2010 University of Mount Union Football

General Information

School: University of Mount Union City/Zip: Alliance, Ohio 44601

Founded: 1846 Enrollment: 2,200 Nickname: Purple Raiders Colors: Purple and White

Stadium (Surface): Mount Union Stadium (AstroPlay)

Capacity: 5,529

Conference: Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) President: Dr. Richard F. Giese (Concordia, Ind. '71) Athletic Director: Larry Kehres (Mount Union '71)

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History

First Year of Football: 1893 **Overall Record:** 670-383-37 (.611) **OAC Regular Season Titles: 21**

1985, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999,

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

NCAA Playoff Appearances: 21 NCAA Playoff Record: 65-11 (.855) NCAA National Championships: 10

1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008

Sports Information

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Website: http://athletics.mountunion.edu (New site Aug. 1)

Key Returning Players (Offense) A I Claycomb

A.J. Claycomb	WK	b-Z	195	Sr.	iviedina/iviedina
Brett Ekkens	OL	6-1	285	Jr.	East Kenwood, MI/East
Samy Guerrero	OL	6-0	250	Sr.	Dublin/Dublin Scioto
Tyler Harris	RB	5-10	185	Jr.	New Matamoras/Frontie
Zac Lemmon	RB	6-0	200	Jr.	Granville/Granville
Kyle Miller	TE	6-6	260	Sr.	Elida/Elida
John Nicolozakes	OL	6-1	320	Sr.	Cambridge/Cambridge
Scott Panchik	RB	5-10	190	Sr.	Natrona Heights, PA/High
Wes Ryder II	FB	5-11	230	So.	Dayton/Belmont
Neal Seaman	QB	6-1	195	So.	Louisville/Louisville
Cecil Shorts III	WR	6-0	170	Sr.	Cleveland/Collinwood

Key Returning Players (Defense)

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Tyler Alwardt	DB	5-10	165	So.	Macomb Twp., MI/Chippewa
Lambert Budzinski	DL	6-3	230	Sr.	Canton/Massillon Jackson
Jorge Carbonell	LB	5-10	210	Jr.	Miami, FL/Bishop Carroll
Charles Dieuseul	DL	6-0	210	So.	Winter Haven, FL/Lake Region
Nick Driskill	DB	5-9	185	So.	Wabash, IN/Southwood
Alex Ferarra	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	Independence/Walsh Jesuit
Chaz Jordan	DB	5-8	170	Sr.	Medina/Medina Buckeye
Sam Kershaw	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	West Jefferson/West Jefferson
Cameron West	DB	5-10	185	Jr.	Frazeysburg/Tri-Valley

Notes

The Raiders have won 18 consecutive OAC titles (1992-09) and 21 overall ... Mount Union has played in each of the last five Stagg Bowls ... Since 2000, the Raiders have the most wins and best winning percentage in all of college football (139-5/.965) ... The Purple Raiders enter the 2010 campaign having won 71 consecutive road games and 43 consecutive regular season games ... All games will be broadcast on the radio on WDPN 1310 AM and WRMU 91.1 FM.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach (Alma Mater): Larry Kehres (Mount Union '71)

Record at School/Yrs.: 289-22-3/24 years

Career Record/Yrs.: same Office Phone: (330) 829-8224 Email: kehreslt@mountunion.edu

Assistant Coaches (Responsibilities)

Zac Brunev (Offensive Coordinator)

Michael Casco (Safeties) Daryl Ely (Cornerbacks) Paul Gulling (Wide Receivers) Ed Hogya (Tight Ends) Chris Kappas (Defensive Line) Nate Kmic (Running Backs)

Vince Kehres (Defensive Coordinator)

Clyde Ross (Kickers)

Luke Summers (Offensive Line) Keith Wakefield (Offensive Line) Jake Warrens (Quarterbacks) Jeff Wojtowicz (Secondary)

Team Information

2009 Overall Record: 14-1 2009 OAC Record/Finish: 9-0/1st

Final National Ranking: #2 (D3football.com, AFCA)

Basic Offense: Pro-Set Basic Defense: 4-2-5

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 33/15

Starters Returning Offense: 4 Defense: 4 Special: 1

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2010 Preview

Mount Union returns only 10 starters and 33 letterwinners, but Larry Kehres probably is approaching his 25th season as head football coach much like his last 24, which is good if you are a fan of the Purple Raiders. Replacing players at key positions and reloading a roster will be the charge of Kehres and his staff who look to continue a run of 18 consecutive Ohio Athletic Conference Championships (1992-09) while contending for a record 11th NCAA Division III National Championship.

All-American senior wide receiver Cecil Shorts III, the National Offensive Player of the Year in 2009, had 100 catches for over 1,700 yards and 19 touchdowns through the air, while also scoring eight touchdowns on the ground will be the fuel in the engine of a Mount Union offense that averaged 45 points per game. Along with Shorts, seniors A.J. Claycomb and tight end Kyle Miller make for a veteran receiving corps. Three sophomore quarterbacks are vying to get those receivers the football with Neal Seaman holding the edge based on seeing action in 14 games a year ago. In the backfield, senior running back Scott Panchik comes back from a late season injury in 2009, along with juniors Zac Lemmon and fullback Wes Ryder II. Up front seniors John Nicolozakes and Samy Guerrero anchor the line.

Just four starters are back to lead a defense that allowed opponents just over 200 yards a game and led the nation with 49 quarterback sacks. Senior Sam Kershaw, the reigning OAC Linebacker of the Year, had 80 stops a year ago, fellow senior Lambert Budzinski had 72 tackles, 12 for loss and 6.5 sacks and will be on the line while senior Chaz Jordan (57 tackles) and junior Alex Ferrara with six interceptions are in the secondary.

The returning and new Purple Raiders will get plenty of time to get to get know one another as Mount Union plays its first three games on the road as the season starts September 11 at The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent		Location	Time	Series
Septer	mber				
11	at Wisconsin-Oshkosh		Oshkosh, WI	2 pm (EST)	First Meeting
18	at John Carroll *		University Heights, OH	1:30 pm	23-2-2
25	at Wilmington *		Wilmington, Ohio	1:30 pm	12-0
Octob	er				
2	OHIO NORTHERN * (Fall Visitation/Family Day)	TV	HOME	1:30 pm	38-13-1
9	at Marietta *		Marietta, Ohio	1:30 pm	39-8-1
16	HEIDELBERG *	TV	HOME	1:30 pm	40-13
23	CAPITAL * (Homecoming)	TV	HOME	1:30 pm	32-12
30	at Otterbein *		Westerville, Ohio	1:30 pm	38-4
Novem	nber			·	
6	at Baldwin-Wallace *		Berea, Ohio	1:30 pm	26-21-1
13	MUSKINGUM * (M Club Hall of Fame)	TV	HOME	1:30 pm	33-29-2

^{*} Denotes OAC Games; TV - Games on television tape delay on SportsTime Ohio and WIVN/WIVM TV

Returning Statistical Leaders

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	Int.	TD.	
Neal Seaman	53	79	67.1	439	2	2	
Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD			
Scott Panchik	138	727	5.3	13			
Zac Lemmon	67	467	7.0	5			
Tyler Harris	42	240	5.7	2			
Cecil Shorts III	34	203	6.1	8			
Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Avg./G	TD		
Cecil Shorts III	100	1736	17.4	115.7	19		
A.J. Claycomb	51	609	11.9	40.6	5		
Kyle Miller	21	353	16.8	23.5	8		
Tackles	Solo	Ast.	Total	Int.	Sack	TFL	
Sam Kershaw	35	45	80	2	1.5	7.5	
Lambert Budzinski	35	37	72		6.5	12.0	
Alex Ferrara	33	26	59	6			
Chaz Jordan	40	17	57		1.0	1.0	
Nick Driskill	29	14	43	1	0.5	6.5	

^{*} All games on the radio on WRMU 91.1 FM and AM 1310 WDPN