

This Weekend's Match-Up

Mansfield University Mountaineers

vs.

West Chester University Golden Rams

Saturday, November 4, 2006

John A. Farrell Stadium

West Chester, PA

1:00 PM

Mansfield University 0-8 (0-4)

West Chester University 6-3 (4-1)

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: West Chester University
Location: West Chester, PA
Founded: 1871
Enrollment: 12,800
Nickname: Golden Rams
School Colors: Purple and Gold
Stadium (Capacity): John A. Farrell (7,500)
Surface: Turf
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: PSAC (East)
President: Dr. Madeleine Wing Adler
Director of Athletics: Dr. Edward M. Matejkovic

Sports Information Quick Facts

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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	L, 7-61
Oct. 7	*@ Kutztown	L, 7-51
14	*@ Cheyney	L, 6-26
21	*BLOOMSBURG	L, 7-31
28	@ Indiana Univ. Pa	L, 6-42
Nov. 4	*@ West Chester	1:00pm
11	*MILLERSVILLE	1:00pm

2006 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	EDINBORO	L, 14-28
9	@ Deleware	L, 7-30
16	@ Clarion	W, 49-21
23	SHIPPENSBURG	W, 24-0
30	*CHEYNEY	W, 53-12
Oct. 7	* @ Bloomsburg	L, 27-30
14	* MILLERSVILLE	W, 54-27
21	* @ Kutztown	W, 49-47
28	* @ East Stroudsburg	W, 49-28
Nov. 4	* MANSFIELD	1:00pm
11	@ Slippery Rock	1:00pm

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: 11

Offense: 5

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
OL- Mike Guanciale	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: 23

West Chester University

2005 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 26	CLARION	W, 43-14
Sept. 3	@ North Dakota	L, 7-41
10	IUP	W, 30-20
17	@ Delaware	L, 21-42
24	*CHEYNEY	W, 64-0
Oct. 1	* @ Kutztown	W, 48-21
8	* @ Millersville	W, 27-7
15	* MANSFIELD	W, 63-20
22	* EAST STROUDSBURG	W, 18-17
29	* @ Bloomsburg	L, 35-42
Nov. 5	@ Shippensburg	W, 24-16
12	# @ CW Post	L, 20-24

NCAA Div. II playoff game

2006 Team Information

Overall Record Last Year: 8-4

PSAC East Record: 5-1

Returning Starters: 18

Offense: 9

QB	Matt Burdalski	Sr	6-3	220
RB	Osagie Osunde	Jr	5-10	210
LT	Mark Maynard	Sr	6-1	290
LG	Matt McNally	Jr	6-2	255
C	Kennis Jones	So	6-2	295
RG	Kevin O'Neill	Jr	6-1	280
RT	Ryan Devlin	Jr	6-4	295
TE	Eric Pederson	Jr	6-2	225
WR	Mike Washington	So	6-0	190

Defense: 7

DE	David Montgomery	Sr	6-1	250
DT	Shawn Bealla	Sr	6-4	280
LB	Lateef Ferguson	Sr	6-0	235
LB	Jimmy Lewis	Jr	6-1	230
CB	Rashad Grimsley	So	6-1	170
FS	Mike Mignogno	Jr	6-2	200
CB	Anthony Gallup	Jr	5-11	185

Specialty: 2

P	Anthony Belasco	Sr	5-11	200
K	Alex Walsh	So	6-4	190

Lettermen Returning: 48

Lettermen Lost: 9

This Weekend

The Mountaineers remain on the road as they travel to West Chester to face the Golden Rams in a PSAC East contest. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00pm at John A. Farrell Stadium.

Last Weekend

Mansfield remained winless on the season after falling 42-6 to the #20 ranked Indians of IUP.

Rodney Davis led the Mountaineers with 233 all-purpose yards including 162 yards on the ground and an 80-yard touchdown run.

Andre Turner led the defense with 9 total tackles while Josh Miller added eight. Greg Hopkins recorded an interception.



Radio

The game will be broadcast live on WNTD 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 35th time the Mountaineers have faced the Golden Rams on the gridiron with West Chester holding a perfect 34-0 record in the series.

Last Season, the Mountaineers fell 63-20 at West Chester when the Golden Rams racked up 563 yards of total offense.

Mountaineer quarterback John Hengehold threw for 160 yards and three touchdowns but was intercepted twice. Poohbear McNeal rushed for 76 yards.

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 2-26 overall in his tenure at MU.

Bill Zwaan is in his fourth season at the helm of the WCU program where he has seen success in the likes of a 33-14 overall record. He took the Golden Rams to the NCAA playoffs in 2005 after finishing second in the PSAC East. In his career, he has amassed an 87-28 overall record.



PSAC Rankings

Scoring Offense

1	West Chester	36.2 points per game
14	Mansfield	6.8 points per game

Scoring Defense

8	West Chester	24.8 points per game
14	Mansfield	39.5 points per game

Passing Offense

4	West Chester	211.6 yards per game
14	Mansfield	82.0 yards per game

Passing Defense

12	Mansfield	205.5 yards per game
14	West Chester	223.7 yards per game

Rushing Offense

3	West Chester	189.7 yards per game
12	Mansfield	105.4 yards per game

Rushing Defense

6	West Chester	128.3 yards per game
12	Mansfield	196.0 yards per game

About The Mountaineers

Mansfield enters this week's contest at 0-8 overall and 0-4 in the PSAC East after last week's loss to IUP.

The Mountaineer offense continues to struggle this season, putting up only 54 points in eight games thus far and ranking 13th in the PSAC in total offense (187.4 ypg).

Mansfield has been outscored 316-54 in eight games this season.

After the Mountaineers adopted drastic changes to the starting offense last week, Rodney Davis proved he is ready to run. The sophomore compiled 233 all-purpose yards including 162 rushing yards, the most by a Mountaineer since the opening game of the 2005 season. Davis also broke an 80-yard TD run, the longest TD run since 1998 when Lee Brannon went 85 yards.

The quarterback situation also changed again last week as the Mounties started their fourth different quarterback of the season in freshman Xavier Thomas. Thomas threw the ball only six times, completing three passes for six yards.

The Mountaineer ground game produced a season high 175 yards last weekend, a high point for the struggling offense.

Turnovers remain a problem for the Mounties, who had two fumbles returned for touchdowns last weekend. After fumbling five times last week, the Mountaineers have turned the ball over 27 times this season, 12 lost fumbles and 15 interceptions.

The Mountaineer defense continues to struggle as well. Mansfield ranks 14th in the PSAC in scoring defense, allowing 39.5 points per game this season, 196 rushing yards per game (12th), and 205.5 passing yards per game (12th).

The senior leader of the defense continues to be Andre Turner. Turner has led the defense in tackles for the last six weeks and now leads the team on the season. He has racked up 73 stops including 33 solo, and has 1.0 sacks. He ranks third in the PSAC with 9.1 tackles per game.

Mike Gardier sits on the PSAC leaderboard with Turner at fourth in tackles with 9.1 per game. Gardier has wrapped up 73 tackles including 41 solo.

Josh Miller has been a bright spot on defense this season as well, ranking among the PSAC leaders. Miller has 48 tackles on the year including 6 tackles for a loss, 3 sacks, and one forced fumble.



Next Week

The Mountaineers return home for the final game of the season as they square off against Millersville University on Senior Day.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00pm.

About The Golden Rams

West Chester enters this contest with a perfect 34-0 record against the Mountaineers in the history of the two teams. The Golden Rams currently sit second in the PSAC East with a 6-3 overall record and a 4-1 conference mark.

The Golden Rams are led this season by a potent offense that ranks #1 in the PSAC in scoring, putting up 36.2 points per game.

Quarterback Bill Zwaan, a junior, is the leader of that offense. Zwaan was the PSAC East offensive player of the week last week, and was also the ECAC offensive player of the week, for his efforts last weekend in a 49-28 routing of East Stroudsburg. The junior QB completed 17-of-21 passes for 219 yards and four touchdowns.

The air attack is not the only powerful component of the Golden Ram offense. The ground game ranks third in the PSAC averaging 189.7 yards per game. Heading the charge is junior running back Osagie Osunde who sits fourth in the PSAC averaging 5.9 yards per carry and 74.6 yards per game. Brent Steinmetz is also ranked in the PSAC, sitting eighth on the board averaging 62.4 yards per game. Combined, the two backs have rushed for 15 touchdowns on the season.

WR Mike Washington ranks ninth in the PSAC in receptions per game with 4.44 but ranks second in receiving yards per game averaging 97.0. Last weekend, he became the fastest player in school history to reach 2,000 receiving yards. The sophomore sits 10th on the all-time WCU receiving list with 2,058.



Keys to the Game

The Golden Ram passing defense ranks last in the PSAC allowing 229.7 yards per game through the air... The Mountaineers will need to prove themselves in the passing game after throwing for just 23 yards combined in the last two weeks.

The WCU rush defense ranks sixth in the league, allowing 128.3 yards per game. If Davis can carry his momentum from last week into this weekend, he could have another breakout performance.

Turnovers have been crucial all season for the Mounties. West Chester has forced more turnovers than any other team in the PSAC, gaining 12 fumbles and 16 INT's on the year.