (So., 5-10, 170)

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<b>PK</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>BILLY HALLGREN (So., 5-11, 190)</b>
	41	Max Martin (Fr., 5-11, 190)
<b>P</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>BROOK BLACK (Jr., 6-2, 195)</b>
	3	Ben Alford (Jr., 6-32, 215)
<b>HD</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>BEN SCHMIDT (Sr., 5-11, 193)</b>
<b>LS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>STACY CHINANDER (Jr., 5-11, 225)</b>
	68	Trent Flander (Jr., 6-4, 270)
<b>PR</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>JOSH COLLINS (Fr. (R), 5-9, 193)</b>
	16	Craig James (So., 5-10, 170)
<b>KR</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>JARRED HERRING (Fr., 5-10, 165)</b>
	16	Craig James (So., 5-10, 170)

## New Hampshire Depth Chart

<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFENSE</b>		
<b>FL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>J.T. WRIGHT ( So., 6-0, 210)</b>
	22	Travis Negron (Jr., 5-10, 175)
<b>LT</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>JOSH DROESCH (Sr., 6-6, 290)</b>
	68	George Pecoraro (Fr. (R), 6-5, 280)
<b>LG</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>CHRIS McCLURG (Sr., 6-3, 300)</b>
	73	Will Mohr (Fr. (R), 6-1, 260)
<b>C</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>TOM NEILL (Jr., 6-4, 290)</b>
	53	Chris Zankoski (Fr., 6-2, 290)
<b>RG</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>ERIC CUMBA (Sr., 6-2, 315)</b>
	78	Dan Larkin (Jr., 6-4, 290)
<b>RT</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>AMDREW ELWELL (Sr., 6-3, 290)</b>
	70	Jayson Elmore (Fr. (R), 6-3, 260)
<b>TE</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>SCOTT SICKO (Jr., 6-3, 235)</b>
	86	Chris Jeannot (Fr. (R), 6-6, 230)
<b>QB</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>R.J. TOMAN (So., 6-1, 195)</b>
	14	Kevin Decker (Fr. (R), 6-3, 180)
<b>RB</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>ROBERT SIMPSON (Sr., 6-1, 200)</b>
	27	Chad Kackert (Jr., 5-8, 190)
<b>WR</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>TERRANCE FOX (So., 5-9, 170)</b>
	11	Mickey Mangieri (Fr. (R), 5-11, 180)
<b>SE</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>MIKE BOYLE (Sr., 5-8, 190)</b>
	88	Kevon Mason (So., 6-4, 210)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DEFENSE

<b>CB</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>DINO VASSO (So., 5-10, 175)</b>
	37	Andre Garron (Fr. (R), 5-9, 170)
<b>OLB</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>HUGO SOUZA (So., 5-11, 205)</b>
	40	Mike Perkins (So., 5-11, 200)
<b>DE</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>BRIAN McNALLY (Fr. (R), 6-4, 250)</b>
	48	Dan Ruhl (Jr., 6-1, 240)
<b>DT</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>JORDAN LONG (Jr., 6-3, 285)</b>
	90	T.J. Taylor (Jr., 6-1, 285)
<b>DT</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>STEVE YOUNG (So., 6-4, 285)</b>
	92	Lance Mailloux (So., 6-1, 240)
<b>DE</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>KEVIN PETERS (Jr., 6-1, 240)</b>
	93	Kyle Maroney (Jr., 6-2, 240)
<b>LB</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>MATT PARENT (Sr., 6-1, 245)</b>
	44	Devon Jackson (So., 6-1, 235)
<b>LB</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>SEAN WARE (Jr., 6-2, 235)</b>
	39	John Duffey (Fr. (R), 6-2, 215)
<b>OLB</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>MAURICE DUPER (Sr., 5-11, 200)</b>
	17	Terrence Klein (Jr., 5-11, 195)
<b>FS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>JOHN CLEMENTS (Sr., 5-11, 185)</b>
	8	Ryan McGuinness (Fr. (R), 6-1, 195)
<b>CB</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>RYAN HINDS (Jr., 6-1, 190)</b>
	20	Kyle Flemings (Fr. (R), 5-11, 185)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE SPECIALISTS

<b>PK</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TOM BISHOP (Sr., 6-0, 215)</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TOM BISHOP (Sr., 6-0, 215)</b>
	99	Ryan Glasgow (Jr., 6-4, 200)
<b>H</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>KEVIN DECKER (Fr., (R), 6-3, 180)</b>
	12	R.J. Toman (So., 6-1, 195)
<b>LS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>MATT PARENT (Sr., 6-1, 245)</b>
	48	Dan Ruhl (Jr., 6-1, 240)
<b>KR</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>TERRENCE FOX (So., 5-9, 170)</b>
	7	John Clements (Sr., 5-11, 185)
<b>PR</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>MIKE BOYLE (Sr., 5-8, 190)</b>
	23	Terrance Fox (So., 5-9, 170)

