MORAVIAN COLLEGE
SPORTS NEWS

MORAVIAN COLLEGE GREYHOUNDS
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MC DANIEL COLLEGE GREEN TERROR
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1:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 8, 2007
Rocco Calvo Field (c. 2,000); Bethlehem, PA

THE GAME: Moravian opens its 2007 home season in its first-ever Centennial Conference game vs. McDaniel College. Kickoff is slated for 1:00 p.m. at Rocco Calvo Field in Bethlehem. Moravian has joined the Centennial Conference as an associate member in the sport of football beginning this year.

THE COACHES: Scot Dapp (West Chester '73) is in his 21st season at Moravian, with a career record of 122-84-1 (.591), just one win shy of passing Rocco Calvo as the school’s winningest football coach. He entered the season in the top 50 in winning percentage among NCAA Division III active coaches.

Dapp, who served as the president of the American Football Coaches Association in 2005, has earned Coach-of-the-Year honors from the MAC three times including Co-Coach of the Year in 1997 and has led the 'Hounds to two appearances in the NCAA playoffs, the ECAC Southeast Bowl game in 2002, the ECAC Southwest Bowl game in 2004 & 2005, winning the title in 2005.

McDaniel coach Tim Keating (Bethany '75) is in his 15th season at McDaniel with a 95-49-3 record (.655), and Keating is in his 20th overall season with a career coaching mark of 121-72-3 (.625).

THE SERIES: Saturday’s meeting will be the 12th in the series with Moravian holding a 7-4 advantage. The last time the two schools met was in 2002 when Moravian traveled to Westminster, Maryland for an ECAC Southeast Bowl game won by McDaniel, 21-7. Moravian won the final meeting between the schools, 14-11, in 1982 before McDaniel left the Middle Atlantic Conference for the Centennial Conference. McDaniel was formerly known as Western Maryland College but the name changed in 2002.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE HONORS: Junior quarterback Marc Braxmeier (Center Valley, PA/Allentown Central Catholic HS) of Moravian has been named the Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week along with running back Tom Sturges of Gettysburg College while sophomore linebacker Derek Protasiewicz (Whippney, NJ/Whippney Park HS) earned the Defensive Honor Roll for their performances in the Greyhounds’ 34-27 victory at Susquehanna University last Thursday evening to begin the 2007 season.

Braxmeier tied a school record with four touchdown passes as he completed 12 of 19 passes for 215 yards and added a touchdown run of one-yard with 2:27 remaining in the game to lead Moravian to the come-from-behind win at Susquehanna.

Braxmeier threw touchdown passes of 20, 13, nine, and four yards. Braxmeier’s fourth touchdown pass of the game was the first four-touchdown game by a Moravian quarterback since Rob Petrosky threw four touchdowns against versus FDU-Florham on November 2, 1996. Protasiewicz led the Moravian defense with nine tackles including five solo tackles, one tackle for loss and a fumble return of five yards in the Greyhounds’ season opening win at Susquehanna.

GREYHOUNDS IN THE CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE: Moravian has joined the Centennial Conference as an associate member in the sport of football beginning in 2007. The Greyhounds were selected fourth in the Centennial Conference preseason coaches and sports information directors poll while McDaniel was picked to finish eighth.

ON THE AIRWAYS: For the 11th straight year, the Greyhounds’ games will be on the radio. Moravian’s games will be aired on WSAN 1470 AM The Fox for the fourth straight year. Phil May calls the play-by-play call with color commentary from Craig Barnes and technical assistance from John Elliott.

2007 Moravian College Schedule (1-0)
Aug. 30 at Susquehanna .......... W 34-27
Sept. 15 vs. Lebanon Valley .......... 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Johns Hopkins* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 vs. Dickinson* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 vs. Gettysburg* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Franklin & Marshall* ..... 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 vs. Juniata* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Ursinus* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Muhlenberg* .......... 1:00 p.m.
*Centennial Conference game

2007 McDaniel College Schedule (0-1)
Sept. 1 at Bridgewater (VA) .......... L 45-19
Sept. 8 vs. Catholic* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Dickinson* .......... 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 vs. Juniata* .......... 1:00 p.m.
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About Moravian

Location: Bethlehem, Pa.
Founded: 1867 (as Western Maryland)
Enrollment: 1,600
Nickname: Greyhounds
Colors: Navy Blue and Grey
Conference: Centennial
Stadium: Rocco Calvo Field (2,000)
Surface: Sportex
Athletic Director: Paul R. Moyer
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About McDaniel

Location: Westminster, MD
Founded: 1867 (as Western Maryland)
Enrollment: 1,600
Nickname: Greyhounds
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: Centennial
Stadium: Scot B. Bair Stadium (4,000)
Surface: Sportex
2006 Record: 4-6, 2-4 T-5th CC
2007 Record: 0-1
Defensive Set: Multiple
Defensive Set: Pro 3-4
Starters Returning: 15 (7 O, 6 D, 2 KS)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 44/40
Head Coach: Tim Keating
Alma Mater, Year: Bethany, 1975
School record: 95-49-3, 15th year
Overall record: 121-72-3, 20th year
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Moravian vs. McDaniel Series

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**BALANCED & EXPERIENCED ‘HOUNDS:** Of the 97 players on the Moravian roster, 45 are freshmen, 15 are sophomores and 23 are juniors. There are 14 seniors on this season’s squad, and the Greyhounds return 50 letterwinners and 18 starters.

**MILESTONE WATCH:** The Greyhounds have three players closing in on milestones for their careers. Junior running back Tyler McCambridge needs 27 yards to become the 19th Greyhound to reach 1,000 career yards rushing. McCambridge has 973 yards on 210 carries with seven touchdowns. Junior kicker Brian Recknbeil (Branchburg, NJ/Somerville HS) is about to become just the third kicker in Moravian history to reach 100 career points. Recknbeil is third all-time with 96 career points on 45 extra-points (fifth all-time) and 17 field goals (third all-time). Recknbeil needs just four field goals to become the all-time leader, four extra-points to move into fourth all-time and 33 points to move into second in school history. Junior quarterback Marc Braxmeier is just 206 yards shy of 1,000 career passing yards for the Greyhounds.

**THE LAST TIME THEY MET:** In Westminster in 2002, the Greyhounds fell to McDaniel College, 21-7, in the 2002 Eastern College Athletic Conference Southeast Championship game. The Greyhounds were playing in the postseason for the first time since an NCAA Division III Playoff appearance back in 1993. The Greyhounds received the opening kickoff but fumbled at the ten-yard line and Green Terror recovered the ball. McDaniel just needed three plays to take a 7-0 lead on a two-yard touchdown dive with 13:21 to play in the first quarter. Moravian had a chance to get on the board with 14:04 remaining in the second quarter but kicker Nate Strohl missed a 38-yard field goal to the right. McDaniel would extend its lead to 14-0 on a two-yard touchdown run and an extra-point with 5:59 remaining in the second half. McDaniel took the opening kickoff of the second half and would score its third touchdown of the game on a five-yard scoring pass with 9:41 remaining in the third quarter. Moravian got into the red zone on the ensuing possession but turned the ball over on downs. The Greyhounds would break-up the shutout with 1:14 left in the game on a 31-yard pass from quarterback Charlie Bowden to wide receiver Jarod Rhinehart. Strohl added the extra-point to cut the Green Terror lead to 21-7. Rhinehart caught three passes for 56 yards. Offensively for the Greyhounds, Bowden completed 11 of 26 passes for 185 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. Bowden’s top target in the game was freshman wide receiver Ben Hawkins who caught five passes for a career high 105 yards. Tailback Josh Fick led the Greyhounds with 46 yards on 11 carries. Fullback Eric Gustafson gained 24 yards on 11 attempts. Linebacker John Cupples led the Moravian defense with 11 tackles while linebacker Vince Cowlishaw had nine tackles. Linebacker Steve Malanek, defensive end Shawn Nelson and linebacker Bill Engler each had seven tackles.

**THE CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE STATISTICAL RANKINGS:** The Greyhounds are fourth in the Centennial Conference in total defense, allowing 300.0 yards per game. The squad is second in passing defense at 116.0 yards per game, and the defense is sixth in rushing yards allowed at 184.0. The Greyhounds are sixth in points allowed at 27.0 per game, and the squad is second in points scored per game at 34.0. Offensively, Moravian is second in the Centennial Conference at 377.0 yards per game. The Greyhounds are ranked third in rushing offense at 162.0 yards per game and third in passing offense at 215.0 yards per game. Moravian is tied for first in turnover margin with a +3.0 per game average as the Greyhounds have committed no turnovers while the squad is second in points scored per game at 34.0. Offensively, Moravian is second in the Centennial Conference at 377.0 yards per game. The Greyhounds are ranked third in rushing offense at 162.0 yards per game and third in passing offense at 215.0 yards per game. Moravian is tied for first in turnover margin with a +3.0 per game average as the Greyhounds have committed no turnovers while the squad is second in points scored per game at 34.0.

**THE QUARTERBACKS:** Junior Marc Braxmeier completed 12 of 19 passes for 215 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions in Moravian’s first game of the season. The four touchdown passes of 20, 13, nine and four yards, tied the school record for touchdown passes in a game, last done by Rob Petrosky during the 1996 season. Braxmeier also has a rushing touchdown this season but has been sacked five times for a net rushing total of minus 20 yards in nine carries.

**IN THE BACKFIELD:** In the backfield, junior tailback Tyler McCambridge has gained 136 yards on 26 carries this season with a long run of 27 yards. Junior tailback Tyler deRouen (West Milford, NJ/West Milford HS) has added 27 yards on eight carries with a long run of nine yards while junior fullback Morgan deRouen (West Milford, NJ/West Milford HS) has 19 yards on three attempts with a long of 15 yards.
THE WIDE RECEIVERS: The Greyhounds have had seven different players catch a pass this season led by senior tight end Kris Bisci, who has three catches for 75 yards including a 32-yard reception. Senior wide receiver Sean Hill also has three receptions for 41 yards with a pair of touchdowns while freshman wide receiver Shawn Sylvainus (Nazareth, PA/Nazareth HS) has two catches for 13 yards and one score. Junior tight end Nick Johnson (Keyport, NJ/Keyport HS) made his first career catch against Susquehanna for 41 yards while freshman wide receiver Alex Hersch (Macungie, PA/Emmaus HS) also earned his first catch with a nine-yard touchdown reception. Sophomore tight end Brian Dencker (Boonton, NJ/Boonton HS) has one reception for 23 yards while junior fullback Morgan deRouen has added one catch for 13 yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Leading the way for the backfield is a solid offensive line led by returning starters seniors Dave Kircher (Manasquan, NJ/Manasquan HS), Eric Adams (Dover, NJ/Dover HS) and Jeff Kocsis (Bethlehem, PA/Bethlehem Catholic HS) and junior Timothy McBride (Egg Harbor Township, NJ/Egg Harbor Township HS). Sophomore Andrew Grando (Whiting, NJ/Manchester Township HS) has earned the other starting position to help the Greyhounds average 6-2, 275 on the front line. Junior Wes Harpel (East Greenville, PA/East Greenville HS) will also see action. Kocsis was also a member of the All-Middle Atlantic Conference Second Team a year ago.

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DEFENSIVE FRONT: Junior defensive end Don Maxwell leads the Moravian defensive front with seven tackles including half a tackle for loss while senior defensive lineman Matt Adams (Dover, NJ/Dover HS) has three stops. Freshman defensive lineman Sean Rimmer (Kintnersville, PA/Palisades HS) made four tackles in his first career start while junior defensive tackle Robert Kadel (Blairstown, NJ/North Warren HS) and freshman defensive end Matthew Leiggi (Princeton, NJ/West Windsor-Plainsboro HS) each had one tackle. Junior defensive tackle Mike Nagle (Marlton, NJ/Bishop Eustace HS) blocked and extra-point and recovered the block for the Greyhounds.

THE LINEBACKER CORPS: Sophomore Derek Protasiewicz currently lead the Greyhound linebackers with a team high nine tackles including one for loss and a fumble return of five yards. Junior linebacker Andrew Morrissey (Emmaus, PA/Emmaus HS) and senior linebacker Zach Santiago (Bethlehem, PA/Bethlehem Catholic HS) each have five tackles in the season while junior linebacker Kevin McGorry has made four stops with one and a half tackles for loss. Freshman linebacker Anthony Carney (Bethlehem, PA/Bethlehem Catholic HS) has made three tackles this season and blocked a punt at Susquehanna. Sophomore linebacker Jayson Williams (Collingswood, NJ/Collingswood HS) contributed three tackles before an injury sidelined him against Susquehanna while senior linebacker Dan Edleman (Pottstown, PA/The Hill School) has one tackle.

THE DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: In the defensive backfield, sophomore corner back Brad Bodine has made eight tackles with one for loss and a pass break-up while junior defensive back Eric Brinkerhoff has six tackles with one for loss, one interception and two pass break-ups. Junior strong safety Carl Robinson has contributed three tackles and one interception while freshman corner back Daniel Burley (Easton, PA/Easton HS) has five tackles.

KICKING GAME: Junior kicker Brian Reckenbeil is four-four-four on extra-point attempts this season, and he has missed his only field goal attempt, a 38-yard attempt on the final play of the first half at Susquehanna. Reckenbeil is averaging 51.7 yards per kickoff as well, making opponents receive the kickoff at their own 18-yard line. Junior punter Michael Voskian (Brielle, NJ/Manasquan HS) is averaging 40.2 yards per punt on six attempts with a long of 46 yards. Voskian has had one punt downed inside the 20-yard line, one blocked and three touchbacks.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Senior wide receiver Sean Hill has returned four kickoffs for 75 yards while junior running back Tyler McCambridge has two kickoff returns for 47 yards. Freshman wide receiver Anthony Carney was credited with a 25-yard punt return after blocking a punt at Susquehanna. Freshman wide receiver Shawn Sylvainus has made three tackles on special teams this fall while junior fullback Michael Cancelliere (Succasunna, NJ/Roxbury HS) has added two tackles.

STARTERS PLAYER OF THE GAME: As part of Moravian’s radio contract with Fox Sports Radio 1470 AM WSAN The Fox, the announcers will select the Starters Player of the Game for Moravian during the Post-Game Show. Last week, junior quarterback Marc Braxmeier was selected as the Starters Player of the Game for his performance. Braxmeier completed 12 of 19 passes for 215 yards and a school record tying four touchdowns, and he ran for the game winning score in Moravian’s 34-27 win at Susquehanna University. Starters Riverport and Starters Pub, sponsors of Moravian College Athletics, are located on 2nd Street and Route 378 South of Bethlehem.

OVERTIME ‘HOUNDS: Moravian has played a total of seven overtime games since the NCAA instituted the rule for the 1996 season and is 5-2 all-time in the extra-session. Last year was the sixth time since 1996 that the Greyhounds did not play at least one overtime game.

WINNING WAYS: Moravian had 11 consecutive winning seasons—all under Coach Scot Dapp, from 1987 to 1997 and has had 15 winning seasons in Dapp’s 20 years. The 11-straight winning seasons is the longest in school history. Dapp ranks third among Greyhound coaches in winning percentage.

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