

This Weekend's Match-Up

Mansfield University Mountaineers

vs.

East Stroudsburg University Warriors

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Karl Van Norman Field

Mansfield, PA

1:00 PM

Mansfield University (0-3)

East Stroudsburg University (2-2)

Name of School: Mansfield University
Location: Mansfield, PA 16933
Founded: 1857
Enrollment: 3,390
Nickname: Mountaineers
School Colors: Red and Black
Stadium (Capacity): Van Norman Field (3,000)
Surface: Grass
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: PSAC (East)
President: Dr. Maravene S. Loeschke
Director of Athletics: Roger Maisner

Name of School: East Stroudsburg University
Location: East Stroudsburg, PA
Founded: 1893
Enrollment: 6,900
Nickname: Warriors
School Colors: Red and White
Stadium (Capacity): Eiler Martin (6,000)
Surface: Turf
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: PSAC (East)
President: Dr. Robert J. Dillman
Director of Athletics: Dr. Thomas Gioglio

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2006 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 9	SHIPPENSBURG	L, 0-35
16	@ Slippery Rock	L, 0-46
23	LOCK HAVEN	L, 21-24
30	*EAST STROUDSBURG	1:00pm
Oct. 7	*@ Kutztown	6:05pm
14	*@ Cheyney	1:05pm
21	*BLOOMSBURG	1:00pm
28	@ Indiana Univ. Pa	1:00pm
Nov. 4	*@ West Chester	1:00pm
11	*MILLERSVILLE	1:00pm

2006 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	BENTLEY	L, 7-9
Sept. 9	LOCK HAVEN	W, 45-14
16	@ IUP	L, 20-35
23	#25 CALIFORNIA	W, 41-34
30	* @ Mansfield	1:00pm
Oct. 7	* @ Millersville	1:00pm
14	@ Edinboro	1:00pm
21	* CHEYNEY	1:05pm
28	* WEST CHESTER	1:05pm
Nov. 4	* @ Bloomsburg	1:30pm
11	* KUTZTOWN	1:05pm

Mansfield University

2005 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 3	@ WV Wesleyan	L, 33-41
10	CALIFORNIA	L, 12-88
17	@ Clarion	L, 12-15
24	*KUTZTOWN	L, 18-45
Oct. 1	@ Lock Haven	L, 12-24
8	*CHEYNEY	W, 38-17
15	*@ West Chester	L, 20-63
22	*BLOOMSBURG	L, 12-40
29	*@ Millersville	L, 14-31
Nov. 5	*@ East Stroudsburg	L, 20-57
12	@ Coastal Carolina	L, 8-71

2006 Team Information

Overall Record Last Year: 1-10

PSAC East Record: 1-5

Returning Starters: 12

Offense: 6

RB - Rodney Davis	So	5-10	210
OL - Troy Cobaugh	Sr	6-3	263
OL - Jamar Foulks	Sr	6-4	321
WR- Jeff Tanner	So	6-0	165
WR- Tyrone Robinson	Jr	6-1	205
OL- Mike Guancia	Jr	6-2	305

Defense: 5

LB - Andre' Turner	Sr	6-1	230
CB - Taylor Ruddy	Jr	5-11	170
LB - C.J. Okogeri	Sr	6-0	216
DL - Brian Smith	Sr	6-0	265
DL- Kimarley Pennicott	So	6-2	250

Specialty: 1

P - Brandon Fields	Sr	5-9	205
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Lettermen Returning: 26

Lettermen Lost: 22

East Stroudsburg University

2005 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 26	@ Bentley	W, 72-17
Sept. 3	EDINBORO	W, 23-21
10	@ C.W. Post	W, 66-49
17	BLOOMSBURG	L, 0-63
24	* @ Millersville	W, 17-13
Oct. 1	*BLOOMSBURG	L-OT, 24-31
8	@ Clarion	W, 56-0
15	* KUTZTOWN	W, 42-14
22	*@ West Chester	L, 17-18
29	* @ Cheyney	W, 40-3
Nov. 5	* MANSFIELD	W, 57-20
12	# S.CONNECTICUT ST.	W, 55-33
19	# @ Bloomsburg	W, 52-39
29	# C.W. POST	W, 55-28
Dec. 3	# @ Grand Valley State	L, 20-55

NCAA Division II Playoff Game

2006 Team Information

Overall Record Last Year: 11-3

PSAC East Record: 4-2

Returning Starters: 9

Offense: 3

QB	Jimmy Terwilliger	Sr	5-11	190
OG	Michael Habel	Jr	6-4	304
WR	Evan Prall	Sr	6-0	190

Defense: 6

LB	Fred Rice	Jr	6-1	220
LB	John Vetter	Sr	6-0	225
DE	Greg Thoman	Sr	6-2	240
CB	Michael Wiggins	Sr	6-0	175
DL	Andrew Marsteller	Sr	6-3	280
DT	Morris Jackson	Jr	6-0	270

Specialty: 0

Lettermen Returning: 35

Lettermen Lost: 22

This Weekend

The Mountaineers stay home for the second weekend in a row as they host East Stroudsburg University on Saturday afternoon at Karl Van Norman Field. The contest is one of the highlights of the Fabulous 1890's Weekend and also serves as parents/family weekend at the University. This game also begins the conference season as the Mountaineers battle within the PSAC East.

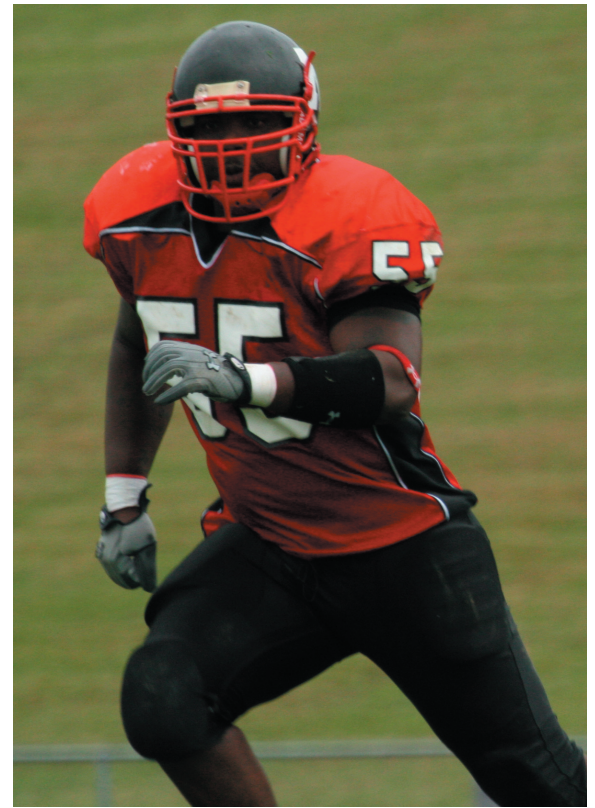
Last Weekend

Mansfield comes into this week after suffering a heartbreaking 24-21 homecoming loss to Lock Haven last weekend. The Mountaineers held a 24-10 lead with just over 4:00 to play before Lock Haven returned a blocked punt for a touchdown and scored again for the 24-21 win.

Mansfield received two rushing touchdowns, one from Kevon Calhoun and the other from Tyler Blakeslee.

The third score came from this week's PSAC East Defensive Player of the week. Andre Turner returned an interception for an 85 yard touchdown. Turner also had 10 tackles, a sack, and 2.5 tackles for a loss.

East Stroudsburg defeated California University (PA) last weekend by a score of 41-34.



Radio

The game will be broadcast live on WNTE 89.5 FM. The broadcast can also be heard live worldwide over the internet on the MSA Sports Network at www.GoMounties.com.



The Series

This contest marks the 70th meeting between the two squads on the gridiron with East Stroudsburg holding the advantage at 60-8-1 including a 57-20 victory in 2005.

The last meeting between the teams at Van Norman Field saw the Warriors on top 41-7 in 2004.

East Stroudsburg has won the last 15 consecutive games in the series.

The last Mountaineer win came in 1990 when Mansfield defeated ESU 56-27.

The Coaches

Mansfield is directed by third-year head coach Jim Shiffer. The first alumnus to serve as head football coach at MU in 76-years, Shiffer was a standout offensive lineman in the late 1980s and had been an assistant coach at Yale, Pittsburgh, Millersville and Kutztown before returning to Mansfield. Shiffer is 2-22 overall in his tenure at MU.

Denny Douds is now in his 33rd season at the helm of the Warrior program. He has amassed a 201-132-3 overall record in that span. His Warriors went on a post season run in 2005 that saw them losing in the NCAA Semi-Finals.



The Last Time

The last time the squads met was November 5, 2005 at East Stroudsburg University. The Mountaineers shocked the ESU crowd by taking an early lead and holding the lead through halftime.

ESU adjusted during the break and overpowered Mansfield 37-0 in the second half to win 57-20.

The Mountaineer offense was clicking with Poohbear McNeal carrying the ball 31 times for 128 yards and John Hengehold completing 23-of-35 passes for 282 yards and three touchdowns.

Terwilliger led the ESU offense throwing for 334 yards on only 14 completions.

Evan Prall racked up 209 receiving yards on 6 catches.

About The Mountaineers

Mansfield enters this week's contest after suffering a heartbreaking loss to Lock Haven last weekend.

Looking beyond the loss, there were certainly positives that came from the Mountaineers performance last weekend. In particular, the steadily improving defense looked better than ever last weekend, allowing only 10 points the entire game.

Offensively, the Mountaineers were able to put points on the board for the first time in the 2006 season and the running game is clearly improving.

The Mountaineers sit 14th in PSAC in scoring offense and 13th in total offense. Mansfield ranks 14th in passing offense and 11th in rushing offense.

Senior quarterback Tyler Blakeslee made his first collegiate start last weekend. Blakeslee struggled with control, completing 10-of-21 passes for 103 yards and three interceptions, including one that was returned for a touchdown.

Freshman running backs Tucker Berry and Kevon Calhoun are working together in the backfield to improve the Mountaineer rushing attack. Berry carried the ball 19 times for 76 yards last weekend while Calhoun rushed 18 times for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Mountaineers showed improvement against Lock Haven. The defense held the Bald Eagles to only 10 points in the contest, the lowest of the year.

Andre Turner was named the PSAC East Defensive Player of the Week after racking up 10 tackles, a sack, 2.5 tackles for a loss, and an interception returned 85 yards for a touchdown against Lock Haven last weekend. Turner sits eighth on the PSAC leaderboard averaging 8.0 tackles per game.

Freshman Mike Gardier continues to impress this season. Gardier has recorded at least 10 tackles in each of his first three games as a Mountaineer. He leads the PSAC in tackles averaging 12.3 tackles per game with number two on the board at 11.0.

Josh Miller and Tom Duer have been solid contributors to the defense this season. Both Miller (6.7 tpg) and Duer (5.7tpg) are amongst the PSAC leaders.

Brandon Fields has punted the ball the second highest total in the PSAC (21) and sits 10th in the PSAC in yardage, averaging 35.2 yards per boot.



Next Week

The Mountaineers hit the road again as they travel to Kutztown University for a PSAC East match-up.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:05pm.

About The Warriors

East Stroudsburg entered the 2006 season with only nine returning starters and only three offensive starters. The 2005 Warriors shocked the Nation by moving through the NCAA Division II playoffs all the way to the final four before losing to Grand Valley State in early December.

East Stroudsburg is led by the power-packed top ranked PSAC passing attack of quarterback Jimmy Terwilliger and receiver Evan Prall. Both lead the PSAC in their respective categories.

Terwilliger, a senior, was honored in 2005 as the best player in Division II football, earning the Harlon Hill Award. He already owns multiple PSAC career and single season passing records and also owns multiple NCAA records. Last weekend, he picked up the record for NCAA Division II touchdown passes. He currently has 123 TD passes. In four games this season, he is 73-of-116 for 1,071 (267.8 ypg) yards with 3 interceptions and 10 touchdown passes.

Senior receiver Evan Prall sits on top the receiving board averaging 19.9 yards per reception and 144.2 receiving yards per game.

Greg Thoman is the Warriors highest ranked defensive player on the leaderboard averaging 6.0 tackles per game. Joining Thoman on the board are Fred Rice (5.7 tpg) and Dave Loiter (5.2tpg).

East Stroudsburg ranks fourth in the PSAC in scoring offense (28.2ppg) and ninth in scoring defense, allowing 23.0 points per game



Keys to the Game

The biggest challenge to the Mountaineers looks to be controlling the passing attack of ESU. Terwilliger throws for over 260 yards per game. The defensive secondary cannot allow big plays down the field.

Turnovers have been a problem for the Mountaineers in the early stages of 2006 with Blakeslee settling into the offense. Mansfield will have to limit the number of turnovers.

Finally, the Mountaineer rushing attack will be crucial. East Stroudsburg has the 12th ranked rushing defense in the PSAC. Berry, Calhoun, and Rodney Davis will look for big gains on the ground as ESU gives up 197.5 rushing yards per game.