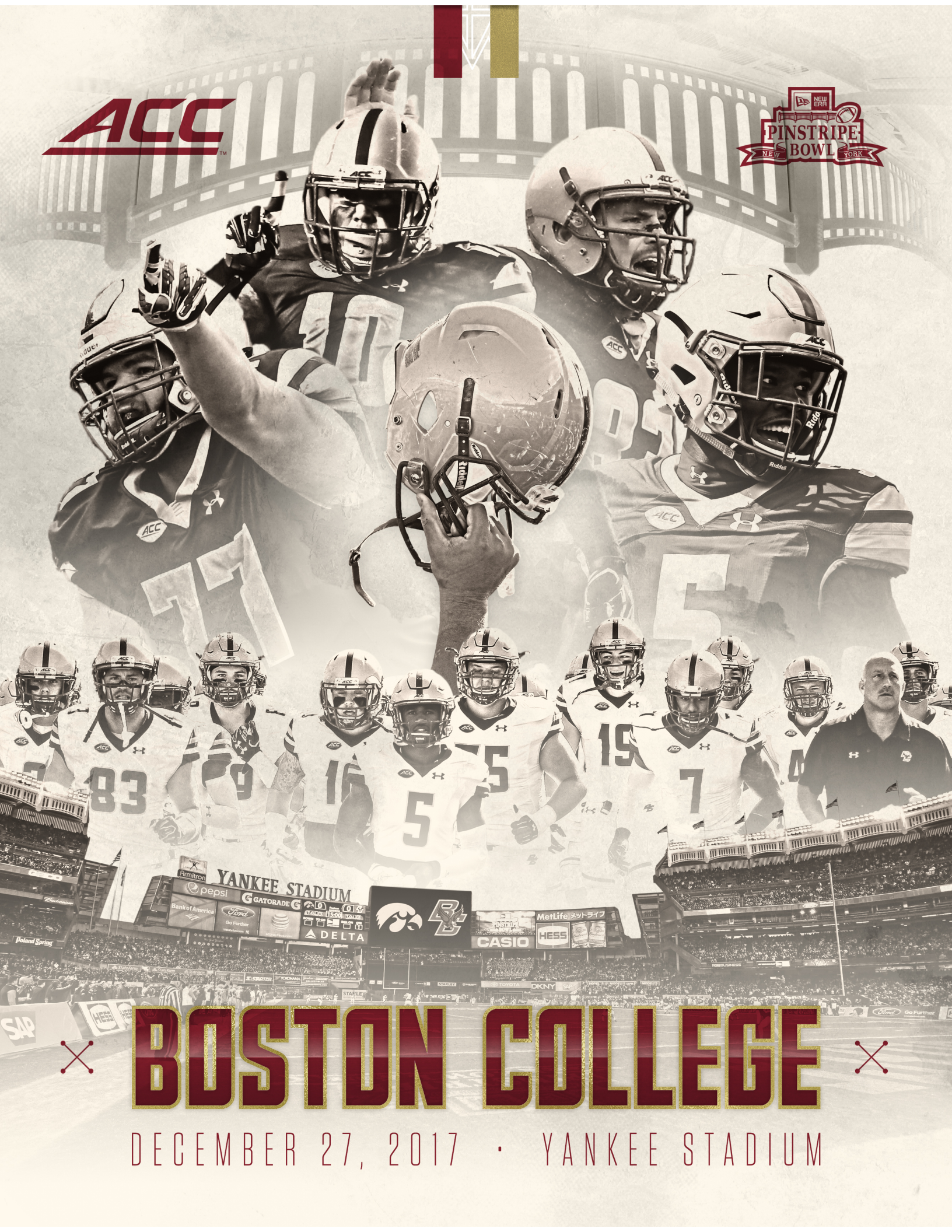


ACC



# BOSTON COLLEGE

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## Game Information

Date	Wednesday, December 27
Kickoff Time	5:15 p.m.
Location	Bronx, N.Y.
Venue	Yankee
Capacity	47,878
Surface	Natural Grass
Broadcast	ESPN
Internet	WatchESPN
Radio	BC IMG Sports Network (WEEI 850 AM)
Live Stats	BCEagles.com

## The Teams



Record	Record
7-5, 4-4 ACC	7-5, 4-5 Big Ten
Ranking: NR	Ranking: NR
Points/Game: 26.2	Points/Game: 28.3
Rush Yds/Game: 224.2	Rush Yds/Game: 142.4
Rushing TDs: 23	Rushing TDs: 15
Pass Yds/Game: 162.8	Pass Yds/Game: 197.8
Passing TDs: 15	Passing TDs: 26
Total Off./Game: 387.0	Total Off./Game: 340.2
Total Def./Game: 398.1	Total Def./Game: 355.3

## Team Leaders

RUSHING	RUSHING
#2 AJ Dillon (268-1,432, 13 TD, 119.3 ypg)	#25 Akrum Wadley (230-1,021, 9 TD, 85.1 ypg)
PASSING	PASSING
#13 Anthony Brown (134-258, 51.9%, 11 TD, 9 INT, 136.7 ypg)	#4 Nate Stanley (188-336, 56.0%, 25 TD, 6 INT, 194.8 ypg)
RECEIVING	RECEIVING
#9 Kobay White (32-396, 2 TD, 33.0 ypg)	#84 Nick Easley (50-498, 4 TD, 41.5 ypg)
DEFENSE	DEFENSE
#10 Ty Schwab (101 tackles, 8.5 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 2 INT)	#43 Josey Jewell (125 tackles, 13.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 11 PBU, 2 INT)

## Inside the Series

Overall: First meeting	BC vs. current BIG: 38-41-2
Chestnut Hill: 0-0	1-0 vs. Indiana; 9-3 vs. UMD;
Iowa City: 0-0	0-4 vs. UM; 4-1-1 vs. MSU; 1-4
Neutral: 0-0	vs. NW; 0-3 vs. OSU; 4-20 vs.
	PSU; 19-6-1 vs. RU
BC All-Time Record:	
659-486-37	

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## 2017 New Era Pinstripe Bowl

Boston College (7-5, 4-4) vs. Iowa (7-5, 4-5)

Wed., Dec. 27 • 5:15 p.m. • ESPN • WatchESPN, ESPN App

Yankee Stadium (47,878) • Bronx, N.Y.

### The Game

- Boston College has accepted an invitation to the 2017 New Era Pinstripe Bowl and will face Iowa from the Big Ten. ESPN and ESPN Radio have broadcast coverage of the New Era Pinstripe Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 5:15 p.m., from Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.
- The New Era Pinstripe Bowl is the 26th bowl appearance in school history for Boston College and the 16th bowl in the last 19 years for the Eagles. It will be BC's second appearance in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl (31-30 overtime loss to Penn State in 2014).
- Coverage on the Boston College IMG Sports Network begins at 4:45 p.m. with Jon Meterparel, Pete Cronan and Scott Mutryn. Fans can listen to the game locally on WEEI 850 AM.
- The Eagles are 14-11 all-time in bowl games after last season's 36-30 win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl. The victory over the Terps was the first bowl win for BC since 2007.

### First and 10

- BC is the first FBS team since New York University in 1948 to play at both Yankee Stadium and Fenway Park in the same year. The Violets lost to Boston University 28-7 at Fenway Park and they lost 40-0 to Rutgers at Yankee Stadium. BC routed UConn 39-16 earlier this season at Fenway Park.
- Boston College finished the regular season winning five of its last six games as the Eagles closed out a 7-5 season and 4-4 mark in the ACC with a 42-14 win over Syracuse on Nov. 25.
- The New Era Pinstripe bowl matchup will be the first meeting in series history between the Eagles and Hawkeyes.
- Over the last six games, BC is averaging 36 points per game and outscoring the opposition by 19 points per contest including wins over Florida State (35-3), at Louisville (45-42) and at Virginia (41-10).
- Boston College features nine All-ACC selections, led by ACC Rookie of the Year and All-ACC first team

- selection AJ Dillon, the nation's second-leading rusher among freshmen and the country's No. 15 overall rusher with 1,432 yards and 13 touchdowns.
- Junior free safety Lukas Denis and junior offensive tackle Chris Lindstrom earned second-team All-ACC honors. Senior defensive end Harold Landry, senior linebacker Ty Schwab, junior tight end Tommy Sweeney and junior return specialist Michael Walker collected third-team All-ACC accolades and junior defensive end Zach Allen and junior offensive guard Sam Schmal were name All-ACC honorable mention.
- Boston College is one of 21 teams nationally - and just one of 13 teams from Power Five conferences - to win at least five of the final six games of the season.
- Only No. 1 Clemson (6-0) and Boston College (5-1) won at least five of their last six among ACC schools.
- Boston College has 24 players from New York and New Jersey on its roster.

## Boston College Schedule & Results

Overall	7-5
ACC	4-4
Non-conference	3-1
Home	2-4
Away	5-1
Neutral	0-0

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
Sept. 1	at Northern Illinois (CBS SN)	W, 23-20
Sept. 9	Wake Forest* (ACC Network Extra)	L, 34-10
Sept. 16	Notre Dame (ESPN)	L, 49-20
Sept. 23	at No. 2 Clemson* (ESPN2)	L, 34-7
Sept. 30	Central Michigan (ACC Network Extra)	W, 28-8
Oct. 7	No. 16 Virginia Tech* (ESPN2)	L, 23-10
Oct. 14	at Louisville* (ACC Network)	W, 45-42
Oct. 21	at Virginia* (NESN)	W, 41-10
Oct. 27	Florida State* (ESPN)	W, 35-3
Nov. 11	No. 23 NC State* (ABC)	L, 17-14
Nov. 18	at Connecticut % (CBS SN)	W, 39-16
Nov. 25	at Syracuse* (ACC Network)	W, 42-14
Dec. 27	vs. Iowa (ESPN)	5:15 p.m.

\*Denotes ACC game

% at Fenway Park (Boston, Mass.)

## On The Air

### Television

• ESPN  
Kevin Negandhi (play-by-play)  
Mack Brown (color analyst)  
Booger McFarland (color analyst)  
Jen Lada (sideline reporter)



### Radio

• BC IMG Sports Network  
Jon Meterparel (play-by-play)  
Pete Cronan (color analyst)  
Scott Mutryn (sideline reporter)



### ESPN Radio

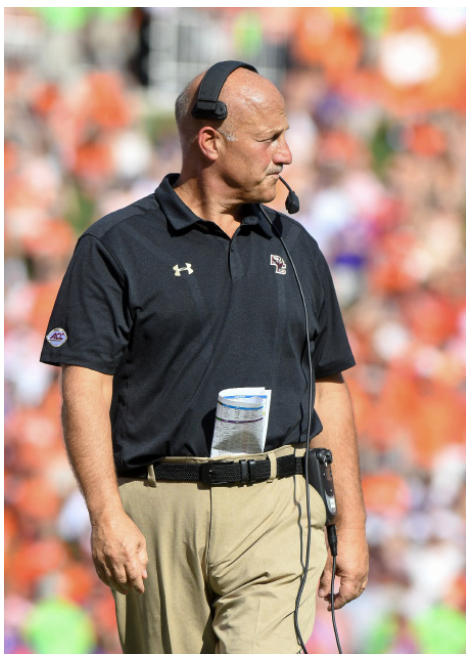
Kevin Winter (play-by-play)  
Jack Ford (color analyst)  
Paul Carcaterra (sideline reporter)



### Online

• ESPN App, WatchESPN.com





### The Steve Addazio File

**Birthdate:** June 1, 1959

**Hometown:** Farmington, Conn.

**College:** Central Conn. St. (B.A., Physical Education, 1981)

**Central Conn.St. (M.A., Physical Education, 1985)**

**Wife:** Kathleen Donoghue

**Children:** Nicole, Jessica, Louie

### Coaching Career

1985-87

Western Connecticut State, Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator

1988-94

Cheshire (Conn.) HS, Head Coach

1995-96

Syracuse, Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line

1997-98

Syracuse, Offensive Line

1999-2001

Notre Dame, Offensive Line (Tackles & Tight Ends)/Special Teams

2002-03

Indiana, Offensive Line

2004

Indiana, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line

2005-06

Florida, Offensive Line (Tackles & Tight Ends)

2007-08

Florida, Offensive Line

2008

Florida, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line

2009

Florida, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line

2010

Florida, Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line

2011-12

Temple, Head Coach

2013-present

Boston College, Head Coach

Steve Addazio was named Boston College's 35th head football coach in December of 2012 and wasted no time making his mark on the program. Addazio took over an Eagles program that had suffered back-to-back losing seasons for the first time in 14 years (including a 2-10 mark in 2012) and engineered a remarkable turnaround. In what were supposed to be rebuilding years, Addazio led the Eagles to back-to-back seven-win seasons and two consecutive bowl games.

Addazio is the first coach in Boston College history to lead the Eagles to four bowls in the first five seasons as head coach.

In 2017, Boston College won five of its last six games to head to the postseason for the fourth time under Addazio. Featuring ACC Rookie of the Year AJ Dillon, the Eagles' offense was one of the most potent in the nation down the stretch, scoring 35 or more five times.

Nine players were named All-ACC, which tied for the most in school history. In addition, Boston College was the only school in the nation to have a freshman lead the team in rushing (AJ Dillon), receiving (Kobay White) and passing (Anthony Brown).

The Eagles closed out the 2016 season with three consecutive wins, including a 36-30 win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl. It was the first bowl win for Boston College since 2007.

In 2016, Boston College ranked as one of the nation's top defenses the entire season. The Eagles ranked on eight top-10 lists nationally, including ninth in total defense (314.2 yards/game), second in sacks (3.62 sacks/game) and 10th in turnovers gained (27).

Three players earned All-ACC honors including second-team selection Harold Landry, who led the nation in sacks (16.5) and forced fumbles. Landry was a finalist for the Ted Hendricks National Defensive End of the Year award and earned Second-Team All-America honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation and the Associated Press.

John Johnson and Matt Milano were selected in the 2017 NFL Draft, marking the fourth consecutive year under Addazio that at least two Eagles were selected in the NFL Draft. In all, 11 players who have played for Addazio at Boston College have heard their names called at the NFL Draft.

When Addazio took over the BC football program in 2013, the team had won a total of six games the previous two seasons; BC fans knew the rebuilding process would take time, but few would have predicted the Eagles would receive back-to-back bowl invitations in Addazio's first two years as head coach. Although Addazio's youthful 2015 team was plagued by injuries and finished with a 3-9 record, it was led by the nation's top defense and came within a touchdown of winning five additional games.

During the 2013 season, running back Andre Williams led the nation in rushing, earned the Doak Walker Award as the nation's premier running back and took a trip to New York as one of six finalists for the Heisman Trophy. Williams, a consensus All-America selection, finished the season ranked fifth among all FBS running backs in the history of college football in single-season rushing yards with 2,177.

In 2014, the Eagles were picked by media to finish fifth in the ACC's Atlantic Division but surprised many by posting a second consecutive seven-win season and, in fact, falling a few yards and several plays short of finishing with a 10-2 mark.

Addazio's coaching pedigree includes 16 postseason bowl games (including six BCS bowl games) and two national titles while on the coaching staff at the University of Florida (a 41-14 win over Ohio State on Jan. 8, 2007 in Glendale, Ariz., and a 24-14 win over Oklahoma on Jan. 8, 2009 in Miami, Fla.).

Prior to his arrival in Chestnut Hill, Addazio led the Temple University Owls in a two-year period of success, transition and growth. Addazio coached the Owls to a nine-win campaign and a bowl victory for the first time in 32 seasons in his first year as head coach.

Prior to leading the Owls, Addazio spent six seasons (2005-10) at Florida under head coach Urban Meyer, serving as offensive coordinator in 2009-10 and interim head coach from Dec. 2009 to July 2010. During his tenure in Gainesville, the Gators participated in six postseason bowls and won two BCS national championships.

Born June 1, 1959, Addazio is married to the former Kathleen Donoghue. They have three children - Nicole, Jessica and Louie.

### Steve Addazio Year-by-Year Record

Year	School	Overall Record	Notes
2011	Temple	9-4	First bowl victory for Temple in 32 years
2012	Temple	4-7	
2013	Boston College	7-6	Advocare V100 Independence Bowl
2014	Boston College	7-6	New Era Pinstripe Bowl
2015	Boston College	3-9	
2016	Boston College	7-6	First BC bowl victory since 2007
2017	Boston College	7-5	First BC coach to lead BC to four bowls in first five years
CAREER TOTALS (7th year)		44-43	
BC Record (5th year)		31-32	
Temple Record (two years)		13-11	

## NEW ERA PINSTRIPE BOWL: BOSTON COLLEGE VS. IOWA

## GENERAL NOTES

### ACC Standings & Upcoming Games

Atlantic				
	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Clemson	7-1	.875	12-1	.923
NC State	6-2	.750	8-4	.667
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>.583</b>
Wake Forest	4-4	.500	7-5	.583
Louisville	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Florida State	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Syracuse	2-6	.250	4-8	.333

Coastal				
	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Miami	7-1	.875	10-2	.833
Virginia Tech	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
Georgia Tech	4-4	.500	5-6	.455
Pittsburgh	3-5	.375	5-7	.417
Virginia	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Duke	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
North Carolina	1-7	.125	3-9	.250

#### Tuesday, December 26

Duke vs. Northern Illinois, ESPN 5:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 27

Southern Miss vs. Florida State, ESPN 1:30 p.m.

Iowa vs. Boston College, ESPN 5:15 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 28

Virginia vs. Navy, ESPN 1:30 p.m.

Virginia Tech vs. Oklahoma State, ESPN 5:15 p.m.

#### Friday, December 29

Wake Forest vs. Texas A&M, ESPN 1 p.m.

NC State vs. Arizona State, ESPN 1 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 30

Louisville vs. Mississippi State, ESPN Noon

Wisconsin vs. Miami, ESPN 8 p.m.

#### Monday, January 1

Alabama vs. Clemson, ESPN 8:45 p.m.

### National Rankings

Associated Press		Coaches Poll	
1. Clemson (43)	12-1	1. Clemson (49)	12-1
2. Oklahoma (18)	12-1	2. Oklahoma (10)	12-1
3. Georgia	12-1	3. Georgia (2)	12-1
4. Alabama	11-1	4. Alabama	11-1
5. Ohio State	11-2	5. Ohio State	11-2
6. Wisconsin	12-1	6. Wisconsin	12-1
7. Auburn	10-3	7. USC	11-2
8. USC	11-2	8. Auburn	10-3
9. Penn State	10-2	9. Penn State	10-2
10. UCF	12-0	10. UCF	12-0
11. Miami	10-2	11. Miami	10-2
12. Washington	10-2	12. Washington	10-2
13. TCU	10-3	13. TCU	10-3
14. Notre Dame	9-3	14. LSU	9-3
15. Stanford	9-4	15. Notre Dame	9-3
16. LSU	9-3	16. Stanford	9-4
17. Oklahoma State	9-3	17. Oklahoma State	9-3
18. Michigan State	9-3	18. Memphis	10-2
19. Memphis	10-2	19. Michigan State	9-3
20. Northwestern	9-3	20. Northwestern	9-3
21. Washington State	9-3	21. Washington State	9-3
22. Virginia Tech	9-3	22. Virginia Tech	9-3
23. USF	9-2	23. Mississippi State	8-4
24. Mississippi State	8-4	24. South Florida	9-2
25. Boise State	10-3	25. Boise State	10-3

#### Bowling Again Under Addazio

• Boston College is making its fourth bowl appearance in five seasons under head coach Steve Addazio. He is the first BC coach to guide the Eagles to four bowls in the first five years as head coach. Addazio is 1-2 in bowls games at BC.

• BC is 14-11 all-time in bowls, including a 2-1 mark against Big Ten opponents.

#### BC vs. Big Ten Teams in Bowl Games

**2007 Champs Sports Bowl** Dec. 28, 2007

Boston College 24, Michigan State 21

**2014 New Era Pinstripe Bowl** Dec. 27, 2014

Penn State 31, Boston College 30 (OT)

**2016 Quick Lane Bowl** Dec. 26, 2016

Boston College 36, Maryland 30

#### Playing at Fenway & Yankee Stadium

• Boston College will pull off a first in 2017 - playing a game at Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium in the same season.

• The Eagles rolled past UConn 39-16 at Fenway Park on Nov. 18.

• In addition to playing at Fenway and Yankee Stadium, the Eagles have also played games in two former MLB venues: the Polo Grounds and Braves Field (now Boston University's Nickerson Field) in Boston and three bowl games in San Francisco at the home of the Giants.

• Over the last 15 years, BC has played seven games in current MLB baseball stadiums.

#### New York State of Mind

• Although the Pinstripe Bowl will be Boston College's second football appearance in famed Yankee Stadium, BC has played five games at another well-known New York baseball venue: the Polo Grounds.

• BC played Fordham five times between 1927 and 1954 at the Polo Grounds, the former home of the New York Giants baseball team. The Eagles won three of those five contests against the Rams, including the final two games of the Jesuit-school series in 1953 and 1954.

#### Bowling In The Big Apple

• BC was offered an invitation to play in the original "Gotham Bowl" at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 15, 1962 after coach Jim Miller's first BC team finished with an 8-2 record.

• University officials turned down the bid after weighing financial considerations.

• Nebraska and Miami (Fla.) played in that inaugural Gotham Bowl contest. The game only drew about 2,000 spectators on a cold day.

#### BC's Bowl History Through the Years

• The Eagles' first postseason victory came in New Orleans at the 1941 Sugar Bowl.

• The year before, Boston College fell, 6-3, to Clemson in the Cotton Bowl in its first-ever bowl bid. BC went undefeated in 11 games in 1940 and refused to let Tennessee tarnish its perfect season. The 19-13 come-from-behind victory over a Volunteers squad that hadn't lost a regular-season game in three years catapulted Boston College football to its best-ever finish and a claim on the national title.

• In Doug Flutie's first full campaign as the Eagles' signal caller, he led BC to the 1982 Tangerine Bowl, BC's first taste of the postseason in 39 years. The last bowl prior the Eagles traveled to was the 1943 Orange Bowl, which resulted in a 37-21 loss to Alabama.

• After a one-point loss to Notre Dame in the 1983 Liberty Bowl, falling 19-18 to the hated Irish in 11-degree temperatures in Memphis, Flutie propelled BC to a 45-28 1985 Cotton Bowl victory over Houston by throwing three touchdowns, leading the Eagles to their first postseason bowl win in 44 years.

• BC football began its eight-game bowl winning streak in 2000 at the Jeep Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, with a 31-17 win over Arizona State.

• The Eagles went on a postseason tear: winning eight bowl games in a row:

• 2001 Music City Bowl (BC 20, No. 16 Georgia 16)

• 2002 Motor City Bowl (BC 51, Toledo 25)

• 2003 San Francisco Bowl (BC 35, Colorado State 21)

• 2004 Continental Tire Bowl (BC 37, North Carolina 24)

• 2005 MPC Computers Bowl (BC 27, Boise State 21)

• 2006 Meineke Car Care Bowl (BC 25, Navy 24)

• 2007 Champs Sports Bowl (BC 24, Michigan State 21)

• The final win of the eight-year postseason streak came in Orlando, Fla., at the Champs Sports Bowl. In a fitting end to his brilliant collegiate career, Matt Ryan led the Eagles to a three-point victory over Michigan State. Ryan completed 22-of-47 attempts for 249 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles kept the nation's longest bowl game win streak alive with a 24-21 victory.

#### Ten Opponents Going Bowling in 2017

• Boston College played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2017 as 10 opponents will be going to a bowl game this postseason.

• BC is one of four teams nationally - and just one of two teams who will play in a bowl game - that faced 10 teams going to a bowl game in 2017.

• Boston College played the nation's 12th-toughest schedule per the NCAA. That is the toughest schedule BC has ever faced since the NCAA ranked schedule strength beginning in 2000.

• The Eagles' five losses this season were against Clemson (12-1), Notre Dame (9-3), Wake Forest (7-5), Virginia Tech (9-3) and NC State (8-4). Combined, those four teams are 45-16 in 2017.

#### Teams that Played the Most Bowl Opponents

**Boston College: 10**

**Arizona State: 10**

Kansas: 10

Syracuse: 10

UTEP: 10

**Wake Forest: 9**

**Florida State: 9**

**Clemson: 9**

**UCLA: 9**

Baylor: 9

Florida: 9

**Iowa: 9**

**Boise State: 9**

**Iowa State: 9**

Nebraska: 9

**Teams in BOLD are going to a bowl game as well**



Coming in Hot

- Boston College enters the New Era Pinstripe Bowl against Iowa on a roll as the Eagles have won five of their last six games. Only BC and No. 1 Clemson (6-0) have won at least five of the last six in the ACC entering bowl season.
- With a win over Iowa, BC would close the year with six wins in its last seven games for the first time since 1993 under Tom Coughlin.

ACC Rookie of the Year

- AJ Dillon became the first Boston College player in school history to be named the ACC Rookie of the Year and ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year.
- A native of New London, Connecticut, Dillon has rushed for 1,432 yards, the second-highest total by any freshman in ACC history.
- Dillon ranks second among all freshmen nationally this season in rushing and 15th among all players. He already holds the Boston College freshman rushing record heading into the Eagles' bowl game and is tied for sixth on the school's single-season rushing chart.
- Dillon was named first-team All-ACC and tied with Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson for most votes among the all-conference honorees.
- Dillon was the first true freshman running back to be named first-team All-ACC since T.A. McLendon of NC State in 2002. He was also the first BC true freshman to collect first-team All-ACC accolades since linebacker Luke Kuechly in 2009.
- He is just the second freshman in ACC history with two 200-yard games.

Leading the Nation

- AJ Dillon has been at his best as the Eagles have rolled off five wins in their final six games of the season. During the last six games, Dillon has rushed for 1,099 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has averaged 183.2 yards per game over the last half of the season.
- No player in the nation has rushed for more yards over the last six games than Dillon.

ACC Freshman Rushing Yards Leaders

1. Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech (2009)	1,655
2. AJ Dillon, Boston College (2017)	1,432
3. Darren Evans, Virginia Tech (2008)	1,265
4. Giovanni Bernard, North Carolina (2011)	1,253
5. Amos Lawrence, North Carolina (1977)	1,211

BC Single-Season Rushing Yards Leaders

1. Andre Williams (2013)	2,177
2. Mike Cloud (1998)	1,726
3. Derrick Knight (2003)	1,721
4. William Green (2001)	1,559
5. Montel Harris (2009)	1,457
6. AJ Dillon (2017)	1,432
Derrick Knight (2002)	1,432

BC's Freshman Rushing Leader

- True freshman running back AJ Dillon became BC's all-time leading freshman rusher with 1,039 rushing yards after logging 196 yards against NC State on Nov. 11. Dillon scored the game's first touchdown on a 66-yard run, his second-longest carry of the season.

- Dillon eclipsed Montel Harris' BC freshman rushing record of 920 yards in 13 games during the 2008 season.
- Dillon now has eight-career 100-yard games, including two games of 200+ rushing yards.
- Dillon has 268 rushing attempts this season, the most of any Boston College freshman in school history. The previous best by a rookie running back at BC was Jon Hilliman in 2014 (210 rushing attempts). Dillon finished with 36 carries against the Wolfpack, his second-highest total in a single game this season.
- Dillon's 268 carries rank sixth in Boston College single-season history.
- Dillon's eight 100-yard games this season are tied for sixth in school history for single-season 100-yard games.

Breakout Performance

- AJ Dillon had one of the best performances in school history in the 45-42 victory at Louisville on Oct. 14.
- Dillon finished the day with a career-high 272 yards on 39 carries, his first career 200-yard game, along with a career-best four touchdowns.
- Dillon finished with the third-best single-game rushing total in school history and the most ever by a true freshman in Boston College history.
- He earned Walter Camp Football Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week honors for his efforts in the Louisville victory. He was the fifth Boston College player to earn Walter Camp National Player of the Week honors since 2004, and the first since running back Andre Williams (Nov. 17, 2013).

Top Performance Nationally

- AJ Dillon's 272 yards rushing were the seventh-most nationally in a game this season and the most by a true freshman.

NCAA Single-Game Rushing Leaders

1. Khalil Tate, Arizona	327 at Colorado
2. Bryce Love, Stanford	301 vs. Arizona State
3. Khalil Herbert, Kansas	291 vs. West Virginia
4. Malcolm Perry, Navy	282 vs. SMU
5. Phillip Lindsay, Colorado	281 vs. Arizona
6. Darrius Guice, LSU	276 at Ole Miss
7. AJ Dillon, Boston College	272 at Louisville

Second-Best Rookie Performance in ACC History

- AJ Dillon rushed for 272 yards (on 39 carries), the sixth-highest single-game rushing total in the nation this season, 11th-best total in ACC history, and second-highest ACC freshman total behind only North Carolina's Amos Lawrence, who had 286 rushing yards in 1977.

More Notes on AJ's Big Day

- The four rushing touchdowns by Dillon vs. Louisville tied for the third-best performance in BC single-game history. Andre Williams (2013 vs. Army) and Montel Harris (2009 vs. NC State) hold the school record with five rushing touchdowns in a game.

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Anthony Castonzo	Indianapolis	OT
Emmett Cleary	Detroit	OT
Kasim Edebali	Detroit	LB
Mark Herzlich	NY Giants	LB**
John Johnson	LA Rams	S
Josh Keyes	Cleveland	LB
Luke Kuechly	Carolina	LB
Brian Mihalik	Detroit	OT
Matt Milano	Buffalo	LB
Ifeanyi Momah	Arizona	TE
Kevin Pierre-Louis	Kansas City	LB
Ryan Quigley	Minnesota	P
Kaleb Ramsey	San Francisco	DT
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	QB
Justin Simmons	Denver	SS
John Wetzell	Arizona	OT
Andre Williams	LA Chargers	RB*
*Practice Squad		
**Injured Reserve		

College Football Playoff Rankings

1. Clemson	12-1
2. Oklahoma	12-1
3. Georgia	12-1
4. Alabama	11-1
5. Ohio State	11-2
6. Wisconsin	12-1
7. Auburn	10-3
8. USC	11-2
9. Penn State	10-2
10. Miami	10-2
11. Washington	11-2
12. UCF	12-0
13. Stanford	9-4
14. Notre Dame	9-3
15. TCU	10-3
16. Michigan State	9-3
17. LSU	9-3
18. Washington State	9-3
19. Oklahoma State	9-3
20. Memphis	10-2
21. Northwestern	9-3
22. Virginia Tech	9-3
23. Mississippi State	8-4
24. NC State	8-4
25. Boise State	10-3

## BC IN THE ACC/NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team Rankings		
Category	NCAA/ACC	Actual
Rushing Offense	24/3	224.2
Passing Offense	114/13	162.8
Total Offense	82/9	387.0
Scoring Offense	82/10	26.2
Passing Efficiency	114/13	110.48
Rushing Defense	101/13	198.4
Pass Defense	31/5	199.7
Pass Efficiency Defense	4/1	100.75
Total Defense	69/11	398.1
Scoring Defense	36/6	22.5
Net Punting	93/11	36.76
Punt Returns	10/3	13.69
Kickoff Returns	35/7	22.39
Kickoff Return Defense	50/6	19.96
Turnover Margin	18/2	0.67
Sacks Per Game	71/10	1.92
Sacks Allowed	10/2	1.08
Third-Down Conversion Pct. Defense	59/10	0.381
First Down Defense	37/7	222
Fumbles Recovered	64/5	7
Time of Possession	59/10	30:15
Player Rankings		
Pass Efficiency		
Anthony Brown	108/13	103.5
Passing Yards		
Anthony Brown	110/11	1,367
Passing Yards Per Completion		
Anthony Brown	111/13	10.20
Passing TDs		
Anthony Brown	89/11	11
Total Offense		
Anthony Brown	96/13	157.7
AJ Dillon	126/15	119.3
Points Responsible For		
Anthony Brown	136/17	7.8
AJ Dillon	196/23	6.5
Rushing Yards Per Game		
AJ Dillon	15/2	119.3
Jon Hilliman	151/19	51.8
Rush Yards Per Carry		
AJ Dillon	61/5	5.34
Jon Hilliman	150/17	3.82
Rushing TDs		
AJ Dillon	21/3	13
Sacks		
Zach Allen	131/15	0.42
Kickoff Returns		
Michael Walker	37/5	24.3
Field Goal Percentage		
Colton Lichtenberg	96/9	0.588
Field Goals Per Game		
Colton Lichtenberg	87/9	0.83
Interceptions Per Game		
Lukas Denis	1/1	0.6
All-Purpose Yards		
AJ Dillon	46/5	119.33
Michael Walker	71/7	106.50

## BC Single-Game Rushing Leaders

1. Andre Williams (339 vs. NC State)	11/16/13
2. Andre Williams (295 at New Mexico State)	11/9/13
3. AJ Dillon (272 at Louisville)	10/14/17
4. Montel Harris (264 vs. NC State)	10/17/09

- It was the first 200-yard rushing game for a Boston College player since Andre Williams rushed for 295 yards at New Mexico State (Nov. 9, 2013).
- Dillon's 39 carries tied for the fifth-highest total in Boston College single-game history.

## BC Single-Game Rushing Attempt Leaders

1. Andre Williams (42 vs. NC State)	11/16/13
Andre Williams (42 at Syracuse)	11/27/10
3. Montel Harris (41 vs. Maryland)	11/28/09
Fred Willis (41 vs. Pitt)	11/14/70
5. AJ Dillon (39 at Louisville)	10/14/17
Rolandan Finch (39 vs. Maryland)	10/29/11
Jim Bell (39 vs. Tennessee)	10/31/87

## Quick Notes

- Boston College is currently ranked No. 32 in the latest Sagarin ratings. It is the highest Sagarin rating for BC since 2008 (28). The year prior to Addazio's arrival, BC was No. 113 in the Sagarin ratings.
- Boston College has the seventh-most improved scoring offense among Power 5 teams nationally.
- The Eagles feature ACC Rookie of the Year AJ Dillon, the nation's second-leading rusher among freshmen and the country's No. 15 overall rusher with 1,432 yards and 13 touchdowns.
- Dillon is BC's first ACC Rookie of the Year. He has 1,099 rushing yards over the last six games, the most of any player in the country.
- Dillon's 1,432 rushing yards are the second-most by any ACC freshman in conference history.
- Boston College had nine players earn All-ACC honors, tied for the most in school history. Only two of the nine All-ACC selections are seniors.
- Over the last six games, BC is averaging 36 points per game and outscoring the opposition by 19 points per contest including wins over Florida State (35-3), at Louisville (45-42) and at Virginia (41-10).
- Boston College defeated Syracuse 42-14, the most points scored for BC in series history (51 games).
- Boston College defeated Florida State 35-3, the most points scored for BC in series history (16 games).
- Boston College defeated Virginia 41-10, the most points scored for BC in series history (six games).
- Boston College is fourth nationally in pass efficiency defense.
- Boston College is tied for fifth nationally in interceptions (18).
- Boston College is tied for 13th nationally in turnovers gained (25).
- BC scored 35+ points in three consecutive games for the first time since 2002.
- BC scored 40+ points in consecutive conference games once in school history in the BIG EAST and ACC (this season).
- 500+ yards of total offense in consecutive games against Louisville and Virginia is also a first in ACC history for BC.
- Boston College's rushing offense is the most improved unit of any Power 5 school in yards per carry (96th to 25th).
- This year's schedule featured six games against opponents who at one time during the season were ranked: Clemson (1), Florida State (3), Louisville (14), NC State (14), Virginia Tech (12) and Notre Dame (3).
- Boston College is first nationally in fewest penalty yards per game, first in fewest penalty yards, second in fewest penalties per game and second in fewest total penalties.
- Boston College is 10th nationally and is second in the ACC with just 12 sacks allowed this season.
- Boston College is 17th nationally in total plays. Last season, the Eagles ranked 94th nationally in total plays.



- Junior free safety Lukas Denis is tied for first nationally with seven interceptions.
- Junior wide receiver Mike Walker leads the country with 1,110 combined return yards.

#### 40-40

- The Eagles scored 40-plus in consecutive ACC games for the first time in school history following the wins at Louisville (45-42) on Oct. 14 and at Virginia (41-10) on Oct. 21.
- The last time BC scored 40 or more points in back-to-back games prior to 2017 was against Rutgers (44-14) and Toledo (51-25) in the final two games of the 2002 season.

#### 35+

- Boston College scored 35+ points in three straight games for the first time since 2002. The Eagles scored 45 in the Oct. 14 win at Louisville, 41 in the Oct. 21 victory at Virginia and 35 in the Oct. 27 win over Florida State.
- The Eagles closed out the 2002 campaign with four straight games scoring 35+ against Syracuse (W, 41-20), Temple (W, 36-14), Rutgers (W, 44-14) and in the Motor City Bowl against Toledo (W, 51-25).
- Boston College has five games of scoring 35+ points in 2017, the most in a season by the Eagles since 2007 (five games).

#### 500 Club

- Boston College rolled up a season-high 581 yards of total offense in the 42-14 win at Syracuse on Nov. 25.
- It marked the best day of total offense for the Eagles since rolling up 578 yards of total offense at NC State on Oct. 4, 2008.
- BC went over 500 yards of total offense for the sixth time under head coach Steve Addazio in the victory at Virginia. The Eagles finished with 512 yards of total offense against a Virginia defense that entered the game in the Top 20 nationally in total defense.
- The last time BC went over 500 yards of total offense in consecutive games was against Maine and Southern California in 2014 prior to doing it in back to back games against Louisville and Virginia this season.
- In ACC play, it marked the first time ever over 500 yards in consecutive games for the Eagles.

#### 500+ Yards of Total Offense During Addazio Era

1. 581	at Syracuse (11/25/17)
2. 555	at Louisville (10/14/17)
3. 550	at New Mexico State (11/9/13)
4. 523	Army (10/5/13)
5. 512	at Virginia (10/21/17)
6. 511	UMass (8/30/14)
7. 506	No. 9 Southern California (9/13/14)

#### Brown Out for the Season with Injury

- Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown will miss the remainder of the 2017 season after suffering a leg injury against No. 23 NC State on Nov. 11. Brown started all 10 games he played in at quarterback for Boston College in 2017 and was one of the top freshmen passers in the country. He was in the top five among rookie signal callers in passing yards (1,367) and passing touchdowns (11) at the time of his injury.

#### What Can Brown Do for You?

- Anthony Brown had his best performance of his young career in the Oct. 21 win at Virginia. The New Jersey native finished 19-of-24 passing for 275 yards and three touchdowns.
- Brown was named ACC Rookie of the Week for the first time in his career following the UVA victory and also was one of eight quarterbacks nationally recognized by The Manning Award as its "Stars of the Week."
- Brown established new career-highs in passing yards and passing touchdowns in the victory.
- He was the first Boston College player with three passing touchdowns and zero interceptions in a conference game since Quinton Porter in 2003 in the 41-10 victory at UVA.

#### 119th Season of Boston College Football

- The 119th season of Boston College football began with a 23-20 victory at Northern Illinois on Sept. 1. All-time, BC is 659-486-37 in 1,181 games.
- BC is 36th in NCAA history with 659 victories. The Eagles are one of eight ACC schools ranked in the top 40 all-time in victories.

#### Pound the Rock

- For the 12th time under Steve Addazio and third time this season, Boston College rushed for 300 yards or more in the Nov. 25 win over Syracuse.
- Under Addazio, BC is 12-0 when rushing for 300+ yards in a game.
- The Eagles rank fourth in the ACC and 24th nationally averaging 222.4 rushing yards per game.

#### 300+ Rushing Yards During Addazio Era

1. 452	No. 9 Southern California (9/13/14)
2. 420	NC State (11/16/13)
3. 413	Maine (9/20/14)
4. 364	at Louisville (10/14/17)
5. 347	Howard (9/12/15)
6. 338	UMass (8/30/14)
7. 333	at Syracuse (11/25/17)
8. 330	at UConn (11/18/17)
9. 320	at New Mexico State (11/9/13)
10. 320	Army (10/5/13)
11. 310	at NC State (10/11/14)
12. 300	Wagner (9/24/16)

#### Lighting Up the Scoreboard

- Boston College's 45 points in the win at Louisville on Oct. 14 were the most points scored against a Power Five opponent since scoring 52 against NC State (52-20) on Oct. 17, 2009.
- It also marked just the second time in school history the Eagles scored 40 or more points in an ACC game.
- BC scored 41 one week later on Oct. 21 at Virginia for the first back-to-back 40-point performances in ACC history for the Eagles.
- The last time BC scored 40+ in two games against Power Five competition prior to this season was in 1998 against Georgia Tech (41-31) and Rutgers (41-14).
- BC never scored 40+ in consecutive conference games as a member of the BIG EAST from 1993-2004.

#### RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2017	ADDAZIO
Home	2-4	16-16
Away	4-1	13-12
Neutral	1-0	2-3
Natural Grass	0-0	4-11
Artificial Turf	7-5	27-21
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-3	1-13
August/September	2-3	12-10
October	3-1	8-11
November	2-1	10-9
December/January	0-0	1-2
Leading at Halftime	6-0	27-2
Trailing at Halftime	1-5	2-28
Tied at Halftime	0-0	2-2
Leading After Third Quarter	7-1	27-6
Trailing After Third Quarter	0-3	3-24
Tied After Third Quarter	0-1	1-2
Scoring First	3-2	18-10
Opponent Scoring First	4-3	13-22
Score < 20 Points	0-4	2-25
Score 20+ Points	2-0	10-3
Score 30+ Points	2-0	11-3
Score 40+ Points	3-0	8-0
Opponent Scores < 20 Points	5-1	21-8
Opponent Scores 20+ Points	1-1	5-8
Opponent Scores 30+ Points	0-2	4-9
Opponent Scores 40+ Points	1-0	1-7
Gain < 20 First Downs	4-3	17-27
Gain 20+ First Downs	3-2	13-5
Opponent Gains < 20 First Downs	6-3	28-11
Opponent Gains 20+ First Downs	1-2	2-21
More Rushing Yards Than Opponent	6-2	27-16
Fewer Rushing Yards Than Opponent	1-2	4-15
Same Rushing Yards as Opponent	0-0	0-1
Rush For < 100 Yards	0-1	1-7
Rush For 100+ Yards	7-3	30-25
Opponent Rushes For < 100 Yards	2-0	20-6
Opponent Rushes For 100+ Yards	5-4	11-26
More Passing Yards Than Opponent	1-2	13-5
Fewer Passing Yards Than Opponent	5-3	16-27
Pass For < 200 Yards	4-4	22-29
Pass For 200+ Yards	2-1	7-3
Opponent Passes For < 200 Yards	2-4	18-11
Opponent Passes For 200+ Yards	4-1	11-21
More Total Yards Than Opponent	4-0	24-3
Fewer Total Yards Than Opponent	3-5	7-29
Gain < 300 Total Yards	0-1	2-17
Gain 300+ Total Yards	7-4	29-15
Opponent Gains < 300 Total Yards	3-0	18-6
Opponent Gains 300+ Total Yards	4-5	13-26
Commit No Turnovers	4-1	11-7
Commit < 3 Turnovers	3-3	19-18
Commit 3+ Turnovers	0-1	1-7
Force < 3 Turnovers	2-5	18-27
Force 3+ Turnovers	5-0	13-5
Commit < 6 Penalties	5-4	21-19
Commit 6+ Penalties	2-1	10-13
Lead Time of Possession	5-1	24-11
Trail Time of Possession	2-4	7-21
Games Decided by 7 Points or Less	2-1	11-12
Games Decided by 14 Points or More	5-3	19-16
Temperature 90+ Degrees	0-0	0-0
Temperature 60-89 Degrees	2-4	19-21
Temperature 40-59+ Degrees	4-0	10-7
Temperature < 40 Degrees	0-1	1-2

**Defending the Pass**

- Boston College's secondary of Lukas Denis, Will Harris, Taj-Amir Torres, Hamp Cheevers, Isaac Yiadom and Kamrin Moore have combined for 13 of the team's 18 interceptions in 2017.
- Boston College is tied for fifth nationally with the 18 interceptions.
- Opponents have had a tough time completing passes against the BC pass defense in 2017. The Eagles rank fourth nationally in passing efficiency defense as opponents have only a 100.75 pass efficiency rate. BC leads the ACC in passing efficiency defense.

**Look Out for Lukas**

- Junior Lukas Denis has made a flawless transition from cornerback to free safety in 2017. The Everett native is tied for first nationally with seven interceptions this season en route to All-ACC second team honors.
- Denis finished with a game-high and new career-high with 13 tackles in the Clemson game. He also forced a fumble against the second-ranked Tigers and had one interception.
- In the Sept. 30 victory over Central Michigan, Denis recorded the first two-interception game of his career.
- Denis is also tied for 13th nationally with 16 passes defended in 2017.

**Young Guns**

- Boston College is the only school in the country to have a freshman lead the team in passing (Anthony Brown), rushing (AJ Dillon) and receiving (Kobay White).

**The Trifecta**

- Senior Harold Landry recorded three sacks in a game for the third time in his career Oct. 7 against No. 16 Virginia Tech.
- Since 2014, only three players in college football have recorded three, three-sack games: Myles Garrett (Texas A&M), Derek Barnett (Tennessee) and Landry.
- Garrett was the first pick of the 2017 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns while Barnett was taken 14th overall in the first round of the 2017 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Boston College Single-Game Sack Leaders**

Sacks, Player	Year	Opponent
3.5, Mathias Kiwanuka	2005	NC State
3.5, Mike Mamula	1994	Temple
<b>3, Harold Landry</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>No. 16 Va. Tech</b>
<b>3, Harold Landry</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Wake Forest</b>
<b>3, Harold Landry</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Wagner</b>
3, B.J. Raji	2008	NC State
3, Mathias Kiwanuka	2005	Ball State
3, Mathias Kiwanuka	2003	Notre Dame
3, Mike Mamula	1994	Syracuse
3, Joe Glandorf	1974	Syracuse

**The Nation's Leader Returns**

- Boston College defensive end Harold Landry decided to return to Boston College for his senior season in January. The All-American led the nation in sacks in 2016 with 16.5.
- Landry led the country with seven forced fumbles en route to Walter Camp and Associated Press All-American honors.

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- Landry finished with one of the best seasons of any defensive player in the country in 2016. An AP All-ACC first-team selection, Landry was also selected as the Division I Gold Helmet of the Year Award recipient, given annually to the top player in New England by the New England Football Writers' Association and the recipient of the 78th annual George "Bulger" Lowe Award, "New England's Heisman Trophy" and one of America's oldest college football accolades.
- Landry, who collected All-ACC second-team honors by the media and coaches, was one of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Award, given annually to the nation's top defensive end.
- The North Carolina native led the nation with 16.5 sacks and seven fumbles forced. Landry rewrote the Boston College single-season record for sacks in 2016, breaking the old mark of 13 held by Eric Storz (1997) and Mike Mamula (1994). Landry was fifth in the country with 22.0 tackles-for-loss, the second-best total in Boston College single-season history behind only Mathias Kiwanuka's 25.5 TFLs in 2004.
- Since 2005, only two players have led the nation in sacks and decided to return to school instead of opting for the NFL Draft: Harold Landry and Von Miller (Texas A&M).
- Landry recorded at least one sack in 10 of BC's 13 games in 2016. He set the BC single-season sack record, breaking the mark of 13 held by Erik Storz in 1997 and Mike Mamula in 1994.
- Landry finished 2016 with 22 tackles-for-loss, the second-best single-season total in BC history.

**BC Career Sacks Leaders**

1. Mathias Kiwanuka (2002-05)	37.5
<b>2. Harold Landry (2014-present)</b>	<b>26</b>
3. Mike Mamula (1992-94)	24
4. Chris Hovan (1996-99)	20.5
5. Erik Storz (1994-97)	19

**BC Career TFL Leaders**

1. Mathias Kiwanuka (2002-05)	65.5
<b>2. Harold Landry (2014-present)</b>	<b>47.5</b>
3. Luke Kuechly (2009-11)	44
4. Chris Hovan (1996-99)	43
5. Tim Bulman (2001-04)	38

**Zach Attack**

- Boston College junior defensive end Zach Allen has quietly become one of the top defensive ends in the ACC. Allen is second on the team with 93 tackles and leads BC with 14.5 tackles-for-loss. His 5.0 sacks are tied for the team lead while he leads the team with six quarterback hurries.
- Allen's 93 tackles are the second-most by a defensive lineman nationally.
- Allen recorded a career-high 14 tackles, leading all players, in the Oct. 7 game against No. 16 Virginia Tech. He notched a career-high three tackles for loss and one sack on the night. He was named the ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week for his efforts in the Virginia Tech game.
- Allen recorded two TFLs, one sack and his first career interception in the 28-8 win over Central Michigan on Sept. 30.

**Watch Out for Walker**

- Junior wide receiver Michael Walker has been all over the field for the Eagles this season. The Naples, Fla., native leads the nation in combined returns with 1,110 yards in 2017.
- In punt returns, Walker is fourth nationally with an average of 13.7 yards per return.
- Against Central Michigan, Walker registered 128 punt return yards - including 124 in the first half - the fourth-best single-game total in BC history. It was the most punt return yards in a game since Ed Rideout finished with 131 punt return yards against Holy Cross in 1970. He finished the game with 135 all-purpose yards.

Yards	Name (Year)	Opponent
166	Kelvin Martin (1985)	Holy Cross
136	Kelvin Martin (1986)	SMU
131	Ed Rideout (1970)	Holy Cross
<b>128</b>	<b>Michael Walker (2017)</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>
109	Spiffy Evans (2012)	Maryland

- Walker set up BC's first touchdown of the game with a career-long 61-yard punt return vs. CMU. The week prior at No. 2 Clemson, Walker's previous career-long of 27 yards also set up a BC touchdown.
- Walker had the second-longest punt return of his career on his second return of the day with a 33-yard return. BC scored on the drive as true freshman running back AJ Dillon scored his second career touchdown (first at Alumni Stadium) to give BC a 14-2 lead.
- Walker's 29-yard punt return put BC in position for BC's third touchdown as BC started the drive on the CMU 17-yard line. Hilliman scored his second touchdown of the game to extend the BC lead to 21-8.
- Over two games at No. 2 Clemson and against Central Michigan, BC had four scoring drives ending in touchdowns after Walker got things started with a punt return of 27 yards or longer.
- Walker is fifth in BC single-season history with 754 kick return yards in 2017.

**Schwab Stepping Up**

- Boston College senior linebacker Ty Schwab has played the best football of his career as a senior. The Florida native leads the team with 101 tackles and ranks among the team leaders in sacks (4.0) and TFLs (8.5). Even more impressive, Schwab has been the one steady force at the position with injuries to Connor Strachan and Max Richardson en route to All-ACC third team honors.
- Against defending National Champion Clemson, Schwab set career-highs in tackles (11) and sacks (1.5).
- Schwab has played in 29 consecutive games, including 25 starts, at weakside linebacker.

**Career Day for the Captain**

- Boston College wide receiver and tri-captain Charlie Callinan had the best game of his career Sept. 16 vs. Notre Dame. Playing in his 41st career game including his 31st start, Callinan set career-highs in receptions (7), receiving yards (82) and receiving touchdowns (2) against the Fighting Irish.
- Callinan missed four games with a foot injury but returned Oct. 21 against Virginia.



**Scouting Iowa**

- Iowa tied for third in the Big Ten Conference West Division with a record of 7-5, including 4-5 in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes played the sixth-toughest schedule in college football, per the Jeff Sagarin ratings. Iowa's 12 opponents in 2017 have a combined record of 91-55 (.623). The Hawkeyes' biggest win of the year was a 55-24 victory over No. 3 Ohio State at Kinnick Stadium.
- Iowa ranks third among Big Ten teams in bowl appearances and is bowl eligible for the 16th time under coach head Kirk Ferentz. Iowa has posted a 6-8 bowl record under head coach Kirk Ferentz. Since the 2001 season, only Ohio State and Wisconsin have won more bowl games (including the FBS championship game), than Iowa.
- The Hawkeyes are making their 31st bowl game appearance, and their first in New York. Iowa has posted a 14-15-1 record in 30 previous bowl games.
- Boston College defensive coordinator Jim Reid spent three seasons as the Hawkeyes' linebackers coach from 2013-15 prior to arriving at BC.

**Setting the Tempo**

- Boston College is 17th nationally with 915 total plays on offense in 2017. The Eagles finished 94th nationally in 2016 with 862 plays run the entire season in 13 games.
- Boston College ran 92 plays out of a no-huddle, up-tempo offense in the win at Northern Illinois. It was the most plays run under head coach Steve Addazio, beating the previous game-high of 86 vs. UMass in 2014.
- The 92 plays were the most by a BC team since the Eagles joined the ACC in 2005. Only three other times since 2005 has BC ran 90 plays in a game - 2007 vs. Army (90), 2005 vs. Florida State (90) and 2005 vs. Clemson (90).
- Heading into the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl, BC shifted its focus to an up-tempo, no-huddle offense. The results were immediate as the Eagles scored 29 points in the first half and 36 for the game in a 36-30 victory over Maryland.

**BC Total Plays in a Game (since 2005)**

<b>1. Northern Illinois (9/1/17)</b>	<b>92</b>
2. Army (9/22/07)	90
Florida State (9/17/05)	90
Clemson (9/24/05)	90
<b>5. Louisville (10/14/17)</b>	<b>87</b>
6. UMass (8/30/14)	86
<b>7. Notre Dame (9/16/17)</b>	<b>85</b>
Maine (9/20/14)	85
Miami (9/1/12)	85
10. Buffalo (10/1/16)	84
11. Maryland (11/10/07)	83
<b>12. Wake Forest (9/9/17)</b>	<b>82</b>
Wake Forest (10/1/11)	82
Wake Forest (11/4/06)	82
Duke (11/11/06)	82

**First Bowl Win Since 2007**

- Boston College earned its first bowl victory since 2007 with a 36-30 victory over Maryland in the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit on Dec. 26.
- Boston College is 14-11 all-time in 25 bowl appearances. The last bowl victory prior to the win over Maryland was a 24-21 win over Michigan State on Dec. 28, 2007 in the Champs Sports Bowl.
- Boston College's 29 first-half points marked the third-best first half scoring effort in BC's bowl history.
- The defensive line was named Most Outstanding Player in the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl. Boston College finished with eight sacks and 14 tackles-for-loss.

**Welcome to The Heights**

- Martin Jarmond was named the William V. Campbell Director of Athletics on April 24, 2017, becoming the eighth athletic director in Boston College history. At 38, Jarmond is the youngest athletic director of a Power Five conference institution in Division I athletics.
- A native of Fayetteville, N.C., Jarmond graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies. He was a two-time captain of the basketball team, earned All-CAA Academic honors and helped the Seahawks gain their first NCAA tournament appearance in 2000. He earned both an MBA (2002) and a master's in sports administration (2003) from Ohio University.
- Jarmond and Harold Landry are both graduates of Pine Forest High School in North Carolina.

**Nine Earn All-ACC Honors**

- Boston College tied a school record with nine players earning All-ACC football honors, the Atlantic Coast Conference announced on Nov. 27. True freshman running back AJ Dillon was named first team All-ACC and tied with Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson for most votes among the all-conference teams. Dillon is the first true freshman running back to be named first team All-ACC since T.A. McLendon of NC State in 2002. He is also the first BC true freshman to collect first team All-ACC accolades since linebacker Luke Kuechly in 2009.
- In addition to Dillon, junior free safety Lukas Denis and junior offensive tackle Chris Lindstrom earned second team All-ACC honors, senior defensive end Harold Landry, senior linebacker Ty Schwab, junior tight end Tommy Sweeney and junior specialist Michael Walker collected third team All-ACC accolades while junior defensive end Zach Allen and junior offensive guard Sam Schmal were named All-ACC honorable mention.
- Boston College also had nine players earn All-ACC honors in 2007, 2008 and 2013.
- Dillon's magnificent rookie campaign was one of the best by any ACC freshman running back in conference history. The New London, Conn., native has rushed for 1,432 yards, the second-most by any freshman in ACC history. Dillon is second among all freshmen nationally in rushing and 15th overall.
- In his first year as a starter at free safety, Denis put together a strong season to earn All-ACC honors for the first time. The Everett, Mass., native is tied for the national lead with seven interceptions, which is fourth in Boston College single-season history. Denis is tied

for 13th nationally with 16 passes defended in 2017 and ranks third on the team with 80 tackles.

- Lindstrom was BC's highest-graded offensive linemen the entire season and led a productive unit that ranked second in the ACC - and tied for 12th nationally - with just 13 sacks allowed all season. The Dudley, Mass., native was the key cog in a rushing offense that is 24th nationally, averaging 224.2 yards per game.
- Landry earned All-ACC honors for the third time in his career after an injury-riddled senior campaign. The North Carolina product played in eight games before an ankle injury forced him to miss the final four games of the regular season. Landry is tied for the team lead with five sacks and ranks second in BC career history with 26.0 sacks.
- Schwab collected All-ACC honors for the first time in his career after leading the Eagles with 101 tackles in 2017. The Florida native has played the best football of his career as a senior, totaling 8.5 tackles-for-loss and four sacks to go along with two interceptions and a forced fumble this season. Schwab has made 31 starts over his four-year career and played in 47 games for the Eagles, with 179 career tackles.
- Sweeney nabbed All-ACC honors for the first time in his career and became the first BC tight end since Ryan Purvis in 2008 to garner All-ACC accolades. The New Jersey native is second on the team in receptions (29) and receiving yards (375) and leads BC with three touchdown receptions in 2017. Sweeney has started all 12 games for Boston College this year.
- Walker is another first-time All-ACC recipient as a return specialist. The Florida native leads the nation with 1,110 combined kick return yards and is fifth nationally averaging 13.7 yards per punt return. Walker leads the ACC in punt returns (13.7) and is fifth in the conference in kickoff returns (24.3). Walker is fifth in BC single-season history with 754 kickoff return yards in 2017.
- Despite being second in the nation in tackles by a defensive lineman with 93, Allen was named All-ACC honorable mention. The Connecticut native has been one of the most disruptive players in the country in 2017, totaling a team-best 14.5 tackles-for-loss and tying for the team lead with five sacks. Allen ranks second on the team with 93 tackles and totaled 40 tackles against nationally-ranked Clemson, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech and NC State in 2017.
- Schmal garnered All-ACC honorable mention honors for the first time as part of one of the top offensive lines in the ACC. The Georgia native played in all 12 games with 11 starts at left guard. BC scored 40+ points five times this season, the most since 2007 (five games).

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# ROSTER BREAKDOWN & PARTICIPATION

## 2017 Roster Breakdown

Class	Total
Graduates	3
Seniors	14
Juniors	26
Redshirt Sophomores	1
Sophomores	16
Redshirt Freshmen	17
Freshmen	26

## Most Games Played

Player	Total
Ty Schwab	47
Isaac Yiadom	47
Charlie Callinan	46
Harold Landry	46
Kamrin Moore	44

## Most Games Started

Player	Total
Charlie Callinan	34
Chris Lindstrom	34
Harold Landry	31

## Consecutive Games Started

Player	Streak
Chris Lindstrom	34
Will Harris	28

	Career G-GS	2017 G-GS	2016 G-GS	2015 G-GS	2014 G-GS	2013 G-GS	Cons. Games	Cons. Starts
Zach Allen	37-13	12-12	13-1	12-0	-	-	37	12
Medhi El Attrach	25-0	12-0	13-0	RS	-	-	25	-
Jon Baker	36-27	1-1	13-13	12-12	10-1	-	-	-
Brandon Barlow	4-0	4-0	RS	-	-	-	1	-
Kevin Bletzer	37-8	12-8	13-0	12-0	RS	-	36	-
Nolan Borgensen	20-0	12-0	8-0	RS	-	-	12	-
Anthony Brown	10-10	10-10	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Burt	16-1	8-0	0-0	8-1	-	-	-	-
Charlie Callinan	46-33	8-7	13-9	12-10	13-9	RS	5	3
Colton Cardinal	25-0	12-0	13-0	0-0	-	-	25	-
Hamp Cheevers	18-2	11-2	7-0	-	-	-	8	2
Kevin Cohee	21-0	12-0	7-0	2-0	RS	-	12	-
Ryan Conte	13-0	12-0	1-0	-	RS	-	12	-
Lukas Denis	29-12	12-12	13-0	4-0	-	-	28	12
AJ Dillon	12-3	12-3	-	-	-	-	12	-
John Fadule	3-2	-	0-0	3-2	-	-	-	-
Troy Flutie	21-4	2-0	11-0	8-4	RS	-	-	-
Chris Garrison	17-12	12-10	5-2	RS	-	-	12	3
Ben Glines	25-1	12-1	13-0	RS	-	-	25	-
Will Harris	37-28	12-12	13-13	12-3	-	-	37	28
Jon Hilliman	41-29	12-9	12-11	4-2	13-7	-	18	1
Korab Idrizi	14-4	8-0	6-3	-	-	-	2	-
Elijah Johnson	12-10	-	12-10	-	-	-	-	-
Davon Jones	24-2	11-1	13-1	RS	-	-	11	1
Tanner Karafa	17-0	12-0	5-0	RS	-	-	12	-
Jack Kenny	10-0	5-0	5-0	1-0	0-0	-	2	-
Mike Knoll	34-0	12-0	13-0	4-0	5-0	-	24	-
Adam Korutz	2-0	2-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Wyatt Knopfke	4-0	2-0	2-0	RS	-	-	-	-
Harold Landry	46-31	8-8	13-12	12-11	13-0	-	-	-
John Lamot	11-7	11-7	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Marcell Lazard	38-14	12-2	12-6*	13-6*	2-0*	RS	12	-
Travis Levy	12-0	12-0	-	-	-	-	12	-
CJ Lewis	4-0	4-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colton Lichtenberg	22-0	12-0	1-0	9-0	-	-	12	-
Alec Lindstrom	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Lindstrom	37-34	12-12	13-13	12-9	-	-	37	34
Ray Marten	20-1	12-0	8-1	-	-	-	20	-
Jimmy Martin	20-0	12-0	8-0	RS	-	-	19	-
Gabriel McClary	45-10	10-0	13-4	12-6	10-0	-	5	-
Isaiah McDuffie	12-0	12-0	-	-	-	-	12	-
Noa Merritt	32-15	12-12	11-3	1-0	8-0	-	18	15
Isaiah Miranda	3-0	3-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
Aaron Monteiro	30-28	12-12	12-11	6-5	-	-	19	19
Kamrin Moore	44-31	10-10	13-13	8-8	13-0	-	-	-
Bryce Morais	3-0	3-0	RS	-	-	-	1	-
Anthony Palazzolo	15-0	12-0	3-0	RS	-	-	12	-
Mike Palmer	3-0	3-0	RS	-	-	-	-	-
EJ Perry	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Petrula	11-11	11-11	-	-	-	-	11	11
John Phillips	23-11	12-11	11-0	RS	-	-	12	11
Wyatt Ray	36-4	12-4	14-0	12-0	-	-	36	4
TJ Rayam	6-0	6-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Max Richardson	15-4	4-4	11-0	-	-	-	-	-
Elijah Robinson	30-0	7-0	11-0	12-0	-	-	2	-
Sam Schmal	29-12	12-11	10-1	7-0	RS	-	12	11
Ty Schwab	47-31	12-12	13-13	10-6	12-0	-	29	25
Max Schulze-Geisthovel	12-0	12-0	-	-	-	-	12	-
Jeff Smith	33-12	12-4	12-5	9-3	-	-	17	-
Ray Smith	26-21	12-12	9-9	5-0	-	-	12	12
Thadd Smith	46-12	12-10	13-0	12-2	9-0	-	37	3
Austin Stevens	6-0	3-0	DNP	3-0	RS	-	2	-
Connor Strachan	39-20	2-2	12-12	12-6	13-0	-	-	-
Tommy Sweeney	37-34	12-12	13-13	12-9	RS	-	37	27
Timi Tjani	12-0	12-0	-	-	-	-	12	-
Taj-Amir Torres	36-3	12-2	13-1	11-0	-	-	36	-
Joesph Vitiello	5-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	RS	-	-	-
Darius Wade	24-5	9-2	9-0	3-3	3-0	-	6	2
Michael Walker	37-8	12-1	13-7	12-0	-	-	37	-
Richard Wilson	21-0	2-0	8-0	11-0	RS	-	-	-
Kobay White	12-4	12-4	RS	-	-	-	12	-
Isaac Yiadom	47-27	12-12	13-8	9-7	13-0	-	26	17

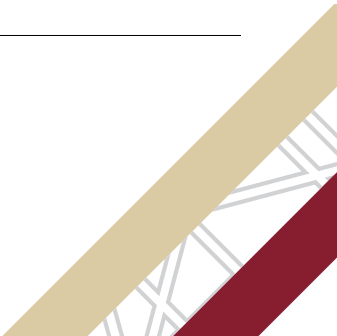
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Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE/FB	QB	RB	WR	WR/TE	WR
Northern Illinois	Monteiro	Schmal	Baker	C. Lindstrom	Lazard	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	T. Smith	Garrison	Callinan
Wake Forest	Monteiro	Phillips	Petrula	C. Lindstrom	Lazard	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	T. Smith	Garrison	Callinan
Notre Dame	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	T. Smith	Garrison	Callinan
No. 2 Clemson	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	T. Smith	Garrison	J. Smith
Central Michigan	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	T. Smith	Garrison	J. Smith
No. 16 Virginia Tech	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	T. Smith	Walker	White
Louisville	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	J. Smith	Garrison	White
Virginia	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Dillon	T. Smith	Garrison	White
Florida State	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Hilliman	Glines	J. Smith	White
NC State	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	A. Brown	Dillon	Callinan	Garrison	T. Smith
UConn	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	Wade	Dillon	Callinan	Garrison	T. Smith
Syracuse	Monteiro	Schmal	Petrula	Phillips	C. Lindstrom	Sweeney	Wade	Hilliman	Callinan	Garrison	T. Smith

Opponent	DE	DT	N	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LC	SS	FS	RC
Northern Illinois	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	Strachan	Richardson	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
Wake Forest	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	Strachan	Richardson	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
Notre Dame	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Richardson	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
No. 2 Clemson	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Richardson	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
Central Michigan	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
No. 16 Virginia Tech	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
Louisville	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	Torres (DB)	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
Virginia	Landry	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
Florida State	Ray	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
NC State	Ray	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Moore
UConn	Ray	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	K. Bletzer	Lamot	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Cheevers
Syracuse	Ray	Merritt	R. Smith	Allen	Torres (DB)	Jones	Schwab	Yiadam	Harris	Denis	Cheevers

Opponent	KO	FG	P	KR	PR	H
Northern Illinois	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Wake Forest	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Notre Dame	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
No. 2 Clemson	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Central Michigan	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
No. 16 Virginia Tech	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Louisville	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Virginia	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Florida State	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
NC State	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
UConn	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith
Syracuse	Schulze-Geisthovel	Lichtenberg	Knoll	Walker/Glines	Walker	J. Smith



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OFFENSE

LT	67	Aaron Monteiro	6-7	315	Jr.	
	69	Austin Stevens	6-3	295	Jr.	
LG	73	Sam Schmal	6-7	310	Jr.	
	70	John Phillips	6-6	310	So.	
	65	Ryan Conte	6-4	295	Jr.	
C	64	Ben Petrula	6-5	300	Fr.	
	59	Shane Leonard	6-1	295	R-Fr.	OR
	72	Alec Lindstrom	6-4	260	Fr.	
RG	70	John Phillips	6-6	310	So.	
	75	Chris Lindstrom	6-4	305	Jr.	
	66	Anthony Palazzolo	6-5	315	So.	
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom	6-4	305	Jr.	
	74	Marcell Lazard	6-6	310	Gr.	
X	9	Kobay White	6-1	200	R-Fr.	OR
	83	Charlie Callinan	6-4	235	Sr.	
A	3	Michael Walker	6-0	195	Jr.	OR
	19	Ben Glines	6-2	210	So.	
	82	Nolan Borgersen	6-2	205	So.	
FB	86	Ray Marten	6-3	260	So.	
	47	Colton Cardinal	6-3	235	Jr.	
RB	32	Jon Hilliman	6-0	220	Jr.	
	2	AJ Dillon	6-0	240	Fr.	OR
	35	Travis Levy	5-11	195	Fr.	
QB	4	Darius Wade	6-0	215	Gr.	
	8	EJ Perry	6-2	200	Fr.	
TE	89	Tommy Sweeney	6-5	255	Jr.	
	81	Chris Garrison	6-3	240	So.	
Z	6	Jeff Smith	6-1	190	Jr.	
	18	Thadd Smith	5-9	180	Sr.	
SPECIALISTS						
KO	91	Max Schulze-Geisthovel	6-2	190	Sr.	
FG	99	Colton Lichtenberg	5-10	190	Jr.	
	98	Mike Knoll	6-0	200	Sr.	OR
	91	Max Schulze-Geisthovel	6-2	190	Sr.	
P	98	Mike Knoll	6-0	200	Sr.	
	95	Grant Carlson	6-0	190	R-Fr.	
KR	3	Michael Walker	6-0	195	Jr.	
	19	Ben Glines	6-2	210	So.	
PR	3	Michael Walker	6-0	195	Jr.	
	4	Hamp Cheevers	5-10	165	So.	
LS	46	Jimmy Martin	5-11	220	So.	
	49	Kevin Bletzer	6-2	220	Jr.	
H	6	Jeff Smith	6-1	190	Jr.	

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DEFENSE

DE	2	Zach Allen	6-5	285	Jr.	
	48	Tanner Karafa	6-3	265	So.	OR
	90	Bryce Morais	6-4	275	R-Fr.	
DT	94	Noa Merritt	6-0	290	Sr.	
	98	Jack Kenny	6-3	275	Sr.	
NT	96	Ray Smith	6-1	305	Jr.	
	92	Kevin Cohee	6-2	275	Jr.	
DE	7	Harold Landry	6-3	250	Sr.	
	11	Wyatt Ray	6-3	250	Jr.	
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer	6-2	220	Jr.	
	55	Isaiah McDuffie	6-2	200	Fr.	
MLB	28	John Lamot	6-0	235	R-Fr.	
	10	Ty Schwab	6-0	240	Sr.	
WLB	10	Ty Schwab	6-0	240	Sr.	
	16	Davon Jones	5-10	220	So.	OR
	51	Isaiah Miranda	6-0	235	R-Fr.	
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom	6-1	190	Sr.	
	24	Taj-Amir Torres	5-9	180	Jr.	
SS	8	Will Harris	6-2	210	Jr.	
	25	Medhi El Attrach	6-0	200	So.	
FS	21	Lukas Denis	5-11	185	Jr.	
	37	Gabriel McClary	6-3	210	Sr.	
RC	4	Hamp Cheevers	5-10	165	So.	
	21	Lukas Denis	5-11	185	Jr.	

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Emer, Nate	EMMM-err
El Attrach, Mehdi	EL ah-TRACK, Meh-DEE
Fadule, John	Fah-DUEL
Grosel, Dennis	GROW-sell
Idrizi, Korab	Eh-DREE-zee, CO-rob
Jones, Davon	DAY-von
Karafa, Tanner	CAR-ah-FA
Knopfke, Wyatt	KEN-off-KEY
Korutz, Adam	Kerr-OOTZ
Lazard, Marcell	luh-ZARD
Levy, Travis	LEE-vee
Lichtenberg, Colton	LICK-tin-burg
Monteiro, Aaron	Mon-TEAR-oh (tear rhymes with fair)
Morais, Bryce	More-ay-is
Muse, Jahmin	JAH-minn MOO-ss
Palazzolo, Anthony	PAL-oh-ZOLO
Rayam, TJ	Ram
Schulze-Geisthovel, Max	SHULL-za GEIST-ha-vull
Strachan, Connor	Struh-HAN
Tijani, Timi	Ti-ZHA-nee, Timmy
Vitiello, Joseph	Vit-EE-el-oh
Yiadom, Isaac	Yuh-EYE-dum



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SERIES MATCHUP

BC's Last Visit to the New Era Pinstripe Bowl						
Dec. 27, 2014						
Bronx, N.Y. (Yankee Stadium)						
Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Boston College (7-6)	7	0	14	3	6	30
Penn State (7-6)	7	0	7	10	7	31
Scoring Summary:						
1st	05:22 PSU - Godwin, Chris 72 yd pass from Hackenberg,Christian (Ficken, Sam kick), 3-70 1:01					
	04:39 BC - Jon Hilliman 49 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 2-52 0:42					
3rd	08:07 BC - Shakim Phillips 19 yd pass from Tyler Murphy (Mike Knoll kick), 11-60 6:45					
	02:12 BC - Tyler Murphy 40 yd run (Mike Knoll kick), 4-63 1:58					
	00:00 PSU - Lewis, Eugene 7 yd pass from Hackenberg,Christian (Ficken, Sam kick), 6-63 2:04					
4th	06:48 PSU - Hamilton, DaeSean 16 yd pass from Hackenberg,Christian (Ficken, Sam kick), 6-55 1:44					
	02:10 BC - Mike Knoll 20 yd field goal, 11-69 4:31					
	00:20 PSU - Ficken, Sam 45 yd field goal, 8-49 1:45					
OT	15:00 BC - David Dudeck 21 yd pass from Tyler Murphy (Mike Knoll kick failed), 4-2 0:12					
	15:00 PSU - Carter, Kyle 10 yd pass from Hackenberg,Christian (Ficken, Sam kick), 6-25 0:00					
		PSU	BC			
FIRST DOWNS		25	16			
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)		29-82	46-289			
PASSING YDS (NET)		371	97			
Passes Att-Comp-Int		50-34-0	20-11-0			
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS		79-453	66-386			
Fumble Returns-Yards		0-0	0-0			
Punt Returns-Yards		1-2	2-24			
Kickoff Returns-Yards		3-64	4-149			
Interception Returns-Yards		0-0	0-0			
Punts (Number-Avg)		6-34.5	6-38.3			
Fumbles-Lost		2-2	0-0			
Penalties-Yards		10-60	9-97			

Boston College Bowl History	
1940 Cotton Bowl	Clemson 6, Boston College 3 (1/1/40)
1941 Sugar Bowl	Boston College 19, Tennessee 13 (1/1/41)
1943 Orange Bowl	Alabama 37, Boston College 21 (1/1/43)
1982 Tangerine Bowl	Auburn 33, Boston College 26 (12/18/82)
1983 Liberty Bowl	Notre Dame 19, Boston College 18 (12/29/83)
1985 Cotton Bowl	Boston College 45, Houston 28 (1/1/85)
1986 Hall of Fame Bowl	Boston College 27, Georgia 24 (12/23/86)
1993 Hall of Fame Bowl	Tennessee 38, Boston College 23 (1/1/93)
1994 Carquest Bowl	Boston College 31, Virginia 13 (1/1/94)
1994 Jeep Aloha Bowl	Boston College 12, Kansas State 7 (12/25/94)
1999 Insight.com Bowl	Colorado 62, Boston College 28 (12/31/99)
2000 Jeep Aloha Bowl	Boston College 31, Arizona State 17 (12/25/00)
2001 Music City Bowl	Boston College 20, Georgia 16 (12/28/01)
2002 Motor City Bowl	Boston College 51, Toledo 25 (12/26/02)
2003 San Francisco Bowl	Boston College 35, Colorado State 21 (12/31/03)
2004 Continental Tire Bowl	Boston College 37, North Carolina 24 (12/30/04)
2005 MPC Computers Bowl	Boston College 27, Boise State 21 (12/28/05)
2006 Meineke Car Care Bowl	Boston College 25, Navy 24 (12/30/06)
2007 Champs Sports Bowl	Boston College 24, Michigan State 21 (12/28/07)
2008 Music City Bowl	Vanderbilt 16, Boston College 14 (12/31/08)
2009 Emerald Bowl	USC 24, Boston College 13 (12/26/09)
2001 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl	Nevada 20, Boston College 13 (1/9/11)
2013 Advocare v100 Independence Bowl	Arizona 42, Boston College 19 (12/31/13)
2014 New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Penn State 31, Boston College 30 OT (12/27/14)
2016 Quick Lane Bowl	Boston College 36, Maryland 30 (12/26/16)

Statistical Comparison				
Category	BC	IOWA	NCAA Ranking	
			BC	IOWA
Record	7-5	7-5		
Conference	4-4	4-5		
3rd Down Pct	0.377	0.355	88	98
3rd Down Pct Defense	0.381	0.333	59	25
4th Down Pct	0.393	0.636	110	24
4th Down Pct Defense	0.412	0.478	24	57
First Downs Defense	222	228	37	48
First Downs Offense	230	213	93	109
Fumbles Lost	7	13	56	119
Fumbles Recovered	7	4	64	116
Kickoff Return Defense	19.96	16.78	50	6
Kickoff Returns	22.39	22.76	35	31
Net Punting	36.76	37.38	93	75
Passes Intercepted	18	19	5	2
Passing Offense	162.8	197.8	114	88
Passing Yards Allowed	199.7	213.3	31	51
Punt Return Defense	4.96	5.06	30	33
Punt Returns	13.69	6.78	10	75
Red Zone Defense	0.784	0.806	29	44
Red Zone Offense	0.829	0.773	78	103
Rushing Defense	198.4	142.1	101	38
Rushing Offense	224.2	142.4	24	93
Scoring Defense	22.5	19.9	36	21
Scoring Offense	26.2	28.3	82	68
Passing	162.8	197.8	114	88
Passing Defense	199.7	213.3	31	51
Sacks	1.92	2.25	71	48
Tackles for Loss	5.8	5.1	70	93
Time of Possession	30:15	30:15	59	58
Total Defense	398.1	355.3	69	34
Total Offense	387.0	340.3	82	107

Iowa Hawkeyes (7-5, 4-5 Big Ten)		
September		
2	Wyoming	W, 24-3
9	at Iowa State	W, 44-41 (OT)
16	North Texas	W, 31-14
23	Penn State	L, 19-21
30	at Michigan State	L, 10-17
October		
7	Illinois	W, 45-16
21	at Northwestern	L, 10-17 (OT)
28	Minnesota	W, 17-10
November		
4	Ohio State	W, 55-24
11	at Wisconsin	L, 14-38
18	Purdue	L, 15-24
24	at Nebraska	W, 56-14

2017 Statistical Leaders					
Rushing	GP	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Akum Wadley	12	230	1021	4.44	9
Receiving	GP	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Nick Easley	12	50	498	9.96	4
Noah Fant	12	28	486	17.36	10
Passing	GP	C-A-I	Pct.	Yards	TD
Nate Stanley	12	188-336-6	56.0	2338	25
Defensive	GP	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	INT
Josey Jewell	11	64	4.5	13.5	2
Bo Bower	12	39	1.0	3.5	-

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OFFENSIVE SCORING DRIVES

Quarter	Time	Scoring Play	Plays	Yards	TOP	Score (BC-OPP)
Northern Illinois						
1st	00:09	Colton Lichtenberg 42 yd field goal	8	34	2:17	3-3
2nd	02:05	Colton Lichtenberg 35 yd field goal	13	63	4:27	6-10
2nd	00:30	Michael Walker 5 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	6	50	1:04	13-10
3rd	07:48	Ray Marten 4 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick )	8	59	2:57	20-10
4th	02:13	Colton Lichtenberg 37 yd field goal	13	46	5:04	23-20
Wake Forest						
2nd	03:13	Jon Hilliman 6 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	8	57	3:27	7-14
3rd	10:03	Colton Lichtenberg 30 yd field goal	7	51	2:29	10-21
Notre Dame						
1st	07:52	Colton Lichtenberg 38 yd field goal	10	32	4:16	3-0
2nd	11:59	Charlie Callinan 22 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	9	85	3:01	10 - 7
3rd	11:25	Colton Lichtenberg 41 yd field goal	5	9	2:19	13 - 14
4th	09:02	Charlie Callinan 14 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	14	75	4:39	20 - 35
Clemson						
3rd	03:30	AJ Dillon 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	8	37	3:05	7-7
Central Michigan						
1st	10:33	Jon Hilliman 6 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	1	6	0:05	7-2
1st	04:25	AJ Dillon 15 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	8	53	3:33	14-2
2nd	04:03	Jon Hilliman 2 yd run (Coltong Lichtenberg kick)	3	17	0:47	21-8
3rd	07:40	Jon Hilliman 3 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	12	89	4:33	28-8
Virginia Tech						
1st	05:24	Colton Lichtenberg 32 yd field goal	9	60	3:02	3-7
4th	05:38	Anthony Brown 25 yd pass from Jeff Smith (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	3	75	1:02	10-23
Louisville						
1st	00:53	Thadd Smith 42 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	6	78	2:43	7-14
2nd	00:51	AJ Dillon 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	8	48	1:47	14-21
3rd	05:03	AJ Dillon 3 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	14	72	5:19	21-21
3rd	02:28	Jon Hilliman 6 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	4	64	1:32	28-21
4th	14:55	AJ Dillon 11 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	4	22	1:20	35-21
4th	11:59	AJ Dillon 75 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	1	75	0:14	42-28
4th	00:00	Colton Lichtenberg 27 yd field goal	8	29	1:49	45-42
Virginia						
1st	06:51	Colton Lichtenberg 30 yd field goal	15	85	5:40	3-0
	04:16	Thadd Smith 76 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	4	90	1:07	10-0
	01:57	Kobay White 76 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	3	81	1:25	17-0
2nd	11:35	Tom Sweeney 10 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	9	80	3:09	24-0
3rd	10:42	Colton Lichtenberg 36 yd field goal	10	50	4:18	27-7
	02:11	Tom Sweeney 3 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	15	92	6:33	
4th	09:30	John Lamot 40 yd interception return (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	-	-	-	41-10
Florida State						
1st	07:55	Kobay White 34 yd pass from Jeff Smith (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	7	79	2:41	7-0
2nd	10:10	Tommy Sweeney 11 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	8	46	3:15	14-0
	06:48	Anthony Brown 4 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	6	62	2:36	21-0
3rd	11:00	AJ Dillon 2 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	3	11	1:02	28-3
	00:13	Darius Wade 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	8	24	3:46	35-3
NC State						
2nd	06:20	AJ Dillon 66 yd run (Coltong Lichtenberg kick)	5	80	1:56	7-0
3rd	00:11	Thadd Smith 12 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	4	23	1:19	14-10
Connecticut						
2nd	06:13	Chris Garrison 2-yd pass from Darius Wade (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	12	70	5:46	7-3
	03:07	AJ Dillon 53 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	1	53	0:12	14-3
3rd	13:04	Jon Hilliman 38 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	5	60	1:56	21-3
	09:41	Taj Amir-Torres 65 yd interception return (Colton Licchtenberg kick, failed)	-	-	-	27-3
	03:06	AJ Dillon 20 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick, failed)	4	42	1:22	33-3
4th	07:20	Jon Hilliman 3 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick, failed)	7	69	3:38	39-3
Syracuse						
1st	07:24	AJ Dillon 22 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	12	73	5:26	7-0
	03:20	AJ Dillon 8 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	5	73	2:06	14-7
2nd	07:32	Jeff Smith 64 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	3	80	0:59	21-7
	07:09	Will Harris 30 yd fumble recovery (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	-	-	-	28-7
3rd	10:57	AJ Dillon 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	10	69	4:03	35-14
4th	12:37	Travis Levy 46 yd pass from Darius Wade (Colton Lichtenberg kick)	5	95	2:18	42-14

Offensive Touchdown Breakdown

Yards	TD Drives	Poss. Time	TD Drives	Plays	TD Drives
1-9	1	0:01-0:30	3	1	2
10-19	2	0:31-1:00	2	2	0
20-29	4	1:01-1:30	9	3	5
30-39	1	1:31-2:00	4	4	5
40-49	3	2:01-3:00	7	5	4
50-59	4	3:01-4:00	8	6	4
60-69	5	4:01-5:00	2	7	3
70-79	9	5:01-6:00	3	8	7
80-89	6	6:01-7:00	1	9	3
90-99	3	7:01 +	0	10	0
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Most plays on a TD drive: 15, Virginia (Tommy Sweeney 3-yard pass from Anthony Brown)  
Fewest plays on a TD drive: 1, Louisville (AJ Dillon 75 yd run)  
Longest TD drive (yards): 95, Syracuse (Travis Levy 46 yd pass from Darius Wade)  
Shortest TD drive (yards): 6, Central Michigan (Jon Hilliman 6-yard run)  
Longest TD drive (time): 6:33, Virginia (Tommy Sweeney 3-yard pass from Anthony Brown)  
Shortest TD drive (time): 0:05, Central Michigan (Jon Hilliman 6-yard run)

**BOSTON COLLEGE****RUSHING**

Had 500+ yards .....	549 at Massachusetts, 11/24/73
Had 400+ yards .....	413 vs. Maine, 9/20/14
Had 300+ yards .....	333 vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17
Had 70+ rushing attempts .....	71 vs. Northwestern, 9/12/92
Had 60+ rushing attempts .....	63 vs. Northern Illinois, 9/26/15
Had 50+ rushing attempts .....	56 vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17
Had six or more rush touchdowns .....	8 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Had five rush touchdowns .....	vs. Louisville, 10/14/17
Had four rush touchdowns .....	vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17

**PASSING**

Had 300+ yards .....	369 vs. Wake Forest, 11/3/12
Had 50+ pass attempts .....	51 vs. Wake Forest, 11/3/12
Had 25+ completions .....	30 vs. Wake Forest, 11/3/12
Had four or more passes intercepted .....	4 vs. Louisville, 11/8/14
Had three or more passes intercepted .....	3 vs. NC State, 11/7/15

**COMBINATION OFFENSE**

Teammates with 100+ yards rushing .....	AJ Dillon (200) & Jon Hilliman (107) vs. UConn, 11/18/17
Teammates with 100+ yards receiving .....	Clarence Gannon (115) & Pete Mitchell (110) vs. Pittsburgh, 11/13/93
Three or more players ran for touchdowns .....	AJ Dillon, Anthony Brown, Darius Wade vs. Florida State, 10/27/15

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

Had 600+ yards .....	648 vs. Temple, 10/11/03
Had 500+ yards .....	512 vs. Virginia, 10/21/17
Had more than 550 yards .....	581 at Syracuse, 11/25/17
Had 400+ yards .....	400 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17

**SCORING**

Returned a kickoff for a touchdown .....	Myles Willis vs. Syracuse (89 yards), 10/23/16
Returned a punt for a touchdown .....	Spiffy Evans vs. Maine (82 yards), 9/5/12
Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown .....	Elijah Robinson vs. Louisville (12 yards), 10/24/15
Returned an INT for a touchdown .....	Taj Amir-Torres (65 yards) vs. UConn, 11/18/17
Returned a fumble for a touchdown .....	Will Harris (30 yards) vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17
Returned two fumbles for touchdowns .....	Nick Clancy (16 yards), Kevin Pierre-Louis (96 yards) vs. UMass, 9/24/11
Scored 60+ points .....	76-0 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Won by 50+ points .....	76-0 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Scored a safety .....	vs. Miami, 9/1/12
Held opponent scoreless .....	30-0 vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16
Was held scoreless .....	49-0 at Virginia Tech, 9/17/16

**HALF-BY-HALF SCORING**

Both teams were scoreless after first half .....	vs. Wake Forest (L, 3-0), 10/10/15
Led after three quarters and lost .....	vs. NC State (L, 14-17 - led 14-10), 11/11/17
Trailed after three quarters and won .....	at Wake Forest (W, 17-14 - trailed 14-10), 11/26/16

**HALF-BY-HALF OFFENSE**

Totaled 300+ yards in a half .....	328 in first half vs. Virginia, 10/21/17
Rushed for three or more touchdowns in a half .....	3 in first half vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17
Rushed for three or more touchdowns in a quarter .....	5 in first quarter vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Passed for three or more touchdowns in a half .....	3 in first half vs. Maryland, 12/26/16
Scored five or more touchdowns in half .....	5 in first half vs. Northeastern, 9/5/09

**TURNOVERS**

Did not commit a turnover .....	vs. UConn, 11/18/17
Committed six or more turnovers .....	5 INTs, 1 fumble vs. North Carolina, 11/21/09

**DEFENSE**

Allowed 600+ yards of total offense .....	625 vs. Louisville, 10/14/17
Allowed 500+ yards of total offense .....	515 vs. Louisville, 11/5/16
Held opponent to 100 or fewer yards .....	67 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Did not punt .....	at Syracuse, 10/2/93
Blocked a punt .....	Matt Milano vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16
Blocked a field goal .....	Connor Wujciak at Virginia Tech (Joey Slye), 11/1/14
Blocked a PAT .....	Jo-Lonn Dunbar Clemson (Jad Dean), 9/9/06 (20T)
Missed a PAT .....	Colton Lichtenberg vs. UConn, 11/18/17
Had PAT Blocked .....	Mike Knoll vs. Maryland, 12/26/16
Returned multiple punts for a touchdown .....	DeJuan Tribble (41) and Will Blackmon (71) at West Virginia, 11/13/04

**BOSTON COLLEGE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER****RUSHING**

Had a touchdown run of 60+ yards .....	Jeff Smith (64) vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17
Had a touchdown run of 70+ yards .....	Thadd Smith (76) vs. Virginia, 10/21/17
Had a touchdown run of 80+ yards .....	Jeff Smith (80) vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/15
Rushed for 100+ yards .....	AJ Dillon (196) vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17
Rushed for 200+ yards .....	AJ Dillon (200) vs. UConn, 11/18/17
Rushed for 300+ yards .....	Andre Williams (339) vs. NC State, 11/16/13
Rushed for four touchdowns .....	AJ Dillon (272) vs. Louisville, 10/14/17

**PASSING**

Had a touchdown pass of 70+ yards .....	Kobay White from Anthony Brown (76) at Virginia, 10/21/17
Had a touchdown pass of 60+ yards .....	Thadd Smith from Troy Flutie (66) at Duke, 10/3/15
Had a touchdown pass of 50+ yards .....	Jeff Smith from Patrick Towles (58) vs. Wagner, 9/24/16
Passed for 400+ yards .....	Chase Rettig (441) vs. Miami, 9/1/12
Attempted 50+ passes .....	Chase Rettig (51) vs. Miami, 9/1/12
Threw five or more touchdown passes .....	Matt Ryan (5) vs. Wake Forest, 9/1/07
Threw three or more interceptions .....	John Fadule (3) vs. NC State, 11/7/15

**RECEIVING**

Caught 10+ passes .....	Alex Amidon (10) vs. Arizona, 12/31/13
Had 200+ yards receiving .....	Gerard Phelan (226) at Miami, 11/23/84
Caught three or more touchdown passes .....	Kelvin Martin (3) at Holy Cross, 11/22/86

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

Had 400+ yards of total offense .....	Chris Crane (470) at NC State, 10/4/08
Scored three or more touchdowns .....	AJ Dillon (3) vs. Syracuse, 11/25/17

**DEFENSE**

Intercepted three or more passes .....	Jamie Silva (3) vs. Bowling Green, 10/6/07
Recorded three or more TOs .....	Justin Simmons (2 INT, 1 FF) vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/15
Recorded 15+ tackles .....	Steele Divitto (18) vs. New Mexico State, 11/9/13
Recorded 20+ tackles .....	Nick Clancy (25) at Northwestern, 9/15/12
Recorded three or more sacks .....	Harold Landry (3.0) vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Scored 15+ points kicking .....	Sandro Sciortino (15) vs. Toledo, 12/26/02
Made four or more field goals .....	Nate Freese (36, 45, 52, 32) vs. Wake Forest, 10/1/11
Missed three or more field goals .....	Ryan Ohliger (42, 36, 30) vs. Virginia, 10/8/05
Attempted five or more field goals .....	Steve Aponavicius (4-for-5) at Maryland, 11/28/09



**OPPONENTS****RUSHING**

Had 300+ yards .....	Clemson (342), 9/23/17
Had 70+ rushing attempts .....	Georgia Tech (76), 10/20/12
Had 60+ rushing attempts .....	Army (65), 10/5/13
Had 50+ rushing attempts .....	Clemson (58), 9/23/17
Had five or more rushing touchdowns .....	Notre Dame (7), 9/16/17
Had four rushing touchdowns .....	Louisville (4), 10/14/17

**PASSING**

Had 400+ yards .....	Syracuse (434), 10/23/16
Had 300+ yards .....	Louisville (332), 10/14/17
Had 50+ pass attempts .....	Penn State (50), 12/27/14
Had 40+ pass attempts .....	Virginia (42), 10/21/17
Had 40+ completions .....	New Mexico State (43), 11/9/13
Had 25+ completions .....	Syracuse (32), 10/17/15
Had three or more passing touchdowns .....	Florida State (5), 11/11/16
Had three or more passes intercepted .....	UConn (3), 11/18/17

**COMBINATION OFFENSE**

Teammates with 200+ yards rushing .....	Josh Adams (229) & Brandon Wimbush (207) of Notre Dame, 9/16/17
Teammates with 100+ yards rushing .....	Lamar Jackson (181) & Reggie Bonnafon (107) of Louisville, 10/14/17
Teammates with 100+ yards receiving .....	Dez Fitzpatrick (127) & Jaylen Smith (118) of Louisville, 10/14/17
Had 100-yard receiver and rusher .....	Dez Fitzpatrick (127) and Lamar Jackson (181) of Louisville, 10/14/17

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

Had 600+ yards .....	Louisville (625), 10/14/17
Had 500+ yards .....	Louisville (515), 11/5/16
Had 400+ yards .....	Syracuse (417), 11/25/17
Had fewer than 100 yards .....	Buffalo (10 pass, 19 rush), 9/12/15

**SCORING**

Returned a kickoff for a touchdown .....	Aregero Turner (86) of Northern Illinois, 9/26/15
Returned a punt for a touchdown .....	C.J. Spiller (77) of Clemson, 9/19/09
Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown .....	D.J. Green (9) of NC State, 10/9/10
Returned an interception for a touchdown .....	William Parks (69) of Arizona, 12/31/13
Returned a fumble for a touchdown .....	Andrew Motuapuaka (34) of Virginia Tech, 10/31/15

**TURNOVERS**

Did not commit a turnover .....	at Florida State, 11/11/16
Committed five or more turnovers .....	Notre Dame (5), 11/21/15
Lost three or more fumbles .....	Georgia Tech (3), 9/6/08

**DEFENSE**

Allowed 500+ yards of total offense .....	Syracuse (581), 11/25/17
Allowed 400+ yards of total offense .....	Notre Dame (400), 9/16/17
Held BC to 100 or fewer yards .....	83 at Louisville (-10 rush, 93 pass), 10/24/15
Scored a safety .....	Central Michigan, 9/30/17

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Did not punt .....	Miami, 11/26/96
Blocked a punt .....	Wake Forest blocked Nate Freese, 9/6/13
Blocked punt returned for a touchdown .....	D.J. Green (9) of NC State, 10/9/10
Blocked a field goal .....	Julius Jones (NC State) blocked Mike Knoll, 10/29/16
Blocked a PAT and scored .....	.....
.....	Marcus Whitfield (Maryland) blocked Nate Freese & Anthony Nixon scored, 11/23/13
Missed a PAT .....	North Carolina, 10/26/13

**OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL PLAYER****RUSHING**

Had a touchdown run of 80+ yards .....	Daniel Grochowski (80) of Army, 10/5/13
Had a touchdown run of 70+ yards .....	Kevin Mensah (70) of UConn, 11/18/17
Rushed for 200+ yards .....	Josh Adams (229) & Brandon Wimbush (207) of Notre Dame, 9/16/17

**PASSING**

Had a touchdown pass of 70+ yards .....	Bra'Lon Cherry from Ryan Finley (79) of NC State, 10/29/16
Passed for 300+ yards .....	Lamar Jackson (332) of Louisville, 10/14/17
Completed 30+ passes .....	Eric Dungey (32) of Syracuse 10/22/16
Threw three or more interceptions .....	David Pindell (3) of UConn, 11/18/17

**RECEIVING**

Caught 10+ passes .....	Stephen Ishmael (11) of Syracuse, 11/25/17
Had 100+ yards receiving .....	Stephen Ishmael (187) of Syracuse, 11/25/17
Caught two or more touchdown passes .....	James Quick (2) of Louisville, 11/5/16

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

Had 400+ yards of total offense .....	Lamar Jackson (513) of Louisville, 10/14/17
Scored three or more touchdowns .....	Lamar Jackson (3) of Louisville, 10/14/17

**DEFENSE**

Intercepted two or more passes .....	Gerod Holliman (3) of Louisville, 11/8/14
Recorded 15+ tackles .....	Matthew Thomas (15) of Florida State, 10/27/17

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Scored 10+ points kicking .....	Joey Slye (14) of Virginia Tech, 10/31/15
Made three or more field goals .....	Ross Martin (36, 38, 53) of Duke, 10/3/1
Missed three or more field goals .....	Joey Slye (34, 29, 26) of Virginia Tech, 10/7/17
Attempted five or more field goals .....	Jeff Budzien (5-for-5) of Northwestern, 9/15/12

# NEW ERA PINSTRIPE BOWL: BOSTON COLLEGE VS. IOWA

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
1	Elijah Robinson	Jr.	WR	6-2	200	Montclair, N.J. /Montclair
2	Zach Allen	Jr.	DE	6-5	285	New Canaan, Conn. / New Canaan
2	AJ Dillon	Fr.	RB	6-0	240	New London, Conn./Lawrence Academy
3	Michael Walker	Jr.	WR	6-0	195	Naples, Fla. /Naples
4	Hamp Cheevers	So.	DB	5-10	165	Trenton, Fla. / Trenton
4	Darius Wade	Gr.	QB	6-0	215	Middletown, Del. /Middletown
5	Kamrin Moore	Sr.	DB	5-11	200	District Heights, Md. /Bishop Denis J. O'Connell
6	Jeff Smith	Jr.	WR	6-1	190	St. Petersburg, Fla. /Clearwater Central Catholic
7	Tate Haynes	Fr.	QB/DB	6-1	180	San Diego, Calif./Cathedral Catholic
7	Harold Landry	Sr.	DE	6-3	250	Spring Lake, N.C. / Pine Forest
8	EJ Perry	Fr.	QB	6-2	200	Andover, Mass./Andover
8	Will Harris	Jr..	DB	6-2	210	Suwanee, Ga. / Choate Rosemary Hall
9	Kobay White	R-Fr.	WR	6-1	200	Harrisburg, Pa. / Bishop McDevitt
10	Matt McDonald	Fr.	QB	6-3	205	Newport Beach, Calif./Mission Viejo
10	Ty Schwab	Sr.	LB	6-0	230	Merritt Island, Fla. /Merritt Island
11	CJ Lewis	Fr.	WR	6-4	200	Hamden, Conn./Cheshire Academy
11	Wyatt Ray	Jr.	DE	6-3	250	Boca Raton, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas
13	Anthony Brown	R-Fr.	QB	6-1	210	Cliffwood, N.J. / St. John Vianney
13	Connor Strachan	Sr.	LB	6-0	230	Wellesley, Mass. / St. Sebastian's
14	John Fadule	Jr.	QB	6-0	215	Wellesley, Mass. / Choate Rosemary
14	Max Richardson	So.	LB	6-0	230	Duluth, Ga. / Woodward Academy
15	Troy Flutie	Jr.	WR	6-0	190	Natick, Mass. / Natick
16	Davon Jones	So.	LB	5-10	220	Worcester, Mass. / St. John's (Shrewsbury)
17	Aidan Hegarty	R-Fr.	WR	6-1	185	Bluffton, S.C./Hilton Head
17	Mike Palmer	R-Fr.	DB	6-1	190	Endwell, N.Y. / Maine Endwell
18	Thadd Smith	Sr.	WR	5-9	180	Yeadon, Pa. / Cardinal O'Hara
19	Ben Glines	So.	WR	6-2	210	Cincinnati, Ohio / St. Xavier
20	Dennis Grosel	Fr.	QB	6-1	210	Wiloughby, Ohio/St. Ignatius
20	Isaac Yiadom	Sr.	DB	6-1	190	Worcester, Mass. / Doherty Memorial
21	Lukas Denis	Jr.	DB	5-11	185	Everett, Mass. / Everett
24	Taj-Amir Torres	Jr.	DB	5-9	180	Amherst, Mass. / Amherst-Pelham
25	Mehdi El Attrach	So.	DB	6-0	200	Orlando, Fla. / Lake Nona
27	Christian McStravick	R-Fr.	WR	6-3	215	Katy, Texas / Strake Jesuit College Prep
28	John Lamot	R-Fr.	LB	6-0	235	Graham, N.C. / Eastern Alamance
29	Brandon Sebastian	Fr.	DB	6-1	185	West Haven, Conn./Cheshire Academy
30	Jahmin Muse	Fr.	DB	6-2	195	Elizabeth, N.J./Elizabeth
32	Jon Hilliman	Jr.	RB	6-0	220	Plainfield, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep
33	Adam Korutz	R-Fr.	DL	6-2	300	Johnson City, N.Y./Johnson City
34	Timi Tijani	Jr.	DB	6-1	190	Greencastle, Pa. / Mercersburg Academy
35	Travis Levy	Fr.	RB	5-11	195	Olney, Md./Sherwood
36	Paul Theobald Jr.	Fr.	LB	6-2	200	Caldwell, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
37	Gabriel McClary	Sr.	DB	6-3	210	Orlando, Fla. / Winter Park
38	Richard Wilson	Jr.	RB	5-10	225	Southfield, Mich. / Detroit Country Day
39	Jack Galvin	Sr.	DB	6-0	210	Lowell, Mass. / Bentley
39	Andrew Strader	So.	WR	5-7	165	Newport Beach, Calif. / Mater Dei
41	Thomas Hovsepian	Fr.	LB	5-10	180	Holliston, Mass./St. Sebastian's
41	Hunter Long	Fr.	TE	6-5	230	Exeter, N.H./Deerfield Academy
42	Drew McQuarrie	Fr.	TE	6-6	225	Weare, N.H./John Stark
43	Curt Bletzer	R-Fr.	LB	6-0	200	Medfield, Mass. / Catholic Memorial
44	Brandon Barlow	R-Fr.	DL	6-3	245	Cohoes, N.Y. / Shaker
45	Ben Stewart	Fr.	DB	5-11	205	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral
46	Jimmy Martin	So.	LB	5-11	220	Winter Park, Fla. / Orangewood Christian
47	Colton Cardinal	Jr.	FB	6-3	235	Franklin, Mass. / Franklin
48	Tanner Karafa	So.	DE	6-3	265	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge
49	Kevin Bletzer	Jr.	LB	6-2	220	Medfield, Mass. / Catholic Memorial
49	Joseph Vitiello	Jr.	TE	6-3	260	Bridgewater, N.J. / Immaculata
50	Doug Rodier	R-Fr.	LB	6-1	230	Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. / Lawrence Academy
51	Isaiah Miranda	R-Fr.	LB	6-0	235	Boston, Mass. / Boston College High School
55	Wyatt Knopfke	So.	OL	6-4	300	Bradenton, Fla. / St. Stephen's Episcopal
55	Isaiah McDuffie	Fr.	LB	6-2	200	Buffalo, N.Y./Bennett
56	Mark Zavrl	Jr.	LB	6-0	225	Andover, Mass. / Andover (Cornell University)
57	Eddy Fish	R-Fr.	OL	6-6	300	South Boston, Mass./Lawrence Academy (Illinois)

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# NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
57	Ryan Whittelsey	Fr.	LB	6-0	200	Cary, N.C./Cheshire Academy
58	Reggie Terry Jr.	Fr.	LB	6-2	205	Florence, Ariz./Florence (Bridgton Academy)
59	Shane Leonard	R-Fr.	OL	6-1	295	Marshfield, Mass. / Marshfield
64	Ben Petrula	Fr.	OL	6-5	300	Freehold, N.J./St. Peter's Prep
65	Ryan Conte	Jr.	OL	6-4	295	Somerville, Mass. / Phillips Exeter
66	Anthony Palazzolo	So.	OL	6-5	315	Fairfield, Conn. / Fairfield College Prep
67	Aaron Monteiro	Jr.	OL	6-7	315	Brockton, Mass. / Brockton
69	Austin Stevens	Jr.	OL	6-3	295	Montclair, N.J. / Montclair
70	John Phillips	So.	OL	6-6	310	Phoenix, N.Y. / Christian Brothers Academy
72	Alec Lindstrom	Fr.	OL	6-4	260	Dudley, Mass./Shepherd Hill
73	Sam Schmal	Jr.	OL	6-7	310	Atlanta, Ga. / Westminster School
74	Marcell Lazard	Gr.	OL	6-6	310	Bloomfield, N.J./Bloomfield (West Virginia)
75	Chris Lindstrom	Jr.	OL	6-4	305	Dudley, Mass. /Shepherd Hill
76	Elijah Johnson	So.	OL	6-5	300	Severn, Md. / DeMatha Catholic
77	Jon Baker	Sr.	OL	6-3	300	Millis, Mass. / Millis
79	Sean Ragan	R-Fr.	OL	6-4	295	Westborough, Mass. / St. John's Shrewsbury
80	Caleb Stoneburner	Fr.	WR	6-4	200	Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Coffman
81	Chris Garrison	So.	TE	6-3	240	Goffstown, N.H. / Lawrence Academy
82	Nolan Borgersen	So.	WR	6-2	205	Westwood, N.J. / Westwood Regional
83	Charlie Callinan	Gr.	WR	6-4	235	Westfield, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep
84	Jake Burt	R-So.	TE	6-3	250	Lynnfield, Mass. / St. John's Prep (Danvers)
85	Korab Idrizi	So.	TE	6-3	250	Fort Lee, N.J. / Bergen Catholic
86	Ray Marten	So	TE	6-3	260	Belle Harbor, N.Y. / Poly Prep
87	Noah Jordan-Williams	Fr.	WR	6-1	200	Cicero, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy
88	Patrick Brown	Fr.	TE	6-5	230	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./Cathedral Catholic
89	Tommy Sweeney	Jr.	TE	6-5	255	Ramsey, N.J. / Don Bosco Prep
90	Bryce Morais	R-Fr.	DL	6-4	275	Grayson, Ga./Grayson
91	Jaleel Berry	Fr.	DT	6-2	300	Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham
91	Max Schulze-Geisthovel	Sr.	K	6-2	190	Drensteinfurt, Germany/St. Leo's
92	Kevin Cohee	Jr.	DT	6-2	275	Chestnut Hill, Mass. / Roxbury Latin
93	Nate Emer	Fr.	DL	6-5	250	Marilla, N.Y./Iroquois
94	Noa Merritt	Sr.	DT	6-0	290	Sparta, N.J. / Pope John XXIII
95	Grant Carlson	R-Fr.	P	6-0	190	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point
95	Taylor Hill	R-Fr.	DL	6-0	250	Pickerington, Ohio / St. Charles Prep
96	Ray Smith	Jr.	DT	6-1	305	Carlsbad, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
97	James Levere	Jr.	K/P	6-1	220	West Hartford, Conn./Avon Old Farms
97	Marcus Valdez	Fr.	DE	6-1	245	Perth Amboy, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
98	Jack Kenny	Sr.	DT	6-3	275	Baltimore, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
98	Mike Knoll	Sr.	K/P	6-0	200	Copley, Ohio / Walsh Jesuit
99	Colton Lichtenberg	Jr.	K	5-10	190	Savannah, Ga. / Savannah Country Day
99	TJ Rayam	Fr.	DT	6-1	300	Alabaster, Ala./Thompson (Peggie School)

## COACHES

Steve Addazio	Head Coach
Frank Leonard	Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends
Scot Loeffler	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Jim Reid	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Ricky Brown	Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers
Justin Frye	Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line
Anthony Campanile	Defensive Backs
Rich Gunnell	Wide Receivers
Paul Pasqualoni	Defensive Line
Brian White	Running Backs
Alex Kurtz	Graduate Assistant, Offense
Julian Campenni	Graduate Assistant, Offense
Brendan McGovern	Graduate Assistant, Defense
Adam Mueller	Graduate Assistant, Defense
Frank Piraino	Head Strength & Conditioning Coach



# PLAYER NOTES (in numerical order by position group)

## QUARTERBACKS

### 4 Darius Wade

**(6-0, 215, Grad. student, Middletown, Del.)**

- Starter at quarterback after Anthony Brown was lost for the season with a knee injury against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Played in 24 career games with five career starts.
- Came in for an injured Anthony Brown at Louisville and led BC to four consecutive touchdown drives.
- Completed his first seven passes of the game at Louisville (10/14/17) and finished 7-of-10 passing for 91 yards.
- Started his first game of the year against UConn (11/18/17) at Fenway Park, throwing his first touchdown pass of the year to Chris Garrison.
- Played his best game as an Eagle in the regular-season finale at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- Career-high 248 yards and a touchdown as he completed 80% of his passes against the Orange (16-of-20).
- Starter for the first three games in 2015 before an injury in game three against Florida State ended his season.

### WADE'S CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 25 vs. Maine, 9/5/15

Completions: 16 at Syracuse, 11/25/17

Yards: 248 at Syracuse, 11/25/17

Long Pass: 46 at Syracuse, 11/25/17

TD Passes: 1 (4x), last at Syracuse, 11/25/17

Rushes: 11 vs. Maine, 9/5/15

Rush yards: 18 vs. Maine, 9/5/15

Long rush: 17 (2x) last vs. Howard, 9/12/15

### 8 EJ Perry

**(6-2, 195, Fr., Andover, Mass.)**

- True freshman who made his collegiate debut against UConn (11/18/17).
- Dual-threat quarterback who started all four years at Andover High School.
- Second all-time in Massachusetts history with 8,712 passing yards in his career.

### 13 Anthony Brown

**(6-1, 210, R-Fr., Cliffwood, N.J.)**

- Out for the remainder of the 2017 season due to a right knee injury.
- Second BC freshman quarterback to start a season opener in school history.
- 26-of-42 passing for 191 yards and two touchdowns in the NIU win (9/1/17).
- Both his attempts and completion totals are the most a BC quarterback has logged under head coach Steve Addazio.
- 215 yards passing with two touchdown passes against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- First two completions of 30 yards or more against No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17), including a then career-long completion of 37 yards to Tommy Sweeney.
- Missed two days of practice leading up to the Central Michigan game due to a shoulder injury, but made the start vs. the Chippewas (9/30/17).
- 14-of-21 passing for 85 yards and a score as BC rushed for a season-high 224 yards on the ground against CMU.

- 166 yards passing, career-high 51 yards rushing and caught a 25-yard touchdown against Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Reception was the first of his career against the Hokies.
- 42-yard touchdown pass to Thadd Smith at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Rushed for a career-high 52 yards in the win at Louisville, including a career-long scamper of 30 yards before leaving the game with a right shoulder injury.
- Breakout performance in the 41-10 victory at Virginia (10/21/17), finishing 19-of-24 passing for a career-high 275 yards and career-best three touchdowns.
- Career-long 76-yard touchdown pass to Kobay White as he led BC to 41 points and 512 yards of total offense in the UVA win.
- Named ACC Rookie of the Week for the first time in his career following the performance against UVA.
- Named one of eight quarterbacks nationally by The Manning Award as "Stars of the Week" on Oct. 23 after his 275-yard, three-TD game at Virginia.
- Two touchdowns (1 rushing, 1 passing) in BC's 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Suffered a right knee injury against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17) and will miss the rest of the season.
- Was among the top three freshman QBs nationally through 10 in games in passing yards and touchdowns prior to his injury.

### BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 42 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17

Completions: 26 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17

Yards: 275 at Virginia, 10/21/17

TD Passes: 3 at Virginia, 10/21/17

Long Pass: 76 at Virginia, 10/21/17

Interceptions: 3 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

Rushes: 7 (2x), last vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

Rush yards: 52 at Louisville, 10/14/17

Long rush: 30 at Louisville, 10/14/17

Receptions: 1 vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

TD receptions: 1 vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

Long reception: 25 vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

## RUNNING BACKS

### 2 AJ Dillon

**(6-0, 240, Fr., New London, Conn.)**

- ACC Rookie of the Year and ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year, the first BC player to win either award.
- 1,432 rushing yards this season, the second-highest total by any freshman in ACC history.
- Ranks second among all freshmen nationally this season in rushing and 15th among all players.
- Holds the Boston College freshman rushing record heading into the Eagles' bowl game and is tied for sixth on the school's single-season rushing chart.
- Currently second in ACC history for single-season rushing yards by a freshman (1,432).
- 1,099 rushing yards over the last six games, the most of any player in the country.
- Tied for the most All-ACC votes with reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson.
- Four games of 190+ yards of rushing in 2017.
- First career touchdown at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17) and led BC with 57 rushing yards against the Tigers.
- First BC true freshman running back since Jon Hilli-

man in 2014 (vs. Penn State) to rush for 100 yards in a game with his 120 yards against Central Michigan (9/30/17).

- Finished with 25 carries and scored his second career touchdown in the win against the Chippewas.
- Breakout performance in the win at Louisville (10/14/17) where he rushed for 272 yards and four touchdowns on 39 carries (all career-highs).
- Named the Walter Camp Football Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week for games on Oct. 14, becoming the fifth BC player since 2004 to earn the honor.
- Named ACC Rookie of the Week and Co-Offensive Back of the Week for his efforts in the win at Louisville.
- 272 yards rushing were the sixth-highest single-game total nationally in 2017 and the most by a true freshman.
- Set a BC freshman record with 272 yards and the third-highest single-game total in school history.
- In ACC history, the 11th-best rushing day and the second-most yards ever in a game by a freshman.
- Four rushing touchdowns tied for third in BC single-game history while the 39 carries are tied for the fifth-most in BC single-game history.
- Scored on a career-long 75-yard touchdown run (longest scoring play of the season for BC) in which he stiff armed a defender to go the distance.
- First career start at running back at Virginia (10/21/17), finishing with a team-best 89 yards on 24 carries.
- Third career 100-yard game with 149 rushing yards and a touchdown in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- 196 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown run, against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Became the first BC player to go over 1,000 yards rushing in a season since 2014 after his 196 yards against the Wolfpack.
- 200 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the win against UConn at Fenway Park (11/18/17).
- Three touchdowns and 193 yards rushing on 23 carries in the 42-14 win over Syracuse (11/25/17).

### DILLON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 39 at Louisville, 10/14/17

Rush yards: 272 at Louisville, 10/14/17

Long rush: 75 at Louisville, 10/14/17

Rushing TDs: 4 at Louisville, 10/14/17

### 32 Jon Hilliman

**(6-0, 220, Jr., Plainfield, N.J.)**

- Seventh in Boston College history with 26 career rushing touchdowns.
- Seven career 100-yard rushing games.
- First career receiving touchdown in the Wake Forest game (9/9/17).
- Season-highs in attempts (22), rushing yards (122) and long run (29) against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Key fourth-down reception for 11 yards on BC's touchdown drive at No. 2 Clemson in the third quarter to tie the game at seven (9/23/17).
- First three touchdown game of his career (two rushing, one receiving) in the win over Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- 107 yards and two touchdowns, including a 45-yard touchdown run, in the 39-16 win over UConn at Fenway

Park (11/18/17).

#### HILLIMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points scored: 18 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17
Touchdowns: 3 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17
Rush attempts: 29 vs. Maryland, 12/26/16
Rush yards: 148 vs. Penn State, 12/27/14
Rush TDs: 2 (8x) last vs. UConn, 11/18/17
Long rush: 73 vs. Georgia Tech, 9/3/16
Receptions: 3 (2x), last vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17
Receiving yards: 33 vs. Maine, 9/5/15
Receiving TDs: 1 (3x), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17
Long reception: 17 vs. Maine, 9/5/15
Total offense attempts: 29 vs. Maryland, 12/26/16
Total offense yards: 148 vs. Penn State, 12/27/14
All-purpose yards: 148 vs. Penn State, 12/27/14

#### 35 Travis Levy

**(5-11, 190, Fr., Olney, Md.)**

- First career game at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- First rushing attempts against Wake Forest (9/9/17), totaling three carries for 18 yards.
- Led BC with three receptions for 42 yards against Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- First career touchdown in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17) as he caught a 46-yard TD pass from Darius Wade.
- Maryland Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior at Sherwood High School in 2016.
- Led Sherwood to a 10-1 record after rushing for 1,809 yards and 29 touchdowns as a senior.

#### LEVY'S CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 3 (3x), last at Louisville, 10/14/17
Rush yards: 18 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17
Long rush: 19 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17
Receptions: 3 (2x), last at Virginia, 10/21/17
Receiving yards: 51 at Syracuse, 11/25/17
Long reception: 46 at Syracuse, 11/25/17
Receiving TDs: 1 at Syracuse, 11/25/17

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

##### 3 Michael Walker

**(6-0, 195, Jr., Naples, Fla.)**

- All-ACC third-team selection as a return specialist.
- Leads the nation in combined return yards (1,110).
- First in the ACC and fifth nationally averaging 13.7 yards per punt return.
- Second on the team with 106.5 all-purpose yards per game.
- Led BC in receptions (8) and targets (12) in the Northern Illinois win (9/1/17).
- 50 yards receiving and his fifth career TD vs. NIU.
- Season-long 55-yard kickoff return and 19-yard punt return against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Career-best 200 all-purpose yards against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Game-high 151 all-purpose yards at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17), including career-long punt return of 27 yards to set up a BC touchdown.
- Registered 128 punt return yards - including 124 in the first half - against Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- It was the fourth-best single-game total in BC history. It was the most punt return yards in a game since Ed Rideout finished with 131 punt return yards against Holy Cross in 1970. He finished the game with 135 all-purpose yards.
- Walker set up BC's first touchdown of the game with

a career-long 61-yard punt return. At No. 2 Clemson, Walker's previous career-long of 27 yards also set up a BC touchdown.

- Over two games at No. 2 Clemson and against Central Michigan, BC had four scoring drives ending in touchdowns came after Walker got things started with a punt return of 27 yards or longer.
- 127 combined kick return yards in the victory at Louisville (10/14/17), including a 32-yard punt return.
- 120 all-purpose yards, including 59 yards receiving at Virginia (10/21/17). Caught a season-long 46-yard pass on a flea-flicker in the UVA win.
- 109 all-purpose yards in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).

#### WALKER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 1 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Rush yards: 14 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Long rush: 14 vs. Howard, 9/12/15
Receptions: 7 at NC State, 10/29/16
Receiving yards: 78 at NC State, 10/29/16
Receiving TDs: 1 (5x) last at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17
Long reception: 49 vs. Maryland, 12/26/16
All-purpose yards: 200 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17
Kick returns: 5 vs. Virginia Tech, 10/31/15
Kick return yards: 152 vs. Virginia Tech, 10/31/15
Long kick return: 67 vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/15
Long punt return: 61 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17
Punt return yards: 128 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17

#### 6 Jeff Smith

**(6-1, 190, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla.)**

- Third on the team with 23 receptions for 278 yards.
- Multi-threat weapon in the offense who has rushed for a touchdown and thrown for two touchdowns this season.
- Three receptions for 18 yards (eight targets) in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Three rushing attempts for 26 yards (8.7 yards per carry) in the NIU victory.
- Led BC with five receptions for 56 yards against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Led BC with four receptions for 58 yards at No. 2 Clemson, including a 33-yard reception.
- 25-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Anthony Brown against Virginia Tech (10/7/17) on a trick play reverse pass.
- 34-yard touchdown pass on a reverse to Kobay White for BC's first touchdown in the 35-3 win over Florida State.
- Season-long 64-yard touchdown run on a jet sweep in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).

#### SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 (3x) last vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17
Receiving yards: 98 vs. Massachusetts, 9/10/16
Long reception: 58 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16
Points scored: 18 vs. Howard, 9/5/15
Touchdowns: 3 vs. Howard, 9/5/15
Rushes: 13 at Syracuse, 11/28/15
Rush yards: 117 at Syracuse, 11/28/15
Rush TDs: 3 vs. Howard, 9/5/15
Long rush: 80 vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/15
Attempts: 22 at Clemson, 10/17/15
All-purpose yards: 121 vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16
Completions: 7 at Clemson, 10/17/15
Pass TDs: 1 (5x) last vs. Florida State, 10/27/17

Long pass: 39 at Clemson, 10/17/15

Passing yards: 87 at Clemson, 10/17/15

#### 9 Kobay White

**(6-1, 200, R-Fr., Harrisburg, Pa.)**

- Burst onto the scene as a redshirt freshman in 2017 to lead BC in receptions (32) and receiving yards (396).
- Led BC with six receptions for 76 yards in the season-opening win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- First career start against Virginia Tech (10/7/17), including a career-long 32-yard reception.
- Career-long 76-yard screen pass for his first career touchdown in the win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Led BC with a career-high 85 yards receiving on three receptions in the UVA victory.
- 34-yard touchdown reception from WR Jeff Smith for BC's first touchdown of the game in the 35-3 victory against Florida State (10/27/17).

#### WHITE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17
Receiving yards: 85 at Virginia, 10/21/17
Long reception: 76 at Virginia, 10/21/17
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x), last vs. Florida State, 10/27/17

#### 18 Thadd Smith

**(5-9, 180, Sr., Yeadon, Pa.)**

- Senior wide receiver who is an excellent threat rushing the ball, as well.
- Among the team leaders in rushing yards (287) and leads BC with 8.2 yards per carry.
- 42-yard touchdown reception in the win at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Career-long 76-yard rushing touchdown in the Virginia victory (10/21/17).
- 12-yard rushing touchdown on a jet sweep against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).

#### SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4 at Louisville, 10/24/15
Receiving yards: 99 at Duke, 10/3/15
Long reception: 66 at Duke, 10/3/15
Receiving TDs: 1 (3x), last at Louisville, 10/14/17
Rush attempts: 6 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17
Rush yards: 55 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17
Long rush: 76 at Virginia, 10/21/17

#### 83 Charlie Callinan

**(6-4, 235, Grad. student., Westfield, N.J.)**

- Named a captain for the 2017 season.
- Set career-highs and led BC in receptions (7), receiving yards (82) and receiving touchdowns (2) against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Missed four games with a foot injury following the Notre Dame game, but returned to action at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Played in 13 games in 2016 with nine starts at wide receiver.
- Fourth among the receivers with 286 yards last season.

#### CALLINAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17
Receiving yards: 82 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17
Receiving TDs: 2 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17
Long reception: 35 vs. Clemson, 10/18/14
All-purpose yards: 82 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17

**TIGHT ENDS****81 Chris Garrison****[6-3, 240, So., Goffstown, N.H.]**

- Started all 12 games as one of BC's two starting tight ends in 2017.
- Sixth on the team with 15 receptions for 152 yards this season.
- Started in two tight end formation in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17), finishing with one reception for 17 yards to setup a BC touchdown.
- Tied career-high with two receptions against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Two receptions for 36 yards, including a 21-yard catch, in the victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Career high three receptions for 24 yards in the win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Sensational, sliding catch for his first career touchdown in the win against UConn at Fenway Park (11/18/17).

**GARRISON'S CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions: 3 at Virginia, 10/21/17

Receiving yards: 44 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

Long reception: 44 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

Receiving TDs: 1 vs. UConn, 11/18/17

**89 Tommy Sweeney****[6-5, 255, Jr., Ramsey, N.J.]**

- All-ACC third team selection at tight end for the first time in his career.
- First BC tight end since Ryan Purvis in 2008 to garner All-ACC accolades.
- Second on the team in receptions (29) and receiving yards (375) and leads BC with three touchdown receptions in 2017.
- Started all 12 games for Boston College this year.
- Tied for team lead with four receptions at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17), including a career-long catch of 37 yards.
- Tied for team lead with three catches against Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Led BC in receptions (four) and receiving yards (57) in the victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Led BC with four receptions for 55 yards receiving and a career-best two touchdown receptions in the 41-10 win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- 11-yard touchdown reception from Anthony Brown as he broke several tackles in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Led BC with four receptions for 55 yards against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Two receptions against UConn (11/18/17), including career-long 38-yard reception.

**SWEENEY'S CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions: 5 at NC State, 10/29/16

Receiving yards: 78 at NC State, 10/29/16

Long reception: 38 vs. UConn, 11/18/17

Receiving TDs: 2 at Virginia, 10/21/17

**OFFENSIVE LINE****64 Ben Petrucci****[6-5, 300, Fr., Freehold, N.J.]**

- True freshman who made an immediate impression with his play during preseason camp.
- Started 11 games at center.
- Made first career start and played in his first collegiate game against Wake Forest (9/9/17).

- It was his first game at any level playing center against Wake.
- Played the entire game at center against Wake (83 snaps).
- Started and played all 85 snaps at center against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Starter at center against Clemson (9/23/17) and played the entire game.
- Started at center vs. Central Michigan (9/30/17), playing all 77 snaps in the win.
- Helped pave the way for BC's rushing attack with 224 yards rushing vs. the Chips.
- Played all 87 snaps at center in the win at Louisville (10/14/17) as the offense registered season-highs in points (45), total offense (555) and rushing offense (364).
- Started at center in the UVA win (10/21/17) as the offense scored 40+ points in consecutive conference games for the first time in BC history.
- Started at center and played 81 snaps in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- 75 snaps as the starter at center against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- 63 snaps as the starter at center as the offense rushed for 330 yards in the win over UConn (11/18/17).
- 76 snaps at center as BC totaled 581 yards of total offense, including 333 yards rushing, in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).

**67 Aaron Monteiro****[6-7, 315, Jr., Brockton, Mass.]**

- Started all 12 games he played in at left tackle.
- Eighth consecutive start at left tackle in the season opening win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Played 91 snaps as the starter at left tackle against NIU (9/1/17) and all 83 snaps in the Wake Forest game (9/9/17).
- Starter at left tackle and played the entire game (85 snaps) against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Suffered an ankle injury in the second half at Clemson and did not return (9/23/17).
- Started at left tackle in the Central Michigan win (9/30/17) and played all 77 snaps.
- BC rushed for 224 yards in the win against the Chips.
- Played all 87 snaps at left tackle in the win at Louisville (10/14/17) as the offense registered season-highs in points (45), total offense (555) and rushing offense (364).
- Started at left tackle in the UVA win (10/21/17) as the offense scored 40+ points in consecutive conference games for the first time in BC history.
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**70 John Phillips****[6-6, 310, R-So., Phoenix, N.Y.]**

- Sophomore who can play at guard or tackle.
- Played in 11 games as a redshirt freshman in 2016.
- Started at left guard against Wake Forest and played 76 snaps.
- Earned the start at right guard in the Notre Dame game and played 75 snaps against the Fighting Irish.

- Starter at right guard at Clemson (9/23/17).
- Started at right guard against Central Michigan and played 72 snaps.
- Part of a starting offensive line against the Chips that rushed for 224 yards.
- Played all 87 snaps at right guard in the win at Louisville (10/14/17) as the offense registered season-highs in points (45), total offense (555) and rushing offense (364).
- Started at right guard in the UVA win (10/21/17) as the offense scored 40+ points in consecutive conference games for the first time in BC history.
- Starter at right guard and played 81 snaps in the win over Florida State (10/27/17) as the Eagles rushed for 241 yards.
- 75 snaps as the starter at right guard against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- 63 snaps as the starter at right guard as the offense rushed for 330 yards in the win over UConn (11/18/17).
- 76 snaps at right guard as BC totaled 581 yards of total offense, including 333 yards rushing, in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).

**73 Sam Schmal****[6-7, 300, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.]**

- All-ACC honorable mention selection at offensive guard.
- Played in his 18th career game and second career start at left guard in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Logged 88 snaps at left guard in the NIU win.
- Came off the bench to play 49 snaps against Wake Forest at guard.
- Starter at left guard and played 67 snaps in the Notre Dame game (9/16/17).
- Starter at left guard against Central Michigan and played 68 snaps as BC rushed for 224 yards on the ground.
- Played all 87 snaps at left guard in the win at Louisville (10/14/17) as the offense registered season-highs in points (45), total offense (555) and rushing offense (364).
- Started at left guard in the UVA win (10/21/17) as the offense scored 40+ points in consecutive conference games for the first time in BC history.
- Started at left guard against Florida State (10/27/17) and played 81 snaps in the 35-3 win over the Seminoles.
- 75 snaps as the starter at left guard against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- 63 snaps as the starter at left guard as the offense rushed for 330 yards in the win over UConn (11/18/17).
- 76 snaps at left guard as BC totaled 581 yards of total offense, including 333 yards rushing, in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).

**74 Marcell Lazard****[6-6, 310, Grad. Student, Bloomfield, N.J.]**

- Played in his 27th career game (first at Boston College) in the season opener at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- 13th career start against NIU overall at right tackle.
- Played 38 snaps in the NIU victory.
- Starter at right tackle against Wake Forest and played 46 snaps.



**75 Chris Lindstrom****[6-4, 355, Jr., Dudley, Mass.]**

- All-ACC second-team honoree at tackle for the first time in his career.
- Leads the team in career starts (35) and career games played (37).
- BC's highest-graded offensive linemen the entire season and led a productive unit that ranked second in the ACC - and tied for 12th nationally - with just 13 sacks allowed.
- Key cog in a rushing offense that is 25th nationally, averaging 224.2 yards per game.
- Started at right guard in the season opener and also played at right tackle at NIU (9/1/17).
- Played all 94 snaps against NIU and graded out as the team's top lineman (80%) against the Huskies (9/1/17).
- Played 77 snaps in the Wake Forest game (9/9/17).
- Starter and played 84 snaps against Notre Dame (9/16/17) at right guard.
- Graded out at 85 percent as the team's best lineman in the win against Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Played all 87 snaps at right tackle in the win at Louisville (10/14/17) as the offense registered season-highs in points (45), total offense (555) and rushing offense (364).
- Named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week for the first time in his career following the Louisville victory.
- Started at right tackle in the UVA win (10/21/17) as the offense scored 40+ points in consecutive conference games for the first time in BC history.
- Graded out over 90% as BC's best lineman and played 81 snaps at right tackle in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- 75 snaps as the starter at right tackle against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- 63 snaps as the starter at right tackle as the offense rushed for 330 yards in the win over UConn (11/18/17).
- 76 snaps at right tackle as BC totaled 581 yards of total offense, including 333 yards rushing, in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).

**77 Jon Baker****[6-3, 300, Sr., Millis, Mass.]**

- Voted by his teammates as a captain in 2017.
- Will miss the rest of the 2017 season with a knee injury.
- Played all but one snap in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17) in his 26th consecutive start at center.
- Named to the Rimington Trophy Watch List.
- Started all 13 games at center in 2016 and had started 26 straight games at center.
- Had played in 36 consecutive games before injury.
- Two-time All-ACC Academic Team member and three-time Athletic Director's Award for Academic Achievement at BC.

**DEFENSIVE LINE****2 Zach Allen****[6-5, 285, Jr., New Canaan, Conn.]**

- All-ACC honorable mention selection.
- Second among all defensive linemen nationally with 93 tackles.
- Named ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week for the first time in his career after career-best 14 tackles and three tackles for loss against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Started season opener at Northern Illinois (9/1/17) and totaled nine tackles.

- Eight tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Equaled career high with nine tackles, including one sack against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Productive game at No. 2 Clemson with eight tackles (9/23/17).
- Seven tackles, first career interception, two tackles for loss and a sack in the win against Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- One of the best performances by a defensive lineman in school history against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17), finishing with a career-high 14 tackles.
- Totaled three TFLs, one sack and one QB hurry as well against the Hokies.
- Six tackles, including 0.5 TFLs in the 41-10 win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Led BC with nine tackles, two pass breakups and a quarterback hurry against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Team-high 11 tackles and 1.5 TFLs in the 39-16 victory over UConn at Fenway Park (11/18/17).
- Four tackles, including three behind the line of scrimmage, in the 42-14 victory at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- Set career-high with two sacks in the Quick Lane Bowl victory over Maryland (12/26/16).

**ALLEN'S CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles: 14 vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

Tackles for loss: 3.0 (2x), last at Syracuse, 11/25/17

Sacks: 2.0 vs. Maryland, 12/26/16

Fumbles Recovered: 1 (2x) last at NC State, 10/29/16

Interceptions: 1 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17

**7 Harold Landry****[6-3, 250, Sr., Spring Lake, N.C.]**

- All-ACC third-team selection.
- Tied for the team lead with five sacks in 2017.
- Missed the last four games with an ankle injury.
- Led the nation in sacks (16.5) and forced fumbles (7) in 2016.
- Second-Team All-American as a junior (Associated Press, Walter Camp Football Foundation).
- Finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award as a junior.
- 2017 Preseason All-America selection.
- Set BC single-season record with 16.5 sacks in 2016.
- Five tackles, two TFLs, one sack and one pass breakup against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Season-high eight tackles and one TFL at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- Five tackles, two TFLs and a sack in the Central Michigan victory (9/30/17).
- Tied a career-high with three sacks against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Missed the first game of his career against Florida State (10/27/17) due to an ankle injury. Has not played since the Virginia game.
- Just the third player in college football since 2014 to have three, three sack games (Myles Garrett, Texas A&M; Derek Barnett, Tennessee).
- Moved into sole possession of second place in BC career history in sacks and TFLs after the Virginia Tech game.

**LANDRY'S CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles: 11 vs. Florida State, 9/18/15

Tackles for loss: 5 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16

Sacks: 3 (3x) last vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

Forced Fumbles: 2 vs. Maine, 9/5/15

Fumbles Recovered: 1 at Louisville, 10/24/15

Interceptions: 1 vs. Maryland, 12/26/16

Long INT Return: 20 yards vs. Maryland, 12/26/16

**11 Wyatt Ray****[6-3, 250, Jr., Boca Raton, Fla.]**

- Has played in every game over the last three seasons (29).
- Career-high six tackles against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Two tackles, half a sack in the Central Michigan victory (9/30/17).
- First career interception which led to a BC touchdown and the Eagles first lead of the game, in a comeback victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Equaled a career-high with 1.5 sacks in the win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- First career start at defensive end and finished with five tackles in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Three tackles and half a sack against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Blocked a field goal, five tackles and one TFL in the UConn win (11/18/17).
- Five tackles in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- 27 tackles, 7.0 tackles-for-loss and 4.5 sacks in 2016.
- Tallied a sack in the Quick Lane Bowl as the BC defensive line earned bowl game MVP honors.

**RAY'S CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles: 6 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

Sacks: 1.5 (2x), last at Virginia, 10/21/17

Tackles for loss: 1.5 at Massachusetts, 9/10/16

Pass breakups: 1 at Clemson, 10/17/15

Interceptions: 1 at Louisville, 10/14/17

**94 Noa Merritt****[6-0, 290, Sr., Sparta, N.J.]**

- Started all 12 games at defensive tackle this season.
- Five tackles against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Career-high seven stops against Notre Dame (9/16/17), including one TFL.
- Five tackles and a TFL against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Sensational performance in the UConn win (11/18/17), including the first two sacks of his career.
- Appeared in 31 career games at Boston College, including a forced fumble in the end zone recovered for a touchdown in the Quick Lane Bowl victory against Maryland in 2016.

**MERRITT'S CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles: 7 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17

Tackles for loss: 2.0 (2x), last vs. UConn, 11/18/17

Sacks: 2.0 vs. UConn, 11/18/17

**96 Ray Smith****[6-1, 305, Jr., Carlsbad, Calif.]**

- Started all 12 games at nose tackle in 2017.
- Three tackles in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Career-high nine tackles and half a sack against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Six tackles at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- Seven tackles and a pass deflection in the Central Michigan victory (9/30/17).
- Five tackles and a QB hurry in the win at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Three tackles and a pass breakup in the UVA win as BC held the Cavaliers to 247 yards of total offense (10/21/17).
- Six tackles in the 35-3 win over Florida State

(10/27/17).

- Five tackles and a TFL against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Played in 10 games with nine starts at nose tackle in 2016.
- Strong run-stopper who is the anchor of the BC interior defensive line.
- 24 tackles, 3.0 TFLs and one sack in 2016.

#### SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

Sacks: 1.0 vs. Maryland, 12/26/16

#### LINEBACKERS

##### 10 Ty Schwab

**[6-0, 240. Sr., Merritt Island, Fla.]**

- All-ACC third-team honoree at linebacker.
- Leads Boston College with a career-high 101 tackles this season.
- Starter in all 12 games at weakside linebacker.
- Six tackles in his 14th consecutive start at weakside linebacker in the victory at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Eight tackles against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Tied a then-career high with 10 tackles against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Established a new career best with 11 tackles and 1.5 sacks at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- Five tackles including half a sack in the Central Michigan victory (9/30/17).
- Eight tackles and a sack against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Led BC with 11 tackles (tied career high) in the victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Six tackles, including one for loss, in the 41-10 win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- ACC Linebacker of the Week for the first time in his career after his career-best 12 tackles in the Florida State win (10/27/17).
- 2.5 TFLs, one sack and one interception in the 35-3 victory over the Seminoles.
- Four tackles, one interception, one TFL and half a sack against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Nine tackles and one TFL in the UConn victory (11/18/17).
- Team-high 11 tackles in the 42-14 rout at Syracuse (11/25/17). Also forced one fumble against the Orange.

#### SCHWAB'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Florida State, 10/27/17

Tackles for a loss: 2.5 vs. Florida State, 10/27/17

Interceptions: 1 (3x), last vs. No. 23 NC State, 11/11/17

Sacks: 1.5 at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

##### 13 Connor Strachan

**[6-0, 230. Sr., Wellesley, Mass.]**

- Out for the season with a knee injury.
- Moved from middle linebacker to strongside linebacker in 2017.
- Season-high seven tackles, including one for loss in the Wake Forest game (9/9/17).
- All-ACC honorable mention in 2016.
- Played in 12 games with 11 starts at middle linebacker as a junior.
- Tied for second in the nation and first in the ACC with four recovered fumbles in 2016.
- Led BC with 80 tackles as a junior.
- Third on the team with 11 TFLs and added 3.5 sacks in 2016.

#### STRACHAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Clemson, 10/17/15

Sacks: 2.5 at Massachusetts, 9/10/16

Tackles for loss: 4 vs. Georgia Tech, 9/3/16

Interceptions: 1 (2x) last vs. Wake Forest, 10/10/15

Long interception return: 16 vs. Howard, 9/12/15

Fumbles forced: 1 at Massachusetts, 9/10/16

Fumbles recovered: 1 (5x) last vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

Pass breakups: 1 (3x) last at Clemson, 10/17/15

##### 14 Max Richardson

**[6-0, 230. So., Duluth, Ga.]**

- First-year starter at middle linebacker who is out for the year with a knee injury.
- Seven tackles, including his first-career half sack and a pass breakup against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Equaled career-high with seven stops against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Seven stops against No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17) before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

#### RICHARDSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 (3x) last at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Tackles for a loss: 0.5 (2x) last vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

Sacks: 0.5 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

Fumbles forced: 1 at Florida State, 11/11/16

Pass breakups: 1 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

##### 16 Davon Jones

**[5-10, 220. So., Worcester, Mass.]**

- Made the transition from running back to linebacker midseason due to injuries at linebacker for the Eagles.
- Three carries for 21 yards against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Moved to linebacker prior to the Clemson game to help with depth at the position.
- First career appearance at linebacker in the Central Michigan victory (9/30/17).
- Forced first career fumble on kickoff coverage against UConn (11/18/17).
- First career start at linebacker in the 42-14 win at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- Career-high eight tackles and one TFL against the Orange.

#### JONES' CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 12 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16

Rush yards: 90 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16

Long rush: 26 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16

Receptions: 2 vs. Clemson, 10/7/16

Long reception: 38 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

All-purpose yards: 91 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

Tackles: 8 at Syracuse, 11/25/17

Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. UConn, 11/18/17

Tackles for a loss: 1 at Syracuse, 11/25/17

##### 28 John Lamot

**[6-0, 235. R-Fr., Graham, N.C.]**

- Redshirt freshman who replaced Max Richardson as the starting middle linebacker following the Clemson game.
- Tremendous athlete who has played well since moving to a starting role.
- Seven tackles in one half at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- Career-high 10 tackles in first career start at home against Central Michigan (9/30/17).

- Nine tackles and one TFL against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Six tackles, one TFL, and ran down Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson on the sideline on a key 3rd-and-2 stop.
- Four tackles and his first-career interception - a pick-six - as he returned the INT 40 yards for a touchdown in the 41-10 win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Tied a career-high with 10 tackles in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- New career best with 2.0 TFLs and a sack against the Seminoles.
- Seven tackles, including 1.5 behind the line of scrimmage, against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Second career sack, as well, against the Wolfpack.
- Tied a career high with 10 tackles in the 39-16 victory over UConn at Fenway Park (11/18/17).
- Missed the Syracuse game (11/25/17) due to a knee injury.

#### LAMOT'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 (3x), last vs. UConn, 11/18/17

Tackles for loss: 2.0 vs. Florida State, 10/27/17

Sacks: 1 (2x), last vs. No. 23 NC State, 11/11/17

Interceptions: 1 at Virginia, 10/21/17

Long interception return: 40 at Virginia, 10/21/17 (TD)

##### 49 Kevin Bletzer

**[6-2, 220. Jr., Medfield, Mass.]**

- Junior who has played special teams his first two seasons before replacing Connor Strachan in the starting lineup against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Four tackles and recovered his first career fumble against Notre Dame.
- Six tackles and forced his first career fumble at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- Two pass breakups and a half sack against the Tigers, as well.
- Career-high seven tackles and career-best two tackles for loss in the win over Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Equaled his career-high with seven tackles along with one TFL and a pass breakup against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Key fumble recovery which setup a touchdown against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Has played in 35 career games.

#### BLETZER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 (2x), last vs. No. 16 Virginia Tech, 10/7/17

Fumble Recoveries: 1 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17

Forced Fumbles: 1 at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Pass Breakups: 2 at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Sacks: 0.5 (2x), last at Virginia, 10/21/17

Tackles for loss: 2 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

##### 5 Kamrin Moore

**[5-11, 200. Sr., District Heights, Md.]**

- Out for the season with a shoulder injury suffered in the NC State game (11/11/17).
- Voted by his teammates as a captain in 2017.
- 14th consecutive start at cornerback in the victory at Northern Illinois (9/1/17), staying on the field for all 78 plays.
- Five tackles, one pass breakup and one tackle for a loss against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Six tackles and two pass breakups vs. Notre Dame

(9/16/17).

- Four tackles and locked up his receivers all day at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- All over the field in the win over Central Michigan (9/30/17) with six tackles, one TFL and a pass breakup.
- Key pass breakup on the two-point conversion for Central Michigan in the first half.
- Eight tackles and a pass breakup against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Four tackles and recovered a fumble with less than two minutes remaining at Louisville (10/14/17) to set up the game-winning field goal.
- Five tackles and a pass breakup in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Left the game against No. 23 NC State in the second quarter due to a shoulder injury (11/11/17).

#### MOORE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 vs. No. 3 Clemson, 10/17/15

Tackles for loss: 1.0 (3x) last vs. C. Michigan, 9/30/17

Pass breakups: 2 vs. Notre Dame, 9/16/17

Fumble recovery: 1 (2x), last at Louisville, 10/14/17

Interceptions: 1 (2x) last vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16

#### 8 Will Harris

**(6-2, 210, Jr., Suwanee, Ga.)**

- Career-high 10 tackles in his 17th consecutive start at strong safety in the victory at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Led BC with nine tackles and two TFLs against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Eight tackles and a QB hurry against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Six tackles at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17).
- Tied his career-high and led BC with 10 tackles in the win over Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Seven tackles against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Six tackles, one sack, one pass breakup and his first interception of the season in BC's 41-10 win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Forced two fumbles and had a pass breakup in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- ACC Co-Defensive Back of the Week after totaling seven tackles and recovering two fumbles at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- Recovered a lateral 30 yards for his first career touchdown in the win over the Orange.

#### HARRIS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 (2x), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17

Tackles for a loss: 2.0 vs. Wake Forest, 9/9/17

Interceptions: 1 (4x), last at Virginia, 10/21/17

Forced Fumbles: 2 vs. Florida State, 10/27/17

Fumble Recoveries: 2

Sacks: 1 at Virginia, 10/21/17

#### 20 Isaac Yadom

**(6-1, 190, Sr., Worcester, Mass.)**

- Presented with the Jay McGillis Memorial Scholarship Award at the conclusion of 2017 spring practice.
- 16th career start at cornerback in the victory at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Tied a career-high with six tackles at NIU.
- Four tackles and saved two long touchdown runs against Notre Dame (9/16/17) by running down the ND running backs.
- Big-time performance at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17), finishing with a career-high eight tackles and his second career interception.

- Two pass breakups and one TFL against Clemson.
- Five tackles and a pass breakup in the win over Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Third career interception to go along with five tackles and a pass breakup against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Five tackles against No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Recovered a fumble by Kamrin Moore (on a turnover Moore recovered) to help setup BC's game-winning field goal at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Two pass breakups and three tackles in the Virginia win (10/21/17).
- Four tackles in the 42-14 victory at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- Played in all 13 games with eight starts at left corner in 2016.
- Led BC with 10 pass breakups as a junior and ended the season with 26 tackles.

#### YIADOM'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Tackles for a loss: 1 (2x), last at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Pass breakups: 3 vs. Buffalo, 10/1/16

Interceptions: 1 (3x), last vs. No. 16 Va. Tech, 10/7/17

Fumbles forced: 1 at Massachusetts, 9/10/16

#### 21 Lukas Denis

**(5-11, 185, Jr., Everett, Mass.)**

- All-ACC second team honoree at safety.
- Tied for the national lead with seven interceptions.
- Made the move from cornerback to free safety after the 2016 season.
- First career start in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17), finishing with four tackles and second career interception.
- Six tackles and a forced fumble against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Totaled a then-career-high seven tackles and an interception against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Best performance of his career at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17), totaling a career-high 13 tackles (also a game-high) along with his third interception of the season and a forced fumble.
- Career-high two interceptions in the victory over Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Also contributed six tackles and a pass breakup in the win over the Chips.
- 10-tackle performance against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Six tackles and two pass breakups in BC's 45-42 victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Led BC with seven tackles and one pass breakup in the 41-10 win at Virginia (10/21/17).
- Seven tackles in BC's 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Five tackles vs. No. 23 NC State (11/11/17).
- Sixth interception of the season and two pass breakups in the win over UConn (11/18/17).
- Seventh interception of the year and six tackles in the 42-14 victory at Syracuse (11/25/17).
- Recorded first career interception at Wake Forest (11/26/16) to seal the victory and help BC become bowl-eligible.

#### DENIS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13 at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Forced fumbles: 1 (2x), last at No. 2 Clemson, 9/23/17

Pass breakups: 2 (2x) last at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17

Interceptions: 2 vs. Central Michigan, 9/30/17

#### SPECIALISTS

##### 91 Max Schulze-Geisthovel

**(6-2, 210, Sr., Drensteinfurt, Germany)**

- First year on the football team after playing soccer at Boston College.
- Three touchbacks in his college football debut at Northern Illinois (9/1/17).
- Two touchbacks on three kickoffs against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Five touchbacks on all five kickoffs against Notre Dame (9/16/17).
- Three touchbacks on six kickoffs in the victory over Central Michigan (9/30/17).
- Three touchbacks on all three kickoffs against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Four touchbacks in the victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Career-high seven touchbacks in the Virginia win (10/21/17).
- Four touchbacks in the 35-3 win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Scored seven goals last season on the pitch for BC men's soccer.

##### 98 Mike Knoll

**(6-0, 200, Sr., Copley, Ohio)**

- ESPN.com midseason All-America selection at punter.
- Handled both the place-kicking and punting duties in 2016.
- Starter at punter in 2017 and finished with four punts inside the 20 in the Northern Illinois win (9/1/17).
- Averaged 43.1 yards per punt (seven punts), including a season-long of 53 yards against Wake Forest (9/9/17).
- Seven of his eight punts against Notre Dame (9/16/17) were pinned inside the Irish 20-yard line.
- One of the best games a punter can have at No. 2 Clemson (9/23/17) as he pinned six punts inside Clemson's 10-yard line.
- Three of the six punts were inside the six-yard line and Knoll averaged 42.3 yards per punt on nine punts.
- He also had a long punt of 53 yards against the Tiggers.
- Averaged 42.2 yards per punt against Central Michigan, including a long of 52 yards (9/30/17).
- 56-yard punt and pinned one punt inside the 20 against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17).
- Another three punts pinned inside the 20 in the victory at Louisville (10/14/17).
- Long punt of 52 yards and three punts downed inside the 20-yard line in the win over Florida State (10/27/17).
- Tied a career-long with a 63-yard punt and pinned three punts inside the 20 against UConn (11/18/17).

#### KNOLL'S CAREER HIGHS

Punt attempts: 13 at Virginia Tech, 9/17/16

Punt yards: 537 at Virginia Tech, 9/17/16

Longest punt: 63 (2x), last vs. UConn, 11/18/17

Points scored: 12 vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16

PATs: 6 vs. Wagner, 9/24/16

Field goals made: 3 vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16

Field goal attempts: 3 vs. Connecticut, 11/19/16

Longest FG: 40 (2x) last at Massachusetts, 9/10/16



**99 Colten Lichtenberg****(5-10, 190, Jr., Savannah, Ga.)**

- Career-best performance in the win at Northern Illinois (9/1/17), finishing a perfect 3-for-3 on field goals including the game-winner from 37 yards out with 2:13 remaining in the fourth quarter.

- ACC Specialist of the Week for his efforts in the NIU win.

- Named one of three stars of the week nationally by the Lou Groza Award following the NIU game.

- Career-high three field goals and 11 points in the NIU victory.

- Drilled a 42-yard field goal against the Huskies, the second-longest field goal of his career.

- 1-for-1 with a 30-yard field goal against Wake Forest (9/9/17).

- 2-for-2 on field goals of 38 and 41 yards against Notre Dame (9/16/17).

- 1-for-2 on field goal attempts against No. 16 Virginia Tech (10/7/17), connecting from 32 yards.

- Second game-winning field goal on the road this season as he connected on a 27-yard FG with no time remaining in the 45-42 victory at Louisville (10/14/17).

- Perfect 2-for-2 on field goals and made all five PATs in the 41-10 victory at Virginia (10/21/17).

**LICHTENBERG'S CAREER HIGHS**Points scored: 11 (2x), last at Virginia, 10/21/17Kick PATs: 6 at Louisville, 10/14/17Field goals made: 3 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17Field goal attempts: 3 at Northern Illinois, 9/1/17Longest field goal: 43 (2x) last at Syracuse, 11/28/15

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Sep 01, 2017	at Northern Illinois	W	23-20	1-0	0-0	3:28	16421
* Sep 09, 2017	WAKE FOREST	L	10-34	1-1	0-1	3:14	38082
Sep 16, 2017	NOTRE DAME	L	20-49	1-2	0-1	3:26	44500
* Sep 23, 2017	at #2 Clemson	L	7-34	1-3	0-2	3:08	80525
Sep 30, 2017	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	28-8	2-3	0-2	3:07	27036
* Oct 07, 2017	#16 VIRGINIA TECH	L	10-23	2-4	0-3	3:17	32057
* Oct 14, 2017	at Louisville	W	45-42	3-4	1-3	3:25	44679
* Oct 21, 2017	at Virginia	W	41-10	4-4	2-3	3:02	39216
* Oct 27, 2017	FLORIDA STATE	W	35-3	5-4	3-3	3:16	40629
* Nov 11, 2017	#23 NC STATE	L	14-17	5-5	3-4	3:22	33242
Nov 18, 2017	at UConn	W	39-16	6-5	3-4	3:25	20133
* Nov 25, 2017	at Syracuse	W	42-14	7-5	4-4	2:51	30202

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**Boston College Overall Team Statistics (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
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<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>OPP</b>
SCORING	314	270
Points Per Game	26.2	22.5
Points Off Turnovers	60	52
FIRST DOWNS	230	222
Rushing	127	105
Passing	89	110
Penalty	14	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	2690	2381
Yards gained rushing	2954	2624
Yards lost rushing	264	243
Rushing Attempts	575	477
Average Per Rush	4.7	5.0
Average Per Game	224.2	198.4
TDs Rushing	23	24
PASSING YARDAGE	1954	2396
Comp-Att-Int	182-340-10	203-395-18
Average Per Pass	5.7	6.1
Average Per Catch	10.7	11.8
Average Per Game	162.8	199.7
TDs Passing	15	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	4644	4777
Total Plays	915	872
Average Per Play	5.1	5.5
Average Per Game	387.0	398.1
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	38-851	26-519
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	26-356	27-134
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	18-388	10-67
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.4	20.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	13.7	5.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	21.6	6.7
FUMBLES-LOST	17-7	14-7
PENALTIES-Yards	41-331	58-471
Average Per Game	27.6	39.2
PUNTS-Yards	75-2971	83-3624
Average Per Punt	39.6	43.7
Net punt average	36.8	37.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	63-3992	57-3445
Average Per Kick	63.4	60.4
Net kick average	41.2	38.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:15	29:45
3RD-DOWN Conversions	77/204	75/197
3rd-Down Pct	38%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	11/28	7/17
4th-Down Pct	39%	41%
SACKS BY-Yards	23-148	13-77
MISC YARDS	0	20
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	41	34
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-17	11-18
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(34-41) 83%	(29-37) 78%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(25-41) 61%	(20-37) 54%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(38-41) 93%	(31-32) 97%
ATTENDANCE	215546	231176
Games/Avg Per Game	6/35924	6/38529
Neutral Site Games		0/0

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boston College	68	94	98	54	0	314
Opponents	50	85	34	101	0	270



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
AJ Dillon	12	268	1463	31	1432	5.3	13	75	119.3	12	268	1463	31	1432	5.3	13	75	119.3
Jon Hilliman	12	163	670	48	622	3.8	5	45	51.8	41	608	2397	175	2222	3.7	26	73	54.2
Thadd Smith	12	35	298	11	287	8.2	2	76	23.9	46	46	358	11	347	7.5	2	76	7.5
Anthony Brown	10	42	258	48	210	5.0	1	30	21.0	10	42	258	48	210	5.0	1	30	21.0
Jeff Smith	12	9	120	14	106	11.8	1	64	8.8	34	115	884	129	755	6.6	8	80	22.2
Travis Levy	12	21	66	12	54	2.6	0	19	4.5	12	21	66	12	54	2.6	0	19	4.5
Davon Jones	11	4	25	0	25	6.2	0	20	2.3	24	95	396	10	386	4.1	2	28	16.1
Ben Glines	12	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	5	0.7	25	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	5	0.3
Richard Wilson	2	3	5	0	5	1.7	0	3	2.5	21	68	224	10	214	3.1	3	19	10.2
Mike Knoll	12	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3	34	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.1
Darius Wade	9	20	37	47	-10	-0.5	1	8	-1.1	24	51	177	96	81	1.6	1	17	3.4
Team	7	7	0	53	-53	-7.6	0	0	-7.6									
Total	12	575	2954	264	2690	4.7	23	76	224.2									
Opponents	12	477	2624	243	2381	5.0	24	70	198.4									

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Anthony Brown	10	103.54	134-258-9	51.9	1367	11	76	136.7	10	103.54	134-258-9	51.9	1367	11	76	136.7
Darius Wade	9	126.60	46-75-1	61.3	528	2	46	58.7	24	111.37	79-144-3	54.9	883	4	46	36.8
Jeff Smith	12	338.90	2-4-0	50.0	59	2	34	4.9	34	79.33	31-88-3	35.2	337	5	39	9.9
Jon Hilliman	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	41	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0								
Travis Levy	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	110.48	182-340-10	53.5	1954	15	76	162.8								
Opponents	12	100.75	203-395-18	51.4	2396	9	53	199.7								

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kobay White	12	32	396	12.4	2	76	33.0	12	32	396	12.4	2	76	33.0
Tom Sweeney	12	29	375	12.9	3	38	31.2	37	60	796	13.3	6	38	21.5
Jeff Smith	12	23	278	12.1	0	33	23.2	34	50	673	13.5	3	58	19.8
Jon Hilliman	12	23	150	6.5	2	29	12.5	41	28	190	6.8	2	29	4.6
Michael Walker	12	19	168	8.8	1	46	14.0	37	54	629	11.6	5	49	17.0
Chris Garrison	12	15	152	10.1	1	21	12.7	17	20	242	12.1	1	44	14.2
Travis Levy	12	14	152	10.9	1	46	12.7	12	14	152	10.9	1	46	12.7
Charlie Callinan	8	11	114	10.4	2	22	14.2	46	62	741	12.0	6	35	16.1
Ray Marten	12	5	42	8.4	1	22	3.5	20	5	42	8.4	1	22	2.1
Korab Idrizi	8	4	32	8.0	0	17	4.0	14	6	57	9.5	0	17	4.1
Ben Glines	12	2	14	7.0	0	10	1.2	25	4	17	4.2	0	10	0.7
Davon Jones	11	2	9	4.5	0	5	0.8	24	12	108	9.0	0	38	4.5
Thadd Smith	12	1	42	42.0	1	42	3.5	46	22	299	13.6	3	66	6.5
Anthony Brown	10	1	25	25.0	1	25	2.5	10	1	25	25.0	1	25	2.5
Jake Burt	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7	15	2	12	6.0	0	7	0.8
Total	12	182	1954	10.7	15	76	162.8							
Opponents	12	203	2396	11.8	9	53	199.7							

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Anthony Brown	10	300	210	1367	1577	157.7	10	300	210	1367	1577	157.7
AJ Dillon	12	268	1432	0	1432	119.3	12	268	1432	0	1432	119.3
Jon Hilliman	12	164	622	0	622	51.8	41	609	2222	0	2222	54.2
Darius Wade	9	95	-10	528	518	57.6	24	195	81	883	964	40.2
Thadd Smith	12	35	287	0	287	23.9	46	46	347	0	347	7.5
Jeff Smith	12	13	106	59	165	13.8	34	203	755	337	1092	32.1
Travis Levy	12	22	54	0	54	4.5	12	22	54	0	54	4.5
Davon Jones	11	4	25	0	25	2.3	24	97	386	14	400	16.7
Ben Glines	12	2	8	0	8	0.7	25	2	8	0	8	0.3
Richard Wilson	2	3	5	0	5	2.5	21	68	214	0	214	10.2
Mike Knoll	12	1	4	0	4	0.3	34	1	4	0	4	0.1
Team	7	8	-53	0	-53	-7.6						
Total	12	915	2690	1954	4644	387.0						
Opponents	12	872	2381	2396	4777	398.1						

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass						kick	rush	rcv	pass			
AJ Dillon	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Colton Lichtenberg	-	10-17	38-41	-	-	-	-	-	68	-	13-25	46-49	-	-	-	-	-	85
Jon Hilliman	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	168
Thadd Smith	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tom Sweeney	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	6	-	-	0-1	2	-	-	-	40
Charlie Callinan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Kobay White	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Anthony Brown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Travis Levy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
John Lamot	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jeff Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	66
Ray Marten	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darius Wade	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chris Garrison	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Michael Walker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Taj-Amir Torres	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Will Harris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	41	10-17	38-41	-	-	-	-	-	314									
Opponents	34	11-18	31-32	-	-	0-2	-	1	270									

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Michael Walker	26	356	13.7	0	61	27	364	13.5	0	61
Total	26	356	13.7	0	61					
Opponents	27	134	5.0	0	56					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Michael Walker	31	754	24.3	0	55	61	1541	25.3	0	67
Ben Glines	5	61	12.2	0	24	5	61	12.2	0	24
Colton Cardinal	1	8	8.0	0	8	1	8	8.0	0	8
Kobay White	1	28	28.0	0	28	1	28	28.0	0	28
Total	38	851	22.4	0	55					
Opponents	26	519	20.0	0	42					

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lukas Denis	7	185	26.4	0	58	8	185	23.1	0	58
Isaac Yiadom	2	30	15.0	0	21	3	30	10.0	0	21
Ty Schwab	2	1	0.5	0	1	3	1	0.3	0	1
Hamp Cheevers	2	43	21.5	0	27	2	43	21.5	0	27
Will Harris	1	0	0.0	0	0	4	65	16.2	0	64
Zach Allen	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
John Lamot	1	40	40.0	1	40	1	40	40.0	1	40
Taj-Amir Torres	1	65	65.0	1	65	2	65	32.5	1	65
Wyatt Ray	1	24	24.0	0	24	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	18	388	21.6	2	65					
Opponents	10	67	6.7	1	37					

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Will Harris	2	33	16.5	1	30	2	33	16.5	1	30
Kevin Bletzer	1	14	14.0	0	14	1	14	14.0	0	14
Kamrin Moore	1	11	11.0	0	11	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	4	58	14.5	1	30					
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	1					

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
AJ Dillon	12	1432	0	0	0	0	1432	119.3	12	1432	0	0	0	0	1432	119.3
Michael Walker	12	0	168	356	754	0	1278	106.5	37	55	629	364	1541	0	2589	70.0
Jon Hilliman	12	622	150	0	0	0	772	64.3	41	2222	190	0	0	0	2412	58.8
Kobay White	12	0	396	0	28	0	424	35.3	12	0	396	0	28	0	424	35.3
Jeff Smith	12	106	278	0	0	0	384	32.0	34	755	673	0	9	0	1437	42.3
Tom Sweeney	12	0	375	0	0	0	375	31.2	37	0	796	0	0	0	796	21.5
Thadd Smith	12	287	42	0	0	0	329	27.4	46	347	299	-1	0	0	645	14.0
Anthony Brown	10	210	25	0	0	0	235	23.5	10	210	25	0	0	0	235	23.5
Travis Levy	12	54	152	0	0	0	206	17.2	12	54	152	0	0	0	206	17.2
Lukas Denis	12	0	0	0	0	185	185	15.4	27	0	0	0	0	185	185	6.9
Chris Garrison	12	0	152	0	0	0	152	12.7	17	0	242	0	0	0	242	14.2
Charlie Callinan	8	0	114	0	0	0	114	14.2	46	0	741	0	0	0	741	16.1
Ben Glines	12	8	14	0	61	0	83	6.9	25	8	17	0	61	0	86	3.4
Taj-Amir Torres	12	0	0	0	0	65	65	5.4	36	0	0	0	30	65	95	2.6
Hamp Cheevers	11	0	0	0	0	43	43	3.9	17	0	0	0	0	43	43	2.5
Ray Marten	12	0	42	0	0	0	42	3.5	20	0	42	0	0	0	42	2.1
John Lamot	11	0	0	0	0	40	40	3.6	11	0	0	0	0	40	40	3.6
Davon Jones	11	25	9	0	0	0	34	3.1	24	386	108	0	0	0	494	20.6
Korab Idrizi	8	0	32	0	0	0	32	4.0	14	0	57	0	0	0	57	4.1
Isaac Yiadom	12	0	0	0	0	30	30	2.5	47	0	0	0	0	30	30	0.6
Wyatt Ray	12	0	0	0	0	24	24	2.0	37	0	0	0	0	24	24	0.6
Colton Cardinal	11	0	0	0	8	0	8	0.7	26	0	52	0	8	0	60	2.3
Jake Burt	7	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.7	15	0	12	0	0	0	12	0.8
Richard Wilson	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2.5	21	214	7	0	0	0	221	10.5
Mike Knoll	12	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.3	34	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.1
Ty Schwab	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1	47	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0
Darius Wade	9	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-1.1	24	81	0	0	0	0	81	3.4
Team	7	-53	0	0	0	0	-53	-7.6								
Total	12	2690	1954	356	851	388	6239	519.9								
Opponents	12	2381	2396	134	519	67	5517	459.8								

Field Goals	att	good	long	blkd	att	good	long	blkd
Colton Lichtenberg	17	10	42	1	25	13	43	2
Total	17	10	42	1				
Opponents	18	11	50	1				

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Mike Knoll	73	2937	40.2	63	1	167	6538	39.1	63	2
Team	2	34	17.0	34	1					
Total	75	2971	39.6	63	2					
Opponents	83	3624	43.7	61	0					

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
M.Schulze-Geisthovel	63	3992	63.4	35	2	63	3992	63.4	35	2
Total	63	3992	63.4	35	2					
Opponents	57	3445	60.4	15	3					

Defensive Leaders		gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk
10	Ty Schwab	12	46	55	101	8.5	4.0	2	.	.	1	.	47	89	90	179	16.0	5.0	3	3	.	1	.
2	Zach Allen	12	46	47	93	14.5	5.0	1	3	.	.	.	37	66	65	131	24.5	11.0	1	7	2	.	.
21	Lukas Denis	12	46	34	80	0.5	.	7	9	.	2	.	27	51	36	87	0.5	.	8	13	.	2	.
8	Will Harris	12	41	33	74	5.5	1.0	1	2	4	.	.	37	92	49	141	6.5	1.0	4	7	4	1	.
28	John Lamot	11	32	31	63	6.0	2.0	1	.	.	.	.	11	32	31	63	6.0	2.0	1	.	.	.	.
96	Ray Smith	12	20	31	51	1.5	0.5	.	2	.	.	.	27	35	45	80	5.5	1.5	.	4	.	.	.
20	Isaac Yiadom	12	35	16	51	1.0	.	2	7	.	.	.	47	74	34	108	3.0	.	3	23	.	1	.
5	Kamrin Moore	10	29	21	50	2.0	.	.	9	1	.	.	44	98	42	140	6.0	.	2	22	2	.	.
94	Noa Merritt	12	18	28	46	5.0	2.0	.	2	.	1	.	32	23	33	56	8.5	2.0	.	2	.	2	.
7	Harold Landry	8	23	15	38	8.5	5.0	.	2	.	.	.	46	100	60	160	47.5	26.0	1	6	1	10	.
11	Wyatt Ray	12	13	23	36	3.5	2.0	1	.	.	.	1	37	23	44	67	12.0	7.0	1	1	.	1	1
49	Kevin Bletzer	12	18	15	33	5.5	1.0	.	4	2	1	.	37	24	19	43	6.0	1.0	.	4	2	2	.
24	Taj-Amir Torres	12	20	10	30	0.5	.	1	3	.	.	.	36	37	17	54	0.5	.	2	5	.	.	.
14	Max Richardson	4	10	13	23	0.5	0.5	.	1	.	.	.	15	17	16	33	1.0	0.5	.	1	.	1	.
48	Tanner Karafa	12	9	6	15	1.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	18	10	6	16	1.0	.	.	1	.	.	.
16	Davon Jones	11	10	4	14	1.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	24	10	4	14	1.0	.	.	.	.	1	.
4C	Hamp Cheevers	11	8	3	11	1.5	.	2	4	.	2	.	17	8	3	11	1.5	.	2	4	.	2	.
1S	Connor Strachan	2	5	4	9	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	39	106	70	176	26.0	6.0	2	1	7	1	.
25	Mehdi El Attrach	12	5	4	9	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	7	6	13	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Michael Walker	12	3	4	7	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	37	6	4	10	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Isaiah McDuffie	9	3	3	6	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	3	3	6	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Kevin Cohee	11	2	3	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	4	6	10	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Timi Tijani	13	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Jimmy Martin	11	.	3	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	2	5	7	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Mike Palmer	3	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Gabriel McClary	9	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	45	43	7	50	2.0	1.0	.	3	.	2	.
19	Ben Glines	12	1	2	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	1	2	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.



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<b>Rushing</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>att</b>	<b>gain</b>	<b>loss</b>	<b>net</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
AJ Dillon	12	268	1463	31	1432	5.3	13	75	119.3
Jon Hilliman	12	163	670	48	622	3.8	5	45	51.8
Thadd Smith	12	35	298	11	287	8.2	2	76	23.9
Anthony Brown	10	42	258	48	210	5.0	1	30	21.0
Jeff Smith	12	9	120	14	106	11.8	1	64	8.8
Travis Levy	12	21	66	12	54	2.6	0	19	4.5
Davon Jones	11	4	25	0	25	6.2	0	20	2.3
Ben Glines	12	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	5	0.7
Richard Wilson	2	3	5	0	5	1.7	0	3	2.5
Mike Knoll	12	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Darius Wade	9	20	37	47	-10	-0.5	1	8	-1.1
Team	7	7	0	53	-53	-7.6	0	0	-7.6
Total	12	575	2954	264	2690	4.7	23	76	224.2
Opponents	12	477	2624	243	2381	5.0	24	70	198.4

<b>Passing</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>effic</b>	<b>comp-att-int</b>	<b>pct</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Anthony Brown	10	103.54	134-258-9	51.9	1367	11	76	136.7
Darius Wade	9	126.60	46-75-1	61.3	528	2	46	58.7
Jeff Smith	12	338.90	2-4-0	50.0	59	2	34	4.9
Jon Hilliman	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Travis Levy	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	110.48	182-340-10	53.5	1954	15	76	162.8
Opponents	12	100.75	203-395-18	51.4	2396	9	53	199.7

<b>Receiving</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Kobay White	12	32	396	12.4	2	76	33.0
Tom Sweeney	12	29	375	12.9	3	38	31.2
Jeff Smith	12	23	278	12.1	0	33	23.2
Jon Hilliman	12	23	150	6.5	2	29	12.5
Michael Walker	12	19	168	8.8	1	46	14.0
Chris Garrison	12	15	152	10.1	1	21	12.7
Travis Levy	12	14	152	10.9	1	46	12.7
Charlie Callinan	8	11	114	10.4	2	22	14.2
Ray Marten	12	5	42	8.4	1	22	3.5
Korab Idrizi	8	4	32	8.0	0	17	4.0
Ben Glines	12	2	14	7.0	0	10	1.2
Davon Jones	11	2	9	4.5	0	5	0.8
Thadd Smith	12	1	42	42.0	1	42	3.5
Anthony Brown	10	1	25	25.0	1	25	2.5
Jake Burt	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
Total	12	182	1954	10.7	15	76	162.8
Opponents	12	203	2396	11.8	9	53	199.7

<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Michael Walker	26	356	13.7	0	61
Total	26	356	13.7	0	61
Opponents	27	134	5.0	0	56

<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Lukas Denis	7	185	26.4	0	58
Ty Schwab	2	1	0.5	0	1
Isaac Yiadom	2	30	15.0	0	21
Hamp Cheevers	2	43	21.5	0	27
Zach Allen	1	0	0.0	0	0
Taj-Amir Torres	1	65	65.0	1	65
John Lamot	1	40	40.0	1	40
Will Harris	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wyatt Ray	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	18	388	21.6	2	65
Opponents	10	67	6.7	1	37

<b>Kick Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Michael Walker	31	754	24.3	0	55
Ben Glines	5	61	12.2	0	24
Kobay White	1	28	28.0	0	28
Colton Cardinal	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total	38	851	22.4	0	55
Opponents	26	519	20.0	0	42

<b>Fumble Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Will Harris	2	33	16.5	1	30
Kamrin Moore	1	11	11.0	0	11
Kevin Bletzer	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	4	58	14.5	1	30
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	1

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
AJ Dillon	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Colton Lichtenberg	-	10-17	38-41	-	-	-	-	-	68
Jon Hilliman	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Thadd Smith	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Tom Sweeney	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Anthony Brown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Charlie Callinan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kobay White	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Michael Walker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darius Wade	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ray Marten	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Travis Levy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chris Garrison	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
John Lamot	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Taj-Amir Torres	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jeff Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Will Harris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	41	10-17	38-41	-	-	-	-	-	314
Opponents	34	11-18	31-32	-	-	0-2	-	1	270

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Anthony Brown	10	300	210	1367	1577	157.7
AJ Dillon	12	268	1432	0	1432	119.3
Jon Hilliman	12	164	622	0	622	51.8
Darius Wade	9	95	-10	528	518	57.6
Thadd Smith	12	35	287	0	287	23.9
Jeff Smith	12	13	106	59	165	13.8
Travis Levy	12	22	54	0	54	4.5
Davon Jones	11	4	25	0	25	2.3
Ben Glines	12	2	8	0	8	0.7
Richard Wilson	2	3	5	0	5	2.5
Mike Knoll	12	1	4	0	4	0.3
Team	7	8	-53	0	-53	-7.6
Total	12	915	2690	1954	4644	387.0
Opponents	12	872	2381	2396	4777	398.1

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Colton Lichtenberg	10-17	58.8	0-0	1-2	7-7	2-7	0-1	42	1

FG Sequence	Boston College	Opponents
Northern Illinois	(42),(35),(37)	(32),(21),39
Wake Forest	(30)	(28),(27)
Notre Dame	(38),(41)	-
Clemson	43	-
Central Michigan	50,29	35
Virginia Tech	40,(32)	(34),(29),(26)
Louisville	40,(27)	-
Virginia	(30),(36)	(38)
Florida State	49	(36)
NC State	-	54,36,(41),37
UConn	43	(50),30
Syracuse	-	50

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mike Knoll	73	2937	40.2	63	4	20	33	13	1
Team	2	34	17.0	34	0	0	0	0	1
Total	75	2971	39.6	63	4	20	33	13	2
Opponents	83	3624	43.7	61	8	22	22	24	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
M.Schulze-Geisthovel	63	3992	63.4	35	2			
Total	63	3992	63.4	35	2	20.0	41.2	23
Opponents	57	3445	60.4	15	3	22.4	38.9	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
AJ Dillon	12	1432	0	0	0	0	1432	119.3
Michael Walker	12	0	168	356	754	0	1278	106.5
Jon Hilliman	12	622	150	0	0	0	772	64.3
Kobay White	12	0	396	0	28	0	424	35.3
Jeff Smith	12	106	278	0	0	0	384	32.0
Tom Sweeney	12	0	375	0	0	0	375	31.2
Thadd Smith	12	287	42	0	0	0	329	27.4
Anthony Brown	10	210	25	0	0	0	235	23.5
Travis Levy	12	54	152	0	0	0	206	17.2
Lukas Denis	12	0	0	0	0	185	185	15.4
Chris Garrison	12	0	152	0	0	0	152	12.7
Charlie Callinan	8	0	114	0	0	0	114	14.2
Ben Glines	12	8	14	0	61	0	83	6.9
Taj-Amir Torres	12	0	0	0	0	65	65	5.4
Hamp Cheevers	11	0	0	0	0	43	43	3.9
Ray Marten	12	0	42	0	0	0	42	3.5
John Lamot	11	0	0	0	0	40	40	3.6
Davon Jones	11	25	9	0	0	0	34	3.1
Korab Idrizi	8	0	32	0	0	0	32	4.0
Isaac Yiadom	12	0	0	0	0	30	30	2.5
Wyatt Ray	12	0	0	0	0	24	24	2.0
Colton Cardinal	11	0	0	0	8	0	8	0.7
Jake Burt	7	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.7
Richard Wilson	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2.5
Mike Knoll	12	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.3
Ty Schwab	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
Darius Wade	9	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-1.1
Team	7	-53	0	0	0	0	-53	-7.6
Total	12	2690	1954	356	851	388	6239	519.9
Opponents	12	2381	2396	134	519	67	5517	459.8

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Ty Schwab	12	46	55	101	8.5-33	4.0-23	2-1	.	2	.	1	.	.
2	Zach Allen	12	46	47	93	14.5-50	5.0-32	1-0	3	6	.	.	.	.
21	Lukas Denis	12	46	34	80	0.5-0	.	7-185	9	.	.	2	.	.
8	Will Harris	12	41	33	74	5.5-19	1.0-10	1-0	2	1	4-33	.	.	.
28	John Lamot	11	32	31	63	6.0-24	2.0-17	1-40	.	1	.	.	.	.
96	Ray Smith	12	20	31	51	1.5-5	0.5-3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
20	Isaac Yiadom	12	35	16	51	1.0-3	.	2-30	7	.	.	.	.	.
5	Kamrin Moore	10	29	21	50	2.0-3	.	.	9	.	1-11	.	.	.
94	Noa Merritt	12	18	28	46	5.0-24	2.0-16	.	2	2	.	1	.	.
7	Harold Landry	8	23	15	38	8.5-38	5.0-30	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
11	Wyatt Ray	12	13	23	36	3.5-10	2.0-8	1-24	.	1	.	.	1	.
49	Kevin Bletzer	12	18	15	33	5.5-22	1.0-5	.	4	.	2-14	1	.	.
24	Taj-Amir Torres	12	20	10	30	0.5-1	.	1-65	3	.	.	.	.	.
14	Max Richardson	4	10	13	23	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
48	Tanner Karafa	12	9	6	15	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
16	Davon Jones	11	10	4	14	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
40	Hamp Cheevers	11	8	3	11	1.5-5	.	2-43	4	.	.	2	.	.
25	Mehdi El Attrach	12	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Connor Strachan	2	5	4	9	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Michael Walker	12	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Isaiah McDuffie	9	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Timi Tijani	13	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Kevin Cohee	11	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Ben Glines	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Jimmy Martin	11	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Mike Palmer	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Gabriel McClary	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Travis Levy	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Isaiah Miranda	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Tom Sweeney	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Mike Knoll	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Brandon Barlow	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Chris Lindstrom	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	M.Schulze-Geisthovel	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Kobay White	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Colton Cardinal	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Ben Stewart	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9R	TJ Rayam	6	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Darius Wade	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	461	414	875	69-254	23-148	18-388	50	17	7-58	8	1	.
Opponents		12	496	536	1032	73-221	13-77	10-67	35	27	7-0	11	3	1



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## Boston College - Long Plays

### 20-YARD PLUS PLAYS

Yds	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
76*	Rush	Thadd Smith	Virginia
76*	Pass	Kobay White from Anthony Brown	Virginia
75*	Rush	AJ Dillon	Louisville
66*	Rush	AJ Dillon	NC State
65*	INT	Taj-Amir Torres	UConn
61	PR	Michael Walker	Central Michigan
58	INT	Lukas Denis	Central Michigan
56	INT	Lukas Denis	UConn
55	KR	Michael Walker	Wake Forest
53*	Rush	AJ Dillon	UConn
48	Rush	AJ Dillon	UConn
46	Pass	Michael Walker from Anthony Brown	Virginia
45	Rush	Jon Hilliman	UConn
43	KR	Michael Walker	Florida State
42*	Pass	Thadd Smith from Anthony Brown	Louisville
40*	INT	John Lamot	Virginia
39	Rush	AJ Dillon	Florida State
38*	Rush	Jon Hilliman	UConn
38	Pass	Tom Sweeney from Darius Wade	UConn
37	Pass	Tom Sweeney from Anthony Brown	Clemson
37	KR	Michael Walker	UConn
34*	Pass	Kobay White from Jeff Smith	Florida State
34	PR	Michael Walker	Central Michigan
33	Rush	AJ Dillon	Louisville
33	KR	Michael Walker	Clemson
33	Pass	Jeff Smith from Anthony Brown	Clemson
32	KR	Michael Walker	NC State
32	Pass	Kobay White from Anthony Brown	Virginia Tech
32	PR	Michael Walker	Louisville
32	Rush	Thadd Smith	Wake Forest
30	Rush	Anthony Brown	Louisville
30	KR	Michael Walker	Notre Dame
29	Rush	Jon Hilliman	Notre Dame
29	PR	Michael Walker	Central Michigan
29	Pass	Jon Hilliman from Anthony Brown	Virginia
28	KR	Kobay White	Northern Illinois
28	KR	Michael Walker	Wake Forest
28	KR	Michael Walker	Virginia
28	Pass	Tom Sweeney from Anthony Brown	Virginia
27	PR	Michael Walker	Clemson
27	KR	Michael Walker	Virginia
27	Rush	Thadd Smith	Virginia Tech
27	INT	Hamp Cheevers	Virginia
26	Rush	Jeff Smith	Florida State
25	KR	Michael Walker	Florida State
25*	Pass	Anthony Brown from Jeff Smith	Virginia Tech
24	KR	Michael Walker	Clemson
24	KR	Michael Walker	Louisville
24	INT	Wyatt Ray	Louisville
24	KR	Ben Glines	Northern Illinois
24	KR	Michael Walker	Wake Forest
24	Pass	Jeff Smith from Anthony Brown	Virginia Tech
24	Pass	Travis Levy from Anthony Brown	Virginia Tech
23	Pass	Jeff Smith from Anthony Brown	Central Michigan
23	Pass	Jeff Smith from Anthony Brown	Wake Forest
23	Rush	Thadd Smith	Northern Illinois
23	Pass	Tom Sweeney from Anthony Brown	Virginia Tech
23	Rush	Anthony Brown	NC State
22	KR	Michael Walker	NC State
22*	Pass	Charlie Callinan from Anthony Brown	Notre Dame
22	Pass	Jeff Smith from Anthony Brown	Louisville
22	KR	Michael Walker	Clemson
22	Pass	Jon Hilliman from Anthony Brown	Virginia Tech
22	KR	Michael Walker	Virginia Tech
22	KR	Michael Walker	Wake Forest
21	Pass	Michael Walker from Anthony Brown	Northern Illinois
21	KR	Michael Walker	Clemson
21	Pass	Chris Garrison from Darius Wade	Louisville
21	KR	Michael Walker	Virginia Tech
21	INT	Isaac Yiadom	Clemson
21	KR	Michael Walker	Notre Dame
21	KR	Michael Walker	Notre Dame
20	KR	Michael Walker	Louisville
20	Pass	Tom Sweeney from Darius Wade	NC State
20	Pass	Tom Sweeney from Darius Wade	Louisville
20*	Rush	AJ Dillon	UConn

### LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Long Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	0	0
70-79	3	3
60-69	3	2
50-59	4	1
40-49	6	2
30-39	16	2
20-29	49	3

Long Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	18	6
Passing	26	5
Punt returns	6	0
Kick returns	24	0
Interceptions	7	2
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	81	13

### 20-YARD PLUS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Michael Walker	30	0	0	2	22	6	0	0
AJ Dillon	7	4	7	0	0	0	0	0
Kobay White	6	2	0	5	1	0	0	0
Jeff Smith	6	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Tom Sweeney	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Thadd Smith	5	2	4	1	0	0	0	0
Jon Hilliman	5	1	3	2	0	0	0	0
Anthony Brown	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Lukas Denis	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Chris Garrison	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Charlie Callinan	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Taj-Amir Torres	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
John Lamot	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Davon Jones	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Isaac Yiadom	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Travis Levy	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ben Glines	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hamp Cheevers	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wyatt Ray	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	81	13	18	26	24	6	7	0

### LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

#### Rushing

76 Thadd Smith vs Virginia (10/21/2017)

#### Rushing Touchdown

76 Thadd Smith vs Virginia (10/21/2017)

#### Passing

76 Kobay White from Anthony Brown vs Virginia (10/21/2017)

#### Passing Touchdown

76 Kobay White from Anthony Brown vs Virginia (10/21/2017)

#### Punt Return

61 Michael Walker vs Central Michigan (9/30/2017)

#### Kick Return

55 Michael Walker vs Wake Forest (9/9/2017)

#### Interception Return

65 Taj-Amir Torres vs UConn (11/18/2017)

#### Fumble Return

14 Kevin Bletzer vs NC State (11/11/2017)

#### Punt

63 Mike Knoll vs UConn (11/18/2017)

#### Field Goal

42 Colton Lichtenberg vs Northern Illinois (9/1/2017)

\* touchdown scored on play

Yds	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
20	Pass	Kobay White from Anthony Brown	Northern Illinois
20	Pass	Chris Garrison from Anthony Brown	Notre Dame
20	Rush	Davon Jones	Wake Forest
20	PR	Michael Walker	Clemson
20	Pass	Kobay White from Anthony Brown	Northern Illinois

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 01	at Northern Illinois	50	148	0	23	26	191	2	21	26-42-1	191	2	21	4	81	0	28	1	11	0	11	339
Sep 09	WAKE FOREST	41	142	0	32	18	163	1	23	18-41-3	163	1	23	5	146	0	55	4	42	0	19	305
Sep 16	NOTRE DAME	44	185	0	29	24	215	2	22	24-41-2	215	2	22	4	80	0	30	2	19	0	13	400
Sep 23	at Clemson	34	97	1	14	15	141	0	37	15-32-2	141	0	37	5	102	0	33	3	53	0	27	238
Sep 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	53	224	3	18	14	85	1	23	14-21-0	85	1	23	2	15	0	8	4	128	0	61	309
Oct 07	VIRGINIA TECH	33	153	0	27	14	191	1	32	14-33-0	191	1	32	2	43	0	22	1	3	0	3	344
Oct 14	at Louisville	59	364	5	75	12	191	1	42	12-28-1	191	1	42	3	63	0	24	4	64	0	32	555
Oct 21	at Virginia	47	237	1	76	19	275	3	76	19-24-0	275	3	76	2	55	0	28	2	6	0	7	512
Oct 27	FLORIDA STATE	55	241	3	39	7	88	2	34	7-21-0	88	2	34	2	68	0	43	3	30	0	13	329
Nov 11	NC STATE	54	236	2	66	10	111	0	20	10-22-1	111	0	20	4	61	0	32	1	0	0	0	347
Nov 18	at UConn	49	330	4	53	7	55	1	38	7-15-0	55	1	38	2	56	0	37	1	0	0	0	385
Nov 25	at Syracuse	56	333	4	64	16	248	1	46	16-20-0	248	1	46	3	81	0	31	0	0	0	0	581
Boston College		575	2690	23	76	182	1954	15	76	182-340-10	1954	15	76	38	851	0	55	26	356	0	61	4644
		477	2381	24	70	203	2396	9	53	203-395-18	2396	9	53	26	519	0	42	27	134	0	56	4777

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.7 • Avg/catch: 10.7 • Pass effic: 110.48 • KR avg: 22.4 • PR avg: 13.7 • All purpose avg/game: 519.9 • Total offense avg/gm: 387.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds		int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 01	at Northern Illinois	33	30	63	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0		1-0	0	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	23
Sep 09	WAKE FOREST	38	46	84	10.0-37	3.0-21	1	0-0		0-0	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Sep 16	NOTRE DAME	38	40	78	2.0-7	1.0-2	0	1-0		1-18	3	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Sep 23	at Clemson	49	46	95	4.0-14	2.0-9	2	0-0		2-27	1	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Sep 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	36	46	82	8.0-26	3.0-18	0	0-0		3-59	3	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Oct 07	VIRGINIA TECH	52	38	90	9.0-46	5.0-35	0	0-0		1-9	2	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Oct 14	at Louisville	39	22	61	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	1-11		1-24	1	3	0	6-6	0	0	0	10	45
Oct 21	at Virginia	32	32	64	7.0-27	3.0-17	0	0-0		3-67	0	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	41
Oct 27	FLORIDA STATE	23	42	65	6.0-28	2.0-16	0	2-0		1-1	1	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	14	35
Nov 11	NC STATE	37	24	61	6.0-13	1.0-5	0	1-14		1-0	1	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	14
Nov 18	at UConn	48	20	68	8.0-29	2.0-16	2	0-0		3-137	4	4	1	3-6	0	0	0	12	39
Nov 25	at Syracuse	36	28	64	6.0-22	1.0-9	2	2-33		1-46	1	1	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	42
Boston College		461	414	875	69.0-254	23.0-148	8	7-58		18-388	17	50	1	38-41	0	0	0	60	314
		496	536	1032	73.0-221	13.0-77	11	7-0		10-67	27	35	3	31-32	0	0	1	52	270

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 01	at Northern Illinois	9	348	38.7	53	0	0	4	1	4		3-3	42	0	6	376	62.7	3	0
Sep 09	WAKE FOREST	7	302	43.1	53	0	2	3	1	2		1-1	30	0	3	186	62.0	2	1
Sep 16	NOTRE DAME	8	307	38.4	51	0	0	3	1	7		2-2	41	0	5	325	65.0	5	0
Sep 23	at Clemson	9	381	42.3	53	0	1	2	3	6		0-1	0	0	2	128	64.0	1	0
Sep 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5	211	42.2	52	0	0	0	2	1		0-2	0	0	6	382	63.7	3	0
Oct 07	VIRGINIA TECH	9	361	40.1	56	1	0	2	1	1		1-2	32	0	3	195	65.0	3	0
Oct 14	at Louisville	6	235	39.2	46	0	1	3	0	3		1-2	27	0	7	446	63.7	4	0
Oct 21	at Virginia	4	152	38.0	43	0	0	1	0	0		2-2	36	0	8	513	64.1	7	0
Oct 27	FLORIDA STATE	4	176	44.0	52	0	0	0	2	3		0-1	0	0	6	388	64.7	4	0
Nov 11	NC STATE	5	147	29.4	45	1	0	0	0	2		0-0	0	0	3	178	59.3	0	0
Nov 18	at UConn	8	314	39.2	63	0	0	2	2	3		0-1	0	1	7	434	62.0	0	0
Nov 25	at Syracuse	1	37	37.0	37	0	0	0	0	1		0-0	0	0	7	441	63.0	3	1
Boston College		75	2971	39.6	63	2	4	20	13	33		10-17	42	1	63	3992	63.4	35	2
		83	3624	43.7	61	0	8	22	24	22		11-18	50	1	57	3445	60.4	15	3

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**OPPONENT STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 01	at Northern Illinois	35	164	0	60	16	203	2	46	16-39-1	203	2	46	3	48	0	23	3	17	0	10	367
Sep 09	WAKE FOREST	52	158	2	29	13	151	1	23	13-19-0	151	1	23	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	9	309
Sep 16	NOTRE DAME	51	515	7	65	11	96	0	33	11-27-1	96	0	33	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	4	611
Sep 23	at Clemson	58	342	5	50	17	140	0	25	17-26-2	140	0	25	1	26	0	26	2	54	0	56	482
Sep 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	33	116	1	33	22	180	0	23	22-43-3	180	0	23	3	57	0	24	2	3	0	2	296
Oct 07	VIRGINIA TECH	48	109	1	23	22	322	1	53	22-33-1	322	1	53	0	0	0	0	5	31	0	18	431
Oct 14	at Louisville	36	293	4	64	19	332	2	48	19-39-1	332	2	48	3	47	0	18	1	-1	0	0	625
Oct 21	at Virginia	26	95	1	20	19	152	0	19	19-42-3	152	0	19	1	42	0	42	3	19	0	10	247
Oct 27	FLORIDA STATE	29	64	0	16	12	149	0	47	12-27-1	149	0	47	2	45	0	27	4	-10	0	0	213
Nov 11	NC STATE	40	217	2	50	14	150	0	24	14-33-1	150	0	24	3	77	0	35	1	10	0	0	367
Nov 18	at UConn	41	171	1	70	14	241	1	50	14-33-3	241	1	50	7	107	0	21	0	0	0	0	412
Nov 25	at Syracuse	28	137	0	28	24	280	2	44	24-34-1	280	2	44	3	70	0	38	0	0	0	0	417
Opponents		477	2381	24	70	203	2396	9	53	203-395-18	2396	9	53	26	519	0	42	27	134	0	56	4777
		575	2690	23	76	182	1954	15	76	182-340-10	1954	15	76	38	851	0	55	26	356	0	61	4644

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 5.0 • Avg/catch: 11.8 • Pass effc: 100.75 • KR avg: 20.0 • PR avg: 5.0 • All purpose avg/game: 459.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 398.1

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 01	at Northern Illinois	54	38	92	12.0-39	2.0-15	0	0-0	1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Sep 09	WAKE FOREST	48	30	78	6.0-9	1.0-2	1	1-0	3-67	5	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	21	34
Sep 16	NOTRE DAME	44	48	92	5.0-12	1.0-6	2	1-0	2-0	3	3	0	7-7	0	0	0	21	49
Sep 23	at Clemson	33	60	93	6.0-15	1.0-6	0	0-0	2-0	10	4	0	4-5	0	0	0	7	34
Sep 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	34	68	102	4.0-12	0.0-0	2	2-0	0-0	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	1	0	8
Oct 07	VIRGINIA TECH	28	42	70	5.0-10	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	2	4	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	23
Oct 14	at Louisville	52	38	90	5.0-26	2.0-13	1	0-0	1-0	3	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	42
Oct 21	at Virginia	36	56	92	4.0-8	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Oct 27	FLORIDA STATE	31	60	91	3.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3	6	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Nov 11	NC STATE	45	34	79	12.0-52	5.0-28	2	1-0	1-0	0	1	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Nov 18	at UConn	39	28	67	5.0-9	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	2	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	16
Nov 25	at Syracuse	52	34	86	6.0-25	1.0-7	1	1-0	0-0	1	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
Opponents		496	536	1032	73.0-221	13.0-77	11	7-0	10-67	27	35	3	31-32	0	0	1	52	270
		461	414	875	69.0-254	23.0-148	8	7-58	18-388	17	50	1	38-41	0	0	0	60	314

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 01	at Northern Illinois	8	327	40.9	51	0	1	2	1	1	2-3	32	0	5	301	60.2	0	1	
Sep 09	WAKE FOREST	9	374	41.6	54	0	0	2	3	4	2-2	28	0	7	405	57.9	0	1	
Sep 16	NOTRE DAME	7	323	46.1	57	0	0	3	4	3	0-0	0	0	8	486	60.8	3	1	
Sep 23	at Clemson	6	289	48.2	56	0	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	6	358	59.7	1	0	
Sep 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	8	328	41.0	54	0	0	0	1	3	0-1	0	0	2	87	43.5	0	0	
Oct 07	VIRGINIA TECH	7	307	43.9	51	0	0	5	2	3	3-3	34	0	6	390	65.0	4	0	
Oct 14	at Louisville	6	286	47.7	57	0	1	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	7	434	62.0	4	0	
Oct 21	at Virginia	7	366	52.3	60	0	2	0	5	5	1-1	38	0	3	190	63.3	1	0	
Oct 27	FLORIDA STATE	7	299	42.7	53	0	0	2	1	0	1-1	36	0	2	130	65.0	0	0	
Nov 11	NC STATE	4	174	43.5	54	0	1	0	1	0	1-4	41	0	4	217	54.2	0	0	
Nov 18	at UConn	9	343	38.1	61	0	1	3	1	1	1-2	50	1	4	252	63.0	2	0	
Nov 25	at Syracuse	5	208	41.6	49	0	1	3	0	2	0-1	0	0	3	195	65.0	0	0	
Opponents		83	3624	43.7	61	0	8	22	24	22	11-18	50	1	57	3445	60.4	15	3	
		75	2971	39.6	63	2	4	20	13	33	10-17	42	1	63	3992	63.4	35	2	

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**INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	39	AJ Dillon at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Yards Rushing	272	AJ Dillon at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
TD Rushes	4	AJ Dillon at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Long Rush	76	Thadd Smith at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Pass attempts	42	Anthony Brown at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Pass completions	26	Anthony Brown at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Yards Passing	275	Anthony Brown at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
TD Passes	3	Anthony Brown at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Long Pass	76	Anthony Brown at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Receptions	8	Michael Walker at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Yards Receiving	85	Kobay White at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
TD Receptions	2	Charlie Callinan vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
	2	Tom Sweeney at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Long Reception	76	Kobay White at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Field Goals	3	Colton Lichtenberg at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Long Field Goal	42	Colton Lichtenberg at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Punts	9	Mike Knoll at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	9	Mike Knoll at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
Punting Avg	44.0	Mike Knoll vs Florida State (Oct 27, 2017)
Long Punt	63	Mike Knoll at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punts inside 20	7	Mike Knoll vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
Long Punt Return	61	Michael Walker vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)
Long Kickoff Return	55	Michael Walker vs Wake Forest (Sep 09, 2017)
Tackles	14	Zach Allen vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Sacks	3.0	Harold Landry vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Zach Allen vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
	3.0	Harold Landry vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
	3.0	Zach Allen at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Interceptions	2	Lukas Denis vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)



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**TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	59	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Yards Rushing	364	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Yards Per Rush	6.7	at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
TD Rushes	5	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Pass attempts	42	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Pass completions	26	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Yards Passing	275	at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Yards Per Pass	12.4	at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
TD Passes	3	at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Total Plays	92	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Total Offense	581	at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Yards Per Play	7.6	at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Points	45	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Sacks By	5	vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
First Downs	27	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Penalties	8	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Penalty Yards	79	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Turnovers	4	vs Wake Forest (Sep 09, 2017)
Interceptions By	3	vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)
	3	at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
	3	at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punts	9	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	9	at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
	9	vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Punting Avg	44.0	vs Florida State (Oct 27, 2017)
Long Punt	63	at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punts inside 20	7	vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
Long Punt Return	61	vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)

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**OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	22	K. BRYANT, at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
	22	Jackson, Lam., at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Yards Rushing	229	ADAMS, Josh, vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
TD Rushes	4	WIMBUSH, vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
Long Rush	70	MENSAH, Kevin, at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Pass attempts	42	MORRIS, Shane, vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)
Pass completions	24	Culpepper, R., at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Yards Passing	332	Jackson, Lam., at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
TD Passes	2	GRAHAM, Ryan, at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	2	Jackson, Lam., at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
	2	Culpepper, R., at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Long Pass	53	Jackson, J, vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Receptions	11	Ishmael, S., at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Yards Receiving	187	Ishmael, S., at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
TD Receptions	1	WIMANN, Shane, at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	1	BROWN, D.J., at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	1	Dortch, G, vs Wake Forest (Sep 09, 2017)
	1	Savoy, S, vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
	1	Fitzpatrick, De, at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
	1	Averett, Kem., at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
	1	MAYALA, Hergy, at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
	1	Philips, E., at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
	1	Ishmael, S., at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Long Reception	53	Savoy, S, vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Field Goals	3	Slye, Joey, vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Long Field Goal	50	TARBUTT, Mike, at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punts	9	Maggio, D, vs Wake Forest (Sep 09, 2017)
	9	GRAHAM, Brett, at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punting Avg	52.3	Coleman, L, at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Long Punt	61	GRAHAM, Brett, at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punts inside 20	5	Coleman, L, at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Long Punt Return	56	McCLOUD, at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
Long Kickoff Return	42	Reed, J, at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Tackles	17	PUGH, Kyle, at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
Sacks	2.5	Chubb, B., vs NC State (Nov 11, 2017)
Tackles For Loss	5.0	SMITH, Sutton, at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	5.0	Chubb, B., vs NC State (Nov 11, 2017)
Interceptions	2	CRAWFORD, vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)

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**OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	58	at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
Yards Rushing	515	vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
Yards Per Rush	10.1	vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
TD Rushes	7	vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
Pass attempts	43	vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)
Pass completions	24	at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Yards Passing	332	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Yards Per Pass	9.8	vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
TD Passes	2	at Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017)
	2	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
	2	at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Total Plays	84	at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
Total Offense	625	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Yards Per Play	8.3	at Louisville (Oct 14, 2017)
Points	49	vs Notre Dame (Sep 16, 2017)
Sacks By	5	vs NC State (Nov 11, 2017)
First Downs	27	at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)
Penalties	9	vs Virginia Tech (Oct 07, 2017)
Penalty Yards	71	vs Florida State (Oct 27, 2017)
Turnovers	3	vs Central Michigan (Sep 30, 2017)
	3	at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
	3	vs Florida State (Oct 27, 2017)
	3	at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
	3	at Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017)
Interceptions By	3	vs Wake Forest (Sep 09, 2017)
Punts	9	vs Wake Forest (Sep 09, 2017)
	9	at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punting Avg	52.3	at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Long Punt	61	at UConn (Nov 18, 2017)
Punts inside 20	5	at Virginia (Oct 21, 2017)
Long Punt Return	56	at Clemson (Sep 23, 2017)

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**3rd-Down Conversions**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Sep 01, 2017	at Northern Illinois	W 23-20	9-24	37.5	2-6	33.3	4-7	57.1	3-5	60.0	0-6	0.0		
Sep 09, 2017	WAKE FOREST	L 10-34	6-17	35.3	0-4	0.0	4-7	57.1	0-2	0.0	2-4	50.0		
Sep 16, 2017	NOTRE DAME	L 20-49	4-17	23.5	1-5	20.0	1-4	25.0	0-4	0.0	2-4	50.0		
Sep 23, 2017	at Clemson	L 7-34	4-16	25.0	0-4	0.0	1-4	25.0	2-5	40.0	1-3	33.3		
Sep 30, 2017	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 28-8	8-18	44.4	2-5	40.0	1-5	20.0	3-4	75.0	2-4	50.0		
Oct 07, 2017	VIRGINIA TECH	L 10-23	2-15	13.3	1-5	20.0	0-3	0.0	0-3	0.0	1-4	25.0		
Oct 14, 2017	at Louisville	W 45-42	9-18	50.0	1-3	33.3	3-6	50.0	2-4	50.0	3-5	60.0		
Oct 21, 2017	at Virginia	W 41-10	10-19	52.6	5-6	83.3	2-3	66.7	3-6	50.0	0-4	0.0		
Oct 27, 2017	FLORIDA STATE	W 35-3	6-16	37.5	2-4	50.0	0-2	0.0	2-6	33.3	2-4	50.0		
Nov 11, 2017	NC STATE	L 14-17	6-15	40.0	1-2	50.0	1-4	25.0	2-4	50.0	2-5	40.0		
Nov 18, 2017	at UConn	W 39-16	5-15	33.3	0-3	0.0	4-7	57.1	1-1	100.0	0-4	0.0		
Nov 25, 2017	at Syracuse	W 42-14	8-14	57.1	3-4	75.0	2-4	50.0	2-3	66.7	1-3	33.3		
Boston College			77-204	37.7	18-51	35.3	23-56	41.1	20-47	42.6	16-50	32.0	0-0	0.0
Opponents			75-197	38.1	13-47	27.7	24-56	42.9	19-47	40.4	19-47	40.4	0-0	0.0

**4th-Down Conversions**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Sep 01, 2017	at Northern Illinois	W 23-20	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0		
Sep 09, 2017	WAKE FOREST	L 10-34	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0		
Sep 16, 2017	NOTRE DAME	L 20-49	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	1-1	100.0		
Sep 23, 2017	at Clemson	L 7-34	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0		
Sep 30, 2017	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 28-8	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
Oct 07, 2017	VIRGINIA TECH	L 10-23	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
Oct 14, 2017	at Louisville	W 45-42	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0		
Oct 21, 2017	at Virginia	W 41-10	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	0-1	0.0		
Oct 27, 2017	FLORIDA STATE	W 35-3	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0		
Nov 11, 2017	NC STATE	L 14-17	0-4	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0		
Nov 18, 2017	at UConn	W 39-16	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0		
Nov 25, 2017	at Syracuse	W 42-14	1-5	20.0	1-1	100.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0		
Boston College			11-28	39.3	1-2	50.0	1-7	14.3	5-7	71.4	4-12	33.3	0-0	0.0
Opponents			7-17	41.2	1-1	100.0	2-4	50.0	3-5	60.0	1-7	14.3	0-0	0.0

**Time of Possession**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Sep 01, 2017	at Northern Illinois	W 23-20	33:39		8:16		10:05		6:40		8:38			
Sep 09, 2017	WAKE FOREST	L 10-34	26:47		6:54		8:43		6:24		4:46			
Sep 16, 2017	NOTRE DAME	L 20-49	30:25		8:30		7:43		7:04		7:08			
Sep 23, 2017	at Clemson	L 7-34	25:04		8:17		4:32		7:37		4:38			
Sep 30, 2017	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 28-8	28:26		7:28		6:34		7:17		7:07			
Oct 07, 2017	VIRGINIA TECH	L 10-23	25:57		9:00		5:39		4:13		7:05			
Oct 14, 2017	at Louisville	W 45-42	30:30		6:08		6:43		11:43		5:56			
Oct 21, 2017	at Virginia	W 41-10	33:35		8:12		6:01		10:51		8:31			
Oct 27, 2017	FLORIDA STATE	W 35-3	35:15		7:42		7:28		10:43		9:22			
Nov 11, 2017	NC STATE	L 14-17	29:32		6:22		5:53		8:34		8:43			
Nov 18, 2017	at UConn	W 39-16	28:51		4:48		10:02		4:34		9:27			
Nov 25, 2017	at Syracuse	W 42-14	35:00		8:19		7:43		7:20		11:38			
Boston College			Total	363:01	89:56		87:06		93:00		92:59		0:00	
			Avg.	30:15	7:29		7:15		7:45		7:44		0:00	
Opponents			Total	356:59	90:04		92:54		87:00		87:01		0:00	
			Avg.	29:44	7:30		7:44		7:15		7:15		0:00	

### Boston College Inside Opponent Red-Zone

34 of 41 (82.9%)

Times	Times	Total	Rush	Pa
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29 of 37 (78.4%)



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**Boston College Passing Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

<b>#1B Brown,A</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sacked</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Northern Illinois	26	42	1	61.9	191	2	21	2-15	111.06
Wake Forest	11	29	3	37.9	119	1	23	1-2	63.09
Notre Dame	24	40	2	60.0	215	2	22	1-6	111.65
Clemson	14	30	1	46.7	133	0	37	1-6	77.24
Central Michigan	14	21	0	66.7	85	1	23	0-0	116.38
Virginia Tech	13	30	0	43.3	166	0	32	0-0	89.81
Louisville	5	17	1	29.4	100	1	42	2-13	86.47
Virginia	19	24	0	79.2	275	3	76	0-0	216.67
Florida State	6	20	0	30.0	54	1	12	0-0	69.18
NC State	2	5	1	40.0	29	0	18	0-0	48.72
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7-42</b>	<b>103.54</b>

<b>#4 Wade,D</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sacked</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Wake Forest	7	12	0	58.3	44	0	15	0-0	89.13
Notre Dame	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
Clemson	1	2	1	50.0	8	0	8	0-0	-16.40
Louisville	7	10	0	70.0	91	0	21	0-0	146.44
NC State	8	15	0	53.3	82	0	20	5-28	99.25
UConn	7	15	0	46.7	55	1	38	0-0	99.47
Syracuse	16	20	0	80.0	248	1	46	1-7	200.66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6-35</b>	<b>126.60</b>

<b>#6 Smith,J</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sacked</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Virginia Tech	1	1	0	100.0	25	1	25	0-0	640.00
Louisville	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
Florida State	1	1	0	100.0	34	1	34	0-0	715.60
NC State	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>338.90</b>

<b>#35 Levy,T</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sacked</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Virginia Tech	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>#TM Team</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sacked</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Virginia Tech	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>#32 Hilliman,J</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sacked</b>	<b>Effic</b>
NC State	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**Boston College Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UConn	SU
Dillon,A RB	268-1432/13	5-20/0	15-43/0	16-58/0	18-57/1	25-120/1	10-35/0	39-272/4	24-89/0	33-149/1	36-196/1	24-200/2	23-193/3
Hilliman,J RB	163-622/5	25-58/0	8-23/0	22-122/0	9-33/0	23-89/2	13-22/0	6-12/1	12-32/0	14-41/0	2-9/0	10-107/2	19-74/0
Smith,T WR	35-287/2	6-55/0	5-46/0	2--3/0	2-6/0	1--5/0	2-38/0	3-22/0	2-79/1	1-6/0	3-26/1	3-6/0	5-11/0
Brown,A QB	42-210/1	7-10/0	3-8/0	2--4/0	2--7/0	4-20/0	7-51/0	6-52/0	5-32/0	3-20/1	3-28/0	DNP	DNP
Smith,J WR	9-106/1	3-26/0	-	-	-	-	-	1--7/0	-	2-26/0	-	1-4/0	2-57/1
Levy,T RB	21-54/0	-	3-18/0	-	3-8/0	-	1-7/0	3-10/0	1-2/0	-	-	7-8/0	3-1/0
Jones,D RB	4-25/0	DNP	3-21/0	1-4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glines,B WR	2-8/0	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-5/0
Wilson,R RB	3-5/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-5/0	DNP	DNP	1-0/0	DNP
Knoll,M K	1-4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-4/0	-	-
Wade,D QB	20--10/1	DNP	3-7/0	1-8/0	-	DNP	DNP	1-3/0	-	1-1/1	8--26/0	3-5/0	3--8/0
Team	7--53/0	3--24/0	1--24/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1--2/0	1--2/0	1--1/0	DNP	-

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UConn	SU
White,K WR	32-396/2	6-76/0	4-42/0	4-47/0	2-11/0	3-11/0	2-41/0	-	3-85/1	2-46/1	2-9/0	2-0/0	2-28/0
Sweeney,T TE	29-375/3	-	1-14/0	2-16/0	4-52/0	3-17/0	1-23/0	4-57/0	4-55/2	2-19/1	4-55/0	2-42/0	2-25/0
Smith,J WR	23-278/0	3-18/0	5-56/0	1-10/0	4-58/0	2-35/0	2-24/0	1-22/0	1-10/0	-	2-24/0	1-2/0	1-19/0
Walker,M WR	19-168/1	8-50/1	2-12/0	2-13/0	1--4/0	-	2-9/0	-	2-59/0	-	0-1/0	-	2-28/0
Levy,T RB	14-152/1	-	1-4/0	2-13/0	-	-	3-42/0	1-7/0	3-9/0	1-8/0	1-18/0	-	2-51/1
Garrison,C WR	15-152/1	1-17/0	-	2-23/0	-	2-4/0	-	2-36/0	3-24/0	1-12/0	-	2-11/1	2-25/0
Hilliman,J RB	23-150/2	3-1/0	1-6/1	3-6/0	4-24/0	1-3/1	3-27/0	2-18/0	3-33/0	1-3/0	-	-	2-29/0
Callinan,C WR	11-114/2	1-5/0	1-10/0	7-82/2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-4/0	-	1-13/0
Marten,R TE	5-42/1	2-7/1	-	-	-	1-4/0	-	1-9/0	-	-	-	-	1-22/0
Smith,T WR	1-42/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-42/1	-	-	-	-	-
Idrizi,K TE	4-32/0	2-17/0	-	-	-	1-7/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-8/0
Brown,A QB	1-25/1	-	-	-	-	-	1-25/1	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP
Glines,B WR	2-14/0	-	1-10/0	-	-	1-4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jones,D RB	2-9/0	DNP	2-9/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burt,J TE	1-5/0	-	-	1-5/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	DNP

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**Boston College All-Purpose Yards Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS	Total	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Dillon,A	1432	20	43	58	57	120	35	272	89	149	196	200	193
Walker,M	1278	61	200	104	151	135	55	127	120	98	62	56	109
Hilliman,J	772	59	29	128	57	92	49	30	65	44	9	107	103
White,K	424	104	42	47	11	11	41	-	85	46	9	-	28
Smith,J	384	44	56	10	58	35	24	15	10	26	24	6	76
Sweeney,T	375	-	14	16	52	17	23	57	55	19	55	42	25
Smith,T	329	55	46	-3	6	-5	38	64	79	6	26	6	11
Brown,A	235	10	8	-4	-7	20	76	52	32	20	28	DNP	DNP
Levy,T	206	-	22	13	8	-	49	17	11	8	18	8	52
Denis,L	185	-	-	18	6	59	-	-	-	-	-	56	46
Garrison,C	152	17	-	23	-	4	-	36	24	12	-	11	25
Callinan,C	114	5	10	82	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	4	-	13
Glines,B	83	56	10	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Torres,T	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	-
Cheevers,H	43	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	27	-	-	16	-
Marten,R	42	7	-	-	-	4	-	9	-	-	-	-	22
Lamot,J	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	DNP
Jones,D	34	DNP	30	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idrizi,K	32	17	-	-	-	7	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	8
Yiadam,I	30	-	-	-	21	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ray,W	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-
Cardinal,C	8	-	-	-	DNP	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burt,J	5	-	-	5	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	DNP
Wilson,R	5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	5	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Knoll,M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Schwab,T	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Wade,D	-10	DNP	7	8	-	DNP	DNP	3	-	1	-26	5	-8
Team	-53	-24	-24	-	-	-	-	-	-2	-2	-1	-	-

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**Boston College Return Stats Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

<b>PUNT RETURNS</b>	<b>No-Yds</b>	<b>NIU</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>CU</b>	<b>CMU</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>LOU</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>UCONN</b>	<b>SU</b>
Walker,M	26-356	1-11	4-42	2-19	3-53	4-128	1-3	4-64	2-6	3-30	1-0	1-0	-

<b>KICK RETURNS</b>	<b>No-Yds</b>	<b>NIU</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>CU</b>	<b>CMU</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>LOU</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>UCONN</b>	<b>SU</b>
Walker,M	31-754	-	5-146	3-72	5-102	1-7	2-43	3-63	2-55	2-68	3-61	2-56	3-81
Glines,B	5-61	3-53	-	1-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-
White,K	1-28	1-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cardinal,C	1-8	-	-	-	DNP	1-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>INT. RETURNS</b>	<b>No-Yds</b>	<b>NIU</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>CU</b>	<b>CMU</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>LOU</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>UCONN</b>	<b>SU</b>
Denis,L	7-185	1-0	-	1-18	1-6	2-59	-	-	-	-	-	1-56	1-46
Cheevers,H	2-43	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1-27	-	-	1-16	-
Schwab,T	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	1-0	-	-
Yiadam,I	2-30	-	-	-	1-21	-	1-9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lamot,J	1-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-40	-	-	-	DNP
Torres,T	1-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-65	-
Ray,W	1-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-24	-	-	-	-	-
Harris,W	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Allen,Z	1-0	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>FUMBLE RETURNS</b>	<b>No-Yds</b>	<b>NIU</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>CU</b>	<b>CMU</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>LOU</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>UCONN</b>	<b>SU</b>
Harris,W	2-33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-33
Bletzer,K	1-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-14	-	-
Moore,K	1-11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-11	-	-	-	DNP	DNP

**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College Total Tackles Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

Total Tackles	UA-A	Total	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Schwab,T LB	46-55	101	1-5	1-7	5-5	7-4	3-2	4-4	6-5	2-4	2-10	0-4	7-2	8-3
Allen,Z DL	46-47	93	4-5	5-3	3-6	3-5	3-4	5-9	4-0	2-4	2-2	5-4	6-5	4-0
Denis,L DB	46-34	80	2-2	3-3	5-2	9-4	2-4	7-3	5-1	4-3	2-5	3-2	3-0	1-5
Harris,W DB	41-33	74	7-3	5-4	4-4	3-3	5-5	4-3	2-0	5-1	1-1	1-3	2-1	2-5
Lamot,J LB	32-31	63	-	-	-	0-7	3-7	5-4	6-0	3-1	5-5	4-3	6-4	DNP
Smith,R DL	20-31	51	1-2	2-7	-	5-1	2-5	2-2	0-5	0-2	2-4	4-1	1-2	1-0
Yiadom,I DB	35-16	51	4-2	4-0	2-2	6-2	3-2	3-2	1-0	1-2	1-1	5-0	4-0	1-3
Moore,K DB	29-21	50	3-3	3-2	5-1	2-2	4-2	7-1	1-3	2-1	2-3	0-3	DNP	DNP
Merritt,N DL	18-28	46	1-3	1-4	5-2	0-4	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-2	0-2	3-2	3-0	1-0
Landry,H DL	23-15	38	3-3	3-2	1-0	4-4	3-2	5-2	4-1	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ray,W DL	13-23	36	-	1-5	0-3	0-2	1-1	-	0-1	2-2	0-5	2-1	5-0	2-3
Bletzer,K LB	18-15	33	-	-	0-4	3-3	4-3	5-2	2-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	-
Torres,T DB	20-10	30	3-0	-	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	4-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	3-0	5-4
Richardson,M LB	10-13	23	1-1	2-5	3-4	4-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Karafa,T DL	9-6	15	1-0	2-1	3-2	-	0-2	3-0	-	0-1	-	-	-	-
Jones,D	10-4	14	DNP	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	1-0	0-1	-	3-0	6-2
Cheevers,H DB	8-3	11	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	1-0	-	-	3-0	1-0	3-3
Attrach,M EI DB	5-4	9	-	-	0-1	0-1	1-1	-	-	2-0	1-0	-	0-1	1-0
Strachan,C LB	5-4	9	1-1	4-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Walker,M	3-4	7	-	-	1-1	-	-	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-0	-	-	-
McDuffie,I LB	3-3	6	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1-0	0-1	2-1	-	0-1	-
Tijani,T DB	3-2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	1-0	1-1	-
Cohee,K DL	2-3	5	-	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	DNP
Martin,J LB	0-3	3	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	0-2	-	-	-	DNP
Glines,B	1-2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	0-1	-	0-1	-
Palmer,M DB	3-0	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
McClary,G DB	2-1	3	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	0-1	-	2-0	-	DNP
Levy,T	1-1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-
Miranda,I LB	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0	-	DNP	-	DNP
Rayam, T DL	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	1-0	-	DNP	-	DNP
Sweeney,T	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schulze-Geistho	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Cardinal,C	1-0	1	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0
Lindstrom,C	1-0	1	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barlow,B DL	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	DNP
White,K	1-0	1	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knoll,M	1-0	1	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart,B DB	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP



**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College Sacks Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

SACKS	UA-A	Total	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Landry,H DL	5-0	5.0	-	1.0-9	-	-	1.0-5	3.0-16	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Allen,Z DL	5-0	5.0	-	1.0-5	1.0-2	-	1.0-6	1.0-10	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-9
Schwab,T LB	3-2	4.0	-	-	-	1.5-6	0.5-4	1.0-9	-	-	1.0-4	-	-	-
Lamot,J LB	2-0	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-12	1.0-5	-	DNP
Ray,W DL	1-2	2.0	-	-	-	-	0.5-3	-	-	1.5-5	-	-	-	-
Merritt,N DL	2-0	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0-16	-
Harris,W DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-10	-	-	-	-
Bletzer,K LB	0-2	1.0	-	-	-	0.5-3	-	-	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	-
Smith,R DL	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richardson,M LB	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-4	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College Tackle For Loss Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

TACKLES FOR LOSS	UA-A	Total	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Allen,Z DL	13-3	14.5	-	2.0-6	1.0-2	-	2.0-7	3.0-12	-	0.5-0	1.0-6	0.5-1	1.5-3	3.0-13
Schwab,T LB	4-9	8.5	-	-	-	1.5-6	0.5-4	1.0-9	-	1.0-5	2.5-6	1.0-1	1.0-2	-
Landry,H DL	8-1	8.5	-	2.0-10	-	1.0-2	2.0-7	3.0-16	-	0.5-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Lamot,J LB	5-2	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	1.0-1	-	2.0-15	1.5-6	0.5-1	DNP
Harris,W DB	5-1	5.5	1.0-3	2.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-10	-	0.5-0	1.0-1	-
Bletzer,K LB	4-3	5.5	-	-	-	0.5-3	2.0-3	1.0-8	-	1.0-3	-	-	1.0-5	-
Merritt,N DL	4-2	5.0	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	0.5-0	0.5-1	1.0-2	2.0-16	-
Ray,W DL	2-3	3.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-3	-	-	1.5-5	-	0.5-1	1.0-1	-
Moore,K DB	2-0	2.0	-	1.0-1	-	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP
Smith,R DL	1-1	1.5	-	0.5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-
Cheevers,H DB	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-5
Strachan,C LB	1-1	1.5	0.5-1	1.0-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Rayam, T DL	1-0	1.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	1.0-1	-	DNP	-	DNP
Karafa,T DL	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yiadom,I DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jones,D	1-0	1.0	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3
Denis,L DB	0-1	0.5	0.5-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Torres,T DB	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1
Richardson,M LB	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-4	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College Fumbles Game-by-Game (as of Dec 06, 2017)**  
**All games**

FUMBLES	No-Lost	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Dillon,A RB	4-1	-	-	1-0	-	1-1	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
Brown,A QB	3-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	DNP	DNP
Hilliman,J RB	3-3	-	1-1	1-1	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Levy,T RB	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0
Wade,D QB	2-2	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-1	1-1	-
Team	1-0	-	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-
Moore,K	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	DNP	DNP
Smith,T WR	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1

FUMBLES FORCED	Number	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Cheevers,H	2	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Denis,L	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bletzer,K	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schwab,T	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jones,D RB	1	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Merritt,N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

FUMBLES RECOVERED	Number	NIU	WF	ND	CU	CMU	VT	LOU	VA	FS	ST	UCONN	SU
Harris,W	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Bletzer,K	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Moore,K	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	DNP	DNP

# 2017 Box Scores



**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College vs Northern Illinois (Sep 01, 2017 at DeKalb, Ill.)**

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boston College	3	10	7	3	<b>23</b>
Northern Illinois	3	7	7	3	<b>20</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

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1st	07:00	NIU - HAGAN, Christia 32 yd field goal, 7-45 3:09
	00:09	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 42 yd field goal, 8-34 2:17
2nd	14:56	NIU - BROWN, D.J. 15 yd pass from GRAHAM, Ryan (HAGAN, Christia kick), 2-75 0:13
	02:05	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 35 yd field goal, 13-63 4:27
	00:30	BC - Michael Walker 5 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 6-50 1:04
3rd	07:48	BC - Ray Marten 4 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-59 2:57
	02:15	NIU - WIMANN, Shane 7 yd pass from GRAHAM, Ryan (HAGAN, Christia kick), 13-75 5:28
4th	14:18	NIU - HAGAN, Christia 21 yd field goal, 5-53 1:47
	02:13	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 37 yd field goal, 13-46 5:04

	<b>BC</b>	<b>NIU</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	21	18
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	50-148	35-164
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	191	203
Passes Att-Comp-Int	42-26-1	39-16-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	92-339	74-367
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-11	3-17
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-81	3-48
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-38.7	8-40.9
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-79	8-70
Possession Time	33:39	26:21
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 24	2 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-15

**RUSHING:** Boston College-Jon Hilliman 25-58; Thadd Smith 6-55; Jeff Smith 3-26; AJ Dillon 5-20; Anthony Brown 7-10; Ben Glines 1-3; Team 3-minus 24. Northern Illinois-GRAHAM, Ryan 12-99; JONES, Marcus 11-48; HUFF, Jordan 5-9; BROWN, D.J. 2-7; BLAKE, Christia 2-6; TEAM 1-minus 1; BEEBE, Chad 1-minus 1; MISTER, Tommy 1-minus 3.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Anthony Brown 26-42-1-191. Northern Illinois-GRAHAM, Ryan 15-38-1-190; BLAKE, Christia 1-1-0-13.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Michael Walker 8-50; Kobay White 6-76; Jeff Smith 3-18; Jon Hilliman 3-1; Korab Idrizi 2-17; Ray Marten 2-7; Chris Garrison 1-17; Charlie Callinan 1-5. Northern Illinois-BEEBE, Chad 6-93; WIMANN, Shane 4-37; TEARS, Spencer 3-29; BROWN, D.J. 2-31; GRAHAM, Ryan 1-13.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-Lukas Denis 1-0. Northern Illinois-PUGH, Kyle 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-None. Northern Illinois-None.

Boston College (1-0) vs. Northern Illinois (0-1)

Date: Sep 01, 2017 • Site: DeKalb, Ill. • Stadium: Huskie Stadium  
Attendance: 16421

Kickoff time: 8:32 • End of Game: 12:00 • Total elapsed time: 3:28

Officials: Referee: Jeff Maconaghy; Umpire: Danny Worrell; Linesman: Matt Fitzgerald;  
Line judge: Hugh Campbell; Back judge: Keith Parham; Field judge: Kip Johnson;  
Side judge: Jamal Shears; Center judge: Marcus Woods;  
Temperature: 56 • Wind: 6 NE • Weather: Clear



SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-None. Northern Illinois-SMITH, Sutton 1-0; BROWN, Drequan 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Will Harris 7-3; Zach Allen 4-5; Isaac Yiadom 4-2; Harold Landry 3-3; Kamrin Moore 3-3; Ty Schwab 1-5; Lukas Denis 2-2; Noa Merritt 1-3; Taj-Amir Torres 3-0; Ray Smith 1-2; Max Richardson 1-1; Connor Strachan 1-1; Tanner Karafa 1-0; Timi Tijani 1-0. Northern Illinois-PUGH, Kyle 6-11; JONES, Bobby 10-6; JOHNSON, Jawuan 7-3; SMITH, Sutton 5-1; SMALLS, Albert 3-3; WILLIAMS, Mykel 5-0; ALLEN, Mycial 2-3; ABRESCH, Jackso 3-1; EMBRY, Jalen 3-1; SCHWAB, Alex 1-2; SANDERS, Joe 2-0; JONES-DAVIS A 2-0; LURRY, Shawun 1-1; CORCORAN, Josh 1-1; FOSTER, Traysho 1-1; BROWN, Drequan 1-0; HUFF, Jordan 1-0; LEE, William 0-1; WEBSTER, Devin 0-1; HEFLIN, Jack 0-1; LEROY, Ben 0-1.

#### Game Starters:

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	77	Jon Baker
RG	75	Chris Lindstrom
RT	74	Marcell Lazard
WR	83	Charlie Callinan
TE	81	Chris Garrison
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	1B	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
WR	18	Thadd Smith

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
LB	13	Connor Strachan
LB	14	Max Richardson
LB	10	Ty Schwab
CB	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
CB	5	Kamrin Moore

##### Northern Illinois

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	14	TEARS, Spencer
RT	56	ROBERTS, Ryan
WR	82	BEEBE, Chad
TE	35	WIMANN, Shane
TE	89	BRINKMAN, Mitch
RB	21	JONES, Marcus
QB	17	GRAHAM, Ryan
LT	73	SCHARPING, Max
LG	72	STECKLER, Jorda
C	64	SHIVELY, Luke
RG	65	VELOZ, Nathan

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	15	SMITH, Sutton
DT	99	LEROY, Ben
DT	98	HEFLIN, Jack
DE	12	CORCORAN, Josh
LB	6	JONES, Bobby
LB	57	PUGH, Kyle
LB	7	JOHNSON, Jawuan
CB	19	LURRY, Shawun
S	8A	WILLIAMS, Mykel
S	20	ALLEN, Mycial
CB	1	SMALLS, Albert

Boston College: 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 3T-Timi Tijani, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 4V-Joseph Vitiello, 5M-Isaiah McDuffie, 6-Jeff Smith, 9-Kobay White, 11-Wyatt Ray, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 28-John Lamot, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 49-Kevin Bletzer, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 70-John Phillips, 72-Alec Lindstrom, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 84-Jake Burt, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

Northern Illinois: 1E-CHILDERS, Marcu, 1A-TUCKER, Cole, 1B-THOMPSON, Antho, 2A-THOMAS, Dillon, 2-PARKER, Jonatha, 3A-EMBRY, Jalen, 3D-DEVEAUX, Lance, 4-BLAKE, Christia, 9A-SANDERS, Joe, 9-WESLEY, Jauan, 10-BROWN, D.J., 11-FOSTER, Traysho, 13-ABRESCH, Jackso, 18-SCHWAB, Alex, 23-HUFF, Jordan, 26-MISTER, Tommy, 34-HAGAN, Christia, 36-FERENGE, Matt, 40-BROWN, Drequan, 48-JONES-DAVIS A, 90-LEE, William, 94-WEBSTER, Devin.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Wake Forest vs Boston College (Sep 09, 2017 at Chestnut Hill, Mass.)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Wake Forest	7	14	10	3	<b>34</b>
Boston College	0	7	3	0	<b>10</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st 01:28 WF - Dortch, G 9 yd pass from Wolford, J (Weaver, M kick), 4-26 1:17  
 2nd 10:20 WF - Wolford, J 29 yd run (Weaver, M kick), 8-64 2:56  
 03:13 BC - Jon Hilliman 6 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-57 3:27  
 01:36 WF - Bassey, E 30 yd interception return (Weaver, M kick)  
 3rd 10:03 BC - Colton Lichtenberg 30 yd field goal, 7-51 2:29  
 06:15 WF - Weaver, M 28 yd field goal, 12-65 3:48  
 04:23 WF - Carney, C 3 yd run (Weaver, M kick), 2-2 0:46  
 4th 07:00 WF - Weaver, M 27 yd field goal, 13-68 7:46

	WF	BC
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	15	19
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	52-158	41-142
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	151	163
Passes Att-Comp-Int	19-13-0	41-18-3
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	71-309	82-305
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-6	4-42
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	5-146
Interception Returns-Yards	3-67	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-41.6	7-43.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	0-0
Possession Time	33:13	26:47
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 18	6 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-2	3-21

**RUSHING:** Wake Forest-Wolford, J 20-92; Carney, C 13-40; Colburn, M 14-27; Byrd, A 3-4; TEAM 1-minus 1; Hines, T 1-minus 4. Boston College-Thadd Smith 5-46; AJ Dillon 15-43; Jon Hilliman 8-23; Davon Jones 3-21; Travis Levy 3-18; Anthony Brown 3-8; Darius Wade 3-7; Team 1-minus 24.

**PASSING:** Wake Forest-Wolford, J 13-19-0-151. Boston College-Anthony Brown 11-29-3-119; Darius Wade 7-12-0-44.

**RECEIVING:** Wake Forest-Dortch, G 6-56; Lewis, C 2-29; Carney, C 1-23; Wade, C 1-14; Colburn, M 1-14; Hines, T 1-8; Bachman, A 1-7. Boston College-Jeff Smith 5-56; Kobay White 4-42; Michael Walker 2-12; Davon Jones 2-9; Tom Sweeney 1-14; Charlie Callinan 1-10; Ben Glines 1-10; Jon Hilliman 1-6; Travis Levy 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Wake Forest-Bates, J 1-37; Bassey, E 1-30; Glenn, C 1-0. Boston College-None.

**FUMBLES:** Wake Forest-Dortch, G 1-0. Boston College-Team 1-0; Jon Hilliman 1-1.

Wake Forest (2-0,1-0) vs. Boston College (1-1,0-1)

Date: Sep 09, 2017 • Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass. • Stadium: Alumni Stadium

Attendance: 38082

Kickoff time: 1:00 • End of Game: 4:14 • Total elapsed time: 3:14

Officials: Referee: Gary Patterson; Umpire: Terrance Ramsey; Linesman: Michael Kelley;

Line judge: Brian Sakowski; Back judge: Bryan Platt; Field judge: Harry Tyson;

Side judge: Jim Corpota; Center judge: Donald Yates;

Temperature: 68 deg • Wind: SE 2mph • Weather: Partly Sunny

SACKS (UA-A): Wake Forest-Williams, Jab 1-0. Boston College-Harold Landry 1-0; Ray Smith 0-1; Max Richardson 0-1; Zach Allen 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Wake Forest-Bates, J 5-4; Williams, Jab 6-1; Glenn, C 4-3; Bassey, E 4-1; Kemp, D 2-3; Yarbary, W 2-3; Henderson, A 4-0; Dawson, G 3-1; Calhoun, C 2-1; Freudenthal, J 1-2; Rodney, Z 0-3; Taylor, J 2-0; Wade, C 2-0; Kamara, S 1-1; Ejiofor, D 1-1; Masterson, L 1-1; Dunn, W 1-1; Bateman, E 0-2; Simpson, J 1-0; Maggio, D 1-0; Taylor, DJ 1-0; Basham, C 1-0; Carney, C 1-0; Strnad, J 1-0; Williams, Jac 1-0; McNeil, K 0-1; Bachman, A 0-1. Boston College-Will Harris 5-4; Ray Smith 2-7; Zach Allen 5-3; Ty Schwab 1-7; Connor Strachan 4-3; Max Richardson 2-5; Lukas Denis 3-3; Wyatt Ray 1-5; Kamrin Moore 3-2; Harold Landry 3-2; Noa Merritt 1-4; Isaac Yiadom 4-0; Tanner Karafa 2-1; Chris Lindstrom 1-0; Kevin Cohee 1-0.

## Game Starters:

### Wake Forest

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	75	Herron, J
LG	74	Haynes, P
C	70	Anderson, R
RG	68	Osterhage, P
RT	73	Benzinger, J
WR	7	Washington, S
WR	1	Hines, T
RB	36	Carney, C
QB	10	Wolford, J
TE	85	Serigne, C
WR	9	Wade, C

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	53	Ejiofor, D
DT	93	Rodney, Z
DT	48	Yarbary, W
DE	14	Dunn, W
BUCK	6	Williams, Jab
MIKE	50	Dawson, G
ROV	34	Kemp, D
CB	4	Henderson, A
SS	3	Bates, J
FS	2	Glenn, C
CB	21	Bassey, E

### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	70	John Phillips
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	75	Chris Lindstrom
RT	74	Marcell Lazard
X	83	Charlie Callinan
Z	18	Thadd Smith
TE	81	Chris Garrison
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	1B	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
SLB	13	Connor Strachan
MLB	14	Max Richardson
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	5	Kamrin Moore

Wake Forest: 2C-Chapman, B, 4M-Maggio, D, 5-Jiles, C, 5B-Byrd, A, 7W-Weaver, M, 12-Masterson, L, 15-Lewis, C, 17-Bachman, A, 18-Basham, C, 20-Davis, C, 22-Colburn, M, 23-Strnad, J, 24-Taylor, J, 30-Williams, Jac, 35-Mays, N, 37-Dillon, T, 41-Pike, D, 42-Simpson, J, 44-McNeil, K, 46-Taylor, DJ, 51-Calhoun, C, 52-Diemel, D, 54-Bateman, E, 56-Young, D, 58-Monroe, C, 60-Suhren, T, 86-Freudenthal, J, 87-Cole, T, 88-Claude, S, 89-Dortch, G, 90-Kamara, S.

Boston College: 1-Elijah Robinson, 1L-CJ Lewis, 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 4-Darius Wade, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 5M-Isaiah McDuffie, 6-Jeff Smith, 9-Kobay White, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 28-John Lamot, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 49-Kevin Bletzer, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 73-Sam Schmal, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 84-Jake Burt, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Notre Dame vs Boston College (Sep 16, 2017 at Chestnut Hill, Mass.)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	7	7	14	21	<b>49</b>
Boston College	3	7	3	7	<b>20</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st	07:52	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 38 yd field goal, 10-32 4:16
	06:28	ND - WIMBUSH 2 yd run (YOON kick), 4-75 1:24
2nd	11:59	BC - Charlie Callinan 22 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 9-85 3:01
	01:57	ND - WIMBUSH 1 yd run (YOON kick), 7-92 1:55
3rd	11:25	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 41 yd field goal, 5-9 2:19
	05:04	ND - JONES, T. 1 yd run (YOON kick), 9-70 2:36
	02:38	ND - WIMBUSH 3 yd run (YOON kick), 4-75 1:34
4th	13:41	ND - WIMBUSH 65 yd run (YOON kick), 5-83 1:59
	09:02	BC - Charlie Callinan 14 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 14-75 4:39
	06:23	ND - WILLIAMS 3 yd run (YOON kick), 2-35 0:28
	04:57	ND - WILLIAMS 15 yd run (YOON kick), 5-33 1:16

	ND	BC
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	19	22
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	51-515	44-185
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	96	215
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-11-1	41-24-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	78-611	85-400
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-5	2-19
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	4-80
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	1-18
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-46.1	8-38.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	6-35
Possession Time	29:35	30:25
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 18	4 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-6	1-2

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-ADAMS, Josh 18-229; WIMBUSH 21-207; WILLIAMS 6-50; McINTOSH 4-24; JONES, T. 2-5. Boston College-Jon Hilliman 22-122; AJ Dillon 16-58; Darius Wade 1-8; Davon Jones 1-4; Thadd Smith 2-minus 3; Anthony Brown 2-minus 4.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-WIMBUSH 11-24-1-96; BOOK 0-3-0-0. Boston College-Anthony Brown 24-40-2-215; Darius Wade 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-MACK, Alize 5-43; ADAMS, Josh 2-9; CLAYPOOL 2-8; SMYTHE 1-33; ST. BROWN 1-3. Boston College-Charlie Callinan 7-82; Kobay White 4-47; Jon Hilliman 3-6; Chris Garrison 2-23; Tom Sweeney 2-16; Michael Walker 2-13; Travis Levy 2-13; Jeff Smith 1-10; Jake Burt 1-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-CRAWFORD 2-0. Boston College-Lukas Denis 1-18.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-WIMBUSH 1-1. Boston College-Jon Hilliman 1-1; AJ Dillon 1-0.

Notre Dame (2-1) vs. Boston College (1-2)

Date: Sep 16, 2017 • Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass. • Stadium: Alumni Stadium

Attendance: 44500

Kickoff time: 3:41 pm • End of Game: 7:07 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:26

Officials: Referee: Stuart Mullins; Umpire: Johnnie Forte; Linesman: John Hoffman;

Line judge: Robert Zivkovic; Back judge: Robert Luklan; Field judge: Bill Dolbow;

Side judge: George Liotus; Center judge: Jeff Tomlin;

Temperature: 79 deg • Wind: E 1 mph • Weather: Partly Sunny

SACKS (UA-A): Notre Dame-TILLERY 1-0. Boston College-Zach Allen 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame-CONEY 5-8; MARTINI 4-6; MORGAN, Nyles 2-8; TILLERY 4-3; TRANQUILL 4-1; COLEMAN 3-2; HAYES, Daelin 1-4; WATKINS 4-0; BILAL 2-2; STUDSTILL 2-2; ELLIOTT 2-1; TRUMBETTI 2-1; OKWARA, J. 2-1; BONNER 1-1; GENMARK-HEATH 1-1; KAREEM 1-1; CRAWFORD 0-2; FERTITTA 1-0; LOVE 1-0; McGLINCHEY 1-0; SMYTHE 1-0; WIMBUSH 0-1; JONES, Jonathan 0-1; ROBERTSON, I. 0-1; YOON 0-1. Boston College-Ty Schwab 5-5; Zach Allen 3-6; Will Harris 4-4; Lukas Denis 5-2; Noa Merritt 5-2; Max Richardson 3-4; Kamrin Moore 5-1; Tanner Karafa 3-2; Isaac Yiadom 2-2; Kevin Bletzer 0-4; Wyatt Ray 0-3; Michael Walker 1-1; Harold Landry 1-0; Kobay White 1-0; Mehdi El Attrach 0-1; Kevin Cohee 0-1; Jimmy Martin 0-1; Taj-Amir Torres 0-1.

#### Game Starters:

##### Notre Dame

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	68	McGLINCHEY
LG	56	NELSON
C	53	MUSTIPHER
RG	71	BARS
RT	78	KRAEMER
WR	6	ST. BROWN
WR	83	CLAYPOOL
RB	33	ADAMS, Josh
QB	7	WIMBUSH
TE	80	SMYTHE
TE	86	MACK, Alize

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	9	HAYES, Daelin
DT	55	BONNER
NG	99	TILLERY
DE	93	HAYES, Jay
BUCK	48	MARTINI
MIKE	5	MORGAN, Nyles
ROV	23	TRANQUILL
CB	27	LOVE
FS	24	COLEMAN
SS	21	ELLIOTT
CB	7A	WATKINS

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	75	Chris Lindstrom
RT	70	John Phillips
X	83	Charlie Callinan
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	1B	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
TE	81	Chris Garrison
Z	18	Thadd Smith

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
MLB	14	Max Richardson
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	5	Kamrin Moore

Notre Dame: 2-WILLIAMS, 3-SANDERS, 4A-VANGORDER, 4-CONEY, 5A-KAREEM, 8-VAUGHN, 10-FINKE, 11-CANTEEN, 12-BOOK, 13-GENMARK-HEATH, 14-STUDSTILL, 16-HOLMES, C.J., 17-ROBERTSON, I., 18-PRIDE, 19-YOON, 20-CRAWFORD, 22-BILAL, 26-WEBSTER, 28-FERTITTA, 32-MORGAN, D.J., 34-JONES, T., 38-McINTOSH, 39-DOERER, 41-HINISH, 42-OKWARA, J., 44-JONES, Jamir, 45-JONES, Jonathan, 54-SHANNON, 57-RUHLAND, 70-BIVIN, 72-HAINSEY, 74-EICHENBERG, 81-BOYKIN, 82-WEISHAR, 84-KMET, 85-NEWSOME, 87-YOUNG, Michael, 89-WRIGHT, 91-OGUNDEJI, 95-TAGOVAILOA-AMOS, 97-DEW-TREADWAY, 98-TRUMBETTI.

Boston College: 1-Elijah Robinson, 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 4-Darius Wade, 4V-Joseph Vitiello, 6-Jeff Smith, 9-Kobay White, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 28-John Lamot, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 74-Marcell Lazard, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 84-Jake Burt, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College vs #2 Clemson (Sep 23, 2017 at Clemson, SC)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Boston College	0	0	7	0	7
Clemson	0	7	0	27	34

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

2nd 07:16 CU - K. BRYANT 11 yd run (AL. SPENCE kick), 13-94 5:56  
 3rd 03:30 BC - AJ Dillon 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-37 3:05  
 4th 11:59 CU - CHOICE 6 yd run (AL. SPENCE kick), 10-67 3:11  
 05:41 CU - ETIENNE 50 yd run (AL. SPENCE kick), 9-90 4:15  
 02:50 CU - K. BRYANT 4 yd run (AL. SPENCE kick failed), 5-24 1:36  
 00:52 CU - ETIENNE 10 yd run (AL. SPENCE kick), 4-41 1:30

	BC	CU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	27
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	34-97	58-342
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	141	140
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-15-2	26-17-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	66-238	84-482
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-53	2-54
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-102	1-26
Interception Returns-Yards	2-27	2-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-42.3	6-48.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	2-10
Possession Time	25:04	34:56
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 16	8 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	1-6

**RUSHING:** Boston College-AJ Dillon 18-57; Jon Hilliman 9-33; Travis Levy 3-8; Thadd Smith 2-6; Anthony Brown 2-minus 7. Clemson-ETIENNE 9-113; K. BRYANT 22-106; FEASTER 20-73; CHOICE 6-26; FULLER 1-12; HEARN 0-12.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Anthony Brown 14-30-1-133; Darius Wade 1-2-1-8. Clemson-K. BRYANT 17-26-2-140.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Jeff Smith 4-58; Tom Sweeney 4-52; Jon Hilliman 4-24; Kobay White 2-11; Michael Walker 1-minus 4. Clemson-H. RENFROW 6-53; CAIN 3-25; RICHARD 3-19; McCLOUD 2-minus 2; OVERTON 1-23; POWELL 1-13; THOMPSON 1-9.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-Isaac Yiadom 1-21; Lukas Denis 1-6. Clemson-MULLEN 1-0; TERRELL 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-Anthony Brown 1-0. Clemson-K. BRYANT 1-0; FULLER 1-0.

Boston College (1-3,0-2) vs. Clemson (4-0,2-0)

Date: Sep 23, 2017 • Site: Clemson, SC • Stadium: Memorial Stadium

Attendance: 80525

Kickoff time: 3:40 PM • End of Game: 6:48 PM • Total elapsed time: 3:08

Officials: Referee: Riley Johnson; Umpire: Michael Wooten; Linesman: Kavin McGrath;

Line judge: Tim Graham; Back judge: Paul Vargo; Field judge: Kip Johnson;

Side judge: Mike Safrit; Center judge: Thomas McCreesh;

Temperature: 88 • Wind: SE 8mph • Weather: Mostly sunny

SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-Ty Schwab 1-1; Kevin Bletzer 0-1. Clemson-A. BRYANT 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Lukas Denis 9-4; Ty Schwab 7-4; Isaac Yiadom 6-2; Harold Landry 4-4; Zach Allen 3-5; Max Richardson 4-3; John Lamot 0-7; Ray Smith 5-1; Kevin Bletzer 3-3; Will Harris 3-3; Kamrin Moore 2-2; Noa Merritt 0-4; Wyatt Ray 0-2; Mike Knoll 1-0; Mike Palmer 1-0; Taj-Amir Torres 1-0; Kevin Cohee 0-1; Mehdi El Attrach 0-1. Clemson-JOSEPH 4-8; MUSE 1-8; LAMAR 1-7; MULLEN 6-1; WILKINS 1-5; JA. WILLIAMS 3-2; J.D. DAVIS 1-4; O'DANIEL 2-2; A. BRYANT 2-2; FERRELL 0-4; SIMMONS 2-1; CARTER 2-1; LAWRENCE 0-3; ROBINSON 0-3; PINCKNEY 1-1; SKALSKI 1-1; TERRELL 1-1; V. SMITH 1-1; HUGGINS 0-2; S. SMITH 0-2; KELLY 1-0; FULLER 1-0; AU. SPENCE 1-0; H. RENFROW 1-0; POWELL 0-1.

#### Game Starters:

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	70	John Phillips
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
TE	81	Chris Garrison
QB	13	Anthony Brown
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
WR	18	Thadd Smith
WR	6	Jeff Smith

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
MLB	14	Max Richardson
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LCB	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RCB	5	Kamrin Moore

##### Clemson

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	75	HYATT
LG	51	HEARN
C	5F	FALCINELLI
RG	55	CROWDER
RT	73	ANCHRUM
TE	80	RICHARD
TE	84	CA. SMITH
QB	2	K. BRYANT
RB	28	FEASTER
WR	1	MULLEN
WR	3M	McCLOUD

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	99	FERRELL
DT	90	LAWRENCE
DT	42	WILKINS
DE	7	A. BRYANT
SLB	6	O'DANIEL
MLB	57	LAMAR
WLB	34	JOSEPH
CB	31	CARTER
SS	19	MUSE
FS	23	V. SMITH
CB	1	MULLEN

Boston College: 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 4-Darius Wade, 9R-TJ Rayam, 9-Kobay White, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 17-Mike Palmer, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 28-John Lamot, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 46-Jimmy Martin, 48-Tanner Karafa, 55-Wyatt Knopfke, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 74-Marcell Lazard, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 84-Jake Burt, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

Clemson: 1T-THOMPSON, 1B-BELL, 1J-D. JOHNSON, 2F-FIELDS, 3-RODGERS, 3G-CH. GROOMES, 4S-AL. SPENCE, 5H-HIGGINS, 5-S. SMITH, 6C-COOPER, 8-CAIN, 8T-TERRELL, 9-ETIENNE, 11-SIMMONS, 12-WALLACE, 13-H. RENFROW, 14-OVERTON, 16-W. SWINNEY, 17-POWELL, 18-CHASE, 22-KELLY, 24-TURNER, 25-CHALK, 26-CHOICE, 27-FULLER, 30-JA. WILLIAMS, 32-COTE, 33-J.D. DAVIS, 36-JU. DAVIS, 38-TRAPP, 40-MORTON, 43-CH. SMITH, 44-PINCKNEY, 45-REGISTER, 47-SKALSKI, 48-SPIERS, 50-ROBINSON, 52-AU. SPENCE, 58-PHIBBS, 59-CERVENKA, 62-STEWART, 64-GODFREY, 67-HUGGINS, 69-MORRIS, 70-PENNER, 74-SIMPSON, 76-POLLARD, 78-REEVES, 93-S. JOHNSON.



**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Central Michigan vs Boston College (Sep 30, 2017 at Chestnut Hill, Mass.)**

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central Michigan	2	6	0	0	<b>8</b>
Boston College	14	7	7	0	<b>28</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st 11:46 CMU - BRISSON-FAST, N safety  
10:33 BC - Jon Hilliman 6 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 1-6 0:05  
04:25 BC - AJ Dillon 15 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-53 3:33  
2nd 10:24 CMU - GWILLY, K. 1 yd run (POLJAN, Tony pass failed), 7-62 3:01  
04:03 BC - Jon Hilliman 2 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 3-17 0:47  
3rd 07:40 BC - Jon Hilliman 3 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 12-89 4:33

	<b>CMU</b>	<b>BC</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	18	17
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	33-116	53-224
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	180	85
Passes Att-Comp-Int	43-22-3	21-14-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	76-296	74-309
Fumble Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-3	4-128
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-57	2-15
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-59
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-41.0	5-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-53	6-43
Possession Time	31:34	28:26
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 16	8 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-18

**RUSHING:** Central Michigan-GWILLY, K. 12-61; WARD, Jonathan 4-31; ROSS, Romello 5-23; POLJAN, Tony 4-20; MORRIS, Shane 8-minus 19. Boston College-AJ Dillon 25-120; Jon Hilliman 23-89; Anthony Brown 4-20; Thadd Smith 1-minus 5.

**PASSING:** Central Michigan-MORRIS, Shane 21-42-3-171; POLJAN, Tony 1-1-0-9. Boston College-Anthony Brown 14-21-0-85.

**RECEIVING:** Central Michigan-WARD, Jonathan 10-49; CHAPMAN, Mark 4-42; POLJAN, Tony 3-61; COOPER, Eric 2-14; TERRY, Damon 2-11; GWILLY, K. 1-3. Boston College-Tom Sweeney 3-17; Kobay White 3-11; Jeff Smith 2-35; Chris Garrison 2-4; Korab Idrizi 1-7; Ben Glines 1-4; Ray Marten 1-4; Jon Hilliman 1-3.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Central Michigan-None. Boston College-Lukas Denis 2-59; Zach Allen 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Central Michigan-MORRIS, Shane 1-0. Boston College-Jon Hilliman 1-1; AJ Dillon 1-1.

Central Michigan (2-3) vs. Boston College (2-3)

Date: Sep 30, 2017 • Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass. • Stadium: Alumni Stadium

Attendance: 27036

Kickoff time: 1:00 pm • End of Game: 4:07 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:07

Officials: Referee: Duane Heydt; Umpire: James Hyson; Linesman: George Geiss;

Line judge: Peter Beratta; Back judge: H. Whittelsberg; Field judge: Jim Biddle;

Side judge: James Shears;

Temperature: 55 deg • Wind: NE 4mph • Weather: Cloudy, 30% Rain Ch.

SACKS (UA-A): Central Michigan-None. Boston College-Harold Landry 1-0; Zach Allen 1-0; Wyatt Ray 0-1; Ty Schwab 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Central Michigan-KELLY, Darwyn 4-9; CLARK, Carlos 4-7; BRIONES, Alex 4-6; FOUNTAIN, Malik 1-8; OLIVER, Michael 2-5; DANNA, Mike 2-4; BUNTING, Sean 1-5; OSTMAN, Joe 1-5; COLEMAN, Amari 1-4; BRISSON-FAST, N 2-2; PERRY, Jeff 1-3; COX, Josh 1-3; DILL, D'Andre 2-1; STANITZEK, M. 1-2; KYRE, Donny 0-3; APSEY, Trevor 1-1; GWILLY, K. 1-0; SHELDON, Jack 1-0; CONKLIN, Trevor 1-0; GOLDEN, Ray 1-0; McCOY, Alonzo 1-0; JONES, Gary 1-0. Boston College-Will Harris 5-5; John Lamot 3-7; Kevin Bletzer 4-3; Zach Allen 3-4; Ray Smith 2-5; Kamrin Moore 4-2; Lukas Denis 2-4; Harold Landry 3-2; Isaac Yiadom 3-2; Ty Schwab 3-2; Noa Merritt 1-3; Mehdi El Attrach 1-1; Wyatt Ray 1-1; Tanner Karafa 0-2; Tom Sweeney 1-0; Davon Jones 0-1; Taj-Amir Torres 0-1; Kevin Cohee 0-1.

## Game Starters:

### Central Michigan

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	59	AUSTIN, Joe
LG	67	QUINN, J.P.
C	79	DOAN, Austin
RG	70	CARR, Shakir
RT	74	EDWARDS, Derek
QB	11	MORRIS, Shane
RB	5	WARD, Jonathan
TE	21	CROUCH, Zach
WR	12	COOPER, Eric
WR	3	CHAPMAN, Mark
WR	9A	TERRY, Damon

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	46	BRISSON-FAST, N
NT	95	DILL, D'Andre
DT	57	DANNA, Mike
DE	45	OSTMAN, Joe
LB	43	CLARK, Carlos
LB	8	FOUNTAIN, Malik
LB	17	BRIONES, Alex
S	4	KELLY, Darwyn
S	14	COX, Josh
CB	3A	BUNTING, Sean
CB	7	COLEMAN, Amari

### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	75	Chris Lindstrom
RT	70	John Phillips
Z	6	Jeff Smith
Z	18	Thadd Smith
TE	81	Chris Garrison
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	13	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
MLB	28	John Lamot
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	5	Kamrin Moore

Central Michigan: 1-POLJAN, Tony, 1D-KEON, Kaden, 1A-McCOY, Alonzo, 1B-APSEY, Trevor, 3B-PERRY, Jeff, 4A-SABBAGH, Jamil, 6-JAMISON, D., 9-MOJSIEJENKO, C., 10-OAKLEY, Zach, 19-BANKS, Bobby, 22-JONES, Gary, 23-ROBERSON, Jay, 32-EDWARDS, B., 33-GWILLY, K., 34-ROSS, Romello, 36-SWAIN, Tyjuan, 37-ARMSTRONG, M., 38-GOLDEN, Ray, 39-OLIVER, Michael, 41-CONKLIN, Trevor, 44-STANITZEK, M., 47-CORBETT, Justin, 48-LAVALLII, O, 49-IDONI, Luke, 50-HAIRSTON, Troy, 60-EIPPER, Steve, 71-STUART, Robi, 82-COLE, Cameron, 85-CARSON, J., 86-CROUCH, Zach, 93-KYRE, Donny, 99-SHELDON, Jack.

Boston College: 1-Elijah Robinson, 1L-CJ Lewis, 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 5M-Isaiah McDuffie, 9-Kobay White, 9R-TJ Rayam, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**#16 Virginia Tech vs Boston College (Oct 07, 2017 at Chestnut Hill, Mass.)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Virginia Tech	7	10	3	3	<b>23</b>
Boston College	3	0	0	7	<b>10</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st 08:26 VT - Savoy, S 53 yd pass from Jackson, J (Slye, Joey kick), 4-77 1:22  
05:24 BC - Colton Lichtenberg 32 yd field goal, 9-60 3:02  
2nd 11:33 VT - Slye, Joey 34 yd field goal, 11-50 4:12  
06:19 VT - McMillian, T 23 yd run (Slye, Joey kick), 11-68 3:55  
3rd 10:44 VT - Slye, Joey 29 yd field goal, 8-64 4:16  
4th 06:40 VT - Slye, Joey 26 yd field goal, 6-26 2:46  
05:38 BC - Anthony Brown 25 yd pass from Jeff Smith (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 3-75 1:02

	VT	BC
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	20	16
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	48-109	33-153
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	322	191
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-22-1	33-14-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	81-431	66-344
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-31	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	2-43
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-43.9	9-40.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-67	5-27
Possession Time	34:03	25:57
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 20	2 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	5-35

**RUSHING:** Virginia Tech-McMillian, T 17-88; Fox, C 5-14; Holston, J 5-9; McClease, D 4-2; Savoy, S 3-minus 1; Jackson, J 14-minus 3. Boston College-Anthony Brown 7-51; Thadd Smith 2-38; AJ Dillon 10-35; Jon Hilliman 13-22; Travis Levy 1-7.

**PASSING:** Virginia Tech-Jackson, J 22-33-1-322. Boston College-Anthony Brown 13-30-0-166; Jeff Smith 1-1-0-25; Travis Levy 0-1-0-0; Team 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Virginia Tech-Savoy, S 9-139; Keene, D 4-66; Kumah, E 4-53; Murphy, H 3-40; McMillian, T 1-13; Phillips, C 1-11. Boston College-Travis Levy 3-42; Jon Hilliman 3-27; Kobay White 2-41; Jeff Smith 2-24; Michael Walker 2-9; Anthony Brown 1-25; Tom Sweeney 1-23.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Virginia Tech-None. Boston College-Isaac Yiadom 1-9.

**FUMBLES:** Virginia Tech-Stroman, G 1-0. Boston College-AJ Dillon 1-0.

Virginia Tech (5-1,1-1) vs. Boston College (2-4,0-3)

Date: Oct 07, 2017 • Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass. • Stadium: Alumni Stadium

Attendance: 32057

Kickoff time: 7:15 pm • End of Game: 10:32 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:17

Officials:

Temperature: 73 • Wind: 14 s • Weather: clear

SACKS (UA-A): Virginia Tech-None. Boston College-Harold Landry 3-0; Zach Allen 1-0; Ty Schwab 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Virginia Tech-Reynolds, M 4-5; Edmunds, Tr 6-2; Edmunds, Te 3-4; Walker, R 3-3; Motuapuaka, A 2-4; Settle, T 3-2; Floyd, R 2-3; Hill, T 1-4; Mihota, V 1-3; Alexander, A 2-0; Huelskamp, S 0-2; Facyson, B 1-0; Belmar, E 0-1; Keene, D 0-1; Gaines, H 0-1; Quillen, J 0-1; Burke, X 0-1; Slye, Joey 0-1; Nijman, Y 0-1; DeLuliis, D 0-1; Shegog, A 0-1; Stroman, G 0-1. Boston College-Zach Allen 5-9; Lukas Denis 7-3; John Lamot 5-4; Kamrin Moore 7-1; Ty Schwab 4-4; Harold Landry 5-2; Kevin Bletzer 5-2; Will Harris 4-3; Isaac Yiadom 3-2; Ray Smith 2-2; Noa Merritt 1-3; Tanner Karafa 3-0; Michael Walker 1-0; Ben Stewart 0-1; Brandon Barlow 0-1; Taj-Amir Torres 0-1.

#### Game Starters:

##### Virginia Tech

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	17	Jackson, J
RB	34	McMillian, T
WR	5	Phillips, C
WR	15	Savoy, S
WR	83	Kumah, E
TE	29	Keene, D
LT	69	Nijman, Y
LG	57	Teller, W
C	64	Gallo, E
RG	74	Pfaff, B
RT	61	Chung, K

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	99	Mihota, V
DL	4	Settle, T
DT	8	Walker, R
DE	94	Hill, T
LB	6	Reynolds, M
LB	54	Motuapuaka, A
LB	49	Edmunds, Tr
CB	31	Facyson, B
FS	22	Edmunds, Te
SS	21	Floyd, R
CB	25	Stroman, G

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
OL	67	Aaron Monteiro
OL	70	John Phillips
OL	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
OL	75	Chris Lindstrom
X	9	Kobay White
A	3	Michael Walker
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	13	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
Z	18	Thadd Smith

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DL	94	Noa Merritt
DL	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
LB	49	Kevin Bletzer
LB	28	John Lamot
LB	10	Ty Schwab
CB	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
CB	5	Kamrin Moore

Virginia Tech: 2-Rodgers, T, 4D-Belmar, E, 4R-Rivers, D, 7-Hunter, D, 9-Deluliis, D, 9D-Ladler, K, 11-Gaines, H, 12-Murphy, H, 13-Holston, J, 16-Fox, C, 19-Grimsley, H, 20-Newsome, D, 23-Ashby, R, 24-Shegog, A, 26-Quillen, J, 28-Watts, B, 33-McClease, D, 36-Alexander, A, 39-Daniel, S, 43-Burke, X, 46-Slye, Joey, 47-Fullwood, D, 48-Griffith, D, 55-Hewitt, J, 56-Huelskamp, S, 79-Smith, T, 80-Pettit, C, 85-Cunningham, C, 87-Taylor, C, 88-Pimbleton, K, 91-Bradburn, O.

Boston College: 2D-AJ Dillon, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 6-Jeff Smith, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 27-Christian McStravick, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 44-Brandon Barlow, 45-Ben Stewart, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 55-Wyatt Knopfke, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 74-Marcell Lazard, 81-Chris Garrison, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College vs Louisville (Oct 14, 2017 at LOUISVILLE, KY)**

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boston College	7	7	14	17	<b>45</b>
Louisville	14	7	0	21	<b>42</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st	11:38	LOU - Averett, Kem. 22 yd pass from Jackson, Lam. (Creque, Bla. kick), 9-75 3:22
	03:36	LOU - Jackson, Lam. 20 yd run (Creque, Bla. kick), 6-80 2:23
	00:53	BC - Thadd Smith 42 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 6-78 2:43
2nd	05:07	LOU - Bonnafon, Reg. 64 yd run (Creque, Bla. kick), 1-64 0:10
	00:51	BC - AJ Dillon 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-48 1:47
3rd	05:03	BC - AJ Dillon 3 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 14-72 5:19
	02:28	BC - Jon Hilliman 6 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 4-64 1:32
4th	14:55	BC - AJ Dillon 11 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 4-22 1:20
	12:13	LOU - Fitzpatrick, De 40 yd pass from Jackson, Lam. (Creque, Bla. kick), 6-84 2:42
	11:59	BC - AJ Dillon 75 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 1-75 0:14
	08:59	LOU - Jackson, Lam. 9 yd run (Creque, Bla. kick), 10-79 3:00
	05:03	LOU - Jackson, Lam. 41 yd run (Creque, Bla. kick), 6-83 2:21
	00:00	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 27 yd field goal, 8-29 1:49

	<b>BC</b>	<b>LOU</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	27	25
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	59-364	36-293
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	191	332
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-12-1	39-19-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	87-555	75-625
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-11	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-64	1--1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-63	3-47
Interception Returns-Yards	1-24	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-39.2	6-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	1-10	4-30
Possession Time	30:30	29:30
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 18	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-13

**RUSHING:** Boston College-AJ Dillon 39-272; Anthony Brown 6-52; Thadd Smith 3-22; Jon Hilliman 6-12; Travis Levy 3-10; Darius Wade 1-3; Jeff Smith 1-minus 7. Louisville-Jackson, Lam. 22-180; Bonnafon, Reg. 12-107; Smith, Trey 2-6.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Anthony Brown 5-17-1-100; Darius Wade 7-10-0-91; Jeff Smith 0-1-0-0. Louisville-Jackson, Lam. 19-39-1-332.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Tom Sweeney 4-57; Chris Garrison 2-36; Jon Hilliman 2-18; Thadd Smith 1-42; Jeff Smith 1-22; Ray Marten 1-9; Travis Levy 1-7. Louisville-Fitzpatrick, De 7-127; Smith, Jay. 6-118; Standberry, Ch. 2-38; Averett, Kem. 1-22; Crum, Mic. 1-20; Johnson, Jos. 1-4; Bonnafon, Reg. 1-3.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-Wyatt Ray 1-24. Louisville-Smith, TreS. 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-AJ Dillon 1-0; Kamrin Moore 1-0. Louisville-Smith, Jay. 1-1.

Boston College (3-4,1-3) vs. Louisville (4-3,1-3)

Date: Oct 14, 2017 • Site: LOUISVILLE, KY • Stadium: Papa John's Cardinal

Attendance: 44679

Kickoff time: 12:20PM • End of Game: 3:45PM • Total elapsed time: 3:25

Officials: Referee: J. Heaser; Umpire: M. Wilson; Linesman: S. Clein;

Line judge: R. Misner; Back judge: J. Hooper; Field judge: C. Clougherty;

Side judge: J. Corpora; Center judge: L. Saunders;

Temperature: 74 • Wind: S-10mph • Weather: Clear

SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-None. Louisville-Hearns, Jam. 1-0; Smith, TreS. 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Ty Schwab 6-5; John Lamot 6-0; Lukas Denis 5-1; Taj-Amir Torres 4-2; Harold Landry 4-1; Ray Smith 0-5; Zach Allen 4-0; Noa Merritt 1-3; Kamrin Moore 1-3; Kevin Bletzer 2-0; Will Harris 2-0; Hamp Cheevers 1-0; Ben Glines 1-0; Isaiah McDuffie 1-0; Isaac Yiadom 1-0; Michael Walker 0-1; Wyatt Ray 0-1. Louisville-Etheridge, Dor. 9-5; Williams, Chu. 6-7; Stewart, Isa. 6-4; Greenard, Jon. 5-4; Cannon, Zyk. 4-4; Smith, Dee 5-2; Smith, TreS. 5-1; Richardson, De. 2-1; Robinson, G.G. 2-1; Yeast, Rus. 1-2; Alexander, Jai. 0-3; Pass, Kha. 2-0; Hearns, Jam. 2-0; Thomas, Lam. 2-0; Young, Tre. 0-2; Famurewa, Hen. 1-0; Washington, Tru 0-1; Dorsey, Der. 0-1.

### Game Starters:

#### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	70	John Phillips
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
WR	9	Kobay White
TE	81	Chris Garrison
WR	6	Jeff Smith
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	13	Anthony Brown

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
DB	24	Taj-Amir Torres
MLB	28	John Lamot
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LCB	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RCB	5	Kamrin Moore

#### Louisville

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	74	Christian, Ger.
LG	79	Thomas, Ken.
C	75	Bell, Rob.
RG	72	McNeil, Luk.
RT	73	Becton, Mek.
TE	83	Crum, Mic.
WR	9	Smith, Jay.
WR	87	Fitzpatrick, De
WR	1	Samuel, Tra.
RB	7	Bonnafon, Reg.
QB	8	Jackson, Lam.

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	91	Young, Tre.
DT	94	Robinson, G.G.
DT	96	Famurewa, Hen.
DE	58	Greenard, Jon.
MLB	17	Etheridge, Dor.
MLB	42	Stewart, Isa.
CB	10	Alexander, Jai.
CB	6	Yeast, Rus.
S	22	Williams, Chu.
S	11	Smith, Dee
S	4	Smith, TreS.

Boston College: 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 4-Darius Wade, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 9K-Jack Kenny, 9R-TJ Rayam, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 18-Thadd Smith, 19-Ben Glines, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 49-Kevin Bletzer, 55-Isaiah McDuffie, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 72-Alec Lindstrom, 74-Marcell Lazard, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

Louisville: 1A-Averett, Kem., 2A-Trotter, Har., 2-Reed, Cor., 4B-Polston, Tyl., 9A-Avery, C.J., 12-Smith, Trey, 14-Bailey, Dre., 15-Washington, Tru, 20-Walker, Ron., 21-Iakopo, Lon., 24-Cannon, Zyk., 28-King, Mas., 30-Pass, Kha., 35-Thomas, Lam., 43-Smith, Dami., 45-Creque, Bla., 47-Johnson, Aus., 49-Little, Tob., 52-Hall, Mit., 59-Tillman, Cal., 60-Haycraft, Tyl., 62-Dorsey, Der., 66-Bentley, Col., 80-Standberry, Ch., 84-Johnson, Jos., 85-Davis, Jor., 88-Bagley, Jav., 90-Richardson, De., 93-McCrae, Gar., 98-Peterson, Tab., 99-Hearns, Jam..

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College vs Virginia (Oct 21, 2017 at Charlottesville, Va.)**

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boston College	17	7	10	7	<b>41</b>
Virginia	0	7	0	3	<b>10</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st	06:51	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 30 yd field goal, 15-85 5:40
	04:16	BC - Thadd Smith 76 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 4-90 1:07
	01:57	BC - Kobay White 76 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 3-81 1:25
2nd	11:35	BC - Tom Sweeney 10 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 9-80 3:09
	00:42	VA - Reed, J 1 yd run (Mejia, A.J. kick), 14-59 7:07
3rd	10:42	BC - Colton Lichtenberg 36 yd field goal, 10-50 4:18
	02:11	BC - Tom Sweeney 3 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 15-92 6:33
4th	14:53	VA - Mejia, A.J. 38 yd field goal, 9-55 2:18
	09:30	BC - John Lamot 40 yd interception return (Colton Lichtenberg kick)

	<b>BC</b>	<b>VA</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	19	19
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	47-237	26-95
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	275	152
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-19-0	42-19-3
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	71-512	68-247
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-6	3-19
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-55	1-42
Interception Returns-Yards	3-67	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-38.0	7-52.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-52	1-15
Possession Time	33:35	26:25
Third-Down Conversions	10 of 19	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-17	0-0

**RUSHING:** Boston College-AJ Dillon 24-89; Thadd Smith 2-79; Jon Hilliman 12-32; Anthony Brown 5-32; Richard Wilson 2-5; Travis Levy 1-2; Team 1-minus 2. Virginia-Ellis, J 12-58; Kier, PK 2-16; Cross, D 1-13; Zaccheaus, O 3-12; Reed, J 2-9; Hamm, D 2-4; Benkert, K 4-minus 17.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Anthony Brown 19-24-0-275. Virginia-Benkert, K 17-33-1-126; Stone, L 2-9-2-26.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Tom Sweeney 4-55; Kobay White 3-85; Jon Hilliman 3-33; Chris Garrison 3-24; Travis Levy 3-9; Michael Walker 2-59; Jeff Smith 1-10. Virginia-Zaccheaus, O 6-57; Hamm, D 4-27; Butts, E 3-22; Ellis, J 2-8; Reed, J 1-17; Levrone, A 1-9; Dubois, H 1-8; Dowling, D 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-John Lamot 1-40; Hamp Cheevers 1-27; Will Harris 1-0. Virginia-None.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-Travis Levy 1-0; Anthony Brown 1-0. Virginia-None.

Boston College (4-4,2-3) vs. Virginia (5-2,2-1)

Date: Oct 21, 2017 • Site: Charlottesville, Va. • Stadium: Smith/Harrison/Scott

Attendance: 39216

Kickoff time: 12:34 PM • End of Game: 3:36pm • Total elapsed time: 3:02

Officials: Referee: Riley Johnson; Umpire: Michael Wooten; Linesman: Kavin McGrath;

Line judge: Tim Graham; Back judge: Delbert Bell; Field judge: Mike Cullin;

Side judge: Mike Safrin; Center judge: Thomas McCreesh;

Temperature: 77 • Wind: SE 5 mph • Weather: sunny



SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-Wyatt Ray 1-1; Kevin Bletzer 0-1; Will Harris 1-0. Virginia-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Lukas Denis 4-3; Will Harris 5-1; Zach Allen 2-4; Ty Schwab 2-4; John Lamot 3-1; Wyatt Ray 2-2; Kamrin Moore 2-1; Isaac Yiadom 1-2; Noa Merritt 1-2; Mehdi El Attrach 2-0; Mike Palmer 2-0; Isaiah Miranda 2-0; Ray Smith 0-2; Jimmy Martin 0-2; Michael Walker 0-2; Kevin Bletzer 0-2; Davon Jones 1-0; Taj-Amir Torres 1-0; TJ Rayam 1-0; M.Schulze-Geisthovel 1-0; Isaiah McDuffie 0-1; Harold Landry 0-1; Tanner Karafa 0-1; Gabriel McClary 0-1. Virginia-Blanding, Q 6-7; Mack, J 6-6; Nelson, B 4-7; Blount, J 2-8; Kiser, M 5-4; Peace, C 4-3; Hall, B 1-3; Hanback, E 1-2; Moore, C 1-2; Brown, A 1-2; Moye, J 0-3; Thornhill, J 1-1; Stalker, C.J. 1-1; Snowden, C 1-1; Cowley, T 1-0; Atkins, L 1-0; Cross, D 0-1; Alonso, M 0-1; Bratton, D 0-1; Hamm, D 0-1; Zandier, Z 0-1; Wright, S 0-1.

## Game Starters:

### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	13	Anthony Brown
RB	2D	AJ Dillon
WR	18	Thadd Smith
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
TE	81	Chris Garrison
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
RG	70	John Phillips
C	64	Ben Petrula
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
WR	9	Kobay White

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	7	Harold Landry
MLB	28	John Lamot
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	5	Kamrin Moore

### Virginia

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	6	Benkert, K
WR	14	Levrone, A
TE	44	Cowley, T
TB	1	Ellis, J
WR	2	Reed, J
RT	55	Pertile, B
LT	67	English, J
LG	74	Montelus, J
RG	77	Fieler, J
C	79	Reinkensmeyer, D
BB	27	Peacock, J

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LE	9	Brown, A
NT	58	Hanback, E
RE	99	Moye, J
MLB	53	Kiser, M
BLB	37	Mack, J
SLB	40	Stalker, C.J.
WLB	13	Peace, C
FC	21	Thornhill, J
SS	28	Nelson, B
FS	3	Blanding, Q
BC	34	Hall, B

Boston College: 1-Elijah Robinson, 3-Michael Walker, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 4-Darius Wade, 6-Jeff Smith, 9R-TJ Rayam, 11-Wyatt Ray, 16-Davon Jones, 17-Mike Palmer, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 32-Jon Hilliman, 33-Adam Korutz, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 38-Richard Wilson, 44-Brandon Barlow, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 51-Isaiah Miranda, 55-Isaiah McDuffie, 74-Marcell Lazard, 80-Caleb Stoneburner, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 83-Charlie Callinan, 86-Ray Marten, 90-Bryce Morais, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

Virginia: 4-Zaccheaus, O, 5-Dowling, D, 8-Dubois, H, 11-Spaziani, J, 15-Cross, D, 16-Burney, R, 20-Grant, N, 22-Hamm, D, 25-Atkins, L, 26-Kier, PK, 29-Blount, J, 30-Sheppard, D, 31-Sharp, C, 32-Bratton, D, 33-Zandier, Z, 36-Stone, L, 38-Snowden, C, 39-Moore, C, 43-Brown, E, 45-Kellam, R, 46-Butts, E, 47-Coleman, L, 57-Trucilla, J, 65-Knutson, B, 70-Moss, S, 71-McDonald, J, 78-Proctor, R.J., 81-Griffin, N, 84-Jana, T, 89-Delaney, B, 90-Wright, S, 91-Alonso, M, 95-Mejia, A.J., 98-Kirven, J.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Florida State vs Boston College (Oct 27, 2017 at Chestnut Hill, Mass.)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Florida State	0	3	0	0	3
Boston College	7	14	14	0	35

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st	07:55	BC - Kobay White 34 yd pass from Jeff Smith (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 7-79 2:41
2nd	10:10	BC - Tom Sweeney 11 yd pass from Anthony Brown (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-46 3:15
	06:48	BC - Anthony Brown 4 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 6-62 2:36
	00:44	FS - Ricky Aguayo 36 yd field goal, 13-51 3:28
3rd	11:00	BC - AJ Dillon 2 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 3-11 1:02
	00:13	BC - Darius Wade 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 8-24 3:46

	FS	BC
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	10	19
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	29-64	55-241
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	149	88
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-12-1	21-7-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	56-213	76-329
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4--10	3-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-45	2-68
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.7	4-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-71	1-10
Possession Time	24:45	35:15
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 14	6 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	2 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-16

**RUSHING:** Florida State-Cam Akers 18-42; Amir Rasul 4-25; Ryan Green 3-10; James Blackman 4-minus 13. Boston College-AJ Dillon 33-149; Jon Hilliman 14-41; Jeff Smith 2-26; Anthony Brown 3-20; Thadd Smith 1-6; Darius Wade 1-1; Team 1-minus 2.

**PASSING:** Florida State-James Blackman 11-26-1-102; Cam Akers 1-1-0-47. Boston College-Anthony Brown 6-20-0-54; Jeff Smith 1-1-0-34.

**RECEIVING:** Florida State-Nyqwan Murray 3-102; Cam Akers 3-7; Auden Tate 2-12; Ryan Izzo 1-14; Ermon Lane 1-9; Ryan Green 1-5; Johnathan Vickers 1-0. Boston College-Kobay White 2-46; Tom Sweeney 2-19; Chris Garrison 1-12; Travis Levy 1-8; Jon Hilliman 1-3.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Florida State-None. Boston College-Ty Schwab 1-1.

**FUMBLES:** Florida State-Cam Akers 1-1; Tarvarus McFadden 1-1. Boston College-None.

Florida State (2-5,2-4) vs. Boston College (5-4,3-3)

Date: Oct 27, 2017 • Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass. • Stadium: Alumni Stadium

Attendance: 40629

Kickoff time: • End of Game: 11:16 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:16

Officials: Referee: Stuart Mullins; Umpire: Johnnie Forte; Linesman: John Hoffmann;

Line judge: Robert Zivkovic; Back judge: Robert Luklan; Field judge: Bill Dolbow;

Side judge: George Liotus; Center judge: Jeff Tomlin;

Temperature: 52 deg • Wind: SW 7mph • Weather: 51% humid, 0% Rain

SACKS (UA-A): Florida State-None. Boston College-John Lamot 1-0; Ty Schwab 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Florida State-Matthew Thomas 4-11; Derwin James 3-10; Josh Sweat 3-5; Ro'Derrick Hoskins 3-3; Trey Marshall 2-4; Jacob Pugh 2-4; Brian Burns 2-2; Derrick Nnadi 1-3; Demarcus Christmas 1-3; Jalen Wilkerson 2-1; Walvenski Aime 0-3; Stanford Samuels 1-1; Emmett Rice 1-1; Nate Andrews 1-1; Hamsah Nasirildeen 1-1; Tarvarus McFadden 0-2; Levonta Taylor 0-2; Jared Jackson 1-0; Leonard Warner 1-0; Carlos Becker 1-0; Fredrick Jones 1-0; Marvin Wilson 0-1; Joshua Kaindoh 0-1; Dontavious Jackson 0-1. Boston College-Ty Schwab 2-10; John Lamot 5-5; Lukas Denis 2-5; Ray Smith 2-4; Kamrin Moore 2-3; Wyatt Ray 0-5; Zach Allen 2-2; Isaiah McDuffie 2-1; Isaac Yiadom 1-1; Will Harris 1-1; Noa Merritt 0-2; Kevin Bletzer 1-0; Taj-Amir Torres 1-0; Michael Walker 1-0; Mehdi El Attrach 1-0; Ben Glines 0-1; Timi Tijani 0-1; Davon Jones 0-1.

#### Game Starters:

##### Florida State

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	79	Josh Ball
LG	74	Derrick Kelly
C	54	Alec Eberle
RG	70	Cole Minshew
RT	76	Rick Leonard
QB	1J	James Blackman
TB	3	Cam Akers
WR	87	Jared Jackson
TE	81	Ryan Izzo
WR	1A	Auden Tate
WR	8	Nyqwan Murray

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	99	Brian Burns
DT	90	Demarcus Christmas
NG	91	Derrick Nnadi
BUCK	9	Josh Sweat
SAM	16	Jacob Pugh
MIKE	18	Ro'Derrick Hoskins
WLB	6	Matthew Thomas
CB	4M	Tarvarus McFadden
FS	3J	Derwin James
SS	20	Trey Marshall
CB	1	Levonta Taylor

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	70	John Phillips
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
X	9	Kobay White
A	19	Ben Glines
WR	6	Jeff Smith
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
QB	13	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	11	Wyatt Ray
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
MLB	28	John Lamot
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	5	Kamrin Moore

Florida State: 1C-J.J. Cosentino, 1W-Arthur Williams, 2W-Marvin Wilson, 2M-D.J. Matthews, 2N-Hamsah Nasirildeen, 3W-Leonard Warner, 5J-Dontavious Jackson, 6M-Tre' McKitty, 7-Ermon Lane, 7G-Ryan Green, 8M-Justin Motlow, 8S-Stanford Samuels, 13-Joshua Kaindoh, 14-Kyle Meyers, 15-Carlos Becker, 19-A.J. Westbrook, 21-Logan Tyler, 22-Amir Rasul, 23-Ricky Aguayo, 26-Johnathan Vickers, 29-Nate Andrews, 30-Jalen Wilkerson, 35-Gabe Nabers, 47-Stephen Gabbard, 51-Josh Brown, 55-Fredrick Jones, 56-Emmett Rice, 71-Brock Ruble, 75-Abdul Bello, 82-Naseir Upshur, 83-Bryan LaCivita, 88-Mavin Saunders, 94-Walvenski Aime.

Boston College: 1L-CJ Lewis, 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 4-Darius Wade, 9K-Jack Kenny, 9R-TJ Rayam, 15-Troy Flutie, 16-Davon Jones, 18-Thadd Smith, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 27-Christian McStravick, 33-Adam Korutz, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 44-Brandon Barlow, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 51-Isaiah Miranda, 55-Isaiah McDuffie, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 74-Marcell Lazard, 81-Chris Garrison, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 83-Charlie Callinan, 84-Jake Burt, 86-Ray Marten, 90-Bryce Morais, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**#23 NC State vs Boston College (Nov 11, 2017 at Chestnut Hill, Mass.)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
NC State	0	10	0	7	17
Boston College	0	7	7	0	14

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

2nd 06:10 BC - AJ Dillon 66 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 5-80 1:56  
02:26 ST - Samuels, J. 8 yd run (Bambard, K. kick), 11-87 3:44  
00:03 ST - Bambard, K. 41 yd field goal, 1--5 0:05  
3rd 00:11 BC - Thadd Smith 12 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 4-23 1:19  
4th 08:22 ST - Hines, N. 50 yd run (Bambard, K. kick), 5-83 1:51

	ST	BC
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	17	20
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	40-217	54-236
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	150	111
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-14-1	22-10-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	73-367	76-347
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-14
Punt Returns-Yards	1-10	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-77	4-61
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-43.5	5-29.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	3-15
Possession Time	30:28	29:32
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 17	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-3	1-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-28	1-5

**RUSHING:** NC State-Hines, N. 19-110; Finley, R. 6-39; Samuels, J. 6-33; Gallaspy, R. 8-32; Meyers, J. 1-3. Boston College-AJ Dillon 36-196; Anthony Brown 3-28; Thadd Smith 3-26; Jon Hilliman 2-9; Mike Knoll 1-4; Team 1-minus 1; Darius Wade 8-minus 26.

**PASSING:** NC State-Finley, R. 14-33-1-150. Boston College-Darius Wade 8-15-0-82; Anthony Brown 2-5-1-29; Jeff Smith 0-1-0-0; Jon Hilliman 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** NC State-Harmon, K. 5-68; Samuels, J. 3-26; Hines, N. 2-16; Emezie, E. 1-18; Meyers, J. 1-15; Louis, S. 1-5; Gallaspy, R. 1-2. Boston College-Tom Sweeney 4-55; Jeff Smith 2-24; Kobay White 2-9; Travis Levy 1-18; Charlie Callinan 1-4; Michael Walker 0-1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** NC State-Boone, S. 1-0. Boston College-Ty Schwab 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** NC State-Samuels, J. 1-1. Boston College-Anthony Brown 1-0; Darius Wade 1-1.

NC State (7-3,5-1) vs. Boston College (5-5,3-4)

Date: Nov 11, 2017 • Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass. • Stadium: Alumni Stadium

Attendance: 33242

Kickoff time: 12:07 pm • End of Game: 3:29 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:22

Officials: Referee: Jeff Maconaghy; Umpire: James Hyson; Linesman: Matt Fitzgerald;

Line judge: Colin Formulak; Back judge: Pat Ryan; Field judge: Chris Junjulas;

Side judge: George Liotus; Center judge: Thomas McCreesh;

Temperature: 27 deg • Wind: 8 mph N • Weather: Sunny, clear skies

SACKS (UA-A): NC State-Chubb, B. 2-1; Fernandez, J. 0-1; Hill, B.J. 1-0; Boone, S. 1-0. Boston College-John Lamot 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): NC State-Fernandez, J. 4-6; Hill, B.J. 6-3; Chubb, B. 6-3; Morehead, J. 4-2; Boone, S. 3-3; Moore, A. 4-1; Pratt, G. 0-5; Jones, J. 1-3; Street, K. 3-0; Alston, J. 2-1; Wright, D. 1-2; Bodine, B. 2-0; Stevens, Mi. 2-0; Riley, T. 1-1; Bryant, E. 1-1; Bambard, K. 1-0; Cook, C. 1-0; Frazier, S. 1-0; Morrison, S. 1-0; DeBoer, L. 1-0; Roseboro, D. 0-1; Kidd-Glass, T. 0-1; McCloud, N. 0-1. Boston College-Zach Allen 5-4; John Lamot 4-3; Isaac Yiadom 5-0; Ray Smith 4-1; Noa Merritt 3-2; Lukas Denis 3-2; Will Harris 1-3; Ty Schwab 0-4; Hamp Cheevers 3-0; Wyatt Ray 2-1; Taj-Amir Torres 2-1; Kamrin Moore 0-3; Gabriel McClary 2-0; Kevin Cohee 1-0; Kevin Bletzer 1-0; Timi Tijani 1-0.

#### Game Starters:

##### NC State

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	53	Jones, T.
LG	70	Prescod, T.
C	65	Bradbury, G.
RG	50	Adams, T.
RT	54	Richardson, W.
H	1	Samuels, J.
X	3	Harmon, K.
Z	12	Louis, S.
S	11	Meyers, J.
QB	15	Finley, R.
RB	7	Hines, N.

Pos	##	DEFENSE
FE	35	Street, K.
N	98	Hill, B.J.
T	27	Jones, J.
BE	9	Chubb, B.
MLB	4	Fernandez, J.
WLB	58	Moore, A.
NIC	24	Boone, S.
LC	2A	Stevens, Mi.
SS	31	Morehead, J.
FS	34	Kidd-Glass, T.
RC	5	Alston, J.

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	70	John Phillips
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
X	83	Charlie Callinan
TE	81	Chris Garrison
Z	18	Thadd Smith
RB	2D	AJ Dillon
QB	13	Anthony Brown
TE	89	Tom Sweeney

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	11	Wyatt Ray
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
MLB	28	John Lamot
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LC	31	Isaac Yiadom
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	5	Kamrin Moore

NC State: 1Z-Ingram, C., 3A-Pratt, G., 8-Trowell, M., 9A-Frazier, S., 10-Acceus, L., 13-Morrison, S., 14-Wright, D., 19-Riley, C.J., 21-McCloud, N., 25-Gallaspy, R., 26-Lacy, N., 28-Parham, D., 29-Saunders, R., 33-Bodine, B., 42-Autenrieth, D., 43-Pierson, D., 44-Smith, B., 45-Roseboro, D., 46-DeBoer, L., 48-Cook, C., 49-Stevens, Ma., 57-Griffiths, T., 64-Daniel, P., 66-Fedd-Jackson, J., 71-Sculthorpe, J., 72-Walton, P., 83-Stephens, D., 85-Ramos, J., 86-Emezie, E., 90-Cole, A.J., 91-Bryant, E., 92-Bambard, K., 95-Riley, T..

Boston College: 3-Michael Walker, 4-Darius Wade, 4C-Hamp Cheevers, 6-Jeff Smith, 9-Kobay White, 9K-Jack Kenny, 16-Davon Jones, 19-Ben Glines, 20-Isaac Yiadom, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 32-Jon Hilliman, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 55-Isaiah McDuffie, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 74-Marcell Lazard, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 84-Jake Burt, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College vs UConn (Nov 18, 2017 at Boston, Mass.)**

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boston College	0	14	19	6	<b>39</b>
UConn	3	0	0	13	<b>16</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st	11:03	UConn - TARBUTT, Mike 50 yd field goal, 9-61 3:57
2nd	06:13	BC - Chris Garrison 2 yd pass from Darius Wade (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 12-70 5:46
	03:07	BC - AJ Dillon 53 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 1-53 0:12
3rd	13:04	BC - Jon Hilliman 38 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 5-60 1:56
	09:41	BC - Taj-Amir Torres 65 yd interception return (Colton Lichtenberg kick failed)
	03:06	BC - AJ Dillon 20 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick failed), 4-42 1:22
4th	07:20	BC - Jon Hilliman 3 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick failed), 7-69 3:38
	06:31	UConn - MENSAH, Kevin 70 yd run (TARBUTT, Mike kick), 3-79 0:49
	04:15	UConn - MAYALA, Hergy 43 yd pass from PINDELL, David (PINDELL, David pass failed), 1-43 0:07

	<b>BC</b>	<b>UConn</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	14	15
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	49-330	41-171
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	55	241
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-7-0	33-14-3
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	64-385	74-412
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-56	7-107
Interception Returns-Yards	3-137	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-39.2	9-38.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	7-47
Possession Time	28:51	31:09
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	6 of 20
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	0-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	0-0

**RUSHING:** Boston College-AJ Dillon 24-200; Jon Hilliman 10-107; Travis Levy 7-8; Thadd Smith 3-6; Darius Wade 3-5; Jeff Smith 1-4; Richard Wilson 1-0. UConn-MENSAH, Kevin 16-115; PINDELL, David 17-47; NEWSOME, Arkeel 2-7; WILLIAMS, Don. 1-6; HOPKINS, Nate 2-4; DIXON, Keyion 1-minus 1; TEAM 1-minus 2; BEALS, Tyraiq 1-minus 5.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Darius Wade 7-15-0-55. UConn-PINDELL, David 14-33-3-241.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Tom Sweeney 2-42; Chris Garrison 2-11; Kobay White 2-0; Jeff Smith 1-2. UConn-MAYALA, Hergy 5-65; DIXON, Keyion 3-48; NEWSOME, Arkeel 2-74; MCLEAN, Aaron 2-27; BLOOM, Alec 1-28; BEALS, Tyraiq 1-minus 1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-Taj-Amir Torres 1-65; Lukas Denis 1-56; Hamp Cheevers 1-16. UConn-None.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-Darius Wade 1-1. UConn-PINDELL, David 1-0; O'REILLY, Donev 1-0.

Boston College (6-5) vs. UConn (3-8)

Date: Nov 18, 2017 • Site: Boston, Mass. • Stadium: Fenway Park

Attendance: 20133

Kickoff time: 7:11 pm • End of Game: 10:36 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:25

Officials: Referee: Tra Blake; Umpire: Mark Wilson; Linesman: Troy Gray;

Line judge: Colin Formulak; Back judge: Bryan Platt; Field judge: Harry Tyson;

Side judge: Mike McCarthy; Center judge: Marcus Woods;

Temperature: 48 • Wind: West @ 3 • Weather: Cool and damp

SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-Noa Merritt 2-0. UConn-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Zach Allen 6-5; John Lamot 6-4; Ty Schwab 7-2; Wyatt Ray 5-0; Isaac Yiadom 4-0; Lukas Denis 3-0; Taj-Amir Torres 3-0; Davon Jones 3-0; Noa Merritt 3-0; Will Harris 2-1; Kevin Bletzer 2-1; Ray Smith 1-2; Travis Levy 1-1; Timi Tijani 1-1; Hamp Cheevers 1-0; Ben Glines 0-1; Mehdi El Attrach 0-1; Isaiah McDuffie 0-1. UConn-COYLE, Tyler 5-2; WATKINS, Anth. 4-2; STERLING, Sant. 4-2; SUMMERS, Jamar 3-3; JOSEPH, Junior 2-4; BELL, Tre 4-1; GILMARTIN, Ryan 3-2; CARREZOLA, Luke 3-2; TERRY, Marshe 1-3; FATUKASI, Foley 2-1; DIGGS, Vontae 1-2; MURPHY, Kevin 2-0; BEAVERS, Darr. 1-0; ORMSBY, Cole 1-0; PINDELL, David 1-0; OKOUNAM, Phil. 1-0; LAWLEY, Sheride 1-0; O'REILLY, Donev 0-1; TARBUTT, Mike 0-1; NEWSOME, Arkeel 0-1; MCLEAN, Aaron 0-1.

### Game Starters:

#### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	83	Charlie Callinan
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
RG	70	John Phillips
C	64	Ben Petrula
LG	73	Sam Schmal
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
QB	4	Darius Wade
HB	2D	AJ Dillon
WR	81	Chris Garrison
WR	18	Thadd Smith

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DL	11	Wyatt Ray
SLB	49	Kevin Bletzer
MLB	28	John Lamot
WLB	10	Ty Schwab
LC	20	Isaac Yiadom
DB	8	Will Harris
FS	21	Lukas Denis
RC	4C	Hamp Cheevers

#### UConn

Pos	##	OFFENSE
T	65	PEART, Matt
G	77	RUTHERFORD, Tr.
C	72	VECHERY, Bren.
G	70	DEGEORGE, Cam
T	74	VAN DEMARK, Ry.
TE	9	DAVIS, Tyler
RB	34	MENSAH, Kevin
WR	2	BEALS, Tyraiq
WR	8	MCLEAN, Aaron
WR	1	MAYALA, Hergy
QB	5	PINDELL, David

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	57	ORMSBY, Cole
DL	93	FATUKASI, Foley
DL	15	CARREZOLA, Luke
LB	13	DIGGS, Vontae
LB	11	JOSEPH, Junior
LB	47	STERLING, Sant.
DB	25	COYLE, Tyler
DB	21	SUMMERS, Jamar
DB	29	WATKINS, Anth.
DB	41	TERRY, Marshe
DB	1A	BELL, Tre

Boston College: 1-Elijah Robinson, 3-Michael Walker, 4V-Joseph Vitiello, 5K-Wyatt Knopfke, 6-Jeff Smith, 8P-EJ Perry, 9-Kobay White, 9K-Jack Kenny, 9R-TJ Rayam, 15-Troy Flutie, 16-Davon Jones, 17-Mike Palmer, 19-Ben Glines, 24-Taj-Amir Torres, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 27-Christian McStravick, 32-Jon Hilliman, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 37-Gabriel McClary, 38-Richard Wilson, 44-Brandon Barlow, 46-Jimmy Martin, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 51-Isaiah Miranda, 55-Isaiah McDuffie, 65-Ryan Conte, 66-Anthony Palazzolo, 69-Austin Stevens, 74-Marcell Lazard, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 84-Jake Burt, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 90-Bryce Morais, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 92-Kevin Cohee, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

UConn: 1C-HOPKINS, Nate, 1E-WILLIAMS, Don., 4A-O'REILLY, Donev, 10-STAPLETON, Cam, 14-HERRING-WILSON, 19-SKANES, Quayvon, 22-NEWSOME, Arkeel, 23-DIXON, Keyion, 27-FORTT, Omar, 31-ROBINSON IV, J., 32-GARLAND, Aaron, 40-TARBUTT, Mike, 43-BEAVERS, Darr., 45-GILMARTIN, Ryan, 49-WILLIAMS, Rha., 50-LAWLEY, Sheride, 53-KEATING, Brian, 56-LEONE, Nino, 58-OKOUNAM, Phil., 73-HASHEMI, Steve, 79-SCHAFENACKER, K, 80-MYERS, Tommy, 81-GRAHAM, Brett, 82-DONALDSON, Maso, 84-CONEY, Bryan, 86-BLOOM, Alec, 90-HOLMAN, Zordan, 91-ROSE, Jay, 94-MURPHY, Kevin.



**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 Boston College Football**  
**Boston College vs Syracuse (Nov 25, 2017 at Syracuse, N.Y.)**

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boston College	14	14	7	7	<b>42</b>
Syracuse	7	7	0	0	<b>14</b>

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

1st	07:24	BC - AJ Dillon 22 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 12-73 5:26
	05:26	SU - Ishmael, S. 37 yd pass from Culpepper, R. (Murphy, C. kick), 5-65 1:58
	03:20	BC - AJ Dillon 8 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 5-73 2:06
2nd	07:32	BC - Jeff Smith 64 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 3-80 0:59
	07:09	BC - Will Harris 30 yd fumble recovery (Colton Lichtenberg kick)
	05:52	SU - Philips, E. 17 yd pass from Culpepper, R. (Murphy, C. kick), 4-75 1:17
3rd	10:57	BC - AJ Dillon 1 yd run (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 10-69 4:03
4th	12:37	BC - Travis Levy 46 yd pass from Darius Wade (Colton Lichtenberg kick), 5-95 2:18

	<b>BC</b>	<b>SU</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	24	19
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	56-333	28-137
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	248	280
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-16-0	34-24-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	76-581	62-417
Fumble Returns-Yards	2-33	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-81	3-70
Interception Returns-Yards	1-46	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-37.0	5-41.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	1-15	2-13
Possession Time	35:00	25:00
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 14	4 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 5	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-9	1-7

**RUSHING:** Boston College-AJ Dillon 23-193; Jon Hilliman 19-74; Jeff Smith 2-57; Thadd Smith 5-11; Ben Glines 1-5; Travis Levy 3-1; Darius Wade 3-minus 8. Syracuse-Neal, M. 13-88; Philips, E. 4-30; Culpepper, R. 9-18; Elmore, C. 2-1.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Darius Wade 16-20-0-248. Syracuse-Culpepper, R. 24-34-1-280.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Travis Levy 2-51; Jon Hilliman 2-29; Kobay White 2-28; Michael Walker 2-28; Tom Sweeney 2-25; Chris Garrison 2-25; Ray Marten 1-22; Jeff Smith 1-19; Charlie Callinan 1-13; Korab Idrizi 1-8. Syracuse-Ishmael, S. 11-187; Philips, E. 8-65; Riley, S. 2-12; Pierce, R. 1-7; Neal, M. 1-6; Butler, D. 1-3.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-Lukas Denis 1-46. Syracuse-None.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-Thadd Smith 1-1; Travis Levy 1-0. Syracuse-Culpepper, R. 2-2.

Boston College (7-5,4-4) vs. Syracuse (4-8,2-6)

Date: Nov 25, 2017 • Site: Syracuse, N.Y. • Stadium: Carrier Dome

Attendance: 30202

Kickoff time: 12:20 pm • End of Game: 3:11 • Total elapsed time: 2:51

Officials: Referee: Stuart Mullins; Umpire: Mike Morton; Linesman: Kavin McGrath;

Line judge: Deon Lawrence; Back judge: Keith Parham; Field judge: Kip Johnson;

Side judge: George Liotus; Center judge: Michael Webster;

Temperature: • Wind: • Weather:

SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-Zach Allen 1-0. Syracuse-Bennett, P. 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Ty Schwab 8-3; Taj-Amir Torres 5-4; Davon Jones 6-2; Will Harris 2-5; Hamp Cheevers 3-3; Lukas Denis 1-5; Wyatt Ray 2-3; Zach Allen 4-0; Isaac Yiadom 1-3; Mehdi El Attrach 1-0; Noa Merritt 1-0; Ray Smith 1-0; Colton Cardinal 1-0. Syracuse-Bennett, P. 9-5; Foster, E. 8-2; Valdez, A. 4-6; Franklin, Z. 2-6; Williams, R. 6-0; Fredrick, C. 5-1; Dowels, J. 3-3; Slayton, C. 4-0; Williams, M. 2-1; Guthrie, R. 2-1; Berry, B. 2-1; Armstrong, A. 0-2; Murphy, C. 0-2; Thomas, J. 1-0; Phillips, E. 1-0; Jones, C. 1-0; Bradshaw, S. 1-0; Neal, M. 1-0; Butler, D. 0-1; Whitner, K. 0-1; Coleman, K. 0-1; Butler, D.M. 0-1.

#### Game Starters:

##### Boston College

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	4	Darius Wade
RB	32	Jon Hilliman
WR	83	Charlie Callinan
WR	18	Thadd Smith
TE	89	Tom Sweeney
LT	67	Aaron Monteiro
LG	73	Sam Schmal
C	64	Ben Petrula
RG	70	John Phillips
RT	75	Chris Lindstrom
TE	81	Chris Garrison

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	2	Zach Allen
DT	94	Noa Merritt
NT	96	Ray Smith
DE	11	Wyatt Ray
LB	10	Ty Schwab
LB	16	Davon Jones
LCB	20	Isaac Yiadom
DB	24	Taj-Amir Torres
SS	8	Will Harris
FS	4C	Hamp Cheevers
RC	21	Lukas Denis

##### Syracuse

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	15	Culpepper, R.
RB	21	Neal, M.
WR	8	Ishmael, S.
WR	3	Phillips, E.
WR	5	Butler, D.
WR	82	Johnson, N.
LT	60	Conway, C.
LG	75	Heckel, S.
C	68	Servais, A.
RG	63	Adams, E.
RT	65	McGloster, J.

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	94	Robinson, A.
NT	98	Williams, M.
DT	95	Slayton, C.
DE	55	Coleman, K.
WLB	30	Bennett, P.
MLB	4F	Franklin, Z.
SLB	11	Valdez, A.
CB	18	Bradshaw, S.
FS	6W	Williams, R.
SS	14	Foster, E.
CB	3F	Fredrick, C.

Boston College: 1-Elijah Robinson, 2D-AJ Dillon, 3-Michael Walker, 6-Jeff Smith, 9-Kobay White, 19-Ben Glines, 25-Mehdi El Attrach, 34-Timi Tijani, 35-Travis Levy, 47-Colton Cardinal, 48-Tanner Karafa, 49-Kevin Bletzer, 55-Isaiah McDuffie, 82-Nolan Borgensen, 85-Korab Idrizi, 86-Ray Marten, 91-M.Schulze-Geisthovel, 98-Mike Knoll, 99-Colton Lichtenberg.

Syracuse: 1J-Jones, C., 3S-Strickland, K., 6-Pierce, R., 7-Butler, D.M., 9-Dowels, J., 10-Riley, S., 12-Armstrong, A., 17-Custis, J., 20-Hudson, C., 22-Pierre, M., 23-Thomas, J., 24-Cullen, S., 25-Whitner, K., 31-Kleinberg, K., 32-Stritzinger, A., 35-Hofrichter, S., 36-Elmore, C., 41-Guthrie, R., 45-Ruff, K., 46-Dulka, A., 47-Keller, M., 48-Murphy, C., 52-Samuels, K., 71-Darney, K., 72-Duerig, A., 77-Clark, M., 89-Hackett, A., 97-Berry, B., 99-Pickard, J..

# Bowl History



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### BOWL GAME HISTORY

#### 1940 COTTON BOWL

Clemson 6  
Boston College 3  
Jan. 1, 1940 | Dallas, Texas

Frank Leahy came to Boston College in 1939, succeeding the immortal Gil Dobie, and immediately declared, "I did not come to BC to fail." Nor did the 29-year old protégé of Knute Rockne, who had tutored Fordham's mighty Seven Blocks of Granite.

Leahy's team was ranked 11th nationally when it faced Clemson in the Cotton Bowl – the first New England team to participate in a bowl game in 20 years. The Eagles took a 3-0 lead on Alex Lukachik's 36-yard field goal, but Clemson roared right back on its next possession, and Charley Timmons ran for a score.

That was it for the day. Banks McFadden knocked down three Charley O'Rourke passes in the end zone in the fourth quarter, and BC drove to the Clemson 8-yard line late in the game but failed to score.

#### Scoring Summary

Clemson	0	6	0	0	–	6
Boston College	0	3	0	0	–	3

#### Second Quarter

BC – 36 FG Alex LUKACHIK. Score: BC 3, CU 0.

CU – Charley TIMMONS 1 run (Shad Bryant kick failed). Score: CU 6, BC 3.

Stats	CU	BC
First Downs	11	9
Total Net Yds.	239	184
Net Yds. Rushing	204	111
Net Yds. Passing	35	73
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	8-80	8-90
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	3-2

#### 1941 SUGAR BOWL

Boston College 19  
Tennessee 13  
Jan. 1, 1941 | New Orleans, La.

In head coach Frank Leahy's second year, the Eagles went unbeaten in 11 games and finished with their highest national ranking, thanks to a gritty come-from-behind 19-13 win over Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl.

The Volunteers, who had not lost a regular season game in three years, led 7-0 at the half, but Joe Zabliski's recovery of a blocked punt set up Harry Connolly's game-tying touchdown and extra point in the third quarter.

Tennessee came back to take a 13-7 lead, but Mike Holovak ended a 60-yard drive when he scored BC's second touchdown. However, Leahy elected to run Holovak for the extra point which was stopped. The score remained tied at 13. Don Currievan blocked a UT field goal in the fourth quarter and started BC on its winning drive.

#### Scoring Summary

Tennessee	7	0	6	0	–	13
Boston College	0	0	13	6	–	19

#### First Quarter

UT – Van THOMPSON 4 run (Robert FOXX kick). Score: UT 7, BC 0.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Harry CONNOLLY 13 run (Francis MAZNICKI kick). Score: BC 7, UT 7.

UT – Buist WARREN 2 run (FOXX kick failed). Score: UT 13, BC 7.

BC – Mike HOLOVAK 1 run (HOLOVAK run failed). Score: BC 13, UT 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Charlie O'ROURKE 24 run (MAZNICKI kick failed). Score: BC 19, UT 13.

Stats	UT	BC
First Downs	13	11
Total Net Yds.	245	248
Net Yds. Rushing	124	142
Net Yds. Passing	121	106
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-36	3-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1943 ORANGE BOWL

Alabama 37  
Boston College 21  
Jan. 1, 1943 | Miami, Fla.

This contest was a wild affair, as Boston College took a 14-0 lead on two of Mike Holovak's three touchdowns on the day. Holovak's first touchdown came on a 65-yard run and his second on a 35-yard sweep.

After Alabama fought back for a 19-14 lead, Holovak scored his third touchdown of the day on a two-yard plunge. Harry Connolly's extra-point gave the Eagles a 21-19 lead. By this time, injuries had begun to pile up for BC (Mario Gianelli, one of the team's best linemen, broke his toe getting dressed for the game and never played), and Alabama took the lead for good on a field goal. The Crimson Tide soon took a 28-21 advantage and the Eagles missed their tying chance when they were unable to score from the 8-yard line in the fourth quarter.

#### Scoring Summary

Alabama	0	22	6	9	-	37
Boston College	14	7	0	0	-	21

#### First Quarter

BC - Mike HOLOVAK 65 run (Harry CONNOLLY kick). Score: BC 7, UA 0.  
BC - HOLOVAK 35 run (CONNOLLY kick). Score: BC 14, UA 0.

#### Second Quarter

UA - Wheeler LEETH 14 pass from Russ MOSLEY (George HECHT kick failed).  
Score: BC 14, UA 6.  
UA - Ted COOK 17 pass from Johnny AUGUST (HECHT kick failed). Score: BC 14, UA 12.  
UA - Bobby Tom JENKINS 40 run (HECHT kick). Score: UA 19, BC 14.  
BC - HOLOVAK 2 run (CONNOLLY kick). Score: BC 21, UA 19.  
UA - 25 FG HECHT. Score: UA 22, BC 21.

#### Third Quarter

UA - Johnny AUGUST 15 run (HECHT kick failed). Score: UA 28, BC 21.

#### Fourth Quarter

UA - JENKINS 1 run (HECHT kick). Score: UA 35, BC 21.  
UA - Joe DOMNANOVICH safety. Score: UA 37, BC 21.

Stats	UA	BC
First Downs	13	13
Total Net Yds.	342	394
Net Yds. Rushing	248	237
Net Yds. Passing	94	157
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-20	3-11
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-2

### 1982 TANGERINE BOWL

Auburn 33  
Boston College 26  
Dec. 18, 1982 | Orlando, Fla.

Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie put on a dazzling performance, completing 22-of-38 passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns (he also scored on a five-yard touchdown run and accounted for a pair of two-point conversions), but the Eagles' furious second-half rally fell just short of victory.

#### Scoring Summary

Auburn	3	20	10	0	-	33
Boston College	7	3	0	16	-	26

#### First Quarter

BC - Doug FLUTIE 5 run (Kevin SNOW kick)  
AU - Al DELGRECO 19 field goal

#### Second Quarter

AU - Bo JACKSON 1 run (DEL GRECO kick)  
AU - Willie HOWELL 2 run (DEL GRECO kick)  
BC - Kevin SNOW 25 field goal  
AU - JACKSON 6 run (Mike MANN pass failed)

#### Third Quarter

AU - DELGRECO 23 field goal  
AU - Greg PRATT 15 run (DELGRECO kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

BC - Scott NIZOLEK 2 pass from FLUTIE (FLUTIE to NIZOLEK pass)  
BC - Brian BRENNAN 16 pass from FLUTIE (FLUTIE run)

Stats	BC	AU
First Downs	24	27
Total Net Yds.	414	490
Net Yds. Rushing	115	313
Net Yds. Passing	299	177
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	2-38	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	4-1

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1983 LIBERTY BOWL

Notre Dame 19  
Boston College 18  
Dec. 29, 1983 | Memphis, Tenn.

Despite bitter 11-degree temperatures, Doug Flutie shined once again in postseason action, completing 16-of-37 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns. The Fighting Irish, however, also tallied three TDs and emerged a one-point victor.

Scott Gieselmann grabbed a three-yard touchdown flip from Flutie midway through the third quarter, but the contest was a deadlocked defensive struggle for the remainder of the evening. With 1:08 left on a fourth-down situation on Notre Dame's 35, Flutie's toss intended for Joe Giaquinto fell incomplete.

Tailback Troy Stradford was the Eagles' leading ground gainer with 51 yards on 16 carries. Flutie, however, was named the game's Most Valuable Player for his aerial efforts.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	6	6	6	0	-	18
Notre Dame	7	12	0	0	-	19

#### First Quarter

BC – Brian BRENNAN 17 pass from Doug FLUTIE (Doug WALDRON kick failed), 12:07 left. Score: BC 6, ND 0.

ND – Allen PINKETT 1 run (Mike JOHNSTON kick), 4:24 left. Score: ND 7, BC 6.

#### Second Quarter

ND – Alvin MILLER 13 pass from Blair KIEL (JOHNSTON kick failed), 11:49 left. Score: ND 13, BC 6.

ND – PINKETT 3 run (JOHNSTON kick failed), 8:19 left. Score: ND 19, BC 6.

BC – Gerard PHELAN 28 pass from FLUTIE (FLUTIE pass failed), 7:02 left. Score: ND 19, BC 12.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Scott GIESELMAN 3 pass from FLUTIE (FLUTIE pass failed), 7:20 left. Score: ND 19, BC 18.

Stats	ND	BC
First Downs	19	15
Total Net Yds.	376	380
Net Yds. Rushing	225	93
Net Yds. Passing	151	287
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	5-47	7-55
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0

### 1985 COTTON BOWL

Boston College 45  
Houston 28  
Jan. 1, 1985 | Dallas, Texas

Four months to the day after the memorable 1984 season began, it ended with the Eagles' first postseason Bowl victory in 44 years. Before 56,522 (67,381 paid) at the frigid Cotton Bowl (32 windy, drizzly degrees) and another CBS-TV national audience, Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie (13 for 37, 180 yards) threw two scoring passes in the first quarter to boost BC to a 17-7 lead.

Kelvin Martin's 63-yard touchdown grab to open the scoring was the longest aerial connection of the year for the Eagles. Flutie would add his Cotton Bowl-record third touchdown pass later in the contest. Houston trimmed two touchdowns off BC's 31-14 halftime lead before the Eagle ground game asserted itself.

#### Scoring Summary

Houston	7	7	14	0	-	28
Boston College	17	14	0	14	-	45

#### First Quarter

BC – Kelvin MARTIN 63 pass from Doug FLUTIE (Kevin SNOW kick). Score: BC 7, UH 0.

BC – Troy STRADFORD 8 pass from FLUTIE (SNOW kick). Score: BC 14, UH 0.

UH – Earl ALLEN 98 kickoff return (Mike CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 14, UH 7.

BC – 31 FG SNOW. Score: BC 17, UH 7.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Gerard PHELAN 13 pass from FLUTIE (SNOW kick). Score: BC 24, UH 7.

BC – Steve STRACHEN 2 run (SNOW kick). Score: BC 31, UH 7.

UH – Larry SHEPHERD 15 pass from Gerald LANDRY (CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 31, UH 14.

#### Third Quarter

UH – Raymond TATE 2 run (CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 31, UH 21.

UH – Audrey McMILLIAN 25 interception return (CLENDENEN kick). Score: BC 31, UH 28.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – STRACHAN 4 run (SNOW kick). Score: BC 38, UH 28.

BC – STRADFORD 18 run (SNOW kick). Score: BC 45, UH 28.

Stats	BC	UH
First Downs	22	15
Total Net Yds.	533	321
Net Yds. Rushing	353	167
Net Yds. Passing	180	154
Interceptions	2	2
Penalties	7-64	7-66
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1986 HALL OF FAME BOWL

Boston College 27  
Georgia 24  
Dec. 23, 1986 | Tampa, Fla.

Eagle quarterback Shawn Halloran connected with wide receiver Kelvin Martin on a five-yard touchdown pass with just 32 seconds remaining in the game to give Boston College a thrilling 27-24 victory over the Georgia Bulldogs in the first Hall of Fame Bowl game in Tampa, Fla.

The perfectly timed touchdown toss capped a sparkling 76-yard drive that began with 2:38 left on the clock and Georgia holding a 24-20 edge.

The Eagles started the game in high gear, with Halloran picking apart the Bulldogs' defense for 22 completions in his first 31 attempts – good for 242 yards, a touchdown and a 20-7 lead at intermission. Georgia roared back in the second half, however, outscoring the Eagles 17-0 until BC's magical final drive.

#### Scoring Summary

Georgia	7	0	10	7	–	24
Boston College	3	17	0	7	–	27

#### First Quarter

UGA – James JACKSON 7 run (Jonathan CRUMLEY kick), 5:24 left. Score: UGA 7, BC 0.

BC – FG 23 Brian LOWE, 0:40 left. Score: UGA 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Peter CASPARRIELLO 4 pass from Shawn HALLORAN (LOWE kick), 7:04 left. Score: BC 10, UGA 7.

BC – Troy STRADFORD 1 run (LOWE kick), 5:05 left. Score: BC 17, UGA 7.

BC – FG 37 LOWE, 0:04 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 7.

#### Third Quarter

UGA – FG 28 Davis JACOBS, 8:29 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 10.

UGA – Gary MOSS 81 interception return (JACOBS kick), 4:25 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 17.

#### Fourth Quarter

UGA – JACKSON 5 run (JACOBS kick), 11:51 left. Score: UGA 24, BC 20.

BC – Kelvin MARTIN 5 pass from HALLORAN (LOWE kick), 0:32 left. Score: BC 27, UGA 24.

Stats	UGA	BC
First Downs	18	26
Total Net Yds.	272	427
Net Yds. Rushing	94	111
Net Yds. Passing	178	316
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	3-30	6-45
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-0

### 1993 HALL OF FAME BOWL

Tennessee 38  
Boston College 23  
Jan. 1, 1993 | Tampa, Fla.

The first bowl appearance in six years fell short of a success as a 17-point scoring blitz by Tennessee in the third quarter broke open a close game and gave the Vols a lead that could not be matched.

BC had outstanding performances from tight end Pete Mitchell, who set a Hall of Fame Bowl receiving record with nine catches for 100 yards (and a pair of scores), and from quarterback Glenn Foley, who clicked on 23-of-46 passes for 268 yards and threw a pair of two-point conversions in addition to the two TD passes to Mitchell.

BC rallied with Foley's 17-yard TD pass to Mitchell and Darnell Campbell's seven-yard scoring dash, each of which was followed by a successful two-point conversion play, but the clock ran out on BC's closing effort.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	7	0	16	–	23
Tennessee	14	0	17	7	–	38

#### First Quarter

UT – Heath SHULER 1 run (John BECKSVOORT kick), 9:55 left. Score: UT 7, BC 0.

UT – Cory FLEMING 27 pass from SHULER (BECKSVOORT kick), 5:13 left. Score: UT 14, BC 0.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Pete MITCHELL 12 pass from Glenn FOLEY (David GORDON kick), 10:43 left. Score: UT 14, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

UT – SHULER 14 run (BECKSVOORT kick), 10:17 left. Score: UT 21, BC 7.

UT – FG 25 BECKSVOORT, 4:42 left. Score: UT 24, BC 7.

UT – Mose PHILLIPS 69 pass from SHULER (BECKSVOORT kick), 2:01 left. Score: UT 31, BC 7.

#### Fourth Quarter

UT – FLEMING 48 pass from Jerry COLQUITT (BECKSVOORT kick), 7:55 left. Score: UT 38, BC 7.

BC – MITCHELL 17 pass from FOLEY (MITCHELL from FOLEY pass). Score: UT 38, BC 15.

BC – Darnell CAMPBELL 7 run (Ivan BOYD from FOLEY pass). Score: UT 38, BC 23.

Stats	UT	BC
First Downs	20	22
Total Net Yds.	450	371
Net Yds. Rushing	157	103
Net Yds. Passing	293	268
Interceptions	0	1
Penalties	5-40	5-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0



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# BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1994 CARQUEST BOWL

Boston College 31  
Virginia 13  
Jan. 1, 1994 | Miami, Fla.

Glenn Foley put on a masterful passing show in leading the Eagles to the Carquest Bowl championship. The Virginia Cavaliers gave BC an early scare, picking off Foley's second pass of the game and converting it into a touchdown and a 7-0 advantage, 1:05 into the game.

But Foley would make few mistakes in the ensuing minutes of play. In his final collegiate appearance, Foley would go on to set eight Bowl records, passing for 391 yards and three touchdowns and earning himself the game's Most Valuable Player award.

Overall, the Eagle offense was splendid. When the game ended, BC had gained a whopping 557 yards – nearly seven yards per play.

#### Scoring Summary

Virginia	7	6	0	0	–	13
Boston College	3	14	7	7	–	31

#### First Quarter

UVA – Jerrod WASHINGTON 11 run (Kyle KIRKEIDE kick). Score: UVA 7, BC 0.  
BC – FG 19 David GORDON. Score: UVA 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Clarence CANNON 78 pass from Glenn FOLEY (GORDON kick). Score: BC 10, UVA 7.  
UVA – Charles Way 7 run (KIRKEIDE kick failed). Score: UVA 13, BC 10.  
BC – CANNON 5 pass from Foley (GORDON kick). Score: BC 17, UVA 13.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Keith MILLER 46 pass from FOLEY (GORDON kick). Score: BC 24, UVA 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Darnell CAMPBELL 12 run (GORDON kick). Score: BC 31, UVA 13.

Stats	UVA	BC
First Downs	16	27
Total Net Yds.	298	557
Net Yds. Rushing	85	166
Net Yds. Passing	213	391
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	3-35	4-33
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1

### 1994 JEEP ALOHA BOWL

Boston College 12  
Kansas State 7  
Dec. 25, 1994 | Honolulu, Hawaii

In a spectacular defensive effort, the Eagles stopped eighth-ranked Kansas State cold – completely erasing the Wildcats' ground attack (minus 61 yards on the day) and sacking quarterback Chad May eight times. The Kansas State offense could not manage a touchdown in the game; the Wildcats' only points came on a blocked punt, which was recovered in the end zone.

Kansas State scored on the blocked punt on the last play of the first quarter, and both defenses dueled in front of an ABC-TV national audience before the Eagles were able to muster another long drive in the fourth period that culminated in David Gordon's 35-yard field goal with 1:18 left.

The key play of that successful late drive was a 46-yard pass from Mark Hartsell to wide receiver Kenyatta Watson.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	2	0	3	–	12
Kansas State	7	0	0	0	–	7

#### First Quarter

BC – Justice SMITH 2 run (David GORDON kick), 10:35 left. Score: BC 7, KSU 0.  
KSU – Chris SUBLETTE recovered blocked punt in end zone (Martin GRAMATICA kick), 0:08 left. Score: BC 7, KSU 7.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Chad MAY tackled in end zone by Mike MAMULA, 2:37 left. Score: BC 9, KSU 7.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – FG 35 GORDON, 1:18 left. Score: BC 12, KSU 7.

Stats	KSU	BC
First Downs	7	13
Total Net Yds.	124	317
Net Yds. Rushing	-61	149
Net Yds. Passing	185	168
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	9-56	7-84
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 1999 INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Colorado 62  
Boston College 28  
Dec. 31, 1999 | Tucson, Ariz.

Colorado rolled to a 62-28 victory over Boston College in the 1999 Insight.com Bowl in Tucson. Colorado began the game with a 65-yard drive resulting in the first touchdown. The Buffs scored twice before the first quarter ended.

The Eagles would not give up as George White intercepted a pass from CU QB Mike Moschetti and returned it 78 yards for the Eagles' first touchdown. With 7:22 left in the first half, the Eagles trailed by a score of 35-7. The half came to a close with Colorado ahead 45-7.

The third quarter offered the same, with Tim Hasselbeck and Brian St. Pierre combining to complete nine of 28 passes. Colorado took a convincing 62-28 win back to Boulder.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	7	7	14	-	28
Colorado	21	24	10	7	-	62

#### First Quarter

CU – Cortlen JOHNSON 10 run (Jeremy ALDRICH kick), 11:05 left. Score: CU 7, BC 0.  
CU – Mike MOSCHETTI 2 run (ALDRICH kick), 1:47 left. Score: CU 14, BC 0.  
CU – Jashon SYKES 29 interception return (ALDRICH kick), 1:17 left. Score: CU 21, BC 0.

#### Second Quarter

CU – Rashidi BARNES 21 interception return (ALDRICH kick), 10:47 left. Score: CU 28, BC 0.  
CU – Ben KELLY 88 punt return (ALDRICH kick) 8:50 left. Score: CU 35, BC 0.  
BC – George WHITE, 78 interception return (John MATICH kick) 7:22 left. Score: CU 35, BC 7.  
CU – JOHNSON 2 run (ALDRICH kick) 5:59 left. Score: CU 42, BC 7.  
CU – FG 26 ALDRICH, 0:29 left. Score: CU 45, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

CU – FG 21 ALDRICH, 6:40 left. Score: CU 48, BC 7.  
BC – Bryant ARNDT fumble recovery in end zone (MATICH kick), 3:36 left. Score: CU 48, BC 14.  
CU – Roman HOLLOWELL 18 run (ALDRICH kick), 2:53 left. Score: CU 55, BC 14.

#### Fourth Quarter

CU – Zac Colvin 4 run (ALDRICH kick), 14:53 left. Score: CU 62, BC 14.  
BC – Jamal BURKE 2 pass from Tim HASSELBECK (MATICH kick), 7:37 left. Score: CU 62, BC 21.  
BC – Doug BESSETTE 9 blocked punt return (MATICH kick), 1:42 left. Score: CU 62, BC 28.

Stats	BC	CU
First Downs	12	29
Total Net Yds.	255	523
Net Yds. Rushing	96	365
Net Yds. Passing	159	158
Interceptions	3	1
Penalties	6-62	5-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0

### 2000 JEEP ALOHA BOWL

Boston College 31  
Arizona State 17  
Dec. 25, 2000 | Honolulu, Hawaii

Boston College put on a second-half offensive explosion to defeat Arizona State by a 31-17 score in the 2000 Jeep Aloha Bowl. Though Arizona State jumped on the board first, BC was quick to respond with 10 straight points for a 10-7 lead after one quarter. Senior running back Cedric Washington marched into the end zone just 1:07 after the ASU score on a 10-yard run.

Leading 24-10 to start the fourth quarter, senior linebacker Ryan Burch intercepted a pass attempt by Griffin Goodman. Washington took over, and after four rushes that gained 28 yards, he ran the final 10 yards into the end zone for the Eagles' final score of the day and a 31-10 lead. ASU added a late score.

Boston College accumulated 180 yards on the ground, including a final 100-yard rushing game (109 yards) for Washington.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	10	0	14	7	-	31
Arizona State	7	3	0	7	-	17

#### First Quarter

ASU – Tom PACE 14 run (Mike BARTH kick), 11:50 left. Score: ASU 7, BC 0.  
BC – Cedric WASHINGTON 10 run (Mike SUTPHIN kick), 10:43 left. Score: BC 7, ASU 7.  
BC – FG 50 SUTPHIN, 8:20 left. Score: BC 10, ASU 7.

#### Second Quarter

ASU – FG 28 BARTH, 11:17 left. Score: BC 10, ASU 10.

#### Third Quarter

BC – Dedrick DEWALT, 58 pass from HASSELBECK (SUTPHIN kick) 8:48 left. Score: BC 17, ASU 10.  
BC – Ryan READ 40 pass from HASSELBECK (SUTPHIN kick), 5:52 left. Key play: scoring play. Score: BC 24, ASU 10.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – WASHINGTON 11 run (SUTPHIN kick), 11:10 left. Score: BC 31, ASU 10.  
ASU – Ryan DENNARD 31 pass from Matt COOPER (BARTH kick), 0:51 left. Score: BC 31, ASU 17.

Stats	BC	ASU
First Downs	14	20
Total Net Yds.	389	360
Net Yds. Rushing	180	140
Net Yds. Passing	209	220
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	6-62	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-3

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2001 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Boston College 20  
Georgia 16  
Dec. 28, 2001 | Nashville, Tenn.

Boston College snapped its 22-game losing streak to ranked teams with a thrilling 20-16 victory over No. 16 Georgia in the 2001 Music City Bowl. Consensus All-America tailback William Green rushed for 149 yards, including a seven-yard, game-winning touchdown with 4:43 remaining in the game, to lead the Eagles to consecutive wins in a postseason bowl game.

Although the Eagles were outgained, 410 yards to 306 yards, the team did benefit from two UGA interceptions, two UGA fumbles and two first downs resulting from UGA penalties. Brian St. Pierre finished with 109 yards and one touchdown on nine completions. Green led all rushers with 149 yards and one touchdown, rushing for his 10th 100-yard game of the season. Fred Gibson was the game's leading receiver with 109 yards on six receptions.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	3	10	0	7	-	20
Georgia	7	3	6	0	-	16

#### First Quarter

UGA – Fred GIBSON 15 pass from David GREENE (Billy BENNETT kick), 14:05 left.  
Score: UGA 7, BC 0.

BC – FG 25 Sandro SCIORTINO, 1:43 left. Score: UGA 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Dedrick DEWALT 10 pass from Brian ST. PIERRE (SCIORTINO kick), 9:09 left.  
Score: BC 10, UGA 7.

BC – FG 26 SCIORTINO, 3:05 left. Score: BC 13, UGA 7.

UGA – FG 24 BENNETT, 0:39 left. Score: BC 13, UGA 10.

#### Third Quarter

UGA – Verron HAYNES 1 run (BENNETT kick failed), 5:26 left. Score: UGA 16, BC 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – William GREEN 7 run (SCIORTINO kick), 4:43 left. Score: BC 20, UGA 16.

Stats	BC	UGA
First Downs	16	23
Total Net Yds.	306	410
Net Yds. Rushing	197	122
Net Yds. Passing	109	288
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	4-20	9-74
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2

### 2002 MOTOR CITY BOWL

Boston College 51  
Toledo 25  
Dec. 26, 2002 | Detroit, Mich.

Boston College won a bowl game for an unprecedented third year in a row as the Eagles thumped Toledo, 51-25, in the Motor City Bowl. Senior quarterback Brian St. Pierre completed 25-of-35 passes for a career-high 342 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles capped one of the most successful seasons in history.

The Eagles scored touchdowns on their first six possessions. BC took the opening kickoff on its own 24 and marched 76 yards in 10 plays behind the rushing of Derrick Knight, who finished with 19 carries for 65 yards and a touchdown.

After Toledo pulled to within 14-3, the Eagles mounted another impressive drive, culminating in a St. Pierre touchdown pass to talented sophomore wide receiver, a 40-yarder to Joel Hazard that made the score 21-3. The Rockets came no closer the rest of the day.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	14	28	6	3	-	51
Toledo	3	15	7	0	-	25

#### First Quarter

BC – Derrick KNIGHT 2 run (Sandro SCIORTINO kick), BC 7, UT 0, 11:42 left.

BC – Grant ADAMS 17 pass from Brian ST. PIERRE (SCIORTINO kick), 5:02 left; BC 14, UT 0.

UT – Jason ROBBINS FG 35, BC 14, UT 3; 1:45 left.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Joel HAZARD 40 pass from ST. PIERRE (SCIORTINO kick), 13:59 left, BC 21, UT 3.

UT – Trinity DAWSON 2 run (ROBBINS kick), BC 21, UT 10, 10:47 left.

BC – Horace DODD 5 run (SCIORTINO kick), BC 28, UT 10, 7:23 left.

BC – ADAMS 40 pass from ST. PIERRE (SCIORTINO kick), BC 35, UT 10, 5:21 left.

BC – Brandon BROKAW 1 run (SCIORTINO kick), BC 42, UT 10, 1:31 left.

UT – Carl FORD 9 pass from Brian JONES (DAWSON rush), BC 42, UT 18, 0:24 left.

#### Third Quarter

BC – SCIORTINO FG 23, BC 45, UT 18, 10:16 left

BC – SCIORTINO FG 35, BC 48, UT 18, 2:41 left

UT – Manny JOHNSON 30 pass from JONES (ROBBINS kick), BC 48, UT 25, 0:24 left.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – SCIORTINO FG 45, BC 51, UT 25, 13:05 left.

Stats	BC	UT
First Downs	30	21
Total Net Yds.	491	433
Net Yds. Rushing	149	102
Net Yds. Passing	342	331
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	1-39	3-70
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-0

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2003 SAN FRANCISCO BOWL

Boston College 35  
Colorado State 21  
Dec. 31, 2003 | San Francisco, Calif.

Boston College celebrated New Year's Eve in the City by the Bay by winning its fourth consecutive bowl game, a 35-21 victory over Colorado State in the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl.

The Eagles scored early and often, taking a commanding 21-0 first-quarter lead. Will Blackmon started the game on a high note, returning the opening kickoff to the Colorado State 41. All-time rushing leader Derrick Knight dominated the opening drive and scored from the five to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 12:14 left. A 40-yard Bradlee Van Pelt scoring pass with seven minutes remaining in the third trimmed

BC's lead to 21-14, but a Bobby Stancil interception led to a Paul Peterson-to-Larry Lester 19-yard TD pass to give the Eagles some breathing room and a 28-14 lead. After an unsuccessful fourth down play for Colorado State, Knight iced the win, marching 28 yards to the end zone.

#### Scoring Summary

Colorado State	0	7	7	7	-	21
Boston College	21	0	0	14	-	35

#### First Quarter

BC – Derrick KNIGHT 5 run (Sandro SCIORTINO kick), BC 7, CSU 0, 12:14 left.  
BC – Larry LESTER 50 pass from Paul PETERSON (SCIORTINO kick), BC 14, CSU 0, 6:05 left.  
BC – KNIGHT 3 run (SCIORTINO kick), BC 21, CSU 0, 0:34 left.

#### Second Quarter

CSU – Jimmy GREEN 7 run (Jeff BABCOCK kick), BC 21, CSU 7, 10:24 left.

#### Third Quarter

CSU – David ANDERSON 40 pass from Bradlee VAN PELT (BABCOCK kick), BC 21, CSU 14, 7:00 left.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – LESTER 19 pass from PETERSON (SCIORTINO kick), BC 28, CSU 14, 12:31 left.  
BC – KNIGHT 28 run (SCIORTINO kick), BC 35, CSU 14, 9:29 left.  
CSU – VAN PELT 1 run (BABCOCK kick), BC 35, CSU 21, 5:27 left.

Stats	CSU	BC
First Downs	21	19
Total Net Yds.	388	361
Net Yds. Rushing	146	137
Net Yds. Passing	242	224
Interceptions	5	1
Penalties	4-35	5-56
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0

### 2004 CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL

Boston College 37  
North Carolina 24  
Dec. 30, 2004 | Charlotte, N.C.

In his first game back from a broken finger, senior quarterback Paul Peterson threw for 236 yards as the Eagles won a fifth straight bowl game, beating North Carolina 37-24. Redshirt freshman Andre Callender carried the ball 26 times for 174 yards and a touchdown in a balanced offensive effort.

UNC opened the third with a Connor Barth field goal to take a 24-21 lead. As the third quarter came to an end, Callender gained 38 yards to the UNC 10, setting up a one-yard touchdown plunge three plays later that gave BC a 27-24 lead.

The Eagle defense forced a punt on UNC's next drive and BC took over with good field position. On fourth down at the UNC 21, Ryan Ohliger faked the field goal and ran for the score, avoiding would-be Tar Heel tacklers on the way and stunning the crowd as the Eagles took a 34-24 lead. BC's final points came when William Troost hit an 18-yard field goal with 4:09 left.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	14	7	0	16	-	37
North Carolina	7	14	3	0	-	24

#### First Quarter

BC – L.V. WHITWORTH 3 run (Ryan OHLIGER kick), BC 7, UNC 0, 08:13 left.  
UNC – Ronnie MCGILL 12 pass from Darian DURANT (Connor BARTH kick), BC 7, UNC 7, 06:08 left.  
BC – Grant ADAMS 2 pass from Paul PETERSON (OHLIGER kick), BC 14, UNC 7, 01:32 left.

#### Second Quarter

UNC – Wallace WRIGHT 5 pass from DURANT (BARTH kick), BC 14, UNC 14, 07:12 left.  
UNC – Derrele MITCHELL 51 pass from DURANT (BARTH kick), BC 14, UNC 21, 01:44 left.  
BC – David KASHETTA 1 pass from PETERSON (OHLIGER kick), BC 21, UNC 21, 00:17 left.

#### Third Quarter

UNC – BARTH 27 field goal, BC 21, UNC 24, 04:32 left.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Andre CALLENDER 1 run (OHLIGER kick failed), BC 27, UNC 24, 14:16 left.  
BC – OHLIGER 21 run (William TROOST kick), BC 34, UNC 24, 10:32 left.  
BC – TROOST 18 field goal, BC 37, UNC 24, 04:09 left.

Stats	BC	UNC
First Downs	20	22
Total Net Yds.	477	364
Net Yds. Rushing	228	105
Net Yds. Passing	249	259
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	3-20	5-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0

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### 2005 MPC COMPUTERS BOWL

Boston College 27  
Boise State 21  
Dec. 28, 2005 | Boise, Idaho

Ryan Glasper intercepted a Jared Zabransky pass in the end zone with 37 seconds left to lift BC past Boise State 27-21 in the 2005 MPC Computers Bowl.

Playing before a hostile crowd and on the blue turf of homestanding Boise State, the Eagles stunned the Broncos by scoring the first 27 points of the game as quarterback Matt Ryan connected on three touchdown passes, including two to Tony Gonzalez in the first half. Ryan completed 19-of-36 passes for 256 yards, 144 of them going to senior Will Blackmon.

Ryan got the Eagles on the board 3:29 into the first half when he found Gonzalez for a 24-yard touchdown pass. Following a Ryan Ohliger 30-yard field goal, BC linebacker Jo-Lonn Dunbar caused a fumble that was picked up by Ray Henderson and taken to the Broncos 13 yard-line. Ryan then hooked up with Gonzalez on a 13-yard strike to give the Eagles a 17-0 lead.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	17	3	0	–	27
Boise State	0	0	7	14	–	21

#### First Quarter

BC – Tony GONZALEZ 24 pass from Matt Ryan (Ryan Ohliger kick), 11:31 left, BC 7, BSU 0.

#### Second Quarter

BC – FG 30 OHLINGER 30, 12:22 left, BC 10, BSU 7, BC 10, BSU 0.  
BC – GONZALEZ 13 pass from Ryan (Ohliger kick), 2:27 left, BC 17, BSU 0.  
BC – Will BLACKMON 35 pass from Ryan (Ohliger kick), 0:40 left, BC 24, BSU 0.

#### Third Quarter

BC – FG 27 OHLINGER, 3:52 left, BC 27, BSU 0.  
BSU – Drisan JAMES 53 pass from Jared ZABRANSKY (Denham kick), 1:24 left, BC 27, BSU 7.

#### Fourth Quarter

BSU – ZABRANSKY 2 run (Denham kick), 14:15 left, BC 27, BSU 14.  
BSU – Quinton JONES 92 punt return (Denham kick), 3:51 left, BC 27, BSU 21.

Stats	BSU	BC
First Downs	17	20
Total Net Yds.	360	383
Net Yds. Rushing	43	127
Net Yds. Passing	317	256
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	7-69	11-94
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1

### 2006 MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

Boston College 25  
Navy 24  
Dec. 30, 2006 | Charlotte, N.C.

Interim head coach Frank Spaziani etched his name into the BC record books as the only undefeated coach in school history when he led the Eagles to a 25-24, come-from-behind victory over Navy. Spaziani was given the interim title after Tom O'Brien departed for NC State and he led the Eagles through their bowl game preparations.

Junior quarterback Matt Ryan was named the game's MVP after he completed 20-of-29 passes for 242 yards and one touchdown.

With Navy trying to kill the clock with less than two minutes remaining, Jo-Lonn Dunbar recovered a Reggie Campbell fumble at the 36. Ryan completed a 15-yard pass to Ryan Purvis to get the Eagles within field goal range. Kicker Steve Aponavicius connected from 37 yards as time expired and the Eagles won yet another bowl game.

#### Scoring Summary

Navy	7	14	3	0	–	24
Boston College	6	10	0	9	–	25

#### First Quarter

BC – Matt RYAN 2 run (Steve APONAVICIUS kick failed), 9:29 left, Navy 0, BC 6.  
Navy – Tyree BARNES 31 pass from Kaipo KAHEAKU-ENHADA (Matt HARMON kick), 4:38 left, Navy 7, BC 6.

#### Second Quarter

Navy – Zerbin SINGLETON 5 run (HARMON kick), 13:47 left, Navy 14, BC 6.  
BC – Brian TOAL 1 run (APONAVICIUS kick), 10:12 left, Navy 14, BC 13.  
Navy – Jason TOMLINSON 24 pass from KAHEAKU-ENHADA (HARMON kick), 7:21 left, Navy 21, BC 13.  
BC – FG 26 APONAVICIUS, 0:00 left, Navy 21, BC 16.

#### Third Quarter

Navy – FG 22 HARMON, 9:51 left, Navy 24, BC 16.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Ryan PURVIS 25 pass from RYAN (RYAN pass failed), 7:36 left, Navy 24, BC 22.  
BC – FG 37 APONAVICIUS, 0:00 left, BC 25, NAVY 24.

Stats	Navy	BC
First Downs	21	17
Total Net Yds.	403	315
Net Yds. Rushing	322	73
Net Yds. Passing	81	242
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	3-30	5-25
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0

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### 2007 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Boston College 24  
Michigan State 21  
Dec. 28, 2007 | Orlando, Fla.

Quarterback Matt Ryan ended a brilliant career in style by leading the Eagles to an 11th victory for only the second time in school history. BC defeated Michigan State, 24-21, in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando.

Ryan completed 22-of-47 passes for 249 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles kept the nation's longest bowl game winning streak alive with their eighth straight bowl win. The win also propelled the team to a No. 10 finish in the final AP college football poll of the season, BC's first top 10 finish since the 1984 season.

Michigan State had an opportunity to pull the upset, taking over with 2:37 left in the game. But on first down, BC's Paul Anderson intercepted a Hoyer pass and returned it to the MSU 29, allowing the Eagles to run out the clock.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	7	3	7	-	24
Michigan State	7	3	3	8	-	21

#### First Quarter

MSU – Kellen DAVIS 18 pass from Brian HOYER (Brett SWENSON kick), BC 0, MSU 7.

BC – Jon LOYTE 1 pass from Matt RYAN (Steve APONAVICIUS kick), BC 7, MSU 7.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Rich GUNNELL 29 pass from RYAN (APONAVICIUS kick), BC 14, MSU 7.

MSU – SWENSON FG 39, BC 14, MSU 10.

#### Third Quarter

MSU – SWENSON FG 23, BC 14, MSU 13.

BC – APONAVICIUS FG 28, BC 17, MSU 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – GUNNELL 68 pass from RYAN (APONAVICIUS kick), BC 24, MSU 13.

MSU – Deon CURRY 14 pass from HOYER (Kellen DAVIS pass from HOYER), BC 24, MSU 21.

Stats	MSU	BC
First Downs	13	11
Total Net Yds.	245	248
Net Yds. Rushing	124	142
Net Yds. Passing	121	106
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-36	3-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1

### 2008 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Vanderbilt 16  
Boston College 14  
Dec. 31, 2008 | Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt won a bowl game for the first time in exactly 53 years when Bryant Hahnfeldt kicked a 45-yard field goal with 3:26 left to beat Boston College 16-14 in the Music City Bowl.

Vanderbilt hadn't even played in a bowl since 1982 and the win gave the Commodores (7-6) their first winning season since then.

Boston College (9-5) snapped the nation's longest bowl winning streak after eight straight games in its 10th consecutive bowl appearance. The Eagles also missed a chance at finishing with at least 10 wins for a third straight season.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	7	0	7	-	14
Vanderbilt	6	0	7	3	-	16

#### First Quarter

VU – Bryant HAHNFELDT FG 42, BC 0, VU 3.

VU – HAHNFELDT FG 26, BC 0, VU 6.

#### Second Quarter

BC – Montel HARRIS 4 pass from Dominique DAVIS (Steve APONAVICIUS kick), BC 7, VU 6.

#### Third Quarter

VU – Sean RICHARDSON 0 fumble recovery (HAHNFELDT kick), BC 7, VU 13.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC – Collin LARMOND 55 pass from DAVIS (APONAVICIUS kick), BC 14, VU 13.

VU – HAHNFELDT FG 45, BC 14, VU 16.

Stats	BC	VU
First Downs	14	16
Total Net Yds.	331	200
Net Yds. Rushing	141	79
Net Yds. Passing	190	121
Interceptions	2	0
Penalties	3-34	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0

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### 2009 EMERALD BOWL

USC 24  
Boston College 13  
Dec. 26, 2009 | San Francisco, Calif.

Matt Barkley threw touchdown passes to Stanley Havili on Southern California's first two possessions and added a touchdown run in the fourth quarter to help the Trojans beat Boston College 24-13 in the Emerald Bowl.

Damian Williams caught 12 passes for 189 yards, setting up Havili's second score and Barkley's one-yard sneak that gave USC a 24-13 lead with 11:53 remaining.

The Eagles stayed close with the Trojans for most of the game before Dave Shinskie threw an interception to Shareece Wright early in the fourth quarter. On the next play, Barkley connected on a 48-yard pass to Williams. Barkley scored on the next play.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	0	13	0	0	-	13
USC	7	7	3	7	-	24

#### First Quarter

USC - Stanley HAVILI 53 pass from Matt BARKLEY (Jordan CONGDON kick), 4:03 left, BC 0, USC 7.

#### Second Quarter

USC - HAVILI 5 pass from BARKLEY (CONGDON kick), 6:14 left, BC 0, USC 14.  
BC - Montel HARRIS 7 run (Steve APONAVICIUS kick failed), 2:42 left, BC 7, USC 14.  
BC - Rich GUNNELL 61 pass from Dave SHINSKIE (APONAVICIUS kick), 3:35 left, BC 13, USC 14.

#### Third Quarter

USC - CONGDON FG 38, 4:51 left, BC 13, USC 17.

#### Fourth Quarter

USC - BARKLEY 1 run (CONGDON kick), 0:29 left, BC 13, USC 24.

Stats	BC	USC
First Downs	18	20
Total Net Yds.	312	438
Net Yds. Rushing	94	88
Net Yds. Passing	218	350
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	4-30	6-37
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0

### 2011 KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

Nevada 20  
Boston College 13  
Jan. 9, 2011 | San Francisco, Calif.

Rishard Matthews caught a touchdown pass and returned a punt for another score, and No. 13 Nevada used its best defensive game of the season to beat Boston College 20-13.

Colin Kaepernick threw for 192 yards and a touchdown for the Wolf Pack (13-1), who snapped a four-game bowl losing streak by tying a school record for wins in a season, set when it played in what used to be Division I-AA.

The win was sealed by Khalid Wooten's interception on the final drive of the game for the Eagles (7-6).

The game matched BC's top-ranked rushing defense against Nevada's high-powered pistol attack that was third in the nation in rushing. The defense won that battle, holding the Wolf Pack to a season-low 114 yards on the ground, including just 22 for Kaepernick.

Freshman Chase Rettig completed 14-of-34 passes for 121 yards and two interceptions. Boston College played without leading rusher Montel Harris, who got hurt in pregame warmups.

#### Scoring Summary

Nevada	14	3	3	0	-	20
Boston College	7	0	3	3	-	13

#### First Quarter

BC - Andre WILLIAMS 30 run (Nate FREESE kick), :8 left, BC 7, NEV 0.  
NEV - Rishard MATTHEWS 27 pass from Colin KAEPERNICK (Anthony MARTINEZ kick), 4:41 left, NEV 7, BC 7.  
NEV - MATTHEWS 72 punt return (MARTINEZ kick), NEV 14, BC 7.

#### Second Quarter

NEV - MARTINEZ FG 32, 5:27 left, NEV 17, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

BC - FREESE FG 22 yd field goal, NEV 17, BC 10.  
NEV - MARTINEZ FG 32, 5:27 left, NEV 20, BC 10.

#### Fourth Quarter

BC - FREESE FG 32, 1:39 left, NEV 20, BC 13.

Stats	BC	NEV
First Downs	12	16
Total Net Yds.	185	306
Net Yds. Rushing	64	114
Net Yds. Passing	121	192
Interceptions	2	1
Penalties	6-51	6-75
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2

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## BOWL GAME HISTORY

### 2013 ADVOCARE V100 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Arizona 42  
Boston College 19  
Dec. 31, 2013 | Shreveport, La.

First-year coach Steve Addazio said Boston College had plenty to be proud of after a remarkable turnaround season that included a return to postseason play after a 2-10 record in 2012.

Not much went right for the Eagles in a 42-19 loss to Arizona in the Advocare V100 Bowl. Boston College running back Andre Williams, the Doak Walker Award winner and Heisman finalist who came into the game with 2,102 yards rushing, was held to 75 yards and one touchdown in his final game.

BC (7-6) kept things tight early, trailing just 7-6 midway through the second quarter. But Arizona scored two quick touchdowns just before halftime to take a 21-6 lead and the Eagles could never mount another challenge.

BC didn't score a touchdown until Williams' four-yard run early in the fourth quarter. Senior Alex Amidon established a Boston College career record for receptions (191) and receiving yards (2,800) in the game, recording 10 receptions for 129 yards against the Wildcats. Senior place-kicker Nate Freese connected on both field-goal attempts to conclude the season a perfect 20-for-20.

#### Scoring Summary

Arizona	7	14	14	7	-	42
Boston College	3	3	0	13	-	19

#### First Quarter

AZ - Ka'Deem CAREY 2 run (Jake SMITH kick), :41 left, AZ 7, BC 0.

BC - Nate FREESE FG 32, 6:40 left, AZ 7, BC 3.

#### Second Quarter

BC - FREESE FG 41, 5:02 left, AZ 7, BC 6.

AZ - William PARKS 69 interception return (SMITH kick), AZ 14, BC 6.

AZ - Trey GRIFFEY 26 pass from B.J. DENKER (SMITH kick), 2:13 left, AZ 21, BC 6.

#### Third Quarter

AZ - CAREY 5 run (SMITH kick), 2:49 left, AZ 28, BC 6.

AZ - DENKER 14 run (SMITH kick), 2:16 left, AZ 35, BC 6.

#### Fourth Quarter

AZ - GRIFFEY 3 pass from DENKER (SMITH kick), 4:41 left, AZ 42, BC 6.

BC - Andre WILLIAMS 4 run (RETTIG rush failed), 1:40, left, AZ 42, BC 12.

BC - Tyler ROUSE 6 run (FREESE kick), 4:35 left, AZ 42, BC 19.

Stats	BC	AZ
First Downs	20	28
Total Net Yds.	351	529
Net Yds. Rushing	145	254
Net Yds. Passing	206	275
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties	5-55	2-23
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2

### 2014 NEW ERA PINSTRIPE BOWL

Penn State 31  
Boston College 30 (OT)  
Dec. 27, 2014 | New York, N.Y.

Boston College lost in overtime to Penn State, 31-30. The Eagles rushed for 289 yards against the Nittany Lions, who came into the game with the top-ranked rushing defense in the nation, averaging 84.8 yards per game. For the first time since 2006, two BC players recorded 100-yard rushing games as quarterback Tyler Murphy and running back Jon Hilliman tallied 105 (11 carries) and 148 (25 carries), respectively.

After the two defensive-minded teams played to a 7-7 draw in the first half, BC built a 21-7 lead in the third quarter, but PSU scored to retie the game. The two teams traded field goals to send it to OT.

Murphy hit David Dudeck for a 21-yard score on the third play of overtime to put BC on top. Mike Knoll did not convert the extra point, giving BC a six-point lead. On third-and-15, PSU quarterback Christian Hackenberg found Jesse James for a 17-yard pick up and then on third-and seven, the QB connected with Kyle Carter on a 10-yard pass for the TD. Sam Ficken made the extra point to give the Lions the win.

#### Scoring Summary

Boston College	7	0	14	3	6	-	30
Penn State	7	0	7	10	7	-	31

#### First Quarter

PSU - Chris GODWIN 72 yd pass from Christian HACKENBERG (Sam FICKEN kick), 5:22 left, PSU 7, BC 0.

BC - Jon HILLIMAN 49 yd run (Mike KNOLL kick), 4:39 left, PSU 7, BC 7.

#### Third Quarter

BC - Shakim PHILLIPS 19 yd pass from Tyler MURPHY (KNOLL kick), 8:07 left, BC 17, PSU 7.

BC - MURPHY 40 yd run (KNOLL kick), 2:12 left, BC 21, PSU 7.

PSU - Eugene LEWIS 7 yd pass from HACKENBERG (FICKEN kick), 0:00 left, BC 21, PSU 14.

#### Fourth Quarter

PSU - DaeSean HAMILTON 16 yd pass from HACKENBERG (FICKEN kick), 6:48 left, PSU 21, BC 21

BC - KNOLL 20 yd field goal, 2:10 left, BC 24, PSU 21

PSU - FICKEN 45 yd field goal, 0:20 left, PSU 24, BC 24.

#### Overtime

BC - David DUDECK 21 yd pass from MURPHY (KNOLL kick failed), BC 30, PSU 24.

PSU - Kyle CARTER 10 yd pass from HACKENBERG (FICKEN kick), PSU 31, BC 30.

Stats	BC	PSU
First Downs	16	25
Total Net Yds.	386	453
Net Yds. Rushing	289	82
Net Yds. Passing	97	371
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	9-97	10-60
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2



## BOWL GAME HISTORY

## 2016 QUICK LANE BOWL

Boston College 36

Maryland 30

Dec. 26, 2016 | Detroit, Mich.

Boston College earned its first bowl victory since 2007 with a 36-30 victory over Maryland in the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit.

The Eagles tied a school record with eight sacks in the game by six different defenders, including sophomore Zach Allen, who recorded a career-high two, and junior Harold Landry, who increased his BC single-season record to 16.5 sacks. His 21 career sacks rank third in BC history. Senior John Johnson recorded a career-high 12 tackles, including 11 solo stops in his final game in a BC uniform.

Graduate Patrick Towles recorded 151 passing yards on a 10-for-22 day with two touchdowns and an interception. Towles recorded a 20-yard receiving touchdown on a trick play from sophomore Jeff Smith. He connected with sophomore Tommy Sweeney for a two-yard touchdown and a 49-yard TD to sophomore Michael Walker to increase his season total to 12.

Sophomore Jon Hilliman tallied his sixth touchdown of the season to open the game's scoring with a one-yard touchdown in the first quarter. He is tied for 11th in BC history with 21 career rushing touchdowns.

## Scoring Summary

Maryland	0	13	14	3	–	30
Boston College	6	23	7	10	–	36

## First Quarter

BC – Jon HILLIMAN 1 yd run (Mike KNOLL kicked blocked), 6:47 left, BC 6, MD 0.

## Second Quarter

BC – Tommy SWEENEY 2 yd pass from Patrick TOWLES (KNOLL kick), 13:40 left, BC 13, MD 0

BC – KNOLL 22 yd field goal, 10:32 left, BC 16, MD 0

MD – T. JOHNSON 62 yd run (GREENE kick), 9:20 left, BC 16, MD 7

BC – TOWLES 20 yd pass from Jeff SMITH (KNOLL kick), 7:20 left, BC 23, MD 7

MD – JOHNSON 30 yd run (GOINS pass failed), 6:36 left, BC 23, MD 14

BC – Michael WALKER 49 yd pass from TOWLES (KNOLL kick failed), 0:35 left, BC 29, MD 13

## Third Quarter

BC – Kevin KAVALEC 0 yd fumble recovery (KNOLL kick), 13:24 left, BC 36, MD 13

MD – MORGAN 63 yd pass from HILLS (GREENE kick), 12:48 left, BC 36, MD 20

MD – JACOBS 52 yd pass from HILLS (GREENE kick), 10:05 left, BC 36, MD 27

## Fourth Quarter

MD – GREENE 23 yd field goal, 2:55 left, BC 36, MD 30

Stats	MD	BC
First Downs	17	15
Total Net Yds.	357	348
Net Yds. Rushing	128	177
Net Yds. Passing	229	171
Interceptions	1	1
Penalties	11-86	6-46
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	4-1

# 2017 News Clips



# Diversity part of Jarmond's plan at BC

## Diversity part of Jarmond's plan

By **Julian Benbow** | GLOBE STAFF

It took just a matter of days for Martin Jarmond to get a sense of exactly how he fits in as the new athletic director at Boston College and the fresh face of a program in need of new life.

His first week in the office, football coach Steve Addazio had a recruit he wanted Jarmond to meet. The player came up to Boston with his father to get a feel for the program, but also a sense of the city.

One of Addazio's assistants gave Jarmond a heads-up that the father had some worries he wanted to address.

"Their concern, what the recruiting guy told me, was my son being in Boston racially," Jarmond said.

Addazio made a quick introduction, then he left them alone with Jarmond. In private, the father was candid.

"The first thing the dad says is, 'I can't believe you're here,' " Jarmond recalled. "He said, 'I like BC, but I don't know. I've got to figure out this diversity thing about Boston and if I want my son here.' "

Jarmond understood.

He said, "Let me tell you this: I wouldn't be here if I didn't think it could work. Make no mistake, if your son comes here, he is going to be OK, because I'm going to make sure he's OK."

To Jarmond, the exchange was symbolic in a way.

"That's why I'm here," he said. "Maybe we've got a chance with that guy, or maybe I'm going to put a family at ease, and that's what we need."

At 37 years old, Jarmond is the youngest athletic director at any school in a Power 5 conference. He is also one of just 14 black athletic directors among the 128 Football Bowl Subdivision schools and the first black athletic director in BC history.

To Jarmond, those aren't simply talking points, they're strengths vital to reviving a BC program that's had a hard fall from grace over the past 10 years.

"That was a prime example of where my value is in this and why we can be better because of it."

From ballhandling to fund-raising

For an athletic department in need of a jolt, Jarmond is a walking energy drink.

He takes his meetings in the mornings (with a cup of oolong tea) and makes decisions in the afternoon. He's suit-and-tie, but not starched. He'll have a Miles Davis playlist cued, but is fully fluent in J. Cole.

He is by no means bashful. At his introductory news conference in April, Fox 25 reporter Tom Leyden asked about his vision for BC and slid in the fact that he was an alum. When Jarmond quipped, "I'm going to ask you for money, Tom," it may have sounded like a joke, but it wasn't. "He actually ended up making a donation," Jarmond said.

He made his name as a highly skilled fund-raiser for two of college sports' most high-profile programs, Michigan State and Ohio State, but he made a career for himself by building relationships.

It's been a part of his makeup since he was a child.

"If I ever told my mother I was hanging out with Martin, she wouldn't ask any questions at all," said Edward Johnson, a close friend of Jarmond's since the first grade. "That's the kind of influence he had."

Johnson and Jarmond grew up together in Fayetteville, N.C., playing basketball in each other's yards. When Jarmond went to community service events for the youth leadership "Jack and Jill" program, he made sure Johnson went with him.

"Just talking with him and hanging with him got me to see a different perspective on life," Johnson said.

He flashed the same traits on the court. His journey from a walk-on at UNC Wilmington to a two-time captain who helped the Seahawks reach the NCAA Tournament in 2000 seems like a fairy tale, but it was actually an early example of knowing how he could add value. It was also the spark that started him on his path in athletic administration.

Jerry Wainwright, UNC Wilmington's head coach at the time, remembered the first time Jarmond walked into his office. Wainwright had scouted Jarmond's high school

team because it was a powerhouse, but Jarmond wasn't one of the players he targeted. When Jarmond said he wanted to walk on, Wainwright was skeptical.

"You know Martin's not the tallest guy in the world," Wainwright said of the 5-foot-9-inch guard. "I had seen him play, but I never really paid much attention to tell you the truth because I was watching other guys."

Wainwright took a chance on Jarmond. From that point on, Wainwright said, "I couldn't get rid of him."

Jarmond knew his strengths.

"I had to earn everything," he said.

He was a terrorizing on-ball defender. He got the team into its sets. He put scorers in position to do what they do best. He couldn't shoot, and you would rarely catch him trying to. More than anything, he motivated.

"He had a knack for going on the practice floor, I would say to him sometimes, 'Hey look, this guy is down.' I said, 'You make sure he's not a dog today. You make sure you pick him up all day, OK?' I could say things like that to him, and he was right on it.

"When you talk about a leader and being a good teammate, whenever I put him in a few minutes in games, he was all over the place. Something was going to happen. Now, he may knock out an exit light on the door, or it may be a great play, but he was playing with heart and soul."

Jarmond's junior year, Wainwright pulled him into his office and asked him a question no 21-year-old's quite sure how to answer.

"I brought him in, and I said, 'What are you going to do when this is all done?'" Wainwright remembered.

Jarmond replied, "Coach, I hadn't really thought much of it."

Wainwright said, "Do you know what development is?"

Jarmond had never heard of it.

Wainwright said, "Like fund-raising."

Jarmond's charisma, people skills, and work ethic earned him the nickname "The Mayor" in the locker room. "I always told him he could sell ice to an eskimo," Wainwright said.

Wainwright mentioned to Jarmond that there was a focus in college sports on diversity in athletic departments around the country and pointed him toward the John McLendon Minority Postgraduate Scholarship Foundation, offered by the National Association of Directors of Athletics to minorities pursuing degrees in athletic administration. They took care of the paperwork, Jarmond landed the scholarship, and went on to get a master's in both business administration and sports administration from Ohio University.

"He's the first one that planted that seed," Jarmond said. "You don't go to school for fund-raising, you don't think about it. You either stumble into it, or somebody inspires you."

It didn't take long for Jarmond to realize he had found his calling. He was hired as Michigan State's assistant athletic director of development in 2005 and was promoted to director in a year. He helped the athletic department raise more than \$126 million. His job was raising money, but his skill was still connecting with people.

Kevin Van Rooy, who worked under Jarmond at Michigan State and is now Indiana University's assistant athletic director for major gifts, said, "Martin can go in and be around 85-year-old people, he can be around young people. He's comfortable in any situation, and people are comfortable with him. He fits in every place he's been to."

'Everything is earned'

Jarmond was a 25-year-old moving through the ranks at Michigan State, running on ambition and a "nothing's given" mind-set, when he first bumped into Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith.

They both happened to be in one of Ohio State's suites during a Spartans-Buckeyes football game. Jarmond knew who Smith was, but he didn't know how much of a role Smith would play in his future.

Even when Smith hired him as Ohio State's associate athletic director for development in 2009, Jarmond didn't necessarily assume Smith would take him under his wing.

"I don't want anything given to me," Jarmond said. "Everything is earned. I didn't ask him for anything."

The way to earn Smith's respect, in Jarmond's mind, was to simply do the work.

His first year on the job, he never set up any one-on-one meetings with Smith to talk about his future. Instead, once a week, he scheduled a meeting to talk strategy.

"I wanted to prove to him for a year, I'm the real deal, and I want to grow, and I want to get better," Jarmond said.

What he didn't realize was that Smith already saw his potential beyond what he was doing at Ohio State.

"He, frankly, reminded me a lot of myself when I was at that age," Smith said.

"Frankly, I was an athletic director at the age of 29, and I was very much like Martin, and I could see that in him. Just constantly on the go, constantly trying to get better, constantly trying to connect with different types of people. That's so important in what we do."

Smith made it a point to expose Jarmond to every facet of Ohio State's operation, from event management to IT. In time, Jarmond had firsthand experience with how the business ran, how to oversee all of the school's sports, how to manage compliance laws, how to evaluate employees, how to go about hiring, how to go about firing.

"All those things, as he went through the organization, I wanted to make sure that he experienced those things because when you become an athletic director, you have to be able to see it all," Smith said.

### Steps already taken

It is by no means lost on Jarmond that he is one of a few minorities in a leadership position in the athletic department of an FBS program. As of last fall, 85.9 percent of athletic directors were white, according to The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. Of 128 athletic directors around the country, just 13 (10.2 percent) were African-American.

BC has its own battles to overcome with diversity. Despite an enrollment of around 14,000 students, African-Americans, Asians, and Hispanics make up just 30 percent of the student body, according to its most recent Higher Education Opportunity Act disclosure. African-Americans make up just 4 percent.

In the athletic department, all 31 head coaches are white. The school's 51-member board of trustees was all white until last year.

In September, the NCAA encouraged its 1,200 institutions to sign its Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics. BC chose not to sign it, citing internal diversity initiatives while pointing to the pledge's toothlessness (it is non-binding).

Instead, the school pointed to the hiring of Jarmond plus the appointing of two African-American trustees last June as steps taken to address diversity.

Jarmond leaned on Smith's experience when he was weighing the decision to come to BC. Smith was one of just two black athletic directors in major college sports when he

was hired by Eastern Michigan in 1986. He was Ohio State's first black athletic director. He knew what was in front of Jarmond because he had walked the same path.

"I've been the first African-American athletic director in a number of situations," Smith said. "I'm kind of the old head in the business. I've always told the people that I've worked with like Martin, don't even think about that."

"Your mission is to be the best athletic director. It's an honor and a privilege, but you want to be judged on being an athletic director that's the best as what he does. So yes, it's something that you need to be honored about, but don't even think about it twice."

The color of his skin won't be a focal point, but the makeup of the department will be.

"Diversity is important to making us better," Jarmond said. "It's critical to our mission to serve our students. Our students are diverse, and we should reflect that."

Uphill battle ahead

Jarmond's office is still pretty much a blank canvas. His desktop is clear save for a framed picture of his daughter Scarlett. He just had new carpet laid, and a wall-size TV mounted. In time, he'll have it decorated to his liking with visions of using the suite to host donors. But right now, the space is still relatively empty.

But his inbox is full.

The e-mails he gets from fans, alums, and former players range from logistical issues (the lackluster game-day experience or the pains of tailgating) to BC's profile in a pro town ("How are you going to get BC on the map?!?") to the catch-all concern, "BC is a unique place." ("I hear that a lot," Jarmond said.)

But the most common sentiment is how much of an uphill battle Jarmond has ahead of him.

"You know what — and I'm going to say this — a common thing I'm hearing from fans and donors is, 'You've got a tough job on your hands,' " Jarmond said.

Jarmond isn't going in naive.

"We talked about the challenge ahead of him and frankly why it is a great opportunity," Smith said. "There are things that can be done better there. It seems to be a commitment to do that. I think he is going to enhance the culture greatly just because of his personality and his talents and skills. So he understands that. He's coming in eyes wide open."

What also struck Jarmond about the e-mails was the optimism he received.



“They’ll say, ‘You have a tough job on your hands, but we are behind you, we support you,’ ” Jarmond said. “I loved that passion and excitement that BC fans showed. I saw opportunity. Woke up one day and said, ‘We will do the work.’ ”

Jarmond was able to meet BC hoops legend Bill Curley at a local charity event in June. Curley left their conversation impressed.

“His pedigree speaks for itself,” Curley said. “Being at big programs like Michigan State and Ohio State. But probably the most impressive thing is just his enthusiasm, the way he’s very sincere and the joy he has in talking about what he wants to do. He’s got that hunger. He just lit up the room. You feel comfortable and confident that BC’s in good hands.”

Added Van Rooy, “I think he’s the perfect person to go in there. He’s not going to try to beat every adversity, every challenge all at once. He’ll knock them down one by one.”

But if the biggest challenge is getting an embattled fan base to buy in, Jarmond’s already started to chip away at that.

“We have to have that vision, and I have to get everybody to share the vision that I have for BC,” he said. “It’s going to be a process, but we will do the work to get it done.”

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# Boston College defensive end Harold Landry obsessed with greatness

Paul Myerberg | USA Today | July 13, 2017

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Harold Landry was in the gym last summer every morning by 6. He'd lift weights. Train. Eat lunch. Hang out. Come back in the afternoon for more weights. In the early evenings, Landry would head outside for field work. Then dinner. Sleep. Repeat.

"Last offseason was the hardest I'd worked," he said. "I knew I wanted to have a big season, and I knew what it took. It's common sense. If you want to be the best you've got to work to be the best."

It worked. As a junior last fall, Landry had a Football Bowl Subdivision-best 16.5 sacks and an Atlantic Coast Conference-best 22.0 tackles for loss, earning all-conference and All-America honors in the process. Those long days, packed with training? They paid off.

"This obsession with greatness, he has that," said Boston College head coach Steve Addazio. "Harold is a great example of that development guy that popped in his third (year) and has a chance in his fourth to really and clearly become one of the nation's elite players."

It was an eventful summer, full not just with football but also personal growth. It was while on campus that Landry met his future fiancée, Danielle Rios-Roberts; on June 5, the pair welcomed their first son, Greyson.

So as he stands amidst another crucial offseason — one similarly focused on taking another step forward as a defensive end — Landry can add an item to his to-do list: to football and school, now fatherhood. "That's something that'll motivate me this season," he said.

To this point, Landry's drive has lifted the Spring Lake, N.C., native from three-star recruit to the linchpin of a defensive line that rivals the best in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which convenes in Charlotte this week for its annual media days. But the next step is the hardest.

Each recruiting cycle adds more than 2,000 players to the Football Bowl Subdivision. Maybe a few dozen of that group will earn all-conference honors. A smaller subset will become All-America selections — Landry's already in this group. But even fewer, just a handful, will check all the boxes: all-conference, then All-America, then the first round of the NFL draft. Even after his standout junior campaign, Landry didn't land a first-round grade from league scouts and talent evaluators. So he's back.

"I have one goal in mind, and that's to be a first-rounder," Landry said. "To hear that it was hard to be in the first round I thought, I've got this whole offseason to prove people wrong. And that's what I've been doing. It's going to definitely take drive every single day — summer, camp, preseason, everything — to make sure I have a good year."

Landry's decision to return for his senior season looks even wiser in hindsight. In a series of talks this winter, Addazio and the Eagles' defensive line coach, Paul Pasqualoni, broke down three areas in need of improvement: Landry needed to become stronger against the run, add a counter move in his pass rush and continue to hone his technique — the latter part of Pasqualoni's detail-oriented approach to teaching the position.

During this spring, for example, Landry participated in roughly 450 graded plays; these are individual snaps in live workouts or scrimmages that receive either a "plus" or "minus" grade, based almost entirely on his attention to detail.

"I think Harold has focused in on the real details of what he's got to get done to be a really high-level player," Pasqualoni said. "If you don't take care of all these little things, that big thing is never going to take care of itself. And if you only care about the big thing then you're in trouble. My advice to Harold — and it's the same every day — is to come here and take care of the little things."

Landry and Pasqualoni watched film of the latter's many prized pupils: Jason Taylor, DeMarcus Ware, J.J. Watt and Jared Allen, to name a few. Check out Ware's burst, Pasqualoni said, and Watt's drive, and Allen's dedication to minutiae. The videos illustrated the gap between the very good and the great — a fact that only added to Landry's motivation.

"It was clearly better for him to come back," Addazio said. "He has a platform now and a chance now to be able to be a guy that can move himself up to the first round. And there was a consensus that he would upgrade himself."

Yet the truth is that despite those areas in need of improvement, Landry isn't far off from cracking into his full potential —

and perhaps the same can be said of B.C., even in an ACC Atlantic Division topped by two premier College Football Playoff contenders in Clemson and Florida State.

His decision to return was rooted in that idea: I'm close but not quite there, Landry learned. Is that a bad thing?

"Even after having such a great year, just to know I can still improve is a great feeling. My peak should be amazing," he said.

For a player with no shortage of motivation — "There's no way I could let myself down or my fiancée down," he said — Landry has found added inspiration from Denver Broncos star Von Miller, whose career trajectory followed a similar path. Like Landry, Miller led the FBS in sacks as a junior. Like Landry, he opted to return for his senior year. As a senior, Miller earned All-America honors and won the Butkus Award before being selected second overall in the ensuing draft.

"I want to be the all-time sacks leader when I leave here," said Landry. "I want to be a guy that people on this team can look at and count on to make big-time plays in big-time moments."

His own team already expects that of Landry. The rest of the ACC is aware. Slowly but surely, the entire FBS is catching on, too. But this coming fall presents Landry with an opportunity to broaden his reach — to another series of All-America honors, to heavy national-award consideration, and, if things go according to plan, into the first round of the NFL draft.

"I want to keep the arrow pointing up. I don't want to flat line in anything," he said. "I just want to keep getting better ... and there's always room for improvement."

# BC notebook: Darius Wade gears up to take BC QB job

Brett Friedlander | Boston Herald| July 14, 2017

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For the second time in three years, Boston College turned to a graduate transfer quarterback to bridge the gap to Darius Wade.

Coach Steve Addazio is hoping the plan works out better this time around.

That was in 2015, when Wade was set up as the heir apparent to one-year stopgap Tyler Murphy only to have his season ended with a broken ankle in his third game as the starter.

Because of concern that Wade still wasn't ready after missing almost an entire year, Addazio brought in Patrick Towles from Kentucky last year to buy a little more time. Now that he's gone after leading the Eagles to seven wins and the Quick Lane Bowl championship, Wade is finally in position to get another shot at running the BC offense.

"Darius is 100 percent healthy," Addazio said yesterday at the ACC's Football Kickoff media event. "It's amazing to see where he is now as opposed to last year. You didn't really realize it. He was sort of healed, so to speak. But he really wasn't there."

Though Wade is back at full strength, he still has work to do to regain his starting position after coming out of spring practice neck-and-neck with redshirt freshman Anthony Brown.

"Anthony Brown is a super talented player right now, so those two guys are battling," Addazio said. "Darius obviously has the experience factor right now. He started the spring with him taking the No. 1 snaps, and we'll start the training camp the same way. But like I say about every position, training camp is there for a reason. So we'll have at it and compete."

Regardless of who wins the job, Addazio feels better about his quarterback situation than at any other time during his six-year tenure with the Eagles.

"One of the problems we've had at quarterback there wasn't anybody else in those rooms," he said. "There really wasn't any competition and that's not a good thing. We feel right now we have four to five guys in that room who can flat out play. This is the first time I've been able to look at somebody and tell them that."

## Carryover effect

It's said that in baseball, momentum can be as fleeting as the next day's starting pitcher.

Not so in football, said BC center Jon Baker, who believes that the confidence and energy he and his teammates got from winning their final three games a year ago will carry over into the new season that begins Friday, Sept. 1, at Northern Illinois.

"What we did a really good job of last year was building momentum at the end of the season," said the Millis native. "We won our last three games, won the bowl game, so we've got to take that going forward. We had great spring ball, had great winter workouts. Now we have to keep it rolling through the summer, through camp and into our first game."

## Homecoming

As much as Harold Landry loves playing for BC, the star defensive end still hasn't completely adjusted to the cold winter weather. He was reminded of that this week upon returning to his home state of North Carolina.

"I love being here," he said. "Hopefully a team from the South drafts me so I can come back down. The worst winter we had was during my freshman year, so that set my expectations up high. It's beautiful during the summer, but when the winter happens you just deal with it."

Landry is from Fayetteville, N.C., which is about a three-hour drive from Charlotte. Although several family members wanted to come visit him, the time constraints of his ACC Kickoff responsibilities kept that from happening.

That family grew by one last month when his fiancée, Danielle, gave birth to their first child, Grayson. Father and son share the same birthday, June 5.

"There's nothing greater than getting a video of my son from my fiancée," Landry said. "I just start cracking up."

# Harold Landry ready for ACC spotlight

Brett Friedlander | Boston Herald | July 14, 2017

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Harold Landry isn't the kind of guy who likes to call attention to himself, which is why he was admittedly nervous yesterday about the prospect of facing a room full of cameras and questioners at the ACC's Football Kickoff event.

He better get used to the spotlight.

After setting a Boston College single-season record with 16.5 sacks last year, the senior defensive end is destined to be the center of attention for every offensive lineman he'll face in 2017.

"It's going to happen. I'm aware of that," said Landry, who also led the nation with seven forced fumbles. "It's annoying, but I'll find a way (around it)."

Landry's path to opposing quarterbacks figures to be more congested than rush hour traffic thanks to the double teams he'll inevitably face. But he's determined not to let that stop him from having a major impact on the Eagles defense.

"I've already told myself I'm not going to use that as an excuse to why I would not produce," he said. "I just work too hard to not produce."

"I'm going to find a way. I'm going to watch as much film as I can and break down offenses as much as I can to find tendencies and help this team as much as I can."

That willingness to be a student of the game was a key factor in Landry's breakout season a year ago.

He said the extra hours in the film room helped him stay one step ahead of opposing offenses by improving his anticipation of things such as protection patterns and when teams like to pass in running situations.

It also doesn't hurt that at 6-foot-3, 250 pounds, he's as quick as a sprinter off the ball, has the flexibility to bend around less mobile tackles and the strength to bring quarterbacks down and rid them of the ball once he gets into the backfield.

"You just have to be explosive. You've got to be able to bend," Landry said. "There's a lot of things that come into play. I'm mostly a speed guy, but sometimes you have to go power because there's good tackles out there that can handle speed. That's one thing I've been working on this offseason that I'll be able to show this year."

Though it won't be easy to improve on his performance of a year ago, BC coach Steve Addazio isn't ready to rule it out.

Not after the growth Landry showed last season. It's an improvement Addazio admits he didn't see coming.

"We saw some potential in him, but to say we saw where he is right now, no," Addazio said. "I don't even know that I could have told you that last year at this time."

Both the player and his coach agreed that defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni, a former head coach whose impressive resume also includes tenures as an assistant with the Houston Texans and several other NFL teams, helped a great deal.

"I think coach Pasqualoni had a lot to do with this — the two of those guys coming together, (Landry's) God-given explosiveness and ability to turn the corner, and then coach arming him with the technique tools," Addazio said.

"He's an elite teacher. He's coming off coaching J.J. Watt and company. Harold was the beneficiary of that."

# BC eager to seize upon momentum of its bowl win

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When the Boston College football team walked off Ford Field with a 36-30 win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl last December in Detroit, the Eagles went into the offseason with something they hadn't had in years: momentum.

They didn't have the cloud of one of the worst seasons in the history of the program hanging over them the way they did after the 2015 season.

They didn't have the disappointment of a crushing bowl-game loss linger during the offseason the way it did after their 31-30 overtime setback against Penn State in the 2014 Pinstripe Bowl.

Winning a bowl game for the first time since 2007 gave the program a much-needed shot in the arm.

"The energy after the bowl game, it was palpable," said senior center Jon Baker, as the 14 teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference gathered at the Westin in Charlotte for the conference's football kickoff festivities on Thursday. "In the winter workouts and the spring practice, even still now, we're fighting to keep that going. We want to keep that momentum winning a few games, winning the bowl game last year, we want to roll it right into this season, take on the first game with the same kind of energy and passion that we had at the end of last year."

More important than having momentum, though, is doing something with it.

The disappointment of going winless in conference play (3-9 overall) in 2015 nearly stunted the growth the program started to show after head coach Steve Addazio took over in 2013 and took the Eagles to consecutive bowl games after 7-6 campaigns his first two seasons at the Heights.

This season is a chance to take another step forward after going 7-6 last year.

"I think this season could be a great steppingstone for our program," said defensive end Harold Landry, a Nagurski Trophy candidate who set a single-season school record last year with 16½ quarterback sacks.

"Last season we had a good season, but we know there's more meat on the bone," Landry said. "There's so much potential for this team. You can just see it in the offseason workouts. Everybody is stepping their game up. I've never seen so many players put in so much extra work."

"I think this season is going to be something special, especially for me in my senior season, a lot of seniors out there on our team, and they're ready to lead. We've just been working, we've been grinding . . . and we're prepared for the opportunity that we have ahead of us.

"I look forward to it. We all look forward to it. We're all excited for the season, and I think a lot of great things are to come for this football program this season."

Ideally, Addazio would've liked to have been at this point two years ago, but he knew it would be a five-year process to turn around BC's struggling program. After four seasons of initial strides then jarring setbacks, Addazio is now in that all-important fifth year, having compiled a 24-27 record in his first four seasons at BC.

"The momentum trajectory from the bowl game last year, I thought what you saw was a team that in the very opening day found a way not to win that game," Addazio said. "But then at the end of the year, [we] gained the confidence and the glue to learn how to win that game, and I thought that was the maturation process of our football program.

"The confidence level increased, and all of that kind of came together and has created a real energy in the program right now."

Making a leap this season won't be an easy task. The Eagles became bowl eligible last season by winning their final two games of the season, including a 17-14 victory at Wake Forest in the regular-season finale. But they balanced out brutal losses to the ACC's elite by beating up on nonconference opponents such as UMass (26-7), Wagner (42-10), Buffalo (35-3) and UConn (30-0).

They face a tougher schedule this year, starting with a season-opening Sept. 1 road game against perennial Mid-American Conference power Northern Illinois, in addition to home games vs. Notre Dame (Sept. 16) and Central Michigan (Sept.

30).

“People say last year you played a couple [FCS] teams,” Addazio said. “OK. We played a couple I-AA teams and we beat them up, appropriately. Now we’re going to play some MAC teams, which are going to be more challenging. I think it’ll help our team.”

The Eagles defense is still expected to be the team’s backbone with the return of Landry, who has 21 career sacks and enters the season ranked third behind Mathias Kiwanuka, BC’s all-time sack leader (37½, 2002-05).

But improvement from an offense that was third-worst in the nation a year ago is a must.

Redshirt junior Darius Wade will go into training camp as the starting quarterback, but he’ll battle redshirt freshman Anthony Brown. The lack of stability and productivity under center has been at the heart of BC’s struggles, and Addazio knows it’s an important question mark going into the season.

“The one piece that has to be told, the story has to be told, while we know that our quarterbacks are highly talented right now, they have not done that in the heat of the battle in the ACC yet, and that’s a pivotal position,” he said. “But their surrounding cast, their supporting cast is significantly improved and different.”

But with training camp set to start in just two weeks, the Eagles will go into the season with optimism for the first time in a long time.

“I’m really jacked up looking forward to the whole deal to be honest with you,” Addazio said.

# Boston College football program looks to progress

Eric Avidon | MetroWest Daily News | July 30, 2017

The 2016 season, it can be argued, was Boston College's most successful to date under coach Steve Addazio, who in 2017 is in his fifth season leading the Eagles.

BC won seven games for the third time under Addazio last year, but unlike the two previous seven-win campaigns last fall ended with a victory in a bowl game — the first postseason victory for the Eagles since 2007 when Matt Ryan was a junior.

The year, however, was not without significant negatives.

On four separate occasions, BC demonstrated that it didn't belong on the same field as the ACC's upper echelon teams, losing by the combined score of 202-24 to Clemson, Florida State, Louisville, and Virginia Tech.

On Monday, with the beginning of fall camp, the Eagles start their official preparation for the 2017 season, a little more than four weeks before they open the year by visiting Northern Illinois on Sept. 1.

Questions for a team seemingly stuck in the middle, clearly better than bad teams but also clearly worse than truly good ones, naturally abound for the season ahead, and they encompass all facets of the game.

Can Addazio have success with his own QB: Each of the three seven-win seasons under Addazio was accomplished with quarterback developed by a different coach.

Chase Rettig was a senior in Addazio's first year, already a three-year starter under Frank Spaziani, and both Tyler Murphy and Patrick Towles were graduate transfers who spent four years at Florida and Kentucky, respectively, before coming to BC for one year.

When BC went 3-9 in 2015, it was with quarterbacks Darius Wade, Jeff Smith, Troy Flutie, and John Fadule — all recruited by Addazio. But to be fair, Wade was a true sophomore and the others were true or redshirt freshmen at the time. None was ready to start, but circumstances forced them all into duty at one point or another.

Wade, now a redshirt junior with three years in BC's program, is slated to start this fall. Assuming he can stay healthy, it's this year when Addazio's ability to develop a quarterback can truly be judged.

Will the offensive line progress to the point where it can have success against elite defenses: Back in 2014 when BC was one of the better running teams in the country, its offensive line was comprised of five graduate students prior to an injury to Harris Williams.

While so much experience led to great success that year, it left the Eagles horribly inexperienced up front the last two years. And it showed. Running backs and quarterbacks were swarmed by defenses before they ever had a chance, and BC even struggled at times to establish an efficient offense against some of the poorer teams on its schedule.

But inexperience up front is no longer an issue for BC.

Jon Baker — a Millis native — is a senior who's been starting since his freshman year, and Aaron Monteiro and Chris Lindstrom are juniors who first started when they were freshman. Sam Schmal is a senior who also has significant experience.

Now that there are upperclassmen almost all the way across the front, an offense that has been embarrassingly bad at times over the past two years might finally have some consistent success.

Can the defense recover its 2015 form: Two years ago, while the BC offense was perhaps the worst in the nation, the BC defense was perhaps the best.

It even had success against Louisville, Florida State, and Notre Dame.

But last year, even as the offense gave the defense a little more assistance, the defense regressed — Louisville, for example, put up 52 points against the Eagles after scoring 17 the year before. Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but Don Brown, who led the BC defense from 2013-15, left for Michigan before last year and Jim Reid took over as the defensive coordinator.

Harold Landry, who developed into a superstar and led the nation in sacks last year, decided to return to BC for his senior year rather than leave for the NFL. His presence is huge for the Eagles. But after losing linebacker Matt Milano and safety John Johnson, they'll need more than just Landry to regain the success they had two years ago against the ACC's elite.

Will Mike Knoll develop into a reliable kicker: Knoll, a senior this year, made 12-of-14 field goal attempts, but his longest successful attempt was only 40 yards.

Ever since Nate Freese used up the last of his eligibility in 2013, placekicking — both field goals and extra points — has been costly with missed kicks or the fear of even making an attempt keeping points off the board.



If Knoll can extend his range, it will add a weapon the Eagles, who lost five games by three points or less in 2015 and added another last year, sorely need as they strive to improve beyond just beating bad teams.

Can Addazio Take BC Beyond Mediocrity: When Addazio was hired, he said it would take five years to rebuild the Eagles. Back then he spoke of championships, ACC titles and eventually contention for the national championship.

But BC will again be mediocre at best in 2017, Addazio's fifth season.

This, however, should be the year when evidence of breaking the cycle of mediocrity will show — when it will be possible to predict whether the Eagles will soon be able to break even in the ACC after failing to win a single conference game in 2015 and just two last year.

The evidence will be seen beneath the starting lineup — or unseen if there is no evidence. If the backups, the depth players, can make significant contributions, it will show that better things lie ahead.

It's when a program replaces departed seniors seamlessly that it generates consistent success. And now is when talent should finally be bubbling below the surface as well as on it.

# Camp opens with Darius Wade and Anthony Brown vying to be Boston College's QB

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A month and a day before the season is scheduled to begin, Boston College officially began its preparation.

On Monday inside Alumni Stadium — with construction going outside on the fields where the Eagles previously practiced — BC opened fall camp. Unlike in the past when teams practiced twice a day in the August heat at the onset of their practice for the upcoming season, double sessions were outlawed by the NCAA last April. So this year fall camp, as a result, will last four weeks rather than three so teams can still get in the same number of practices.

After the four weeks are done, as August winds down, the Eagles will begin their normal game-week routine in preparation for a trip to Northern Illinois on Sept. 1.

“Honestly, just getting grooved in — expectations,” fifth-year BC coach Steve Addazio said on Monday afternoon about his impressions of the day’s practice. “Young guys don’t know how things are going to go. No matter how much they condition in the offseason there’s nothing that is the same as practice, getting in the practice groove. Just getting in a rhythm. It takes a couple of days to get in a rhythm — more than a couple of days, especially the first couple of days offensively just to kind of throw and catch. Even though they throw, they don’t throw like this.

“So we’re just trying to realize that, ‘Hey, we just have to be steady right through the next couple of days,’ and then we’ll get the pads and then it will start to sync up a little bit.”

As camp begins, redshirt junior quarterback Darius Wade is the one getting snaps with the first-team offense, as he did during spring practice.

But redshirt freshman Anthony Brown hasn’t been ruled out as the potential starter when the Eagles visit the Huskies.

BC is coming off a 7-6 season in 2016 that included the Eagles’ first bowl victory since 2006. That, however, was accomplished with graduate transfer Patrick Towles at quarterback.

Wade was Towles’ backup a year after opening the 2015 season as the starter before a broken ankle against Florida State in Week Three of the 2015 season ended his year barely after it got started.

And Wade, now in his fourth year at BC, seems to have every advantage when it comes to a quarterback competition over the next four weeks. But Brown made an impression on Addazio and his assistants as a true freshman, to the point where his presence allowed former quarterbacks Jeff Smith and Troy Flutie — who each started at times in 2015 following Wade’s injury — to be moved to wide receiver; Smith, in particular, showed real promise at his new position last year with 27 catches and will be one of the primary weapons for whoever winds up as BC’s starting quarterback.

“They both came out and competed today,” Addazio said. “I mean, I think the timing’s not there right now, but all that stuff will get grooved in in the next two days. But they have a pretty good command of what they’re doing out there now.

“Mentally they’re on top of their job descriptions.”

In three years, Wade has shown off a strong arm, but given how sparingly he’s played his statistics have little meaning. He’s completed 33-of-69 collegiate passes for 355 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. In high school in Delaware, the dual threat threw for nearly 8,000 yards and one year ran for over 500.

Brown, meanwhile, playing his high school football in New Jersey, threw for just under 5,000 yards in his career and ran for over 600 as a senior.

Regardless of which one ultimately starts on Sept. 1, they will be running an offense that looks a little different than the one BC employed in its first few years under Addazio.

Late last year, and particularly in their 36-30 bowl victory over Maryland, BC showed off an uptempo offense rather than a ball control attack. And Addazio has said that will continue in 2017 — a season that, with Monday’s practice, officially began.

# Under construction: BC football camping at Alumni Stadium

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Steve Addazio supervised the opening day of Boston College training camp, under a blazing sun yesterday, in tighter quarters than usual.

BC traditionally conducts training camp and holds its scrimmages on the grass fields adjacent to Beacon Street and on Shea baseball field. Those open spaces are currently under construction, the future site of the team's \$200-million indoor practice facility and weight room.

The project is expected to be completed by next summer, which means BC will spend this camp in the confines of Alumni Stadium.

"It is a little tight on space, but we know that at the other end is great progress, so we'll just make it work," said Addazio. "You know you need space to set your units up, but this is what we've got so we've got to make it work."

The radiant heat generated by the new AstroTurf and the aluminum stands created a bit of an outdoor sauna, but players and staff persevered. Addazio, who caught a break when NCAA eliminated two-a-day preseason practices back in April, plans to escape the dog days of August by holding morning practices.

"We are kind of used to it like in spring ball, where we operate off of one field," said Addazio. "For somebody that wasn't used to it, this would really be difficult, but we are kind of used to it."

The unofficial depth chart compiled in spring ball provided the organizational framework yesterday. Position coaches conducted group drills before the first, second and freshman units began running plays from scrimmage.

"Honestly, we were just getting grooved in," said Addazio. "There are expectations and young guys don't know how practice is going to go. No matter how much you condition in the offseason, there's nothing the same as practice and getting in the practice groove and get into a rhythm. It takes a couple of days."

The story of training camp is the battle at quarterback between graduate student Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown to replace Patrick Towles.

Wade and Brown are both strong-armed, dual threats with limited experience. Wade earned the starting job in 2015, but broke his ankle in the third game of the season at home against Florida State. Brown got some quality tutoring from Towles last season.

"They both came out and competed today," said Addazio. "The timing is not there right now and all that stuff will get grooved in the next two days, but they have a pretty good command of what they are doing and mentally they are on top of their job descriptions."

The biggest curiosity factor was freshman tailback AJ Dillon, a blue-chip recruit out of Lawrence Academy who de-committed from Michigan to attend BC. Star power surrounded All-American defensive end Harold Landry and tight end Tommy Sweeney.

# BC's odd couple: How one gruff coach lifted college football's sack champ to stardom

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The precocious rising star and the ornery coach in his twilight met for the first time in the winter of 2016. Boston College defensive lineman Harold Landry, a blue-chip recruit with middling production, settled into the windowless classroom in the Boston College football facility. New Boston College defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni, 67 and sporting a muss of white hair, certainly hadn't noticed Landry's four-star recruiting rating or his offers from Ohio State and Miami.

When Landry opened his notebook, picked up his pencil and wrote down the date, Pasqualoni immediately lit into him. Landry held a mini pencil, the kind they hand out at a golf course, instead of a standard-sized No. 2. "He didn't care who you were," Landry says. "If you did something wrong, he would let you know in front of everybody. I almost got kicked out of the room. I was like, 'It's a pencil. It works.'"

Landry knew little about Pasqualoni other than he'd coached J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney with the Texans before coming to Boston College. He learned a few things quick. Pasqualoni skips the small talk, obsesses over details and is more demanding than a federal auditor. Pasqualoni talks about "false steps" and "heel clicking" – mortal sins of defensive line technique – with his face contorted into a sour-milk scowl. "It's like a plot twist, when he starts cracking jokes," Landry says. "He's a very intense guy, and he's hard on us, but he's hard on us for a reason."

Pasqualoni's coaching résumé is highlighted by his tenure as Syracuse's head coach from 1991-2004. He made two Fiesta Bowls, an Orange Bowl and his 107-59-1 record remains the best winning percentage there since World War II. If anyone wonders if he's missed in upstate New York, his 13 seasons at or above .500 in 14 years were followed by just three winning seasons in the subsequent 12.

Pasqualoni's credibility among his Boston College defensive linemen comes from his 11 NFL seasons, coaching elite players like Jared Allen, DeMarcus Ware and Jason Taylor. Along the way, he earned a reputation as a technical savant. His knowledge of chops, stabs and side scissors – the pass-rush techniques he expounds on daily – may be matched only by his passion for teaching them. "It's like getting your master's degree in defensive line play," former Boston College assistant Al Washington says of Pasqualoni. "He brought instant credibility."

Eighteen months after that first meeting, Landry has emerged as Pasqualoni's latest star pupil. He credits Pasqualoni for pushing him to become one of college football's breakout players in 2016. Landry led the nation in sacks (16.5) and forced fumbles (7), totals that dwarfed his 2015 production (3.5 and 3). Boston College coach Steve Addazio links Landry's emergence to the sitcom dynamic of the exacting veteran coach and promising young player. "It's like Landry met Pasqualoni," Addazio says. "I've seen a huge difference in Harold, he's just been on a mission."

The NFL graded Landry a third-round pick for 2016, so he returned to Boston College to boost his draft stock and lead the Eagles to a "big-time bowl." The ol' lifer coach has his latest star pupil for one more year, making the "Landry met Pasqualoni" sequel must-see TV.

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The most obvious sign of how badly Boston College wanted Landry as the centerpiece of Addazio's first full recruiting class came during a home visit. Washington, who served as Landry's lead recruiter, greeted two of the Landry family's chihuahuas, Butternut and Theodore, soon after arriving at the house. "Theodore," Washington explains now, "is a little ornery."

Before Landry broke out as Boston College's defining star of 2016 under Pasqualoni's watch, Washington identified him in North Carolina, secured a commitment and fended off suitors like Auburn, Florida State and Clemson. He had less luck fending off Theodore, who bit his hand and sent Washington scrambling to the bathroom to stop the bleeding. That makes Landry's unlikely journey to Boston College the rare recruiting story that actually got bloody.

All during Landry's career at Pine Forest High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina, blue-blood coaches swarmed practices to see his teammate, four-star defensive tackle Lamont Gaillard. (He ended up at Georgia.) They all saw Landry, too, but few left with the impression he could play at the highest level.

Finally, during the spring of 2013, veteran Pine Forest coach Bill Sochovka got word N.C. State head coach Dave Doeren wanted to meet Landry. An assistant coach drove him over to Raleigh, and Landry was eager to commit. "Coach Doeren put the dagger in his heart," Sochovka says, "when he told him he wanted to see him in camp [before offering]."

Landry visited Boston College soon after and clicked immediately with the players and staff. "The culture, it was just different. I visited Clemson, most of the schools near North Carolina, and you can just tell the difference here."

Washington's hand eventually healed, but he still needed to hold on to Landry's commitment after offers poured in from everywhere, including – finally – N.C. State. That October, Washington landed at Logan Airport in Boston to about 15 messages on his cellphone. "That's always," he says, "a bad sign."

He quickly learned that Landry de-committed, with N.C. State among the leading suitors. Washington had gotten close to Landry through the recruiting process, and slowly reeled him back in as he aimlessly drove through Southie and the South End. Washington found himself both lost and lost in conversation. "I got on the phone with Coach Wash until like 2 a.m.," Landry recalls. "It was heartfelt, he knew what I could accomplish if I came here because he went to this school and knew I wouldn't be just another name on the roster."

It has worked out well for Landry on and off the field. He got engaged to his college sweetheart, Danielle Rios-Roberts, last season. The couple had their first child, Greyson, on June 5. (The same day as Landry's 21st birthday.) The BC staff may want to start sending Greyson recruiting mail, as he's already outgrown his three-month clothes at seven weeks. Landry's welcome-to-fatherhood story came after a disastrous night shift earlier this summer when a failed diaper change ended with Greyson peeing all over Harold. "I had to wake [Danielle] up," Landry says with a laugh. Clearly, there's more coaching to be done.

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In the windowless defensive line room inside the Boston College football facility earlier this spring, about a dozen players settled into the 18 desks. Think of a Writing 205 recitation dedicated to dissecting Watt, Allen and Ware instead of Yates, Joyce and Twain.

Professor Pasqualoni lectures in front of the room wearing his standard uniform: glasses perched on the end his nose, khakis creased and a navy three-quarter zip pullover with a Quick Lane Bowl logo. A projector flickers images of his former protégées to his current ones. That includes Landry, who sits his 6-foot-3, 250-pound frame straight up and takes notes with a No. 2 pencil of adequate length. Pasqualoni's voice booms with a passion that belies a man who has passed median retirement age: "Put every fiber of your body into every rep you have. OK!? You follow me?"

To the uninitiated, defensive line play appears to be little more than a fog of collision that provides the white noise of violence on every snap. But the reality is that the position is among the most intricate in football, a symphony of quick strikes, balletic footwork and choreographed movements. These are the movements that Pasqualoni is singularly focused on, his voice vacillating from a stern intensity to a near-scream:

"We're not going to be behind the quarterback, that's the WORST seat in the stadium."

"You CAN NOT on the fourth step club rip up the field!"

"Four yards behind the outside hip of the tackle at a 70-degree angle."

The BC linemen quickly respected the intellect behind the intensity, as senior nose tackle Noa Merritt says the way Pasqualoni shows he cares isn't through daily pleasantries. But stop by his office and ask how to fix a false step, and it'll elicit a 15-minute lecture sprinkled with video clips. "Coach P is all business, man, but he loves us too," Merritt says. "It's all football. If you aren't talking to him about football, he doesn't wanna hear it."

Pasqualoni has made untold millions coaching college football and in the NFL, yet still commutes to BC from South Windsor, Connecticut, nearly 91 miles away. Each way. On days he doesn't drive home, Pasqualoni stays at an apartment near campus. Pasqualoni married late in life, and his three kids are teenagers. But the mere mention of retirement curls his face into a grimace. "Haven't thought about it," he says.

Pasqualoni graduated from Penn State in 1972 after walking on and becoming a letterman for Joe Paterno. He spent the next year teaching physical education at three different K-6 schools around Cheshire, Connecticut, and volunteering as an assistant on the freshman football team. In his mind, nothing has changed but the audience and venue.

As the classroom film flickers with yet another play from spring practice No. 12, it's clear Pasqualoni isn't chasing the next dollar, job or sold-out stadium. Pasqualoni stops the film for a rare moment of effusive praise. "That'll bring a tear to a coach's eye," he says after a three-man rush yields a faux sack in a spring practice drill where the quarterback can't get hit.

Pasqualoni doles compliments like they're shares of Amazon stock. When asked later what elicited that emotion, he went through the innocuous-looking spring practice rep with such vigor it became obvious why he treats retirement talk like heel clicking. "If you've been doing this as long as I've been doing it, you're only still doing it because you love to do it," he says. "I don't know where that comes from, it's just always been that way."

"I always felt like I wanted to be a teacher."

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On a sweltering day earlier this week, Boston College's defensive line group positions themselves behind five red tackling bags in Alumni Stadium. They execute a club rip the first rep, followed by a chop swing, side scissor and stab. Pasqualoni's unmistakable bark accompanies each rep, encouraging, teaching and cajoling his sweaty linemen through the final drills of the day.

The rate of Landry's development at Boston College, and the source of the NFL's interest in him as a potential first-round pick, can be linked back to his maturation as a technician on the defensive line. Boston College defensive graduate assistant Adam Mueller broke down Landry's 16.5 sacks for Yahoo Sports, and the results show just how Landry diversified his pass-rush portfolio. The sacks came from eight different moves, with a "speed, chop rip" rush accounting for nearly half. Others came from a stutter move, a tiger claw and a

speed to power. Landry admits he relied primarily on speed rushes before Pasqualoni's arrival, which led to struggles against veteran tackles who'd studied him. "I had no counter move and would be behind the quarterback," Landry says, "and he hated that."

Pasqualoni's philosophy about defensive linemen is that they have to have a similar repertoire to a baseball pitcher, needing a go-to move (fastball) and a counter move (curveball) in their repertoire.

That left Landry needing the football equivalent of an off-speed pitch. He showcased that last season, fittingly, against North Carolina State when he went speed to power to snag to strip sack Ryan Finley for one of the game's biggest plays. Perhaps more importantly, Landry knew at the snap the protection was sliding his way and knew exactly how to counter that. "He coaches just as if he is in the NFL," Addazio says, "so Harold has really got a great running start at this thing."

The Eagles are soaring with him on defense, as Addazio says there's two other NFL caliber defensive ends – Zach Allen and Wyatt Ray – to complement Landry. Along with Landry leading the nation in sacks last year, coordinator Jim Reid's defense tied the school's single-season sack record with 47. The entire defensive line unit won the Quick Lane Bowl MVP after accounting for seven sacks. The trophy is proudly on display in the defensive line room.

Landry enters the season as the ACC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Another season of high production – along with a better showing in the run game – under Professor Pasqualoni could jump him as high as top 15 in the 2018 NFL draft. The green room could offer a perfect closing scene for "Landry Met Pasqualoni." Says Landry: "He's coached a lot of great ones, and just being able to have the opportunity to be coached by someone like that and to think I could be like one of those guys. I'm definitely grateful."

# Scot Loeffler has Boston College offense on the fast track

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When Scot Loeffler came on as Boston College's offensive coordinator a year ago, he was well aware of what was ahead because he had faced those challenges before.

BC had one of the worst offenses in college football in 2015: 121st in scoring, 125th in passing yards, 126th in total offense.

The Eagles were able to mask that to a degree with one of the best defenses in the nation, but playing in the star-studded Atlantic Coast Conference, there was no way they could survive without scoring.

Coach Steve Addazio had faith in Loeffler because of his pedigree (he was Tom Brady's quarterbacks coach at Michigan and had NFL experience as the Detroit Lions' quarterbacks coach in 2008). Addazio and Loeffler also had revamped the offense at Temple in 2011. But Loeffler made sense for the job because at almost every stop in his coaching career — from Temple to Auburn to Virginia Tech — he had been tasked with turning things around.

"He's always had to go into tough situations," Addazio said. "It's amazing. Some people walk into great situations. He's walked into tough ones where he's really had to be a part of rebuilding it. That's painful sometimes. But he's done a fabulous job."

Last season, the Eagles were able to return to a bowl game and shake the storm clouds that followed them after a dismal 2015 campaign. For much of the year, the offense still struggled. It was 118th in scoring and next to last in total offense. But in their 36-30 win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl, they rolled out a different look — an uptempo offense that produced 29 first-half points, the third-best scoring half in BC bowl history.

It was a wrinkle Loeffler and the coaching staff considered adding from the time he arrived at The Heights. But after being defined by their defense for years, the Eagles are now hoping they've found an offensive identity that's been missing.

"There was a debate the day that we came to Boston College . . . if we should go tempo," Loeffler said. "We totally changed the throw game, and there was a ton of learning, and we were very, very — to be quite honest — very simple last year just because we were working on getting in the right splits. It was all new."

"Now, it's a year ahead. We're much more ahead. We're much more comfortable with the system, and we'll play more consistent because of, again, those kids have heard the same things for more than 30 days, you know, like it was last year."

With preseason All-American defensive end Harold Landry returning for his senior season, Zach Allen and Wyatt Ray emerging on the defensive line, and linebacker Connor Strachan as an anchor, the Eagles' defense will continue to be their constant.

The offense will once again be their question mark.

The Eagles will go into the season with an uncertain quarterback situation. Darius Wade got the starter's reps during spring practice, but he'll be competing with redshirt freshman Anthony Brown throughout camp for the job of opening day starter.

While he's leaned on fifth-year quarterbacks Tyler Murphy in 2014 and Patrick Towles in 2016, Addazio has been trying to find a quarterback he could develop since he arrived at BC in 2013.

He acknowledged that instability at the offense's most critical position makes Loeffler's job more challenging.

"When you go into these places that have established depth at quarterback, it makes that process a little better," Addazio said. "When you don't have that, it's a tough process. It can create havoc for many a guy."

Loeffler's been on both sides. At Temple, he inherited an offense in 2010 that was ninth in the Mid-American Conference in passing yards, sixth in rushing, and fifth in scoring. With a weapon in running back Bernard Pierce, Loeffler helped turn the Owls into the seventh-best rushing team in the nation and the fourth highest-scoring in the conference in 2011.

Following that season, Auburn was searching for answers on offense after a steep decline following the departure of Cam Newton, and the Tigers turned to Loeffler to revive an attack that was ninth in the Southeastern Conference in passing (152.5), fourth in rushing (202.6), and seventh in scoring (25.7) in 2011.

But in his lone season at Auburn, the Tigers went 3-9, their offense was at the bottom of almost every statistical category in the SEC, and Loeffler was gone when coach Gene Chizik was fired. Loeffler spent the next three years at Virginia Tech as offensive coordinator under Frank Beamer. There, he had time to put pieces together, and a team that was 12th in the ACC in scoring when he arrived was sixth by the time he left.

"Every place that I've been, from Michigan to the NFL to Florida to with Steve at Temple, everywhere you learn," Loeffler said. "I've made some mistakes, and I've learned from mistakes, and I've done some really good things. You always look at what's happened in the past. You look at the good. You look at the negative, and you just try to keep improving and doing a better job."

How things will play out at BC remains to be seen, but both quarterbacks trust the system Loeffler's put in place.

“He’s a great offensive coordinator,” said Wade. “He knows what he’s doing. He has his own plan, and he’s just kind of unveiling it to us as an offense, and I love it. I love going fast-paced, and that’s what we’re trying to do. I’m excited, and I’m just ready to get after it and whatever Coach Loeffler and Coach Addazio want me to do, I’m all for it. I feel I’m a very capable person and quarterback to be able to do whatever they ask me.”

Brown got important reps in the new system as the Eagles were preparing for the bowl game. It took time to get a grasp but he’s become more comfortable with time.

“It was a little iffy at first,” he said. “But I was a little used to it from what I used to run in high school and I just had to get acclimated to the plays and the tempo and leadership and pushing the offense and stuff like that. I’m still learning, still pushing, still trying to get better and better at leadership and driving the offense. It was a new experience for this kind of school because everybody knows we’re ground and pound. We’re really trying to speed the tempo up as fast as we can possibly be and just keep building and building as a tempo offense.”

As the Eagles try to build on last year’s bounce-back season, they’ll need the offense to make a leap.

“It’s an exciting time,” Loeffler said. “We’ve got to get better. We’re much improved. We’re not where we’d say it’s perfect yet, but we’re on the right track.”



# Eagles rejuvenated by power run game

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 4, 2017**

Boston College coach Steve Addazio has the components to reintroduce a dominant power run game to the Eagles offense.

Running the football is top priority in the coaching staff's offensive plans and Addazio realized its full potential in his first year at The Heights.

In 2013, the Eagles devised schemes that allowed senior tailback Andre Williams to lead the nation in rushing with 2,177 yards.

Addazio changed tactics the following season when Tyler Murphy set the Atlantic Coast Conference record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 1,184. Murphy's record was broken last season by Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson of Louisville.

"Andre hadn't done anything yet but we put that together and created an elite running game," Addazio said during BC's media day yesterday at Conte Forum.

"Then when Murph came in we changed our style with more spread principles with some option. With Murphy and Jon (Hilliman), when he was a true freshman, we really had an elite running game."

After consecutive subpar rushing seasons, Addazio says BC has the ball carriers, athletic read-option QBs and an experienced front five to be an explosive rushing offense.

Hilliman, who has battled injuries the last two seasons, is a burner who rushed for 289 yards on 86 carries in seven games last season.

Davon Jones had 181 yards on 52 carries and showed breakaway speed in eight games.

But the tailbacks creating the buzz after four days of training camp are true freshmen Travis Levy and AJ Dillon, a blue-chip recruit who decommitted from Michigan to attend BC.

Dillon showed speed and strength on several rushes between the tackles while Levy scored on a long run during an 11-on-11 sequence.

"I think you are going to see the running game mature now because the line is maturing and the backs are maturing," said Addazio.

The right Reid

BC defensive coordinator Jim Reid spent two of his 43 seasons coaching defense as the outside linebackers and edge rush instructor of the Miami Dolphins.

Reid's top pupil in Miami in 2009 was hybrid defensive end Jason Taylor, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame tonight. The 6-foot-6, 255-pound quarterback hunter finished his NFL career with 139.5 sacks. BC defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni was the Dolphins defensive coordinator in 2008-09.

Reid made a favorable comparison of Taylor to BC All-America defensive end Harold Landry, a 6-3, 250-pound senior who led the nation last season with 16.5 sacks and seven forced fumbles.

"Harold has a great understanding of how to study film and how to practice and the intensity of it and the environment and awareness," said Reid. "Jason Taylor had a long reach and (Landry) is that type of guy."

Perry ascends

Lost in the intense battle for the starting quarterback job between Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown is the steady improvement of true freshman EJ Perry of Andover.

Perry and John Fadule of Wellesley are fighting for the third QB slot and both will perform practice-squad duty once first string is settled.

"EJ is a fantastic athlete and he has all the measurables," said Addazio. "He can throw, he is very competitive and he is just absorbing it all and getting it down."

# Boston College's Jon Baker pivotal to more football progress

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 7, 2017**

Jon Baker begins his final campaign at Boston College as an All-Atlantic Coast Conference preseason selection and a candidate for the Rimington Trophy, an award given annually to college football's top center.

It's hard to imagine Baker's football career originated with a primal scream directed at a Tri-Valley League rival as a freshman at Millis High School.

"He was a two-way starter for us, and his freshman year he started varsity center," said former Millis coach Dale Olmsted, who now runs the program at Nichols College.

"It was a game early on in the season and we were playing our rival Ashland. We had just gotten a first down on the 2-yard line, going in for a score, when a timeout was called.

"At that point of Jon's freshman year, we hadn't had much success, and the program was down and out in a rebuilding process. We broke the huddle, and Jon gets over the football and he has two hands up like he scored a touchdown.

"Then he lets out this incredibly loud roar, telling Ashland, 'Here we come,'" Olmsted continued. "At that point, I kind of looked over at my other coaches and said, 'You don't see that from a freshman.' Ever since then, the kid has never looked back."

Big man, small town

Millis is a tiny bedroom community west of Boston where an oversized kid walking the corridors attracted the attention of the Mohawks football staff.

Baker started 41 games at Millis and guided the team to consecutive Tri-Valley League Small titles. He was a two-time captain, a two-time Herald All-Scholastic and a two time TVL Lineman of the Year.

Despite playing on a small stage, Baker received attention from Division 1 programs across the nation. His 4.0 grade-point average enhanced his appeal in the major conferences and drew Ivy League interest.

"It started fairly quick with John, and at little old Millis, we never have much to offer," Olmsted said. "Jon was a December grad at Millis with a 4.0, but Jon wanted to compete at the highest place possible."

Baker was approached by elite football programs in the South, Midwest and as far west as Stanford. BC was in the picture since Baker's sophomore year, and the prospect of playing center at O-line U. made everything fall into place.

BC head coach Steve Addazio and offensive line coach Justin Frye arrived at The Heights before Baker's junior year at Millis, and they closed the deal.

"There were couple of different things, but first of all being close to home, I just loved that," Baker said. "My family and my extended family get to see every game.

"Coach Frye and coach Addazio come in with a new kind of energy especially around the (offensive) line. On top of that was the tradition of O-line U. at BC. That was huge. I don't think you will find a tandem of coaches that will develop an O-line better."

Watch and learn

BC had a veteran line in place when Baker arrived at BC in the spring of 2014. BC and Toledo were the only teams in college football to start five graduate students on the offensive line in the 2014 season opener.

The Eagles group included Ian Silberman and Seth Betancourt at tackle, guards Harris Williams and Bobby Vardaro and Andy Gallik at center. Williams, who was considered the best of the bunch, suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opener against UMass.

Williams was replaced by grad student Aaron Kramer, and the Eagles ground game didn't miss a beat. BC finished second in the ACC with 254.7 rushing yards per game. Quarterback Tyler Murphy set an ACC rushing record for his position with 1,184 yards.

"Andy Gallik was a great player and a great guy, and all those guys were," Baker said. "They all knew what to do, how to act, how to behave, how to practice and how to handle themselves.

"I tried to soak up all I could from all those guys because they were very successful and very talented."

And then they were gone.

His time to shine

Baker started 12 games as a sophomore, the first three at left guard and the rest at center. The Eagles lost starting quarterback Darius Wade in the third game of the season and featured tailback Jon Hilliman the following week. BC finished 2-10 despite having the top-ranked defense in the country.

The Eagles regrouped last season behind quarterback Patrick Towles to finish 7-6, which included a 36-29 victory against Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl. Baker started all 13 games and emerged as the undisputed leader on the offensive line.

BC has four of its five starting linemen back in training camp. Baker was reunited with guards Chris Lindstrom and Sam Schmal and left tackle Aaron Monteiro of Brockton. Shane Leonard and West Virginia graduate transfer Marcel Lazard are competing for the starting right tackle spot.

“We’ve been together and developed together, and we’ve got to come together and keep on moving and keep on going,” Baker said. “Hopefully we’ll have a very good year. “

# Freshman AJ Dillon could really fill out BC backfield

Fluto Shinzawa | Boston Globe | August 8, 2017

Toward the end of Tuesday's practice at Alumni Stadium, Boston College defensive lineman Brandon Barlow and linebacker Doug Rodier wrapped their arms around AJ Dillon and brought the running back down for minimal yardage.

One down later, neither Barlow nor Rodier could turn the trick again.

After taking a handoff from Darius Wade, Dillon sprinted to the right, cracked through the defense's initial swarm, and breached the secondary. Approximately 50 yards later, the 6-foot, 240-pound Dillon eased into the end zone. None of Dillon's leaner or quicker teammates could hang on to his heels.

"Things opened up well," Dillon said. "The line blocked really well. I just tried to get more toward the right. I saw a receiver make a really good block. I just trusted my instincts and started running as fast as I could."

Dillon's dash was an example of a complementary option coach Steve Addazio now has in his toolbox. Dillon's first-year workload has yet to be determined, but if the freshman can peel off similar sprints in game action, Addazio will be quick to call his number along with those of returning rushers Jon Hilliman and Davon Jones.

"In this conference, you'll never make it through the season — you won't make it through the game — unless you have a stable of backs," said the fifth-year coach. "We finally have kind of a stable."

"AJ's a big, powerful, fast back. Jon Hilliman is an explosive veteran player who's really electric right now. I'm excited about the whole group of them. There'll be plenty of reps for everybody to go around."

"I'm excited that, finally, we have that kind of depth."

Dillon has breakaway speed for a big back.

Addazio did not expect to be as deep at the position. Dillon, a Lawrence Academy graduate, originally committed to Jim Harbaugh at Michigan. Dillon was worthy of the destination.

As a junior, he rushed for 1,887 yards and 26 touchdowns, averaging 10.9 yards per carry. In the fourth game of his senior year, Dillon trampled Milton Academy for 297 yards and five touchdowns.

There would not be a fifth game.

A leg injury slammed the door shut on Dillon's senior season and prompted him to think about his future. On Dec. 14, Dillon announced he would be landing at The Heights instead of Ann Arbor.

"I got to realize that football, as much as I love it, it's not a game that is going to last forever," he said. "I sat and talked to my parents about life without football. I felt that Boston College was the best place for me to develop as a student, an athlete, and just as an overall individual."

"I have nothing bad to say about Michigan. I loved the school. I loved my class and the staff with them. I just felt that Boston College was the best place for me."

Dillon has ties that go beyond Groton, where he played for ex-Eagle Paul Zukauskas. The native of New London, Conn., is proud of his roots. He has no issues about staying in New England instead of reporting to the Big Ten.

"I wanted to be kind of in my backyard," Dillon said. "In my hometown, a lot of kids look up to me. I wanted to show you don't have to leave New England."

"There's a stigma that New England isn't really that good at football. You don't have to leave New England to play football at a high level and succeed."

Michigan's loss should be BC's gain. Dillon is a power runner who likes to do his dirty work inside the tackles. If he bounces and spins and swims through the first wave, he is fast enough to make defensive backs worry.

Shortly after his touchdown run Tuesday, Dillon spun off another long-distance dash, this time taking a pitch from Wade and thudding off linebacker John Lamot and defensive back Will Harris before landing just short of the end zone.

The Eagles averaged 149.1 rushing yards per game last year. Hilliman led the charge with 542 yards on 184 carries (2.9-yard average). The junior has the advantage of experience (29 career games) over Dillon. The freshman is using practice to work with running backs coach Brian White to learn a system that is more layered than the one he ran in high school.

"Right now, I'm trying to get rid of the bad habits I had," Dillon said. "Technique things, little things that make the game a little easier for me."

“Whatever time you can buy for yourself to be able to read the defense buys you some time. Just little things like reading the defense, things I didn’t really focus on in high school, to make the game easier for me.”

# AJ Dillon happy to stay home with BC football, hopes others follow

**Eric Getzoff | Boston Herald | August 9, 2017**

AJ Dillon's decision to decommit from the University of Michigan football program and play for Boston College left some people scratching their heads.

Why not play for a school so rich in football tradition like Michigan? Who wouldn't want to have the opportunity to play your college career in the Big House, one of the largest and loudest football stadiums in the country?

For Dillon, it was about more than just football.

The 6-foot, 240-pound freshman running back made the call on BC after he suffered a season-ending leg injury during his senior season at Lawrence Academy (where he played for coach Paul Zukauskas, the former Eagles offensive lineman). A Herald All-Scholastic in 2015 as a junior, Dillon rushed for more than 600 yards and scored 12 touchdowns in four games before the October injury cut his final prep season short.

Then Dillon had time to reflect on his football career, and on life.

"I got to realize that as much as I love football, it's not a game that is going to last forever," Dillon said. "I kind of sat and talked with my parents about life without football, and I felt that Boston College was the best place for me to develop as a student-athlete and just as an overall individual. Like all the academic schools always say, it's a 40-year decision, not a four-year decision."

Dillon had committed to play for coach Jim Harbaugh's Wolverines in March 2016 but changed his mind in December before signing a letter of intent with BC in February. The hope now is his decision to stay local will inspire other players from New England to remain in the area for college.

"There's a stigma that New England isn't really that good in football," Dillon said. "I wanted to show the kids who look up to me in my hometown (New London, Conn.) that you don't have to leave New England to play at a high level to succeed. So I just wanted to kind of go against that."

Now in his first college training camp, Dillon has a steep learning curve to get adjusted to the quick pace of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"(The college game) is faster, it's more intricate," he said. "Right now, I'm trying to get rid of the bad habits I had, little technique things to make the game a little easier for me. Things I didn't really focus on in high school just to make the game easier for me."

The Eagles are stacked with running backs this season, and redshirt junior John Hilliman and sophomore Davon Jones have taken Dillon under their wings.

Hilliman (542 rushing yards last season), Jones (361) and Dillon will form a corps that Eagles coach Steve Addazio hopes can withstand the grind of a brutal ACC schedule that includes dates with two of the top-five teams in the preseason coaches' poll: defending national champion Clemson (No. 5) and Florida State (No. 3).

Last season, six backs had more than 100 rushing yards for the Eagles, and a seventh rushed for 87.

In only the second week of training camp, Addazio is not ready to name a starter. He's just excited that the Eagles have depth at the position.

"This is the strongest total backfield we've had," Addazio said. "In this conference, you won't make it through the season — you won't make it through the game — unless you have a stable of backs. We've got more playmakers now at our disposal than we've had since I've been here, I'd wager to say in a long time."

# BC expecting bigger things from big Aaron Monteiro

Fluto Shinzawa | Boston Globe | August 10, 2017

The bar is high.

Boston College's offensive line is big, mean, and experienced. Three Massachusetts players bring the nasty.

Millis's Jon Baker, a senior, is the leader at center. Chris Lindstrom, a junior from Dudley, checks in at 305 pounds, a few protein shakes heavier than the 265 he weighed as a freshman.

Brockton's Aaron Monteiro, who is 6 feet 7 inches and 315 pounds, is the largest man of the bunch. Expectations for the junior are just as hefty.

"He's got to take the next step," coach Steve Addazio said. "He's an inconsistent player. He played before he should have as a true freshman. Shouldn't have played. We had to play him.

"Last year he was a true sophomore. He showed some signs but was terribly inconsistent. Now all of a sudden, he's in his junior year and we're starting to see much more consistent play with more attention to detail, which is when linemen usually lift their level."

Monteiro started 12 of 13 games last year at left tackle, protecting quarterback Patrick Towles. He is one of the returning linemen who should take the first snap for BC's season opener against Northern Illinois Sept. 1.

Monteiro, Baker, Lindstrom, John Phillips, and Sam Schmal played in 11 or more games last season. Marcel Lazard, a graduate student who last played at West Virginia, could be the only newbie to join the five-man starting unit.

"It definitely helps me out confidence-wise," Monteiro said of lining up next to familiar faces. "I've been in the offense for almost three years now. I know what I'm doing.

"It's good to know I've got somebody next to me who knows what's going on. The person down from them knows what's going on. It's all about building confidence and chemistry. I feel we're doing that each day we come out to practice."

Addazio is counting on his big men to keep hands off quarterbacks Anthony Brown and Darius Wade and primary running backs Jon Hilliman, Davon Jones, and A.J. Dillon. Addazio likes a power game that allows his rushers to smash heads in high-traffic areas. In turn, a clicking running attack can open up BC's passing game.

"They've really raised their level of play and are really starting to jell nicely in camp," Addazio said. "We have a high ceiling for them. I think we have a chance to have a really good offensive line."

Addazio's worry about his offensive line is depth. After his projected No. 1 unit, the options grow more limited. Elijah Johnson started 10 games last year at left guard as a freshman. But the 6-5, 300-pounder suffered a knee injury in the spring.

It's why Addazio requires a greater level of performance and consistency from Monteiro. The left tackle is capable of doing good work, whether it's propelling defensive linemen backward with his beefy arms to spring holes for his rushers or dropping back to establish a perimeter for his quarterback.

Monteiro's physicality is not a concern.

"I think it's mental toughness," Addazio said when asked how offensive linemen become dependable performers. "I think it's maturity, mental toughness, and learning how to handle the grind and physicality of the everyday trench play.

"That's why, generally, linemen redshirt. It gives them another year to develop physically and mentally. We didn't have that luxury. But what we have now are guys — the good news of it — who have been in a lot of games and a lot of situations. But the quality of the play had to increase. I'm seeing that in training camp."

Monteiro, Baker, and Lindstrom dressed as true freshmen because of Addazio's then-limited options. Ideally, Monteiro would have played as a redshirt freshman last year. But the Eagles asked him to execute on-the-job learning, some of which did not serve his development well. The result is a player still searching for a smoother degree of performance.

"Being consistent is being confident in my ability and being confident in knowing what I'm doing," Monteiro said. "If I can just home in on that, I think I can be fine.

"It's tough, especially with the practices we have. I've got to learn how to push myself more so I don't feel tired. When practices keep going, I've got to get into another gear."

The Eagles have their first scrimmage Saturday at Alumni Stadium. They will scrimmage for a second and final time Aug. 19 before visiting Northern Illinois two weeks later.

Addazio hasn't decided who his No. 1 quarterback will be: the righthanded Brown or the lefthanded Wade. The scrimmages will help Addazio make his decision. Addazio has already settled on the men tasked to keep his quarterbacks safe. Monteiro will be part of that group.



# Darius Wade, Anthony Brown locked in Boston College QB battle

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 10, 2017**

Jeff Smith is a stretch-the-field wide receiver with a deep-rooted appreciation for the quarterback position.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound, junior from St. Petersburg, Fla., converted from quarterback to split end last season and emerged as the deep threat for the Boston College football team.

Smith threw for 2,165 yards and rushed for 1,236 more at Clearwater Central Catholic High School his senior year. He and was recruited by BC and other Power 5 conference programs because he possessed the skills of a prototypical Atlantic Coast Conference dual-threat quarterback.

Smith played in nine games as a true freshman quarterback, so he has a fundamental understanding of the intense quarterback battle being waged between graduate student Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown at The Heights this summer.

“They are becoming better quarterbacks and leaders,” Smith said after yesterday morning’s practice at Alumni Stadium. “Both have very strong arms and both very accurate and both can run.”

After beginning the 2015 season as a sophomore starter, only to suffer a season-ending ankle injury, Wade was granted a medical redshirt year, meaning he has two seasons of eligibility remaining despite having already fulfilled his undergraduate requirements. The Delaware native is pursuing a master’s degree in leadership and administration.

Like Smith, Wade and Brown are dual-threat, read-option quarterbacks with the ability to throw short, medium and long range passes with one notable exception. Wade is a southpaw, which changes the dynamic on rollouts while Brown is a right-hander who shows exceptional speed down the sidelines.

BC coach Steve Addazio will get a better evaluation of his quarterbacks’ standing from Saturday morning’s intersquad scrimmage at Alumni Stadium.

“I really pleased right now with the development of the quarterbacks,” Addazio said. “They are performing at a high level right now and doing some really good things and they are competing.

“I’m really excited about the fact that there is some real competition going on. Competition brings out the best in everybody, and anytime you have a (locker) room with no competition in major college football that’s not healthy.

“I don’t care who you are you have to be pushed and there are a lot of great things going on here. I’m really encouraged by that.”

Wade and Brown lack significant real game experience. Though Wade started the 2015 season’s first three games — including noncompetitive wins over FCS foes Maine and Howard — he broke his ankle in the second quarter against Florida State in Week 3.

Last season, both Wade and Brown were understudies to one-and-done Kentucky graduate transfer Patrick Towles. Now, the fight is on to be his successor.

“We are in a situation where the position is wide open,” Wade said. “It’s just me being a competitor by nature, just a situation where I want to go out and show the coaches and my teammates that I can do this.

“I want to prove that I can be the guy.”

# DE Harold Landry's return gives BC something to build on

Ken Powtak | Associated Press | August 10, 2017

Boston College coaches and players remember where they were when they heard the news that Harold Landry would return for his senior season, as if it were the moon landing or the verdict in a major trial.

Defensive coordinator Jim Reid still has the Twitter message. Fellow defensive lineman Zach Allen got a text and sped off to tell his teammates.

"I ran downstairs just telling them, 'He's back. We're so lucky,'" Allen said. "We're trying to do special things — this year especially. And I think having him is huge, and it's going to be great for us."

A 6-foot-3, 250-pound defensive end who set the school's single-season record with 16 1/2 sacks last year, Landry bypassed a chance to enter the NFL draft for the opportunity to get his degree and perhaps graduate with the school's career sack record, too. He had himself pegged as a late second- or early third-round pick.

"I wanted to make sure that when I go to the NFL that I was actually ready to play," Landry said. "I want to prove that I'm an every-down player. ... I don't want to be just another developing player."

By returning to the defense, Landry gives the Eagles an anchor for the unit that was the biggest reason they were able to improve to 7-6 last season. A year after failing to win a single Atlantic Coast Conference game, BC not only returned to bowl eligibility but beat Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl.

But the Eagles have some things to sort out if they're going to be more than an also-ran in the ACC's Atlantic Division. Here are a few to watch for:

## QUARTERBACKS

Freshman Anthony Brown has impressed the coaches in practice so far, but there's no decision yet on whether he will start over returning graduate Darius Wade, who has played in 12 games over three seasons but was a backup for Patrick Towles last year.

"Now we're in a situation where the position is wide open again," Wade said. "I want to go out, just show my coaches, my teammates that, hey, I can do this, and that I want to prove that I should be the guy."

## RUNNING GAME

Since Matt Ryan graduated in 2007, BC's success has largely been on the strength of its running game. Behind much-heralded offensive lines, backs like Montel Harris, Andre Williams and even quarterback Tyler Murphy all surpassed 1,000 yards in a season.

This year, returning starter Jon Hilliman (184 carries, 542 yards, 6 TDs last year) and sophomore Davon Jones (91, 361, 2) will be joined by freshmen AJ Dillon and Travis Levy. Senior center Jon Baker is featured on an offensive line that has four players with starting experience.

## HOT SEAT

After going nearly two calendar years without a conference victory, coach Steve Addazio avoided the hook by winning his last two games of the regular season and qualifying for a bowl game. The Eagles beat Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl to finish 7-6.

But with a new athletic director, Martin Jarmond, Addazio may still need to prove himself. More wins would be nice, but BC fans would also like to see the Eagles be more competitive against some the conference elite; last year, four of the six ACC losses were by 38 points or more.

"We have the opportunity this year to show that we're not that team anymore, and that we can compete with these guys," Landry said.

## BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP

Boston College is pumping \$200 million into its athletic facilities, including a new weight room for the football team, an athletics field house and playing fields for other sports.

This is further proof, Addazio says, that they are committed to building something in Chestnut Hill.

"Everything is momentum," he said. "You don't have to have the biggest, the baddest. We don't need a bowling alley and a barber shop and all that because we've got so many other great things that other people don't have. But what we have has to be good and nice and the ability to help us develop our athletes."

# Brockton's Aaron Monteiro prepares for third season at BC

Jim Fenton | The Enterprise | August 11, 2017

The second half of his Boston College football career is about to begin, and already Aaron Monteiro has gained plenty of experience.

The junior left tackle from Brockton moved into the starting lineup on offense after only six games as a true freshman in 2015 and has made constant strides.

The former Enterprise All-Scholastic has gone from a wide-eyed first-year player to a reliable lineman charged with protecting the quarterback and opening holes for the running game.

"I like the direction he's heading," said BC offensive line coach Justin Frye. "He's just got to keep going.

"I love Aaron. I love the way he's going. He's been around here a long time, but he's got a lot more ball left to play."

Monteiro and the Eagles start the season on Sept. 1 when they travel to Northern Illinois after winning the Quick Lane Bowl last December.

When camp opened last week, Monteiro lined up at the same position he has started since the seventh game of the 2015 season.

BC was struggling on offense, so coach Steve Addazio decided to go with younger players. Monteiro made his college debut in the second half on Oct. 17 at Clemson, which was ranked fifth in the nation.

"We just had to get going with some of the young guys so that we could be in the spot where we're at today where now these guys are seasoned," said Frye. "They've been in there and are starting to understand it and continue to improve themselves."

The Brockton High graduate started the final five games, and he was the starter in 12 of 13 games a year ago, sitting out a loss to Clemson.

Instead of being redshirted in '15, Monteiro got his feet wet, and it is paying off now.

"It was a whole new experience, something I'd never seen before," said Monteiro of those first games at BC. "But (improvement) comes with the more time you have. You prepare better and get more used to the speed and the process of how the game goes.

"I wouldn't go back and change anything. I appreciate the opportunity I've been given and each day I take that and try to push forward."

The 6-foot-7 Monteiro, who weighs 310 after losing some 30 pounds after arriving at BC, has come a long way since arriving at The Heights.

Frye recalls that Monteiro was unable to finish his conditioning run in the summer of his freshman year, "but now he's going to be a third-year starter."

Monteiro has also gotten comfortable in the BC offense, knowing what to expect as he's learned the ins and outs of the collegiate game the past two seasons.

"It's different because things are a lot more clear now," said Monteiro. "I can see things better now since I've been in the offense for two years now. Everything seems a lot easier than when I was a freshman.

"Everything was like scrambling, learning things in a month and a half, but I've had two years in the system now, so it's easier for me to process things now. Knowing the offense makes it a lot easier, too."

Frye has noticed a difference in Monteiro's ability to prepare for games while working in meetings.

"He's a football smart guy," said Frye. "He can sit in the classroom and draw things up on the board and have every answer. What if this happens, what do you do?"

"Now it's the application, doing it. You know it, now just go do it. He's doing some good things in camp that were struggles for him in the past, diagnosing defenses."

Said Monteiro: "I remember as a freshman I'd be scrambling trying to draw up plays. But now I know it like the back of my hand."

Going against high-quality defenders such as Harold Landry, a second-team All-America defensive end, and Zach Allen in practice every day has benefited Monteiro.

Being thrown in to the line up midway through his freshman year resulted in some bumpy moments, but Monteiro has been building on that experience every since.

“When you can come through it with the right mind set, it’s good,” said Frye. “You worry about guys who get beaten and they can’t get out of that funk. That’s always the worry with anybody. But you take your wounds and grow through it.”

That is what Monteiro did and now he is getting ready for a third season at BC.

“These past two years, I’ve just been trying to get better each day, work on what I have to work on and what my coaches tell me I have to do to get better each day,” said Monteiro.

After the 2018 season, Monteiro may be looking at the possibility of a chance to play in the NFL, but he’s not focused on that right now.

“It’s obviously a thought because I came to play Division 1 football,” he said. “I’ve always told myself I want to finish school first before I even thought about having the idea of going professional. Only time will tell.”

# Boston College's starting quarterback? To be determined

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Boston College opens the season against Northern Illinois in less than three weeks. Following Saturday's scrimmage, the Eagles have one more intrasquad tuneup for the coaches to assess in-game performance.

That Steve Addazio has yet to decide who will play the most important position is not keeping the coach up at night.

"I don't feel the sense of urgency with that," Addazio said of his starting quarterback's identity. "I think they're both playing at a pretty high level. I look at it as, 'That's not a bad thing. That's a good thing. Keep that going.' The more you do that, the more development there is. Because there's push. There's competition. I'm not ready to say, 'Let's settle in right now.' Why? It's not necessary."

Addazio and his colleagues are evaluating Darius Wade and Anthony Brown. In some ways, they are oil and water. Wade is a lefthanded graduate student with 15 career appearances, including nine last year. Brown is a righthanded redshirt freshman with zero NCAA experience.

"Right now it's fun, because the coaches have put us in a position to where we're competing, but we're also helping each other," Brown said. "If I play, he'll cheer me on. If he plays, I'll cheer him on. Right now, we have this bond to where we can trust each other. It doesn't matter who plays on the field. We're going to keep going."

One of BC's strengths should be its offensive line. Aaron Monteiro, Chris Lindstrom, Jon Baker, Sam Schmal, and John Phillips all played in 11 or more games last year. The grinders will be clearing bodies for Jon Hilliman, Davon Jones, and AJ Dillon. But they don't know who they will be protecting when Northern Illinois begins hunting for fresh quarterback Sept. 1.

Addazio tossed the starting offense's keys to Wade for Saturday's opening drive. The lefthander did not waste his opportunity. Wade finished the drive with a touchdown completion to tight end Tommy Sweeney.

"It was a great first drive," Wade said. "We got things rolling pretty quickly. Just tried to mix it up — run, pass, just get the defense running with our tempo. It was very good. It was very good to end with a touchdown. Just keep trying to improve off that. We were able to do that through the rest of the scrimmage, which was good."

Brown also had his moments. In the second half, he completed a long pass to wide receiver Kobay White. After two power runs by Hilliman, the Eagles finished the drive when Richard Wilson carried the ball into the end zone.

Wade and Brown kept the offense humming in different ways. Wade is comfortable starting plays on the run and using his legs to open up time for his receivers. Brown likes to drop back and whip balls downfield with his musclebound right arm. If Addazio had a critique for the scrimmage, it was that neither Wade nor Brown got enough reps with the No. 1 unit. One of Addazio's goals was to cycle all of his quarterbacks, including EJ Perry and John Fadule, into the mix.

Wade and Brown will be tasked to operate a fast-paced unit. The Eagles spent all of the scrimmage in uptempo mode. It requires the quarterback to keep the offense's speed high. It also allows Wade and Brown to stay in rhythm, both when they're dropping back to pass or handing the ball off to their runners.

"I feel like tempo's definitely an advantage," Wade said. "It's a good way to get the defense off balance and put the pressure on them. It's a lot of fun, because you get to run around and make all the calls at the line. Just go and play football. I like that. I think it fits a lot. Back in high school, it's something that later in my years we started doing, my junior and senior years. It's something I definitely feel comfortable with. It's a lot of fun. I have a lot of freedom to make my own calls, my own checks, things of that nature."

Addazio's plan is to allow Wade and Brown to make their cases through one more week of practice and the last scrimmage Friday. The battle may extend beyond that.

"I'd like to close this thing off next weekend," Addazio said. "It's not even really over then, because we still have another week before we get to game week. The next seven days, I still want to see where we go from today. There were some mistakes made today. I want to see who does the best job of correcting those mistakes and continuing to elevate their play. That's what it's all about."

# Eagles ready for scrimmage as QB competition rolls on

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | August 12, 2017**

College football programs don't enjoy the luxury of preseason games or joint practices like what transpired in Foxboro this week between the Patriots and the Jaguars.

Instead, first and second units are determined from practices and scrimmages, with the latter being the tiebreaker in the depth chart decision-making process.

So Boston College coach Steve Addazio will be in heavy evaluation mode today as he conducts a scrimmage between balanced maroon and white squads at Alumni Stadium.

"This is that grinding kind of period of time where you've got heavy camp legs, and we are in that mode already," said Addazio. "This is another big Saturday and these are critical Saturdays.

"This is an important time where we see who can handle the mental and physical grinds."

The showcase of the scrimmage is the duel for the starting quarterback job between graduate Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown.

Addazio also intends to get a look at true freshman EJ Perry of Andover and junior John Fadule of Wellesley at QB. Fadule and converted wide receivers Jeff Smith and Troy Flutie have more game experience at quarterback than either Wade or Brown.

## Merritt system

Senior defensive tackle Noa Merritt has been a contributor to one of the toughest rush defenses in the nation over the past three seasons.

BC finished No. 3 against the run in 2014, No. 2 in 2015 and No. 5 last year, primarily because of its stout defensive fronts. The run of success began under coordinator Don Brown, who left to join Jim Harbaugh's staff at Michigan after the 2014 season. The trend has continued under current coordinator Jim Reid and sage line coach Paul Pasqualoni.

"I feel it was just everybody working together and wanting to do our jobs," said Merritt. "We all have good relationship with each other and that plays a big role because we know we can trust each other."

Merritt is competing to become the Eagles' starting tackle after three seasons behind Truman Gutapfel, one of the fiercest players to ever work the position at BC.

Merritt appeared in 11 games last season and started the final three at nose tackle in place of injured Ray Smith. Merritt, Smith and middle linebacker Connor Strachan will be the point men on BC's rush defense this season.

## Tight ends are rising

Junior Tommy Sweeney is expected to be one of the finest tight ends in the ACC with the skills that translate to the NFL level. Sweeney needed five games to get in sync with quarterback Patrick Towles last season but their combined efforts helped BC win four of its last six games.

Sweeney will be a key component in BC's attack this season but the Eagles have another big target option over the middle. Sophomore Korab Idrizi has performed well all camp and grabbed a deep pass from Wade in Monday's drills.

"Our tight ends are excellent," said Eagles offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler. "They are able to play multiple positions which creates matchup issues and they'll be used."

# Darius Wade and Anthony Brown continue quarterback competition in Boston College football scrimmage

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Boston College football coach Steve Addazio got what he expected from his first units on offense and defense during yesterday's intersquad scrimmage at Alumni Stadium.

"I thought we had a great day of work here today," Addazio said. "We came out here trying to keep it into quarters, and we wanted the (starting offense and defense) to come out of here with about 65-70 snaps, and they took 65 snaps today. That's a lot, but it's good, and it kind of was the first time we tried to keep it in some kind of a game flow. I was really pleased with that, and obviously we ended the game healthy. We had really good moments throughout the scrimmage."

Addazio gave his competing quarterbacks — senior Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown — equal access to the first and second units. Both QBs performed well at times.

Neither field general has much game experience to draw from in their competitive battle to replace Patrick Towles. Wade was the starter to open the season in 2015 against lower-division opponents Maine and Howard before suffering a broken ankle against Florida State in the third contest. Brown hasn't played since high school.

In the scrimmage, Wade cut through the defense with three completions on the opening drive, including a touchdown pass to tight end Tommy Sweeney. Brown connected on a 60-yard bomb to Kobay White in the second quarter but did his best work in the third.

"They both looked like they had their moments where they looked good," Addazio said. "Those quarterbacks are constantly rotating who they are working with, and I kind of lose track of who is in each series, so it is tough for me to assess that now."

Junior John Fadule and true freshman E.J. Perry took limited snaps at QB.

Addazio will hold another scrimmage Friday and has sufficient practice time remaining before the Sept. 1 season opener at Northern Illinois. The Eagles coach intends to let the competitive process play out before choosing a starting quarterback.

"I don't feel a sense of urgency with that because I think they are both playing at a pretty high level right now," Addazio said. "I look at it as that's not a bad thing, that's a good thing and keep that going. The more you do that, the more development there is because there is push and competition. So, I'm not ready to settle in right now. It's not necessary, and it is not affecting in any way shape or form our team."

Wade and Brown are both dual-threat quarterbacks in offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler's up-tempo system.

"I feel like tempo is definitely an advantage," Wade said. "It is good way to get the defense off-balance and put the pressure on them, and it's a lot of fun because you get to run around. You make all the calls at the line, and you get to play football."

# Tight ends get plenty of action with Eagles offense

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Boston College's stable of tight ends is going to be a "big component" of the Eagles offense this season, according to returning starter Tommy Sweeney.

The BC tight ends were active and productive in the passing game for competing quarterbacks Darius Wade and Anthony Brown during yesterday's scrimmage at Alumni Stadium. The team's Maroon and White units will battle again on Friday night at The Heights.

Offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler and tight ends coach Frank Leonard have a deep collection to work with in training camp. Wade connected with Sweeney twice on the opening drive that included a red-zone touchdown reception.

Junior tight end Joe Vitiello had a third-quarter touchdown reception from freshman E.J. Perry, Korab Idrizi, a sophomore tight end, had a 15-yard catch from Brown down the left sideline, and sophomore Ray Marten was used on a tight end screen.

"We are heavily used in this offense this year," said Sweeney, a 6-foot-5, 255-pound NFL prospect from Ramsey, N.J.

"We are a big component in play-action and drop-back and stuff like that. For young quarterbacks, obviously, we are targets that are out there and big targets over the middle and in the flats. It is easy for them to see us."

Sweeney was third on the team in receptions (26) and receiving yards (353) in 2016 and the last of his three touchdowns occurred in the second quarter of BC's 36-30 victory against Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit on Dec. 26.

"Tommy is on the field all the time, and we actually took him off the field because he was getting too many reps," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "He is an every-down player, and we have other every-down players, and they are tough to handle."

"I thought we did a good job today of rolling all the tight ends with the (starters) because they have had a long camp. They have to block like linemen and run like receivers, and that is easier said than done."

## Up and running

Running back Jon Hilliman had a 33-yard run on the opening drive and played consistently throughout the scrimmage. True freshman running back AJ Dillon was effective on sweeps while Davon Jones and Richard Wilson pounded between the tackles. Wilson scored a pair of touchdowns in goal-line situations. Freshman scat back Travis Levy was out because of an undisclosed minor injury.

"At times we ran it well, and at other times we didn't run it as well as I would have liked," Addazio said.

## Competition kicks up

Junior kicker Colton Lichtenberg made use of his opportunities to challenge senior Mike Knoll as the starter. Lichtenberg was 4-of-4 on field goal attempts and 2-of-3 on PATs.

Lichtenberg's first from 37 yards needed a pair of wings to wobble over the crossbar. But his subsequent kicks of 37, 42 and 36 yards were firm and sailed straight between the two uprights.

Knoll made two field goals with a long of 37 yards. Sophomore linebacker Jimmy Martin is the long snapper and junior wide receiver Jeff Smith is the holder.

"I'm feeling confident with the process, and everything is going well," Lichtenberg said.

## Strachan hits hard

Senior middle linebacker Connor Strachan, the Eagles' leading tackler last season with 80 stops, covered a lot of ground for the first defense. Strachan played primarily inside but lined up off the edge in certain sequences in the second half. He leveled Marten behind the line of scrimmage on a tight end screen and torpedoed Dillon on a running play in the second half. . . .

Redshirt freshman defensive lineman Brandon Barlow strip-sacked Perry. . . .

Defensive ends Harold Landry and Wyatt Ray were disruptive on several pass plays and twice had Brown scrambling for the sideline.



# Boston College's Connor Strachan relentless in his pursuit of greatness

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Those eyes say everything.

Maybe it's just in the eye of the beholder, but that icy blue conveys so much intensity, the single-minded focus on doing everything possible to be as great possible.

They're the eyes that fit the role of middle linebacker, perhaps the position on the field with the most need to read and react, the position on the field with the most need to be highly aware, to be intense, targeted, driven.

And that is Connor Strachan.

A mere 12 games remain in his college football career, 13 if Boston College can reach the postseason again. And Strachan, who grew up in Wellesley and attended St. Sebastian's, has no intention of wasting them.

Not a single quarter. Not a single minute. Not a single play.

So he's worked like never before, prepared like never before.

"I don't want to look back and say that if I had put a little more time in or had done this differently — especially this year," said Strachan. "Going into it there's no room for leaving anything out there. I'm 100 percent in. As a career, I've had the privilege of working with unbelievable coaches, guys. Some years haven't gone the way you want it to go, but that's why you have this chance here to turn around and have a big year."

Strachan, unlike many of his counterparts on BC's offense where young players, over the last few years, have been forced to play prominent roles before their time, was afforded the opportunity to progress gradually, to be an understudy.

As a freshman, while he played in all 13 games, he didn't start any. The next year, as a sophomore, he moved into a starting role at weak-side linebacker and made 75 tackles, including 12.5 for a loss. And last year, with Steven Daniels off to the National Football League, Strachan slid over to middle linebacker and became the on-field leader of a BC defense that took a step back from the previous year's dominance but still ranked as one of the best in the nation in many statistical categories.

Strachan's contributions, beyond being the signal-caller, included a team-high 80 tackles, including 11 for a loss and 3.5 sacks. He was named All-ACC honorable mention.

But now Strachan wants more.

He wants greatness. And doesn't just pay it lip service. With the kind of work ethic coaches drool over, he has put himself in the best position possible to be a great linebacker, to add to the legacy of BC guys over the past decade like Mark Herzlich, Mike McLaughlin, Luke Kuechly, and Daniels.

"He's a violent player," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "He's a competitive, tough-ass player, and you just like being around him. I mean, he loves the game. ... Connor Strachan is relentless — I've been around those guys, and those guys all possess that kind of common — they're self-driven. You don't have to coach them on effort, nothing.

"They want greatness every day, and they push themselves for it every day, and they can't get enough. Connor is like that."

And that's what stands out, beyond the play on the field, about Strachan.

His desire is so clear. His drive is so obvious. Yet while relentless in his pursuit of his own improvement, his own greatness, there's purpose beyond himself.

Strachan isn't bashful about stating his intent to play in the NFL when his college career is over. But he recognizes that his pursuit of his personal goals benefit the larger whole that surrounds him.

"I've tried to set an example for younger guys, and going into this year it's the hardest I've ever worked in football," he said. "I'm going to graduate in December and try to take this thing to the NFL, so this summer especially, this offseason, it's probably been the most work I've ever put in. I'm excited to have a great year."

And to take his teammates with him.

When younger teammates struggle to keep up, for example, he invites them to do extra conditioning work at night so that they can learn what it takes to perform at the highest level of college football, and be prepared to perform against a schedule that includes Clemson, Florida State, and Notre Dame.

“He’s a manimal,” said redshirt junior quarterback Darius Wade. “He definitely fits that linebacker mold to a tee. He’s a great competitor; he just really gets out there every day and does all the extra that he can and makes sure that he’s ready to play. He’s someone that has a high accountability level — he never wants to let any of his teammates down. And he always wants to make sure everyone is held to the standard that he’s trying to set for himself. He’s someone that definitely not only pushes himself but pushes the defense and the team collectively.”

Defensive coordinator Jim Reid, meanwhile, said, “The guy is just terrific, and he’s leading very well.”

The guys Strachan is leading figure to again form a powerful defense.

Senior defensive end Harold Landry topped the nation in sacks last year and has appeared on just about every preseason All-American team. And the rest of the line, the linebackers flanking Strachan — when he’s not back on the outside, which he’s played some during fall camp as he shows off his versatility — and the defensive backs all have experience.

It’s that defense that gave BC chances to win two years ago when the Eagles had perhaps the worst offense in the country, and while taking a step back last year still gave BC chances to win most games as the offense slowly improved as the season progressed. It’s that defense that again will be BC’s strength, perhaps teaming with an improved offense to again reach a bowl game.

And it’s those eyes, Connor Strachan’s focused gaze, that have their target set on doing everything possible to make this year as successful as possible.

# Will Harris adds to safety in numbers for Boston College football team

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Will Harris learned what it takes to be a standout defensive back in the Atlantic Coast Conference and saw the rewards that come with the job.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound, strong safety from Suwanee, Ga., will assume the command position at the back end of the Eagles defense when BC opens the season on Friday, Sept. 1, at Northern Illinois.

“He’s big and fast and he’s done a great job and he’s had a great camp,” said BC coach Steve Addazio following yesterday’s practice at Alumni Stadium.

“He’s a heady guy who has played a lot of football and has the physicality to go along with it.”

Harris has played behind and alongside two of BC’s finest safeties in this century in his first two years at The Heights.

Justin Simmons ruled the secondary in 2015, played his best game against Notre Dame at Fenway Park and earned second-team All-ACC honors. Simmons’ leadership and effort paid off when he was selected in the third round by the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos in the 2016 NFL draft.

John Johnson took charge last season and helped lead BC to a 7-6 record and a victory over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl. Johnson was second on the team in tackles (77) and led the Eagles with three interceptions. He was invited to participate in the Senior Bowl and was drafted this spring in the third round this year by the Los Angeles Rams.

“To see those guys get rewarded in that way was a blessing and all of us are out here with the same aspirations,” said Harris. “The first step is making this team better.

“Justin was a senior when I came in so more of my time was spent playing next to John. A lot of the things John did I incorporate into my game today and they left a huge impact on all of us.”

Johnson took over Simmons spot at free safety position at the start of last season and Harris won the vacant strong safety job in training camp. Harris started all 13 games and finished with 47 tackles, four pass breakups and two interceptions.

“There is a lot of responsibility at this position but this is my third go around, so I feel I have a good handle on everything,” said Harris. “I’m excited, it’s a big year this year and there is a lot going on in the ACC right now.

“We have our nose to the grindstone coming out here getting better at something every day. We come out looking to get better at something every day and continue to build on my game.”

Harris is ready to play up to the standards that Simmons and Johnson set for the secondary on one of the top defenses in the college game.

“There is definitely a standard here and a lot of guys have paved the way for us to be in the situation we are in,” said Harris. “We wear that on our shoulders every time we hit the field.

“We are looking to uphold that standard and raise the bar even more.”

# Converted BC receiver Jeff Smith believes he's all caught up this year

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When Boston College receiver Jeff Smith initially made the conversion from dual-threat quarterback to dynamic wideout a year ago, he knew it would be a crash course.

But the learning curve got much steeper when the course was cut short.

A hyperextended right knee kept him out of preseason camp for two weeks.

Smith had to hit the ground running, learning a new position on the fly. But as the season went on, he became one of the Eagles' most versatile weapons, catching 27 passes for 395 yards and three touchdowns while also rushing 35 times for 199 yards and one score.

With a year of experience under his belt, the junior came into preseason camp this time much more comfortable.

"The experience when I switched, I've definitely grown," Smith said. "Working with [receivers coach Rich] Gunnell, working with some of my teammates, even the DBs, they've been helping us as a unit, and as a group of receivers, we've been getting better."

"Definitely throughout the season, getting adjusted, playing these big teams and stuff and getting acquainted to playing receiver, I'm definitely growing, and I've become more comfortable knowing the plays."

The Eagles experimented with Smith's versatility last season, lining him up in different spots and even using him under center in the Wildcat formation.

This season, they'll try to maximize his entire skill set.

"Playing quarterback, I'm used to being back there, seeing the whole field," Smith said. "Coach has his own stuff he wants to do and whatever he wants to do with it and make it work."

The Eagles had the ACC's second-worst passing offense a year ago, gaining just 1,869 yards through the air. Typically, under Steve Addazio, the offense has relied heavily on the run. But after opening up the playbook in the win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl in December, he said the offense would be more balanced this season.

"We've been throwing it all preseason camp and all spring," Addazio said. "That's not going to change. We will be the most balanced we've ever been, which might not be saying a lot, but we will not just be a run team this year."

Along with Michael Walker (who led the team with 33 catches, 420 receiving yards, and four touchdowns) and tight end Tommy Sweeney (26 catches, 353 yards, three touchdowns), Smith will play an important role in the offense taking the next step.

"I think, as an offense, we have great potential," Smith said. "As a group, we were young a couple years ago and we've grown from that. So I think we've grown and the potential is high. So we've got to make sure we go out and execute the plays that Coach asks us."

## Fan Day canceled

The Eagles' third preseason scrimmage is set for Friday, but the weather forecast has led to some changes.

The scrimmage is scheduled to run from 7-9 p.m. but could be pushed up to avoid the heavy rain expected Friday night.

As a result, the Fan Day event that was slated to coincide with the scrimmage was canceled. It will not be rescheduled.

The first team will take fewer reps after getting 65 plays in during last Saturday's scrimmage. With the Eagles dealing with some minor injuries typical of the late stages of preseason camp, Addazio said it was a matter of preservation.

"Not as many reps as we took last week," Addazio said. "Get rid of a lot of the practicey stuff and kind of get it more into what we were in the red zone in the end. Get us in situations and kind of scrimmage it up, move it a little bit."

"But less volume for the 1's probably at this point, because I think when you get really fatigued, when you get sloppy, you're just more prone to injury. That's the mix that we're all concerned about right now, getting enough work done. But in the compromised situation that we're in physically right now at this point in camp, not being foolish with it."

## NFL looks in

The Eagles had extra eyes watching them Thursday. Scouts from seven NFL teams were on hand. The Arizona Cardinals, Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears, Denver Broncos, Los Angeles Chargers, New York Jets, and San Francisco 49ers all had personnel at Alumni Stadium . . . Earlier this week, BC athletic director Martin Jarmond announced the creation of a fan council, bringing together season ticket-holders,

donors, student-athletes, and community members to discuss the game-day experience. The council will comprise 21 members. A second council will be created to focus on winter sports.

# Boston College's Chris Lindstrom adjusts to new position

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Chris Lindstrom started all 13 games at right guard for Boston College last season as a sophomore, and he the team's final nine games in his freshman campaign.

Before coming to The Heights, Lindstrom was a standout guard at Shepherd Hill High School in Dudley. He was named to the Massachusetts Football Coaches All-State team his senior season and was the Division 4 offensive player of the year as a junior.

Now a college junior, Lindstrom is being asked to step out of his comfort zone and move to right tackle for the first time in his career. Jimmy Lowery played right tackle last season for BC, but he graduated in the spring, leaving a void that needed to be filled with a strong player.

The 6-foot-4, 305-pound Lindstrom's first lesson at tackle came on the first day of training camp. He's had three weeks of practices, some scrimmage experience, and with the season opener at Northern Illinois less than two weeks away, he's confident he can handle his new position.

"(The adjustment) has been pretty good," Lindstrom said. "I got the whole spring (to work on it), and so at camp now, I'm flipping back and forth (between tackle and guard), and at this point (I'm) just trying to master my technique at both."

BC coach Steve Addazio has taken notice of Lindstrom's play during camp.

"Chris has worked real hard," he said. "He's really developed into a really good football player."

Chris' brother, Alec, is one of two freshmen joining the Eagles offensive line this season. Their uncle, Eric, was a defensive lineman at BC from 1985-88. Their father, Chris, was a defensive lineman down the road at Boston University, where he is in the Hall of Fame, and later spent three seasons in the NFL.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience being with my brother at this level," Lindstrom said. "I'm trying to help him along the way. Every time he's working on something, or he has a struggle with something, I've been there before so I help him out. But he's doing a lot of it himself, and he's doing a great job."

Boston College is known for producing NFL-ready players along the offensive line. Since 2000, 13 Eagles offensive linemen have been selected in the NFL draft including three first-rounders: Marc Colombo (29th overall, 2002), Gosder Cherilus (17th overall, 2008) and Anthony Castonzo (22nd overall, 2011).

Now Lindstrom has his chance to show NFL scouts what he can do at two different positions. And he'll still have one more year to hone his craft before moving on to the next step in his football career.

Darius Wade and Anthony Brown continue quarterback competition in Boston College football scrimmage

"He's going to be one of the better offensive linemen in the conference," Addazio said. "We've got high expectations for Chris."

When asked if his approach to training camp has been any different than in years past with learning a new position, Lindstrom just said he's glad to be back with his fellow linemen.

"Not really," he said. "I love our unit and love the guys next to me, and I'm just really excited to play with them."

# There's more to BC's pass rush than Harold Landry

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The spotlight will undoubtedly be on All-America defensive end Harold Landry, but the talent on the other side of the defensive line gives Boston College coach Steve Addazio belief that opposing offenses will have plenty of other reasons to worry this season.

Coming off a breakout junior year in which he set BC's season sack record (16 ½), teams will try to devise schemes to keep the 6-foot-3-inch Landry from wreaking havoc in their backfield.

But after watching Wyatt Ray and Zach Allen emerge as imposing presences on the edge last season, Addazio can see both juniors having a similar breakthrough as Landry.

If Landry commands extra attention, it will only open things up for everyone else across the line, Addazio said.

"Yeah, it'd be great," Addazio said. "If they overplay Harold, these guys are going to really have a great opportunity. [Opponents are] not going to be able to do that, though. They'll try to do that, probably, but they'll figure it out very quickly."

Throughout preseason camp, Landry, Allen, and Ray have pushed each other, making a friendly competition out of who can get into the backfield first and come up with a sack or a tackle for a loss.

"One of us made a TFL and the other guys were like, 'Oh, I let you get that one,' " Allen said. "I mean, it's great. The more bodies we get to the ball, we want to all make plays and do what's right for the team. But at the end of the day, everyone's going to get there."

In 13 games last season, Allen made 36 tackles (10 for losses) and six sacks. His progression from being primarily a special teamer as a true freshman in 2015 to a regular at defensive end last season culminated in a two-sack performance against Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl. Addazio has reason to believe Allen take another leap this year.

"It definitely feels good to have the support of your coaches and also the players around you," Allen said. "And it really makes you want to work harder every day and not disappoint. You've got to just focus on your own goals and then also people set expectations and that's just extra motivation to try to exceed those goals."

Ray came up with 27 tackles (seven for a loss) and 4 ½ sacks. He was thrown into the fire as a freshman in 2015, but found a comfort level last season working with defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni.

"The game's slowed down a lot for me," Ray said. "When I was a young guy, the game was real big and everything moved so much faster. But just taking his coaching and his technique just really helped me focus on everything, break things down, now the game is a bigger picture to me, is mostly slow."

Landry has helped their progressions, Allen said, from the way he impacts games to the way he carries himself in the locker room.

"Having Harold's awesome, both on and off the field," Allen said. "Off the field, he's just a professional, really. The way he goes through everything, he's a great leader. Being able to follow his example and just go through everything with him has been tremendous.

"Then on the field, too, he's the nation's sack leader, he's an All-American. The accolades go on and on. He gives you confidence seeing him across the side doing his thing."

# Preseason All-American Harold Landry makes most of decision to attend BC

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Before his team's bowl game last December, Boston College football coach Steve Addazio went into the more than two weeks' worth of practices with the spring in mind, especially for the quarterbacks he was expecting to take the reins.

He had redshirt junior Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown split the bulk of the reps, getting as familiar as they could as the Eagles began the process of expanding and adding new wrinkles to their offense.

The intent was to give the quarterbacks a jump start, knowing their competition for the starting job would start as soon as the bowl game ended.

It made the learning curve less steep when the Eagles opened spring practice in February, but both Wade and Brown wanted to show that they would get a handle on the offense as quickly as possible.

"It's a lot," Wade said. "But it's something that we're all highly capable of being able to do. The biggest thing is the change of philosophy going from our typical, just regular huddle, kind of ground-and-pound.

"Now we're doing this up-tempo that you guys were able to see in the bowl game. So having this amount of time where we've already laid the foundation, we're just building upon that, which is exciting. It's a challenge, but it's very exciting."

The Eagles' spring game on Saturday — which started as a crisp and regimented half of football with Wade leading the Maroon team and Brown leading the Gold and ended with the sides settling for a 17-17 tie — was the first glimpse of exactly how much both quarterbacks have been able to put together.

Wade completed 10 of 17 passes with the Maroon squad, throwing for 120 yards, putting his roll-out abilities on full display and making full use of his weapons at tight end and running back. He switched to the Gold side and connected on 6 of 10 passes for 74 yards.

Brown went 4 for 15 with 34 yards with the Gold squad. When he switched jerseys, he completed 6 of 12 passes for 50 yards. He wasn't hesitant to take shots deep down the field, but he struggled with accuracy, throwing a pair of interceptions.

While he wouldn't say whether either quarterback took an edge in spring practice, Addazio said both showed consistency.

"There was a lot of productivity by the quarterbacks, and that was a good thing," he said.

For Brown, the first taste of live action at Alumni Stadium with fans in the stands, officials on the field, and a true game environment was a learning experience.

"It was a good experience having the stadium a little packed, going out there with my team and trying to compete," Brown said. "It was a little rough, but it will be better days. We'll get through it.

"I have to work on my long-throw accuracy. We have these three months to get better and keep working and just get the timing right. So by the time [fall] camp rolls around, we should all be fine."

Wade came into the spring as the presumed starter and will do so going into training camp, but the competition is still very much an open one. He navigated a similar scenario a year ago when he battled with transfer Patrick Towles, outplaying him in last year's spring game.

"It's an interesting thing to navigate," Wade said. "Pretty much the main thing is just worrying about yourself, for the most part, worrying about what you can control. A lot of times you start worrying about what they're doing and you kind of get sidetracked if you aren't focused on the most important thing, which is just improving yourself. The competition, that's exactly what that does. It forces you to really not be content and focus on every play and make sure that you know every play is important because you're being evaluated."

For Brown, this is all new terrain.

"I tried to look to him for advice sometimes," Brown said of Wade. "I also asked other people from back home that have been in the same situation how they would handle this. Try to stay to yourself, try to make yourself better, don't always worry about what he's doing or what somebody else is doing, because then it will [affect] your game, it'll hinder your game. I'm just trying to grow up, in a sense, on the field."

By the end of the first half, each offense was sitting on nearly 50 plays. In the second half, Addazio trimmed the quarter length to 10 minutes, before loosening the reins to a more informal atmosphere at the end.



“We did more this spring than we’ve ever done,” Addazio said. “We did a lot of different things — from one-back to two-back to empty to throw to run to play-action. We just did a lot more. And I thought that’s a reflection of having more depth, more guys, quarterback play, etc. So I thought we saw a lot of that today.”

Perhaps most importantly, the Eagles survived the spring with only one significant injury. Offensive lineman Elijah Johnson [knee] will likely miss the start of the season, but beyond that the Eagles will have a healthy roster going into training camp in August.

“Just great to come out of there healthy and have a little fun at the end,” Addazio said. “Closed off spring, just had a really fantastic, positive spring. Got a lot of work done all spring long. Really like the work ethic of this team, like the direction of this team, like the attitude, the passion for the game. It’s a great group of guys we have here right now and we’re really looking forward to a tremendous offseason.”

# Versatile stable of running backs vital to Boston College offense in 2017

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Stable of backs key to offensive production

A.J. Dillon models his running style after an explosive NFL ball carrier from LSU and will apply it to Boston College's power run offense this season.

"Leonard Fournette is somebody I feel I am kind of similar to, and I try to model some of my game after him and take a few things from other backs," said Dillon, a 6-foot, 240-pound freshman from Lawrence Academy.

"But I'm just trying to fit in at whatever role the coaches have for me here."

BC's passing offense will be managed by either senior Darius Wade or redshirt freshman Anthony Brown when the Eagles open the season on Friday at Northern Illinois.

Both are inexperienced but strong-armed quarterbacks, and coach Steve Addazio intends to wait until the 11th hour before announcing his starter.

Addazio is counting on his deep lineup of running backs and an experienced line to give either Wade or Brown the time necessary to develop a vertical passing game.

The backfield group is headed by junior Jon Hilliman, who played in 12 games with 11 starts last season. Hilliman led the Eagles in rushing with 542 yards on 184 carries with six touchdowns.

Rich Wilson and Davon Jones are durable, between-the-tackles ball handlers who are reliable in short-yardage and red-zone situations. Addazio is especially excited about the edge speed of Dillon and classmate Travis Levy, who missed parts of training camp with a thigh bruise.

"We have a bunch of really good running backs, and the plan is get them through training camp because we are going to need them all," Addazio said. "Jon Hilliman had a stellar camp, and all of them have, all of them are making plays.

"We finally have a full stable. A.J. is a big, powerful, fast back. Jon Hilliman is an explosive veteran player and is really electric right now. I'm excited about the whole group of them.

"There will be plenty of reps for everyone to go around. That is just the nature of the beast. I'm excited we finally have that depth. "

Addazio has short- and long-range plans for his backs. He needs them to create favorable passing situations in the first half of the season for his untested quarterbacks. And he will need fresh legs in the second half of the campaign to compete in the ACC and secure a second straight bowl bid.

"These guys are good players, and you need a stable of backs in this conference," the coach said. "You won't make it through the season, you won't make it through the game, unless you have a stable of backs.

"Our backs are big and powerful and doing a nice job, and I think the run game is sitting pretty. If you run the ball well, the throw game opens up, and if you throw the ball well, the run game opens up. You have to be able to do both, and we have struck an unbelievable balance in camp."

The Eagles return four starters on an offensive line that is anchored by senior center Jon Baker, the offensive captain from Millis.

Eric Lindstrom is back at right guard but could branch out to tackle. John Phillips and incumbent Sam Schmal will rotate at left guard. Aaron Monteiro is back at left tackle while Marcell Lazard is on the right side.

"As an offensive line, we are trying to develop every day and be the best we can," Lindstrom said. "Those running backs are all great back there, and we just have to give them an opportunity to do what they do."

# Boston College's Connor Strachan shifts from middle to outside linebacker

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Versatile LB shifts from middle to edge

Connor Strachan made a lateral move that will benefit the Boston College defense and enhance his NFL potential.

The 6-foot, 230-pound senior from Wellesley will start as the strong-side linebacker when BC opens the season Friday night (9:30) at Northern Illinois.

Strachan was one of the most accomplished middle linebackers in the Atlantic Coast Conference last season despite missing some time because of a lingering shoulder injury. Strachan started 12 games and led the Eagles with 80 tackles along with 11 tackles for losses, four fumble recoveries and one forced fumble.

Strachan measured up to BC's outstanding middle linebackers this decade that included two-time All-American and Dick Butkus Award winner Luke Kuechly in 2011, ACC leading tackler Nick Clancy in 2012 and Steven Daniels, a first-team All-ACC performer in 2015.

"I am playing all over the linebacker room, and anyway I can help out the team and fill a role, that is what I'm doing," Strachan said. "I think it is something that would help the team the most right now, but that's up to the coaches.

"I will play wherever they want to put me."

Strachan assumes the position vacated by Matt Milano, a high-energy hitter who was essential to the Eagles defense. Milano started 13 games and recorded 58 tackles, 11 for losses, 6.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and an interception.

The 6-foot, 226-pound Milano is physically similar to Strachan, and his relentless style was recognized and rewarded by NFL scouts. Milano was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the fifth round last April, and the door is open for Strachan to follow the same career track.

"I'm comfortable playing wherever, and from a personal aspect, it is something that will benefit me in the long run," he said.

The skills that made Strachan a menace in the middle helped with his transition. Strachan can digest a game plan and recognizes the offenses aligned against the BC defense. He also has tremendous foot speed, an essential component in coverage and rushing the passer.

"(On the strong side) you will be setting the edge . . . so it is a really important role," Strachan said. "You have more man coverage responsibilities, which is good, and you get some more pass-rush opportunities.

"There are some similar linebacker responsibilities but from a different area."

BC coach Steve Addazio has enough confidence in middle linebackers Max Richardson and John Lamont to relocate Strachan.

"It is for our benefit," Addazio said. "Connor can run, and he has a great deal of experience.

"He can handle the man matchups that go with that position. . . . I think it is good for our team, and it creates another dynamic."

# For BC's Harold Landry, the No. 1 priority is clear

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Once the celebration was over, and the Boston College football team left Ford Field in Detroit with a win in the Quick Lane Bowl — its first bowl victory since 2007 — Harold Landry went back home to North Carolina and unplugged for the first time in a long time.

He had been dialed in long before the 2016 season started.

Since the summer, his alarm had been set to chirp early in the morning. Every day in the offseason was designed to be a building block for a breakout season. The workouts — early in the morning, then late into the night — led to one of the best seasons by a defensive lineman in BC history: a school-record 16½ sacks, plus second-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference and second-team All-America honors.

It was the kind of season that put Landry into conversations about the NFL Draft.

The pros were within arm's reach, and Landry had a choice to make: Leave BC a year early and make the leap to the NFL or stay in college, complete his degree, improve as a player, and ideally raise his draft stock.

But before he made any heavy decisions about his future, he went back to Spring Lake, N.C., to recharge.

"When I was home, I wasn't even thinking about the decision," Landry said. "I was just hanging out with my family.

"We had just won the bowl game. I was with my family. I hadn't been with them in a while. So I was just focused on that."

The time at home was the start of a perspective shift for Landry.

Two months earlier, Landry and his fiancée Danielle Rios-Roberts found out they had a child on the way. That alone reframed how he thought about his future.

"I know that it's definitely up to me to provide for them, especially right now," Landry said.

There was no shortage of opinions on what he should do.

There were family members that nudged him toward the NFL. He couldn't begrudge them. The temptation of millions of dollars is difficult to ignore.

Within the BC program, coaches laid out where draft evaluators projected him going.

He listened to the voices he trusted — close friends, teammates, former teammates, coaches.

He had long conversations with his fiancée. They talked about what it would mean for themselves and their son. They both had supportive parents, but they were still college students. Entering the draft offered financial security. But beyond improving as a player, staying at BC meant that Landry could complete his degree by December.

"It was hard for him, for sure, making the decision," Rios-Roberts said. "If he declared early, we would have our home, we'd be situated, he'd be able to see Greyson more. So a lot of those things factored into it."

At the same time, Landry had set concrete goals for himself. Being a first-round pick was one of them. The draft projections had him pegged as a second- to third-round selection.

The best advice, he said, came from former BC assistant Al Washington.

"He said I need to do what's best for me," Landry said. "There's going to be a lot of noise, a lot of people pulling me in different directions. But at the end of the day, he just told me, I need to do what's best for me, I need to sit down and just think to myself with no distractions, nobody around and just think what would be best for me."

Sense of purpose

When Landry took everything into account, the best option was to bet on himself.

He envisioned himself as a first-round pick — a status that would put him among elite rookies and ensure financial security. If NFL experts didn't see him as a first-rounder after last season, Landry figured one more year could convince them.

Since Landry announced his decision in January to come back for his senior season, he has pushed all his chips in.

"I feel like I'm in the NFL already," Landry said. "I feel like in the NFL, guys are out there battling like that's their life. Like that's how they feed their family.

“And to be honest, that’s how I’m going to feed my family, is through football right now. So I’ve got to make sure that I produce on a daily basis so I can set my family up in the best way possible.”

His fiancée supported him fully.

“He can do it, definitely,” Rios-Roberts said. “And when those draft grades were coming out last year, he was like, ‘I know I can do so much better.’ So he felt if he stayed that extra year, ultimately, in the long run, our future would be better.”

The decision took maturity and foresight and months of conversations.

“We keep saying that we’re making sacrifices now to have the future that we want later,” Rios-Roberts said. “It’s hard when you’re getting pulled in a lot of directions, because obviously everybody has something they want to say and everybody has an opinion of what we should do.

“But when it comes down to it, it’s really the decision that works best for Harold, myself, and our son.”

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Greyson arrived in June, and the sense of purpose Landry carried with him a year ago has only become more clearly defined as he chases a dream while also learning to be a father.

“He’s always been such a hard worker,” said Rios-Roberts, “but I really think that knowing we were having a baby and just knowing what he really wants and knowing the NFL is something that he could potentially have, he is just so much harder of a worker now than I’ve ever seen.

“When he’s not doing football, he’s hanging out with me. When he’s not with me, he’s doing football. That is his life. His family and football are literally what he lives for and what he works for.

“He really does handle it extremely well. I know he feels a lot of pressure. We talk about it. He knows that whatever happens after this year, he’s working to support us. So he definitely does feel the pressure. But he’s also doing something that he loves. So I think that makes it a lot easier for him.”

The focus he took into last season has become more singular knowing that football isn’t just his life, but also his livelihood. It’s been evident since spring practices. It carried over into preseason camp. In trying to improve, Landry doesn’t let a moment slip away.

“Last season, I watched a lot of film every single day,” he said, “but there was always points in the day where I’d go out, get a bite to eat with my boys or watch a movie or something like that in my room.

“Now I’m just so locked into football, I literally eat, sleep, and breathe football when I’m not with my fiancée and my son. Literally just watching film all day or doing an extra workout.”

In his own hands

One of the incentives for coming back to The Heights was getting another year to work with defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni.

Pasqualoni has helped mold some of the NFL’s most fearsome defensive linemen — from J.J. Watt in his time with the Houston Texans, to DeMarcus Ware with the Dallas Cowboys, to Jason Taylor with the Miami Dolphins.

In their first year together, Landry and Pasqualoni developed trust. Landry embraced Pasqualoni’s coaching style and attention to detail and technique. Another year together, he figured, would only make him more NFL-ready.

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Pasqualoni said it always starts with the player.

“At the end of the day, what I want Harold to understand is he’s the guy who’s got to do it,” Pasqualoni said. “He’s the one.

“I tell the guys all the time. There’s no guarantees. There’s nobody out here that can help you more than you can help yourself. We’re going to coach you, we’re going to do all those things, but at the end of the day, this motivation to do this and this passion to do this has got to be internal.

“It can’t be anywhere from the outside. It’s got to come from you. You’ve got to want to do it, and you’ve got to understand how competitive this thing is and you’ve got to understand how hard guys in your position are working at this. It’s morning, noon, and night.”

Landry’s alarm is already set — early mornings, late nights — until the bet he made on himself and his family pays off.

“I took the game serious before, but now it’s my life,” Landry said. “That’s all I care about is my family and football. Ultimately this is what I want to do with my life is play football. Having that motivation with the motivation of my family, it just builds up from here.”

# Running back Jon Hilliman brings healthy outlook to Boston College football opener at Northern Illinois

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Boston College tailback Jon Hilliman had one of the best and worst days of his college career against Northern Illinois.

His plan for tomorrow night's season opener against the Huskies in DeKalb, Ill., calls for favorable rushing yards while avoiding a catastrophe like two years ago.

Hilliman was the Eagles' featured running back at the start of the 2015 season after rushing for 860 yards and 13 touchdowns as a freshman. BC hosted Northern Illinois on Sept. 26 and Hilliman was enjoying his best effort of the young campaign. He had 119 yards on 24 carries including a 21-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Unfortunately for Hilliman, his season ended when he fractured his foot making a routine cut during the fourth quarter.

"I definitely have got something for them personally but you know, we still beat them two years ago," said the junior from Plainfield, N.J. "That was two years ago and we were a different team. I can't wait for this game coming up and it should be exciting."

Hilliman went through a long rehabilitation process and missed spring ball and much of training camp last season. He recovered to play in 12 games with 11 starts and led the Eagles in rushing with 542 yards while collecting six touchdowns.

"I felt good last year believe it or not but right now it's unbelievable as far as shape and body," Hilliman said. "This is the best I've felt in a long time."

Hilliman is the most experienced ball carrier in the Eagles' expanded stable of running backs that includes Davon Jones, Richard Wilson and dynamic freshmen A.J. Dillon and Travis Levy.

"This is a deep group as everybody knows," Hilliman said. "There is a lot of firepower back there and guys can do different things and I feel that is the best way to do it."

"As a group you have to work harder and the competition kind of permeates throughout the offense and throughout the team."

There will be immediate pressure on the running backs and the offensive line to move the chains while BC develops a vertical passing game under Darius Wade and/or Anthony Brown.

Wade and Brown are read option quarterbacks who enjoyed productive practices and scrimmages in training camp. But neither has credible game experience against FBS opponents so the ground attack takes on increased visibility.

The 6-foot, 220-pound Hilliman has the power to hit between the tackles and the speed to run around end, qualities that earned him top billing on coach Steve Addazio's depth chart.

"I anticipate a lot of guys getting involved and lot of guys stepping up early," Hilliman said. "I know that I'm at the tip of the spear so I'm going to lead and I'm prepared whether it is 30 carries a game or three carries a game."

The Eagles went 3-9 in 2015 with Northern Illinois representing their only win against an FBS opponent. BC's quarterback of record in that game was Troy Flutie, who was making his first career start.

# Northern Illinois offers BC opening test

**Rich Thompson | Boston Globe | September 1, 2017**

Boston College senior center Jon Baker knows what to stow in the travel bag when opening the season on the road against a quality opponent.

“Winning an opener is a very hard thing to do,” said Baker, who was recently voted the Eagles offensive captain. “They say when you are on the road you have to bring your run game and you have to pack your defense, especially in the opener.”

The Eagles must establish the run from the onset and play shut down defense throughout against Northern Illinois tonight at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb, Ill.

Starting the campaign on a Friday night in the heartland against the most dominant Mid-American Conference program this decade can be a daunting proposition, even for a team from a Power-5 conference.

But it is a relatively easy endeavor compared to BC’s opener last year, against Atlantic Coast Conference rival Georgia Tech at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland.

BC led most of the second half but gave up the go-ahead touchdown with 35 seconds left in a 17-14 loss to the Yellow Jackets. BC recovered from the devastating setback and finished 7-6 with a victory over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl.

“Last year we had the added dimension of being in Europe, and this year it is going to be a great environment at Northern Illinois, so it is going to be a fight to get that first win,” said Baker. “Winning the opener can be a huge momentum boost for the season.”

Both BC coach Steve Addazio and NIU coach Rod Carey needed to develop a starting quarterback in training camp. For the Eagles, graduate student Darius Wade and redshirt freshman Anthony Brown waged a spirited battle to replace Patrick Towles. Addazio said both were worthy candidates with similar skill sets but declined to say who won the battle.

Carey will decide between redshirt junior Ryan Graham or redshirt sophomore Daniel Santacaterina at game time, both of whom have more practical game experience than either Wade or Brown.

With no advanced scout on NIU’s quarterbacks, Addazio devised the Eagles defensive game plan on the Huskies’ offensive tendencies from last year. They finished 27th nationally in total offense (463.8 yards per game), 16th in rushing offense (238.8) and 73rd in passing offense (224.0).

“This team wants to run the football and I don’t think there is any doubt about that we’ve got to stop the run,” said Addazio. “I think that is the biggest thing that we are looking at right now.

“They have a lot of different stuff on offense in terms of speed sweeps on the perimeter and a lot of different read-zone options. They are trying to stretch you horizontally quite a bit. They have some gap schemes interiorly and then some play-action passes off that.”

BC has had a top-15 nationally ranked defense the past four seasons. Most of the key pieces are back from the 2016 team that finished ninth in total defense (314.2 yards per game). Senior defensive end Harold Landry led the nation in sacks (16.5) and forced fumbles (seven) last season.



# BC calls at quarterback, kicker pay immediate dividends

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Steve Addazio made two personnel decisions at the end of training camp that led directly to Boston College's 23-20 victory at Northern Illinois in Friday night's season opener.

The first and most obvious was the coach's decision to start redshirt freshman Anthony Brown at quarterback. Brown — just the second freshman QB in school history to start a season opener — won a spirited battle with Darius Wade in training camp and threw for two touchdowns in his debut.

"He graded out the highest in preseason camp," said Addazio, who waited until gametime to reveal his choice. "We took the body of work . . . they both did very well."

The second was tabbing Colton Lichtenberg at kicker over incumbent Mike Knoll despite a spotty college resume. Lichtenberg missed two field goals in last season's opener, a 17-14 loss to Georgia Tech in Dublin, and was benched for Knoll.

He was a clear favorite to retain his position after going 12-of-14 on field goals and 27-of-30 on PATs, but when neither Lichtenberg nor Knoll distinguished themselves in camp, Addazio played a hunch and went with the junior from Savannah, Ga.

After Lichtenberg hit three field goals on Friday, including a 37-yarder with 2:13 left to break a 20-20 tie, Addazio's gut looked a genius.

"When it counted and when it mattered most, Colton Lichtenberg needed a confidence boost," said Addazio. "He has got all the talent. He has a great leg and he has the talent, but like anybody else, he needed a confidence boost."

So did the Eagles as a whole, and Brown helped deliver it, completing 26-of-42 passes for 191 yards, those two first-half scores and an interception. Addazio and offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler designed a short and intermediate passing scheme for Brown and he flourished, hitting eight different receivers.

Speedy split Michael Walker had a game-high eight receptions for 50 yards, including a 5-yard touchdown to put BC up 13-10 at the half.

Redshirt freshman Kobay White had six catches for 76 yards. Reserve tight end Ray Marten's first career reception was a 4-yard touchdown to put BC up 20-10 midway through the third.

"It was the first game, so there were a little nerves, but it was slowly starting to come to me," said Brown. "Fortunately I have a great young receiver in Kobay White.

"Me and Kobay have been working since we got here. Last year he redshirted and so did I, but we knew that we would have to be in tune with each other so we just kept working all summer."

Their work, plus that of the coaches on down, will propel the Eagles into next week's home opener against Wake Forest with a chance for their first 2-0 start against FBS competition since 2007, Matt Ryan's final year at The Heights.

# Boston College holds off Northern Illinois in season opener

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DEKALB, Ill. — Boston College kicker Colton Lichtenberg put any lingering concerns about preseason struggles to rest last night.

The Eagles junior hit three field goals in the season opener against Northern Illinois, with none more important than his last.

Lichtenberg kicked what proved to be a game-winning 37-yard field goal with 2:13 left in the fourth quarter to lift Boston College to a 23-20 non-conference victory.

“I was not very pleased coming out of camp with our field goal kicking, that’s just the truth,” Boston College coach Steve Addazio said. “But when it counted, when it mattered ... he got it done and I think he got a lot of confidence. I think this is going to pay a lot of dividends.”

Addazio also finally ended the weeklong mystery of who would start at quarterback for the Eagles.

Anthony Brown stepped under center for the first snap at Huskie Stadium, concluding a week of intrigue as he and graduate Darius Wade shared game preparations.

Brown was 26-of-42 for 191 yards and two touchdown passes as the Eagles held off a late Northern Illinois drive to lock down the victory.

“Anthony had the greater body of work,” said Addazio of the choice. “It was a tough decision between the two guys. They both did extremely well.”

His confidence was rewarded with Brown’s performance away from home.

“Freshman starting on the road in a real competitive environment,” Addazio said. “I thought he came through that and made a bunch of plays, really big throws.”

Receiver Michael Walker had five catches for 50 yards and a touchdown while Kobay White had six catches for 76 yards.

Boston College pressed NIU’s defense with 92 plays, including 50 in the first half.

Lichtenberg’s game-winning field goal capped a 13-play, 46-yard drive that included a drive-saving 12-yard fourth-down pass from Brown to White to the NIU 24-yard line.

The Huskies replied with a drive to the Eagles 22 and but a potential game-tying field goal by Christian Hagan with 21 seconds left hit the crossbar and bounced back into the end zone.

Brown, the redshirt freshman, showed his prowess on the Eagles’ first possession with an on-target bomb to Walker that was bobbled and dropped at the Northern Illinois 20.

But on BC’s second drive Brown was picked off at the Huskies 40 on a third-and-6. Northern Illinois marched to the Eagles 15 before stalling and settling for a 32-yard Hagan field goal and a 3-0 lead.

Lichtenberg matched him with a 42-yard field goal with nine seconds left in the first quarter.

Northern Illinois then used a two-play drive to reclaim the lead. Quarterback Ryan Graham sprinted 60-yards on the final play of the quarter to the Eagles 15. One play later, he found wide receiver D.J.Brown for a touchdown as the Huskies opened a 10-3 advantage.

BC took 13-10 lead with 30 seconds left in the half as Brown guided a six-play, 50-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown pass to Walker, alone in the corner of the end zone.

The Eagles made it 20-10 on their first drive of the second half. Brown and Ray Marten combined on a four-yard TD pass with 7:48 left in the third quarter to wrap up an eight-play, 57-yard drive.

Northern Illinois climbed back to within three at 20-17 as Graham tossed a 7-yard touchdown pass to tight end Shane Woman with 2:15 remaining in the third.

The Eagles went three-and-out and the Huskies came back with a game-tying drive — moving 53 yards in five plays but halting outside the end zone after BC defensive back Lukas Denis broke up Graham’s end zone pass.

Hagan hit a 21-yard field goal for a 20-20 tie.

Brown, who redshirted in 2016, won the starting job despite four years of experience by Wade, who graduated last May. In 15 career games — including three starts in 2015 before an injury ended his season — Wade had 355 passing yards and completed 47.8 percent of his passes.

Last night's game was the third meeting in a series that includes BC's 17-14 victory in 2015 in Chestnut Hill and 20-10 triumph in 1971. The Eagles are now 20-3 against Mid-American schools and have not lost to a MAC program since 1969 to Buffalo.

BC opens ACC play at home next Saturday against Wake Forest.

# Boston College wins football opener behind freshman QB

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 2, 2017

DEKALB, Ill. — Maybe Boston College coach Steve Addazio played his cards close to the vest about the Eagles' quarterback situation for strategic reasons. Or maybe he kept quiet about who would be under center to give a redshirt freshman one last week out of the spotlight.

Whatever the reason, even as preseason camp wound down and the battle between graduate student Darius Wade and freshman Anthony Brown had reached a point when it should've been decided, Addazio kept his choice to himself going into Friday's season opener against Northern Illinois.

Even freshman wideout Kobay White was in the dark up until game day.

"I actually didn't even know until the game," he said.

But Brown knew earlier in the week. When Addazio told Brown that he would be just the second freshman to start an opener in BC history, the first person he called was his father.

Box score: Boston College 23, Northern Illinois 20

Anthony Brown Sr. shed a few tears. But knowing he was being thrown into the fire, his son tried to keep it together.

"I've been trying to keep my teammates motivated for either me or Darius to play," he said. "So it just kind of carried over."

Addazio broke down the decision to performance.

"He graded out the highest in preseason camp," Addazio said. "We took the body of work. They both did very well. When I tell you they both did well, they both did extremely well. Anthony graded out higher. I had to have something tangible, and that's how we made our decision. It was off the body of work."

But handing the keys to the offense over to a dynamic quarterback still in his teens but with a mesmerizing deep ball and speed to get loose out of the pocket made clear just how much the Eagles were rebooting their offense after opening up the playbook in their win in the Quick Lane Bowl last season.

The gamble is whether the rewards outweigh the risk. The Eagles got a taste of both in their 23-20 win over Northern Illinois. Brown completed 26 of 42 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

Brown connected on tough throws downfield but missed open receivers over the middle. He found the end zone twice but tried to squeeze a throw into a tight spot and threw an interception. He made mistakes expected of a young quarterback in his debut, but he played above his age in the most critical moments.

"I thought he navigated it great," Addazio said. "That was the best part of it. He weathered that, came through it. I mean, it's a freshman starting on the road in a real competitive-environment game. I thought he came through that and made a bunch of plays. He made some really big throws, and that tells you a lot."

Brown threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Michael Walker in the second quarter and a 4-yard scoring toss to Ray Marten in the third. But the poise he showed on the game-sealing drive in the fourth quarter allowed the Eagles to walk out of Huskie Stadium with their fourth season-opening win in the last five years.

With the game tied at 20 with 7:17 remaining, Brown marched the Eagles from their 34-yard line to NIU's 20, setting up a go-ahead, 37-yard field goal by Colton Lichtenberg.

The Huskies threatened to tie it with 21 seconds left, driving 53 yards in 1:52 to set up a field goal attempt from BC's 22-yard line. But when Christian Hagan's 39-yard try bounced off the crossbar, the Eagles burst from the sidelines to celebrate.

"It's a wonderful feeling," Brown said. "I have some great people around me, and it wasn't just me, it was my teammates that helped me push through this one."

When Brown stumbled early, throwing a timing pass behind tight end Tommy Sweeney in the first quarter and having it intercepted, and then getting his wires crossed with center Jon Baker in the second quarter, missing the snap and having to fall on the ball for an 18-yard loss, the veterans kept the young quarterback calm.

"The leaders on our offense — Jon Baker and Tom Sweeney — they just told me to keep my eyes on the next play and that's what I did, and I just kept going," Brown said.

Ultimately, Brown spread the ball around to eight receivers.

“I believe that all the receivers have a connection to the QBs,” White said. “We’ve been working all summer really hard. The receivers do a good job of staying on top of that. We’ve been working with the QB’s all summer, so he has trust in every single one of our receivers. That’s the best part about it: All of us can make plays.”

Walker led the way with eight catches for 50 yards and a touchdown. But the chemistry between Brown and White, who bonded last year as redshirts and roommates, was clear. White finished with six catches for 76 yards. On BC’s second-quarter scoring drive, Brown threaded the needle through two defenders and White went up to make a 15-yard grab.

“All of it was trust,” Brown said.

In his first game, Brown threw more passes than any quarterback during Addazio’s tenure. BC had only thrown 35 or more passes just once under Addazio, when John Fadule completed 23 of 37 against N.C. State in 2015.

“We’re going to throw the ball more,” Addazio said. “We’re going to throw it.”

Which means putting his faith and fate in a talented freshman.

“They trust me,” Brown said. “And I trust them. I have to keep going. We have to keep going as an offense, and we have to keep getting better and better.”

# BC mainstay Jon Baker dealing with an injury

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 4, 2017

When Boston College center Jon Baker went down, grabbing at his left knee, in the fourth quarter of Friday's 23-20 win over Northern Illinois, the extent of the injury was uncertain.

Baker ran off the field on his own power and sat out only one play before returning.

He stayed on the field through the Eagles' go-ahead drive, but his status going forward is still unclear.

Coach Steve Addazio said the team should know more later in the week.

"We don't really have the full extent of where we are on any health matters right now," Addazio said Monday. "Usually we have a better feel for that when I release an injury report at the end of the week. But my hope is that we'll be at full capacity."

Baker has been a constant on the offensive line the past three seasons. Friday's game marked his 27th consecutive start. He has played in 36 straight games going back to 2014.

His experience is valuable on a line with several moving parts. While senior Sam Schmal, juniors Aaron Monteiro and Chris Lindstrom, and graduate transfer Marcel Lazard started across the line, Addazio cycled several players through.

On the one play that Baker missed, true freshman Alec Lindstrom filled in, which meant he would no longer be eligible for a redshirt.

"He's prepared to play," Addazio said. "So he went in, did a great job on that play, and that's where we roll."

Keeping secrets

Addazio was steadfast in keeping his starting quarterback a secret until game time. His explanation was that from a competitive standpoint, there was no advantage in making the choice known.

There might not necessarily be a disadvantage, either.

Ultimately, Addazio went with redshirt freshman Anthony Brown over graduate senior Darius Wade.

On Monday, Addazio doubled down on there being no real advantage to revealing it.

"I just think you never know exactly what that competitive advantage is," Addazio said. "There's just no advantage to saying it."

"What would we have gained by saying something? I don't know what we'd gain by not, but I know we wouldn't have gained anything by saying something."

"We knew what we were doing. There was no mystery on our end. So it's not my obligation to let the world know what we're doing."

"I think it was important, under the circumstances that we had. You never know what is going to affect your opponent in their mind-set, when you sit on the other side of that. Like, well, maybe I'll do this and maybe I'll do that. Whether you'd be right or not, you don't know that."

"But I'm just saying, with no decision from us, it's hard to make a decision on the other end. With the decision for us, you can make decisions on the other end."

"What are they? I don't have the foggiest idea and really don't care."

Chemistry majors

Brown sprayed the ball around to nine receivers in his debut, but his go-to guy was clear. He went to redshirt freshman Kobay White eight times. White caught six of the eight targets for 76 yards.

Five of those targets came on third down, and the duo converted three of them, including two 20-yard connections. One was a fourth-down conversion in the fourth quarter.

"Kobay White made some big-time catches — for everybody, plain to see," Addazio said. "The guy went up and snagged the ball in competitive moments. It tells you something."

As redshirts and roommates last season, they developed chemistry, knowing they'd play a big role in the offense this season.

"We just made sure we were ready for that moment," White said.

“Me and Kobay have been working since we got here,” Brown said. “Last year, he was redshirted and so was I. But we knew we would have to be in tune with each other so we just kept working throughout the summer with each other on and off as well as all the other receivers and the other quarterbacks who work together.”

#### Confidence game

Coming off a season in which he missed two field goal attempts in the season opener, suffered a strained hamstring, and never kicked another field goal, Colton Lichtenberg’s confidence may have been in critical condition. He battled to get the starting job back in preseason camp, but his performance was inconsistent, Addazio said.

“I would say, not very pleased coming out of camp with the field goal kicking, and that’s just the truth,” Addazio said.

Lichtenberg beat out Mike Knoll and soccer convert Max Schulze-Geisthovel for the job, then went out against Northern Illinois and nailed three field goals, including the go-ahead 37-yarder.

“But when it counted and when it mattered, I think Colton Lichtenberg needed a confidence boost,” Addazio said. “He’s got all the talent. He’s got a great leg and he’s got the talent. But like anybody else, he just needed a confidence boost.”

# Boston College football team studying up for improvement after opening win

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 5, 2017**

Playing a quality opponent in the season opener late at night on the road has its advantages.

Boston College coach Steve Addazio learned a lot about the composition and character of his football team from Friday night's 23-20 win over MAC power Northern Illinois at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb, Ill.

The victory marked the debut of redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown, who competed 26-of-42 passes for 191 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

"At their place at 9:30 our time at night and on the road with a freshman quarterback, a lot of things were there in place," said Addazio yesterday at Conte Forum. "To overcome all that, we are only going to grow. That's good to help us."

Addazio credited the resilient Huskies for exposing BC's weaknesses on offense and defense. He intends to rectify the problem areas as the Eagles prepare for Wake Forest (1-0) in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener on Saturday at Alumni Stadium.

"I'm so much happier that it went that way right now sitting here with a win that builds you," said Addazio. "Cakewalks early don't help you at all. They just mask whatever little issues you have. They mask them and then they come out when you face a good opponent."

Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson has done a fine job rebuilding the Deacons program that went 7-6 last year and beat Temple in the Military Bowl. Wake closed out the regular season last year with a 17-14 loss to BC at BB&T Field.

The Demon Deacons took the opposite tact in their season opener, dominating both sides of the ball in a soft-served 51-7 victory over Presbyterian.

If Addazio's premise on hard season openers holds true, the flaws in the Deacons' system likely remained hidden.

"When you play an inferior opponent, a real inferior opponent, and you just kind of have your way with them, your issues don't really show up," said Addazio. "You feel pretty good about what you've done and you don't attack the problems because you don't really see them and that can get you in weeks two and three."

"Whereas we had a really great look at some of the issues we had and where some problems came up. We attacked them right away and we will spend all week ironing those things out. That can really help you."

The overriding issues was NIU's ability to contain BC's vaunted power run offense with 12 tackles for a loss that included two sacks. Tailbacks Jon Hilliman and freshman A.J. Dillon never established a consistent run game against the undersized but agile Huskies' defense. Hilliman netted 58 yards on 25 carries while Dillon had 20 yards on five carries.

The Eagles wide receivers supplemented the running game with substantial perimeter gains on jet sweeps. Split end Thadd Smith was second in rushing with 55 yards on six carries while Jeff Smith netted 26 yards on three runs.

"We want to stretch the field now horizontally and vertically," said Addazio. "We want to have you defend us horizontally, vertically and interiorly."



# Quarterback Anthony Brown hurries up to get the Boston College offense rolling

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 6, 2017**

Anthony Brown was one of the busiest quarterbacks in the country during his collegiate debut against Northern Illinois last Friday night.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound redshirt freshman from Cliffwood, N.J., executed a staggering 92 plays with 21 first downs in Boston College's 23-20 victory at Huskie Stadium.

BC coach Steve Addazio and offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler have instituted an up-tempo attack, a style that plays to Brown's strengths as a dual threat quarterback. Last season, the Eagles averaged just 66.30 plays per game.

"It's new for everybody to see," said Brown following yesterday's practice at Alumni Stadium. "People aren't used to seeing us as an up-tempo offense and that is good for us.

"But we just have to keep going and just get better at it. I'm still getting adjusted to it and I have to get better at it as we all will. It takes a lot more urgent players to be in this offense because you have to hurry up and get set and get the calls and run the plays and execute them."

BC Nation will get a look at Brown and the hurry-up offense when the Eagles host Wake Forest on Saturday in the ACC opener for both teams.

"Yeah, we are going to push it and obviously that's going to be dictated on how many times you get first downs," Addazio said. "One of the things we were able to do was get first downs and what we had a harder time doing was sustaining some good drives. That's what we are trying to do, generate more offense and that will all come."

Brown had moments early in the game where the tempo created problems. He was intercepted during the Eagles' second drive of the game. Also, he was caught unaware on a shotgun snap from center Jon Baker that resulted in an 18-yard loss early in the second quarter.

The two miscues did not deter Brown from carrying out the game plan.

"On the sidelines I got on the phone with coach Loeffler and coach Loeffler told me to keep my eyes on that very next play," said Brown. "I just kept going and tried to forget about what just happened and kept going."

Brown completed 26-of-42 passes for 191 yards that included touchdown tosses to wide receiver Michael Walker and tight end Ray Marten. Walker had a team-high eight receptions for 50 yards. However, Brown's go-to target on third and fourth downs was redshirt freshman split end Kobay White, who had six catches for 76 yards.

"Last year we were roommates during our redshirt year and we just worked together a lot in the summer as with all the other receivers," said Brown. "But we were roommates so that connection was a little bit stronger. We saw each other every day and talked to each other. The timing and everything was easy for us."

# BC center Jon Baker forced out of lineup

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The Eagles came out of Northern Illinois last week with a win in their season opener, but they lost one of the cogs

Center Jon Baker, the anchor of the Eagles' offensive line, sustained a right knee injury that will keep him out of Saturday's game against Wake Forest. The injury occurred in the fourth quarter of the Eagles' 23-20 win over NIU as they were putting together the go-ahead drive.

Baker attempted to set a block, but crumpled to the ground with no contact, grabbing at his right knee. He ran off the field on his own power, missed just one snap, and returned to finish the game.

"There's always concerns," Addazio said.

Along with being a constant on the Eagles offensive line — he had started 27 consecutive games and appeared in 36 straight going back to 2014 — Baker is one of the leaders in the locker room. The senior was voted as a captain prior to the season.

"Everybody's important," Addazio said. "But you've just got to keep rolling. See what shakes toward the end of the week."

Freshman lineman Alec Lindstrom replaced Baker for the one play he missed. Throughout practice this week, Addazio prepared for the possibility of having to play without Baker.

"We always make contingency plans," Addazio said. "That's weekly."

At 260 pounds, Lindstrom is the lightest of the Eagles' linemen. Another option at center would be redshirt freshman Shane Leonard, a 295-pounder out of Marshfield High School who filled in during spring practice while Baker was recovering from offseason shoulder surgery. Leonard was listed as probable with an upper-body injury.

"We've got all kinds of guys ready to roll," Addazio said. "Shane Leonard's ready to roll. We've got all kinds of people ready to roll. So we'll just keep moving. We'll see."

## Clock management

Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown showed poise and potential in his debut last Friday, throwing for 191 yards and two touchdowns on 26-of-42 passing.

But he came out of the game with a clear sense of the areas he could improve, things that will only come with more experience.

The Eagles were on third and 6 at the 20-yard line with the game and play clocks running. Instead of letting the clock tick down and pressing Northern Illinois to burn a timeout, Brown took the snap with 18 seconds left on the play clock and 2:23 on the game clock.

He threw an incomplete pass out of the back of the end zone, then Colton Lichtenberg knocked down a 37-yard field goal to put the Eagles up, 23-20. But the Eagles left 2:13 on the clock, enough time for NIU to march to BC's 22 and get off a 39-yard field goal attempt that would have tied the game had it not bounced off the crossbar.

Addazio said clock management is something that will come with experience.

"We're in tempo," Addazio said. "So these are some of the things in tempo that you're trying to work through right now. When you're in the huddle, you can really gauge these things better. You can gauge it at the line, too, but I mean, you're in flow, and that's the experience factor there to sort of get to the line and let that [clock] go."

"We're not probably quite there with that yet. That's kind of a new animal trying to negotiate all that. It's not as coach-driven. There's still work to be done there. It's not there yet all the way. But what was there was demeanor, delivery. That was there. Poise. But that experience factor of managing every little thing wasn't quite there. But it'll get there."

Brown was just the second freshman in BC history to start a season opener. His 42 passes were the most by a quarterback since Addazio was hired in 2013. He sprayed the ball to eight receivers. Six of his completions went for at least 15 yards, and had it not been for a handful of drops, he might have had more.

"He went through his progressions and he did a really good job," Addazio said. "He missed a few and I think he's anxious to hit those. Just a little bit more work and you hit a few more of those, boy, and we're really cooking."

Brown's debut impressed Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson, who said he made a scholarship offer to Brown.

"You're starting the game as a redshirt freshman and you win, you did your job," Clawson said. "We offered Anthony. We had him on campus. We thought he was an outstanding prospect. The athletic, live arm. A lot of poise. Very mature young man. He's one of those kids that when he was in the office, it's easy to really fall in love with him. He has a good personality, and he was a kid that we really liked and we wanted at Wake Forest."

## Snaps judgment

Coming into the season, Addazio said he would be conscientious about the workload for All-America defensive end Harold Landry.

Landry was on the field for 57 of the Eagles' 74 defensive plays last week. The plan, Addazio said, is to keep Landry fresh for late-game situations.

"Here's why: Our deal is, we needed him in the fourth quarter," he said. "When you're a pass rusher, you've got to be fresh and ready to roll . . . Because on third down when you need them, you need them. You've got to have the ability to keep those guys somewhat fresh. So that's by design. That's a plan."

The Eagles rotated five players on the defensive line in the opener, including sophomore Tanner Karafa, who took 20 snaps, came up with a tackle and a broke up a pass.

Landry made six tackles and broke up a pass.

## Ground down

Addazio was hoping for more out of the running game than the 148 yards the Eagles rushed for in the opener.

Jon Hilliman ran for 58 yards on 25 carries. He was stopped for a loss on seven of those carries.

The Eagles only ran for more than 200 yards twice last season. Addazio said a more effective rushing attack starts with the interior line.

"I think the thing is we've just got to do a better job of blocking interiorly," Addazio said. "We're going to get a lot of movement. We're going to get a lot of different stuff going on in there."

"In the same breath, we're going to keep throwing it, because what's happening is people all overplay the run and then these throws are opening up right now. We've got to keep throwing it and back some of that stuff out of there so that'll open the running game up. It's tough to run it in there when there's as many hats as there are."

"I think as we establish more balance, I think it'll help our run game a lot."

# Group chat gave BC players a head start on their football careers

**Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 8, 2017**

Two years ago, when Boston College was piecing together its 2016 recruiting class, the football players the Eagles were after were already laying the foundation for their future at The Heights.

Quarterback Anthony Brown, receiver Kobay White, and linebacker Max Richardson were among the first to commit, but they had been in constant contact with each other long before they did.

As the recruiting class was starting to come together, they set up a group chat. It was at least 20 players deep.

“Once other people started committing, I started getting in touch with them and that kind of really put it over the edge,” White said. “We all had a huge group message — basically our whole class — like, years before we got here. So we were all pretty close before any of us got here.”

“That helped so much,” Brown said. “I guess our technology now is, just, it’s very easy to connect with others, and that helped us out a lot. We had the group chat and we’ve seen each other before. It was just very easy to connect with each other.”

Once they got on campus, they bypassed the awkward orientation phase.

“Honestly, when we got here, there really wasn’t any, like, introducing each other,” White said. “Even when we went on our official visits, everyone knew each other’s name. No one really had to introduce anyone. It’s good to have guys that you can bond with.”

As the group traded messages, they laid out a vision for themselves at BC. They wanted to be the recruiting class that came in and made an immediate impact.

“We made a statement early in our group chat saying that we needed to change the atmosphere around here,” Brown said. “The older guys on our team, they help us do that a lot. But we wanted to be the younger group that is more mature instead of being the young group that’s just young and they have time. We wanted to grow up a lot faster, mature a lot faster.”

Along with a core of established veterans that includes All-America defensive lineman Harold Landry and all-Atlantic Coast Conference linebacker Connor Strachan, the Eagles will rely this season on the crop of young talent they brought in a year ago.

Brown became just the second freshman quarterback in school history to start a season opener when he led the Eagles to a 23-20 win over Northern Illinois last week. His most trusted target was White, his roommate last year with whom he developed a bond as they spent the season as redshirts. Richardson, a sophomore, got the first start of his career, slotted in the heart of the defense at middle linebacker.

In all, seven members of the 2016 class touched the field, and the bulk of them left their fingerprints on the win. Brown threw for 191 yards and two touchdowns, and his 42 pass attempts were the most by a BC quarterback since 2012. White grabbed six passes for 76 yards. Richardson made two tackles. Ray Marten caught two passes, including a 4-yard touchdown. Korab Idrizi made two grabs for 17 yards.

“I think if you get all of the guys that have the right mind-set, if you get enough of them on the same page, it can really make a big impact,” said Richardson, “because on the team, there’s really 120 guys, but if you get that 25 in the freshman class to have that right mind-set, that way, when we get a year older, the next 25 can have the right mind-set and the next 25 and so on.”

Coach Steve Addazio knew they were champing at the bit to get on the field, but they needed time.

“They weren’t ready when they got here,” said Addazio. “But they’re getting ready now. They’re now redshirt freshmen, and that’s still early, but they’re doing a good job.”

The connection between White and Brown was on full display against Northern Illinois. Brown targeted him three times on third down and once on fourth, and Brown converted all of them.

Last year, it was at first unclear whether Brown would play or redshirt. But once the decision was made to give him a year to develop, he worked constantly with White to develop chemistry.

Richardson was thrown into the mix as a true freshman last season. Most of the action he saw came on special teams, but he took every snap seriously, whether it was in-game or on the practice team.

“He’s intense. He’s tough,” said Addazio. “He’s one of those guys where you tell him exactly how you want it done, he gives it back to you exactly the way you tell him how you want it done. He’s very detailed, he’s really smart, but he’s a tough son of a gun. He’s an impact guy.”

Once linebacker Matt Milano moved on to the NFL, Strachan slid to the strong side, and the opportunity opened up for Richardson at middle linebacker. The experience as a freshman made it easier to adjust to an increased role as a sophomore.

“I think getting snaps early really helped me,” said Richardson, “because definitely the speed of the game, it changes and it gets faster, and you have to flow with that and grow with that.

“But also the mental aspect, the preparing for a game. You can’t just prepare the night before. It takes the whole week, it takes watching tape, it takes getting a little bit of extra work in on the field. It takes the whole process to get ready for that one kickoff play or that one kickoff-return play.

“And that just grows. This year, I’m playing linebacker, so now it takes the whole week to prepare for 50 plays on defense whereas it’s not just 25 snaps on special teams. So you’ve got to work a little bit harder to adjust, but it does prepare you and shows you what the process is like.”

The plan before they ever arrived was to speed up the growth process.

“It’s just becoming more mature at a younger age,” Richardson said.

# Turnovers hurt Boston College in loss to Wake Forest

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 10, 2017**

Boston College coach Steve Addazio's worst pregame fears came true in yesterday's embarrassing 34-10 loss to Wake Forest in the home opener at Alumni Stadium.

BC fell to 1-1 and 0-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference and will host Notre Dame next Saturday. Wake improved to 2-0 and 1-0 in the ACC.

"My fear going into this game was turnovers," said Addazio. "That was my fear and I was worried a lot about all the exchanges and turnovers got us and we've got to plug on."

BC redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown was picked off three times, twice in the first half, while tailback Jon Hilliman fumbled on the BC 23 late in the first quarter.

The Demon Deacons converted BC's miscues into 17 points in a game that was statistically competitive. BC had 305 yards of offense on 82 plays with 19 first downs. The Deacons registered 309 balanced yards on 71 plays with 15 first downs and made good use of the short fields provided by BC's giveaways.

"The tale of the game here is four turnovers and two for touchdowns," said Addazio. "Statistically it was close, pretty even numbers but we turned the ball over and you can't turn the ball over."

Wake Forest's secondary is the strongest component of its defense and was a constant problem for Brown.

Brown completed 11-of-29 passes for 119 yards before being benched late in the third quarter in favor of Darius Wade. Brown threw a pick-6 to Essang Bassey that put the Deacons up 21-7 with 1:36 to play in the second quarter.

Wake strong safety Jesse Bates intercepted Brown on the BC 39 in the third and returned it to the BC 2. Brown's final pick set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Cade Carney that put the Deacons up 31-10 with 4:23 to play.

BC's chances took a big hit before the game as senior center Jon Baker, who suffered a torn ACL in last week's win at Northern Illinois, was ruled out for the season. He was replaced by freshman Ben Petrula.

It wasn't Brown's best day.

"I still have confidence in myself and I've got to put my teammates in a better position to win and that is really it," he said. "There's better ball placement and I just have to do a better job putting the ball in a better spot."

Wake Forest quarterback John Wolford, who made his 35th career start and fourth against BC, was the difference-maker for the Deacons.

Wolford compiled a game-high 92 yards on 20 carries, including a 29-yard touchdown that made it 14-0 at 10:20 of the second.

Wolford completed an efficient 13-of-19 passes for 151 yards and a touchdown. The score was a 9-yard hookup with split end Greg Dortch for the game's first points with 1:28 to play in the opening quarter. It was set up by Hilliman's fumble.

"(Wolford) is more of a dual threat quarterback that runs and he has that pass option off the run fake," said BC cornerback Kamrin Moore.

"It is kind of tough to defend and we did our best to contain him."

# Wake Forest turns BC turnovers into blowout win

**Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 10, 2017**

Three quarters into their 34-10 loss to Wake Forest, Boston College had sabotaged themselves with four turnovers. And with three costly interceptions, freshman quarterback Anthony Brown was responsible for most of them.

After Brown tried to squeeze in a bad throw to Ben Glines, only to have it hawked by strong safety Jesse Bates III for his third pick, BC coach Steve Addazio decided to put an end to a torturous day.

“It’s just a matter of, you got a young guy where it’s rolling down on him a little bit, you’ve got to give him a breath,” Addazio said. “He got a little flustered and I wanted him to have a breath.”

Brown completed just 11 of 29 passes for 119 yards and a TD.

BC’s veterans tried to envelop him in encouragement.

Box score: Wake Forest 34, BC 10

“They just told me to keep going,” Brown said. “Don’t worry about nothing else, just keep going. Worry about the next play.”

But after leading the Eagles to a win Sept. 2 — as just the second quarterback in school history to start a season opener as a freshman — Brown’s Alumni Stadium debut Saturday was the kind of performance that could poke holes in a young player’s confidence.

The Eagles’ four turnovers were their most since Nov. 7, 2015, when Addazio was forced to start walk-on John Fadule and the quarterback threw three interceptions and lost a fumble.

The Demon Deacons (2-0, 1-0 ACC) turned the giveaways into 17 points.

“We just threw ourselves out of the game,” Addazio said. “We would never have been out of that game had we not turned the ball over. Not in a million years. Wasn’t the way it was going to be. But they were unbelievable momentum killers and we paid the price for it.”

The Eagles’ issues started early.

Late in the first quarter, running back Jon Hilliman took a carry up the middle and was met by Wake free safety Cameron Glenn, who punched the ball loose. Glenn recovered, giving Wake possession at the BC 26.

Wake quickly capitalized, scoring five plays later on a 9-yard pass from John Wolford to Greg Dortch to go up 7-0.

From there, the snowball started.

On BC’s next drive, Brown tried to hit freshman wideout C.J. Lewis over the middle, but Lewis couldn’t hold on to it. Glenn was all over the tip drill, coming up with his second turnover.

The Eagles’ defense managed to force a three-and-out, but on a day when the ground game only mustered 142 yards, BC couldn’t generate any offense.

Meanwhile, Wolford connected on 13 of 19 attempts for 151 yards and a touchdown and rushed 20 times for 92 yards, including a 29-yard burst on a draw play in the second quarter that gave Wake a 14-0 lead.

Feeling their backs against the wall, the Eagles put together an eight-play, 57-yard scoring drive, capped by a 6-yard pass from Brown to Hilliman.

But just when the Eagles thought they had swung some of the momentum their way, they took a gut punch before the half.

On second and 4 with 1:43 left in the half, Brown tried to find Kobay White on a quick in route. His throw was high and behind White, who got his fingertips on it. As the ball helicoptered in the air, Wake cornerback Essang Bassey grabbed it and ran it back for a 30-yard pick-6 that put the Demon Deacons up, 21-7.

“Just better ball placement,” Brown said. “I’ve got to put the ball in a better spot.”

After watching Brown throw another pick in the third, Addazio turned to graduate junior Darius Wade.

“[Brown] looked a little uncomfortable from the get go, and that’s going to happen,” Addazio said. “It didn’t show up last week. It showed up in a little bit of a waterfall. It wasn’t really anything different. It wasn’t because of who we played. It wasn’t like that.”

But going forward, Brown still has the confidence of his coach and teammates.

“It’s college football,” said defensive end Harold Landry. “You’re going to have your bad days, you’re going to have your good days. Today just happened to be a bad day, and he knows that. He knows that we’re behind him. We’ve just got to get back to work — tomorrow.”

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BC will have to go the rest of the season without one of its vital leaders and the anchor of its offensive line. Senior center Jon Baker will be forced to sit with a torn ACL in his right knee.

Baker suffered the injury in BC’s opener last week at Northern Illinois.

“He’s a great kid, he’s got a lot of starts, he’s our captain,” Addazio said. “Pretty important piece to the puzzle, especially when you have a freshman quarterback playing. But that’s life and we’ve got to move on.”

Baker missed spring practice due to shoulder surgery, but was ready once the season opened, taking 91 of the Eagles 92 snaps against Northern Illinois.

Prior to the start of the season, Baker was voted captain along with defensive back Kamrin Moore. Charlie Callinan will fill Baker’s role as captain.

“Obviously it’s tough losing a leader,” said Moore. “It hurts, but we’ve got some young guys that are going to rally and we’re going to fight.”

Replacing Baker on the line will be a more complicated matter.

Freshman Alec Lindstrom filled in for the one play that Baker missed last week, but at just 260 pounds, Lindstrom stood the chance of being overmatched.

Redshirt freshman Shane Leonard, who starred at center at Marshfield High, had been out the past month with what the team listed as an upper-body injury. He returned to practice this week.

Ultimately Addazio called on 300-pound freshman Ben Petrula, who had never played a college game, let alone played center.

His inexperience showed Saturday. In the first quarter, with Brown in the shotgun, he sent a snap sailing past the freshman QB, who had to eat a 24-yard loss.



# BC notebook: Steve Addazio sticks with Anthony Brown at quarterback

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 12, 2017**

Boston College quarterback Anthony Brown received a vote of confidence from head coach Steve Addazio ahead of Saturday's home game against Notre Dame.

"Anthony is ready to rock and roll. He's our quarterback, and (we're) looking forward for him to get going," Addazio said yesterday. "He has a great attitude, he's got a great mindset, and he's off and running to a great week of preparation. We've got a great future with Anthony, so I couldn't be more fired up about him."

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound redshirt freshman is coming off a hard-luck performance in Saturday's 34-10 home loss to Wake Forest in the ACC opener.

In his second career start, Brown was 11-of-29 for 119 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. Brown's second pick was returned 30 yards for a touchdown by Wake Forest cornerback Essang Bassey and that put the Demon Deacons up 21-7 with 1:36 to play in the half.

Brown was benched in the third quarter and replaced by Darius Wade, who was equally ineffective against Wake Forest's stout secondary.

"I really liked a lot of the things I saw on the film," Addazio said. "(I) had to give (Brown) a chance to take a deep breath (and) press the pause button there for a minute, and we did that."

Two of Wake Forest's interceptions were tipped balls on intermediate passes that Addazio insisted should have been caught. Addazio claimed the third pick was his fault for sending in a bad play.

Center stage

Addazio generally was pleased with freshman offensive lineman Ben Petrula, who made his first career start at center as an emergency replacement against Wake Forest.

Petrula never had played center but was Addazio's best option to replace senior Jon Baker, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in BC's 23-20 victory against Northern Illinois on Sept. 1.

Baker was replaced for one down by freshman Alec Lindstrom and retuned to play the rest of the game against the Huskies. Baker elected to take a medical redshirt after being diagnosed with a torn ACL in his right knee.

"That's the position on the offense that has to make the protection calls," Addazio said. "On any offense, that's who does it."

Baker's usual backup Shane Leonard has been out the past three weeks because of an undisclosed ailment. Addazio said Leonard will begin doing restricted practice this week.

Addazio revealed that veteran left guard Sam Schmal missed practice and was replaced by right tackle John Phillips. West Virginia graduate transfer Marcell Lazard started at right tackle.

Kicked around

Last season Mike Knoll was successful in all three phases of the kicking game. Knoll made 12-of-14 field goals for an 85.7 percent success rate, tops in the ACC.

As the Eagles punter, Knoll led the ACC in punts attempted (94) and punt yardage (3,601) for an impressive 38.3 average. He also kicked off 55 times with 16 touchbacks.

Knoll still handles the punting duties, and he's doing better than last year. Knoll is averaging 40.6 yards on 16 punts with a long of 52, two touchbacks and seven fair catches.

Knoll lost the kicking job to Colton Lichtenberg, who is 4-of-4 on field goals including the game-winner against Northern Illinois with 2:13 to play. The kickoff duties now are handled by converted soccer star Max Schulze-Geisthovel, who has five touchbacks on nine kicks.

# Ben Petrula moves to the middle of Boston College offensive line

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 13, 2017**

As a high school guard in New Jersey, Boston College freshman center Ben Petrula forged a protective pact with Notre Dame quarterback Brandon Wimbush.

Petrula began fashioning a similar trust with BC redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown in last Saturday's 34-10 loss to Wake Forest.

Petrula will see his past and present competing on the same field Saturday when BC hosts rival Notre Dame in a nonconference clash at Alumni Stadium.

Petrula was the starting left guard at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J., when Wimbush guided the Marauders to the 2014 non-public Group 4 state championship.

"Brandon is an explosive player and a really good kid and was a really great leader for St. Peter's when I was there," Petrula said yesterday. "It will be awesome to play against him for the first time. He was a leader for me as a young guy starting for the first time. That was his year to shine, and we won a state championship with him as a senior.

"Like any other development on the field, you need mutual trust that you won't let each other down. You could count on him to make plays, and he could count on me to protect him, and that is how it went."

The ND-BC game will be a St. Peter's reunion, too. Eagles senior wide receiver and offensive captain Charlie Callinan and redshirt junior tailback Jon Hilliman played with Wimbush at SPP.

Petrula was rightly qualified to travel the St. Peter's pipeline to Chestnut Hill. The 6-foot-5, 300-pound Petrula was an NJ.com first-team all-state selection at left tackle his senior year and helped clear the way for an offense that registered nearly 3,000 rushing yards in 2016.

"Coach (Rich) Hansen was really a big part of me choosing BC," Petrula said. "I know it is a great school, and the Jesuit ideals match up with St. Peter's and Boston College."

Petrula enjoyed a productive rookie camp and emerged as the backup at two positions on a front with four returning starters. He showed the versatility to play either tackle or guard but never expected to find himself at center. That began falling into place three weeks ago when backup center Shane Leonard of Marshfield went down with an undisclosed injury.

BC's line was governed by senior center Jon Baker of Millis, who started 27 consecutive games and was elected a co-captain. But Baker tore his right ACL at Northern Illinois in the season opener despite playing all but one of the Eagles' 92 offensive snaps.

When Baker learned the diagnosis, he took a medical redshirt. BC coach Steve Addazio's best option was to move Petrula to center, a position he played for the first time last week.

"He was slotted to be the sixth and seventh linemen as a tackle," Addazio said of Petrula. "He's a talented guy who had a really great camp and . . . we lost two centers, bang, bang. We had to go to the next guy, and the next-best offensive lineman was Ben. We are getting ready to play some big men in there, and we need to get a big man in there ready to go."

# With Notre Dame in his blood, AJ Dillon takes family values to BC

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 15, 2017

From the time he was 6 years old, AJ Dillon can remember hearing the stories, gazing at the photos, watching the highlights, reading the press clippings reminding him that Notre Dame football ran through his bloodlines.

His grandfather, Thom Gatewood, was practically a walking monument for Fighting Irish football.

He was a pupil of legendary coach Ara Parseghian. He was the first black captain in Notre Dame history. He set school records for receptions both in a season and a career. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

“When I was growing up, he always had all his film from back in the Cotton Bowl, all these great games,” Dillon said. “But I didn’t really understand it.”

It didn’t truly sink in for Dillon until he started walking the same path.

Long before the 6-foot, 240-pound running back landed at Boston College, he was a recruit out of Lawrence Academy in Groton who was starting to pop up on the radar of high-profile programs across the country.

Notre Dame was one of them.

When Dillon went to South Bend for an unofficial visit his sophomore year, Gatewood was by his side.

As they walked around campus, coaches and professors alike waving and shaking hands with Gatewood, Dillon realized the fingerprints his grandfather had left on the Fighting Irish program.

“It was really cool to see the impact he had on a lot of people there,” Dillon said. “People would notice him and be like, ‘Hey, how you doing?’ Try to talk to him.

“I saw his name up there with their NFL players. I got pictures from his Hall of Fame induction. It was really nice to see, obviously, growing up, seeing all that film and then being able to go actually with him at Notre Dame and seeing that kind of real presence he has there.”

But since Dillon was a child, Gatewood wanted him to see that and more.

Football was a vehicle, but the destination was outside the lines.

“He’s seen my photos, he’s seen my video, but he’s also seen my plaques that say I was an Academic All-American,” Gatewood said. “He’s seen that I was a dean’s list student for every semester that I competed athletically.

“So those were the benchmarks that he used as a gauge, and that was my influence. Just really emphasize the balance. Sports is no extracurricular, it is part of the curriculum.”

Which is why when Dillon was being courted by Notre Dame, Michigan, and Boston College, Gatewood was there with a level head and a lifetime’s experience.

“My first advice was strictly offering availability, and availability of a credible source,” Gatewood said. “Having been through every level that he’s been to, I’ve already experienced it.

“His big goals are, one, to achieve academic success, become an All-American, go to the next level, and if he can get to the NFL, great. And if he can just continue having positive work going forward, that’s going to happen for him.

“So for me, I’ve just made that clear that he was being responsible enough to look at each stage, including post-graduation. What happens to AJ if AJ doesn’t go to the next level and the next level for you is a professional career in the workforce? Are you prepared? Are you going to make sure you choose a university where you’re going to get an education when all is said and done?”

Dillon’s decision was a difficult one. The family ties at Notre Dame tugged at him. The history at Michigan was undeniable. But the atmosphere at BC offered something important to him as a native New Englander, raised in New London, Conn.

“I really wanted to be present in this area and kind of go against the stigma about New England football,” Dillon said.

The sentiment grew deeper during his senior year, when a fractured fibula cut his season short. That forced Dillon to truly prioritize what mattered to him. As he recovered from the injury, surrounded by family, he realized how important home was.

“I really sat down,” Dillon said. “I called my grandfather a lot because I was kind of down about the injury. My grandfather, we had a long talk, probably like an hourlong talk.

“He was just really, really down to earth with me and said, ‘That’s football,’ pretty much. Essentially, in a nutshell.

“It’s not a forever thing. It’s one of those sports where you really have to think about the next 40 years. What are you going to get out of it? Any of the schools I would’ve gone to, Notre Dame, Michigan, Boston College, they’re all prestigious academic schools, but it was just something where I really wanted to be around the people that supported me all the way through all this.”

It was there when BC opened the season two weeks ago at Northern Illinois. Gatewood was in the stands. Before the game, he checked in to make sure Dillon was ready.

“He was concerned about things like, ‘Oh, I’ve been studying this playbook, and I want to make sure I don’t make any mistakes with this playbook,’ ” Gatewood said. “And I just tried to reinforce relaxation, being calm.

“I said, ‘If you feel really tight in that locker room before you go out the first time, just go off to yourself. Because you’ve got to rely on you first, then the team can rely on you.’

“But you can’t lead if you’re feeling nervous. They’re going to sense that. They’re going to read your body language.”

Dillon ran the ball five times for 20 yards in his first taste of college football. The next week against Wake Forest, he turned 15 carries into 43 yards. His role will increase as the season goes on.

From afar, Gatewood will have an eye on Saturday’s game at Alumni Stadium between the Eagles and the Irish, his allegiances split down the middle. He’s saving his first chance to see his grandson face his alma mater for South Bend.

But the model Gatewood laid out during his time at Notre Dame is one his grandson wants to follow at BC.

“That’s something I’m really trying to have,” Dillon said. “That’s something I aspire to be here at Boston College eventually. I’ve got a long way to go, but I’d like to be somebody who’s very influential here too.”

# Notre Dame quarterback Brandon Wimbush is latest dual-threat challenge to face Boston College

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 16, 2017

Boston College's defense struggled to contain dual-threat quarterbacks in consecutive games this season and the problem could get worse.

BC faces its third straight dual-threat QB as the Eagles (1-1) host Notre Dame (1-1) today at Alumni Stadium.

The Fighting Irish offense is directed by quarterback Brandon Wimbush, an athletic 6-foot-2, 228-pound junior who can beat a defense with the pass or the run.

Wimbush is third on the team in rushing with 107 net yards on 28 carries with two touchdowns in home games against Temple and Georgia. Wimbush has a 106.7 passer rating and he's completed 37-of-70 passes for 394 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

"Well, it helps that we have already prepared for two quarterback-run teams and that's what we've been involved with," said BC coach Steve Addazio.

"So I think that, in itself, helps us prepare for that. We've had some game reps and a whole bunch of practice reps. (The Fighting Irish) are not exactly the same as the other two, but there are some carryover principles.

"We understand that offense, but it doesn't make it any easier."

Wimbush was on Addazio's target list following his blue-chip career at St. Peters Prep in Jersey City, N.J. But Wimbush was a better fit for Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly's up tempo pro-style spread offense. Wimbush earned the starting job through athleticism and command of the playbook.

"We were hoping at that time we could get him here because we had great connections there," Addazio said.

"He is a blue chip player that was a national prospect. You are talking about a guy that can throw and run and has size and is a winner. I loved him coming out of high school and I wish we had a chance to get him here.

"But he is where he is and he's doing a heck of a job. We are where we are and we are going to square off."

The Eagles made four costly turnovers that included an interception that was returned for a touchdown in last Saturday's 34-10 loss to visiting Wake Forest.

But the bulk of Wake Forest's 309 yards of total offense were produced by wily senior quarterback Bobby Wolford.

He led the Deacons in rushing with 90 net yards on 20 carries that included a 29-yard scoring run on a QB draw that gave Wake Forest a 14-0 lead with 10:20 to play in the second quarter. He compounded BC's problems by completing 13-of-19 passes for 151 yards and a touchdown.

"That was a huge part of their offense," said Addazio.

BC's own dual-threat quarterback Anthony Brown is coming off a dreadful outing. The redshirt freshman, in his second career start, was 11-of-29 passing for 119 yards and a TD with three interceptions. Addazio benched Brown in the second half in favor of a more experienced Darius Wade.

"This guy is a heck of a player," Addazio said about Brown, "and we have a lot of confidence in him."

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THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown needs to establish a short and intermediate passing game early while protecting the football. Brown was intercepted three times, twice on tipped balls, in BC's loss to Wake Forest. The Irish have a deep veteran secondary.
2. BC's power tailbacks Jon Hilliman and A.J. Dillon need to start contributing on first down and provide Brown with favorable conditions to throw the ball downfield. The Irish rush defense has nothing to fear from an Eagles offense when the leading ball carrier is wide receiver Thadd Smith.

3. Defensive ends Harold Landry and Zack Allen must bring pressure and contain ND junior quarterback Brandon Wimbush in the pocket. Wimbush is a gifted scrambler who can buy time for his receivers and it a threat to run on any down and distance.

## **Boston College run over by Notre Dame**

### **Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 17, 2017**

Notre Dame's Brandon Wimbush enjoyed a record-breaking performance against a Boston College defense that struggles with dual-threat quarterbacks.

The junior set an ND rushing record for a quarterback with 207 yards and four touchdowns on 21 carries in a 49-20 win before 44,500 yesterday at Alumni Stadium.

The Eagles fell to 1-2 on the season, and ND upped its record to 15-9 in the rivalry. BC will face defending national champion Clemson next Saturday.

"He is a dual-threat guy and you have to stay on him," said BC free safety Lukas Denis, who recorded his second interception of the season.

"You have to stay true to your ability. . . . But guys like that can get out of the pocket and run around. That's something he excels at and we have to be more disciplined to stop that in the future."

Notre Dame's rushing offense was not confined to Wimbush. The Irish (2-1) rolled up 515 yards on the ground that included chunk runs of 65 and 64 yards by tailback Josh Adams and a 65-yard touchdown dash by Wimbush. The BC record for rushing yards allowed is 516, set by Army in 2012.

Adams blitzed the BC defense for a career-high 229 yards on 18 carries to become the 17th Notre Dame back to break 2,000 yards in a career. The Irish equaled the school record with seven rushing touchdowns and recorded their most rushing yards since rolling up 597 on Navy in 1969.

Adams and Wimbush became the first modern Fighting Irish tandem to rush over 200 yards in a game.

"We let up to many big runs," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "We got out of our gaps and we didn't tackle well at the second level and there were a couple of times the safety should have fit the runs in there. . . . Our cow bell was defense and we don't give up rushing yards like that and we let it up on big plays. It's not like when you get ground pounded to death. (We) just let up big runs and that's what happened here."

BC's problems against the Irish ground game began in practice on Thursday when linebacker Connor Strachan, the Eagles' leading tackler in 2016, was sidelined for an indefinite period with a lingering knee injury.

"He's one of the top three players on our football team, so of course there was an effect," said Addazio.

The BC offense gave a balanced effort and kept the team in contention until the contest went decidedly Notre Dame's way late in the third quarter.

ND outscored BC 35-10 in the second half that included a pair of garbage time touchdown runs by Dexter Williams in the fourth quarter.

BC redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown bounced back from his disastrous, three-interception performance in home loss to Wake Forest earlier this month. Brown completed 24-of-40 passes for a career-high 215 yards that included touchdown tosses of 22 and 13 yards to senior receiver Charlie Callinan.

Junior tailback Jon Hilliman plowed for a season-high 122 yards on 22 carries. The BC offense amassed a season-high 400 yards of total offense and enjoyed a 22-19 advantage in first downs.

"(Brown) bounced right back against a marquee opponent in a big-time atmosphere and performed," said Addazio.

Notre Dame's third big run of the game led to a 20-13 lead with 5:04 to play in the third. Wimbush rolled right and raced 46 yards to the BC 6-yard line. Adams punched it in from the 1 for his third of the season.

The Irish took quick advantage of a Brown interception to take a 28-13 lead with 2:38 to play in the third. Adams opened the drive with a 36-yard run to the BC 39. Wimbush followed with a 33-yard toss to tight end Durham Smythe to the BC 6. Wimbush scored from the 3 on a rollout right, his third of the game.

## **Irish run all over the Eagles in rout**

### **Keith Pearson | Boston Herald | September 17, 2017**

Football has been played at Notre Dame since 1887 and through all the years it is believed the Fighting Irish never had one game in which two teammates each ran for 200 yards.

That all changed yesterday as Notre Dame ran through and around Boston College, with running back Josh Adams carrying the ball 18 times for 229 yards and quarterback Brandon Wimbush, who was mostly ineffective as a passer, rushing for 207 yards, most ever for an Irish signal caller, and four touchdowns in 21 attempts.

“We were just told that after the game,” Adams said of the record. “A lot of that credit goes to the offensive line for dominating and mandating their will on the other team. It’s definitely a blessing. It’s exciting to have. It’s definitely an honor, especially being at the University of Notre Dame and all the guys that came before us.”

All the running around produced a 49-20 Notre Dame victory in which all seven of its TDs came on the ground. The Irish averaged 10.1 yards per carry, a modern era record besting a 1942 contest against Naval Station Great Lakes, as 51 attempts produced 515 yards.

That number fell 1 yard shy of the most ever allowed by the Eagles. They were carved up in a 2012 loss to Army, which had three players break the century mark.

Adams and Wimbush had five runs of at least 35 yards, taking full advantage of an Eagles defense that was missing linebacker Connor Strachan (knee).

The Eagles found themselves in a 14-10 halftime deficit largely because of a pair of long Adams runs that set up Wimbush touchdowns. The first came on third-and-2 when Wimbush faked a handoff to the wide receiver in motion and gave the ball to Adams, who ripped off a 65-yard gain to the BC 2.

“(BC is a) very aggressive group, downhill linebackers, and we wanted to create a little misdirection and pull,” Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. “That’s a play we use against certain defenses that (are) very aggressive to the line of scrimmage.”

The second Adams burst was a read option in which the offensive line opened a hole and there were no maroon jerseys in the second level until Isaac Yiadom caught up to him at the 17.

The 129 yards generated by those two plays represented nearly half of Notre Dame’s 271 yards of total yards in the first half.

The yards were easier to come by in the second half for the Irish as the offensive line wore out the Eagles in the trenches opening bigger holes.



## **Notre Dame runs over BC**

### **Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 17, 2017**

When Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly sent his punt team onto the field for a fourth and 3 with under a minute left, it felt like an act of mercy.

Up by 29 after piling up a staggering 515 yards on the ground, Notre Dame was at an awkward crossroad between letting the clock tick down on their second win or squeezing out a few more rushing yards and setting a record for the most ever against Boston College.

There was no evidence that the Irish couldn't pick up the yardage Saturday. They hadn't had a run for fewer than 3 yards the entire fourth quarter.

But Notre Dame punter Tyler Newsome kicked it away. The Irish let the final seconds of their 49-20 win tick away knowing they had dismantled the heart of the Eagles — their defense — chunk by chunk in front of a sold-out crowd of 44,500 fans at Alumni Stadium.

“Our endurance — mental and physical endurance — was just a little bit better than theirs today and we were able to break them and it's hard to do,” Kelly said.

Box score: Notre Dame 49, BC 20

Notre Dame was 1 rushing yard shy of matching the most gained against BC (516 by Army in 2012), tying the 515 gained by the 1985 Army team. It was the most the Irish had racked up since they ran for 597 against Navy in 1969.

The Irish averaged 10.1 yards per carry and found the end zone seven times on the ground.

The Irish (2-1) rattled off six runs of at least 35 yards and three of them went for 60-plus. BC (1-2) had only allowed one run longer than 29 yards in their first two games.

“Our bell cow was defense,” said BC coach Steve Addazio. “And we don't give up rushing yards like that. And we let it up on big plays. It wasn't like when you get pounded to death. Just let up big runs. That's what happened here. We don't do that, but we did.”

Notre Dame's junior running back Josh Adams piled up 229 yards on 18 carries.

Boston College cornerback Isaac Yiadom racked up at least 100 yards trying to chase him down.

In the first quarter, on third and 2 from the Notre Dame 33, Adams broke loose and rumbled for 65 yards before Yiadom chased him down at the 2.

The run set up an easy 2-yard touchdown run for Irish quarterback Brandon Wimbush that put the Irish up, 7-3.

Wimbush found the end zone three more times and finished with 207 yards on the ground. He was 11-for-24 passing for 96 yards.

The Eagles were able to respond in the second quarter, regaining the lead on a 22-yard touchdown pass from redshirt freshman Anthony Brown to fifth-year senior Charlie Callinan that put them back up, 10-7.

Brown was 24-of-40 passing for 215 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions. Callinan had a career-high seven catches for 82 yards and two touchdowns.

The Eagles had Notre Dame pinned at the 8-yard line with 3:52 left in the half. Adams gave the Irish breathing room with an 11-yard run.

Two plays later, he carried the Irish all the way to the red zone, breaking through a crater-sized hole for 64 yards.

Again, the only thing keeping him from the end zone was Yiadom, who tracked him down at the 17.

Four plays later, Wimbush finished the drive with a 1-yard sneak that put the Irish on top again, 14-10.

“It's back-breaking,” Addazio said.

But the Eagles still had life in the third quarter. They caught a break when Wimbush fumbled on Notre Dame's 32 on first possession of the second half. They were able to cash it in for a field goal by Colton Lichtenberg from 41 yards out.

They forced the Irish into a three-and-out on the next possession, got the ball back, and drove 24 yards to the Notre Dame 30. But facing fourth and 1, junior running back Jonathan Hilliman (22 carries, 122 yards) was stuffed for no gain.

From that point on, the Eagles couldn't stop things from snowballing.

The Irish ran for 297 yards in the second half. The Eagles only allowed 290 rushing yards combined in their first two games.

Notre Dame's Dexter Williams added two scores in the fourth quarter.

The Irish ran away with their sixth straight win in the Holy War rivalry, but BC came away with bigger concerns.

After taking one on the chin in a 34-10 loss to Wake Forest last week, then being overwhelmed by Notre Dame, they're now staring at a terrifying matchup against No. 3 Clemson in Death Valley next Saturday.

"The thing about the season — as a older player I understand — the season is cruel and unforgiving," Hilliman said. "And we've got Clemson next week and they're Top 5 in the country. They really don't care. They don't care at all. So we've got to figure it out. We've got to figure it out quick.

"The ballers will step forward. That's the best way I can think about it. The guys who love football, the guys who understand leaders, have to lead. And the ballers will step forward. Guys who are imposters, they'll make their way to the back."

# Ex-QB Jeff Smith maps out Clemson trip for Boston College teammate Anthony Brown

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 21, 2017**

Boston College wide receiver Jeff Smith knows what awaits redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown when the Eagles face defending national champion and No. 2 ranked Clemson Saturday afternoon at the stadium known as Death Valley.

“I had spoken to Anthony a couple of times about what he can happen and I told him, ‘I was in the exact same spot you are in now,’ ” Smith said following practice yesterday at Alumni Stadium. “I told him how loud it could get, but he has definitely grown over the past couple of weeks and I think he will do fine.”

Smith is now BC’s deep threat, but he was recruited out of Clearwater (Fla.) Central Catholic High in 2015 to play quarterback at the Heights. He began training camp as a freshman with the intention of learning the system as a redshirt. He was, after all, third on the depth chart behind Darius Wade and Troy Flutie.

But as an October encounter with then-No. 3 Clemson approached, the quarterback depth chart was turned upside down. Wade suffered a broken ankle in the second quarter of a 14-0 loss to Florida State in Week 3 and was lost for the season. Flutie enjoyed initial success with a 17-14 win over Northern Illinois the following week. The offense then sputtered in a 9-7 loss at Duke and collapsed in a 3-0 home setback against Wake Forest, prompting BC coach Steve Addazio to change quarterbacks. Addazio informed Smith that he would make his first college start in Clemson’s loud, unforgiving home stadium.

“I was able to focus on what I needed to learn throughout the week and that kind of calmed me down,” Smith said. “By that point, I was ready for the game.”

Smith held up fine against the then-defending Atlantic Coast Conference champions. He threw for one touchdown and ran for another in a 34-17 loss, and emerged from the match convinced he could compete at the FBS level.

“I had my first completion on my first drive and I got hit on that same play,” Smith said. “That settled me down and kept the pace going for me for the rest of the game.”

Smith was in a more precarious position in his start at Clemson than Brown, who had a year to learn the system behind graduate transfer Patrick Towles and has FBS starts against Northern Illinois, Wake Forest and Notre Dame.

But he values the been-there, done-that input from his teammate.

Said Brown: “I asked him how he handled it and he said, ‘It will be hectic but it’s doable.’ He trusts in me and he believes in me and he feels that I can do it.”

# Scary thought for BC: Clemson might be even better this year

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 21, 2017

The way Clemson dismantled No. 14 Louisville last week — wreaking havoc on reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson with four sacks, piling up 613 total yards, and blowing out a high-powered ACC rival in a 47-21 win — sparked thoughts about just how scary the defending national champions could be this season.

But Clemson coach Dabo Swinney's memory isn't that short.

It was only a week earlier when the Tigers outlasted No. 13 Auburn in a 14-6 slugfest in which yards were hard to come by and their defense had to impose its will with a staggering 11 sacks.

So now that there's growing buzz about whether this Clemson team could be better than the one that went 14-1 and toppled mighty Alabama on the way to its first national title since 1981, Swinney is the first one to pump the brakes.

"Oh, shoot, we've played three games," Swinney said. "And I would answer that question just like I would answer last year after three games. Everybody wanted to know what was wrong with our team and we're not a good team.

"My answer then is the same it is now: We've played three games, and we're 3-0, and that's where we want to be. We've got a long way to go.

"Same thing for this team. Three games don't make a season. We're happy where we are, but we've got a long way. We've got a lot of improving to do."

But through three weeks, the Tigers have answered many of the questions that came as soon as they brought the championship back to South Carolina.

- How do you replace a quarterback like two-time Heisman Trophy candidate Deshaun Watson, who left Clemson with the second-most yards and touchdowns in school history?

With dynamic junior quarterback Kelly Bryant, who in three games has thrown for 733 yards, completed 68.8 percent of his passes, and thrown for two touchdowns and run for five more, assuring that the keys to the offense are in safe hands.

"You can tell that he totally understands the offense," said Boston College coach Steve Addazio. "He has great command of the offense. He's an outstanding runner, and he throws the ball extremely well. I think it's a very talented player."

- How do you fill the void left by Wayne Gallman, the fifth-ranked rusher in school history?

With the duo of redshirt junior C.J. Fuller, who found the end zone twice in his debut as a starter against Kent State, and freshman Travis Etienne, who has turned just 14 carries into 179 yards and two scores.

- How do you restock a defense that had seven players taken in the NFL draft in April?

By building around a menacing defensive line that was critical in the Fiesta Bowl win last season. All-America tackles Dexter Lawrence and Christian Wilkins were already the backbone of the line, along with end Clelin Ferrell. But in his first year as a starter, end Austin Bryant put himself on the map by tying the school record for sacks with four against Auburn.

Put it all together, and you get the only team in the country that already has knocked off two Top 25 opponents.

The Tigers have another top-25 test next week against Virginia Tech, and it would be easy to overlook a BC team that's coming off back-to-back lopsided losses at home.

But Swinney said he doesn't buy into the idea of a trap game.

"I believe this is the biggest game of the year, and that's the mind-set," he said. "I understand that that happens in athletics if you don't have the right culture, you don't have the right mind-set.

"Boston College can come in here and beat us, and if they beat us, it's because they beat us, not because we're looking ahead. It's because we didn't play well.

"There's a sense of urgency every single day, and you have to have a great appreciation for winning and what it takes. You've got to be willing to buy into that, week in and week out.

"I think that mind-set has allowed us to be very consistent, and you know, we've lost games, but I don't . . . it's not because we were looking ahead. It means we either didn't play well or that team just whooped our butt. Simple as that."

The Tigers have won six straight against the Eagles. BC hasn't won in Death Valley since 2007. The Eagles go in knowing that a team that's already frightening is only thinking about getting better.

"We have a long way to go," Swinney said. "September is not the time to be talking about, you know, if we're . . . who we are compared to past teams and so forth."

"We're just a team trying to earn our way right now, and we're good enough to beat people, but we're not good enough to just show up. We're capable of getting beat each and every week by any of these people on our schedule."

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Swinney announced that junior kicker Greg Huegel will miss the rest of the season after tearing his ACL on the last play of Wednesday's practice. Junior Alex Spence will handle the Tigers' kicking duties Saturday.

# BC finally wears down in loss to Clemson

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 23, 2017

CLEMSON, S.C. — For a few surreal moments, after Boston College running back A.J. Dillon plowed through a pile of bodies to punch in a 1-yard touchdown late in the third quarter, the sea of 81,500 orange-clad fans at Clemson Memorial Stadium was uncomfortably quiet, taking in the thought of the impossible unfolding in front of their eyes.

After Dillon's score, the defending national champion Clemson Tigers found themselves knotted in a 7-7 game as the fourth quarter approached with a BC team that came in as a 34-point underdog and was supposed to go into Death Valley as, more or less, a sacrificial lamb.

The entire stadium was trying to make sense of it.

"The only people you could hear was our fans down here screaming for us," BC defensive end Harold Landry said. "You could definitely tell that we had them right where we wanted them."

The Eagles had lost to eight straight ranked teams since 2014. They had only beaten one ranked team since 2008. They hadn't beaten Clemson since 2007.

The decibel level didn't spike again until early in the fourth quarter when the Tigers put together a 10-play, 67-yard scoring drive propped up by a 23-yard pass from quarterback Kelly Bryant to sophomore receiver Diondre Overton and capped by a 6-yard touchdown run by Adam Choice.

About six minutes later, when freshman running back Travis Etienne shed a tackler and broke away for a 50-yard TD, everyone in orange could exhale.

A defensive slugfest ultimately panned out as the lopsided loss it was expected to be as Clemson rattled off 27 points in the fourth quarter against a drained BC defense and ran away with a 34-7 win.

The Tigers remained perfect to start the season, winning their fourth straight game. The Eagles dropped their third straight game and fell to 1-3 (0-2 in the ACC).

After Notre Dame ran roughshod over the Eagles last week, BC's defense was determined to redeem itself against the No. 2 team in the country.

"We knew coming in it was going to be a big-time game and I think our defense — we love this moment, we love when the pressure is on," said Landry.

They set the tone with pad-popping hits and never let Bryant, Clemson's electric quarterback, get comfortable, intercepting two of his passes, sacking him twice, hurrying him once, and breaking up four more of his throws.

Lukas Denis made 12 tackles and came up with his third interception of the season. Isaac Yiadom made eight tackles and picked off his first pass of the year.

After watching Notre Dame run for a staggering 515 yards on the Eagles, Clemson pounded the ball on the ground with 58 rush attempts.

By the fourth quarter, an already thin BC defense was running on fumes and leaning on players with little experience. Already missing senior linebacker Connor Strachan, the Eagles lost sophomore linebacker Max Richardson after he went down with a knee injury in the second quarter, which forced redshirt freshman John Lamot to step in.

Bryant had to grind to complete 17 of 26 passes for 140 yards. But he rushed for 106 yards and two TDs, including a 4-yard score in the fourth that made it 27-7.

Etienne (nine carries, 113 yards, two touchdowns) tacked on another 10-yard touchdown with 52 seconds left to pad the lead.

The Eagles suffered their third straight 20-point loss. They've lost seven of their last 15 games by 20 or more going back to last season.

"We battled hard, we were physical, we wanted to drag them into the fourth quarter — we dragged them into the fourth quarter," BC coach Steve Addazio said.

Down by just a touchdown going into the half, the Eagles never saw the avalanche coming.

The Eagles' defense was in a staredown with the Tigers, and by and large refused to flinch. The bulk of the Tigers' 222 total first-half yards came in the opening quarter on a scoring drive that saw Clemson gash the Eagles for 94 yards on the ground, capped by an 11-yard touchdown run by Bryant.

BC's offense couldn't capitalize on the turnovers its defense gifted them. After Denis's pick in the first quarter, Eagles kicker Colton Lichtenberg missed a 43-yard field goal attempt off the right upright (his first miss of the season). When Yiadom came up with another interception in the third quarter that set the Eagles up at their 34, the Eagles mustered 30 yards on six plays before punting the ball away.

"To take down the No. 2 team in the country, you've got to take advantage of those opportunities," said Landry. "All of them. As many as you can get, you've got to take advantage of them."

Once again the Eagles tried to take away the positives from a lopsided loss. But what makes it more difficult this time is watching the injuries pile up.

With Jon Baker (knee), Strachan (knee), and Charlie Callinan (foot) already out prior to the game, the Eagles then lost Richardson and lineman Aaron Monteiro (lower body injury). Also, quarterback Anthony Brown left the game in the fourth quarter with an undisclosed injury.

"I'm very, very concerned right now, with the amount of injuries we have right now and what we just took in this game," Addazio said. "I don't know the extent of them right now. I just have to get my arms around where we are. It seems like every week, we have to restart something."

# Eagles face daunting challenge in Death Valley

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 23, 2017

Coming off consecutive 20-point losses at home, the message in Boston College's locker room has been to rely on the strength of a short memory.

But the Eagles had no sooner turned the page on a 49-20 loss to Notre Dame last week when they found themselves staring down the daunting challenge of confronting the defending national champion Clemson Tigers.

Making matters even more difficult, BC faced the enormous task of going into Death Valley on Saturday and taking on the second-ranked and arguably the most dangerous college team in the country.

Game planning for a Tigers offense that amassed 613 yards total offense against No. 14 Louisville last week will be one thing.

But bracing for that challenge with a roster of 43 freshmen and redshirt freshmen — including quarterback Anthony Brown — in one of the most hostile environments in the Atlantic Coast Conference will be another.

Scary thought for BC: Clemson might be better this year

Redshirt freshman receiver Kobay White said some of the veterans tried to give him an idea of what to expect on the trip to Clemson.

"Some of the older receivers were telling me it's the craziest place they've played at," White said. "They told me there's nothing you can really do to prepare for it. You've just got to go in and be focused.

"It's going to be a really loud environment. So I want to be prepared, because I heard their fans are really loud. So you want to make sure to know all your assignments and you want to know all your details. Because I feel like when you play a team this good, details will get you beat."

The Eagles have lost eight straight games to ranked opponents since 2014. They haven't beaten Clemson since 2007. So BC is not likely to be much of a measuring-stick game for the Tigers.

After absorbing 20-point losses against Wake Forest and Notre Dame, giving them six 20-point setbacks in their last 16 games, the Eagles will have to show some resiliency.

"I think you don't have a problem getting your team's attention for weeks like these," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "That's not the case. What you want to make sure you do is make sure you have their attention and focus, keep it in the right vein, make sure that every game has unbelievable importance levels, be able to hit the stride with that, not try to ride the roller coaster week in and week out of this team is up here, this team is over here."

Last week, Notre Dame nearly set a record for rushing yards against the Eagles when they piled up 515 on the ground. Clemson ran for 297 yards last week against Louisville and 366 yards in their opener against Kent State, with the bulk of the production coming from quarterback Kelly Bryant, who's run for five touchdowns and 162 yards through the Tigers' first three games.

Addazio's first step in addressing the Eagles' issues on defense was making some dramatic personnel changes. He started with the shift of running back Davon Jones to linebacker to give the Eagles more depth after losing strongside linebacker Connor Strachan to injury.

Strategically, Addazio said Notre Dame was able to break off six runs of at least 30 yards (including three 60-yarders) because of missed gap assignments by linebackers and defensive backs.

"When you watch the tape, you're like, 'Wow,'" Addazio said. "But on seven plays, we had a breakdown of someone not being in the right gap or when a play hit the second level, we didn't tackle well in the back end. And so that 12-yard game became a 60-yard game."

Junior defensive tackle Ray Smith said those chunk plays fell upon the shoulders of the entire defense.

"It [stinks]," Smith said. "I can't say everyone's happy about it. We're just working hard so it doesn't happen again. It's something you don't want to repeat. I wouldn't put it on anyone specifically. I think I know I could've held a better anchor. I know [defensive tackle] Noa Merritt could've held a better anchor. As a defensive line, we could've played better and if we played better, then the linebackers would've played better, secondary would've played better."

"So I think you can't really put it on the secondary. You can't really put it on anyone. It's a whole team effort no matter how you look at it."

In terms of an opportunity to bounce back, the Eagles will have to do it against a brick wall this week. But their focus is on improving.

"We just have to finish," White said. "I think we played really good as a team this past Saturday, even though the score kind of didn't end like that. But we just have to keep taking the strides, because we are getting better. It's just detail."

"We have to maintain the detail all four quarters, because if you don't do it then that's exactly what happens."



# No. 2-ranked Clemson will not be taking Boston College lightly

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 23, 2017

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney does not believe in trap games and that means trouble for Boston College.

Swinney insisted the Clemson machine will be on high alert when the No. 2-ranked Tigers host the Eagles in an Atlantic Coast Conference match today at Memorial Stadium.

“No, I don’t believe in them,” said Swinney during the ACC coaches conference call on Wednesday. “I believe this is the biggest game of the year and that’s the mindset. For us every game is the biggest game of the year. That’s just the mindset that we go into our week with and we don’t do anything different. We don’t practice any differently for Kent State or Florida State or Boston College or Virginia Tech or whoever.”

The Las Vegas oddsmakers made BC a 34-point underdog, a bloated number justified by last Saturday’s 49-20 mauling by Notre Dame.

Clemson rolled to a 47-21 victory over Louisville last Saturday in a key Atlantic Division clash. The Tigers physically dominated the Cardinals and neutralized Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner.

BC’s spot on Clemson’s schedule sits between the Tigers’ two biggest games. They travel to Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va., next week for a clash with reigning Coastal Division champ Virginia Tech. The contest could be a prelude to the ACC title game on Dec. 2 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. The Tigers defeated the Hokies in last year’s ACC championship game and went on to upset Alabama for the NCAA title.

“I understand that (upsets) happen in athletics, if you don’t have the right culture and you don’t have the right mindset,” Swinney said. “If Boston College comes in here and beats us and if they beat us it is because they beat us and not because we are looking ahead. There’s a sense of urgency every single day and you have to have a great appreciation of winning and what it takes. So we are just dialed in on this one.

“We don’t ever look ahead and we don’t look back either. We fix our eyes on what’s right here right now. That’s all we are worried about.”

The person most worried about this mismatch is BC coach Steve Addazio, who can’t afford a third straight lopsided loss. BC committed four turnovers in a 34-10 ACC setback to Wake Forest at Alumni Stadium on Sept. 9. BC gave up 308 rushing yards on six plays in the debacle with Notre Dame last weekend.

Clemson has outscored its opponents 117-30 and outgained them 1,559 to 670 in total offense. The Tigers are led by junior quarterback Kelly Bryant, who compares favorably to predecessor Deshaun Watson, the starting rookie quarterback of the Houston Texans.

Bryant is a classic ACC dual threat quarterback that brings remarkable balance to the Tigers offense. Clemson averaged 248.7 rushing yards and 271 passing yards per game with 77 first downs and a stellar 53 percent success rate on third down.

“This is an unbelievable football team with great fundamentals, play with energy, play with passion,” said Addazio. “They are schematically well put together in all three phases.”

3:30 p.m. — Memorial Stadium, Clemson, S.C.

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## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

Boston College notebook: Defense tries to limit big plays

1. The Eagles’ only chance of competing with Clemson is to eliminate the turnovers (four) that undermined their loss to Wake Forest and the huge chunk run plays that cost them against Notre Dame.
2. The BC defense has to contain Clemson in the Tigers’ end of the stadium and keep them out of the red zone. In 10 trips inside the opponents’ red zone this season, the Tigers have scored eight touchdowns with one field goal.
3. BC redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown must block out the unyielding crowd noise in Death Valley. Brown must use all of his receivers and not overly target split ends Michael Walker and Kobay White.

# BC runs out of gas in loss to Clemson

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Tigers wear down BC defense in 4th

CLEMSON, S.C. — Boston College's plan against second-ranked Clemson was to take the game into the fourth quarter and hope for a break.

The Eagles defense accomplished the former only to see all the breaks go Clemson's way at the end. The defending national champion Tigers scored 27 points in the fourth quarter and 20 inside the final six minutes in a 34-7 victory over BC yesterday at Memorial Stadium.

BC fell to 1-3 on the season and will host Central Michigan on Saturday at Alumni Stadium. Clemson improved to 4-0 in will take on Virginia Tech in a huge ACC showdown at Lane Stadium.

"I would rather focus on what we did in the belly of the game," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "This was the No. 2 team in the country and we took them late into the fourth quarter and our kids played their tails off and that is the story line of the game.

"We went after them with everything we had and we made plays on offense and made plays on defense and I was proud of the way our kids fought."

The two teams entered the game from opposite extremes. Clemson scored a convincing 42-21 victory over No. 14 Louisville last weekend where Tigers quarterback Kelly Bryant outplayed the Cardinals Lamar Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner.

BC entered Death Valley following an embarrassing 49-20 loss to Notre Dame where the Irish rushed for 515 yards, 308 of which came on six plays.

The Eagles defense struggled against dual-threat quarterbacks in consecutive losses to Wake Forest and Notre Dame but managed to contain Bryant until late.

Bryant netted 106 rushing yards on 22 attempts and was 17-of-26 passing for 140 yards with two interceptions. Clemson recorded 218 of its 482 yards of offense in the fourth quarter. BC safety Lukas Denis led the Eagles with 13 tackles, nine solo tackles with a forced fumble and an interception.

"We focused this week on containing (Bryant) as much as possible," said defensive end Harold Landry. "We contained him in the back end and we contained him in the rush."

BC's defense took advantage of the favorable field position provided by punter Mike Knoll. Clemson began five drives inside its 10 and was forced to punt six times.

The Tigers scored first on a 94-yard, 13-play drive in the second quarter that was extended 12 yards on an advanced fumble by guard Taylor Hearn. Bryan capped the drive with an 11-yard sweep.

BC tied the game 7-7 with 3:30 to play in the third on a short drive executed by redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown. Freshman tailback A.J. Dillon scored his first career touchdown on a 1-yard dive.

Clemson regained the lead with a 10-play, 67-yard drive. A 52-yard punt return by Ray-Ray McLeod set up Clemson's third score. Freshman tailback Travis Etienne made it 27-7 on a 50-yard run. He added a 10-yarder with 50 seconds to go.

# Banged-up Boston College football team pays price for physical encounter with Clemson

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 25, 2017

CLEMSON, S.C. — The training room is getting crowded at Boston College.

The Eagles played No. 2 Clemson physically in Saturday's 34-7 loss at Memorial Stadium and paid the price. BC added two key players, left offensive tackle Aaron Monteiro (lower body) and middle linebacker Max Richardson (knee), to its list of injured starters on a team with depth issues.

Also, redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown exited late in the fourth quarter with an undisclosed condition. Coach Steve Addazio said the move was precautionary.

BC went into Death Valley without center Jon Baker (knee), outside linebacker and leading tackler Connor Strachan (knee) and wide receiver Charlie Callinan (knee). Baker, Strachan and Callinan have appeared in a combined 116 games with 78 starts.

Addazio must account for all the fallen regulars as he prepares the Eagles, who are 1-3 overall and 0-2 in the ACC, to face Central Michigan in a nonleague matchup on Saturday at Alumni Stadium.

"I am very concerned right now with the amount of injuries that we have and what we just took in this game," Addazio said. "I don't know the extent of them right now but we are losing an incredible amount of starters right now. That is a big concern that I have right now and I have to get my arms around where we are. It seems like every week we have to restart something. I have to figure out the extent of these right now."

Strachan and Richardson were part of a complex switch at linebacker. Last season, Strachan was the mike linebacker and he led the team with 80 tackles despite missing a game. Addazio decided to shift Strachan to the strong side to replace Matt Milano, a fifth-round NFL draft pick of the Buffalo Bills. Addazio made the move when Richardson showed he could play the mike in training camp.

Kevin Bletzer made his first career start in place of Strachan against Notre Dame and had four assisted tackles. Bletzer showed improvement against Clemson with three solo tackles, three assisted ones, a half-sack and a forced fumble.

Derek Dumais will be in the middle of all the noise when UMass kicks off against Tennessee today.

"I built off my first career start to get better," Bletzer said. "You just have to show up and play and correct mistakes I made and fix everything I could fix. I always wanted to start and play football here, so it's a dream come true."

Richardson had four solo tackles and three assists before being helped off the field late in the second quarter. Freshman John Lamot replaced Richardson and assisted on seven tackles in his first action at middle linebacker.

"The key right now is having enough guys to come out of this thing and take that experience and what we've been able to gain and able to do," Addazio said. "That is something to be told. I don't have an answer for that."

# Steve Addazio encouraged by BC's performance vs. Clemson

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Boston College coach Steve Addazio is not discouraged after three successive losses. In fact, Addazio believes there is reason for optimism, based partly on the Eagles' performance in the first three quarters of a 34-7 loss to Clemson on Saturday.

"I think we have the development right now of a really good team," Addazio said Monday. "We've got to go out now and that's got to manifest itself."

Part of BC's fate could be determined by the recovery of several players, as the Eagles (1-3) prepare to play host to Central Michigan in a nonconference game at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The status of injured players, including offensive tackle Aaron Monteiro (lower body) and linebacker Max Richardson (knee), who went down against Clemson, has not been determined.

Addazio said BC followed the game plan to near-perfection before surrendering 27 points in the final quarter.

"Our deal was, go down there and hit them in the face," Addazio said. "Play a real physical game, play great on defense, make them go the long field and be able to run the football. We did that. We [would have] a handful of opportunities in the throw game and we need to capitalize.

"We had pretty good field position — the last thing you want to do is have poor field position against that team. We accomplished that.

"A lot of things we set out to do we accomplished. Not the ultimate one, which was to win the game. Our goal was drag them into the fourth quarter and then, at that point, it's anybody's game.

"We did that. We [dragged] them pretty deep into the fourth quarter. Fatigue set in just a little bit on us and caught us."

BC has won all three meetings with Central Michigan (2-2), which has lost two consecutive games.

"What's really important here is we continue to develop," Addazio said. "Our goal is to get better every day and every week.

"Some [teams] are playing lesser teams; we're not doing that. In the same vein, that's going to help our team. I think we're getting better.

"Each week, we've got to go out and play at the highest level we're going to play against. We have to come out on fire, and I anticipate that we will.

# BC notebook: Injuries turn offensive line into revolving door

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 26, 2017

One of the reasons Boston College coach Steve Addazio cited for cancelling the 2015 spring football game was an insufficient number of offensive linemen to fill two rosters.

Finding and signing offensive linemen became a top priority for the BC coaching staff. That commitment to restocking the front should get the Eagles offense through Saturday's game against Central Michigan at Alumni Stadium.

"So let's keep our fingers crossed and hope we can keep some continuity there," Addazio said yesterday. "We had a lot of moving parts, but we've lost some of those moving parts right now as you know. Your moving parts are starting to shrink."

Ironically, the offensive line's problems began April 6 in the spring game when starting left guard Elijah Johnson suffered a knee injury. Senior Jon Baker, who began the season on the Rimington Award watch list as one of the nation's top centers, suffered a torn ACL at Northern Illinois on Sept. 1.

Baker's backup, Shane Leonard, has been out since training camp with a knee injury and is not ready to return. Addazio was forced to use freshman Ben Petrula for Baker even though he played only guard and tackle in high school.

Addazio could move left guard John Phillips to left tackle if Monteiro can't dress. Junior Sam Schmal, who played in 11 games last season, could play either left guard or left tackle.

Right tackle Marcell Lazard, a graduate transfer from West Virginia, has not performed up to expectations, while Chris Lindstrom of Dudley has been rock solid at right guard. Lazard made starts at both tackle positions for the Mountaineers.

Denis the menace

BC sent outstanding safeties Justin Simmons (Broncos) and John Johnson (Rams) to the NFL the past two seasons and junior Lukas Denis of Everett is building a case to be next.

Denis was all over the field in run support and pass coverage against the mighty Clemson offense. He led the Eagles with nine solo tackles and four assists for a career-high 13 and added a forced fumble and his third interception of the season.

"I thought Lukas played his best football game," Addazio said. "I thought as a whole in the secondary, we played pretty well."

BC is second in the ACC in passing yards allowed per game (147.5).

Caged Tigers

BC punter Mike Knoll has become a friend of the defense. Knoll was in consideration for ACC special teams player of the week for his efforts against Clemson.

He pinned six punts inside the Clemson 10-yard line and three inside the 6, with a 42.9-yard average and a long of 53 in nine tries. Knoll's repeated punts deep inside Tigers territory helped keep the game tied 7-7 into the fourth quarter.

# Anthony Brown is showing enough to give BC hope

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | September 28, 2017

Three forgettable weeks could have been discouraging for Boston College's football team. But the Eagles (1-3) are hoping to leave behind losses to Wake Forest, Notre Dame, and Clemson as they look for a new start against Central Michigan Saturday.

"There's always optimism," safety Lukas Denis said. "We're always going out there and just trying to win every game. Every week is like a new week. We start off 0-0 and try to get to 1-0. So, hopefully this week, we can go out there and give it our best shot and get to 1-0 after this game."

It can be tempting to look ahead, as well. The Eagles present an offense with freshmen at key positions, guided by quarterback Anthony Brown, who is on pace to challenge team passing records.

Brown has 75 completions, tied with Josh Jackson of Virginia Tech (next week's opponent) for most in the nation among freshmen. Brown's 658 passing yards are third behind Jackson and North Carolina's Chazz Surrrette.

At this rate, Brown would surpass Glenn Foley's 182 completions (1990) and, after completing five touchdown passes, he could approach Dave Shinskie's 15 (2009), records for BC freshman quarterbacks.

"He's done a really good job as a young guy, showed a lot of poise," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "He's still in development. He's done a lot of good things. He'll just get better and better, sky's the limit there."

Brown started his collegiate career with a 26-for-42, 191-yard performance in a 23-20 win over Northern Illinois Sept. 1. He produced respectable numbers as BC struggled against Wake Forest, Notre Dame, and Clemson. Though the Eagles have not come within 24 points of a victory since the opener, Brown can chalk those games up to experience.

"Like any first-year quarterback, there's a lot of firsts that happen — and he knows it," Addazio said. "Little things he's going to see, like, 'Wow, I wish I could get that back again, wish I could do that again.'"

"But managing big-time game atmosphere, big-time game environment, crowd noise, stadium, everything, that was a first for him [at Clemson] and he handled that pretty well.

"Notre Dame game, that was a first for him, he handled that pretty well. Wake game, he had to handle the adversity of someone playing center [Ben Petrula] that never played before — the whole new feel of how the ball's coming back at him.

"People probably don't understand how unsettling that was to a young guy, and that showed in that game. Not just whether the snap was good but just the confidence factor.

"These are all things that are going to be an annuity for this guy. The apex of our offense — center, quarterback, and a lot of times the tailback — are guys that haven't played before. And you can all see the promise and future in all of them. But there's a lot of firsts that are happening and that will probably continue."

Before collapsing in the fourth quarter, the Eagles played Clemson to a 7-7 draw and came within a field goal attempt off the upright by Colton Lichtenberg of taking the lead.

"We're a little bummed we didn't finish the game but now we know where we are," Brown said. "We have to come out every game the same way we came out against Clemson and just execute and finish our games."

Another part of the freshman equation has been running back A.J. Dillon, who had a season-high 58 yards rushing against Notre Dame and led BC with 57 rushing yards and his first collegiate touchdown against Clemson.

"If we don't establish a run game, it doesn't really open up our pass game, it doesn't pull defenders down," Brown said. "It's great to establish that game.

"We started off pretty hard — Clemson is one of top defensive lines in the country — we started picking up better and better as the game went on."

The Clemson game was Brown's least productive performance, his numbers reduced partly by the Tigers' fourth-quarter dominance, and because he was benched in the late going as a precautionary measure.

Brown might be a work in progress but he is learning fast. Talking about his immediate goals, he said, "Just more focus, probably being more prepared. Taking the game for what it is. Just attacking it or letting it come to me, slowing down, starting to ease into it. Being more comfortable."

Addazio believes Brown is on the verge of a breakthrough.

"We had an opportunity, an early breakdown in man coverage, and weren't able to get the ball to Tom Sweeney, who was wide open in man coverage," Addazio said. "Would have put us at the 10-yard line.

“Those are things, with a little more experience, those are great learning experiences. Those things are going to happen. Those kinds of teams — a very finite amount of opportunities, and you’ve got to connect on those. Some of them we did but not enough of them.”

# BC runs to easy win over Central Michigan

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | September 30, 2017

Boston College football exists in a strange place between two completely different worlds.

One week, the Eagles are in Death Valley in front of 81,000 fans holding on for dear life in a tug of war against the Atlantic Coast Conference powerhouse Clemson Tigers trying to keep things from inevitably going off the rails.

The next week, they're at Alumni Stadium in front of 27,036 scattered fans, keeping their heads above water and their bowl hopes alive by beating up on a Mid-American Conference opponent.

"Those are pretty good sizable emotional roller coasters," coach Steve Addazio said. "And what's hidden in there is not only the emotional roller coasters, but there's a physical toll taken in those games."

Box score: BC 28, Central Michigan 8

After taking a gut punch last week at Clemson in the form of a third straight 20-point loss, the Eagles went into their matchup against Central Michigan trying to hold things together while seven starters sat out with injuries. Nursing a right shoulder injury, it wasn't clear until Thursday if redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown would be able to take the field.

Freshman running back A.J. Dillon rushed for 120 yards on 25 carries with a 15-yard score. Junior running back Jon Hilliman scored a career-high three touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving) while running for 89 yards on 23 carries. Brown completed 14 of 21 passes for 85 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown pass to Hilliman.

"This was kind of like a must-win game for us," said Hilliman said. "We kind of knew that coming in. So we just knew to keep the morale high and keep the confidence high for certain guys."

The Eagles had to overcome a shaky start.

On their first drive of the game, after Brown came up a yard short on a keeper on third and 10, Addazio chose to go for it on fourth and 1. Dillon took the inside handoff but got stuffed at the line of scrimmage. The Eagles turned the ball over on downs at their 44.

The Eagles' defense forced Central Michigan into a three-and-out, but Chippewas punter Jack Sheldon aired out a kick that bounced inside the 5, and gunner Gary Jones kept the ball from going into the end zone, pinning BC at the 1.

Lining up in their end zone, Addazio called a run by Hilliman to give them some breathing room, but Hilliman got taken down by Nate Brisson-Fast for a safety that put Central Michigan up, 2-0.

Eagles punt returner Michael Walker (128 yards on four returns) helped shift the momentum, setting up BC's offense to work with multiple short fields.

One series after the safety, Walker broke loose for a 61-yard return that set up the Eagles at the 6 with 10:38 left in the first quarter. The very next play, Hilliman punched in a 6-yard touchdown that put the Eagles up, 7-2.

They never trailed again.

An Eagles defense playing without linebackers Connor Strachan and Max Richardson came up with three sacks (one from Harold Landry, one from Zach Allen, and one split between Ty Schwab and Wyatt Ray) and three interceptions (two by Lukas Denis, one by Allen). Short on bodies, Landry had to line up at linebacker for a handful of snaps.

"We're trying to adapt based on some of the personnel hits that we've taken, to be honest with you," Addazio said. "We're taking a lot of hits right now."

The Eagles pushed their record to 2-3. Both of their wins have come against MAC opponents. Their early losses have made their road to a bowl game that much narrower.

"We're playing some high-level games," Addazio said. "So at this stage of the game, you're looking at a lot of teams in the country that are 4-0 and some of that reality is coming into focus again. We haven't had that. We opened up with a MAC team. That MAC team beat Nebraska, OK, and we were on the road. To think that stuff doesn't add up, it does. To think that positive confidence doesn't matter, it does.

"We're doing this the long hard way right now, which is front-ending some really tough teams. And we've still got many tough teams to go. That's the nature of where we are in this conference and the division and the side that we play on."

As the Eagles look ahead, they'll find themselves right back in the pressure cooker of the ACC as they host No. 12 Virginia Tech next Saturday, then travel to No. 17 Louisville.



“We played Clemson toe-to-toe, dropped the rope a little bit,” Hilliman said. “Same thing with Notre Dame. But we know that if we come with that same energy, we can shock this team and no one’s going to be shocked in the locker room if we do it . . . It’s a very doable task. It’s a tall task, but a very doable task.”

# Hilliman's 3 TDs carries BC past Central Michigan 28-8

Associated Press | Boston Herald | September 30, 2017

BOSTON — Michael Walker walked into a postgame press conference wearing khaki shorts and loafers like he just came from a day at the beach.

He hardly looked like the speedy player who helped break a game open for Boston College.

Jon Hilliman had two short touchdown runs and caught a pass for another, Walker broke three punt returns that set up scores and BC beat Central Michigan 28-8 on Saturday.

Walker had 124 yards on his first three punt returns, and finished with 135 total yards.

"Well, he's certainly been a spark for us on special teams — without a doubt," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "He's done a great job on our kickoff returns. He's continuing to do a great job on our punt returns."

A.J. Dillon added a 15-yard TD run for the Eagles (2-3). Anthony Brown completed 14 of 21 passes for just 85 yards, but had a touchdown despite missing most of the week's practices with a sore throwing shoulder.

Dillon ran 25 times for 120 yards, but was injured on a carry in the final minute and walked off slowly. Hilliman ran for 89 yards on 23 carries.

The win snaps a three-game losing streak for Boston College and was Central Michigan's third straight loss.

"Coming off a week where we were pretty banged up, a lot of guys missed practice including the quarterback," Addazio said. "I think the ability to come out here and play with some physicality on both sides of the ball, offensive and defensive lines, get a win, get that good feeling again, I'm pleased with that."

After struggling on its first two possessions, BC got a spark when Walker returned a punt 61 yards to Central Michigan's 6. On the next play, Hilliman busted through the middle for a score that made it 7-2.

"Any way I can to help the team out," Walker said. "If we need that little spark, and I can provide it, that's all we need to help get the momentum going."

Midway into the opening quarter, Walker went 34 yards on a return, giving the Eagles the ball near midfield. BC then marched 53 yards in eight plays, with Dillon going up the middle for the final 15.

After Central Michigan sliced it to 14-8 early in the second on Kumehnnu Gwilly's 1-yard TD run, Walker gave BC good field position again. The 6-foot junior broke free along the left sideline before being knocked out of bounds after a 27-yard return at Central Michigan's 17.

"It's tough, but we've still got to come out on top and stop them," the Chippewas' Amari Coleman said of BC's short field after the returns.

The Eagles needed just three plays to score. Hilliman capped the drive with a 2-yard run to make it 21-8.

Brown hit Hilliman for a 3-yard scoring toss midway into the third quarter.

Graduate transfer quarterback Shane Morris completed 21 of 42 for 171 yards with three interceptions for Central Michigan (2-3).

## THE TAKEAWAY

Central Michigan: The Chippewas will need to fix their punt coverage, correct poor penalties and find some consistency offensively to have success in the Mid-American Conference.

Boston College: The Eagles can't be fooled by an easy win against an inferior opponent. A loss might have stoked conversation about the immediate future of Addazio. Now, they need to find a way to win some games in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

## SLOW START

The Eagles were stopped on their first drive at their own 44 on a 4th-and-1. On the second, they started at the 1 and Hilliman was tackled in the end zone for a safety on the first play.

## UP NEXT

Central Michigan: The Chippewas return to conference play and host Ohio next Saturday.

No. 12 Hokies eager for another crack at No. 2 Tigers

Boston College: The Eagles get back into ACC action, hosting No. 12 Virginia Tech on Saturday night.

# Ty Schwab makes right calls for Boston College defense

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | September 30, 2017**

Boston College weakside linebacker Ty Schwab is a heavy hitter who takes a thinking man's approach to his position.

Schwab will be calling the plays and aligning the defense when the Eagles (1-3) host Central Michigan (2-2) in a nonleague game today at Alumni Stadium.

"I am very passionate about it and I want to coach someday, so I enjoy learning all aspects of the defense," said Schwab. "I want to know what the (defensive) line is doing, what the secondary is doing what my Sam linebacker is doing and what the middle linebacker is doing.

"I like the whole concept of knowing everything that is going on around me and it helps me play better. Having the coaches trust me to make the right calls at the right times and the checks and the decision-making is a role that I wear on my sleeve."

Schwab, a 6-foot, 240-pound senior from Merritt Island, Fla., assumed command of the huddle when senior linebacker Connor Strachan went down with a knee injury prior to the Eagles' clash with Notre Dame on Sept. 16.

Schwab got rolling with six tackles in his 14th consecutive start in the season opener against Northern Illinois on Sept. 1. Schwab had eight tackles against Wake Forest and then tied a career high with 10 against Notre Dame in consecutive starts. Schwab had a career day with 11 tackles and 1.5 sacks in BC's 34-7 loss to second-ranked Clemson last week.

"Ty is playing very well and he's got a lot on his plate right now," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "He is trying to run that whole thing in there and I think he's done a really good job being a leader and trying to make all the calls and trying to get everybody lined up right.

"It's not easy because there are guys in there that have not played, so he has to make sure everybody is where they are supposed to be based on all the different formations and sets and everything else."

Schwab's role on the field has grown bigger because the BC linebacker unit has been hit hard by injuries. Strachan is out indefinitely while linebacker Max Richardson suffered a season-ending leg injury.

Richardson was replaced by John Lamot, a 6-foot, 235-pound redshirt freshman from Graham, N.C. Lamot held up under Clemson's fourth-quarter onslaught and finished with seven assisted tackles in his first action at middle linebacker. Lamot will start against Central Michigan while strongside linebacker Kevin Bletzer will make his third career start in Strachan's place.

"John and Max both do a great job," said Schwab. "Over the summer, Max was recovering from a foot injury that he had in the spring and John was taking all the reps and he did a phenomenal job.

"We all knew John was a good player and he would step up when the time came. He came in and he knew the checks and he knew what he had to do because he prepared like he was going to start."

1 p.m. — Alumni Stadium

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## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Senior defensive end Harold Landry should have an easier time getting to Central Michigan quarterback Shane Morris, a quality passer who is less mobile than the dual threat QBs the Eagles have faced this season.
2. Wide receiver Michael Walker has emerged as one of the top kickoff and punt return specialists in the ACC. Walker is second in punt return average (12.5 yards) and fifth in kickoff returns (24.6). Not many players are good at both jobs.
3. The Eagles have an excellent opportunity to snap their three-game losing streak at home against another MAC opponent. BC beat Northern Illinois in the season opener. BC's next five games are against formidable ACC programs.

# Boston College football team grounds out big win over Central Michigan

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 1, 2017**

Boston College produced a dominant ground game to protect its wounded quarterback.

Junior tailback Jon Hilliman rushed for 89 yards and scored a career-high three touchdowns, while freshman A.J. Dillon netted 120 yards with a score as the Eagles took a 28-8 victory over Central Michigan yesterday at Alumni Stadium.

Hilliman had two rushing touchdowns to move into a 10th place tie with Mike Holovak with 23 career scoring runs, and also had the first TD reception of his career on a 3-yard toss from freshman quarterback Anthony Brown that made it 28-8 with 7:40 to play in the third.

"I think that Jon had elevated his play and I think A.J. continues to elevate his play and get more experience and he's getting more comfortable as we go," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "Those two guys combining together, I think there is a really nice flow there right now."

Brown sustained a right shoulder injury in last week's 34-7 loss at No. 2 Clemson. Brown did not practice on Tuesday and Wednesday and took limited reps on Thursday, but he was ready to play yesterday. BC netted 309 yards of total offense and Brown completed 14-of-21 passes for 85 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions.

"I really had a strong feeling about today, so we just went with it and we played really well," said Brown.

Central Michigan provided a needed reprieve for BC after consecutive physical losses to Notre Dame and Clemson. The Eagles begin a difficult stretch of ACC games on Saturday night against Virginia Tech at Alumni Stadium.

"This game was a must-win for us, but it was more so a confidence builder," said Hilliman. "I think we are coming into the V-Tech game a little bit more hungry and a little bit more confident and we think we can do this. It is a tall task but it is a doable task."

The Eagles got a huge contribution from ball hawking safety Lukas Denis of Everett and three damaging punt returns from wide receiver Michael Walker.

Denis had a pair of interceptions to increase his total to five on the season along with six tackles. Walker had three punt returns for 128 yards, all of which resulted in short yardage BC scores.

After Central Michigan scored a safety in the opening minutes, BC responded with a career long 61-yard punt return by Walker to the Central Michigan 6-yard line. Hilliman went over from there to put BC up 7-2 with 10:33 left in the first quarter.

Walker rambled 34 yards on his next return to the BC 47, and Dillon capped an eight-play drive with a 15-yard TD run. Walker returned a punt 29 yards to the Chippewas' 17 that helped set up a 2-yard plunge by Hilliman that gave BC a 21-8 lead with 4:03 left in the half.

# BC has a large score to settle with Virginia Tech

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | October 2, 2017

Boston College slumped to its biggest defeat in 66 years when it fell, 49-0, to Virginia Tech last season. But BC coach Steve Addazio is eager for a rematch with the Hokies in an ACC game at Alumni Stadium Saturday.

"Every loss stings," Addazio said Monday. "We went down there, hostile environment, a lot of people got beat. Do I think you sit there and dwell on a game? No. You move forward."

"We've beaten them two out of four years — let's not forget that, either. You learn from what you feel were mistakes you feel you may have made in that game. You grow from those kinds of games and you move forward."

"Listen, man, we're in a really good conference. We play some really good teams. When you play them at home, it's really tough. This is not standard fare across the country, what we're playing against right now. We're playing against really good teams, in tough, tough venues."

es that can happen. You don't want it to. You're not happy about it. But we went down there, played pretty poorly, especially on offense — which a lot of people do, against that defense last year."

"So our goal is to learn from our mistakes. But dwell on them? No. We've been in some pretty good battles already."

After blowout defeats against Wake Forest, Notre Dame, and Clemson, the Eagles (2-3) recovered for a 28-8 victory over Central Michigan this past Saturday. The running game led the way as A.J. Dillon had 120 yards and a touchdown and Jon Hilliman rushed for 89 yards and scored three touchdowns.

"Looking forward to getting back to conference," Addazio said. "Great to get a win. Virginia Tech is an outstanding team, one of the best defenses in the country."

Addazio is encouraged by the performance of the offensive line, which has been compensating for injuries. Only left tackle Aaron Monteiro and right tackle Chris Lindstrom, who switched from right guard after the second game, have started every game on the line this season.

"Hopefully, this week this might be the first week we have five guys working together all week long that will be the starters in the game," Addazio said. "That would go a long way in helping us."

"Of course, we ratchet up our competition level, going against one of the marquee defenses in the nation, as we did two weeks ago [against Clemson]."

BC safety Lukas Denis intercepted two passes against Central Michigan, upping his total to five, tied for the NCAA Division 1 lead with Utah State's Jalen Davis.

"He's maturing, he has a knack for playing back there," Addazio said. "Also, we're mixing our coverages more than we ever have, and he's getting comfortable with that. He seems to be in good positions frequently. He's a good athlete."

The Eagles' loss to the Hokies last season was their worst since a 54-0 result against Mississippi in 1950. BC also sustained 46- and 38-point losses last season.

Virginia Tech (4-1) dropped a 31-17 decision to Clemson this past Saturday.

"Good talent, good players," Addazio said of the Hokies. "They have the ability to recruit really good players. They're very, very good on that [defensive] side of the ball, really always have been. People are struggling to move the ball on them."

"On offense, Josh Jackson is a talented guy who can run, can throw. He's done some really good things this season. They have some skill players, they have a run game, they're very, very good on defense."

"They have had the opportunity to be in a tough game versus Clemson, they had it at home which is great advantage for Virginia Tech. They were in a tough game there, played a physical game."

"We know it will be a great challenge. It's one we're really looking forward to."

# AJ Dillon carries over his success from prep school to BC

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | October 5, 2017

A year ago, AJ Dillon was leading Lawrence Academy's football team, having rushed for 172 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-28 victory over St. Sebastian's. That would be Dillon's final game before arriving at Boston College this season, his prep school career ending with an injury.

Dillon has adjusted quickly in his freshman season, playing a key role against Wake Forest, Notre Dame, and Clemson before a breakout 120-yard performance in BC's 28-8 win over Central Michigan last Saturday.

Dillon's indoctrination continues when the Eagles (2-3 overall, 0-2 ACC) play host to Virginia Tech (4-1, 0-1) in a conference game at Alumni Stadium Saturday night.

"He's getting better every week," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "Each week he's taking more work, each week he's handling it better.

"As you would imagine, there's a lot of little things along the way that have to be corrected, but that's to be expected. Obviously, the best is yet to come, we all know that. But he's making progress, doing more things and better and I'm excited to watch it.

"Protection on third down is one of the last things to come. I think catching the ball out of the backfield, you don't get as many reps at that. Overall, like anything else, how far can you push your wall out?"

Dillon might have been flying under the recruiting radar, competing in an eight-game ISL season in Groton. And despite sustaining a broken right fibula last year, Dillon had plenty of choices when it came time to college.

"When you have the University of Alabama, Michigan, and Florida State in your office — basically, anywhere he wanted to go he could," Lawrence Academy coach Paul Zukauskas said.

Zukauskas, who played and was an assistant at BC, plus had a four-year NFL career, coached Dillon for four years.

"I always feel you can never predict the future, but I had a feeling he could be pretty good pretty quickly," Zukauskas said. "It's not surprising he's playing and helping BC. It's a big thrill for him and me and his family.

"He had a lot of choices, and he thought a lot about it, where he wanted to be in the future. It's tough to prepare for, sure. Some high schools play football all year round and have complicated playbooks, and we're not one of them.

"Just like the jump physically, from high school to college, the mental part is just as big a leap. From a football IQ standpoint, the playbook and defenses and complications around that — I've been around a lot of guys, I could tell he was a guy that could handle that, physically and mentally. And the best is yet to come."

Statistically, Dillon has arrived, totaling 298 rushing yards, second to Jon Hilliman (325) on the team.

"Obviously, 100 yards is the staple for a running back," Dillon said. "You know you had a good game if you get to that point. Our O-line is working really hard, the entire line opened lot of holes. There were a lot of opportunities for me and Jon and you've just got to capitalize on those, and also the receivers blocking up front.

"Jon's been pretty much like a big brother to me. We had similar situations recruiting. He's taken me under his wing, we've come in here on weekends and studied extra film. He's been here four years and seen a lot of teams."

Dillon has scored two touchdowns, including the tying score in a 34-7 loss to Clemson.

"I felt very confident being able to get in there," Dillon said of the Clemson touchdown. "It's nice to know they can trust me in that scenario."

"Pretty much all the backs, we can get everything done. Coach [Brian] White is kind of developing us holistically, not primarily one thing. So I feel like we're growing every week."

The Hokies, who held BC to six first downs in a 49-0 win last season, will present a difficult challenge.

"I know they have some really good guys," Dillon said. "Their linebacking corps, that's primarily what you look at in protection. I'm going to keep studying that and try to figure out the best way to attack each scenario and blocking schemes.

"Playing running back, there are a lot of different responsibilities you have. The pass game, you have to understand the defense, blocking assignments, and, obviously, the run game.

"It's a lot different than high school. I just ran one way, just go. I always set out a goal each week to develop my game. I just keep pushing and trying to be the most complete back I can and most efficient for the team."

# Virginia Tech defeats BC

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | October 8, 2017

Boston College's visit to Blacksburg, Va., last year turned out to be a low point in the football team's history. A 49-0 loss to Virginia Tech might not have been as devastating as a 54-0 defeat against Mississippi 67 years ago (Oct. 7, 1950) or a 55-0 crushing by Colby in 1912, but it left the Eagles needing to prove they are not pushovers this season.

And BC accomplished that, staying in contention for much of the game before falling, 23-10, to the Hokies in an ACC game on Saturday night.

"I thought, beginning of the game, we had some opportunities that we didn't capitalize on, some throws and catches that would've given us some points," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "Against a team like this you have to be able to capitalize on those. I thought there were entirely too many drops."

BC (2-4 overall, 0-3 ACC) fell behind, 17-3, by halftime, but the Eagles' inability to generate offense in the third quarter proved decisive. The Hokies had 431 yards total offense and BC finished with 344 yards and 16 first downs – a major improvement on the Eagles' 124 yards and six first downs in last year's loss.

Josh Jackson passed for 322 yards for Virginia Tech (5-1, 1-1), though the Hokies were contained in the second half by a BC defense led by Zach Allen, Harold Landry, and Ty Schwab. Virginia failed to score a touchdown after halftime, settling for two Joey Slye field goals.

Box score: Virginia Tech 23, BC 10

Slye's 29-yard field goal made the score, 20-3, with 10:44 left in the third quarter, increasing his career total to a school-record 372 points. In the second half, Virginia Tech had possessions starting at the BC 46-, 35- and 34-yard lines, scoring only on a Slye 26-yard field goal for a 23-3 advantage with 6:40 left.

But BC stalled offensively, with five successive three-and-out possessions in the second half, before quarterback Anthony Brown caught a 25-yard scoring pass from wide receiver Jeff Smith.

"We emptied the chamber of some special plays we had been working on and put in," Addazio said. "I thought we played wide open, I thought we managed all that well. It came down to missed opportunities that were there for the taking in the first half. Missed field goal, high snap, those kind of things."

Brown passed for 166 yards and led the Eagles in rushing (51 yards on 7 carries), plus yards per reception.

The Eagles squandered an early chance after an Isaac Yiadom interception, Colton Lichtenberg missing a 40-yard field goal attempt with 9:48 remaining in the opening quarter. BC took possession on the Hokies' 25-yard line, but Brown threw an incompleteness, AJ Dillon had a 2-yard gain, and Brown missed connections with Jeff Smith on third-and-8.

Four plays later, Sean Savoy sped past free safety Lukas Denis on a post pattern, catching a 53-yard scoring pass from Jackson to open the scoring. Jackson went 4-for-4 on the drive, completing passes to Cam Phillips (11 yards), Travon McMillian (13 yards), and two to Savoy.

Lichtenberg cut the deficit to 7-3 with a 32-yard field goal with 5:24 remaining, the key plays in the drive a 24-yard completion from Brown to Jon Hilliman that included a 15-yard personal foul penalty and an 11-yard run by Thadd Smith.

BC then stopped the Hokies as Schwab sacked Jackson for a 9-yard loss on third-and-7.

But Virginia Tech gained field position and extended a drive on a 22-yard completion to tight end Eric Kumah on the first play of the second quarter. The drive stalled as Savoy lost 8 yards on first-and-goal, and Jackson's third-down pass was tipped by Landry, before Slye's 34-yard field goal upped the lead to 10-3 with 11:33 remaining in the half.

The Hokies extended their edge to 17-3 as McMillian, who had two touchdowns in last year's meeting, scored on a 23-yard run with 6:19 remaining in the half. Virginia Tech converted three third-down situations on passes from Jackson to Kumah on a 12-play, 68-yard drive.

BC threatened late in the half as Brown ran for 16 yards and had a 32-yard completion to Kobay White. But the drive stalled at the Hokies' 23-yard line on a fourth-and-2 incompleteness.

"I just felt like that was the right, aggressive thing to do right there," Addazio said. "We didn't operate the throw and catch right there. I mean, I don't think there was anybody within four yards of Tom Sweeney."

The Eagles made a final advance as Brown completed a 24-yard pass to Smith, then ran for 15 yards. But the drive stalled at the Virginia Tech 22-yard line with 2:17 to go.

The Eagles have scored first only once this season, and their early failure to take the lead set the tone for the first half.



“We have played three top 25 teams, and we’re playing really, physical, really aggressive,” Addazio said. “That’s what this team is doing right now, and I love them.”

# BC in for a challenge against Louisville's Lamar Jackson

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | October 9, 2017

After Boston College lost to Oklahoma, 28-0, and to Mississippi, 54-0, in 1950, the Eagles pulled out of the next year's scheduled games against the Sooners and Rebels. BC might have been tempted to make a similar move after defeats by scores of 49-0 to Virginia Tech and 52-7 to Louisville last year, but the Eagles do not have that luxury these days.

The Eagles (2-4 overall, 0-3 ACC) showed they could keep things close with the Hokies, falling, 23-10, last Saturday. And, now, they are preparing to visit the Cardinals (4-2, 1-2) in an ACC game this Saturday.

"We've been in a lot of tough games, played a lot of really good teams," BC coach Steve Addazio said Monday. "So we're just going to be playing another one of those."

The Cardinals are led by Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson, who threw four touchdown passes and ran for three scores against BC last season.

"He doesn't need a lot of introduction," Addazio said. "Phenomenal athlete, makes things happen with his arm, with his legs. He's electric. Probably one of the fastest guys in all of college football."

BC defensive ends Zach Allen and Harold Landry will be called on to contain Jackson. Allen had a career-high 14 tackles and Landry had three sacks against the Hokies.

"It takes more than just the defensive ends to contain this guy," Addazio said. "That'll be a challenge, trying to keep him in the pocket on third down and also in the read zone game, where he reads the ends. That's always a challenge."

"He makes a lot of plays and he's going to make plays in this game — try to limit those plays and create some confusion, penetration, things like that."

Addazio said Jackson's "athleticism is off the charts. I've been around a lot of spread quarterbacks in my career and I've coached some of the very best, but his acceleration is extremely unique."

"He can pull away from anybody. He's got flat — I would call it football world, world-class speed, acceleration. He's got a rifle arm, he can flick that ball. He's got great arm strength."

"He has this uncanny ability to make people miss, and run by him. He's faster than you possibly can imagine that he really is, I think. When I saw him live last year, I thought, wow, this guy, he can flat move."

"And it's just different and it's like that against everybody. Unique guy. Heisman Trophy stands for best player in college football. Everyone can have their own opinion but he's certainly one of the very, very best there is."

Last Saturday, Jackson threw for 354 yards and a touchdown and rushed for two scores in a 39-25 loss to North Carolina State.

"It's definitely going to be a challenge," Landry said after the Virginia Tech game. "We're just going to have to be disciplined. I know our coaches are going to do a great job putting a game plan together for them."

"But, yeah, in this day and age there's nothing but special quarterbacks like that, that can run and throw, and especially in the ACC. I think we play like one of those every week, and I think we'll do a great job preparing for them, and we'll be ready to go."

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Converted running back Davon Jones will continue to perform as a reserve linebacker. Jones, second on the team with 361 rushing yards last season, made his defensive debut in a 28-8 win over Central Michigan Sept. 30. "It's a change, it's not going to happen overnight," Addazio said. "Davon has an uncanny football sense. He'll be able to go in there and make some plays." . . . Kickoff time for BC's visit to Virginia Oct. 21 will be 12:30 p.m.

# Boston College football notes: Eagles face familiar script with Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 10, 2017**

Boston College will confront yet another dynamic dual-threat quarterback when the Eagles face Louisville in an ACC match on Saturday at Papa John's Cardinals Stadium in Louisville, Ky.

This past Saturday, the Eagles had their first look at Virginia Tech redshirt freshman Josh Jackson, who toasted BC for 322 yards on 22 completions with a touchdown pass in the Hokies' 23-10 victory at Alumni Stadium.

Now, the Eagles must face junior Lamar Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner with whom they already are painfully familiar.

When last they met, Louisville's Jackson rushed for 185 yards on 15 carries with three touchdowns that included scoring runs of 69 and 53 yards during a 52-7 win over the Eagles. He complemented his ground game by completing 12-of-17 passes for 231 yards and four touchdowns. The Louisville QB likely lured undecided Heisman voters to his camp by producing seven touchdowns against the Eagles.

"I've been around a lot of spread quarterbacks in my career and I've coached some of the very best," said BC coach Steve Addazio during his weekly press briefing at Conte Forum. "His acceleration is extremely unique and he can pull away from anybody. He's got a rifle arm. I mean he can flick the ball. He's got great arm strength. That combination is unbelievable."

Louisville is coming off its second ACC loss of the season, a 39-25 setback at North Carolina State. Defending national champion Clemson beat Louisville 34-7 on Sept. 29.

Jackson has started six games and has completed 138-of-222 passes for 1,990 yards with 14 touchdowns and four interceptions. He's rushed for 510 yards on 91 carries and seven touchdowns. The Cardinals average 37.5 points and 557.8 yards per game.

The end game

BC has two of the best defensive ends in the ACC and they were statistical beasts against Virginia Tech. Junior right end Zach Allen yesterday was named ACC defensive lineman of the week for the first time in 31 league games. Allen led BC with 14 tackles, 3.0 tackles for a loss and a sack.

Harold Landry, who led the nation with 16.5 sacks in 2016, dropped the Hokies quarterback a season-high three times. Allen and Landry will have the difficult task of sealing the edge and keeping the Louisville QB in the pocket.

"It takes more than two defensive ends to contain this guy," said Addazio. "Trying to keep him in the pocket on third down and also in the read zone where he reads the ends. That's always a challenge."

Downtown via Brown

BC redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown has a lively arm but hasn't launched a reliable lateral passing attack in six starts. However, Brown showed signs of improvement with the deep ball against the Hokies.

Brown completed 13 passes for 166 yards that included throws of 20 or more yards to five different receivers. Brown's longest toss was a 32-yard hook up with Kobay White followed by a pair of 24-yard completions to junior split end Jeff Smith and freshman tailback Travis Levy.

Smith completed a 25-yard flanker option pass to Brown that resulted in BC's lone touchdown. Smith was BC's starting quarterback in the Eagles 17-14 loss to Cardinals last year.

# Boston College defensive end Zach Allen ready to tackle Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson and Louisville on Saturday

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 11, 2017**

When a high school defensive player signs with an ACC program he can be assured of encountering an elite dual threat quarterback on a weekly basis.

Boston College right end Zach Allen has confronted athletically talented read option quarterbacks this season in John Wolford of Wake Forest, Notre Dame's Brandon Wimbush, Kelly Bryant of Clemson and Virginia's Tech's Josh Jackson.

"It is the ACC so you are going to face the best quarterbacks in the country and especially with the dual threat week to week so there is the trend to it," said Allen, a 6-foot-5, 285-pound junior from New Canaan, Conn.

"We all came here to play ACC football and we knew what we were signing up for."

Allen and his defensive mates will encounter the best dual threat quarterback in college football on Saturday when BC (2-4, 0-3) visits Louisville (4-2, 1-2).

The Cardinals offense averages 37.5 points and 557.8 yards per game under the inspired command of reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson, the prototype of an ACC dual threat quarterback.

"You can always say he's the Heisman winner and one of the top players if not the top player in the country," Allen said. "He does it all and it's not just with his legs.

"He can throw it and he is really smart and he makes really good decisions on the field. They have really great threats around him at running back and the offensive line is very physical and at receiver they have big, physical fast guys."

Allen was on the field last season when Jackson personally devastated all three layers of the BC defense. Jackson was a part of seven touchdowns in the Cardinals' 52-7 beat down at The Heights.

Jackson rushed for 185 yards on 15 carries with three touchdowns. He completed 12-of-17 for 231 yards and four touchdowns while Louisville racked up 515 yards of offense on 65 plays.

"Last year you saw he was able to run and pass against us," said Allen. "You watch the film against everybody and it didn't matter what defenses teams are in he is going to get his and he is a great player.

"We have to focus on him, focus on the other people and it is going to be a challenge, especially at Louisville, a tough place to play.

Allen is enjoying a breakout season opposite left end Harold Landry, a preseason All-American who led the nation with 16.5 sacks last year. Allen leads BC in tackles (55) and tackles for loss (eight) and is one behind Landry with four sacks.

Allen enjoyed a career day against Virginia Tech with a team-high 14 tackles as well as three tackles for loss and one sack. He was named the ACC defensive lineman of the week.

"He had a dominating performance but he's been improving all year, from every game and from last year," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "He had a great year last year and extended it this year and just playing at a high level which is not surprising.

"He has a great work ethic, tremendous preparation and he has really taken off."

# BC faces dual-threat QB in Louisville's Lamar Jackson

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | October 12, 2017

Boston College defensive ends Zach Allen and Harold Landry shoulder much of the responsibility for containing dual-threat quarterbacks during the ACC season. But it will take more than Allen and Landry to contend with Lamar Jackson when the Eagles visit Louisville at 12:20 p.m. Saturday.

Jackson led Louisville to a 52-7 win over BC on the way to winning the Heisman Trophy last year. The Cardinals scored on five of their first six possessions in taking a 38-0 halftime lead, Jackson going to the bench for the final quarter.

"Last year he was able to run and pass against us, against everybody," Allen said this week. "It doesn't matter what the defense is, he's going to get his. It's a tough challenge, especially at Louisville. Again, we all came here to play ACC football. We all knew what we signed up for and you know he's the Heisman winner, so we're excited to play against him."

Allen had a career-high 14 tackles and Landry recorded three sacks in BC's 23-10 loss to Virginia Tech last Saturday. Landry's practice time has been limited since he sustained a right ankle injury in the second half.

"He had a great year last year and he's taken that year and extended it this year," BC coach Steve Addazio said of Allen. "And he's just playing at a high level, which is not surprising. Tremendous work ethic, great preparation, and he's just taken off."

Safety Lukas Denis is tied for the NCAA interception lead with five and the Eagles (2-4 overall, 0-3) are ranked 11th in pass efficiency defense (101.57 rating) and 21st in passing yardage defense (182 per game).

Jackson has passed for 1,910 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushed for 510 yards and seven touchdowns. Jackson notched his 13th successive game with at least one rushing touchdown and one passing touchdown as Louisville (4-2, 1-2) lost, 39-25, to North Carolina State last Thursday.

Against BC last year, Jackson was 12-for-17 passing for 231 yards and four touchdowns and had 15 carries for 85 yards and three scores.

"He has elite speed, change of direction, and the thing about him is he's obviously very physically rugged," Addazio said of Jackson. "He takes a lot of shots in every game, but the guy just keeps going. And I've been around some outstanding dual-threat quarterbacks, starting with [Donovan] McNabb and leading into Tim Tebow.

"Those were both pretty big, strong, strapping, physical guys. And those guys, there were times where they took some pretty serious beatings. And I just look at Lamar, and I'm, like, wow, this guy, he's amazing to me. He takes some real shots, but it doesn't seem to faze him."

BC's Anthony Brown went one better as he passed for 166 yards and led the Eagles in rushing (seven carries, 51 yards), plus caught a 25-yard scoring pass on a flanker reverse from Jeff Smith against Virginia Tech. Brown appears to have recovered from a shoulder injury that had been limiting his passing.

"I wouldn't say I'm not a dual threat because I am," Brown said. "But I emphasize the pass game first and that's how it's been for a very long time with me, and eventually you'll see more. I have to say I have to use [escaping the pocket] more as a tool to help us out, to keep the defense steady, instead of them really emphasizing a pass."

Brown was involved in six 20-yard plus pass plays against the Hokies.

"He looked like he did back in August," Addazio said on Tuesday. "Just that ability to put that velocity on the ball. I saw it today and hadn't seen it in the last couple weeks."

# AJ Dillon rushes for 272 yards, leads BC past Louisville

Steve Bittenbender | Boston Globe | October 14, 2017

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boston College coach Steve Addazio likens the Eagles' 2017 season to a roller coaster ride. If that's so, then Saturday's game at Louisville served as a microcosm for the up-and-down season.

BC trailed by 14 early, stormed back, weathered a Cardinals comeback, and then used a late turnover to set up Colton Lichtenberg's 27-yard field goal with no time left to pull out the 45-42 victory. The game featured 1,180 yards of offense between the schools, with the 555 amassed by the Eagles their most in nine years.

There were more injuries. BC sent two of its captains out for the coin toss not in uniform, then watched starting quarterback Anthony Brown leave after the first drive of the third quarter. All Darius Wade did in replacing Brown was lead the Eagles on five scoring drives, including the last-second kick.

Freshman running back AJ Dillon had a breakout game, with 239 of his 272 rushing yards coming in the second half. He also scored four touchdowns, including a 75-yard score where he brushed off one would-be tackler and then threw another to the wayside at the line of scrimmage.

BC's AJ Dillon breaks free for an 11-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

That score made it 42-28 with 11:59 to play, and it came immediately after Louisville's Lamar Jackson threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Dez Fitzpatrick. It seemed to take the wind out of Louisville, but Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, ran for two scores nearly four minutes apart to tie the game at 42 with 5:03 remaining.

Box score: BC 45, Louisville 42

The Cardinals then held BC again to get the ball back with 2:50 left. Jackson, who finished the game with 512 total yards and five scores, got the Cardinals to midfield. However, Jaylen Smith fumbled after taking a pass 20 yards. Kamrin Moore picked it up for BC and ran it back to the Cardinals' 39. He fumbled, too, but Isaac Yiadom pounced on it to keep it with the Eagles.

After seven Dillon runs got it to the 10-yard line, Lichtenberg got the chance to give the Eagles (3-4, 1-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) their biggest win of the season.

After starting the season by making his first six field goals, Lichtenberg had missed five of his next six tries, including a 40-yard attempt earlier in the game. Still, when it came time to go out onto the field, Addazio didn't say a word to the junior.

"You really don't talk to a lot of people," Lichtenberg said. "I mean, that's it. You're just looking up at those uprights and you visualize the ball going through."

The coach called it a springboard performance.

"We have played nothing but really good football teams," he said. "Our issue has been that we had a hard time closing out because we get gassed down the end . . . So, for us to finish, to stand and finish today, I'm so proud of our kids for finding a way to get that done."

It certainly helped that the Eagles went up against a defense that was notorious for allowing big plays.

In four games against Power Five conference teams, the Cardinals allowed an average of more than 37 points a game.

Even BC, which entered Saturday as the worst offensive team in the ACC, took advantage of the porous Cardinals defense by recording both its longest pass (a 42-yard TD to Thadd Smith from Brown) and run (Dillon's 75-yarder) of the season. The Eagles, who were averaging 322.5 yards per game, got 361 in the second half alone as Addazio placed an emphasis on the run after the break. The ground game accounted for 259 of those yards.

Dillon credited the offensive line for giving him and the rest of the running backs the chance to succeed.

"They really put it all out on the line for me [and] Jon [Hilliman] . . . and I can't thank them enough," he said.

If the roller coaster is on the upswing for Boston College, it's on the downswing for the Cardinals (4-3, 1-3), who lost their second straight game overall and their third straight within the conference. Now, a season that started with a national ranking, a star quarterback in Jackson, and aspirations of a playoff berth stands at a crossroads.

"We have a lot of things to work on, a lot of things to fix," coach Bobby Petrino said. "This is about as tough a loss as I remember being around."

For Addazio and the Eagles, the goal now is getting to 4-4 next week by beating Virginia on the road.

"There will be more roller coaster rides," Addazio said. "It's just a fact of life right now, but in that room is the makings of a really good football team. That'll happen."

BC will ride the momentum of its win Saturday into another road contest next weekend, at Virginia.

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# Boston College stuns Louisville on the road, 45-42

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 14, 2017**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Colton Lichtenberg nailed a 27-yard field goal on the final play of the game as Boston College rode a monster effort from tailback AJ Dillon to a 45-42 upset victory over Louisville at Papa John's Stadium Saturday afternoon.

BC, which was a 21-1/2 point underdog, improved to 3-4 with its first ACC victory of the season and the Eagles had Dillon to thank. The freshman from Lawrence Academy rushed for 272 yards on 39 carries and scored four touchdowns. BC accounted for 351 yards of total offense in the second half and 555 yards for the game, the most the Eagles have amassed since racking up 549 vs. Maine in 2014.

It was the most points BC has scored in an ACC game since they had 28 in a win over Syracuse in 2014.

Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, completed 19-of-39 for 332 yards and two touchdowns. Jackson rushed for 180 yards on 22 carries and three touchdowns. Jackson became the Cardinals' all-time leader in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns.

Tied at 42, BC got a defensive turnover on a bizarre play with 1:49 to play. Jackson completed a pass to Jaylan Smith who fumbled the ball at the 47. The ball was recovered by Kamrin Moore, who was stripped on the Louisville 39. BC cornerback Isaac Yiadom then recovered that fumble, giving the offense favorable field position at the 39.

BC drove the ball to the Cardinals 10 on seven runs by Dillon. Lichtenberg then connected as time ran out to win the game.

Trailing 21-14 at the half, BC's prospects appeared compromised on its first possession of the second half. The Eagles' power run game drove the ball deep into Louisville territory but the drive stalled on the Cardinals 23 when quarterback Anthony Brown was thrown to the ground on an incomplete third-down pass.

Brown exited the field slowly and was immediately taken to the BC locker room. He was replaced by graduate student Darius Wade on the Eagles' next possession.

Wade orchestrated a stellar 14-play, 72-yard, scoring drive that tied the game at 21 with 5:03 to play in the third. Wade completed four passes for 47 yards to the Louisville 6. Dillon then completed the trip with a 3-yard dive for the touchdown.

BC went ahead, 28-21, on a four-play drive that covered 64 yards. Dillon opened the drive with a 33-yard run. Wade completed a 20-yard toss to Tommy Sweeney to set up a 6-yard scoring run by Jon Hilliman with 2:28 to play in the third.

Wyatt Ray intercepted Jackson on Louisville's next possession, giving BC a short field. Dillon wrapped up the 22-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown run and the Eagles led 35-21.

But Jackson rallied the Cardinals with an 84-yard drive on six plays to cut the BC lead to 35-28 with 12:13 to play. Wide receiver Dez Fitzpatrick caught a 40-yard pass from Jackson in the right corner of the end zone.

BC responded immediately, going back up 14 on the next play from scrimmage. Dillon went right, broke through a wall of tacklers and raced 75 yards down the sideline for his third score of the game with 11:59 to play.

Jackson responded with a 79-yard scoring drive to cut the Eagles lead to 42-35 with 8:59 remaining. Jackson completed the 10-play drive with a 9-yard touchdown run, the 41st of his career, tying him with Len Lyles for the school record.

Jackson broke the school rushing touchdown record on the Cardinals' next possession. Jackson eluded trouble at the line of scrimmage and dashed 41 yards to tie the game at 42 with 5:03 to play. Jackson became Louisville's all-time leading rusher on the play, breaking the record of 3,204 set by Walter Peacock.

BC was forced to punt on its next possession, but thanks to the fumble recovery, was able to post the impressive victory.



# Boston College upsets Louisville 45-42 in shootout

| Associated Press | October 14, 2017

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Just as Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson had Louisville poised for an amazing comeback, Boston College got the turnover it needed and gave the ball to A.J. Dillon.

The freshman's workhorse rushing set things up for kicker Colton Lichtenberg to cap the Eagles' own remarkable rally.

Lichtenberg kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired, pushing Boston College past Louisville 45-42 in a shootout Saturday after the Cardinals tied the game late behind three fourth-quarter scores by Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson.

"I was telling people that were asking me, I said, 'I know, I got this. This is it. It's going in,'" said Lichtenberg, who had missed a 40-yard attempt in the third quarter.

Jackson's 41-yard TD run with 5:03 remaining tied the wild game at 42, which seemed improbable considering Louisville seemed down and out after twice trailing by 14 points in the fourth. The junior even had the Cardinals going toward a possible go-ahead score late when he hit Jaylen Smith with a 20-yard pass to midfield, but Darius Wade stripped Smith of the ball and Kamrin Moore returned it 11 yards to Louisville's 39 before fumbling.

Fortunately for BC, Isaac Yiadom recovered that fumble and set the stage for more heroics by Dillon, who rushed for two of his career-best four TDs in the fourth quarter. Dillon ran seven times for 29 yards down to the Cardinals 10. Lichtenberg followed with the game-winning kick that gave BC (3-4, 1-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) its first league victory since November.

Dillon finished with career-best 272 yards on 39 carries, rushing for TDs from 1, 3, 11 and 75 yards. His yardage total was the third-best single game total for BC, which also got a 6-yard TD run by Jon Hilliman as the Eagles erased a 21-7 deficit with 28 unanswered points after halftime.

"Talking about the offensive line, they did a great job today," said Dillon, whose total was the most by BC back since 2013 Doak Walker Award winner Andre Williams.

"Those are like my brothers up there. Sometimes I run over to them and say, 'I'm a lineman too.' They really put it all on the line for me, Jon and Travis (Levy) today. I can't thank them enough."

BC coach Steve Addazio said of Dillon, "He was a beast out there."

Jackson, who had 512 combined yards, accounted for five TDs, his biggest being a 40-yard pass to Dez Fitzpatrick and runs of 9 and 41 yards that wiped out a 14-point deficit. Louisville outgained Boston College 625-555, but lost for the third time in five games.

Jackson rushed for 180 yards on 22 carries and holds Louisville's career mark 3,221. His three rushing TDs also gave him 42 in his career and broke Walter Peacock's previous mark.

He and Louisville just lacked the victory to show for that effort.

"It was tough, every loss is tough," Jackson said. "We put in a lot of work, it just didn't come out."

## THE TAKEAWAY

Boston College: The Eagles weren't fazed by a 21-7 first-half deficit and scored 28 unanswered points behind Dillon. They also pressured Jackson and came up with turnovers just as it seemed the Heisman winner would finish a furious rally.

Most impressive was the Eagles' poise despite trailing by two TDs at one point. Plenty of time remained to come back, and they used that time well while knocking Louisville on its heels. "I thought our guys had great resolve," Addazio said.

Louisville: Defensive vulnerability continued to haunt the Cardinals, who couldn't stop Dillon or Hilliman throughout the game and yielded 500-plus yards for the second straight game. It ruined another day in which Jackson broke or tied several records and squashed whatever hope they had of contending for the Atlantic Division title.

"That's a tough loss right there," coach Bobby Petrino said. "That's about a tough of a loss as I can remember."

## UP NEXT

Boston College visits Virginia on Oct. 21, looking to improve to 6-0 against the Cavaliers in the first meeting between the schools since 2010.

# BC notebook: Beleaguered QB Darius Wade comes off bench to lead Eagles over Louisville

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 15, 2017

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Quarterback Darius Wade has been the victim of bad timing, a devastating injury and a promising prospect at his position.

Wade was able to break free from his unlucky past in yesterday's 45-42 upset victory over Louisville in an Atlantic Coast Conference tilt.

BC starting signal-caller Anthony Brown left the game with a shoulder injury on the final snap of the Eagles' opening drive of the second half.

Wade drove the Eagles to four consecutive touchdowns using their power run game and timely play-action passes. Wade completed 7-of-10 passes for 91 yards with a long of 21 to Chris Garrison, which extended a scoring drive in the fourth quarter.

"You always have to be ready and anytime you can come in and (contribute) to a big win for the program boosts the team overall," said Wade.

Wade played behind Tyler Murphy as a freshman in 2014. The following season, Wade won the starting job in training camp but suffered a broken ankle against Florida State in Game 3.

Wade was behind Patrick Towles last season, and lost the starting job to Brown after a competitive training camp.

"It definitely means a lot to me, but it was a team win," said Wade.

Landry perseveres

BC senior defensive end and preseason All-American Harold Landry enjoyed a productive outing despite suffering an ankle injury early in the game. Landry finished with four solo tackles and one assist. ...

BC needed a big turnover and a lucky bounce set up Colton Lichtenberg's game-winning 27-yard field goal as time expired.

Louisville quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson tied the game 42-42 on a 41-yard run with 5:03 to play. The Cardinals stopped BC's offense on the next possession and got the ball back on their 17 with 2:50 remaining.

On the third play of the drive, Jackson completed a 20-yard pass to Jaylen Smith at midfield. Smith was stripped and the ball was recovered by Karim Moore, who fumbled on the Louisville 39. BC cornerback Isaac Yiadom recovered the loose ball to set up the game-winning drive.

Happy returns

Boston College defensive end Zach Allen ready to tackle Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson and Louisville on Saturday

BC wide receiver Michael Walker is among the ACC leaders in both punt and kick returns. Walker returned four punts for 64 yards and three kicks for 63 yards to provide favorable field position for the offense.

Walker turned a muffed punt into a 32-yard gain to the Louisville 48. That return set up the first of freshman tailback A.J. Dillon's four touchdowns.

"It was right there in the sun and I kind of couldn't see it and fumbled it," said Walker. "By the time I picked it up there was no one within 10 yards of me so I just went down the sideline."

# Boston College RB AJ Dillon earns Walter Camp national award

**Herald Sports Staff Boston Herald | October 15, 2017**

Boston College true freshman AJ Dillon was named the Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 272 yards and four touchdowns in the Eagles' upset victory at Louisville on Saturday.

Dillon is the fifth BC player to earn Walter Camp recognition since 2004 and the first since running back Andre Williams accomplished it in 2013 after rushing for a school-record 339 yards against North Carolina State.

Dillon's 272 yards was the fifth-best output by a running back in the nation this season and the third most a BC running back has ever produced. His 39 carries rank fifth on the BC all-time, single-game list. Williams' 42 carries vs. N.C. State tops that list as well.

In addition, Dillon's four touchdowns tied for the third-best performance in Eagles history. Williams (vs. Army in 2013) and Montel Harris (vs. NC State in 2009) hold that record with five.

# Boston College upends Louisville as freshman AJ Dillon runs for 272 yards and four touchdowns

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 15, 2017

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boston College staged a major upset in a hostile environment with a slumping kicker, a backup quarterback and a freshman tailback.

Colton Lichtenberg nailed a 27-yard field goal on the final play of the game to lift the Eagles to a 45-42 upset victory over Louisville yesterday at Papa John's Cardinals Stadium.

BC improved to 3-4 with its first ACC victory of the season and will play at Virginia next Saturday. The staggering Cardinals (4-3, 1-3) absorbed their second straight league loss and play next at Florida State.

"It was a great team win on the road and we beat a great football team," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "I thought we did it as a team in all three phases and I'm proud of our guys' resolve, so there are a lot of positives."

Lichtenberg entered the game 1-of-5 in his last six field-goal attempts and missed a 40-yarder on BC's first possession of the third quarter. Still, the Eagles dominated with their power run game in the second half and provided Lichtenberg a realistic opportunity to make the biggest boot of his career.

"I missed the first one and I came out with the chance for redemption and that was it," said Lichtenberg. "I told the guys: 'I've got this, it's going in.'"

"You don't think about anything else, you don't look anywhere, you are just looking at the uprights and visualizing the ball going through and that's it."

BC trailed 21-14 at the half and Addazio elected to go with a smashmouth attack that put the onus on his veteran offensive line plus tailbacks AJ Dillon and Jon Hilliman. BC rolled up 555 yards of total offense (361 in the second half) with 364 rushing yards and a staggering 27 first downs.

Dillon responded to Addazio's call by rushing for 272 yards on 39 carries and four touchdowns. In the second half alone, the freshman ran for 239 yards including a "beast mode" 75-yard touchdown that put BC up 42-28 with 11:59 to play.

"The offensive line did a great job today," said Dillon. "I feel like they are my brothers up there and they put it all on the line for me and Jon and Travis (Levy) and I can't thank them enough."

On BC's first possession after the break, starting quarterback Anthony Brown left with a shoulder injury, and that drive concluded with Lichtenberg's missed 40-yarder.

Brown was replaced by Darius Wade, who drove BC to touchdowns on its next four possessions as the Eagles flipped the script. Wade complemented BC's power run game with timely and effective play-action passes, primarily to tight end Tommy Sweeney. Wade completed 7-of-10 passes for 91 yards.

"At the end of the day I was happy to play and help the team anyway I can," said Wade. "It is a struggle anytime you are not playing but was mentally prepared to go."

Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, completed 19-of-39 passes for 332 yards and two touchdowns. He rushed for 180 yards on 22 carries with three more scores.

While Jackson accounted for a lot of gains for the Cards, in the end it was not enough.

# Running back AJ Dillon basks in glory after Boston College's upset at Louisville

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 16, 2017**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boston College tailback AJ Dillon was hard to miss and difficult to tackle in the second half of Saturday's 45-42 upset victory over Louisville.

Earning their first ACC win of the season, the Eagles (3-4, 1-3) will face Virginia next weekend in Charlottesville, Va. The resurgent Cavaliers are 5-1 (2-0 ACC) following Saturday's 20-14 victory at North Carolina.

Dillon, a Lawrence Academy product, rushed for a BC freshman record 272 yards on 39 carries and four touchdowns. A whopping 239 of those yards came in the second half, including a 75-yard touchdown run through traffic that put BC up 42-28 early in the fourth quarter.

Dillon's efforts against Louisville attracted national attention yesterday, as he was named the Walter Camp Football Federation offensive player of the week.

"I have been really working on just being a physical runner," Dillon said. "I had the opportunities that I had because the O-line did their jobs, the receivers did their jobs blocking downfield and our defense for holding them."

The Eagles were coming off a dispiriting 23-10 home loss to Virginia Tech and were facing a Louisville foe, and its Heisman Trophy quarterback Lamar Jackson, that dismembered BC, 52-7, last season at Alumni Stadium.

BC needed a complete team effort and several individual performances to turn the tables on the imposing Cardinals. The Eagles offensive line dominated Louisville's front seven in the second half and unleashed Dillon into the Cardinals' secondary.

Trailing 21-14 at the half, BC coach Steve Addazio abandoned all pretenses of balance and pounded the football down the Cards' collective throats with runs between the tackles.

BC had a season-high 555 yards of total offense, 364 of which came on the ground, while piling up 27 first downs — thanks to a stellar 9-of-18 third down conversion rate. Comparably, the Eagles were 2-of-15 on third down against Virginia Tech.

"Our physicality on the offensive line was something remarkable," Addazio said. "AJ Dillon was a beast (and) that was unbelievable."

There were other individual and unit contributions in the Eagles' victory. Darius Wade replaced starting quarterback Anthony Brown early in the third quarter and directed the offense on four consecutive touchdowns drives. He employed play-action sets and roll outs to complete 7-of-10 passes for 91 yards.

Tight end Tommy Sweeney had three receptions for 39 yards in the second half. Receiver Michael Walker turned a fumbled punt return into a 32-yard return in the second quarter that set up Dillon's first touchdown.

Kicker Colton Lichtenberg had missed five of his previous six field goal attempts before booting a 27-yarder on the final play of the game.

The BC defense forced two turnovers that led to scores in the second half. Defensive end Wyatt Ray intercepted Jackson on the Louisville 46 and returned it to the 22. That set up an 11-yard touchdown run by Dillon on the first play of the fourth quarter.

# BC notebook: Chris Lindstrom, AJ Dillon earn ACC honors

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 17, 2017**

Right tackle Chris Lindstrom received due credit for tailback AJ Dillon's ridiculous rushing numbers in Saturday's 45-42 road upset victory of Louisville.

Fair or not, an offensive lineman's worth is evaluated in other people's stats.

Dillon carried the ball 39 times for a Boston College freshman-record 272 yards against Louisville, the fifth-most by an FBS running back this season. Dillon was the first BC back to eclipse 200 yards since Andre Williams rambled for 295 at New Mexico State in 2013.

Dillon was named the Walter Camp Offensive Player of the Week on Sunday, and yesterday he collected co-Back and Rookie of the Week accolades from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Dillon shared ACC Back of the Week honors with Syracuse quarterback Eric Dungey, who led the Orange to a 27-24 upset of defending national champion and No. 2 Clemson on Friday night.

Lindstrom cashed in on Dillon's gaudy stats, being named the ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week. But the entire line deserves credit for the win, including tackle Aaron Monteiro of Brockton, guards Sam Schmal and John Phillips and freshman center Ben Petrula, who replaced injured captain Jon Baker.

"We've been able to practice the last couple of weeks with continuity, and it's growing. I thought they did a great job," Eagles coach Steve Addazio said of his offensive line. "They played really physical against a really talented defensive front."

BC had 555 yards of total offense and 364 rushing yards on 87 snaps that included 27 first downs and 9-of-18 third-down conversions.

Brown on mend

Addazio will get a medical update tomorrow morning on starting quarterback Anthony Brown's status for Saturday's ACC clash with Virginia in Charlottesville, Va.

"We've got to manage the situation because I really don't know yet," Addazio said. "I won't really know, and I'll get a feel for that (today). Probably not in totality, but at least a better idea."

Brown aggravated a shoulder injury on the opening drive of the second half at Louisville. Brown first injured his shoulder at Clemson on Sept. 23 and played hurt against Central Michigan and Virginia Tech. Addazio said Brown didn't practice the week before the Virginia Tech game, and he had a sling on his shoulder Saturday.

Brown completed 5-of-17 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown against Louisville. Darius Wade replaced him and led the BC offense on four straight touchdown drives, with some major help from Dillon and the line.

Cavalier attitude

Virginia second-year coach Bronco Mendenhall has brought a winning mindset to a program that had been a bottom-feeder in the ACC Coastal Division for the past five seasons.

The Cavaliers are 5-1 and off to their best start since opening 7-1 in 2007. They staged impressive road wins at Boise State and North Carolina. Virginia hasn't started 2-0 on the road since 2000. From 2012-16, Virginia was 17-43 with no bowl appearances.

Virginia's long snapper is Joe Spaziani of Hingham, son of former BC head coach and current New Mexico State defensive coordinator Frank Spaziani.

# Fill-in offensive lineman John Phillips earns high grades at Boston College

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 18, 2017**

Boston College coach Steve Addazio sets a high standard for handing out “grade champion awards” to offensive linemen.

BC is known as O-Line U, so the Eagles front five is expected to play up to that reputation.

Three Eagles offensive linemen — right tackle Chris Lindstrom and guards John Phillips and Sam Schmal — copped grade champion awards from Addazio for Saturday’s 45-42 upset at Louisville. And Lindstrom was named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week for the first time in his career.

The Eagles (3-4, 1-3 ACC) could use a repeat performance when they take on resurgent Virginia (5-1, 2-0) in an ACC game Saturday in Charlottesville, Va.

“We grade them out, and you get a champion award if you’re graded at a certain percentage,” Addazio said following practice yesterday at Alumni Stadium. “You have to have a minimum amount of plays and grade at a certain percentage, and they did it. We had three offensive linemen grade out as champions, and that is all good stuff, but it is not shocking. We ran the ball for 364 yards, and your line is playing good when that happens.”

Phillips is a redshirt sophomore from Phoenix, N.Y. He saw limited action in 11 games last year and wasn’t a starter when this season opened. But Addazio was forced to reconfigure his offensive line when senior center Jon Baker tore an ACL in the opener.

“John has prepared himself and stepped up, and he played his best game last weekend,” Addazio said. “It was the first time he’s graded out champion since he has been with us, and that’s growth.”

Phillips made his first career start at left guard against Wake Forest and was switched to right tackle the following week against Notre Dame. Addazio said Phillips’ game has improved each week.

BC accumulated 555 yards of total offense on 87 snaps against Louisville. The yardage total included 364 on the ground and 27 first down.

Boston College upends Louisville as freshman AJ Dillon runs for 272 yards and four touchdowns

“Grading is an overall confirmation that you did your job and helped your team win,” Phillips said. “That is exactly what it was a team win, and it is an awesome feeling when the whole team wins like that.”

The offensive line sprung freshman tailback AJ Dillon for a freshman school record of 272 yards on 39 carries, with four touchdowns.

“Halfway through the first quarter, they started subbing people out, and we really hit our stride and started rolling with the tempo and moving fast-paced,” Phillips said. “That’s our M.O., we tire people out up front and our backs run hard. We tire people out and we capitalize when they make mistakes. It’s the best feeling in the world when you do your job and one of those times he (Dillon) runs for 75 yards and it was awesome.”

# Practice makes perfect for BC's AJ Dillon

**Craig Larson | Boston Globe | October 18, 2017**

The exclamation point on AJ Dillon's breakout 39-carry, 272-yard, four-touchdown performance in BC's 45-42 stunning win at Louisville last Saturday afternoon was a Twitter/Instagram/YouTube and "College GameDay" sensation by early evening.

The broad-shouldered, 6-foot, 240-pound freshman back via Lawrence Academy attacked the line of scrimmage, absorbed one hit, turned and then powerfully stiff-armed Louisville's Chuck Williams, a 6-2, 216-pound safety, to the ground on the way to a thunderous 75-touchdown gallop down the left sideline.

Fortuitously, the genesis of the smash-mouth play was a drill running backs coach Brian White had incorporated into the Eagles' practice routine earlier in the week — courtesy of Dillon and LSU star tailback Leonard Fournette, now in his rookie season with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Every week, White asks his BC backs for a drill that they'd like to run in practice.

Last week, Dillon offered up the spin and stiff arm via Fournette, a physical comparable at 6-1, 228 pounds.

"Before the Virginia Tech game, I was watching Fournette tape, and he was doing a drill, running, doing a jump cut, he spun around, stepped over the bag standing up, and then stiff-armed [a defender]," said Dillon, who, nattily attired in a BC navy blue blazer, was at Harvard's Dillon Fieldhouse on Wednesday afternoon to receive the Week 7 Division 1 Gold Helmet from the New England Football Writers. Assumption senior QB Marc Monk was the D2-D3 Helmet recipient for his four-touchdown effort in a NE-10 win over New Haven.

"I had never seen that. As a running back, you need to make a number of moves. I said 'Let's try that [in practice].'

"But I didn't know that it would happen immediately [in a game]. You watch our drill and the play, and it's almost identical."

But as White, a former Harvard quarterback, noted more than once, it takes a special player to follow through on the execution on game day.

"Everybody in America has seen the play multiple times," said White, whose extensive college coaching career has included stops at Notre Dame, Wisconsin — working with Heisman winner Ron Dayne — and Florida.

"The drill that he created led to a ridiculously, crazy play in which you get hit by a corner unblocked and then take the safety with one arm, throw him 5 yards, and then go run 70 yards . . . that will be part of our drill tape. Created a drill and then put it to work on Saturday afternoon."

That run, and Dillon's game-changing performance even created a stir in the midst of an Independent School League game in Southborough the same afternoon.

"In the middle of our game [a 36-13 win over St. Mark's], there was a buzz, the kids were a little distracted," acknowledged Lawrence Academy coach Paul Zukauskas.

The news about Dillon had made its way to the sidelines.

Zukauskas, a standout offensive lineman at BC who played in the NFL, said he was not surprised by Dillon's performance.

"Here's a different kind of guy, at any level. I haven't seen too many guys like him," Zukauskas said.

And after his monster effort at Louisville, Dillon is geared up to continue his run on Saturday at Virginia.

"I think I took the next step on Saturday, but I still have several more steps to go," he said.



# BC football team running with momentum

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 20, 2017

The “It will be beautiful” gem Boston College coach Steve Addazio fed the Internet after the Eagles lost to Virginia Tech two weeks ago was sound-bite catnip to a fan base that perpetually, and often times deservedly, keeps him under a microscope.

It was a perfect purge of pent-up frustration after a loss for the fourth time in five games. It was received as a delusional from the outside looking in at a BC team that seemed as if it might go winless in the conference for the second time in three years.

But inside the Eagles’ locker room, Addazio’s words about a possible upset of Louisville echoed off the walls.

“We love Coach Addazio and we know that we have such a great, tight group of players and we’re crazy close-knit,” said linebacker Ty Schwab said. “We really do play for each other, as cliché as it sounds, we do play for each other inside that locker room and we play for the coaches, we love the coaches. It’s a great coaching staff and we have great players and we all play as one.

“Having played such close games, hearing the same things after the games like, ‘We were right there, we were right there, if a couple more things went our way, a couple more stops on defense.’ We were so close and playing so well that we were bound to break. We were due a win. We were due. We all believed in it and he preached it all week, ‘This is our game.’ We all just felt what he was feeling as well.”

Addazio wrote a check — one he’s been writing since he came to BC five years ago with a five-year plan — and with a 45-42 win on the road against Louisville, the Eagles cashed it, keeping alive their hopes of reaching a bowl game for the fourth time in five years.

The win was by no means a panacea for the season, but it was a shot of affirmation for a team that desperately needed it.

“A lot of people called it an upset, but going into the game, we had all the confidence in the world,” Schwab said. “We were like, ‘We’re going to go win this game.’ We have that every game, too. We’ve played some really tough teams and we’ve played some damn good football. Like Coach Addazio said last week in his press conference, it was a matter of time before we broke out. We all have his back and we all knew and we all had these things in the back of our mind as well that we were going to break out eventually.”

The win slightly tilted a half-empty glass to half-full as the Eagles hit the backstretch of their schedule, starting with a 5-1 Virginia team on Saturday in Charlottesville.

The Eagles’ offense piled up 555 total yards against Louisville (364 on the ground) and scored 40 points in an ACC game for just the second time in school history.

“Confidence is boosted,” said running back Thadd Smith. “We can play with anyone in the nation, I feel.”

With the offense riding some momentum and the defense facing a pocket passer in Kurt Benkert, the Eagles (3-4, 1-3 ACC) have reason to believe there will be a confidence carryover against Virginia (5-1, 2-0).

“Week by week, you’ve just got to change and adapt,” Schwab said. “It’s part of the game. It’s kind of fun, I look forward to it. I think it’s fun playing against different things all the time. It makes you a better football player and it teaches you to adapt, because not everything is going to be clear skies and perfect.

“I think it’ll be better for our team that we’re facing a non-dual threat quarterback, because we’ve been beat a couple times on having a dual-threat quarterback. So now that we’ve got a guy who sits back in the pocket, we can get after him a little bit and I think coach will put us in position to have a great chance to win.”

Despite aggravating an injury to his throwing shoulder against Louisville, quarterback Anthony Brown took all the No. 1 snaps in practice this week and likely will be under center Saturday.

“[The injury is] something I’m not used to,” Brown said. “It’s actually helping me mature, because it’s making me learn how to take care of my body better or even prepare my body a lot better and from here on out, I’ve just got to keep preparing and rehabbing my body with treatment.”

Whether the Louisville win was season-shifter or a stopgap remains to be seen, but the path to six wins is still a treacherous one.

“I still don’t think we’ve played our best football,” Addazio said. “And I think that’s ahead of us. And obviously each week you’re hoping that that week is going to be the best game that you’ve played.

“But they’ve got a great mind-set, a great mentality, and this is a team that’s excited as heck for every game. And we just got off the practice field and had a great day today and look forward each day to improving.”

# BC wants to keep pressing forward against Virginia

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 20, 2017

There's a popular hashtag associated with Boston College's football team.

#RRPP.

It stands for Run, Run, Pass, Punt, and it's a testament to the predictability of the Eagles' offense despite coach Steve Addazio's claim to mix up the approach.

Pounding the life out of the ball has been the Eagles' calling card for decades — save for the years when Matt Ryan and Doug Flutie were under center.

In order to get a potential season-saving win at Louisville last weekend, the Eagles had to run for 364 yards on 59 carries, and freshman AJ Dillon had to rush 39 times for 272 yards.

Where this puts BC (3-4) in terms of securing six wins as it heads into a road game against 5-1 Virginia on Saturday is still very much in question.

But what the victory did foster is a sense of confidence with five games left on the schedule.

"I think what that win does — and I'm not dancing around the question — I think what that win does is help to build confidence," Addazio said.

"In the words of [BC faculty member] Father Jack, when he talks about your foundation to bear fruit, everybody wants to bear a little bit of fruit in this game. All right. Period. You want to bear fruit for your work, and times it comes early, sometimes it comes a little late, sometimes it comes real late. But when you bear fruit, there's a great feeling of validation for what you've been seeing or — on the tape, what you've been talking about, what you've been striving for.

"You know, when you're out there and you're saying, this is what I think, this is where I think we are. And then you get some validation of that. Whether you're a player, whether you're a fan, whether you're a coach, it's good to see some validation of what you think you see. And so, what does that win do for you? That win gives you a little bit of fruit. That win gives you a little bit of confidence.

"But if you don't handle your business, that'll erode real quick, and we're still in the process of really building, you know. And we've got to keep building. And I think I said this the other day, that you know, as you're building, you just want to try to keep seeing the spike go up. But along the way, you've got to deal with the reality of what happens in these games like we've had to do from the beginning of the year."

In a perfect world, the Louisville win puts BC back on schedule. The Eagles dropped a game they shouldn't have lost to Wake Forest. They picked it back up against Louisville. Their hope of going to a bowl game for the fourth time in five years is still alive.

But the world is imperfect. Addazio isn't judged by how many times he gets to a bowl game, rather by how much closer BC gets to regaining a spot in the ACC's hierarchy.

# Rejuvenated BC football dusts Virginia

**Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 21, 2017**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The second John Lamot saw cornerback Taj-Amir Torres tip a pass from Virginia's Lindell Stone, sending the football dancing in mid-air, the Boston College linebacker knew he could grab it and find his way to the end zone.

"I saw the ball in the air, I just grabbed it and had to get to the house," Lamot said.

On the sidelines, staring at a scoreboard that showed the Eagles on the right side of a lopsided situation, BC coach Steve Addazio enjoyed every moment.

Lamot's 40-yard interception return was the last score in the Eagles' 41-10 win over Virginia. After taking their share of blowout losses this season, the Eagles relished in handing one to a Cavaliers team that came in 5-1.

"Players don't want to take a beating, that's for sure," Addazio said. "But in the same breath, I think it's how it goes. It feels good to be down the back end of that game with that score the way it was. I'm not going to lie to you, that feels great."

Box score: BC 41, Virginia 10

Two weeks ago, the Eagles took a 23-10 loss to Virginia Tech that dropped them to 2-4 and sparked Addazio to proclaim that eventually, "It will be beautiful." The Eagles have since responded by putting up 40 points in back-to-back ACC games for the first time since joining the conference in 2005.

"I don't even remember I said that, but that's accurately how I feel," Addazio said. "I feel that there was a lot of good things brewing. Somebody said, 'Well, how does the team feel?' Well, the team feels great because they watch the video. Watch the video, you can validate. Video doesn't lie. So the team has been great.

"All this does over the last couple days is build that confidence. You're able to bear some fruit in the foundation that you lay and everybody needs to have some fruit. I mean, you've got to get some validation for your hard work at some time, it's just human nature."

While Addazio's memory was foggy, his players remembered. For the second straight week, the offense racked up 500-plus yards (512). Freshman quarterback Anthony Brown completed 19 of 24 passes for a career-high 275 yards and three touchdowns. A.J. Dillon rushed for 89 yards on 24 carries. Tommy Sweeney caught four passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our coaches do a great job with game-planning and everything to help us out," said Brown. "And we had to take it upon ourselves to make a difference. This is a players' game, so we have to play as hard and physical and be as effective as possible during a game. So we took that into our own hands."

They set the tone early with an offense that was as effective in the first quarter as it's been all season.

When the Eagles looked up at the Scott Stadium scoreboard at the end of the first quarter, they saw a sight they hadn't seen in nearly a decade : a 17-0 lead.

Those 17 points were the most the Eagles had scored in the first quarter of an ACC game since 2008 (at N.C. State).

In the first quarter alone, the Eagles piled up 256 yards (122 on the ground, 134 in the air) converted 5 of 6 third downs and controlled the ball for 8:12 on 21 plays.

They got on the board first after a 15-play, 85-yard drive that ended with a 30-yard field goal by Colton Lichtenberg.

Their next drive was a blur when Thadd Smith turned the corner on a sweep and sprinted 76 yards to give the Eagles a 10-0 lead.

The next time the offense touched the field, it only needed three plays to cash in again. Brown hit Kobay White on a screen to the right side, and the freshman wide receiver took advantage of a missed tackle and slid upfield 76 yards to put BC up 17-0.

The Eagles stretched the lead to 24-0 on the first drive of the second quarter, an 80-yard drive capped when Brown floated a pass to a wide-open Sweeney for a 10-yard score.

Virginia avoided being shut out in the first half when Joe Reed punched in a 1-yard run. But the Eagles kept their foot on the gas at the start of the second half, going 50 yards on 10 plays to set up a 36-yard field goal by Lichtenberg, then churning out a back-breaking 15-play, 92-yard drive capped by another touchdown pass from Brown to Sweeney that pushed the lead to 34-7.

"I think we're starting the hard way to bear some fruit and gain some confidence and that's critically important," Addazio said. "There's still a process there, but I'm sure jacked up to be a part of that process right now.

"Everybody's grooving in a little bit. That was a rough start there where we had to break in a young freshman at center who hadn't played center before. All that stuff was rough and against the level. But that water's finding itself right now and we're now gaining confidence."

# Boston College needs to be at its best to beat Virginia today

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 21, 2017**

The repercussions from Boston College's 45-42 upset victory at Louisville last Saturday could propel the Eagles onward to bowl eligibility, or be the lone bright spot in another losing conference campaign.

The Eagles (3-4, 1-2) season might go either way today when they engage the resurgent Virginia Cavaliers (5-1, 2-0) in an ACC interdivisional game in Charlottesville, Va.

The low and high points of BC's offense occurred in the last two games against quality conference foes. The Eagles managed only 344 yards of total offense on 66 plays, which included an abysmal 2-of-15 on third down, in a 23-10 home loss to Virginia Tech on Oct. 7.

BC reversed course by gaining 555 yards of total offense (364 rushing) on 87 plays, converting 9-of-18 third downs against the Cardinals. Tailback A.J. Dillon led the way with a freshman school record 272 yards on 39 carries with four touchdowns.

Which BC offense will show up at Scott Stadium today?

"Those emotional roller coasters, those are tough rides to go on," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "I'm not unrealistic about it but you try with your team not to ride those because they are wearing and they are tiring.

"You've just got to get ready for the next week, whether you come off a devastating loss or a sky-high win. I can't look in the rearview mirror. You've got to have belief in where you are headed. I think that is critically important to be always forward thinking and not rear thinking."

BC's offensive explosion enabled the defense to outlast Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner who posted staggering numbers and brought the Cardinals back from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

The BC defense has experienced breakdowns in the fourth quarter against Louisville and Clemson, and was manhandled by Notre Dame throughout in a 42-20 home loss on Sept. 16.

But in the other four games, the Eagles defense has been solid despite losing two starting linebackers (Connor Strachan and Max Richardson) to knee injuries. The secondary has recorded an interception in every game and is second in the ACC with nine.

"We are going into the game with all the confidence in the world and we've played some really tough teams and we've played some good football," said linebacker Ty Schwab.

The BC defense has encountered a talented dual-threat quarterback in every game this season — most recently Wake Forest's John Wolford, Kelly Bryant of Clemson, Notre Dame's Brandon Wimbush and Jackson. But Virginia senior quarterback Kurt Benkert is a traditional pocket passer who avoids trouble with precision passes and a quick release. Benkert has completed 158-of-243 passes for 1,680 yards with a quarterback efficiency of 138.15.

Benkert has 15 touchdowns with three interceptions and will be a tempting target for BC sack masters Harold Landry and Zach Allen.

"He is more of a pocket guy and less of a QB run guy — and not that he can't run, he can," said Addazio. "But that is not what they are all about so we have to crank up that pass rush and get ready to get after it a little bit."

# Freshman QB Anthony Brown throws 3 TDs as BC rolls over Virginia

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 22, 2017**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Quarterback Anthony Brown supplied balance to the Boston College offense and in the process brought a sense of hope and optimism to the program.

The redshirt freshman from Cliffwood, N.J., enjoyed a breakout passing performance in yesterday's 41-10 victory over Virginia in an ACC interdivisional match at Scott Stadium.

Brown completed 19-of-24 passes for 275 yards with three touchdowns and zero interceptions. Brown completed a 76-yard flanker screen pass to Kobay White for a touchdown. He added a pair of red zone touchdown tosses to junior tight end Tommy Sweeney.

"There was a lot of balance put into the game plan this week and we executed it well early and now we have to figure out a way to continue that," said Brown.

BC improved to 4-4 and 2-3 in the ACC with its second straight conference road victory and will host Florida State in an Atlantic Division engagement on Friday night at Alumni Stadium. The Cavaliers dropped to 5-2 and 2-1.

BC placed an emphasis on the running game in its 45-42 victory at Louisville on Oct. 14. Freshman tailback AJ Dillon rushed for 272 yards and four touchdowns.

Yesterday, Virginia loaded the box figuring BC would continue with that plan of attack and betting that Brown couldn't deliver on the passing end.

The BC quarterback used play-action and rollout passes on four consecutive scoring drives in the first half, each time starting from inside their own 20.

Brown completed 11-of-14 passes for 198 yards and extended drives by leading BC to 7-of-9 on third down conversions in the first half. It wasn't all about his arm, however, as Brown showed the power of his legs on a third-and-6 from the BC 6. He escaped two Virginia pass rushers in the end zone then scrambled 15 yards for a first down. The Eagles capped this opening drive with a 30-yard field goal by Colton Lichtenberg for a 3-0 lead with 6:51 to play in the first.

"I had to get out of the end zone and that was really that," said Brown, who had 32 rushing yards on five carries.

The Eagles wide receivers delivered two long touchdowns on plays that usually generate short yardage.

BC went up 10-0 on a four play, 90-yard drive finished by Thadd Smith on a 76-yard jet sweep. It was BC's longest run from scrimmage this season.

"I figured if I shoot the gap and come outside I'd have the lane and (wide receiver Chris) Garrison did a good job taking two guys with him," said Smith.

Before the first quarter ended, BC went up 17-0 as Brown threw a third-down flanker screen to wide receiver Kobay White on the right side. White cut back against the pursuit and turned up field for a 76-yard touchdown, the longest pass play from scrimmage this season for BC.

"They were two huge plays by Thadd and Kobay and those are things we do all the time, those jet sweeps and we probably should have run a few more jets because they were really pounding it inside," said BC coach Steve Addazio.

The Eagles defense provided a splendid account for itself against a Virginia offense that entered the game averaging 408.2 total yards per game. BC held the Cavaliers to 247 yards of total offense and just 95 rushing yards.

"Honestly that was one of our goals to hold their guys under 99 yards rushing," said linebacker John Lamot, who finished with four tackles and returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown.

# BC football has found its groove midseason

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In a matter of two weeks, the perspective on Boston College's season shifted from the possibility of watching a sinking ship to the reality of still having a bowl berth within reach.

The Eagles followed up their upset of Louisville two weeks ago with a blowout win over Virginia last Saturday to pull themselves back to .500 (4-4) as they prepare to host Florida State on Friday night.

But even as they've found a way to play some of their best football, coach Steve Addazio realizes how fragile their season still is.

"Absolutely," Addazio said. "For a lot of reasons. One, injuries. Two, you still have young guys playing at critical positions and they can fluctuate, they have to learn how to handle and maintain the intensity of a full football season and a heavy academic load. Those are all things that have yet to completely play out right now."

"But I think we're playing well right now, I think we're getting better, I think we have some good momentum, but like anything else, if you don't stay on top of it and you're not locked in, things can change on a dime on you. Whereas when you have more depth and a more veteran team, you probably have less risk of that fluctuating on you a little bit."

On the one hand, the Eagles have watched the young players they were counting on at the start of the season begin to blossom.

AJ Dillon rushed for a career high 272 yards and four touchdowns on 39 carries against Louisville, the third-best rushing game in Eagles history, the most rushing yards by a true freshman in school history, and the second most by a freshman in ACC history. Over the past four games, he's rushed for 516 yards. He has 694 for the season and has a shot at surpassing BC's freshman rushing record (920 by Montel Harris in 2008).

"I feel like as the weeks have progressed I've started to become more and more confident and that's just through coaching, through repetition, through game play," Dillon said. "Obviously, there's nothing that can really simulate the actual game feel and I feel like that's something I had to learn."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown kept the wave rolling in Virginia, throwing for a career-high 275 yards and three touchdowns on 19-for-24 passing with no interceptions. He became the first BC quarterback to throw for three touchdowns with no picks in a conference game since 2003.

"You can say I've been maturing a lot and it shows," Brown said. "But I've been helped with that and guided."

But on the other hand, a defense that's long been the team's backbone has played well despite a slew of injuries.

The defense has been shorthanded since losing linebackers Connor Strachan and Max Richardson. It was dealt another blow against Virginia when All-ACC defensive end Harold Landry suffered an ankle injury. Kevin Bletzer and John Lamot have stepped in with little experience and kept the defense running smoothly.

"Even though there's not a lot of depth, you know, guys are ready to step in and do what they need to do," said defensive end Zach Allen. "Everyone prepares like a starter. That's what we expect. That's the standard we hold you [to]. Prepare like you're going in. So we're not worried if someone goes down."

The Eagles may have found a groove midseason, but Addazio knows their situation is still delicate.

"You see us at the end of the game, we start getting — we're tired," Addazio said of the defense. "We starting missing tackles towards the ends of the games and it's not hard to see it. It's fatigue. But we're paper thin. . . . We're trying on the run to build the depth."

"But we're playing such a tough schedule that you don't get many opportunities to get them in. So I hope we can stay healthy down the end run here right now."

# College football: Boston College eager to face big-name Florida State program at home in The Heights

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 23, 2017

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Boston College's next opponent is a "big dog" from the Atlantic Coast Conference that has lost much of its bite.

The Eagles (4-4, 2-3 ACC) go for their third straight conference victory when they host Florida State (2-4, 2-3) in an Atlantic Division clash on Friday night at Alumni Stadium.

After starting 0-3 in the ACC, the Eagles reversed course with consecutive road victories at Louisville and Virginia. The Eagles outlasted Louisville and 2016 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Lamar Jackson, 45-42, and followed with a 41-10 demolition of Virginia on Saturday.

"It's going to be a heck of a night and we are all excited about it and (it's) a tremendous challenge for us," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "(The Seminoles) are one of the big dogs in our conference."

The Seminoles' status as a "big dog" has been compromised by lackluster efforts against conference opponents this season. FSU appears vulnerable for an upset despite its reputation as a perennial ACC championship contender.

The Seminoles began the season ranked No. 3 in the nation and favored to upend defending national champion Clemson for the ACC title. FSU opened with a loss to No. 1 to Alabama.

FSU's title aspirations went south when quarterback Deondre Francois suffered a season-ending knee injury in the fourth quarter in a 24-7 loss to the Crimson Tide.

The Seminoles have league losses to North Carolina State, Miami and on Saturday at home to Louisville. FSU's conference wins were on the road at Wake Forest and Duke.

"I'm excited to be home with our fans and I hope we can fill our stadium and create a frenzied atmosphere," said Addazio. "Make no mistake about (it), we have a tremendous challenge ahead of us and we have to have a great week of practice on a short turnaround."

"We have a bye week finally next week after week nine. Right now we have the last 100 meters in front of us and every coach and every player has to sprint the final 100 meters right now."

The most encouraging product of the lopsided victory over the Cavaliers was the play of redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown. The Eagles offense rolled up 512 yards and Brown completed 19-of-24 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns with zero interceptions.

# BC notebook: Freshmen Anthony Brown, AJ Dillon near top of their class

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 24, 2017**

Two of Boston College's freshman playmakers are near the top of their class.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown and true freshman tailback AJ Dillon gravitated to the statistical hierarchy of their FBS peers following road victories against Louisville and Virginia.

Dillon is fourth among true freshman in rushing with 695 yards and tied for fifth in touchdowns (six) with Clemson's Travis Etienne and Spencer Brown of UAB. Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor leads all true freshmen in rushing (1,112) and touchdowns (11).

Brown is third in freshman passing yards with 1,284 and third in touchdown passes with 10. Virginia Tech's Josh Jackson is the leader in passing yards (1,832) and touchdown passes (16).

"They are considered elite in their class in the country right now, and I think that is exciting," said BC coach Steve Addazio, whose team will host Florida State on Friday night.

Dillon's breakout game was a 45-42 upset of Louisville on Oct. 14. Dillon rushed for 272 yards and four touchdowns on 39 carries. His yardage total was the sixth-best in the nation this season, and he was named ACC Co-Back of the Week and Rookie of the Week.

Brown was fantastic in last Saturday's 41-10 pounding of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. He completed 19-of-24 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns with zero interceptions, a performance that earned him ACC Rookie of the Week honors yesterday.

"It is kind of all coming together," Dillon said. "(At) Louisville, I had a good game, and this week, Anthony showcased his ability, and I love seeing everybody else do well."

Ball hawks

The Boston College defense is fourth in the nation and tied for first in the ACC with 12 interceptions. The Eagles made a huge jump with three interceptions at Virginia that included a 40-yard pick-6 by freshman middle linebacker John Lamot.

Free safety Lukas Denis of Everett is tied for first in the nation with five interceptions. Cornerback Isaac Yiadom is next with two followed by Lamot, Will Harris, Hamp Cheevers and defensive ends Zach Allen and Wyatt Ray with one apiece.

"I think the No. 1 thing we've been doing is when the ball presents itself and it is there to be caught, we just catch the ball," Yiadom said.

Next man up

Lamot and outside linebacker Kevin Bletzer have posted solid defensive stats since replacing injured starters this season.

Bletzer jumped in for Connor Strachan on short notice before the Notre Dame game on Sept. 16. In eight games with six starts, the junior from Medfield has 28 tackles with four for losses and a sack.

Lamot replaced Max Richardson in the second half at Clemson on Sept. 23 and has since made a huge impact. Lamot has appeared in five games with four starts and has 36 tackles and two for losses. . . .

Outside linebacker Ty Schwab is tied with Allen for the team lead in tackles at 65.



# BC's offense has made a big push forward

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The play that set the tone for Boston College's 41-10 win over Virginia last Saturday — and may exemplify the way the team's offense has blossomed over the past two games — was a third-down scramble by redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown that salvaged a broken play and kept the Eagles from stalling out early.

On their first drive of the game, the Eagles were backed up on their 6-yard line facing a third-and-6. Brown was working out of the shotgun, and as soon as he got the snap, Virginia brought the house.

He found himself in his end zone, surrounded by blue jerseys, dangerously close to taking a safety. But he managed to make two tacklers miss, then shot upfield for a 15-yard gain.

Instead of falling into a hole early, the Eagles drove 85 yards on 15 plays, converting three third downs and using 5:40 of the clock to get a field goal out of a drive that looked dead on arrival.

For an offense that has seen drops, penalties, and inefficiency short-circuit drives and kill momentum before it could even be built, that drive was the foundation of perhaps the Eagles' best offensive performance of the season.

The Eagles piled up 500 yards and put 40 points on the scoreboard for the second straight week, riding an offense that has begun to find itself midway through the season.

"We've had a lot of those plays, but we just weren't making those plays," said coach Steve Addazio. "We had that same opportunity against Virginia Tech and we didn't make them.

"Now we made them. It changes the whole complexion of games. That's why when I walked away from that game, I said to myself, 'We'll be all right. We're going to make those plays. It'll come.'

"So I think we're trying to increase the diversity in our offense a little bit. We have to be careful because all of a sudden you overload the young quarterback and the next thing you know, it all looks kind of nasty.

"So you want to grow and you want to throw a little more and sometimes it's like, 'Is that too much salt or not enough salt?' And you hope you're right. But you could be wrong and it's hard to know."

The balance that Addazio promised coming into the season had been lacking early on, with injuries taking a toll on the offense and inexperience at key positions making it difficult to open up the playbook.

But over the past two weeks, the offense has shown more than just flashes of what it could be.

Freshman running back A.J. Dillon ran for 272 yards in the 45-42 win over Louisville two weeks ago. Brown threw for a career-high 275 yards and three touchdowns.

But contributions have come from all over. Brown completed passes to seven different receivers against Virginia, with tight ends Tommy Sweeney and Chris Garrison becoming more involved in the offense.

'Just keeping drives alive, getting that first first down, and then keeping it rolling has been huge.'

"I think the whole team — offense, every receiver, both quarterbacks — I think we're a lot more confident now that we actually got to see it," said redshirt freshman receiver Kobay White.

As Dillon has emerged as the workhorse in the backfield, that has allowed the passing game to open up.

"Because of the game that we had as a team running the ball against Louisville, Virginia may have had to change a little bit of the schemes up, and that opened up the passing game a little bit," Dillon said.

"Any time you can have a balanced offense, like we did against Virginia, I feel like we're playing at the best of our ability."

The most important factor in the progression of the offense has been finding ways to keep drives from stalling. On the season, the Eagles are converting 36.1 percent of third downs, 10th in the Atlantic Coast Conference. But over the past two weeks, they've converted 51.3 percent (19 of 37), and the offense has reaped the benefits of long drives.

"Just keeping drives alive, getting that first first down, and then keeping it rolling has been huge," Brown said. "Converting on third down is really big because it keeps our drives alive and it takes a little bit out of the defense."

Addazio will concede that, even with the past two performances, the offense is by no means where he would like it to be. He came off the practice field Tuesday after trying to install a new play and wondered to himself whether it was too soon. With a bye week after Florida State on Friday, there will be more time to make sure it's fully grasped.

In the meantime, the progress has been enough to keep the season alive.

“So it’s push, but be careful,” Addazio said. “That’s where we are right now.”

# Kobay White scores recognition as go-to guy at wide receiver for Boston College

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 25, 2017**

Wide receiver Kobay White was recruited by Boston College coach Steve Addazio to provide a vertical pass component to the Eagles offense.

This past Saturday, in a 41-10 road rout of Virginia, White came through with BC's longest reception of the season, a 76-yarder on a touchdown connection with quarterback and fellow redshirt freshman Anthony Brown. The play was designed to spread the Cavaliers defense and yield a few tough yards, but it wound up going the distance.

"We actually had a different play called, and our offensive coordinator (Scot Loeffler) checked into the screen play because he saw something he liked, and it ended up working out for us in a big way," White said following yesterday's practice at Alumni Stadium.

White lined up wide on the boundary, took one step up field and turned toward Brown. After hauling in the pass, the receiver made the cornerback miss with a cut toward the middle and then spied a seam in the Cavaliers' pursuit. He turned on the juice and ran untouched into the end zone.

"I know the way my blockers are going to be blocking, so it was designed for my way of running the screen," White said. "I knew that the middle would be open, but when I got the ball and made my way to the middle, I just saw open field. I knew I had to get going, so I started running just as fast as I could."

For the game, White had three catches for 85 yards and played a prominent role in Brown's breakout game. Brown was an efficient 19-of-24 passing for 275 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions, numbers good enough to garner ACC Rookie of the Week honors.

While Brown likes to spread the ball around, White has been his primary target. White leads the Eagles with 24 receptions for 313 yards.

The genesis of Brown-to-White dates to last season when both were redshirts learning Loeffler's system.

"We throw all the time even throughout the summer just working and trying to get better and preparing for the year," White said.

White showed he could be a go-to receiver right out of the gate. In the Eagles' 23-20 season-opening victory at Northern Illinois, he was the leading receiver with six catches for 76 yards.

"Kobay is an explosive guy. We saw a glimpse of that obviously in Week 1," Addazio said. "He's got great hands, he's got change of direction, he's got lower-body power, and he has great speed. We saw that on the slip screen (for the 76-yard score) that was blocked really well."

White anticipates a tougher time finding open space when the Eagles host Florida State on Friday night. The Seminoles defensive front has produced 40 tackles for losses with 11 sacks, while the secondary has 24 pass breakups and three interceptions.

"This is Florida State, so obviously they are fast and big and strong," White said. "I was watching film, and they definitely can hit, so it will be an exciting game."

# BC football wary of struggling Florida State team

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 26, 2017

When the preseason polls rolled out and Florida State was ranked the No. 3 team in college football, there was no way the Seminoles could imagine the frustrating, injury-filled season they would be in for.

The losses didn't just come in the standings. No blow was bigger than quarterback Deondre Francois suffering a season-ending knee injury in Week 1 in a high-wattage matchup with Alabama. The Seminoles' injured list essentially covers half of their depth chart.

Losing four of their first six games only made matters worse. They hadn't started a season 2-4 since 2009 — Bobby Bowden's final year at the helm — and it was Jimbo Fisher's job when he took over to reestablish the program as one of the country's elite.

But despite the success the Seminoles have had under Fisher — including a 47-7 record over the past four seasons — the frustration of a brutal season has started to boil over. It was evident after a crushing home loss to Louisville last week, when a fan held a sign calling for changes on the coaching staff and Fisher responded by telling the fan to come on the field and say it to his face.

Fisher acknowledged he could've done things differently, but it was a clear sign of a program feeling the weight of a trying season.

"Unfortunately, you learn through adversity," Fisher said. "And you're learning — the way that happens, you have to go through the experience, you've got to feel them. And I'll be honest with you, we feel awful. There's no easy way to say that loss is going to go away. That loss ain't going away. You have to use it. It eats us up. It makes coaches feel awful, we as players feel awful, we as an organization feel awful, just like the fans do. There's no problem with that. I understand that."

Still, to a Boston College team riding a wave of confidence after consecutive wins that pulled the Eagles back to .500 and kept their bowl hopes alive, a wounded Florida State team is still dangerous as it visits Alumni Stadium for a Friday night showdown.

"Florida State at the end of the day is Florida State," said redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown. "It's great. It's actually an amazing program."

"Coach Fisher does an amazing job with his players and their record doesn't show what talent they have on their team. Their defense is always going to be good and we still have to keep our head on straight because this team is still one of the most talented teams in the country."

The Seminoles have the worst scoring offense in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the second-worst ACC offense in terms of total yards.

Along with Francois, they also lost primary weapons in running back Jacques Patrick and wide receiver George Campbell to season-ending injuries.

But when he looks at film, BC coach Steve Addazio said it's not hard to see the talent the Seminoles still have.

"It's really easy, honestly, when you put the tape on," Addazio said. "I flick on that tape, and honestly, I went like, 'Ugh.' So, no, our players, they put the tape on, and they know what they see. I actually was starting to look at them on offense and I watched their offensive line — wow. So they're still Florida State. But like a lot of teams, doesn't matter who you are, top to bottom, you lose your starting quarterback and you put a freshman quarterback in the game, there's a transition period with that."

"They had a guy [Francois] that they played as a freshman a year ago who was a freaky talent and all of a sudden, bam [he's injured], and now they're in it trying to develop another young guy and along the way you know those, just like we have a young guy, they got a young guy and all of a sudden they start emerging. But the surrounding talent? It's really good."

The Eagles have lost seven straight to the Seminoles going back to 2009. They've been within one score of pulling off an upset and they've also seen things go off the rails in lopsided losses.

"They're very physical, they're very athletic, and you know you have to be on point every play," said BC defensive end Zach Allen. "You know you can't take a play off or else they'll break it. You've got to always be fundamentally sound."

A win would pull the Eagles within one victory of being bowl eligible for the fourth time in five seasons. But for Florida State, a loss would make it that much more difficult to keep alive its streak of 35 bowl appearances.

Neither team can afford to get ahead of itself.

"We understand that's out there and all that's good," Fisher said. "But what we have to do to get there is stay in the moment now."

"When you're lining up the play that wins the game, you're not thinking about winning the game; you're thinking about executing the play. That's all you think about."

# BC hoping to ride wave and topple still-dangerous Florida State

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 27, 2017**

Boston College coach Steve Addazio gave his team a simple and concise warning about tonight's Atlantic Coast Conference opponent.

"They're still Florida State," said Addazio.

The Seminoles (2-4, 2-3) have fallen short of their lofty preseason expectations of winning the ACC and contending for a national championship. Despite their record, the 'Noles remain a deep and dangerous team under the direction of Jimbo Fisher, one of the most successful coaches in college football.

Addazio studied the game films on Sunday and saw that the wounded Seminoles are capable of inflicting serious damage on an unprepared or overconfident opponent. FSU's two ACC wins were on the road at Wake Forest and Duke, so playing in Chestnut Hill shouldn't be a hindrance on its own.

"This is going to be one of those games where you are clawing for every bit of real estate you can get and you are going to get a very small number of opportunities," said Addazio.

"When they come you have got to capitalize on them. It is going to be one of those kinds of games. Everybody has to prepare for that mindset.

"When you play against that level of talent on the defensive side of the ball you've got to grind, you've got to be patient and you've got to capitalize."

FSU's season took a drastic turn when quarterback Deondre Francois suffered a season-ending knee injury in the fourth quarter of a 24-7 loss to No. 1 Alabama in the opener.

Freshman James Blackman has stepped in to direct the Seminoles' high-powered pro-style offense, completing 84-of-136 passes for 1,047 yards with seven touchdowns and six interceptions. He has played under duress all season and took a pounding in last Saturday's 31-28 home loss to Louisville.

Blackman's development has been facilitated by a strong offensive line, tailbacks Cam Akers and Jacques Patrick, physical wide receivers Auden Tate and Nyqwan Murray and reliable tight end Ryan Rizzo.

"When you lose your starting quarterback and you put in a freshman quarterback in the game there's a transition period with that," said Addazio.

"They had a guy (Francois) that played as a freshman a year ago who was a freaky talent and all of a sudden, 'Bam!' Now they are trying to develop another young guy and all of a sudden they start emerging. But the surrounding talent is really good."

The Eagles are playing their best football of the season and return home after consecutive ACC road wins at Louisville and Virginia. The Eagles generated over 500 yards of total offense and scored at least 40 points in both wins using diverse means.

BC used its power run game, spearheaded by freshman tailback A.J. Dillon, to overwhelm the Louisville defense with 364 rushing yards on 59 attempts. Dillon accounted for 272 yards on 39 carries with four touchdowns.

The Eagles clipped UVA with an efficient pass attack. Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown completed 19-of-24 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

"I think it is very positive about our young players, about our confidence and about our momentum," said Addazio. "Having said that, we have got one of the elite teams in our conference coming into our stadium."

# Boston College routs Florida State for third straight ACC victory

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | October 27, 2017**

The Eagles brought feel-good football back to The Heights.

Boston College captured its third straight ACC victory with a 35-3 domination of Florida State before 40,629 last night at Alumni Stadium. The Eagles are on their best ACC run since ripping off four straight league wins down the stretch in 2010.

BC (5-4, 3-3) is off next weekend and resumes conference play at home against North Carolina State on Nov. 11. The slumping Seminoles (2-5, 2-4) endured a crush of BC fans who stormed the field as time expired. The Eagles haven't experienced a postgame frenzy of this magnitude since upsetting No. 9 Southern California in 2014.

"It was great to be able to have the student body and the fans to be a part of this win and that's what makes college football special," said BC coach Steve Addazio.

"That was something for sure that was very meaningful to the team."

BC's bowl prospects appeared dismal after an October loss at home to Virginia Tech. But the revival began on the road with a 45-42 upset victory over 2016 Heisman Trophy-winner Lamar Jackson and Louisville. The Eagles followed with a convincing 41-10 win at Virginia then brought that momentum home for Florida State.

"We felt from the beginning we had something special here and we got stung early with injuries," said Addazio. "They are hard for us to overcome with young guys in critical positions, but we were able to regroup."

"We are paper thin, but we regrouped and we are playing at a really good level and gaining confidence. There is resilience here and there is a very strong chemistry on this team."

This was the most points scored by the Eagles in any of their 16 games against FSU and it was coupled with a dominant defensive showing. BC had 329 yards of total offense, 241 on the ground with 19 first downs. Freshman tailback AJ Dillon led the attack with 149 yards on 33 carries with a touchdown.

The BC defense forced two turnovers and the punt coverage team recovered a fumble. BC held the 'Noles to 213 yards of total offense with 10 first downs and denied them on 10-of-14 third downs.

Senior linebacker Ty Schwab led the defense with 12 tackles, a sack and an interception. BC harassed and hurried FSU quarterback James Blackman with preseason All-American defensive end Harold Landry out due to an ankle injury. Blackman completed 11-of-26 passes for 102 yards with an interception.

"I thought right from the start we came out firing," said Addazio. "We were going to empty the drawer, so to speak and we went after them in all three phases with everything we had."

Consider the Eagles' first points. Quarterback Anthony Brown handed the ball to split end Jeff Smith on a reverse. Smith, who started four games at QB in 2015, delivered a perfect toss to split end Kobay White at the back of the end zone for a 7-0 lead with 7:55 to play.

BC needed eight plays on its next drive to take a 14-0 lead just 10:10 before the half as Brown completed an 11-yard toss to tight end Tommy Sweeney.

# BC dominates Florida State from start to finish

**Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 28, 2017**

Chalk it up to jitters or chalk it up to the buzz that comes with playing Florida State under the lights at Alumni Stadium on a Friday night, but Boston College freshman running back AJ Dillon couldn't get to sleep the night before without picking the brain of veteran Jon Hilliman.

Dillon remembered the last time the Eagles took down a powerhouse in front of their home fans, in 2014 against a Southern Cal team ranked No. 9 in the country. He remembered watching fans flood the field once the clock wound down on the 37-31 upset. He wanted to know what it felt like.

Hilliman told him, "It's one of those things that you're never going to forget."

Then Hilliman said he planted the seed that Dillon and the Eagles had a chance to do the same thing against Florida State.

"That was on my mind all [Thursday] night," Dillon said. "I was just thinking how cool it would be."

Box score: BC 35, Florida St. 3

As the clock ticked down on the Eagles' 35-3 win and BC turned out the lights on a Seminoles team that was defeated long before the scoreboard showed it, fans stormed the field. Caught in the swarm, Dillon took it all in.

"I feel like as a team, as a university, this was a really big win for us," he said. "Just to see the whole community of Boston College come together like that after something we did great as a team, it felt really good. It hasn't sunken in yet and I know looking back at it it's going to be something that I remember forever, and I'm really grateful for that."

This wasn't the Florida State team with the high hopes that come with a No. 3 preseason ranking. This was a wounded Seminoles team, missing the firepower it was counting on and trying to stop its ship from sinking.

But the Eagles (5-4, 3-3 ACC) were riding a wave of confidence and momentum after wins against Louisville and Virginia, and that wave overwhelmed the Seminoles (2-5, 2-4).

Dillon put together his third 100-yard rushing performance of the season, piling up 149 yards on 33 carries with one touchdown.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown threw for one touchdown and ran for another before leaving in the third quarter after reaggravating a right shoulder injury.

For the third straight week, the Eagles put up at least 30 points. It was BC's first time scoring 30-plus points in three straight games since 2003.

The Eagles snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Seminoles dating to 2009. The 32-point margin was the worst beating Florida State has ever taken at the hands of BC. And it was the first time the Seminoles failed to find the end zone since 2008.

"That was a beautiful win," said BC coach Steve Addazio.

As recently as three weeks ago, Addazio had a hard time convincing anyone the Eagles would ever come into form. But despite defensive lineman Harold Landry being sidelined with an ankle injury, the Eagles still held the Seminoles to 64 rushing yards while forcing two fumbles, and allowed just 213 total yards.

"Sometimes things aren't going the way everybody wants it to go and you've just got to stay steady in the boat like Coach Addazio says," said BC linebacker Ty Schwab. "Even the fans need to do that. So them seeing us win these last three ACC games and coming home beating FSU, they were excited and we were excited, so it's awesome to see that from our school."

The Eagles took risks to jump ahead early. On second and 4 from the Florida State 34, a flea-flicker was called, with receiver Jeff Smith airing out a pass that Kobay White in the back of the end zone to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Eagles took advantage of a pass-interference call on third and 1 against Seminoles defensive back Tarvarus McFadden. On second and goal from the 11, Brown lined up in the shotgun and made a quick throw to tight end Tommy Sweeney, who trucked defensive back Stanford Samuels on the way to the end zone to push the Eagles to a 14-0 lead.

In a two-score hole midway through the second quarter, the faces on the Florida State sideline showed more than just frustration. There was a season's worth of disappointment, a look of defeat before it actually happened.

When Dillon ripped off a 39-yard run that set up BC at Florida State's 17-yard line, Seminoles offensive lineman Andrew Boselli was on the bench barely able to keep his head upright. Four plays later, the night sunk to new depths for Florida State. On second and goal from the 4, Brown rolled to his right, found a lane between two defenders, and scored a touchdown that gave the Eagles a 21-0 lead.

It was the biggest first-half hole the Seminoles had been in all season.

Florida State got a 36-yard field goal from Ricky Aguayo with 44 seconds left in the first half, but the 21-3 lead BC took to the locker room was the Eagles' largest halftime advantage of the season.

A 2-yard touchdown run by Dillon and a 1-yard score on a sneak from backup quarterback Darius Wade ultimately buried the Seminoles.

"We're playing at a really good level right now and gaining confidence," Addazio said. "There's a resilience here. There's a chemistry in our team, a very strong chemistry, and it's a love for each other."



# Showing true colors, Boston College and Florida State face remarkable reality

**Matt Fortuna | The All-American | October 28, 2017**

The future looks bright for one team that took the Alumni Stadium field Friday, and it is not the one that has had five consecutive top-ranked recruiting classes in the ACC.

Boston College is the only FBS school to have a freshman leading its team in passing, rushing and receiving. Boston College has also averaged out to have the ACC's 13th-best recruiting class across the past five years, according to 247Sports' composite rankings. That did not matter in a 35-3 domination of Florida State, a game that showcased some of the surprising bursts from the Eagles' young pups while underscoring the dysfunction that is the 2017 Seminoles' season.

"Every single time those guys go out there, they're learning something new," BC offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler told The All-American earlier this week of his rookies. "And unfortunately you wish that they were able to learn that stuff on the practice field and then enter in the game and (play well). That's not the case.

"That wasn't the case when I had Chad Henne at Michigan and Michael Hart their freshmen year. The reason we were able to win with those two guys was because there were nine NFL players around them."

Statistically speaking, that last part should actually prove true for Friday's losers, which makes FSU's showing all the more perplexing. Sure, the Noles (2-5, 2-4 ACC) lost their starting quarterback in Week 1, but Deondre Francois alone would not mask the shortcomings that have plagued a team that seems all but destined for its first losing season since 1976, which was Bobby Bowden's first year as FSU's coach.

The Noles' performance against BC was a comedy of errors, whether it was fumbling in the red zone early, fumbling a punt return in the second half or, long after the outcome was in doubt, running into the kicker on fourth down, thus giving BC the ball back.

No wonder BC took it to FSU one drive later, going for it on fourth-and-goal from the 1 despite a 25-point lead, and despite losing redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown for the series. (He later returned.) It was only poetic that backup QB Darius Wade punched it in for his first career touchdown, considering Wade's starting job was taken from him in this very game two years ago, when he broke his ankle against FSU in his third career start. He lost the job to graduate transfer Patrick Towles last season and to Brown this season, but he is now one win away from experiencing his fourth bowl game in his five years at BC, a tenure that has coincided with that of revived head coach Steve Addazio.

That accomplishment seems inevitable with UConn visiting Fenway Park for an off-site meeting Nov. 18, as the Eagles (5-4, 3-3) have won three in a row and have turned into one of the surprise stories of the 2017 season. The fact this win came in the program's annual "Red Bandana Game" makes it a feel-good story in addition to an unforeseen one. And the fact BC did all of this without its best player, 2016 national sack king and 2018 NFL draft prospect Harold Landry (ankle), is all the more remarkable.

Keep in mind that the Eagles started 2-4 and had lost a Week 2 home game to Wake Forest by 24 points. BC has come a long way from that performance and, perhaps best of all, is only getting to its bye week now, giving the Eagles 15 days to prepare for a home game vs. N.C. State.

The Wolfpack, who currently lead the Atlantic division, will be coming off a brutal back-to-back stretch against Notre Dame and Clemson. So yeah, that Nov. 11 game on The Heights will be one worth paying attention to.

Especially with the way some of these young Eagles have played: Their top receiver, redshirt freshman Kobay White, got things started early by hauling in a 34-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to complete a beautiful play that began with a double-reverse handoff.

True freshman running back AJ Dillon eclipsed the 100-yard mark early in the third quarter and finished with 149 yards. Dillon has rushed for 512 yards and five touchdowns during this 3-0 stretch.

"Our kids realize that we're not there yet," Loeffler said this week. "What's cool about the last two weeks is we've been coaching these four or five players for the last six weeks who finally get it. ... Now they know they can do it."

Addazio always knew they could do it. His Eagles were coming off consecutive 40-point outings for the first time since 2002, and they came five points away Friday from making it three in a row.

His declaration three weeks ago — "It'll come together and it'll be beautiful. You can write that one down." — has come to life quicker than anyone outside New England could have imagined.

The maroon and gold team that had been playing like an offensive powerhouse went out in Chestnut Hill and did what it does, scoring early and often in a rout.

The maroon and gold team that had been playing like a league doormat went out in Chestnut Hill and also did what it does, looking lifeless, inept and downright beaten in a season that cannot end soon enough.

In that realm, it should not be all that shocking that Boston College was the good maroon and gold team Friday, and that Florida State was the bad one.

# On a good run, Boston College football welcomes bye week

**Rich Thompson | Boston Globe | October 29, 2017**

After nine games they rested.

Boston College entered its bye week at 5-4 and 3-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference following Friday night's 35-3 victory over perennial Atlantic Division power Florida State.

The win was the Eagles third straight in the ACC and snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Seminoles dating back to 2009.

"Sometimes you go into these bye weeks and you don't have a positive feeling and that can grind on you a little bit," said BC coach Steve Addazio. "But I think it is a positive feeling and that's a good thing. So we're going to take it for what it is. Hopefully we can come back and keep our rhythm going and we'll see."

The Eagles' season appeared doomed following a 23-10 home loss to Virginia Tech on Oct. 7 that left them 2-4 and 0-3. The stretch included a 49-20 trouncing by Notre Dame.

BC regrouped and outlasted Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson and the Louisville Cardinals 45-42 on Oct. 14 at Papa John's Stadium, and followed with a convincing 41-10 win at Virginia, which at the time was 5-1 and unbeaten in the Coastal Division.

The Eagles are playing their best football of the season but Addazio welcomed the break, as BC just cleared the toughest stretch on the schedule and has been going nonstop since training camp.

"I think the bye week comes at a really good time," said Addazio. "I'd be lying if I didn't tell you it's hard to walk away from the rhythm we are in right now (and) sometimes there is something to that. But we needed the bye week. Our kids need to be able to really have an extra dose of attention to their academics and have some free time now to catch back up so to speak and to rest their bodies."

BC also needs the down time to clear up some lingering injuries to key personnel. Preseason All-American defensive end Harold Landry, who led the nation with 16.5 sacks last season, missed the FSU game with an ongoing ankle injury. Starting quarterback Anthony Brown aggravated an existing right shoulder issue.

The Eagles next encounter North Carolina State, ranked 14th before yesterday's 35-14 loss to Notre Dame, on Nov. 11, and it doesn't look as daunting as it did a month ago. The Wolfpack host Clemson before coming to Chestnut Hill.

"They have a veteran team right now and they are playing at a high level," Addazio said of the Wolfpack. "But they have got a couple of wars before they get to us."

The Eagles' once dismal bowl prospects were enhanced by the win over FSU. BC plays a very winnable road game against UConn at Fenway Park on Nov. 18 and close out the campaign at Syracuse.

If BC finishes 6-6 it could return to the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit or the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. If the Eagles get to 7-5 they would upgrade to either the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium or the Military Bowl in Annapolis, Md. If BC runs the table to 8-4 it could get invited to the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

# Boston College's Steve Addazio has quieted critics with three-game win streak

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Boston College football fans were gathering pitchforks to storm the Yawkey Center following the Eagles' lifeless 23-10 loss to No. 16 Virginia Tech at Alumni Stadium on Oct. 7.

Last Friday the same fan base jubilantly stormed the field in the afterglow of a 35-3 drubbing of Florida State. The victory against the Seminoles was the exclamation point on a three-game win streak that lifted BC to 5-4 (3-3 ACC) going into the bye week.

Coach Steve Addazio was at the center of the maelstrom following the Virginia Tech debacle. And, if there were critics calling for his dismissal then, he might have silenced them by putting the Eagles on course toward bowl eligibility.

"In college football, fans have . . ." Addazio said. "Here is the good news: There is so much interest in college football right now, and we all want that. Fans are passionate. The fan base is passionate, and you kind of get that. In terms of what we've done, we've been to three bowl games in four years, and that is not where we want to end.

"The most important thing is we are continuing to grow and develop our football program. I think that has been evident, and we've got to keep doing that."

BC has scored 121 points during its win streak, which started with a 45-42 victory at Louisville and continued with a 41-10 decision at Virginia before beating the Seminoles at The Heights.

Addazio would like to continue the momentum-building run but placed equal value on getting a break after nine games. Redshirt freshman Anthony Brown has a sore throwing shoulder, and senior defensive end Harold Landry missed the Florida State game with an ankle problem.

Addazio expects both to be healthy when the Eagles resume ACC play against North Carolina State (6-2) at Alumni Stadium on Nov. 11.

"This is a week that we needed, and hopefully we'll be able to maintain our rhythm and confidence and come back and play a week from Saturday against a really good N.C. State team," Addazio said.

North Carolina State suffered its second loss of the season, 35-14, at Notre Dame on Oct. 28 but remains unbeaten (4-0) in the ACC. The Wolfpack will host defending national champion and sixth-ranked Clemson on Saturday.

BC suffered consecutive one-sided losses to Notre Dame (49-20) and Clemson (34-7) back in September. But Addazio can take some solace in knowing the four teams that beat BC this season — Wake Forest, Clemson, Notre Dame and Virginia Tech — are a combined 26-6.

And if BC can become bowl-eligible by collecting win No. 6 against the Wolfpack, there are more winnable games that follow, including against UConn at Fenway Park on Nov. 18 and the finale at Syracuse on Nov. 25.

Addazio got more out of beating Florida State than a winning record and a reprieve from his detractors. In ambushing an elite ACC program on national television, the Eagles coaching staff picked up a recruiting tool when the hunt for high school talent gets underway in December.

"It gives you great national exposure, and then you are playing a national team, and then of course the way we played," Addazio said.

"It adds a great buzz about the program right now, and that's a good thing."

BC notes

Ty Schwab was named ACC Linebacker of the Week for his work against the Seminoles. The senior from Merritt Island, Fla., finished with a career-high 12 tackles, 2.5 tackles for losses, a sack and an interception.

# Steve Addazio's plan for BC football is coming into focus

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | October 30, 2017

Despite taking Boston College to three bowl games in the past four years, coach Steve Addazio has faced persistent criticism.

The goodwill he forged after getting the Eagles to bowl games in his first two years on the job went out the window when BC went through an embarrassing winless season in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2015.

Everything from his play-calling (too conservative, poor clock management) to his recruiting (not enough depth at key positions) to his temperament in postgame press conferences (a lot of talk without the results to match) was scrutinized by a frustrated fan base.

When the Eagles started 4-6 last season, Addazio's name was on national hot-seat lists. Even when BC finished the year with three straight wins, including in the Quick Lane Bowl against Maryland, the outlook for the Eagles this season was more skepticism than optimism.

A 2-4 start (with three straight 20-point losses) didn't help Addazio's case. But after rattling off three straight wins — a stunner at Louisville, a blowout at Virginia, and the beating they handed Florida State last Friday — the Eagles' season has shifted from seemingly being at a breaking point to being on the brink of another bowl appearance.

The Eagles need just one win in their final three games to qualify for a bowl game for the fourth time in Addazio's five seasons. With the ship righted, Addazio looks at the criticism with some perspective.

"I think the thing is this: You have a plan, and you drive towards your plan," Addazio said. "In college football — I'll speak to that because I'm not involved in any other sport — here's the good news: there's so much interest in college football right now, and we all want that. And so fans are passionate, your fan base is passionate, and you kind of get that, you know?"

"In terms of what we've done, we've been to three bowl games in four years, and that's not where we want to end. But I think the most important thing is we're continuing to grow and develop our football program, and I think that's been evident. We've got to keep doing that. And I think as a coach what you want to do is just everyday building towards that.

"I don't think you can ride the roller coaster of the ups and downs of, are you in favor, out of favor. I just think you lump it in a basket and say, we've got great fans, everybody is passionate, all everybody wants to do is win, and that's all we want to do. And I think we're just trying to build and develop and grow."

As recently as three weeks ago, there were legitimate questions about Addazio's job security. Injuries ravaged the Eagles on both sides of the ball with the losses of center Jon Baker and linebackers Connor Strachan and Max Richardson. And young skill players such as quarterback Anthony Brown, receiver Kobay White, and running back AJ Dillon were unproven.

But Brown has developed into a quarterback who can be trusted to run the offense, White is easily the go-to target on tough downs, and Dillon is a legitimate workhorse who's threatening to break BC's freshman rushing record. And center Ben Petrula is passing a crash course in the ACC trenches as a cast of inexperienced players have stepped in at key spots and performed.

So while it wasn't that long ago that you had to squint to see the vision Addazio saw for the future of BC's program, that picture is now coming more into focus.

"I think while we're building our program, while we're developing, I think we're doing it the right way, and that's very important to all of us, that we represent this great university the right way, and integrity is really important here," Addazio said. "So I'm proud of the fact that we've accomplished what we have accomplished, and more importantly, we're continuing to work towards building a championship-level team here.

"In terms of the other stuff, you know, just keep going, and next week is another week. You don't know what that's going to bring, and you just want to grind. But I'm proud of the kids, and I'm proud of all of those things. The rest of it's — you know, keep moving."

# BC football hopes momentum intact after bye week

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For the first time in a long time, Boston College had to deal with the conundrum that hot teams face on a bye week.

On the one hand, the Eagles were riding three straight wins, one brick of confidence on top of another, and they wanted to ride the wave.

On the other hand, they were dealing with a slew of injuries — from All-America defensive lineman Harold Landry to redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown — and players were in dire need of an off week to nurse them.

But even the Eagles know the lightning they bottled with wins over Louisville, Virginia, and Florida State was rare. It was the first time since 2013 that BC had won three straight games against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents. After the Eagles embarrassed Florida State two weeks ago, coach Steve Addazio acknowledged a part of him wished there were a game the following week.

The Eagles had two weeks to prepare for N.C. State on Saturday at Alumni Stadium, and the question now is whether the Eagles will be the team that was finally crisp on offense and unbending on defense for three straight weeks or has the fairy dust wore off.

“I’m hopeful that we’ll be able to maintain momentum,” Addazio said. “And maybe come out and have a little bit more staying power out there, because maybe a little bit more rested, maybe the legs are a little bit better.

“At the end of the day you’ve got to show up on Saturday, you’ve got to make your plays and you just never know. But hopefully we can continue down the path of having good momentum.”

The bye week gave the Eagles a chance to heal some wounds.

“It helped us a lot,” Addazio said. “The bye week gave us a great opportunity to get some guys feeling better. And rested. Physically, but mentally as well.

“So I think that whole thing collectively was good for us. Now hopefully we’ll go out there and still have good rhythm and everything when we play.”

Brown’s throwing shoulder, which has nagged him since September when the Eagles lost to Clemson in Death Valley, is closer to full strength, Addazio said.

However, Landry, who sat out the win over Florida State with an ankle injury he suffered against Virginia, is still limited in practice. Addazio described Landry’s status for Saturday as “unknown.”

“We’ll have to see where we’re at here towards the end of the week,” Addazio said. “It’s early.”

The Eagles haven’t won four straight games since 2013. They’ve only done it twice since 2009. Their recent futility against ranked teams is well-documented — 1-20 since 2009. But, under Addazio, they’ve been a thorn in N.C. State’s side, going 3-1 against the Wolfpack since 2013.

N.C. State had won six straight before being manhandled at Notre Dame, 35-14, two weeks ago, then letting a halftime lead against Clemson slip away last week in a 38-31 loss.

The Wolfpack’s postseason hopes are secure. The Eagles are still hunting for one more win to secure a bowl berth.

Addazio said it’s not a matter of chasing a fourth straight win, but simply winning the next game.

“I think a lot of teams get really distracted and my message is just we’re just scrapping to play another football game,” Addazio said. “So I really don’t pay much attention to that, in terms of that kind of stuff. I’m not going to say those are nice things, if you can pull them off and all that.

“But we’re like, roll our sleeves up, go to work, we’ve got a really good football team coming in here and we’ve got to find a way to win this football game. And beyond that, you know, not real locked into any of that stuff. And that’s kind of been our m.o. this year. And we’ll just kind of keep swinging.”

# Chubb high priority of BC tackles

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 7, 2017

The outcome of Saturday's ACC clash between Boston College and North Carolina State at Alumni Stadium could be determined by an intimidating edge pass rusher.

BC coach Steve Addazio talked about such a disruptive defensive presence yesterday at Conte Forum.

Addazio, however, was not referring to BC senior defensive end Harold Landry, a preseason All-American who led the nation with 16.5 sacks last season. Landry missed BC's 35-3 win against Florida State on Oct. 27 with ankle injury and his status for NC State is uncertain.

Addazio's comments were about NC State senior defensive end Bradley Chubb, who leads the ACC with eight sacks and 18.5 tackles for a loss. BC tackles Chris Lindstrom and Aaron Monteiro will see a lot of Chubb depending on how he's deployed by NC State coach Dave Doeren.

"We should talk about Chubb because he's one of the elite players in the country," said Addazio. "They've (got) big, physical guys interiorly and they have this guy on the edge.

"He's physically stout he's explosive (and) a dynamic player as well. The guy is a difference maker and he impacts the game. He has our full attention. I think he's that good. That's what we are looking at there, a first-round (NFL) draft pick right there."

Chubb downgrades his plays on the field with sophomoric antics after the whistle. During the Wolfpack's 38-31 home loss to reigning national champion Clemson on Saturday, he was shown stealing Tigers quarterback Kelly Bryant's hand towel before engaging in an infuriating game of keep away. He was also shown shoulder-checking Clemson players from behind at the end of plays.

"We can never afford to be involved in any nonsense," said Addazio. "We've got to keep our mouths shut. We've got to play our game."

The Eagles have played smart all season and ranks first in the nation with just 30.7 penalty yards per game.

The good news for BC quarterback Anthony Brown is his offensive line effectively has handled troublemakers like Chubb. The Eagles front has allowed seven sacks in 283 pass attempts. BC is first in the ACC and sixth nationally for the fewest sacks allowed.

First in class

The seniors who were part of Addazio's first full recruitment class will be honored with a pregame Senior Day presentation.

The group includes key starters including Landry, wide receivers Charlie Callinan and Thadd Smith, defensive tackle Noa Merritt, linebacker Ty Schwab, defensive backs Isaac Yiadom and Kamrin Moore, and punter Mike Knoll.

"They've been awesome," said Addazio. "That's not a huge class but a great group of guys."

Catches and yards

The BC secondary will face two of the ACC's most prolific passers in the next three games, NC State's Ryan Finley and Eric Dungey of Syracuse. Finley is first in the league in passing yards (2,519) and second in completions (220) along with 15 touchdowns and three interceptions.

Dungey is tops in completions (225) and second in passing yards (2,495) with 14 touchdowns and nine interceptions. Finley has been sacked nine times while Dungey has been dropped a staggering 26 times.

# Boston College's Ben Petrula handles being at the center of things

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There are no rollover defensive tackles in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Boston College true freshman center Ben Petrula adjusted to that cold certainty over a short period of time against some real beasts.

Petrula is guaranteed another tough encounter with North Carolina State senior nose tackle B.J. Hill when the Eagles host the Wolfpack tomorrow in a crucial Atlantic Division clash at Alumni Stadium.

"I feel way more comfortable now than I ever have and way more than I did earlier in the season," said Petrula. "I feel like we are really starting to jell as an (offensive) line, especially after these last three games. We played some really good tough competition, topping off against the Florida State defense. It just goes to show we've been working together and working hard to get where we are at."

The 6-foot-5, 300-pound Petrula is part of a rotation at guard or tackle, the two positions he played at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J. Petrula's careful immersion into the BC blocking mix was shelved after the first game of the season. Senior center Jon Baker of Millis, who began the year on the Rimington Trophy watch list, suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opener at Northern Illinois on Sept. 1.

Baker's backup, Shane Leonard of Marshfield, hurt his knee in training camp and was not available. That left BC without a center for the season opener.

Eagles coach Steve Addazio and offensive line coach Justin Frye selected Petrula, who has started eight straight games, a stretch that included ranked opponents Notre Dame, Clemson and Virginia Tech.

"He's still a young guy and those first couple of games for him was a whole new world," said Addazio. "I think more than being a freshman it was changing to a position that can be overwhelming and I've never seen a guy handle it like that before. In the big scheme of things it is pretty unbelievable with the gauntlet of teams we've played how fast he adapted. And playing the center position added an extra dimension to it."

Petrula's first order of business was establishing a working relationship with redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown. Petrula took a crash course in the fundamentals of snapping in the shotgun, reading defensive formations and directing the guards and tackles on both sides of the ball.

"That following week me and Ben worked tremendously," said Brown. "We gave so many hours into working snaps and running through plays with him under center and him calling out plays. He made it a lot easier for me and I made it a lot easier for him so we just contributed to each other's learning."

BC is coming off the bye with three straight ACC wins. With three games remaining, the Eagles are averaging 24.3 points and 370.1 total yards behind an offensive line that has allowed just seven sacks.

"Toughness and knowing your stuff really helps," said Petrula. "Knowing your assignment on each play and chemistry throughout the whole offensive line is very helpful as well. Knowing on your double teams and having timing and just being able to move people really."



# Freshman Ben Petrula has helped BC's offensive line survive and thrive

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When Boston College center Jon Baker doubled over in pain, reaching to his left leg after trying to make a run block late in the fourth quarter of the season-opening win over Northern Illinois, no one was quite sure of whatever injury he had suffered or, for that matter, what exactly the injury was.

The fact that he only missed one play before coming back on the field to finish out the game made it that much more difficult to gauge.

Baker wasn't just the center of the offensive line, he was one of the cornerstones of BC's offense. He had made 27 consecutive starts, he made the calls at the line of scrimmage, and he was the security blanket for redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown.

Seeing him on the turf was a gut punch to everyone on the Eagles sideline expecting to return to a bowl game this season.

"We were just nervous for Jon," said junior guard Chris Lindstrom. "I thought it was his ankle at first because he came back, because he's really tough."

It wasn't.

The Eagles found out that Baker suffered a season-ending ACL injury and immediately started thinking of not only what it meant for one of the most important players on the team but also what it meant for the rest of their season.

"When we found out it was his knee, we were devastated more as his friends than anything just hearing that news because he was going to have a great year," Lindstrom said.

Coach Steve Addazio played his cards close to the vest in terms of how he would replace Baker. But ultimately he threw his chips in on 6-foot-5-inch, 300-pound freshman Ben Petrula, who had never played center.

Petrula had no idea how much playing time he'd see as a freshman. At best, he figured he'd get some reps at tackle and play with the second team all season. In training camp, Baker was a mentor showing Petrula the ropes. In a blink, Petrula was in Baker's shoes.

"There was a moment of just, 'Wow,'" Petrula said. "Just 'unreadiness,' I guess would be the word — if that's even a word. Just looking up to him as a leader throughout camp and throughout the whole training season, it's hard to see him not on the field, and then having to take that spot over was really, really hard, especially as a young guy."

But in the eight games since Baker went down, the Eagles' offensive line has been a galvanized unit that's quietly been at the heart of a midseason resurgence that's put BC on the brink of securing a fourth bowl appearance in five years as it gets set to face N.C. State at Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

The Eagles have given up the fewest sacks in the Atlantic Coast Conference while opening up holes for the ACC's fourth-best rushing attack, managing to hold things together when the loss of Baker threatened to derail them as a unit.

The moment they found out Baker would be out for the season, the offensive linemen worked to figure out how to fill a monstrous void.

"Everything happens so fast in college football," Lindstrom said. "So as soon as that happened, we just had to go to work and attack the next week."

Petrula felt the weight immediately, but his teammates along the line refused to let him carry it alone.

"Jon was like the apex of what we do," Petrula said. "So when he went down, we kind of shared the load of trying to develop each other. He's the communications guy, so he had everything rolling on all cylinders. So once he goes out, it made us play to our best because we had to be on top of our communications."

Baker's presnap signal calling — identifying defenders and calling out assignments — was crucial to Brown, in his first year under center for the Eagles.

"It changed a lot for me," Brown said. "With Jon, it was like having another quarterback out there."

Brown and Petrula had to get on the same page — quickly. That meant being attached at the hip after practice and after class, working on snaps and calls. They had a bond going back to their days playing Pop Warner football together in New Jersey, which made it easier.

"Ben is getting to that point and it's helped me mature with my position and progressing with my position to where I have to make more calls," Brown said. "Ben has made a tremendous leap in his role for our offense and our team and it's been extremely great for us."

Petrula had his welcome-to-the-ACC moment in September against Clemson when he went head to head with Tigers defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence.

“Trying to just drive block him and for the first time in my life not being able to move him an inch,” Petrula recalled.

But he’s gotten up to speed in a hurry.

“Throughout camp, I was just learning the basics of our tackle and our whole O-line and it really concentrated down into learning center stuff,” Petrula said. “Because once you learn the basics of our O-line technique you can pretty much apply it to everything.

“Then center has more mental aspects that you have to worry about. And that was probably the hardest part. Just the mental game and trying to point out all the blocking schemes for the guys around me.”

With Baker gone, Lindstrom has been one of the best linemen in the ACC, keeping Brown off the ground and busting open holes for freshman running back AJ Dillon, who’s within striking distance of breaking BC’s freshman rushing record.

When things were at their most fragile point, Lindstrom said, the Eagles doubled down on their practice preparations and waited for the results to eventually follow through.

“Every week, we took it as our Super Bowl,” he said. “And just worked as hard as we could during practice every week, prepared as well as we could and just kept grinding out every single week and I think it started to click.”

Riding three straight wins, the offensive line can see the rewards of pushing through a devastating loss.

“I’m just proud of our guys, proud of our unit, and proud to be on this team,” Lindstrom said. “We were hit with so much adversity this year and we’re working through it and pushing and have a great opportunity this week and the rest of the season. I’m just proud of this team that when adversity hit, we really came together and worked through it.”

# How Boston College football found its groove

Nicole Auerbach | The All-American | November 10, 2017

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — When college football coaches say their team has been decimated by injuries, usually they mean at a couple of key positions. Or they're maybe just flat-out exaggerating.

They don't normally mean they've lost their senior starting center and their backup center by Week 2, requiring them to teach a true freshman tackle who's never played how to snap the ball to the quarterback. But that's exactly what Boston College had to do in early September with Ben Petrula.

And, oddly enough, paired with the emergence of one of the nation's best young running backs in A.J. Dillon and the development of quarterback Anthony Brown, it's been one of the key reasons Boston College has gone from an ACC afterthought to arguably the league's most surprising and explosive offense over the past month.

"We were practicing snaps for hours upon hours every day," Brown told The All-American this week. "Just snaps. Not even steps, not even footwork. Just snaps. And it was a long process, but Ben is almost there, on his way to being one of the best in the country."

Boston College head coach Steve Addazio, who's coached offensive linemen his whole career, said he'd wanted to play the 6-5, 300-pound Petrula as a true freshman anyway — he just hadn't figured it would be like this.

"I've only had one other guy that played as a true freshman at this level, and that was Maurkice Pouncey," Addazio said. "For Ben, it's pretty remarkable, really. ... What's interesting is, (leading receiver) Kobay White, he's a redshirt freshman receiver. Kobay White. A.J. Dillon. Ben Petrula, Anthony Brown. They're all down the middle, right? The apex of the offense, right there."

"We're in the best conference in college football right now, and they're as good as anybody in the conference. You're telling me over the course of the next three years, those guys aren't gonna be the dominant players in our conference? When's the last time you've seen that here? When's that happened? It's been a long time now, and maybe never to that level. Maybe. Matt Ryan's year, maybe."

From afar, the kind of prolific scoring Boston College has been capable of in recent weeks seemed to come entirely out of the blue. But those involved in the daily preparation had just been waiting for everything to come together and click. As Addazio put it, things just needed to "pop." He and his staff had felt, particularly in the 13-point loss to Virginia Tech on Oct. 7, that they weren't that far off.

The game against the Hokies had been their fourth loss in five weeks. Then, something kind of amazing happened.

Boston College beat Louisville and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in a shootout, 45-42. Then the Eagles beat a 5-1 Virginia team, 41-10, on the road. And then they crushed an admittedly down Florida State — but by a score of 35-3.

"The best way I can describe it is going back to when I was at Michigan, when it was NFL quarterback after NFL quarterback after NFL quarterback, so the young guys got to see it — and they got to see it every day," Boston College offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler told The All-American this week.

"They got to see how Tommy Brady did it. How (Brian) Griese, how (Drew) Henson, how Chad Henne worked every day. Whenever you don't have that situation, you're the coach saying, 'This is how it's supposed to be,' but they can't see it."

"That's what was going on here. You're telling these guys, 'OK, it's four to five plays, it's this little detail, it's that little detail.' They had no one in front of them to see it. ... It was a huge boulder that we had to push over the hill. Now, it's, 'OK, this is how it is, now this is how we have to do it week in and week out.'"

"We're not there yet, but they've tasted it; that's why the future's so bright here. Until you taste it, until you get your hands wrapped around it and see it, it's hard to have confidence. It's hard to visualize what it's supposed to be."

When Loeffler arrived here prior to the 2016 season, he and Addazio wanted to implement a more uptempo offensive system immediately. But they were constrained by the personnel that they had — and they were coming off a rather inept offensive showing in 2015. That season, the Eagles went 3-9 and failed to score more than 17 points in any game against FBS-level competition.

So they put a hold on the idea of changing the entire offensive system and worked on the basics of the passing game itself. And getting their guys to line up in the right split. The little things.

That season Boston College averaged 66.3 plays per game — the national average was 71.5 — which ranked the Eagles 110th out of 128 FBS programs. Still, it was a slight improvement from 2015 and its 62.6 plays per game, which beat out just three other offenses in the country that season.

Plays per game do not only indicate the speed at which a team operates, but also some level of offensive success. One of the problems with installing such a system and then running into roadblocks — in the form of two season-ending injuries to centers and an understandable learning curve with a first-year starting quarterback and true freshman running back — is that if the offense can't string together first downs and sustain drives, the defense finds itself on the field constantly.

Which is why this might be the most impressive stat of the season for the Eagles: They're averaging 77.7 plays per game, which ranks eighth in the nation. Throw in the fact they're the least-penalized team in the country and have allowed the sixth-fewest sacks, and it makes sense that this formula has resulted in a three-game winning streak heading into Saturday's game against North Carolina State.

"The genesis of this offense came, for me, when I was at Florida and we were playing the national championship and we played Oklahoma (in 2009)," Addazio said. "At that point I had been enamored with that offense, and I thought that was very difficult when our defense was preparing for it."

Addazio marveled at the variability of the system, its spread sets, two-back sets, two- or more tight end sets, gap schemes and zone schemes — all run at a fast clip.

"I said, 'Wow.' That to me was something," Addazio said. "That was really the forefront of people really going at rocket-speed tempo." Kevin Wilson was Oklahoma's offensive coordinator at the time, and Addazio picked his brain a few times about how the Sooners ran what they were running. Addazio knew it was the offensive system he'd like to utilize when he was a head coach when he had the right personnel. He didn't quite get there when he coached at Temple, and he hadn't gotten there here until this year's crop of freshman talent arrived on campus. (He and Loeffler did start to implement some up-tempo elements prior to December's bowl win against Maryland.)

"We were at the infancy, we made a lot of mistakes, trial and error, the whole bit, honestly," Addazio said. "But it kinda popped in the bowl game, and it felt right. We spent the whole winter and spring and summer refining what we wanted to do. It felt great. Then, we lost our starting center after the first game."

Jon Baker, the Eagles' senior center, injured his knee during the fourth quarter of the season-opener against Northern Illinois. So for a stretch of the schedule that included Notre Dame and Clemson in back-to-back weeks, they were still breaking in Petrula. "All we were concerned about for a couple weeks was just getting the snap off," Loeffler said. "God bless him. Most guys that transfer from tackle and never snap the ball, that normally takes years. It could take a whole year. This kid found a way to do it in a couple weeks."

Junior right guard Chris Lindstrom said the rest of the linemen tried to help Petrula with the mental piece of the job — identifying coverages quickly, setting up blocking, that sort of thing. As they worked to jell as a unit, two other aspects of the offense began to click. First, Brown, who had been hurt early in the season, got healthy and got confident, both with his arm and with his ability to extend plays with his legs. He completed six passes against Florida State and five against Louisville, but went 19-of-24 for 275 yards and three touchdowns against Virginia.

The final piece to the offensive puzzle has been Dillon, who is among the nation's best freshmen running backs and who has eased into carrying quite a significant workload. His standout individual performance to date came against Louisville, when he rushed 39 times for 272 yards and four touchdowns.

After that game, Dillon was exhausted. And he vowed that the following week in practice he'd run as fast and as hard as he could on every single play, sprinting around the field and confusing his teammates. They didn't understand what he was doing until he told them: He was upping his conditioning so he wouldn't get nearly as tired next time he had that many carries.

"I have that standard," Dillon said. "It's something I'm working on. If the team needs me to get 50 carries, I need to be ready for that. I need to be able to function. I can't just be like, 'I need to get out, I need to jog,' because that puts the team in a bad spot."

Dillon said he's always been a goal-oriented person; he's typed up goals for short time periods like an individual week to longer-term ones, like his entire college career, and printed them out to hang in his bedroom and in his locker. Better conditioning was just one example; right now, he's focusing on a few, like playing more at pad level, protecting the ball better and understanding defenses so he can make decisions during a game quicker.

"In the beginning of fall camp the AJ from then to now are two completely different people," Brown said. "He's matured tremendously." You could say the same thing about the entire offense. Part of it, like Loeffler said, is that its players now know what it takes not just to compete at a high level but actually win the games. Another piece is that they've been able to avoid other significant injuries.

And the final piece of a maturation process is simply knowing that you can and will get older and wiser. That's what leads to confidence that carries over from practice to practice, game to game. "Playing that way on Saturday is just a reward for the work that you put in," Lindstrom said. "It feels good because you know how hard it was and how difficult the work that you put in was."

"I'll sometimes sit there and say I'm really happy for our kids, that they could feel a little bit of fruit from their labor," Addazio said. "But then I snap out of it. Like I told our team this the other day — I said, 'Listen, we're the same group of coaches and the same group of guys that are just banging along trying to get better every day, trying to win a game.' That's who we are, and that's what I believe in my heart."

"We're playing Saturday at noon, we are just jacked up to have a chance to play against this team, a really good football team. We'll just take our blue-collar little outfit here and line it up and go as hard as we can for four quarters and let the chips fall. There's no pressure, no nothing, just go play."

"You know, it's all money in the bank right now. It's like paying into an annuity right now. It's going to come back to us."

# NC State needs to bounce back; BC hopes to keep rolling

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 10, 2017

BOSTON — North Carolina State's last two opponents could be headed to the College Football Playoff. The next one, coach Dave Doeren says, is "maybe the hottest team in the league."

"We don't have any time to lick our wounds," Doeren said this week as the Wolfpack try to recover from back-to-back losses to Top 10 teams when they play streaking Boston College on Saturday. The Eagles have won three straight games, outscoring Louisville, Virginia and Florida State by a combined 121-55.

"I think they would have our attention regardless," said Doeren, whose loss to BC last season snapped the Eagles' 23-month Atlantic Coast Conference losing streak. "Any time you're playing a team that's playing well, that gets your attention. But the fact that it's someone we didn't beat last year ... that helps too."

N.C. State (6-3, 4-1 ACC) was ranked as high as 14th in the country before a loss to now-No. 3 Notre Dame, followed by a 38-31 loss to Clemson — now fourth — that dropped the Wolfpack out of the AP Top 25. Doeren isn't thinking about the missed opportunities, but the ones still ahead.

"If we could win out ... we'd finish 7-1 in the ACC, which has never been done here," he said. "A chance for our senior class to say they were the best team in N.C. State history in conference play. If we could get to 10 wins, that's only been done one time in program history. There's a ton on the table for us when you talk about the legacy of your senior class."

BC (5-4, 3-3) is a month removed from an 0-3 conference record and the fear of a second winless ACC season in three years. After an Oct. 7 loss to Virginia Tech, coach Steve Addazio went off in his postgame news conference, vowing, "It's going to come together, and it's going to be beautiful."

"I'm not really surprised, because we knew it was going to happen. It was just a question of when," running back AJ Dillon said. "It just started to click."

Here are some other things to look for in Saturday's game between the Wolfpack and the Eagles:

## FRESH FRESHMEN

Addazio thinks one reason for the Eagles' slow start is because he has had to rely on so many freshmen. BC is the only school in the country with freshmen as the leading passer (Anthony Brown), rusher (Dillon) and receiver (Kobay White).

After throwing seven interceptions in the first four games, Brown tossed just one in the five games since. He's also run for 155 yards in the past four games.

## MORE FRESHMEN

Boston College is the only school with freshmen at center and quarterback. True freshman Ben Petrula took over the snapping when senior Jon Baker was injured in the opener. As the offensive line learned to play together, Dillon was the beneficiary.

The true freshman broke out with 272 yards and four touchdowns against Louisville on Oct. 14, and has averaged about 158 yards on 30 carries in BC's last four wins. He needs just 78 yards to surpass Montel Harris as the leading freshman rusher in Boston College history.

"We've been molding as a team," Brown said. "We've been playing better team football."

## BYE-BYE BYE

Coaches never complain about bye weeks, but Addazio might have liked to keep going after beating Louisville, Virginia and Florida State.

"I hope we have the same rhythm," he said. "It feels like a long time since we've played a game. But we've had good practices. We're more rested. We were able to look at some things. Kids were able to catch up in school. So, I feel good about all of that."

## THIRD-QUARTER BLUES

N.C. State has been outscored by a combined 42-0 in the third quarters of its three losses, and has outscored its opponents 45-16 in that quarter in its six wins. "It's not like we're calling bad plays," Doeren said. "We're just not executing the same way we are earlier in the game, for whatever reason, and it's something we need to address, obviously."

## NEW (OLD) KICKER

Kyle Bamard is back as the Wolfpack's starting kicker. Carson Wise had handled most kicks for N.C. State but was just 6 of 12 on the season including a miss from 34 yards out late in the first half against Clemson. Bamard replaced him in the second half and kicked a 22-yarder with 1:51 left. Bamard was 12 of 24 on field goals during the 2015 and '16 seasons.

# Players-only meeting was a turning point for BC football

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 10, 2017

Typically, players-only meetings can go one of two ways. An embattled team can come together, talk out all the ways things have gone right and wrong in the season, and eventually find a rallying point that galvanizes them for the rest of the season.

Or . . .

A frustrated group can sit down in a room, air out all the grievances, and point fingers at each other, leaving things worse than where they were.

The first way usually ends with a team rattling off a string of wins. The second can end with a fistfight.

About a month ago, as the Boston College football team was sitting at 2-3 and the season seemed to be inching closer and closer to the cliff, captains Charlie Callinan and Kamrin Moore got all the players in one room.

It was right before the Eagles were set to face Virginia Tech, and if they couldn't find a way to turn their season around at that point, they never would.

Anyone who had something on his chest could get it off.

"We kind of kept it as an open forum," Callinan said. "It's an open forum for anyone who wants to express their mind, anyone who has some input on how we could get better as a team."

For redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown, the meeting was new territory, and an important moment.

"I was sitting in my seat and Kam and Charlie were talking," Brown said. "Everything they talked about, I talked to them already about. We were talking to each other as teammates and we just felt that these things needed to be done and they emphasized them in that players meeting."

The Eagles lost to Virginia Tech, 23-10, but after that, their season made a hairpin turn. They stunned Louisville and Virginia on the road, then came back to The Heights and smacked Florida State to swing their record to 5-4.

They have a chance to win four straight games for the first time since 2010 when they face North Carolina State at home Saturday. One more win would secure their fourth bowl berth in five years.

Getting to that point took some soul-searching in the locker room.

"We just wanted to turn the season around, which we have so far, and we have to continue to keep doing," Brown said. "It was a lot of emotions flying everywhere, because so many negative opinions were coming at us."

"We had to stick together as a family, so we had the players meeting to talk it over and we were all on the same page, so that's why it went well. When people aren't on the same page, then you have people who are in it for themselves — that's when you see the fists flying."

"But we all wanted to make a difference and we all wanted to make this difference together."

After blowout losses to Wake Forest, Notre Dame, and Clemson, it was all but impossible to drown out the criticism from a frustrated fan base that was unsure whether the program was taking a step backward.

Internally, the Eagles told themselves to believe in the work they were putting in.

"We kind of just figured out what we needed to do, who we needed to do it for, and why we needed to do it," Callinan said.

"We're really playing for each other and the guys in the building — coaches, players, trying to keep it around the team, not to worry about everyone in the stands."

"While we love the fans and the fan support — they're awesome — we're really doing it for each other. We've really got a good family aspect to this team."

The only thing that mattered, said junior guard Chris Lindstrom, was what happened inside the locker room.

"Just the guys wanted to come together and play for each other," Lindstrom said. "And I think that's what's special here is that everyone loves each other, so if anyone's struggling or guys need to count on each other, we can do that."

"When we're out on the field, we're playing for each other, and that's the thing that's really unique here. You can go anywhere and talk to any guy on the team and everyone has a great relationship and feels comfortable."

The message trickled down, seniors looking to leave the program on a high note to freshmen hoping to carry the baton.

“Looking in as a freshman, just having respect for good players and them portraying the idea in the right way — rather than accusation, encouragement — and that gets the younger guys and even the rest of the team behind the team,” said freshman center Ben Petrula.

In a matter of three weeks, the question flipped from whether the Eagles would go winless in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the second time in three years to whether they could win out in their final three games, finish 8-4, and head to a bowl.

Callinan pointed to that meeting as the turning point.

“We’re rolling right now, and I’m confident in how it’s going to go,” he said.



# An upset win over NC State would earn BC bowl eligibility

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 11, 2017**

Boston College bookend cornerbacks Isaac Yiadom and Kamrin Moore have a lot riding on the outcome of their final game at Alumni Stadium.

Yiadom, Moore and the other seniors will be honored during Senior Day prior to today's crucial Atlantic Coast Conference clash with No. 24 North Carolina State. With a win the Eagles can lock up bowl eligibility.

BC can extend its win streak to four games and improve to 6-4 and 4-3 in the Atlantic Division. It would also be their first victory over a ranked opponent this season.

"Honestly, it is my last home game but I'm treating it like every other game and I'm preparing the same and I work the same so that when the time comes we are prepared to get a win," said Moore. "The biggest thing for me is becoming bowl eligible and I think there will be a lot of emotion out here because it is the last home game for so many guys. You have to focus on the now type of thing and not set your eyes on something far ahead."

Moore and Yiadom have been fixtures in the BC secondary for three seasons. Yiadom will make his 25th start and 10th of the season and has 38 tackles with two interceptions and seven pass breakups. Moore will make his 31st start and 10th of the season and has 43 tackles and eight pass breakups.

"When we win this one it is going to be one to remember," said Yiadom. "It is crazy to think it is about to be over but I feel I've grown so much since my freshman year. I've been with Kam since my freshman year, so we bring a lot of experience to the field every game. So we definitely have to end the season winning these last three games."

The Yiadom and Moore tandem, combined with safeties Lukas Denis and Will Harris, comprise one of the top ballhawking defensive backfields in the country. BC is seventh overall and tied for first in the ACC with 13 interceptions. BC is fourth in pass defense with 191.7 yards per game and first in passing touchdowns allowed with six.

The Eagles' nickel and dime packages will be challenged by one of the most aggressive and active passing attacks in the conference. The Wolfpack are fourth in total offense (447.3) and passing offense (286.8) and third in scoring offense (32.6). Junior quarterback Ryan Finley is third in passing with 279.9 yards per game but leads the ACC in passing yards (2,519) with 15 touchdowns and three interceptions in 335 attempts.

"We know they are one of the best passing teams in the ACC," said Yiadom. "We are making sure we go over everything they run in practice and be prepared. Whatever coverage we are in we have to execute it perfectly. They have great receivers all over the field so everybody is going to have to do their job."

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## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. The Wolfpack are coming off consecutive tough losses to ranked opponents Notre Dame and Clemson. The Eagles need to impose their physicality in the trenches on a tired opponent.
2. The Eagles secondary and the pass rush need to be in sync because NC State quarterback Ryan Finley directs one of the most active and aggressive passing attacks in the ACC.
3. The Eagles' offense has won exclusively with the pass (Virginia) and the run (Louisville) but looked its best in a balanced 35-3 pasting of Florida State on Oct. 27. A blend of pass and run will help keep Finley off the field.

# BC upended by NC State as QB Anthony Brown injured

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 11, 2017**

Boston College had its three game ACC win streak snapped with a 17-14 loss to North Carolina State at Alumni Stadium today.

BC fell to 5-5 overall, failed to attain bowl eligibility and may have lost starting redshirt quarterback Anthony Brown for the season.

Brown had his right knee buckle while making a cut on a QB keeper on the NC State 13 yard line with 13:06 to play in the second. Brown was assisted off the field and exited the game on crutches. He was replaced by Darius Wade.=

Despite the loss BC remains in the bowl picture with two road games remaining against UConn at Fenway Park and at Syracuse. An ACC source indicated there was minimal chance of BC returning to Detroit for the Quick Lane Bowl. That leaves the Pinstripe, Independence and Military bowls open to the Eagles.

A bowl eligible Syracuse squad would have the inside track on the Pinstripe game at Yankee Stadium against a strong Big 10 team.

NC State rolled up a balanced 369 yards of total offense and went 9-of-17 on third down. Tailback Nyheim Hines rushed for 110 yards on 19 carries and a touchdown while quarterback Ryan Finley completed 13-of-32 for 146 yards.

BC had 326 yards of total offense with 19 first downs. Freshman tailback A.J. Dillon carried the offense with 196 yards on 36 carries and crossed the 1,000 yard barrier on the season.

BC took advantage of a poorly executed gadget play by NC State to take a 14-10 lead with 11 seconds to play in the third. H-Back Jaylen Samuels took a direct snap and made an errant lateral pass to Finley who mishandled the ball.

BC linebacker Kevin Bletzer picked up the ball and returned it to the Wolfpack 23. BC scored on a 12-yard flanker reverse handoff to Thadd Smith for his second rushing touchdown of the season.

NC State went up 17-14 on an 83 yard drive on five plays. Samuels went right for 25 yards to midfield. Hines followed with a 50-yard touchdown run for his seventh of the season with 8:22 remaining.

BC responded with an eight play drive that stalled on the NC State 22. Place kicker Colton Lichtenberg's 40-yard field goal attempted failed due to a bad snap. Holder Jeff Smith's attempted a pass down the right sideline that fell incomplete giving NC State the ball with 4:15 remaining.

# Boston College QB Brown leaves game with right leg injury

| Associated Press | November 11, 2017

BOSTON — Boston College quarterback Anthony Brown left Saturday's loss against North Carolina State on crutches with a right leg injury.

The redshirt freshman, who has helped sparked BC's three-game winning streak that was snapped, crumpled to the ground in pain after making a cut deep in Wolfpack territory without being hit early in the second quarter. His right knee appeared to buckle on the cut.

"It didn't look good," BC coach Steve Addazio said after the 17-14 loss. "What does that mean? I don't know. I don't know what that means.

"Obviously he's going to have to have some testing done and we're going to have to find out exactly what we're dealing with."

Brown was on the ground for a while before being helped off without putting any weight on the leg. After being examined on the sideline, he left on crutches.

Brown, who won the starting job over graduate Darius Wade during the preseason camp, has thrown for more than 1,300 yards with 11 TDs, and rushed for another score. He was 2 of 5 for 29 yards with an interception before the injury, but did run three times for 28 yards.

Wade entered the game after Brown was injured and the offense sputtered.

Wade, a graduate student, completed 8 of 15 for 82 yards and was sacked five times.

# Botched field goal costly as BC falls to N.C. State

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 11, 2017

Even with All-America defensive end Harold Landry sidelined for a second straight game with an ankle injury, quarterback Anthony Brown knocked out after an ugly knee injury, and defensive back Kamrin Moore sidelined after aggravating his shoulder injury, Boston College still had a chance.

The Eagles were trailing N.C. State, 17-14, late in the fourth quarter Saturday when backup quarterback Darius Wade and freshman running back AJ Dillon had pushed BC into the red zone.

After Dillon was smothered for a 4-yard loss on third and 8, BC had to set up for a field goal attempt from the 22 with just over four minutes left.

Instead, the attempt blew up on the Eagles from the second the ball was snapped.

Long snapper Jimmy Martin misfired on his delivery to holder Jeff Smith. Smith did his best to corral a ball that was spiraling into the dirt, but didn't have time to try to salvage a setup for Lichtenberg.

"He had no chance to put that back up and kick the ball," coach Steve Addazio said. "There was no chance."

With no other options, Smith rolled out and hoped for a downfield option to develop.

Nothing did.

He fired up a prayer between two defenders hoping it would find Colton Cardinal, but he never had a chance of grabbing it.

With that, the Eagles saw their best chance of extending their three-game winning streak crumble in the palms of their hands.

The 17-14 loss at Alumni Stadium brought an abrupt halt to the momentum the Eagles (5-5, 3-4 ACC) had built in wins over Louisville, Virginia, and Florida State, leaving them still searching for one more win to secure a bowl berth.

Dillon, the Eagles' prodigious young running back, piled up 196 yards on 36 carries, shattering the Eagles' freshman rushing record by pushing his season total to 1,039 yards. His 66-yard touchdown run in the second quarter was the game's first score.

But an Eagles team that could hardly afford another injury took a huge hit in the second quarter when Brown's right knee buckled under him as he tried to make an awkward cut to evade a tackler.

He immediately crumpled to the ground, pulling off his helmet and pounding his fist into the grass until trainers came to tend to him.

Addazio said he was still getting information on the extent of Brown's injury after the game.

"Nothing with any certainty," Addazio said. "What does that mean? I don't know what that means. Obviously, he's going to have to have some testing done. We're going to have to find out exactly what we're dealing with. So I can't speculate on a guy's injury."

But the possibility that the knee injury could end Brown's season was real.

"That's the biggest fear," Addazio said. "Sure. Without a doubt."

With Brown out, the Eagles called on Wade. But on fourth and 1 from the 13-yard line in a scoreless game, Addazio decided not to kick what would've been an easy field goal and instead go to a gadget play. He called a jump pass for running back Jon Hilliman to Chris Garrison that failed.

Looking back, Addazio said, it was the wrong move.

"That call's my call," Addazio said. "The three options were the obvious ones. Obviously, I made the wrong one. We could kick it, we could hand it off to AJ. We had worked all week long on a special [play]. This was the special. It was a jump pass. We felt like they were going to fill really hard on fourth and 1 and we thought Christian Garrison would be wide open in the end zone.

"Honestly, I was going to kick the field goal. In my mind, I kind of knew what I was dealing with with Anthony. I said to myself, 'We've got to score touchdowns.' I made the decision. I thought we made a great call there, but I know — I've run that call in a different format in the past — it's feast or famine."

After the turnover on downs, the Eagles took another hit when Moore separated his shoulder breaking up a pass from Wolfpack quarterback Ryan Finley to Stephen Louis.

"It's the same shoulder injury he had [two weeks ago]," Addazio said. "We tried to rest it for two [weeks], he was doing really good and obviously it slipped again, so we had to keep him out."

The Eagles defense was already missing Landry, who hasn't practiced since suffering the ankle injury against Virginia.

Wade took the reins at quarterback, completing 8 of 15 passes for 82 yards, but he struggled to run the offense against a menacing Wolfpack defense that hounded him for five sacks, taking advantage of how long Wade held the ball in the pocket.

Spartan running back Nyheim Hines turned 19 carries into 110 yards and a touchdown and Jaylen Samuels rushed seven times for 37 yards and another score as N.C. State (7-3, 5-1) stopped a two-game skid.

The most pressing concern facing the Eagles is how to proceed if Brown misses the rest of season. One option would be burning the redshirt of freshman quarterback E.J. Perry.

"Those are things that have to be discussed," Addazio said. "Those are easy things to decide upon early in the season. They're harder things to decide towards the end of the season. But I have an obligation to the program, to the hundred and something guys in the locker room and I think our guys are very unselfish, so I think all things are on the table."

After hopscotching through a minefield of injuries all season, the Eagles' hopes of returning to a bowl game depend on whether they can plug yet another hole.

"We've got some legitimate things that we've got to overcome right now," Addazio said. "We're playing really good football teams and we're playing a very high level of football and we're doing it, at times I feel like, with one hand tied behind our back — and we're still doing it. That's not an excuse, it's fact. Now it's all about maximizing what we have right now."

# BC falls to NC State as QB Anthony Brown injured

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 12, 2017

Boston College added another devastating injury to its starting lineup in yesterday's 17-14 loss to No. 23 North Carolina State at Alumni Stadium.

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Brown was replaced by graduate student Darius Wade. Brown's prospects for next Saturday's nonleague clash with UConn at Fenway Park appear doubtful.

Brown and cornerback Kamrin Moore, who left the game in the second quarter with a shoulder issue, could join the four other starters currently off the field.

"We have been doing this since the beginning of the year, we have not had smooth sail personnel wise," Addazio said. "We are trying to accommodate our injuries while we are playing really good football teams.

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A bad snap foiled BC's attempt to tie the game with a 40-yard field goal attempt with 4:15 to go.

# Knee surgery will end the season for BC QB Anthony Brown

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 13, 2017

Just as momentum was building for a Boston College program turning its season around, the Eagles were dealt a major blow Saturday when redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown suffered a right knee injury that will end his season.

While coach Steve Addazio wouldn't detail the specific nature of the injury, Brown will undergo surgery.

"He'll be 100 percent," said Addazio. "He'll be fine. This is a bump in the road. This is nothing more than that. He's going to be a great player with a great future, and we couldn't be more excited about what he's gotten done, what he's gotten accomplished, and what he'll do in the future.

"He's got a great attitude, great mind-set. He's a tough competitor."

Addazio handed Brown the keys to the offense after he won a preseason competition with Darius Wade. He became just the second freshman quarterback in BC history to start a season opener.

In 10 starts, Brown threw for 1,367 yards and 11 touchdowns, helping breathe life into an offense that had struggled in recent years.

"I think the most important thing is, for Anthony . . . for him to have a course that he's going to be on, and we're rolling forward," Addazio said. "I think it's really important in the mind of a champion like Anthony: 'This is what I'm dealing with. This is what I'm going to do. I'm going to be 100 percent.

" 'I'm going to be back ready to roll, and I'm going to be grateful for the year that I had, grateful for the unbelievable experience I had. It's going to make me a better player.' In his mind, he's going to have an unbelievable year next year."

With Brown out, the Eagles will turn to Wade, and Addazio is forced to make freshman E.J. Perry the backup quarterback, burning the Andover High School product's redshirt.

Wade has appeared in seven games this season, completing 23 of 40 passes for 225 yards. When Brown went down with a shoulder injury in the win over Louisville last month, Wade filled in and connected on 7 of 10 passes for 91 yards, helping the Eagles pull off a come-from-behind win that sparked a three-game winning streak. They are in position to secure a bowl berth for the fourth time in five years.

But in Saturday's 17-14 loss to North Carolina State, Wade struggled to get the ball out quickly, taking five sacks.

Addazio didn't rule out the possibility of Perry seeing the field if need be, but he is confident in Wade.

"Obviously, Darius has been preparing hard and preparing well," Addazio said. "E.J. Perry is completely on board and ready to play. As he said, 'I came here to be part of this team. I came here because it's a privilege, not a right. I'm going to do everything I can to help this football team win, whether you need me for one snap or 50.'"

"You've got to appreciate that kind of mind-set from a competitor. He's ready to roll. Darius is ready to roll."

'Darius [Wade] has been preparing hard and preparing well.'

The Eagles have walked through a minefield of injuries all season, losing senior linebacker Connor Strachan prior to the season with a knee injury, then losing senior center Jon Baker to an ACL injury in the opener, then losing sophomore linebacker Max Richardson for the year after a knee injury against Clemson.

All-American defensive lineman Harold Landry has missed the past two games with an ankle injury. He hasn't practiced in three weeks, and Addazio described his status as "week-to-week." He was hesitant to say that Landry might be out of the year as well.

"I don't know that," Addazio said. "I don't know that he won't play Saturday. I just don't know that. That's up to our medical team."

With two games left in the season, the Eagles need one win to secure a bowl berth. They face Connecticut Saturday at Fenway Park. The injuries have made the road to another postseason appearance that much more challenging, but Addazio is encouraged by the way the team has been able to overcome the losses.

"I don't see a lot of guys sucking their thumb," Addazio said. "Which usually means you have some real — you know, we don't have a lot of selfishness. We've just got a lot of guys locked into 'What can I do?' And whatever capacity I have to help our team win. That's why I've been so excited about this team, and I continue to be."

# BC quarterback Anthony Brown out for season

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 14, 2017**

Boston College quarterback Anthony Brown was scrambling for a first down in the second quarter of Saturday's 17-14 home loss to North Carolina State when the season collapsed underneath him.

The redshirt freshman's knee buckled awkwardly while making a cut with 13:06 to play. Brown had to be helped off the field and departed for the locker room on crutches.

BC coach Steve Addazio announced yesterday Brown is out for the season and will require surgery to fix what he referred to as a "lower-leg" injury.

"I'm not going to get into the details of everything there yet. I think that is kind of personal business," Addazio said. "But suffice to say he'll be gone for the year, and he'll be having surgery."

Brown started 10 games and emerged as one of the top freshman quarterbacks in the country with 1,367 passing yards and 11 touchdowns. Brown had a breakout game at Virginia on Oct. 21 by completing 19-of-24 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns. He was named ACC Rookie of the Week.

"Obviously our heart goes out to Anthony, and he is a big part of the future of our program," Addazio said. "He's going to be a great player with a great future, and we couldn't be more excited about what he's gotten done, what he's gotten accomplished and what he'll do in the future."

Addazio said senior Darius Wade will start Saturday night's nonconference clash with UConn at Fenway Park. The Eagles are 5-5 overall, 3-5 in the ACC and can secure bowl eligibility with a win against the Huskies. BC closes out the season with an ACC contest at Syracuse on Nov. 25.

"With this opportunity, we have some really good football players starting with Darius Wade, and we are going down that path," Addazio said. "That's the way it is."

Wade, a 6-foot, 215-pound quarterback from Middletown, Del., was mostly ineffective after replacing Brown against the Wolfpack. He completed 8-of-15 passes for 82 yards but was sacked five times. North Carolina State defensive end Bradley Chubb had 2.5 sacks and four tackles for losses.

"They had one of the elite pass rushers in America, so we had some issues there," Addazio said. "We were also in some situations where the whole stadium knows you've got to drop back and throw the football."

Addazio will reluctantly move E.J. Perry into the back-up roll. That was a tough decision for the coach, who wanted to redshirt the true freshman from Andover.

"That conversation's been had. We are all on the same page," Addazio said. "Now we are going to move based on a lot of factors, one of which is we'll have a great week of practice here and see where we are at."

Wide receiver Jeff Smith, who started three games at quarterback as a freshman in 2015, will get significant practice reps and might be a safer option than Perry. Junior quarterback John Fadule, who started against Notre Dame at Fenway Park in 2015, is out with a concussion.



# BC's Darius Wade ready to take reins at quarterback

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 15, 2017

Darius Wade experienced the same pain, frustration and heartbreak that Anthony Brown is going through now.

Brown started 10 straight games at quarterback for Boston College this year before suffering a season-ending knee injury in the Eagles' 17-14 loss to North Carolina State last Saturday at Alumni Stadium.

Wade will make his fourth career start when BC (5-5) takes on UConn (3-7) in a nonconference "road" game on Saturday night at Fenway Park. BC can attain bowl eligibility with a win.

"I'm pretty much trying to keep things business as usual," Wade said after yesterday's practice at Alumni Stadium. "It is a situation where we have to make this as seamless as possible. It is a very unfortunate thing that happened, and you never want to earn your job through injury. However, that is how it panned out this time. We have to keep attacking it, and we have a lot of things ahead of us with two games remaining to get bowl eligible and get to a bowl game."

After serving as freshman understudy to Tyler Murphy in 2014, Wade emerged from training camp in 2015 as the best quarterback on the roster. He started two wins against Maine and Howard and made his Atlantic Coast Conference debut against defending champ Florida State. Wade suffered a broken ankle on a second-quarter roll out and was lost for the season.

"I told (Brown) to pretty much keep his head up," Wade said. "Mine was different because it happened in the beginning of the season, but it is a very unfortunate situation to have a season-ending injury. Like me, for him this is the first time it (injury) has happened. He has never really been hurt like that before. There is definitely a lot of overwhelming emotion that kind of hits you all at once."

"There is the pain of the injury itself as well as knowing you can no longer play this season. Your teammates are out there playing, and you are watching them on crutches."

Wade's biggest contribution in 2017 occurred in the second half of the Eagles' 45-42 upset of Louisville on Oct., 15. Brown aggravated an existing shoulder injury on the Eagles' opening drive of the second half and had to exit.

Wade's game management against the Cardinals was masterful. Using freshman tailback A.J. Dillon as his primary weapon, Wade drove BC to four consecutive touchdowns that put the Eagles' up 42-28 with 11:59 to play in the game.

Wade complemented the Eagles' power run game with timely and effective rollout and play-action passes, primarily to tight end Tommy Sweeney. He completed 7-of-10 passes for 91 yards as Dillon ran wild for 272 yards on 39 carries.

Eagles coach Steve Addazio appreciates what Wade accomplished against Louisville, but he wants more than just an effective game manager against the Huskies.

"I think we need playmaking. We are going to attack just like we have been," Addazio said. "Not really looking for a game manager to be honest. We got out of that mode and grew and got to the point of attacking defenses. We've just got to get our game plan right and make sure we are doing everything that everyone can do."

# Boston College, UConn head to Fenway for some football

| Associated Press | November 17, 2017

BOSTON — Boston College coach Steve Addazio needs to replace his starting quarterback and figure out a way to turn things around after a loss to North Carolina State that snapped a three-game winning streak.

So the excitement about playing in Fenway Park is less on his mind than the logistics of playing a football game against UConn in a baseball stadium.

"The venue's great, the energy, the specialness of it is great," said Addazio, who's more concerned about getting his subs on the field with both teams sharing the same sideline. "The functionality of that is a challenge, and you've got to practice it."

BC (5-5) had won three straight games before a 17-14 loss to now-No. 25 N.C. State in which the Eagles gave up the go-ahead score on a 50-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter. They also lost quarterback Anthony Brown for the season on a non-contact knee injury.

Darius Wade, who started three games in 2015 before a broken ankle ended his season, is expected to take over.

"Our heart goes out to Anthony," Addazio said. "If you stop in this business and you spend too much time wallowing on 'woe is me,' or what could be, or anything else — this freight train's moving, man. ... Everybody else on this team, you've got to pick it up."

UConn (3-7) has lost three in a row, with back-to-back losses against ranked teams, Southern Florida and Central Florida. The Huskies have never beaten Boston College, going 0-11-2 against their former Big East rival in a series that began with a 1908 scoreless tie.

Here are some other things to look for in Saturday night's game:

## FOOTBALL AT FENWAY

The century-old home of the Boston Red Sox has hosted plenty of football games since it opened in 1912. The first BC football game there was in 1914, and the Eagles played 75 times there until 1956. Five different pro teams made Fenway their home, including the Boston Patriots in their AFL days from 1963-68.

BC had been scheduled to play Boston University on Nov. 23, 1963, a game that was canceled after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Eagles did not return until 2015, when they lost 19-16 to fourth-ranked Notre Dame.

## HOME ON THE ROAD

Although the game will be played less than five miles away from BC's Alumni Stadium — and more like 90 minutes from UConn's campus in Storrs — it will count as a home game for the Huskies. The advantages: UConn will receive 22,000 tickets for its fans (BC got 7,000). The school also said it received a guarantee of \$1.25 million (BC got none) that was the largest in the program's history.

## INJURY TROUBLES

It's not just Brown.

The Eagles have lost nine starters for the season, including center and captain Jon Baker and linebacker Connor Strachan. All-American defensive end Harold Landry has missed four games, who's out for the Eagles. Brown

"I don't see a lot of guys sucking their thumb," Addazio said. "We don't have a lot of selfishness. We've just got a lot of guys locked into 'What can I do? And whatever capacity I have to help our team win.' That's why I've been so excited about this team."

## POINTS GALORE

Thanks in part to a 70-31 loss to Memphis, the Huskies are on a pace to break the school record of 413 points allowed (1998). They have already given up 395 points this season and are on a pace to allow 473.

## BOWL ELIGIBILITY

A month after looking at a long offseason, in which Addazio's job may have been in jeopardy, the Eagles need one more win to be bowl-eligible for the fourth time in his five seasons. After over Louisville, Virginia and Florida State put BC in position, it now needs to beat UConn or Syracuse to return to postseason play.

Addazio noted that freshman had been playing key roles in the turnaround. BC was the only school in the country with freshmen as the leading passer, receiver (Kobay White) and rusher (AJ Dillon).

"I think the future is very, very bright," Addazio said.

# AJ Dillon, Boston College rout UConn at Fenway Park

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 18, 2017**

Boston College's power run game proved unstoppable in a 39-16 victory against UConn before 20,123 tonight at Fenway Park.

BC (6-5), which became bowl eligible for the fourth time in Steve Addazio's five seasons at The Heights, had 330 rushing yards in the game. Tailback AJ Dillon led the way with 200 on 24 carries.

BC went up 21-3 on its opening possession of the second half on five straight running plays. Dillon accounted for 22 yards on four carries before Jon Hilliman scored on a 38-yard streak through the middle of the UConn defense. Hilliman scored his fourth touchdown on his longest run of the season.

The Eagles went up 27-3 on a defensive gem by junior cornerback Taj-Amir Torres with 9:41 to play in the third. Torres intercepted David Pindell on a flanker screen and returned the ball 65 yards for the Eagles' second pick-6 of the season.

BC safety Lukas Denis' sixth interception of the season stopped UConn's drive on the BC 11-yard line with 4:28 to play in the third. BC went up 33-3 on a 20-yard touchdown run by Dillon that put him at 200 for the game. Hilliman made it 39-3 with his second scoring run of the game with 7:20 to play.

UConn scored twice in the fourth, on a 70-yard run by Kevin Mensah and a 43 yard pass from Pindell to Hergy Mayala.

BC introduced balance to the offense on its second possession of the second quarter, a 70-yard scoring drive. Wade connected on a 38-yard skinny post pass to tight end Tommy Sweeney to the UConn 21.

Dillon pounded both sides of the line on five straight runs and advanced the ball to the 2, at which point Darius Wade evaded an intense pass rush to complete a touchdown pass to Chris Garrison that put BC up 7-3. BC went up 14-3 on a spectacular 53-yard touchdown romp by Dillon, who went around left tackle and streaked through a seam in the Huskies' defense.

Dillon appeared corralled by the Husky posse on the UConn 5, but plowed through five defenders and reached the end zone for his ninth touchdown of the season. BC's defense limited UConn to eight yards of total offense in the second quarter.

BC can enhance its bowl standing with a victory at Syracuse in the season finale on Saturday.

Also tonight, the team announced senior cornerback Kamrin Moore will miss the remainder of the season with the shoulder injury he suffered in the first half against N.C. State on Nov. 11. Senior defensive end Harold Landry (ankle) did not dress and is doubtful for the Syracuse game.

# Boston College turns to southpaw quarterback Darius Wade tonight vs. UConn at Fenway Park

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 18, 2017

Shifting from right to left is not as easy as it sounds when game-planning an attacking up-tempo offense.

Boston College coach Steve Addazio and offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler made that crossover in preparation for tonight's nonleague regional clash with UConn at Fenway Park. BC can attain bowl eligibility with a win before closing out the campaign with an ACC game at Syracuse next week.

BC (5-5) lost right-handed starting quarterback Anthony Brown to a second-quarter knee injury in last week's 17-14 setback to North Carolina State at Alumni Stadium.

Brown was replaced by southpaw Darius Wade, a 6-foot, 215-pound dual-threat quarterback, who will make his fourth career start against the Huskies.

"First off, so because I'm a lefty we have to switch a lot of things," said Wade. "That was one of the first issues but I mean pretty much with each quarterback we have different strengths and it's about finding the strengths and really playing upon that.

"Whatever (Addazio) believes my main strengths are is what we are emphasizing and ready to go. Typically you always want to have to quarterback going to the dominant side and that's my left-hand side.

"So that is pretty much the flip that is necessary but other than that it is kind of all the same."

Addazio's squad is seeking its fourth bowl in five years, so he will likely pull out all the stops tonight and next week.

Addazio is prepared to eliminate Andover freshman E.J. Perry's redshirt status if Wade gets hurt or is ineffective against the UConn defense.

Addazio's other option is to shift wide receiver Jeff Smith to quarterback. Smith started three ACC games behind center as a true freshman in 2015.

But the logical move would be to give Perry some meaningful game experience in case he is the better fit to start in place of Brown next September.

"My philosophy of that is that I met with E.J. and his family (and) I don't put that on anybody," said Addazio. "So that's what I've done in my history is sit down with the family and with the player and get a feel for where they are at.

"Like I said, that conversation has been had. We're all on the same page. Now we are going to move the way we move based on a lot of factors, one of which is we've got to have a great week of practice here and see where we are at."

The Huskies (3-7) have made upgrades across the board and are superior to the team BC rolled over, 30-0, last season at The Heights. Coach Randy Edsall, in his second tenure at UConn, has introduced a balanced offense that has produced results.

UConn has averaged 412.1 yards of total offense per game with 271.6 coming through the air and 140.5 on the ground.

BOSTON COLLEGE vs. UCONN

7 p.m. — Fenway Park

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## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. This nonleague match against an opponent BC dominated in 2016 is the Eagles' best opportunity to gain bowl eligibility. The Eagles don't want to be 5-6 going into the season finale at Syracuse.
2. Backup quarterback Darius Wade showed sound game management in the second half of BC's 45-42 upset at Louisville on Oct. 14. Wade must be more attacking in the passing game against UConn.
3. BC tailback A.J. Dillon should be able to pound the rock on UConn's front seven. The Huskies have allowed 175 rushing yards per game with 21 rushing touchdowns and Dillon is better than any tailback they have faced.

# BC blows out UConn to become bowl eligible

**Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 19, 2017**

Redshirt freshman quarterback Anthony Brown, who had found a way to bring stability to a Boston College offense that had struggled, was out for the season.

So was senior center Jon Baker, who had been a linchpin on the offensive line since he was a freshman.

So was senior linebacker Connor Strachan, an anchor on a defense that had been among the best in the country the past two years.

So was sophomore linebacker Max Richardson, a part of a young core committed to reshaping the way people looked at the Eagles program.

So was cornerback Kamrin Moore, a senior captain kept the defense glued together on the field and the locker room glued together off it.

And so was All-America defensive end Harold Landry, who returned for his senior season with the hope of both leading Boston College back to a bowl game while at the same time proving to NFL scouts that he was a first-round talent, was out for the third straight game.

Still, Boston College found a way.

Missing six starters from their season opener, the Eagles (6-5) steamrolled UConn, 39-16, at Fenway Park on Saturday night, weathering the storm of injuries that's plagued them this season and securing a bowl berth. A team that seemed out of it a month ago when it was 2-4 will be making its fourth bowl appearance in five seasons.

"I think it just shows how relentless our team is," said safety Lukas Denis. "The way we prepare, our mind-set is just always to fight. We lost some key players throughout this season, but that just made us want to go harder for those guys."

Eagles coach Steve Addazio, the target of intense scrutiny much of the past three seasons, became the first coach in BC history to lead the team to four bowls in his first five seasons.

"It makes it really sweet and really special when you can stand as the head coach and look those kids in the eye and see the joy in their eye for accomplishing [their goals]."

With Brown out, the Eagles fed the Huskies (3-8) heavy doses of freshman running back A.J. Dillon. A week after setting BC's single-season freshman rushing record, Dillon piled up 200 yards on 24 carries and two touchdowns, including a 53-yard second-quarter rumble where he dragged four Huskies across the goal line.

"The only one I remember is the one guy that I threw by me," Dillon said. "I don't remember who else was there."

He added another 20-yard dash in the third quarter where he shrugged off one tackler in the open field then plowed through three more to find the end zone again.

Between Brown and Jon Hilliman (107 yards, two TDs), the Eagles rushed for 330 yards. Veteran Darius Wade provided the Eagles with the steady quarterback play they were looking for in his first start since 2015. He completed just 7 of 15 passes for 55 yards before giving way to freshman E.J. Perry in the fourth quarter, but kept the Eagles offense composed in the huddle and came through with a clutch play when things were rocky early on.

In the second quarter, with the Eagles down 3-0, he used his feet to make a play to swing the momentum the Eagles' way. After five Dillon carries got the Eagles down to the goal line, Wade had to make a play on third and goal from the 2. Everyone in the ballpark could've seen another Dillon run coming, so the Eagles went to play-action. As soon as Wade looked up, he had two defenders in his face. Flushed from the pocket, he rolled right, turned out the jets to flee would-be tacklers and flung a pass on a zipline to Chris Garrison in the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown that put the Eagles up, 7-3.

"When Darius was in there, there was no question he was a great leader today," Dillon said. "Things didn't always go our way and he stayed positive, stayed the course and that's what you want from a leader."

From there, the Eagles never let their foot off the gas.

Without Moore, the Eagles' secondary came up with three interceptions. The first was from Moore's fill-in Amp Cheevers, who pulled the plug on UConn's second drive by hawking a deep ball from UConn quarterback David Pindell in the end zone for his second interception of the season.

Early in the third quarter, junior corner Taj-Amir Torres came up with a 65-yard pick-6 that made it 27-3 and all but took the air out of the Huskies' sideline. Later the same quarter, Denis short-circuited a Huskies fourth-down attempt by picking off Pindell and returning it 56 yards.

While it's been rocky at times, this one, Addazio said, was gratifying because of the adversity the team faced.

“It makes you a tougher, more leathered football team,” Addazio said. “In this conference [ACC] that we’re in, you’ve got to run the gauntlet. In order to run the gauntlet, you’ve got to learn how to overcome adversity, create depth, and you’ve got to have a confidence that you can beat those teams week in and week out,” he said. “We’re battle-, weather-tested right now against really good competition. So I’m excited about all of that and proud of our guys.”

# Boston College routs UConn in Fenway Park turf war

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 19, 2017

A.J. Dillon was a spectator when Boston College lost by a field goal to No. 4 ranked Notre Dame two years ago at Fenway Park.

The tailback enjoyed a superior Fenway experience last night. The freshman rushed for 200 yards on 24 carries, including touchdown runs of 53 and 20 yards, as BC trounced UConn 39-16 at Fenway.

"This is an experience I'm not going to forget ever," said Dillon, a Yankees fan from New London, Conn. "I was actually at the Notre Dame game two years ago and I was sitting thinking this must be amazing to be on that field.

"Today I got that opportunity to soak it in and all the history that is here at this venue."

Junior Jon Hilliman, who missed the 2015 game with a broken foot, added 107 yards on 10 carries with two touchdowns. BC gained 330 of its 385 yards of total offense on the ground, allowing backup quarterback Darius Wade to manage the game in place of injured starter Anthony Brown.

In a surprise move, Addazio relieved Wade in the fourth quarter with true freshman E.J. Perry of Andover. Perry redshirted the first 10 games of the season, but obviously figures in BC's plans for next week's regular-season finale at Syracuse and in whatever bowl game the Eagles are assigned.

"We had an opportunity to get E.J. in the game which we desperately wanted to get done," said Addazio. "That was critically important because he is the next man up and he is talented guy and we made a decision that was talked though."

The Eagles (6-5) attained bowl eligibility of the fourth time in coach Steve Addazio's five seasons at the Heights, and can enhance its standing next Saturday against the longtime rival Orange.

"What we want to do is attack those goals," said Addazio. "What we want now is go compete against Syracuse and that is going to be a tough challenge."

BC went up 21-3 on its opening possession of the second half on five straight running plays. Dillon accounted for 22 yards on four carries before Hilliman scored on a 38-yard streak through the middle of the UConn defense.

Boston College running back AJ Dillon (2) rushes against the defense of North Carolina State safety Dexter Wright (14) during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, in Boston. (AP Photo/Mary Schwalm)

Boston College, UConn head to Fenway for some football

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Also yesterday, BC announced senior cornerback Kamrin Moore will miss the remainder of the season following shoulder surgery. He injured the shoulder in the first half against N.C. State on Nov. 11.

# BC will split QB duties between Darius Wade and E.J. Perry

**Herald Stuff | Boston Herald | November 20, 2017**

Boston College coach Steve Addazio will split the quarterback duties between a graduate student and a true freshman in the Eagles' season finale at Syracuse on Saturday.

Veteran Darius Wade will make his fifth career start but Addazio said that E.J. Perry of Andover can expect more game snaps than he did in BC's 39-16 victory over Connecticut on Saturday.

Starter Anthony Brown suffered a season ending knee in the second quarter of a 17-14 loss to North Carolina State on Nov. 11. Brown's injury forced Addazio to burn Perry's redshirt status and he made his college debut in the fourth quarter against UConn.

"Darius is our starter and E.J. we were able to get in the game as we said we would," Addazio said today.

"Last week (Perry) was the first time he took practice reps substantially with the varsity, so to speak, with the starters. He's been dynamic running the scout team and doing other things but this is the first week of working the offense with all the motions, adjustments, checks and different things that go along with that."

BC had only 55 net passing yards against the Huskies, a number that must improve against Syracuse's stout rushing defense.

The Eagles (6-5) are looking to bolster their bowl position after qualifying for a postseason game last week.



# BC's Steve Addazio treating Syracuse game like 'Super Bowl'

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | November 20, 2017

Boston College closes the season at Syracuse on Saturday, but this might not be the Eagles' only visit to New York this year.

BC (6-5, 3-4 ACC), bowl-bound for the fourth time in five years after a 39-16 victory over UConn Saturday, could be a candidate for the Pinstripe Bowl, scheduled at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 27.

Until bowl selections are made, though, BC coach Steve Addazio is concentrating on the conclusion of the conference season.

"It means the world to us [but] being bowl eligible has nothing to do with our approach to this game," Addazio said Monday. "Our approach to this game is it's the Super Bowl and we've got to go win it. They're all huge."

The Eagles have won four of their last five games and have a three-game road winning streak (UConn was designated as home team for the game at Fenway Park).

"It's a preseason goal," Addazio said of BC becoming bowl eligible. "So when you achieve it it's a barometer of success and it gives you an opportunity to get another month's worth of practice to develop your team."

"When you lose that, that hurts you. We're fortunate to go to four bowls in five years and develop our players. Postseason play is exciting and it matters in recruiting and you want to be in that whole hub. So, it's fantastic and it's gratifying. Having a schedule like we've had and the way it's played out has been unbelievable, battling in every game, overcoming a bunch of stuff along the way, and playing really talented teams."

"It's been a part of the development of our teams, which bodes very well for this weekend and for the future. It's a chance to showcase so many young players that are as talented as any in the conference and in the country. All these freshmen who have important roles on our team, they get a chance to extend into the bowl. Never mind the obvious ones, what about the not as obvious ones? I can't wait to see them grow and develop."

BC lost to Penn State, 31-30, in the 2014 Pinstripe Bowl and broke a five-game bowl losing streak with a 36-30 victory over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl last season.

Addazio expects the BC passing game to be a factor against the Orange, thanks to the Carrier Dome field conditions. The Eagles totaled 330 rushing yards and Darius Wade had 55 passing yards in a rainstorm against UConn.

"We tried to throw downfield, dropped a couple balls," Addazio said. "It was pouring rain and cold, and we had a hot hand [rushing]."

"We're going to spend a whole lot of time on the throw game. They bring a lot of pressure, and when you do that you've got opportunities on the perimeter and we have the ability to strike there. We will have perfect weather. It's probably a great advantage for them, too. But we're not going to have to deal with the elements."

Wade replaced Anthony Brown, who sustained a season-ending leg injury in a 17-14 loss to North Carolina State on Nov. 11. Freshman quarterback EJ Perry made his debut as a late-game replacement Saturday.

"Darius did well, made some big plays, managed the game well," Addazio said. "[Perry] has been dynamic running the scout team and doing a lot of things. This is his first week of having to work the offense. I think it's a big step. I would've liked to play him at least another series."

Syracuse quarterback Eric Dungey, who has missed the past two games with a lower-leg injury, likely will miss Saturday's game, according to the Associated Press.

# Plenty of bowl scenarios in play for Boston College football

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 21, 2017**

Boston College attained bowl eligibility for the fourth time in five years under coach Steve Addazio with Saturday's 39-16 victory against Connecticut at Fenway Park.

Where and when the Eagles will play that bowl game will depend on the outcome of their ACC finale on Saturday at Syracuse.

The ACC has nine potential bowl destinations, not including a conference team that advances to the national playoffs. Only three ACC teams — North Carolina, Pittsburgh and Syracuse — are out of contention.

A win could put BC in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 27. A loss could leave the Eagles going to the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., also on Dec. 27.

Defending national champion and No. 2 ranked Clemson (10-1) will face No. 3 Miami (10-0) in the ACC title game on Dec. 2. Before that, Clemson plays a nonleague rivalry game at South Carolina, and Miami closes out at Pitt. Any loss for Clemson eliminates the Tigers from the national title picture and severely compromise Miami.

If the winner of the ACC title game advances to the national playoffs, the loser goes to the Capital One Orange Bowl on Dec. 30. If Miami goes to the Orange Bowl, it is unlikely organizers would schedule a rematch with No. 9 Notre Dame. A Clemson loss would make for a compelling Orange Bowl matchup with the Irish.

Notre Dame is the wild card in the ACC bowl selection process. If the Irish lose at Stanford, they are eliminated from the national-playoff picture and join the ACC pool pushing the other bowl contenders down the food chain.

The ACC bubble teams are Duke (5-6), Georgia Tech (5-5) and Florida State (4-6). The Seminoles could gain bowl eligibility if they beat Florida and win their makeup game against Louisiana Monroe on Dec. 2.

Georgia Tech has a difficult match against No. 7 Georgia and Duke faces a tough challenge at Wake Forest. Miami and Georgia Tech had their respective games against Arkansas State and Central Florida cancelled because of Hurricane Irma.

The bowl eligible programs jockeying for the preferable destinations in descending order are No. 24 Virginia Tech (8-3), Wake Forest (7-4), North Carolina State (7-4), Louisville (7-4), BC (6-5) and Virginia (6-5). Louisville would be welcomed enthusiastically at any ACC mid-tier destination because it is led by 2016 Heisman Trophy-winner Lamar Jackson, the most exciting player in college football. Louisville plays at Kentucky while NC State hosts North Carolina in a pair of rivalry games.

- Capital One Orange Bowl: The contenders are Miami and Clemson against Notre Dame or a top Big Ten program in Miami Gardens, Fla.

- Citrus Bowl: Virginia Tech, Louisville or Notre Dame against a quality opponent from the SEC or the Big Ten would all look good in Orlando, Fla.

- Hyundai Sun Bowl: A win over Kentucky could put Louisville in El Paso against a top Pac-12 team, most likely Washington State or Stanford.

- Belk Bowl: A win over Duke should give Wake Forest the edge over North Carolina State against an SEC opponent in Charlotte, N.C.

- Taxslayer Bowl: Florida State could jump the line at 6-6 and play a stronger SEC or Big Ten team in Jacksonville, Fla. NC State is in the picture in the event of an FSU loss.

- Military Bowl: It looks assured that Virginia will play Navy at Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, Md. If Virginia upsets Virginia Tech the Cavaliers could move up.

- New Era Pinstripe Bowl: With a loss to Kentucky, Louisville could edge out BC against a Big Ten opponent in the Big Apple. BC needs to win at Syracuse combined with a Florida State loss and a Notre Dame victory to reach Yankee Stadium. If both scenarios happen Louisville would likely go to a higher destination.

- Independence Bowl: A loss at Syracuse could return BC to Shreveport for a second time in five years.

- Quick Lane Bowl: An ACC source said BC has a minuscule chance of playing consecutive games at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. A Duke win could put the Blue Devils in the Motor City.

# Andover's EJ Perry another fresh face at quarterback for Boston College

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 22, 2017**

Through the first 10 games of the Boston College season, freshman quarterback EJ Perry of Andover was never himself.

Perry made use of his redshirt arrangement to serve as the Eagles' scout team quarterback. The task required Perry to provide the first defense with a serviceable impersonation of Wake Forest's John Wolford, Kelly Bryant of Clemson, Notre Dame's Brandon Wimbush and Lamar Jackson of Louisville.

Perry's job description changed when starting quarterback Anthony Brown, a redshirt freshman, suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second quarter of a loss to North Carolina State on Nov. 11 at Alumni Stadium.

Perry was elevated to backup behind Darius Wade and will see significant action when the Eagles (6-5) close the regular season against Syracuse (4-7) on Saturday at the Carrier Dome.

"It's pretty good, and it's been fun and exciting to get those reps, and I've made a nice transition in the past couple of weeks," said Perry, who took snaps with first offense in practice yesterday at Alumni Stadium. "I've been throwing with the same guys since I got in here in January with 7-on-7s and spring practice and whatnot. We are throwing every day."

BC coach Steve Addazio decided to burn Perry's redshirt prior to last Saturday's 39-16 victory against Connecticut for short- and long-term reasons.

Perry needed to learn and operate the system in the event that Wade might suffer the same fate as Brown against UConn or Syracuse, and could be called into service if Brown isn't ready to start next season.

"These guys around here just go and EJ has some fire to him and they love that," said Addazio. "He is one snap away from running this whole operation and that is a tall order, and that (is) why you just have to get him in the game."

"He has to get a feel. He has to get a lot of reps (because) with one snap and it's all on him."

The Eagles attained bowl eligibility by beating the Huskies at Fenway Park and the bonus 15 extra practice sessions in December that come with postseason play.

Perry made his college debut in relief of Wade in the fourth quarter against UConn. BC had the game locked down and Perry was limited to handing the ball off and burning time off the clock.

"I knew coming into the season (offensive coordinator Scot) Loeffler told me, 'We want to redshirt you, but if the time comes, you'll play,'" said Perry. "So I just do what they tell me to do. It was a pleasant surprise because every competitor wants to play, so to get that opportunity last Saturday was exciting. But I just plan on getting better every day and doing what they tell me to do."

Perry learned the position playing for his father, EJ Perry III, at Andover High. The two-time Herald All-Scholastic tied the state record for touchdown passes in a season (47) his senior year. His college timeline was advanced because of Brown's injury and he's making progress competing on this level.

"I thought EJ had a good day out here today and he is starting to get a little more comfortable, and that is all part of it," said Addazio. "It's a process, just like it was when Anthony first started playing, and that is why it is hard on young freshman quarterbacks with the enormity of it all."

# Darius Wade, EJ Perry were steady in relief for BC

Frank Dell'Apa | Boston Globe | November 23, 2017

The quarterback position has been a strength for Boston College this season, one in which the Eagles clinched their fourth bowl appearance in the last five seasons. But it became a question mark after the loss of Anthony Brown, who was on pace to challenge several school freshman records before sustaining a leg injury Nov. 11.

Darius Wade provided adequate answers in quarterbacking the Eagles to a 39-16 win over Connecticut at Fenway Park last Saturday. Now, he and backup EJ Perry are preparing for a tougher test as BC visits Syracuse in its final game of the regular season this Saturday.

"Darius is super smart, he understands everything we want to do," coach Steve Addazio said. "He throws the ball very, very well. Darius is very athletic. And so, he's got all that going for him.

"He can do everything we want him to do, he can do that physically and mentally. He's very, very capable, throws a very good deep ball. So we still have an opportunity to see the best of Darius."

Against UConn, the game plan consisted mostly of handoffs to A.J. Dillon and Jon Hilliman, but Wade gained credit for game management on a stormy day. Now, he is looking forward to performing in a climate-controlled setting, the Carrier Dome.

"Definitely a rivalry game," Wade said. "It's been pretty scrappy, so definitely excited to see how it turns out.

"I like the Dome, it gets pretty rowdy in there. You just feel like it's a nice, sunny day out."

Syracuse also could be going with a backup quarterback — Rex Culpepper or Zack Mahoney — as Eric Dungey recovers from a leg injury.

"They're not going to change in terms of the throw game, maybe a little bit in the run game," Addazio said. "Any time you're already down in the quarterbacks, you've got to be a little concerned about running the quarterback too much. We all are. You're one bad hit away from losing another guy."

Which is among the reasons Addazio opted to burn Perry's redshirt year with a late-game appearance against UConn.

"He's one snap away from running this whole operation," Addazio said. "That's a tall order. It's not as simple as, you've got to get him in the game, he's got to start to get a feel, he's got to get a lot of reps. Because one snap, one deal, and it's all on him."

Perry, who played under his father's coaching at Andover High School, welcomed the chance.

"That first handoff was, like, tunnel vision," Perry said. "It kind of really sunk in, looking up at [the stands]. Everyone, playing Little League around here, wants to play baseball there. So it was cool I get to tell my high school baseball coach I made it to Fenway.

"I knew coming into the season, [quarterbacks] coach [Scott] Loeffler said we want to redshirt you but if the time comes you'll play," Perry said. "So, I just do whatever they tell me to do. It was definitely a pleasant surprise. Every competitor wants to play. To get that opportunity was definitely exciting.

"I've been throwing with these guys since I got in here in January — seven on seven, spring practice. Hometown school, Power 5 school, it's everyone around here's dream to play here."

Addazio is looking forward to a rematch with his former team.

"There should be rival games in every conference," Addazio said. "When I was at Syracuse, [BC] was a big game, circled on the schedule."

# BC football rolls over Syracuse

Josh Schafer | Boston Globe | November 25, 2017

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It took A.J. Dillon one carry to get his first touchdown of the game.

After not practicing all week due to an injury, Dillon sat on the sideline for much of Boston College's opening drive on Saturday against Syracuse.

When the freshman running back finally entered the game, he received a handoff from quarterback Darius Wade, bounced right, and barrelled over a Syracuse defender on his way to a 22-yard touchdown run. It was Dillon's first of three scores in a 42-14 victory for Boston College (7-5, 4-4 ACC) over Syracuse (4-8, 2-6) at the Carrier Dome.

After the touchdown, Dillon pointed to his mother, who sat in the BC fan section, just as he promised he would before the game.

On Dillon's next carry he ran 50 yards down the right sideline to the Syracuse 16-yard line. Three plays later, from the 8, he carried a defender 3 yards into the end zone for his second touchdown of the opening frame. Dillon finished with 193 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries.

Dillon's first two touchdowns provided BC with 7-point leads. From there the lead only extended as the Eagles exploited the Orange for 581 total yards of offense and their highest-scoring output ever against Syracuse. In BC's first win in the Dome since 2010, the Eagles piled on a depleted Syracuse squad playing its last game of the season.

The win gives the Eagles at least seven wins and a bowl appearance for the fourth time in BC coach Steve Addazio's five seasons. The Eagles will wait to find out their bowl game and opponent following the conclusion of the conference championship games next week.

"We came out and played great complementary football," Addazio said. "On offense, we came out, rushed for over 300 had over 580 yards of offense.

"The defense I thought did a great job of making them go the long, hard way."

Midway through the second quarter, BC defensive back Hamp Cheevers was quick to a pitch from Syracuse quarterback Rex Culpepper. Cheevers met running back Moe Neal as he caught the ball and launched the running back backward, forcing a Syracuse punt.

Two plays later, Jeff Smith took a jet sweep 64 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown. Cheevers wasn't done.

As Syracuse lined up for a second and 3 from its 32-yard line, Cheevers recognized the formation. The Orange were lining up for a screen pass that had worked the previous series, Cheevers said. This time, the backward pass never made it to the intended target. Cheevers jumped the route, evading a block from receiver Jamal Custis to break up the pass. As the rest of the field froze, assuming the pass was incomplete, BC safety Will Harris scooped the ball and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. That gave the Eagles a 28-7 lead.

"I kind of snapped into it and was like, 'Oh, that ball's still live,' " Harris said. "So it was just all reactionary."

As the final frame began, BC, leading 35-14, crushed Syracuse's last chance at a comeback. The Orange had the ball deep in the red zone. SU twice ran fullback Chris Elmore up the middle, but both resulted in no gain and BC forced a turnover on downs at its 5-yard line.

On the ensuing possession, it took BC five plays to reward its defense and put the game away. After 34-yard run from Dillon brought the Eagles away from their end zone, they went back in the air.

Wade connected with running back Travis Levy on a swing pass on the right sideline. With no defenders around him as he caught the ball, Levy darted toward the middle of the field. The freshman finished the play in the end zone for a 46-yard touchdown to make it 42-14 and much of the home crowd rose to its feet and headed toward the exits.

# BC routs Syracuse to bolster bowl resume

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 25, 2017**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Freshman tailback AJ Dillon rushed for 193 yards and three touchdowns to power Boston College to a 42-14 victory over Syracuse in the Carrier Dome.

The Eagles improved to 7-5 and 4-4 in the ACC. The win enhanced the Eagles' prospects for a favorable landing spot in a postseason bowl. Options include the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium or the Sun Bowl in El Paso.

Dillon's strong day put shine on a campaign with a freshman record 1,432 yards and 13 touchdowns.

BC quarterback Darius Wade was an efficient 16-of-20 for 248 yards to 10 different receivers. The Eagles recorded 581 yards of total offense on 76 plays with 24 first downs.

In bowl position, the Eagles will compete with Louisville (8-4), whose non-league win over rival Kentucky gave the Cardinals the inside track to the Sun Bowl.

BC recorded its first win in the Carrier Dome since 2010. Syracuse dropped its fifth straight to finish at 4-8 and 2-6 in the ACC.

BC opened the second half with an efficient 69-yard, 10-play, drive to take a 35-14 lead with 10:57 to play. Wade completed four passes for 53 yards on the drive. Dillon plowed in from the one for his third of the game.

Freshman tailback Travis Levy made juggling catch from Wade and a short wheel route and went 46 yard for his first touchdown. The play put BC ahead 42-14 with 12:37 to play.

BC scored on its opening drive, an impressive 73-yard march on 11 plays and ended with a 22-yard run by Dillon, his 11th of the season with 7:24 to play in the first. Wade converted twice on third and long and on fourth and five to extend the drive.

Syracuse redshirt freshman quarterback Rex Culpepper, who was making his first career start, tied the game with a 37-yard touchdown toss to Steve Ishmael with 5:26 remaining.

Dillon led BC's response on its second series to go up 14-7 with 3:20 to play in the first. Dillon broke loose for a 50-yard gain to the Syracuse 16. Two plays later, Dillon carried three defenders into the end zone for his second of the game and 12th of the run.

BC went up 21-7 on a 64-yard jet sweep by wide receiver Jeff Smith with 59 seconds to play in the first. The Eagles went ahead 28-7 on a brilliant collaboration by cornerback Hamp Cheevers and safety Will Harris.

Cheevers broke up Culpepper's lateral pass to Nykeim Johnson on the Syracuse 30. Harris picked up the ball and dashed though a crowd for the touchdown.

Culpepper hit Ervin Phillips with a 17-yard touchdown pass to make it 28-14 with 5:52 to play in the half. Syracuse place kicker Cole Murphy missed a 50-yard field goal attempt on the final play of the half.

# BC seeks seventh win to boost bowl stock as Eagles head to Syracuse

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 25, 2017**

The Boston College defense spent the sum of its preparation for Syracuse aiming to contain a player listed as questionable on the injury report.

But that's because junior quarterback Eric Dungey, even if he's uncertain to play, is one of the most prolific passers in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Dungey missed the Orange's last two games with a lower right leg injury. There is a strong possibility the NFL draft prospect may sit out tomorrow's clash between BC (6-5) and Syracuse (4-7) at the Carrier Dome.

The Eagles, who clinched bowl eligibility with a win last Saturday against UConn, are also seeking to improve their position in the ACC bowl lineup by adding a seventh victory.

Dungey started the Orangemen's first nine games, completing 225-of-377 passes for 2,495 yards and 14 touchdowns with nine interceptions. He was an 11th hour scratch for consecutive blowout losses to Wake Forest and Louisville that eliminated the Orangemen from bowl eligibility.

However, Dungey has a competitive spirit and may feel an obligation to send the seniors out on a winning note.

"We are going to prepare for Dungey because he was their starter," said BC senior outside linebacker Ty Schwab, who leads the defense with 90 tackles. "Whether Dungey is in there or not we are going to be ready to play whoever we face. The coaches have given us a game plan that we will take and put it into the game.

"They can play whomever they are going to play and we are going to do whatever we need to win the game. They do a lot of (run-pass options) like Virginia Tech so you have to cover the run and the pass option for the quarterback."

If Dungey can't play it means both teams will have backups under center. The Eagles lost starter Anthony Brown, a redshirt freshman, to a season-ending knee injury on Nov. 11. Coach Steve Addazio is expected to start graduate student Darius Wade and work true freshman EJ Perry of Andover into the operation before the end of the first half.

Addazio played Wade for three quarters in a run-dominated 39-16 win over Connecticut last week. Perry then made his college debut in the fourth quarter but did not throw a pass.

Syracuse coach Dino Babers has been working the same formula with minimal success. Senior Zach Mahoney posted decent numbers (33-of-60 for 384 yards, three touchdowns, two interceptions) in the 64-43 shootout loss to the Demon Deacons before giving up the huddle to redshirt freshman Rex Culpepper. Both quarterbacks were abysmal the following week in a 56-10 loss to Louisville.

"Watched a lot of tape on Mahoney and Culpepper and they're really good players and really talented," Addazio said. "Dungey is elite but these guys are very talented and I don't think they are going to change anything major. Zach Mahoney has a world of talent. He throws the ball extremely well. I've watched him play and I'm really impressed.

"Whichever one of these guys plays I have the utmost respect for all three of them."

# Boston College beats Syracuse 42-14 behind Dillon's 3 TDs

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — AJ Dillon didn't practice all week, didn't run, didn't do anything physically — until Saturday.

Boston College's stellar freshman tailback rushed for 193 yards and three touchdowns, and the resurgent Eagles beat Syracuse 42-14 in the season finale for both teams.

Boston College (7-5, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) has won five of six and won in the Carrier Dome for only the second time in six tries.

"It's not easy to do. It's a credit to our players," BC coach Steve Addazio said. "We played physical. We played relentlessly. We played together for each other. That's what I really enjoyed seeing the most."

It was the fifth straight loss for Syracuse (4-8, 2-6) since its riveting upset of then-No. 2 Clemson just over a month ago.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed about the loss and the seniors leaving in this manner," Orange coach Dino Babers said. "It was difficult to stop them."

Syracuse was coming off consecutive lopsided losses to Wake Forest and Louisville in which the Orange allowed 120 points and a whopping 782 yards rushing, a perfect scenario for the Eagles and their star freshman tailback.

Dillon had twice topped the 200-yard rushing mark in a game, only the second freshman in ACC history to do so, and entered the game ranked fourth in ACC history in rushing yards by a freshman with 1,239. Dillon, who had 23 carries, scored on his first of the game, a 22-yarder midway through the first quarter, tacked on an 8-yard TD late in the first quarter, and added a 1-yard score early in the third for a 35-14 lead.

"It's a testament to how hard we've been working," said Dillon, who was recovering from an undisclosed injury. "It's all starting to click. It's all starting to come together. It's not just one group or one player."

The Eagles, who only punted once and held the Orange scoreless in the second half, had gained a 28-7 lead midway through the second quarter on Jeff Smith's 64-yard run and a 30-yard fumble return by Will Harris.

"When you're playing the type of team that we were playing, you have to be able to exchange punches with them," Babers said. "What you saw was a boxer and a brawler. You've got to hit back and there comes a point when you get tired of doing it."

Darius Wade completed 16 of 20 passes for 248 yards and one touchdown for BC — a 46-yard pass to Travis Levy in the fourth — and hit 10 different receivers. He finished with a quarterback rating of 200.7.

Redshirt freshman Rex Culpepper made his first career start for Syracuse in place of Eric Dungey and acquitted himself well, completing 24 of 34 passes for 280 yards. Culpepper showed a nice touch on a deep throw for 44 yards to Steve Ishmael in the second quarter to set up a 17-yard touchdown catch by Erv Philips that narrowed the deficit to 28-14.

Senior Day proved special for Ishmael despite the score. He finished with 11 catches for a career-high 187 yards to end his Syracuse career with 2,891 yards, eclipsing Marvin Harrison's school record of 2,728. Ishmael also set a school record for receptions in a season with 105, breaking the mark of 94 set a year ago by Amba Etta-Tawo, and recorded his eighth 100-yard receiving game of the season, also a school mark.

"I know that the seniors wanted to leave the right way," Ishmael said. "I feel like we played our butts off. We tried our best."

Syracuse entered the game allowing 31.3 points per game, the worst mark in the ACC, and the Eagles surpassed that on the first drive of the second half, thanks in large part to big plays. Before Dillon scored on a 1-yard run to extend the lead to 35-14, the Eagles had notched 10 plays of 15 yards or more.

## THE TAKEAWAY

Boston College: With Dillon, the Eagles have a stellar run game that finished with 333 yards against the Orange and will serve them well in the postseason. BC also has an opportunistic defense with 18 interceptions. Defensive back Lukas Denis notched his seventh pick of the season late in the second quarter.

Syracuse: The Orange finished 4-3 at home and an announced crowd of only 30,202 turned out on a drizzly day, a far cry from the 42,475 when Syracuse upset Clemson on a Friday night in mid-October. It remains an uphill struggle to capture the attention of a city that's focused more on Jim Boeheim's basketball team.

## RECORD TIME

Ishmael and Philips entered the game with 175 receptions combined, just behind the ACC record of 184 for most receptions by two teammates, set last year by Philips and Etta-Tawo. Philips had eight catches for 65 yards as the two set the record with 194.



## UP NEXT

Boston College: The Eagles will await an invitation to a bowl game.

Syracuse: The season is over for the Orange, who fizzled bigtime in the final three games of their second year under Babers. Syracuse hasn't played in a bowl game since 2013.

# BC blows out Syracuse to boost bowl resume

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 26, 2017**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Boston College coach Steve Addazio labeled yesterday's convincing 42-14 victory over Syracuse in the Carrier Dome the byproduct of "complementary football."

The Eagles controlled all three phases but totally dominated on offense with a precise balanced attack under the command of backup quarterback Darius Wade, who made his second start of the season in place of redshirt freshman Anthony Brown. Wade completed an efficient 16-of-20 passes for 248 yards and a touchdown against the host Orange.

"I thought we came out and played great complementary football," said Addazio. "On offense, we came out and played good complementary football and the defense, I thought, did a great job making them go the long hard way."

"I thought we played physically, we played relentlessly and we played together for each other. That is what I enjoyed seeing the most."

With their first win in the Carrier Dome since 2010, the Eagles improved to 7-5 and 4-4 in the ACC and enhanced their bowl prospects in the process. The two bowls most likely in play for BC are the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium and the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

"This is a tough place to come in and we put up the most points by BC against Syracuse and we did it the physical way," said Addazio.

The Eagles ran 76 plays and racked up a whopping 581 yards of total offense, 333 on the ground and 248 in the air. BC had 24 first downs and a stellar 8-of-14 on third-down conversions.

Freshman tailback AJ Dillon shredded the Syracuse defense for 193 rushing yards on 23 carries and three touchdowns. Dillon ended the season with a freshman record 1,432 yards and finished second to Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson (1,443), the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, for the ACC rushing title.

"(Dillon) is a great player and he was hurt in practice this week and didn't take one snap or run or anything," said Addazio. "He came into the game the way he did speaks volumes for what he did."

While the Orange had 417 yards of total offense, the bulk came on chunk pass plays from freshman quarterback Rex Culpepper to Steve Ishmael, who finished with 187 yards on 11 catches with a touchdown.

BC neutralized the other aspects of the Syracuse offense with two forced fumbles, an interception and six tackles for a loss.

BC opened the second half with a methodical 69-yard, 10-play drive to take a 35-14 lead with 10:57 to play in the third quarter. Wade completed four passes for 53 yards on the drive. Dillon smashed in from a yard out for his third score.

Freshman tailback Travis Levy made a juggling catch on a short wheel route from Wade and went 46 yards for a touchdown to put BC up 42-14 with 12:37 left in the game.

BC scored 28 points in the first half with a pair of touchdown runs by Dillon, a 64-yard jet sweep by receiver Jeff Smith and 30-yard fumble return by safety Will Harris.

# BC notebook: Eagles likely bound for Pinstripe Bowl

Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 26, 2017

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Boston College enhanced its bowl prospects with yesterday's convincing 42-14 victory over Syracuse before 30,202 in the Carrier Dome.

The two games in play for Boston College are the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium on Thursday, Dec. 27, and the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 28.

BC finished the season 7-5 by winning five of its last six games.

The current leader for the Eagles' landing spot is the Pinstripe Bowl against a Big Ten opponent because of Louisville's 44-17 drubbing over Kentucky. Yesterday's win likely puts the Cardinals and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in the Sun Bowl.

"Now we are official (and) I think we are a very attractive, hot football team right now," said BC coach Steve Addazio, who will be in his fourth bowl in five years.

"We are playing at a high level and we have some stars and I'm hoping that we have a great opportunity. But wherever we go will be great."

The destinations of the ACC's top dogs, Coastal Division winner Miami and Atlantic Division winner and defending national champion Clemson, will be settled in the conference title game. The ACC champion will likely make the College Football Playoff with the loser likely heading to the Orange Bowl.

If Florida State wins Saturday's makeup game with Louisiana-Monroe, the Seminoles look good for the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

Wake Forest will likely draw the Belk Bowl in Charlotte, N.C., while Virginia Tech could end up in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla. Virginia is a natural for the Military Bowl in Annapolis.

That could put North Carolina State in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., and Duke in the Quick Lane Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit.

Denis denies

Safety and ballhawk Lukas Denis of Everett intercepted Syracuse redshirt freshman Rex Culpepper with 3:27 to play in the second quarter and returned it 46 yards to the Orange 38. Denis' seventh pick of the season lifted BC's total to an ACC-leading 18 on the campaign.

That wasn't the secondary's only forced turnover. The Eagles went ahead 28-7 on a brilliant collaboration by cornerback Hamp Cheevers and safety Will Harris. Cheevers broke up Culpepper's lateral to Nykeim Johnson on the Syracuse 30. Harris picked up the ball and dashed through a crowd for the fumble recovery touchdown.

"We know the scheme they like to run, a vertical pass game, so all week we were practicing lining up in the right depth and getting to the right spot," said Denis.

Call him Ishmael

Syracuse senior wide receiver Steve Ishmael caught 11 passes for a career-high 187 yards from Culpepper, who made his first career start in place of Eric Dungey. Ishmael also set the school's single-season record with 105 receptions, breaking the old mark of 94 set last year by Amba Etta-Tawo. Ishmael closed out his career as the Orange's leader in receiving yards with 2,891, eclipsing the old mark of 2,728 by Marvin Harrison.

# A.J. Dillon leads nine BC players selected All-ACC

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 27, 2017

The turnaround Boston College orchestrated to salvage an injury-riddled 2-4 start — winning five of their final six games and securing a bowl berth for the fourth time in five years — took an all-hands-on-deck attitude throughout the locker room.

The contributions up and down BC's depth chart were validated in the Atlantic Coast Conference postseason honors as nine Eagles were named to the All-ACC teams on Monday.

The cast of honorees was led by running back A.J. Dillon, who became just the second player in BC history to be named first-team all-ACC as a freshman. Linebacker Luke Kuechly did so in 2009.

"Obviously we all know he has such a bright future and very well-deserved," said Eagles coach Steve Addazio. "Certainly A.J. being first-team All-ACC is very, very exciting for our program and for our future."

Offensive tackle Chris Lindstrom and safety Lukas Denis were both second-team all conference. Linebacker Ty Schwab, tight end Tommy Sweeney and kick returner Michael Walker were all third-team selections along with defensive end Harold Landry, who missed the final four games of the season.

Defensive end Zach Allen and offensive lineman Sam Schmal were honorable mentions.

The nine all-conference players were the most BC has produced since 2008. The Eagles did it in a season in which they suffered injuries at critical positions, losing six players who started the season opener. Addazio called it a testament to the depth the program has been able to cultivate.

"It's speaking to recruiting a little bit," Addazio said. "I think we've done a good job of restocking our team, developing our team and we're proud of that."

A large part of the Eagles' turnaround can be credited to Dillon's breakthrough.

He had just 36 carries for 151 yards through the first three weeks of the season and didn't take over as the starter until the eighth game of the season at Virginia (24 carries, 89 yards), but still shattered BC's freshman rushing record with 1,432 yards, second in the nation among all freshmen and the second most by a freshman in ACC history.

He put up five 100-yard games, including a 272-yard explosion in a 45-42 victory at Louisville that sparked the Eagles' late-season run. It was the seventh best single-game rushing total in the nation this season and the most by a freshman in the FBS.

"I think we've got a young player that's gaining a lot of confidence and is really starting to do some great things," Addazio said. "And just for the record, the best is still yet to come. He's got a lot of development and if he continues to develop, he can be a hell of a player. You say, 'He's a good player now,' yeah, he is a good player now, but that's a tribute to how good he really can be."

One nod that didn't sit well with Addazio was Allen being voted as an honorable mention.

Allen led all defensive linemen in the nation with 93 tackles, with one third of those stops (31) coming in games against ranked conference opponents: No. 16 Virginia Tech (14), No. 2 Clemson (8) and No. 23 N.C. State (9). He led the Eagles with 14½ tackles for a loss, five sacks, and five hurries.

"One position that's got me kind of befuddled, to be honest with you, is Zach Allen," Addazio said. "I mean, he leads the country in tackles and he's one of the most dominant players in our whole conference and I thought that he should've been further ahead on that team, personally."

"That's hard for me to get my arms around."

But the number of Eagles honored was a sign of not only the contributions they got across the roster, but also the potential for the future, Addazio said. Only two of the nine all-conference players (Landry and Schwab) are seniors.

"What makes it so exciting and I'm so jacked up is the fact that we have a lot of good young talent and medium-aged talent," Addazio said. "The future's bright. We have talented guys that have played a lot of football. And it's not just skill players, they're all over the place. And that's represented I think on that team."

# Boston College freshman RB AJ Dillon named to All-ACC first team

**Rich Thompson | Boston Herald | November 27, 2017**

Boston College freshman running back AJ Dillon was named to the All-ACC first team today, tying Louisville quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson for the most overall votes.

Dillon was the first true freshman running back named to the first team since T.A. McLendon of N.C. State in 2002 and the first BC freshman to earn first-team ACC honors since linebacker Luke Kuechly in 2009.

"I'm really proud of AJ and obviously we know he has a bright future and it was very well deserved," said BC head coach Steve Addazio.

Dillon headlined a school-record-tying nine Eagles to earn league accolades. Junior safety Lukas Denis and junior offensive tackle Chris Lindstrom each made the ACC second team, while senior defensive end Harold Landry, senior linebacker Ty Schwab, junior tight end Tommy Sweeney and junior specialist Michael Walker collected third-team honors. Junior defensive end Zach Allen and junior guard Sam Schmal were named honorable mentions.

"We had a bunch of guys represent us on the All-ACC team, probably as many as we've ever had," said Addazio. "I think it is reflective of the talent that we have and AJ being first team, All-ACC is very exciting for our program and our future."

Dillon, who prepped at Lawrence Academy in Groton, finished with a freshman school record of 1,432 rushing yards, the second most by a first-year player in ACC history. He finished second in the league in rushing behind Jackson and was the nation's second leading freshman rusher and 15th overall.

In his first year as a starter at free safety, Denis tied for the national lead with seven interceptions, which is fourth in Boston College single-season history. The Everett native picked off a pass in the Eagles' regular-season-ending victory at Syracuse on Saturday.

Lindstrom was BC's highest-graded offensive linemen the entire season and led a productive unit that ranked second in the ACC - and tied for 12th nationally - with just 13 sacks allowed all season. The Dudley native was the key cog in a rushing offense that is 25th nationally, averaging 224.2 yards per game.

Landry had 38 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and five sacks prior to missing the final four games with injury. Allen picked up the slack down the stretch and finished with numbers worth more than an honorable mention, finishing the season with 93 tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss and five sacks in 12 starts.

"The one position that has me befuddled a little bit is Zach Allen, who was one of the most dominant players in our whole conference," said Addazio. "That is hard for me to get my arms around because he was one of the dominant players, but that's how these things go sometimes."

# BC running back A.J. Dillon named ACC rookie of the year

Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | November 28, 2017

When A.J. Dillon first arrived at Boston College, the Eagles knew they had a special player.

He had a combination of speed and power in his 6-foot, 240-pound frame that made him attractive to some of the nation's elite programs, from Notre Dame to Michigan. But the opportunity to play for the premier football program in New England drew Dillon to BC.

What the Eagles didn't expect was for Dillon to shatter BC's freshman rushing record, piling up 1,432 yards and 13 touchdowns and pushing the Eagles to their fourth bowl appearance in five seasons.

The splash Dillon made in his first season earned him Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year honors on Tuesday, making him the first player in school history to win the award.

"Yes, we knew that he had great talent — absolutely," coach Steve Addazio said. "But sometimes you've got to give guys a chance to get their sea legs and you want to build confidence in that. You don't want guys to have negative experiences."

The running back was the second BC freshman to earn All-ACC first-team honors, joining Luke Kuechly (2009).

Dillon didn't officially take over as the Eagles' starting running back until the eighth game of the season against Virginia, but by then he already had plowed through Central Michigan for 120 yards and run roughshod over Louisville for 272 yards, the most by a freshman in the FBS this season and the seventh highest single-game rushing total in college football this season.

He was the 12th freshman in conference history to rush for 1,000 yards, and just the second freshman in conference history to post two 200-yard games after rushing for an even 200 against Connecticut.

"It is a true honor to be the first Boston College player to win this award," Dillon said in a statement. "All the credit belongs to my teammates and coaches for helping me to be in this position. We have a special bond here at BC and I can't wait to close out the season in a bowl game."

Dillon was at the front of a crop of young players that helped breathe new life into BC's program, and as his ceiling gets higher, Addazio said he sees Dillon being essential in the program taking the next step.

"A.J.'s a real grounded guy, real level-headed guy, really high-character guy," Addazio said. "So I think he'll stay in that groove of wanting to be a great teammate, I want to build my level of play, team success first. I just think he's wired right. And I think keeping yourself grounded and wired right is critically important. So, he'll continue to grow and build. There's no doubt about that."

# Eagles' Dillon in rare company

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Boston College freshman tailback AJ Dillon was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference first team yesterday.

It is the first time a freshman has been named the conference's top running back since North Carolina State's T.A. McLendon in 2002. Dillon became the second BC player honored on the ACC first team as a freshman, joining two-time All-America middle linebacker Luke Kuechly (2009).

"I'm really proud of AJ, and obviously we know he has a bright future, and it was very well-deserved," BC coach Steve Addazio said.

Dillon shredded Syracuse for 193 rushing yards on 23 carries with three touchdowns in the Eagles' 42-14 victory on Saturday. He finished with a BC freshman record 1,432 yards, the second-most by a first-year player in ACC history.

"AJ being first-team All-ACC is very exciting for our program and our future," Addazio said.

While he was the ACC's leading tailback, Dillon finished second to Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson (1,443 yards), the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, for the conference rushing title. Dillon was the nation's second-leading freshman rusher and 15th overall.

BC had eight others receive recognition from the ACC: Safety Lukas Denis and offensive tackle Chris Lindstrom were named to the second team. Linebacker Ty Schwab, defensive end Harold Landry, tight end Tommy Sweeney and return specialist Michael Walker made third team. Defensive end Zach Allen and guard Sam Schmal were honorable mention.

Landry was a preseason All-American and likely garnered votes based upon his reputation because he missed the past four games with an ankle injury. He had 38 tackles, 8.5 tackles for losses and five sacks before his injury.

Addazio seemed to think Allen deserved more than honorable mention. He had three tackles for losses and a sack at Syracuse and finished the season with 93 tackles, 14.5 tackles for losses and five sacks in 12 starts.

"The one position that has me befuddled a little bit is Zach Allen, who was one of the most dominant players in our whole conference," Addazio said. "That is hard for me to get my arms around because he was one of the dominant players, but that's how these things go sometimes."

# BC will play Iowa in the Pinstripe Bowl

**Julian Benbow | Boston Globe | December 3, 2017**

The lobbying for a bowl invite started long before Boston College's season, coming back in July in the hallways and ballrooms of the Charlotte Westin during the Atlantic Coast Conference media days.

Whenever Eagles coach Steve Addazio ran into Mark Holtzman, the executive director of the Pinstripe Bowl, he made sure to casually and jokingly pitch his program.

"I tease Mark Holtzman all the time," Addazio said. "I see him, I'm like, 'We're your team.' "

The Eagles had been to the Pinstripe Bowl in 2014, Addazio's second season as head coach. They experienced the uniqueness of playing a postseason game at one of major league baseball's most luxurious and historic ballparks, Yankee Stadium.

Midway through this season, it didn't seem as if Addazio's playful pitches mattered. The Eagles were sitting at 2-4 with injuries ruining the roster, and a bowl seemed out of reach.

But after ripping off wins in five of their final six games, salvaging their season and breathing life into the program, the Eagles became bowl eligible for the fourth time in five years. The seeds that were planted before the season blossomed Sunday into an invite to the Pinstripe Bowl on Dec. 27 to face Iowa.

The game between the 7-5 teams will kick off at 5:15 p.m.

"I'm proud of that," Addazio said. "The glue was really tight. Because the mind-set wasn't will it happen. We've just got to get it to happen now."

Addazio became the first coach in BC history to lead the program to four bowls in his first five seasons. A turning point in the season came after the Eagles took a 23-10 loss to Virginia Tech. Addazio let loose a gem declaring that eventually, "It will be beautiful."

It seemed outlandish at the time, but the Eagles tilted their glass from half-empty to half-full with consecutive wins over Louisville, Virginia, and Florida State.

One of the most significant factors in their turnaround was the emergence of running back A.J. Dillon, who set BC's freshman record with 1,432 yards rushing, to go with 13 touchdowns. Dillon earned ACC freshman of the year honors, along with an All-ACC first-team nod.

"I think the way I looked at it from the beginning was I always believed in our football program," Addazio said. "I had some commentary that got picked up on, but I always had confidence in where we were and where we were headed. We had to overcome a bunch of adversity is what we had to do with the loss of a lot of players.

"And the way we handled that spoke to the glue and the foundation of which this thing is built on right now. So that was always something that was very encouraging to me. When I made the statement it was going to be beautiful, that's really what I was saying, even in the face of people maybe looking and saying, 'What's this guy talking about?' Because there was a great foundation and I felt terrific about our players and where we were headed."

Athletic director Martin Jarmond threw his confidence behind Addazio, having watched the way he handled the ups and downs of the season.

"The one thing I can say about Steve is he's so passionate and he cares," Jarmond said. "I never questioned once our commitment to doing the work. It's like anything: You put in work, you put in time, and you don't always see the results that you want, but you trust the process, you trust what you're doing.

"Getting to watch him and watch this coaching staff throughout the year was impressive. You did see certain times it wasn't as strong or the results weren't what you wanted, but then you also saw the process never changed, he never changed. He always had unwavering commitment to just doing the work and developing some of these young guys that had to step up. So for me it was really cool to see how they stayed together."

The Eagles are 14-11 in bowl games. Last season, they beat Maryland, 36-30, in the Quick Lane Bowl for their first bowl victory since 2007.

The Pinstripe Bowl gives the Eagles a chance to win six of their final seven games for the first time since 1993.

"We're an exciting team right now," said Jarmond. "We're hot. We're one of the teams that people don't want to play right now and bowl games [selection committees] like that. They like that energy."



# BC football lands right where it wanted in Pinstripe Bowl

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Boston College secured the bowl game that its players and fan base coveted — and it's only a 3½-hour drive away.

BC yesterday accepted an invitation to take on Iowa in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl on Dec. 27 at Yankee Stadium.

"We have an opportunity to play in the Pinstripe Bowl against Iowa and it is a great opportunity for our football program for our fans and for our alumni," said Eagles coach Steve Addazio during a press conference at Conte Forum. "That is a home-based footprint for us and a big part of our footprint includes New Jersey and New York and it is huge for us in recruiting because we are playing an outstanding opponent."

The Eagles are making their 26th bowl appearance, fourth under Addazio and second in the Bronx. BC lost a 31-30 heartbreaker on a missed extra point in overtime against Penn State in the 2014 Pinstripe Bowl.

BC won five of its last six games to finish 7-5 and 4-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference to lock up the bowl berth. Iowa also finished 7-5 (4-5 Big Ten), including a 55-24 victory against conference champion Ohio State.

"Right along if you asked our kids, 'Where do you want to be?' they would say the Pinstripe Bowl," Addazio said. "You are talking about playing in a great, storied venue and we've had the opportunity to play in some of them and that is so exciting.

"I feel that it is such a great fit for us in the Pinstripe Bowl."

BC enhanced its status in the ACC bowl picture with a convincing 42-14 victory at Syracuse in the season finale. Once the work was completed on the playing field, BC first-year athletic director Martin Jarmond began working the phones.

The Pinstripe Bowl was the most attractive of the ACC games available to a seven-win program and is a huge upgrade from last season's trip to the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit (a 36-30 loss to Maryland).

"We have a great relationship with them (Pinstripe selection committee) and as soon as our Syracuse game was over, I called the ACC and said, 'What can I do?'" Jarmond said.

"I called the Pinstripe, I called the Sun Bowl and a couple of others and just let them know what our program is about right now because we have one of the hottest teams in the country right now."

The compelling attraction of the Pinstripe Bowl is the matchup of quality teams from two Power Five conferences. Jarmond spent 15 years in the Big Ten as an associate athletic director at Michigan State, and associate AD and sports administrator for football at Ohio State.

"I don't think it was my connections in the Big Ten, I think it was more of how our team is playing and that speaks for itself," Jarmond said. "You can only do so much and it's a business for them and they have to bring a team that is going to be a quality matchup opponent.

"I like playing a big-name brand and Iowa is big. That is big-boy football right there and we are jacked about it."