



Utica College Pioneers (3-0, 0-0 E8) vs. Wilkes University Colonels (1-1, 0-0 MAC)

September 25, 2010 • 2 p.m. • Homecoming Weekend • Utica, N.Y.

Charles A. Gaetano Stadium

Live on WIBX 950 AM, WPNR 90.7 FM & televised on Time Warner Cable Sports

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HOME SWEET HOME: The Pioneers enter game two of a four game home stand, this time against Wilkes University for a non-conference contest (2 p.m.)

BROADCAST INFO: Today's game will be televised on Time Warner Cable Sports - marking the first time any Utica College sport has ever been televised ... Today's game - and all Utica College games - will be broadcast on the radio at WIBX 950 AM and on the internet at www.wibx950.com ... All Pioneer home games will be broadcast on the radio at WPNR 90.7 FM ... All Pioneer home games can be viewed live online at www.empire8.tv.

BACK HOME NEXT WEEK: Utica opens Empire 8 Conference play next Saturday against visiting St. John Fisher College in the program's first-ever night game (7 p.m.) under the lights at Charles A. Gaetano Stadium.

IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: The Pioneers currently lead the nation (DIII) in scoring - averaging 59.67 points per game. Freshman receiver Anthony Acevedo is currently ranked 10th nationally averaging 138.3 yards receiving per game ... Sophomore quarterback Andrew Benkwitt is ranked eighth in the country averaging 326.67 total yards of offense per game ... Senior linebacker Travis Ladd is ranked 20th in the nation averaging 12.67 tackles per contest ... Sophomore running back Jake Scott is ranked 11th in the nation averaging 14 points per game.

BREAKING RECORDS: UC is 3-0 for the first time in the program's ten year history ... In fact, this is the program's first-ever three game win streak ... In Saturday's win over RPI sophomore quarterback Andrew Benkwitt completed a school-record 74 yard touchdown pass to freshman receiver Anthony Acevedo ... In week two against Castleton State, Acevedo broke the school-record for receiving yards in a single game (205 yards) ... In week one against Becker the Pioneers' broke the school-record for points in a single game with 78.

LEADING THE WAY IN THE EMPIRE 8: Utica leads the conference in seven team statistical categories including total offense per game (545.33), scoring offense (59.67), passing offense (368.67) and passing efficiency (196.20).

FIRST-EVER MEETING: This afternoon's meeting marks the first time these two program's have ever squared off.

NON-LEAGUE RECENTLY: Dating back to 2005 the Pioneers are 14-9 against non-conference opponents. They are currently riding the highs of a five game non-conference winning streak.

PIONEERS LAST WEEK: The Utica College football team scored 21 unanswered points on its way to a convincing 42-21 victory over visiting RPI Saturday afternoon on the turf at Charles A. Gaetano Stadium ... Sophomore quarterback Andrew Benkwitt threw for 335 yards and four touchdowns while freshman wide out Anthony Acevedo had another huge day catching four balls for 141 yards and two touchdowns ... The Pioneers, who had not beaten RPI (1-1) since 2004, headed into the contest leading the nation in scoring with an average of 68.5 points per contest. ... The Pioneers amassed an incredible 441 yards of total offense, including 116 on the ground from Jake Scott ... Sophomore tight end Matt Dunn led all Utica receivers with five catches and Jeremy Meier added four catches for 54 yards ... Junior receiver Josh Mason finished the day with three catches for 94 yards and a touchdown ... Senior captain Kevin Hennion led the Pioneer defense with 11 tackles and one forced fumble, while four other Pioneers added eight tackles including Jonathan White, Terrell Cunningham, Travis Ladd and Genaro Scampone ... Senior linebacker Travis Ladd also picked off one pass and added a half a sack ... Sophomore James Brain registered one and a half sacks and one key forced fumble.

POURING ON THE OFFENSE: UC has outscored its opponents 179-62 over the course of three games this season.

GIVE CREDIT TO THE BIG MEN: The Utica College offensive line has allowed for all the offensive production by protecting sophomore quarterback Andrew Benkwitt to the tune of .67 sacks per contest ... Averaging less than one sack per game.

SCOUTING WILKES: The Colonels enter Saturday's contest with a 1-1 record having defeated Waynesburg 38-35 in the season opener before falling to Springfield 44-7 in week two.

HONORED: Sophomore quarterback Andrew Benkwitt was named the Empire 8 Conference Player of the Week and the College's Male Athlete of the Week for his 335 yards passing and four touchdown throws against RPI last weekend

PIONEERS TO LOOK FOR: Sophomore quarterback Andrew Benkwitt has completed 61-of-89 passes this season for 968 yards and ten touchdowns ... Benkwitt need 34 yards passing to reach the 1,000 yard ledger for the season. He is currently averaging 322 yards passing per game ... Freshman receiver Anthony Acevedo has 19 catches for 415 yards and four touchdowns through three games this year ... Sophomore Jake Scott has 286 yards rushing, good for an average of 95.3 yards per game, and he has scored seven touchdowns.

LINEBACKING CORPS: Senior linebacker Travis Ladd has a conference-best 38 tackles, 3.5 sacks for a loss, 1.5 sacks and one interception in three games this year ... Alongside Ladd at the linebacker position, senior captain Kevin Hennion has 30 tackles, one forced fumble and one pass break up ... Sophomore linebacker Genaro Scampone ranks third on the team with 26 tackles and he also has 1.5 sacks.

DOMINATING AS A TEAM: The Pioneers have 76 first downs compared to its opponents 51. They have outrushed their opponents 530-393 through three games. UC has 560 more passing yards than its opponents. UC has converted on 23-of-33 third down attempts compared to 22-of-51 for its opponents.

2010 Schedule & Results

Sept. 4	at Becker.....	78-19 W
Sept. 11	at Castleton.....	59-22 W
Sept. 18	RPI.....	42-21 W
Sept. 25	Wilkes^.....	2 p.m.
Oct. 2	Fisher*\$.....	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	St. Lawrence.....	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Springfield.....	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	BYE WEEK	
Oct. 30	at Ithaca*.....	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Hartwick	1 p.m.
Nov. 13	Alfred	1 p.m.

^Homecoming/Televised on TWCS

*Empire 8

^Senior Day

\$First-ever night game

-All games broadcast live on WIBX 950 AM

-Home games on empire8.tv

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING: Jake Scott needs one touchdown to hold sole possession of second place on the College's all-time rushing touchdowns list ... Andrew Benkwitt ranks second all-time on the College's passing yards list with 3,343 yards ... Benkwitt broke the school touchdown passing record last week and he now has 29 for his career ... Benkwitt is the College's all-time leader in touchdowns responsible for with 32 ... Junior receiver Josh Mason needs five catches to tie Brian Barth '05 for third place on the College's all-time receptions list with 80 ... Mason needs 17 all purpose yards to move into fifth place on the College's all-time list ... Junior receiver Jeremy Meier ranks third on the College's all-time list with eight career touchdown receptions - Jame Proniewych '07 holds the school-record with 13 ... Jake Scott needs 14 points to move into sole possession of sixth place on the College's all-time points scored list ... Rob Alexander needs 38 kick return yards to move into fourth all-time - He currently has 276 return yards on 15 attempts ... Senior linebacker Kevin Hennion needs one interception to tie assistant coach Lazarus Morgan for third on the school's all-time interceptions list with six ... Senior defensive end Tracy Branch needs 3.5 sacks to tie the school-record - He currently has 11 career sacks.

Pioneer Facts

School: Utica College
 City/Zip Code: Utica, NY/13502
 Founded: 1946
 Enrollment: 3,000
 Nickname: Pioneers
 Colors: Orange and Blue
 Stadium: Charles A. Gaetano Stadium
 Surface: Field Turf
 Capacity: 1,200
 Affiliation: NCAA Division III and ECAC
 Conference: Empire 8
 President, Alma Mater, Yr.:
 Dr. Todd Hutton, Davidson College, '70
 Athletic Director, Alma Mater:
 Jim Spartano, Oneonta St.
 First Year of Football: 2001- NCAA Division III
 All-Time Record: 30-69-0
 Head Coach: Blaise Faggiano, Ithaca College, '93
 Record at Utica: Third year, (10-13)
 Overall Record: 10-13
 Football Office Phone: (315) 792- 3272

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED ... (As of 9/18/2010)

TEAM

Rushed for 300+ yards 358 vs. Castleton on Sept. 12, 2009
 Rushed for 400+ yards 473 vs. Hartwick on Nov. 12, 2005
 Passed for 400+ yards 414 vs. Castleton on Sept. 11, 2010
 Total offense of 500+ yards 558 vs. Becker on Sept. 3, 2005
 Total offense of 600+ yards 667 vs. Castleton on Sept. 11, 2010

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

30-or-more carries Tyrell Robinson (39 carries) vs. RPI on Sept. 18 2004
 200 yards Mike Capra (235 yards) vs. vs. Hartwick on Nov. 12, 2005
 Three or more rushing TD's Jake Scott (3 TD's) vs. Becker on Sept. 2, 2010
 Shut out opponent 36-0 vs. Husson on Oct. 4, 2003

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

30-or-more completions Andrew Benkwitt (32 completions) vs. Ithaca on Sept. 26, 2009
 40-or-more attempts Andrew Benkwitt (40 attempts) vs. Castleton on Sept. 11, 2010
 300 yard passing game Andrew Benkwitt (335 yards passing) vs. RPI on Sept. 18, 2010
 400 yard passing game Nick Martin (408 yards passing) vs. Husson on Sept. 12, 2004
 Five-or-more touchdown passes Andrew Benkwitt (5 TD's) vs. Mount Ida on Nov. 7, 2009
 Five-or-more Interception Andrew Benkwitt (5 INT's) vs. St. John Fisher on Oct. 17, 2009

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Kickoff returned for a TD Cody Elliot (82 yards) vs. Norwich on Nov. 8, 2008
 TD run of 70+ yards Brian Jones (71 yards) vs. Norwich on Nov. 3, 2007
 TD pass of 70+ yards Andrew Benkwitt to Anthony Acevedo (74 yards) vs. RPI on Sept. 18, 2010
 Individual scored 3+ TD's Jake Scott (3 TD's) vs. Becker on Sept. 2, 2010
 Kicker made 8-or-more extra points Casey McNulty (8 XP's) vs. Castleton on Sept. 12, 2009
 Kicker made 3-or-more field goals Casey McNulty (3 FG's) vs. Springfield on Oct. 4, 2008
 Field goal of 50-or-more yards Denis Avdic (50 yards) vs. Anna Maria on Oct. 10, 2009
 Punt return of 70-or-more yards Chris Sargis (73 yards) vs. Alfred on Oct. 18, 2003
 Interception return of 80-or-more yards Bryan Johnson (91 yards) vs. Mount Ida on Oct. 6, 2007

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

200-or-more receiving yards Anthony Acevedo (205 yard) vs. Castleton on Sept. 11, 2010
 10-or-more catches Anthony Acevedo (10 catches) vs. Castleton on Sept. 11, 2010
 3-or-more receiving TD's James Proniewych (3 TD's) vs. Husson on Sept. 12, 2004

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

3-or-more interceptions Jon Klosner (3 INT's) vs. Mount Ida on Oct. 12, 2002
 20-or-more-tackles Anthony Venturino (23 tackles) vs. Springfield on Oct. 2, 2004
 3-or-more sacks Ed Santiago (3 sacks) vs. Hartwick on Nov. 13, 2004
 2-or-more forced fumbles Adam Keller (3 FF's) vs. Hartwick on Oct. 31, 2009
 3-or-more pass break-ups Peter Vano (3 PB's) vs. Hartwick on Oct. 31, 2009

#	Name	YR	POS	HT	WT	High School/Hometown
1	Robert Alexander	So.	CB	5-8	181	Dobbs Ferry/Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
2	Marquez Mosely	Jr.	CB	5-8	182	East/Rochester, N.Y.
3	James Brain	So.	DE	6-2	190	Minisink Valley/Westtown, N.Y.
4	Omari Byfield	So.	S	5-10	177	Monroe Woodbury/Monroe, N.Y.
5	Andrew Benkwitt	So.	QB	6-1	179	Mamaroneck/Mamaroneck, N.Y.
6	Zachary Jones	Jr.	RB	5-10	182	Camden/Blossvale, N.Y.
7	Jared Keyte	Jr.	QB	6-0	170	Holland Patent/Holland Patent, N.Y.
8	Joshua Mason	Jr.	WR	6-2	190	Schenectady/Schenectady, N.Y.
9	Michael Clark	Jr.	S	5-11	172	Fulton/Fulton, N.Y.
10	TJ Losowski	So.	K	5-11	170	Westmoreland/Rome, N.Y.
11	Zachary Jensen	Jr.	WR	6-4	211	Vernon Verona Sherrill/Vernon, N.Y.
12	Joseph Trimboli	Fr.	QB	6-0	177	Athena/Rochester
13	Paul Smith	Fr.	QB	5-11	189	Niagara-Wheatfield/Niagara Falls, N.Y.
14	Jeremy Meier	Jr.	WR	6-1	216	Rome Free Academy/Rome , N.Y.
15	Christian Bochicchio	Jr.	WR	6-3	188	Notre Dame/Warsaw, N.Y.
16	Anthony Acevedo	Fr.	WR	6-0	200	New Hartford/New Hartford, N.Y.
17	Terrell Cunningham	Sr.	S	5-10	212	Marshall/Rochester, N.Y.
18	Jeff Zellner	So.	FB	6-1	215	N. Tonawanda/North Tonawanda, N.Y.
19	Steve Karboski	Jr.	DE	6-0	232	Whitesboro/Utica, N.Y.
20	Tim Millerick	Sr.	FB	5-11	222	South Shore Vo Tech/Whitman, N.Y.
21	Jonathan White	Jr.	CB	5-6	161	Union Endicott/Endicott, N.Y.
22	Jake Scott	So.	RB	5-10	173	Irondequoit/Rochester, N.Y.
23	Andy Moth	So.	WR	5-8	174	Chittenango/Kirkville, N.Y.
24	Chris Cobb	So.	RB	5-7	198	LaBrae/Syracuse, N.Y.
25	William Northey	Jr.	S	5-11	202	Sherburne-Earlville/Sherburne, N.Y.
26	Genaro Scampone	So.	LB	5-8	171	T.R. Proctor/Utica, N.Y.
27	Kody Parkhurst	So.	S	6-3	190	Canastota/Canastota, N.Y.
28	Barrington Wallace	Fr.	RB	5-11	214	Holy Cross/Springfield Gardens, N.Y.
29	Luke Manolescu	So.	S	6-2	207	Notre Dame/New York Mills, N.Y.
30	Anderson Lovell	Fr.	CB	5-9	175	Cicero North Syracuse/Syracuse, N.Y.
31	Andrew Haelen	Fr.	S	5-11	200	Minisink Valley /Middletown, N.Y.
32	Matt Dunn	So.	TE	6-2	211	Miller Place/Miller Place , N.Y.
33	Scott Williams	Jr.	S	5-8	195	Tioga Central/Rome, N.Y.
34	Tom Nanna	Sr.	CB	5-10	175	Whitesboro/Marcy, N.Y.
35	Nate Stewart	Jr.	LB	5-10	206	Bishop Ludden/Syracuse, N.Y.
36	Caleb Wright	Fr.	WR	5-6	192	Cortland/Cortland
37	Jerrold Clowes	So.	DL	5-10	250	Irondequoit/Rochester, N.Y.
38	Sean Fontanez	Fr.	CB	5-11	172	Kingston/Hurley, N.Y.
39	Justin Becker	Fr.	RB	5-10	192	Westmoreland/Whitesboro, N.Y.
40	Dana Christofferson	Fr.	FB	5-10	195	Dryden/Richford, N.Y.
41	Michael Herberger	So.	DE	6-4	230	Williamsville North/Amherst, N.Y.
42	Alex Rukavena	Fr.	LB	6-1	206	Whitesboro/Utica, N.Y.
43	Eugenio Alvarez	So.	CB	5-5	170	Mamaroneck/Peekskill, N.Y.
44	Kevin Hennion	Sr.	LB	6-0	210	Dumont/Dumont, N.Y.
45	Logan Jandrew	Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Willis Point /New York Mills
46	Seth Mitchell	So.	K	6-0	194	Fonda-Fultonville/Fonda, N.Y.
47	Eric Rindo	Fr.	S	5-10	175	Lancaster/Lancaster

48	Sean Hulser	Fr.	LB	5-11	203	Notre Dame/Vernon
49	Andrew Fisher	Jr.	DE	6-0	212	Mexico/Mexico, N.Y.
50	Ryan Hansen	Fr.	FB	5-11	188	Pascack Hills/Woodcliff Lake
51	Travis Ladd	Sr.	LB	5-11	193	Mexico/Mexico, N.Y.
52	Jon Heisler	So.	LB	6-0	215	Maryvale/Cheektowaga, N.Y.
53	Daniel Lupo	Fr.	LB	5-9	178	R.C. Ketcham/Wappinger Falls, N.Y.
54	Michael Dixon	Jr.	DT	6-0	236	Solvay/Syracuse, N.Y.
55	Tyler Olles	Jr.	OL	6-2	262	Albion/Albion, N.Y.
56	Donato Pinnisi	Sr.	LB	5-11	212	Whitesboro/Marcy, N.Y.
57	Greg Caloia	Jr.	OL	5-11	238	Solvay/Syracuse, N.Y.
58	Andrew Hems	Jr.	OL	6-5	250	Palmyra Macedon/Palmyra, N.Y.
59	Marcus Meyers	Jr.	OL	5-11	250	Central Square/Central Square, N.Y.
62	Brendon Ring	Sr.	OL	5-8	256	Saint Frances/Eden, N.Y.
63	Rick Rados	Sr.	OL	6-5	260	Vernon Verona Sherrill/Verona, N.Y.
64	Matt Malunat	So.	OL	6-0	280	Minisink Valley/Slate Hill, N.Y.
65	Breiten Balschmitter	Fr.	OL	6-5	300	Newark/Newark, N.Y.
66	Thomas Owens	So.	OL	5-11	279	Msgr. Farrell/Staten Island, N.Y.
67	Alex Castilla	So.	OL	6-2	230	Notre Dame/Utica, N.Y.
70	Tom Havener	Sr.	OL	6-2	278	Whitesboro/Whitesboro, N.Y.
71	Tom Dyer	So.	OL	6-1	290	Greece Olympia/Rochester, N.Y.
72	Chris Holden	Sr.	OL	6-2	264	Rhinebeck/Clinton Corners, N.Y.
73	Patrick Mulvihill	Fr.	OL	5-11	304	Hoosick Falls/Hoosick Falls
74	Michael Vitacolonna	Fr.	OL	5-8	277	Camden Catholic/Bellmawr, N.J.
76	Logan Placey	Fr.	OL	6-2	304	Merrimack/Merrimack, N.Y.
77	Shane Duncan	Fr.	DT	5-10	276	Southington/Southington, N.Y.
78	Josh Davoli	Fr.	OL	6-5	301	Westhill/Syracuse, N.Y.
79	Sean Pease	So.	OL	6-5	337	Cicero North Syracuse/Bridgeport, N.Y.
80	Jess St. Aubin	Jr.	TE	6-3	236	Mount Vernon/Mount Vernon, N.Y.
81	Sean Jones	Fr.	WR	5-11	158	Whitesboro/Whitesboro, N.Y.
82	Adrian Jackson	Jr.	WR	6-2	226	DE County CC/Philadelphia, Pa.
83	John Verra	Fr.	LB	6-0	200	Niskayuna /Schenectady
84	Tyler Malagisi	Jr.	TE	6-1	221	Gloversville/Gloversville, N.Y.
85	Ben Maxwell	Fr.	WR	5-11	168	West Canada Valley/Newport, N.Y.
86	Steve Kent	Fr.	WR	6-3	170	Schenectady/Schenectady
87	Shammel Turnbore	Sr.	WR	5-9	194	Marshall/Rochester, N.Y.
88	Phil Price	So.	WR	6-3	208	Sherburne-Earlville/Sherburne, N.Y.
89	Lucas Harder	Fr.	TE	6-0	227	Lafayette/Fabius
90	Kyle Taft	So.	DL	5-11	256	F.D. Roosevelt/Salt Point, N.Y.
91	Tracy Branch	Sr.	DE	6-0	224	Brentwood/Bay Shore, N.Y.
92	Raeshawn Jones	Fr.	DE	5-11	237	Baldwinsville/Baldwinsville, N.Y.
93	Adam Luczak	So.	DE	6-2	225	Letchworth/Silver Springs, N.Y.
94	Nicholas Pinnisi	Jr.	DT	6-0	270	Whitesboro/Marcy, N.Y.
95	Anthony Cipoletti	Fr.	DE	5-8	221	Half Hollow Hills West/Dix
96	Daniel Donato	So.	DE	6-0	217	Bethlehem/Delmar, N.Y.
97	Josh Visalli	Fr.	DL	5-10	220	Whitesboro/Deerfield
98	Cody Adams	So.	DT	5-10	203	Adirondack/Boonville, N.Y.
99	Mike Palmisano	Jr.	WR	5-10	180	New Hartford/New Hartford, N.Y.