



2009 OBERLIN FOOTBALL

Yeomen

Head Coach Jeff Ramsey



Jeff Ramsey enters his 11th season as the head football coach for Oberlin College after taking the reins in 1999. He is the 31st football coach since the Yeomen began play in 1891 and has rejuvenated the storied tradition of a program that has spanned three centuries.

Ramsey has worked wonders at Oberlin, guiding the team from the bottom of the North Coast Athletic Conference standings to contention for top honors in the league.

During his tenure with the Yeomen, Ramsey has continually raised the level of success while moving into fifth place on the all-time wins list. With Ramsey controlling the sidelines, Oberlin has broken 136 school records, including nine this past season. Oberlin claimed the best NCAC record in school history (5-2) finishing as high as second place in 2003.

He has mentored 12 First-Team All-NCAC athletes, 24 second-team selections and 29 honorable-mention players. In 2008 he watched senior running back R.V. Carroll and quarterback Greg Mangan surpass the all-time rushing and passing records. Combined, the duo accounted for 21 school records.

In 2007, he guided Carroll to NCAC Offensive Player of the Year honors and a spot on the All-North Region Second-Team. While at Oberlin, Ramsey has also coached four All-Americans and 12 all-district players.

Ramsey, who played and coached for College Football Hall of Fame inductees Jim Sochor and Chris Ault, has been an assistant on both sides of the ball and has experience at the Division I, I-AA, II, and III levels.

Ramsey arrived at Oberlin on the heels of a successful stint as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Sonoma State University in Northern California.

Prior to his time at Sonoma State, he coached the tight ends and wide receivers at the University of Nevada. The Wolfpack led Division I-AA in scoring and passing offense during Ramsey's tenure and reached the national championship game in 1990. Coach Ramsey has also assisted with the defensive backfield at Marietta College; completed a graduate assistantship at the University of Illinois, where he coached running backs and tight ends; and assisted at the University of California at Davis, where he coordinated the offense and coached the tight ends and freshmen. UC-Davis completed one of its greatest playoff runs with Ramsey as a player and assistant coach, landing in the Division II championship in 1982, making the semifinals in 1983, and competing in the quarterfinals in 1984 and 1985. He has tutored seven All-Americans and coached 13 players who have gone on to the National Football League.

"Our players and staff hear about the rich tradition of Oberlin College football, and they too want to make history with their efforts on the field," Ramsey said. "Our motto is never quit when you are ahead, and never give up when you are behind." As a player, Ramsey started at wide receiver and played backup quarterback for two seasons at UC-Davis, where he was a part of two conference championships. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1983 and a master of science degree in kinesiology and athletic administration from Illinois in 1988.

Ramsey and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, C.J. and Shane. The family resides in Oberlin.

Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator Alan Estep



Alan Estep enters his fifth season as a member of the Oberlin College football staff and first as the associate head coach and offensive coordinator.

Estep, who previously served as offensive line coach, will handle the play-calling duties for the Yeomen.

In 2007, Estep's frontline unit paved the way for running back R.V. Carroll '09 to run for 1,038 yards and 16 touchdowns, earning NCAC Player of the Year honors. Center Caleb Buck also earned all-conference accolades for the second straight season. His offensive line coalition also protected Oberlin's all-time leading passer Greg Mangan from 2005-2008.

In addition to his on-field coaching duties, Estep recruits student-athletes from southeast Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Florida.

A 2005 graduate of Bluffton University, Estep majored in health and physical education. He lettered four years in football and captained the team his senior year. During the spring of 2005, Estep interned with the Bluffton coaching staff, participating in recruiting and assisting with spring practice.

Quarterbacks Coach Lee Suggs



Former NFL player Lee Suggs enters his second season as a member of the Oberlin staff and first as the full-time quarterbacks coach. Suggs, a fourth-round pick of the Cleveland Browns in 2003, is mentoring young Yeomen quarterbacks Josh Mandel and Joey Zebelian.

In his first year at Oberlin Suggs served as running backs coach, helping R.V. Carroll '09 set the schools all-time rusing and scoring record.

The 2000 Big East Offensive Player of the Year, Suggs is one of the most decorated players in Virginia Tech history. He still holds school records for the most rushing touchdowns in a season (27) and career (53).

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Suggs set an NCAA record with at least one touchdown in 27 straight games. He served as a team captain for the Hokies in 2002 and was a first-team Big East selection in 2000 and 2002.

A 2003 NCAA Third-Team All-American, Suggs has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and the D.A.R.E. program. He completed his bachelor's degree in apparel housing and resource management from Virginia Tech in 2007.

Defensive Line and Special Teams Coach Kevin Wahl



Kevin Wahl enters his fourth season as an assistant football coach at Oberlin College. He works with the Yeomen's defensive line and special teams. Recruiting areas for Wahl include central Ohio, southwest Ohio, Dallas, Texas and adjacent areas.

In 2007, Wahl's special teams units shined in all facets as the Yeomen ranked first in the league in punting (36.2 ypp) and kickoff coverage, holding opponents to just 15.6 yards per return. Wahl also guided former Yeoman Chris Schubert to First-Team All-NCAC honors as a return specialist. Last fall he saw first-year punter Cory Kidd place eight balls inside the 20.

Wahl spent 2005 coaching running backs and recruiting for Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. He managed special teams, scouted opponents, and coordinated their film exchange.

A 2004 Oberlin graduate and four-year letter-winner for the Yeomen, Wahl began his football coaching career as an assistant coach at Pandora-Gilboa High School in Pandora, Ohio. He coached the offensive and defensive lines, coordinated the running game, and developed off-season weight training and conditioning programs.

Other Yeomen Assistant Coaches

Joel Houston, Defensive Line, 10th Season, Cleveland State '66
Woody Schubert, Wide Receivers, Fifth Season, Wooster '81
Adam Sopkovich, Running Backs, First Season, Bluffton '97
Josh Schneider, Place Kickers/Punters, First Season, Thiel '01
Jehu Anderson, Defensive Backs, First Season, Toldeo '08
Kris DeVant, Safeties, First Season, Oberlin '10

2009 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday	September 5	Washington & Jefferson College	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 19	Case Western Reserve University	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 26	* Allegheny College	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 3	* Ohio Wesleyan University	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 10	University of Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 17	* Kenyon College	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 24	* Earlham College	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 31	* Wabash College	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 7	* The College of Wooster	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 14	* Hiram College	1:00 p.m.

Home Games In Bold

*Denotes North Coast Athletic Conference Game

All games are listed at Eastern Time Zone and are subject to change.



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FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS



The Oberlin College football team has the pieces in place to move into the top tier of the North Coast Athletic Conference and hopes to avoid the rash of injuries that plagued their season a year ago.

However, it will not be easy as the Yeomen have to replace the likes of quarterback Greg Mangan and running back R.V. Carroll, who graduated as the school's all-time leading passer and rusher, respectively.

Junior Joey Zebelian and sophomore Josh Mandel are battling it out for the starting quarterback job. Zebelian, who is the more traditional pocket passer of the two, saw time in four games last season, completing 2-of-6 attempts for 14 yards. However, as a freshman in 2007 he played in seven games, finishing 4-of-7 for 124 yards and two TDs. Mandel saw the majority of his playing time as rookie on the defensive side of the ball at free safety, but did make two appearances under center as well.

"Both guys have a real chance to lead our club this season," 11th-year head coach Jeff Ramsey said. "They each have the physical skills and mental toughness to achieve at this level."

From his fullback spot, senior co-captain Scott Kjellberg serves as the wrecking ball for sophomores Sean Curtis and Adam Lowther. Curtis, who was also used as a kick return specialist last season, made the most of his opportunities, leading all runners with 5.8 yards per carry. The Cooper City, Florida, native finished the year with 399 all-purpose yards (134 rushing, 127 receiving, 160 kick/punt returns). Like Curtis, Lowther was also used as a kick return specialist, averaging a team-high 19.1 yards per return while displaying the speed and agility to make him a threat in the backfield in 2009.

The Yeomen return junior Ryan Harvey and sophomore C.J. Holman at wide receiver. Harvey, who displays tremendous speed, is poised for a breakout season as he looks to build on his team-best 14.5 yards per catch. Holman came on strong towards the end of his rookie campaign, finishing with 191 yards on 15 catches to go along with one score. Second-year tight end Danny Enright is also expected to play a large role in the passing game as he looks to add to his two career touchdowns.

The glue to offense is up front in the form of fifth-year senior Max Roessler as he tries to battle back from injury and control the right guard position. Junior Chris Pottmeyer started all 10 games last year and will once again orchestrate Oberlin's protection schemes from his center spot. Fellow junior Mike Law, who made all 10 starts a season ago, is responsible for protecting the quarterback's blind side at left tackle.

Defensively, the Yeomen are led by co-captain and All-NCAC Honorable-Mention selection Adam Wigren. The Knoxville, Tennessee, native registered 28 tackles, including a team-high 7.5 for a loss. Fellow junior Cody Wiewandt is a force to reckon with up front, coming off a season with 26 tackles and a fumble recovery. Sophomores Jake Hochendoner and Jake Panka control the outside of the line. The tandem combined for five tackles for a loss and a fumble recovery last season.

Oberlin's line-backing corps is one of the most feared units in the NCAC. Junior Austin Richards was one of the elite defenders in the league last year until his season was ended prematurely due to injury. The Commerce Township, Michigan, native still finished fourth on the team with 55 tackles while adding a blocked kick and a 33-yard fumble recovery touchdown in just six games of action. Ron Rupard is another ball hawk, who made 61 stops last season, good for third on the team. Derrick Dennis is back from a leg injury that cost him the entire 2008 campaign. As a freshman he had 32 tackles and a 56-yard interception return for a touchdown in nine games of action.

The Yeomen welcome back a plethora of talent in the secondary, featuring Tyler Lewis and Drew Mixter as two of the premier safeties in the conference. The tandem started all 10 games last year and combined for 140 tackles. Solomon Turner and Shawn Chrapczynski each had an INT and combined for seven pass break-ups last season.

All-NCAC Second-Team honoree Zach Richard is back to control the kicking duties, while sophomore Cory Kidd will handle the punting after a sensational rookie season that saw him place eight balls inside the 20 and average 35.6 yards per punt.

The coaching staff also had a fine off-season, recruiting 21 newcomers to the team.

Oberlin opens the season with a pair of non-conference night games at Washington & Jefferson (September 5) and Case Western Reserve University (September 19). The Yeomen open NCAC play at home against Allegheny College on September 26.

Returners to Watch For

Jr. • DB • Tyler Lewis

- Led OC with 72 tackles
- Started all 10 games in 2008
- One forced fumble & blocked kick
- Career high 14 tackles vs. Wooster

Jr. • LB • Austin Richards

- Played in just 6 games (Injured)
- Third on the team with 55 tackles
- Three double-digit tackle games
- Led OC with 2 sacks

Jr. • DL • Adam Wigren

- Team Co-Captain
- All-NCAC Honorable-Mention
- Led OC with 7.5 TFL
- Season high 7 tackles vs. Kenyon

Jr. • WR • Ryan Harvey

- Led the team with 14.5 ypc
- Second in yds. (522) & TD (3)
- Led OC with 82.7 apy per game
- Played in all 10 games (9 starts)



No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown / High School
2	Solomon Turner	Jr.	DB	5-9	155	Greensboro, N.C. / Deerfield Academy
3	Tyler Lewis	Jr.	DB	6-3	195	Monroe, Mich. / Monroe
4	Zach Richard	Jr.	PK	6-0	170	Cocoa Beach, Fla. / Cocoa Beach
5	Matt Richard	Fr.	DB	6-1	185	Cocoa Beach, Fla. / Cocoa Beach
6	Tucker Kable	Fr.	FB	5-8	180	Indialantic, Fla. / Cocoa Beach
7	Josh Mandel	So.	QB	5-11	200	Plantation, Fla. / University School
8	Adam Niec	Fr.	WR	6-2	185	Brecksville, Ohio / St. Ignatius
10	Matt Misorski	Fr.	DB	5-11	200	Beaver, Pa. / Beaver Area
12	Drew Mixter	So.	DB	6-0	205	Howell, Mich. / Hartland
16	David Kalgren	Fr.	DB	5-11	180	Curwensville, Pa. / Curwensville
17	Robin Witjes	Fr.	WR	5-10	170	Howell, Mich. / Howell
18	Joey Zebelian	Jr.	QB	5-11	175	Armada, Mich. / Armada
19	Jay Mejia	So.	WR	5-9	165	Beaumont, Texas / Texas Acad. of Leadership
20	Ryan Harvey	Jr.	WR	5-10	180	Perry, Ohio / Perry
21	C.J. Holman	So.	WR	6-2	195	Arcadia, Ohio / Arcadia
22	Eric Enrico	Fr.	DB	5-10	170	Mansfield, Ohio / Ontario
23	Sean Curtis	So.	RB	5-11	190	Cooper City, Fla. / Cooper City
24	Shawn Chrapczynski	So.	DB	6-1	175	Lorain, Ohio / Amherst
25	Brett Kingsley	Fr.	WR	5-11	180	New Baltimore, Mich. / Anchor Bay
28	Dane Stritt	Fr.	LB	5-10	195	Monroe, Mich. / Monroe
31	Gerald Lancaster	Fr.	DB	5-7	175	Cincinnati, Ohio / Country Day
32	Joseph Cook	Fr.	LB	6-3	225	Greenwich, Ohio / River View
34	Adam Lowther	So.	RB	5-9	185	Cridersville, Ohio / Wapakoneta
39	Scott Kjellberg	Sr.	FB	5-10	200	South Grafton, Mass. / St. John's
40	Derrick Dennis	Jr.	LB	5-10	200	Detroit, Mich. / Renaissance
41	Dominic Babb	Fr.	FB	5-11	220	Detroit, Mich. / Cranbrook-Kingswood
42	Adam Wigren	Jr.	DL	5-11	245	Knoxville, Tenn. / Farragut
44	Ron Rupard	Jr.	LB	6-0	190	Waynesfield, Ohio / Waynesfield Goshen
47	Jake Hochendoner	So.	DL	6-3	235	Poland, Ohio / Poland Seminary
50	Chris Pottmeyer	Jr.	C	6-2	240	Pittsburgh, Pa. / North Allegheny
51	Scott Linkowski	So.	OL	6-3	230	Wexford, Pa. / North Allegheny
52	Chris Creech	Jr.	OL	6-2	225	Maumee, Ohio / Springfield Senior
53	Tyler Benson	Fr.	OL	6-2	235	Lake Orion, Mich. / Lake Orion
54	Clay Eaton	Fr.	DL	6-1	225	Findlay, Ohio / Van Buren
55	John Rosser	Fr.	LB	5-10	190	Lorain, Ohio / Clearview
57	Zeki Alikaya	Fr.	OL	6-2	255	Trafford, Pa. / Norwin
63	Max Roessler	Sr.	OL	6-1	225	Los Angeles, Calif. / Eagle Rock
64	Nate Milgrim	Fr.	OL	5-10	215	Plymouth, Ohio / Plymouth
65	Mike Law	Jr.	OL	6-4	250	Perry, Ohio / Perry
67	Jacob Fogel	Jr.	DL	6-1	225	Narberth, Pa. / Friends Central
74	Cody Wiewandt	Jr.	DL	5-10	250	Berlin Heights, Ohio / Edison
77	Robert Conte	Fr.	OL	6-2	275	Murrysville, Pa. / Franklin Regional
81	Ray Williams	Fr.	WR	6-2	170	Hamilton, Ohio / Fairfield
82	Cory Kidd	So.	P/WR	6-0	180	Wellington, Ohio / Wellington
83	Dan Villar	Sr.	WR	5-9	160	Swarthmore, Pa. / Strath Haven
85	Danny Enright	So.	TE	6-4	210	Novi, Mich. / Novi
87	Jake Panka	So.	DL	6-3	240	Prairie Du Chien, Wisc. / Prairie Du Chien
88	Andy Eger	Fr.	TE	6-0	225	White Pigeon, Mich. / White Pigeon
91	Miguel Couvertier	Fr.	DL	6-1	230	Lorain, Ohio / Clearview
92	Austin Richards	Jr.	LB	6-2	190	Commerce Twp., Mich. / Walled Lake Northern

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Jeff Ramsey, 11th Season, UC Davis, '83

Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Alan Estep, Fifth Season, Bluffton, '05

Assistant Coches: Lee Suggs (RB), Kevin Wahl (DL/ST), Joel Houston (DL), Woody Schubert (WR), Adam Sopkovich (DB), Josh Schneider (K), Jehu Anderson, (DB), Kris DeVant (S)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Ohio	(20)
Michigan	(12)
Pennsylvania	(9)
Florida.....	(5)
Massachusetts	(1)
North Carolina	(1)
Tennessee	(1)
Texas	(1)
Wisconsin	(1)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Seniors	4
Juniors.....	14
Sophomores	12
Freshmen.....	21



No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.
57	Zeki Alikaya	Fr.	OL
41	Dominic Babb	Fr.	FB
53	Tyler Benson	Fr.	OL
24	Shawn Chrapczynski	So.	DB
77	Robert Conte	Fr.	OL
32	Joseph Cook	Fr.	LB
91	Miguel Couvertier	Fr.	DL
52	Chris Creech	Jr.	OL
23	Sean Curtis	So.	RB
40	Derrick Dennis	Jr.	LB
54	Clay Eaton	Fr.	DL
88	Andy Eger	Fr.	TE
22	Eric Enrico	Fr.	DB
85	Danny Enright	So.	TE
67	Jacob Fogel	Jr.	DL
20	Ryan Harvey	Jr.	WR
47	Jake Hochendoner	So.	DL
21	C.J. Holman	So.	WR
6	Tucker Kable	Fr.	FB
16	David Kalgren	Fr.	DB
82	Cory Kidd	So.	P/WR
25	Brett Kingsley	Fr.	WR
39	Scott Kjellberg	Sr.	FB
31	Gerald Lancaster	Fr.	DB
65	Mike Law	Jr.	OL
3	Tyler Lewis	Jr.	DB
51	Scott Linkowski	So.	OL
11	Mike Loll	Sr.	WR
34	Adam Lowther	So.	RB
7	Josh Mandel	So.	QB
19	Jay Mejia	So.	WR
64	Nate Milgrim	Fr.	OL
10	Matt Misorski	Fr.	DB
12	Drew Mixter	So.	DB
8	Adam Niec	Fr.	WR
87	Jake Panka	So.	DL
50	Chris Pottmeyer	Jr.	C
4	Zach Richard	Jr.	PK
5	Matt Richard	Jr.	DB
92	Austin Richards	Jr.	LB
63	Max Roessler	Sr.	OL
55	John Rosser	Fr.	LB
44	Ron Rupard	Jr.	LB
28	Dane Stritt	Fr.	LB
2	Solomon Turner	Jr.	DB
83	Dan Villar	Sr.	WR
74	Cody Wiewandt	Jr.	DL
42	Adam Wigren	Jr.	DL
81	Ray Williams	Fr.	WR
17	Robin Witjes	Fr.	WR
18	Joey Zebelian	Jr.	QB

General Information

Location.....	Oberlin, Ohio 44074
Founded	1833
Enrollment	2,807
Student/Faculty Ratio	
College of Arts and Sciences	12/1
Conservatory of Music	8/1
Colors	Crimson and Gold
Nickname	Yeomen, Yeowomen
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division III
Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
President	Marvin Krislov (Yale, 1982)
Athletics Director	Joe Karlgaard (Stanford, 1996)
Athletics Department Phone	(440) 775-8500
Athletics Website	www.goyeo.com

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Jeff Ramsey
Alma Mater	UC Davis, 1983
Record at Oberlin (Yrs.)	26-74 (10)
Career Record	Same
Ramsey's Phone	(440) 775-8968
Football Office Fax	(440) 775-5262
Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator	Alan Estep
Assistant Coach, Quarterbacks	Lee Suggs
Assistant Coach, Defensive Line/Special Teams	Kevin Wahl
Assistant Coach, Defensive Line.....	Joel Houston
Assistant Coach, Wide Receivers	Woody Schubert
Assistant Coach, Running Backs	Adam Sopkovich
Assistant Coach, Place Kickers/Punters.....	Josh Schneider
Assistant Coach, Defensive Backs.....	Jehu Anderson
Assistant Coach, Safeties	Kris DeVant

Support Staff

Head Athletic Trainer	Tim Carver
Assistant Athletic Trainers	Jill Lane, Manzie Williams
Equipment Room	Kristin Hopkins
Mailing Address..... Jesse Philips Physical Education Center	
200 Woodland Street	
Oberlin, Ohio 44074-1074	



Sr. • OL • Max Roessler

Team Information

2008 Overall Record.....	2-8
NCAC Record (Place).....	2-5 (t-7th)
Record-Home.....	1-4
Record-Away.....	1-4
Letterwinners Returning.....	30
Offense	16
Defense	12
Specialty.....	2
Letterwinners Lost	17
Offense	10
Defense	7
Starters Returning	15
Offense	6
Defense	7
Specialty.....	2
Starters Lost	7
Offense	3
Defense	4

2009 Newcomers

PLAYER	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Zeki Alikaya	OL	Trafford, Pa.
Dominic Babb	FB	Detroit, Mich.
Tyler Benson	OL	Lake Orion, Mich.
Robert Conte	OL	Murrysville, Pa.
Joseph Cook	LB	Greenwich, Ohio
Miguel Couvertier	DL	Lorain, Ohio
Clay Eaton	DL	Findlay, Ohio
Andy Eger	TE	White Pigeon, Mich.
Eric Enrico	DB	Mansfield, Ohio
Tucker Kable	FB	Indialantic, Fla.
David Kalgren	DB	Curwensville, Pa.
Brett Kingsley	WR	New Baltimore, Mich.
Gerald Lancaster	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio
Nathan Milgrim	OL	Plymouth, Ohio
Matthew Misorski	DB	Beaver, Pa.
Adam Niec	WR	Brecksville, Ohio
Matt Richard	DB	Cocoa Beach, Fla.
John Rosser	LB	Lorain, Ohio
Dane Stritt	LB	Monroe, Mich.
Ray Williams	WR	Hamilton, Ohio
Robin Witjes	WR	Howell, Mich.



Jr. • DB • Solomon Turner



So. • WR • C.J. Holman