

Hutchinson Community College

BLUE DRAGONS

2008 Football Game Notes

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Game 9



vs.



Hutchinson
(5-3, 4-3)

#14 Garden City
(6-2, 4-2)

►► Dragons-Broncbusters Briefly

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2008

Site: Garden City, Kan.

Surface: FieldTurf

Blue Dragon Radio: KHUT-FM - 102.9; (Rusty Hilst/play-by-play; Rod Zook/analysis); 6:45 p.m. airtime

Internet Broadcast: www.hutchcc.edu/dragons **Live Stats:** Not available

Game time: 7 p.m.

Stadium: Memorial Stadium

Capacity: 4,000

2008 JAYHAWK CONFERENCE STANDINGS SCHEDULE

| | League | | Overall | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Fort Scott | 6 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Butler | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Garden City | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Hutchinson | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Independence | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Coffeyville | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Highland | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Dodge City | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 |

Saturday, November 1

Coffeyville at Independence, 7 p.m.

Fort Scott at Butler, 7 p.m.

Highland at Dodge City, 1:30 p.m.

Hutchinson at Garden City, 7 p.m.

BLUE DRAGONS HEAD TO NO. 14 GARDEN CITY IN SEARCH OF A THIRD-PLACE JAYHAWK CONFERENCE FINISH

With a Region VI playoff berth already secure, the Hutchinson Community College football team goes after its highest Jayhawk Conference finish since 2004 on Saturday night.

The Blue Dragons (5-3, 3-3 Jayhawk Conference) travel to Garden City for a 7 p.m. kickoff at Memorial Stadium. The game will be broadcast live on Blue Dragon flagship station KHUT-FM (102.9) at 6:45 p.m. with Rusty Hilst (play-by-play) and Rod Zook (analysis) calling the action.

Winners of three straight games, the Blue Dragons clinched their first Region VI playoff berth since 2005 with a 32-10 win over Independence last Saturday at Gowans Stadium.

Garden City (6-2, 4-2) defeated Dodge City 53-32 two weeks ago for its fourth-straight win.

The winner of this game will receive the third seed in the Region VI playoffs, which begin in El Dorado and Fort Scott on Nov. 9. The loser will get the fourth seed. HCC hasn't finished as high as third in the Jayhawk since 2004.

This game features the top two rushing offenses in the Jayhawk Conference. HCC leads the league at 225.8 yards per game. Garden City is second at 197.5.

The Coaches

Hutchinson's Rion Rhoades is in his second season with the Blue Dragons. He is 7-10 at HCC and 14-17 overall in his third season as a collegiate head coach.

Lucas Aslin is in his second season at Garden City. Aslin has a record of 13-4 record with the Broncbusters.

The Series

This will be the 67st meeting between Hutchinson and Garden City. The Broncbusters are one of two team in the Jayhawk Conference - to have a winning record against HCC. Garden leads the series 37-29 and is 22-15 at Garden City. The Busters have won three straight and 18 of the last 18 in the series.

2008 BLUE DRAGON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result | Series | Last Meeting/Notes |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| Sat. Aug. 30 |NEO |W, 33-14 |NEO, 11-3 |HCC snapped an 8-game losing streak to NEO; Page runs for 178 yards. |
| Sat. Sept. 6 |at Highland |L, 10-23 |HCC, 25-2 |Dragons held Highland to minus-33 yards rushing, but turned ball over five times. |
| Sat. Sept. 20 |Dodge City |W, 40-9 |HCC, 40-33-4 |Snapped 5-game skid to DC; Page runs for 196 yards; Dragons run for 302. |
| Sat. Sept. 27 |Fort Scott |L, 0-20 |HCC, 32-30-1 |HCC shut out despite possessing ball for more than 33 minutes of game. |
| Sat. Oct. 4 |at Butler |L, 17-35 |HCC, 43-36-1 |Dragons score two TDs on blocked punt and blocked field goal vs. No. 4 Grizzlies. |
| Sat. Oct. 11 |Coffeyville |W, 45-13 |Cof, 53-18-4 |400th program win; 200th at Gowans; 3 backs rush for 100-plus yards. |
| Sat. Oct. 18 |at Air Force Prep |W, 42-35 |HCC, 16-9 |Dragons return two kickoffs for TDs; fist back-to-back 40-pt games since 2003. |
| Sat. Oct. 25 |Independence |W, 32-10 |HCC, 45-21-5 |Dragons clinch playoff berth; Page reaches 1,000-yard plateau; Clay scores 2 TDs. |
| Sat. Nov. 1 |at Garden City |7 p.m. |GC, 37-29 |Garden City won 31-10 last season; HCC's last win at Garden City in 2004. |
| Sun. Nov. 9 |Region VI Semifinals |TBA | | |
| Sun. Nov. 16 |Region VI Championship |5 p.m. | |at Cessna Stadium, Wichita State University |

BLUE DRAGONS UNDER HEAD COACH RION RHOADES

| YEAR-BY-YEAR | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Year | Record | Pct. | Postseason |
| 2007 | 2-7 | .222 | |
| 2008 | 5-3 | .625 | Qualified for Playoffs |
| Total | 7-10 | .412 | |

BLUE DRAGONS UNDER RHOADES

| | |
|--|------|
| Overall | 7-10 |
| vs. NJCAA Ranked Teams | 0-5 |
| vs. NJCAA Top 10 Teams | 0-2 |
| vs. Unranked Teams | 7-4 |
| vs. Non-NJCAA Teams | 1-1 |
| vs. Jayhawk Con. Teams (overall) | 5-8 |
| vs. Jayhawk Conf. Teams (League only) | 5-8 |
| Region VI Playoffs | 0-0 |
| Bowl games | 0-0 |
| At Gowans Stadium | 5-5 |
| On the Road | 2-5 |
| Neutral sites | 0-0 |
| When scoring 35 points or more | 4-0 |
| When holding opp. less 10 pts. or less | 3-0 |
| When HCC leads at halftime | 7-2 |
| When HCC trails at halftime | 0-8 |
| When HCC is tied at halftime | 0-0 |
| When game decided by 11 pts. or more | 5-6 |
| When game decided by 10 pts. or less | 1-3 |
| When game decided by 7 pts. or less | 2-2 |
| When game decided by 3 pts. or less | 0-0 |
| Overtime games | 0-0 |

COACHING HISTORY - NUMBER OF WINS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| 1. Charles Seshier | 115 |
| 2. John Matous | 97 |
| 3. Bill Goldsmith | 36 |
| 4. David Wheeler | 28 |
| 5. Craig Jersild | 18 |
| 5. Andy Hill | 18 |
| 7. Larry Hook | 14 |
| 8. Martin Harrell | 13 |
| 9. Sam Pittman | 11 |
| 10. Moe Cotter | 9 |
| 11. Dick Towers | 8 |
| 11. Steve Logan | 8 |
| 13. Rion Rhoades | 7 |
| 13. Tom Saia | 7 |
| 15. Britt Williams | 5 |
| 15. Glen Percy | 5 |
| 17. Melvin Binford | 3 |

COACHING HISTORY - WIN PERCENTAGE

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Dick Towers | .800 |
| 2. Andy Hill | .750 |
| 3. Martin Harrell | .650 |
| 4. John Matous | .638 |
| 5. Charles Seshier | .615 |
| 6. Craig Jersild | .581 |
| 7. David Wheeler | .560 |
| 8. Britt Williams | .556 |
| 9. Sam Pittman | .524 |
| 10. Larry Hook | .500 |
| 11. Moe Cotter | .450 |
| 12. Steve Logan | .421 |
| 13. Bill Goldsmith | .419 |
| 14. Rion Rhoades | .412 |
| 14. Tom Saia | .412 |
| 15. Melvin Binford | .375 |
| 17. Glen Percy | .192 |

ABOUT BLUE DRAGON HEAD COACH RION RHOADES

As a Blue Dragon player in the mid-1990s, Rion Rhoades was a tough, aggressive, intense linebacker. He brings those same qualities as the second-year head coach of the Hutchinson Community College football team.

Named the program's 17th head coach on December 12, 2006, Rhoades was a part of HCC's 1993 and 1994 teams under coaches Sam Pittman and Andy Hill. Those teams put down the foundation for the 1995 Blue Dragons that won the team's last Jayhawk Conference championship.

Now 11 years into his coaching career, Rhoades is working on rebuilding the Blue Dragons back to that level. Rhoades is 7-10 at Hutchinson and 14-17 overall in his third season as a collegiate head coach. Rhoades' next victory moves him into sole possession of 14th on the HCC coaching list.

Rhoades came to HCC after guiding Fort Scott Community College to a remarkable one-year turnaround.

Entering the 2006 season, Fort Scott was mired in a 22-game losing streak. Rhoades guided Fort Scott to a 7-5 record, a Region VI semifinal victory over Coffeyville on the road, a berth in the Region VI championship game and a spot in the 2006 Heart of Texas Bowl. The Greyhounds also finished with a No. 11 national ranking.

He now has the honor of being the HCC head coach who stopped a program-record 13-game losing streak, defeating Highland 35-12 on Sept. 8, 2007.

Rhoades, who knows a little something about winning football after playing at Kansas Class 5A power Liberal, still has the distinction of being the Blue Dragons' third all-time leading tackler with 268 stops.

A two-year starter for Pittman and Hill, Rhoades was an All-Jayhawk Conference Honorable Mention selection twice.



DRAGONS LOOK TO SNAP SKID AGAINST NATIONALLY RANKED TEAMS

The Blue Dragons are ready for the law of averages to kick in against nationally ranked opponents.

The last HCC win over a ranked opponent came in the 2004 Heart of Texas Bowl, a 15-10 victory over No. 14 Tyler Junior College. That streak is now up to 36 games.

Hutchinson hasn't defeated a ranked Jayhawk Conference team in 91 games. That last happened in 1999 when Hutch defeated No. 6 Coffeyville 21-17.

LAST WEEK: HCC-INDEPENDENCE RECAP

The Hutchinson Community College football team clinched a Region VI playoff berth for the first time since the format was changed to four teams before the 2006 season after a 32-10 victory over Independence last Saturday at Gowans Stadium.

The Blue Dragons (5-3, 3-3 Jayhawk Conference) won their third-straight game, the first time they have won three straight since the first three games of the 2005 season. This is HCC's first five-win season since 2004.

The Blue Dragons trailed 7-3 at halftime and 10-3 with 7:14 to play in the third quarter. But Hutch rallied, reeling off 29 unanswered points over the final 18:19.

Sophomore running back La'Darrian Page became the Blue Dragons' first 1,000-yard rusher in five years. But freshman Chris Clay was the team's leading rusher on Saturday night, going for a game-high 107 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns.

Hutchinson finished with 267 yards of total offense, but 174 of that came in the second half. The Dragons rushed for 201 yards, the fifth time this season that they have rushed for 200 or more yards. In addition to Clay, Page finished with 81 yards on 19 carries and has 1,005 yards for the season.

HCC quarterback Bryant Johnson had his best game throwing the ball since becoming the starter, completing 6 of 9 passes for 66 yards and the first touchdown pass of his career which helped HCC extend a slim one-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

The Blue Dragon defense had a stellar game holding Independence to 136 total yards and just 31 rushing yards on 34 carries. The Dragons had six quarterback sacks and forced two turnovers.

Defensive end Adam Davis led HCC with 10 tackles, with four tackles for loss, 2.5 quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery. Linebacker Jacob Lattimer had nine tackles, four tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Kinlaw had eight tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack.

Linebacker Jamin Raigoza had his first career interception and returned it for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. That was HCC's fifth defensive score (four TDs, one safety) of the season, tying the 2006 and 1999 teams' school record for defensive scores.

**Dragons/Broncbusters
Statistical Comparison**

HCC offense vs. Garden City defense

| | HCC | GCCC |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| Points | 219 | 163 |
| Scoring average | 27.4 | 20.4 |
| Rushing yards..... | 1,806 | 1,068 |
| Average/Game | 225.8 | 133.5 |
| Average/Carry..... | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Rushing TDs | 17 | 11 |
| Passing yards..... | 483 | 1,356 |
| Average/Game..... | 60.4 | 169.5 |
| Com-Att-Int | 40-95-9 | 109-188-12 |
| Completion % | 42.1 | 58.0 |
| Passing TDs..... | 3 | 10 |
| Total Offense..... | 2,289 | 2,424 |
| Average/Game | 286.1 | 303.0 |
| Fumbles/Lost | 18-9 | 12-7 |
| Total Turnovers | 18 | 19 |

HCC defense vs. Garden City offense

| | HCC | GCCC |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Points | 156 | 250 |
| Scoring average | 19.5 | 31.3 |
| Rushing yards | 628 | 1,580 |
| Average/Game..... | 78.5 | 197.5 |
| Average/Carry..... | 2.2 | 5.7 |
| Rushing TDs..... | 7 | 17 |
| Passing yards | 1,391 | 1,683 |
| Average/Game | 173.9 | 210.4 |
| Com-Att-Int..... | 92-184-8 | 162-269-11 |
| Completion % | 50.0 | 60.2 |
| Passing TDs | 12 | 11 |
| Total Offense..... | 2,019 | 3,263 |
| Average/Game | 252.4 | 407.9 |
| Fumbles/Lost | 16-8 | 15-7 |
| Total Turnovers | 16 | 18 |

Special Teams

| | HCC | GCCC |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Kickoff returns | 28 | 23 |
| Yards..... | 832 | 416 |
| Average/return | 29.7 | 18.1 |
| Touchdowns | 3 | 0 |
| Punt returns..... | 24 | 9 |
| Yards..... | 259 | 92 |
| Average/return | 10.8 | 10.2 |
| Touchdowns | 0 | 0 |
| Punting: average/punt | 35.4 | 38.1 |
| Net punting average | 29.9 | 34.3 |
| Punting yards | 42-1,485 | 34-1,294 |
| Punts returned | 8 | 9 |
| Blocked..... | 1 | 0 |
| Field Goals | 5-9 | 7-10 |
| PATs | 20-25 | 25-30 |

SCOUTING THE BRONCBUSTERS

Quarterback Eugene Smith engineers a potent run-pass offense for the Broncbusters that ranks eighth in the NJCAA in total offense at 407.9 yards per game this season. The Busters are averaging 31.3 points, 197.5 yards per game rushing and 210.4 yards per game passing.

Smith ranks eighth in the NJCAA in passing yardage at 208.3 yards per game. He's ninth in total offense at 239.3 yards per game.

Smith is flanked by running back Ryan Smith, whose 13th in the nation in rushing at 84.3 yards per game. Smith has three receivers with 30 or more receptions and seven with at least 30 catches. Adrian Jones has 36 catches for 325 yards and three touchdowns. Cameron Horesky has 32 receptions for 368 yards and two scores. All-conference receiver Cameron Kenny, who has 31 catches for 429 yards and four TDs.

Defensively, the Busters are ranked 26th ranked defense at 287.3 yards per game. Garden City allows 20.4 points, 133.3 yards rushing and 169.5 yards passing.

Jarrett Hernandez is Garden City's leading tackler with 54 stops, including eight quarterback sacks. Aaron Anderson has 53 tackles with six sacks. Defensive back Dontrell Johnson leads the Jayhawk Conference with seven interceptions.

LAST MEETING AGAINST GARDEN CITY - GCCC 31, HCC 10

Freshman running back Damien Bates had his second career 100-yard rushing game of the season going for a season-high 118 yards, but Garden City had too many big plays against the Blue Dragons on Sept. 22, 2007 at Gowans Stadium.

Garden City rolled up a season-high 462 total yards, including 252 rushing yards as the Broncbusters defeated Hutchinson 31-10.

Bates had his best game as a Blue Dragons, not only in terms of statistics, but overall play. Bates ran the ball a season-high 25 times for 118 yards. He had four runs of 10 yards or more, including a long of 21 yards.

Bates helped the Blue Dragons (1-4, 1-2 Jayhawk Conference) to their second-best offensive output of the season of 230 yards (118 rushing, 112 passing).

HCC quarterback Chris Todd completed 9 of 17 passes for 112 yards and one touchdown. He was sacked only once after getting sacked 17 times in the first four games, but still was harassed all night by Garden City blitzes.

Freshman Brandon King was the top Dragon receiver with three catches for 32 yards. Sophomore Danny McEvoy had two receptions for 61 yards and a touchdown. Freshman tight end Michael Feighny had two catches for 12 yards.

But the Blue Dragon defense struggled with missed tackles, giving up 15 plays of 10 yards or more to Garden City.

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SERIES HISTORY VS. GARDEN CITY

| Year | Site | Score | | | |
|------|------|----------|------|---|----------|
| 1947 | H | W, 47-0 | | | |
| 1948 | A | W, 69-0 | | | |
| 1949 | A | W, 46-7 | | | |
| 1950 | H | W, 27-6 | | | |
| 1951 | A | L, 0-12 | | | |
| 1952 | H | W, 39-20 | | | |
| 1953 | A | W, 25-23 | | | |
| 1954 | H | L, 12-14 | | | |
| 1955 | A | L, 12-34 | | | |
| 1956 | H | W, 34-6 | | | |
| 1957 | A | L, 26-33 | | | |
| 1958 | H | L, 14-20 | | | |
| 1959 | A | L, 0-47 | | | |
| 1960 | H | L, 0-48 | | | |
| 1961 | A | W, 13-0 | | | |
| 1962 | H | W, 7-0 | | | |
| 1963 | A | W, 20-13 | | | |
| 1964 | H | W, 34-7 | | | |
| 1965 | A | W, 23-0 | | | |
| 1966 | H | W, 33-0 | | | |
| 1967 | A | L, 21-27 | | | |
| 1968 | H | W, 27-0 | 1977 | A | L, 6-10 |
| 1969 | A | W, 45-0 | 1978 | H | L, 0-18 |
| 1970 | H | W, 28-6 | 1979 | A | L, 7-24 |
| 1971 | A | L, 14-19 | 1981 | H | L, 15-22 |
| 1972 | H | L, 26-34 | 1982 | A | W, 42-0 |
| 1973 | A | W, 23-13 | 1983 | H | W, 14-0 |
| 1974 | H | W, 20-14 | 1984 | A | W, 19-14 |
| 1975 | A | W, 17-14 | 1985 | H | W, 42-14 |
| 1976 | H | L, 20-34 | 1986 | A | L, 15-22 |

SERIES NOTES

Overall record - 29-37-0

Record in Hutch - 14-15-0

Record in Garden City - 15-22-0

Record in playoffs - 1-5

Most points scored vs. Garden City - 69 (1948)

Most points scored by Garden City - 58 (1994)

Largest margin of victory - 69 (1948: HCC 69, Garden City 0)

Largest margin of defeat - 49 (1990: Garden City 49, HCC 0)

Most combined points - 75 (1994: Garden City 49, HCC 26)

Shutouts posted by HCC - 10

Shutouts against HCC - 8

Longest winning streak - 6

Longest losing streak - 10

| | | |
|------|----|----------|
| 1987 | H | L, 19-20 |
| 1988 | A | W, 24-16 |
| 1989 | H | L, 14-41 |
| 1990 | A | L, 0-49 |
| 1991 | H | L, 3-34 |
| 1992 | A | L, 19-34 |
| 1993 | H | W, 26-9 |
| 1994 | A | L, 14-58 |
| | A@ | L, 26-49 |
| 1995 | H | L, 14-22 |
| | A@ | W, 34-22 |
| 1996 | A | W, 39-25 |
| | A# | L, 14-41 |
| 1997 | H | L, 14-42 |
| | A# | L, 2-26 |
| 1998 | A | L, 0-40 |
| 1999 | H | L, 3-32 |
| 2000 | A | L, 0-24 |
| | A# | L, 0-42 |
| 2001 | A | L, 6-31 |
| | A# | L, 7-45 |
| 2002 | H | L, 14-42 |
| 2003 | A | W, 24-12 |
| 2004 | H | W, 28-21 |
| 2005 | A | L, 14-50 |
| 2006 | A | L, 9-35 |
| 2007 | H | L, 10-31 |

- Jayhawk playoff semifinals
@ - Jayhawk playoff championship

2008 NJCAA POLL

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Team | 2008 Record |
| 1. Navarro College, Texas | 8-0 |
| 2. Snow College, Utah | 8-0 |
| 3. Butler | 7-1 |
| 4. Fort Scott | 8-0 |
| 5. Georgia Military College | 7-1 |
| 6. Blinn College, Texas | 7-1 |
| 7. Harper College, Ill. | 8-1 |
| 8. East Mississippi CC | 8-1 |
| 9. Phoenix College, Ariz. | 6-2 |
| 10. Mississippi Gulf Coast | 7-2 |
| 11. Glendale CC, Ariz. | 6-2 |
| 12. Pearl River CC, Miss. | 7-2 |
| 13. Dean College, Mass. | 8-0 |
| 14. Garden City | 6-2 |
| 15. Jones County CC, Miss. | 7-2 |
| 16. Iowa Central CC | 6-2 |
| 17. Eastern Arizona | 6-2 |
| 18. Lackawanna College, Penn. | 6-1 |
| 19. Ellsworth CC, Iowa | 6-2 |
| 20. Rochester CTC, Minn. | 7-2 |

Other teams receiving votes: Vermillion CC, Minn. (7-2); Hutchinson (5-3); Trinity Valley CC, Texas (5-3); Kilgore College, Texas (5-3).

2008 NJCAA Bowl Schedule

- November 22** - North Star Bowl
UCR Stadium - Rochester, Minn. (2 games)
- November 23**- Graphic Edge Printing Bowl
UNI Stadium - Cedar Falls, Iowa (2 games)
- December 6** - Valley of the Sun Bowl
TBA - Phoenix, Ariz., area
- December 6** - C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl
Bulldawg Stadium - Copperas Cove, Texas
- December 6** - Top Of The Mountains Bowl
Rice-Eccles Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah
- December 7** - Mississippi Bowl
Indian Stadium, Biloxi, Miss.
- December 13** - Pilgrim's Pride Bowl (Canceled)

BLUE DRAGONS ON THE AIR

Listen to all HCC football games, home and away, on KHUT-FM (102.9). Rusty Hilst is the play-by-play 'voice' of the Dragons. Rob Dreher provides analysis and Glen Grunwald reports from the sidelines. All games can be heard over the internet at:

www.hutchcc.edu/dragons

LAST MEETING AGAINST GARDEN CITY (continued)

Garden City put a dent in the Blue Dragons' league-leading pass defense. Garden City quarterbacks Eugene Smith and Luke Miller combined to go 14 of 19 for 210 yards. Many of those passes were shovel passes that went for big yards after missed tackles. The main recipient of those shovel passes was Cameron Kenney, who caught nine balls for 133 yards.

Finally, the Dragon offense got the break it needed. Facing second-and-10, Travis found Simmons, who split a pair of Independence defenders, in stride for a 46-yard touchdown and a 13-9 lead with 2:37 to play in the game.

PAGE BECOMES HCC'S FIRST 1,000-YARD BACK SINCE 2003, RANKS 2ND IN NJCAA

Sophomore running back La'Darrian Page broke a five-year drought for 1,000-yard backs at HCC. Rushing for 81 yards against Independence on Oct. 25, Page surpassed the 1,000-yard plateau, becoming the 13th Blue Dragon running back to do so.

Page has 1,005 yards through eight games. He's the first 1,000-yard back since Leonard Brice in 2003.

This is Page's second 1,000-yard collegiate rushing season. As a freshman at Missouri Western University, Page ran for 1,254 yards and 14 touchdowns for the Griffons.

Page is the Jayhawk Conference's leading rusher and second-leading rusher in the NJCAA with 1,005 yards rushing on 188 carries, an average of 5.3 yards per carry and 125.6 yards per game. Page has five 100-yard games, including a career-high 198 yards against Dodge City.

BLUE DRAGON RUNNING GAME BECOMING HIGH OCTANE; 5TH IN NJCAA

Not since the 1998 season when the Blue Dragons had an All-America running back and offensive lineman that eventually went to the NFL has HCC had this much success rushing the football.

The 2008 Blue Dragons are averaging 225.3 yards per game on the ground to lead the Jayhawk Conference and rank fifth in the NJCAA. The Dragons are averaging 4.3 yards per carry as a team.

Against Coffeyville on Oct. 11, the Dragons rolled up 422 yards rushing, the most since 1995, in a 45-13 victory over the Red Ravens. HCC had three running backs with 100 yards (La'Darrian Page 143, Bryant Johnson 123 and Chris Clay with 103).

The 1998 Blue Dragons averaged 239.4 yards rushing per game. That team was led by All-American and HCC single-season rushing leader Jamison Palmer and All-American offensive lineman and future Green Bay Packer starter Kevin Barry.

DRAGON DEFENSE RANKED NO. 9 NATIONALLY IN RUSHING DEFENSE

The 2008 Blue Dragons have been impressive defensively, especially against the run. In eight games this season, the Blue Dragons have allowed just 628 total rushing yards. HCC ranks ninth nationally in the NJCAA statistics in rushing defense at 78.5 yards per game.

The Dragons No. 2 in the Jayhawk Conference in rushing defense.

HCC had a spectacular performance against Highland on Sept. 6 where the Dragons held the Scotties to a minus 33-yards rushing. Against NEO, Hutch surrendered only 94 net yards rushing. Dodge City had just 49 yards and Independence had just 31 yards.

HCC'S 1,000-YARD CLUB

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Jamison Palmer (1998) | 1,576 |
| 2. Mack Herron (1967) | 1,483 |
| 3. Mack Herron (1966) | 1,371 |
| 4. Brian Grimes (1991) | 1,338 |
| 5. Dave Wassenberg (1969) | 1,301 |
| 6. Chico Harris (1993) | 1,257 |
| 7. Dion Marion (1995) | 1,239 |
| 8. Charles Lee (1985) | 1,176 |
| 9. Brian Grimes (1992) | 1,144 |
| 10. Arland Bruce (1996) | 1,122 |
| 11. Larry Powell (1976) | 1,026 |
| 12. Leonard Brice (2003) | 1,011 |
| 13. La'Darrian Page (2008) | 1,005 |

CHARTING LA'DARRIAN PAGE

| Team | Att. | Yds | TD | Long |
|-------------|------|-----|----|------|
| NEO | 28 | 178 | 1 | 60 |
| Highland | 18 | 35 | 1 | 24 |
| Dodge City | 28 | 196 | 2 | 50 |
| Fort Scott | 35 | 150 | 0 | 37 |
| Butler | 23 | 68 | 0 | 18 |
| Coffeyville | 22 | 141 | 1 | 47 |
| AF Prep | 15 | 156 | 2 | 43 |
| Indy | 19 | 81 | 0 | 34 |

CHARTING HCC'S RUSHING GAME

| Team | Att. | Yards | TDs | Long |
|-------------|------|-------|-----|------|
| NEO | 58 | 296 | 2 | 60 |
| Highland | 39 | 84 | 1 | 28 |
| Dodge City | 65 | 302 | 4 | 50 |
| Fort Scott | 54 | 170 | 0 | 37 |
| Butler | 36 | 67 | 0 | 18 |
| Coffeyville | 71 | 422 | 4 | 47 |
| AF Prep | 42 | 264 | 4 | 59 |
| Indy | 52 | 201 | 2 | 34 |

NJCAA RUSH DEFENSE LEADERS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Rochester CTC | 36.8 |
| 2. Eastern Arizona | 43.9 |
| 3. Butler | 54.3 |
| 4. Blinn College | 56.9 |
| 5. Georgia Military | 58.6 |
| 9. Hutchinson | 78.5 |

2008 JAYHAWK CONFERENCE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Thursday, August 28

Blinn 23, Butler 20

Saturday, August 30

Arkansas Baptist 21, Highland 17
 Fort Scott 40, Kilgore 20
 Garden City 27, Cisco 14
 Hutchinson 33, NEO 14
 Navarro 19, Coffeyville 10
 Trinity Valley 48, Dodge City 0
 Tyler 28, Independence 14

Saturday, September 6

Butler 34, Garden City 29
 Coffeyville 46, Air Force Prep 26
 Highland 23, Hutchinson 10
 Independence 16, Dodge City 7
 Fort Scott - BYE Week

Saturday, September 13

Butler 49, Dodge City 0
 Fort Scott 15, Coffeyville 0
 Garden City 30, Air Force Prep 7
 Independence 13, Highland 7, OT
 Hutchinson - BYE Week

Friday, September 19

Butler 30, Air Force Prep 14

Saturday, September 20

Coffeyville 37, Highland 2
 Fort Scott 31, Garden City 24
 Hutchinson 40, Dodge City 9
 Independence - BYE Week

Saturday, September 27

Air Force Prep 17, Dodge City 7
 Butler 21, Coffeyville 6
 Fort Scott 20, Hutchinson 0
 Garden City 23, Independence 15
 Highland - BYE Week

Friday, October 3

Air Force Prep 33, Highland 0

Saturday, October 4

Fort Scott 35, Independence 0
 Butler 35, Hutchinson 17
 Garden City 27, Coffeyville 20, OT
 Dodge City - BYE Week

Saturday, October 11

Garden City 37, Highland 10
 Fort Scott 30, Dodge City 0
 Coffeyville at Hutchinson 45, Coffeyville 13
 Air Force Prep 18, Independence 13
 Butler - BYE Week

Saturday, October 18

Fort Scott 39, Highland 0
 Butler 68, Independence 0
 Hutchinson 42, Air Force Prep 35
 Garden City 53, Dodge City 34
 Coffeyville - BYE Week

Saturday, October 25

Butler 39, Highland 0
 Dodge City 31, Coffeyville 10
 Fort Scott 35, Air Force Prep 28
 Hutchinson 32, Independence 10
 Garden City - BYE Week

Saturday, November 1

Highland at Dodge City, 1:30 p.m.
 Fort Scott at Butler, 7 p.m.
 Hutchinson at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Coffeyville at Independence, 7 p.m.

BLUE DRAGON DEFENSE LOOKS TO CONTINUE RESURGENCE

Hutchinson's defense was greatly improved in head coach Rion Rhoades' first season in 2007. The Dragons have continued that trend in the 2008.

Through eight games, the Dragons rank third in the Jayhawk Conference and 15th nationally in total defense allowing 252.4 yards per game.

HCC is allowing 19.5 points, 78.5 yards rushing and 173.9 yards passing per game.

In HCC's 33-14 victory over NEO, the Blue Dragons forced seven turnovers and scored twice.

Against Highland, the Dragons allowed a minus 33-yards rushing and just 111 yards overall.

Hutch's defense scored for the third time in 2008

- a safety against Dodge City, holding the

Conquistadors to six points and 174 total yards. Last week against Independence, the Pirates were limited to 31 yards rushing and a season-low 105 yards passing.

After allowing a staggering 36 points and 418 yards to opposing teams in 2006, the 2007 Blue Dragon defensive unit allowed 22.4 points and 299 yards per game.

| CHARTING HCC'S DEFENSE | | | |
|------------------------|-----|------|------------|
| Team | Pts | Rush | Pass Total |
| NEO | 14 | 94 | 210 304 |
| Highland | 23 | -33 | 144 111 |
| Dodge City | 6 | 49 | 125 174 |
| Fort Scott | 20 | 108 | 122 230 |
| Butler | 35 | 194 | 213 407 |
| Coffeyville | 13 | 67 | 185 252 |
| AF Prep | 35 | 118 | 287 405 |
| Indy | 10 | 31 | 105 136 |

DRAGON DEFENSE HAS BEEN OFFENSIVE IN 2008

The 2008 Blue Dragon defense has been particularly offensive so far this season. Through eight games, the defense has scored five times.

In the season opener against NEO, defensive end Thatcher Starling recovered a fumble in the end zone and Matthew Pearson intercepted a pass for a score in the Blue Dragons' 33-14 victory over the Golden Norsemen.

The defense added their third score of the season when Eugene Kinlaw and Jacob Lattimer tackled a Dodge City running back in the end zone for a safety in the Dragons' 40-9 victory over the Conquistadors.

Score No. 4 came on Oct. 11 against Coffeyville when Kinlaw forced a fumble and Vincent Harris returned it 36 yards for a touchdown.

The latest defensive excursion into the end zone was sophomore linebacker Jamie Raigoza's 42-yard interception return for a TD against Independence.

The 2008 Blue Dragons tied the 1999 and 2006 units for the most defensive scores in a season.

MCKINNIS GIVES HCC A TRUE RETURN THREAT

Freshman Gage McKinnis has helped the Blue Dragon return units to become one of the best in the nation. McKinnis has two kickoff returns for touchdowns and he leads the Jayhawk Conference in kickoff returns at 38.6 yards per return.

McKinnis, a Hutchinson High product, has been spectacular all season as the primary HCC return specialist. He is third in punt returns at 11.0 yards per return.

In addition to his 97-yard return - the second longest in school history - McKinnis has turned in a 40-yard kickoff return against NEO and a 51-yard kickoff return against No. 4 Butler. His long punt return has been 25 yards against Highland.

Against Air Force Prep on Oct. 18, McKinnis and sophomore Jasper Simmons both rank kickoffs back for scores in the first quarter of a 42-35 victory over.

HCC special teams now have five scores to their credit; three kickoff returns, a blocked punt for a touchdown and a blocked field goal for a touchdown.

McKinnis ranks sixth in the league in all-purpose yards at 98.0 yards per game.

BLUE DRAGONS IN NJCAA NATIONAL RANKINGS

- Running back La'Darrian Page is ranked 2nd in rushing at 125.6 yards per game; he's 27th in total offense at 125.6 yards per game.
- Running back Chris Clay is 30th in rushing at 55.6 yards per game
- Kicker Kelly Roberts is 18th in scoring for kickers with 44 points.
- Punter Clinton Stein is ranked 23rd in punting average at 36.2 yards per punt.
- Linebacker Jacob Lattimer is tied for 42nd in total tackles with 68.
- Safety Matthew Pearson is tied for 19th with three interceptions.
- Cornerback Kendall Davis is tied for 35th with two interceptions.
- HCC is ranked 5th in rushing offense at 225.8 yards per game.
- HCC is ranked 9th in rushing defense at 78.5 yards per game.
- HCC is ranked 28th in passing defense at 173.9 yards per game.
- HCC is ranked 27th in total offense at 286.1 yards per game.
- HCC is ranked 15th in total defense at 252.4 yards per game.

Where the Dragons Rank in the Jayhawk Conference

Blue Dragon team rankings

| | | |
|------------------|----|--------|
| Scoring offense | 4 | 27.4 |
| Scoring defense | 3 | 19.5 |
| Total offense | 5 | 286.1 |
| Total defense | 3 | 252.4 |
| Rushing offense | 1 | 225.8 |
| Rushing defense | 2 | 78.5 |
| Passing offense | 8 | 60.4 |
| Passing defense | 7 | 173.9 |
| Kickoff returns | 1 | 29.7 |
| Punting | 4 | 36.2 |
| Punt returns | 6 | 10.4 |
| Turnover margin | T6 | -2 |
| QB Sacks | 4 | 30.0 |
| Penalties (most) | 1 | 66-666 |
| Field goals | 5 | .556 |
| PATs | 6 | .857 |

Blue Dragon individual rankings

Rushing

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| 1. La'Darrian Page | 125.6 Y/Gm |
| 8. Chris Clay | 55.6 Y/Gm |

Passing

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 10. Bryant Johnson | 25.9 Y/Gm |
| 13. Jonathan Wright | 12.0 Y/Gm |

Total offense

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| 5. La'Darrian Page | 125.6 Y/Gm |
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Receptions

No Players Listed

Receiving yards

No Players Listed

All-Purpose yards

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| 3. La'Darrian Page | 130.5 Y/Gm |
| 6. Gage McKinnis | 95.3 Y/Gm |

Field goals

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| 4. Kelly Roberts | 0.7 FG/Gm |
|------------------|-----------|

Field goal percentage

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| 4. Kelly Roberts | 55.6 % |
|------------------|--------|

PAT percentage

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| 2. Kelly Roberts | 85.7 % |
|------------------|--------|

Punting

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| 4. Clinton Stein | 36.6 Y/P |
|------------------|----------|

Punt returns

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| 4. Gage McKinnis | 11.0 Y/Ret. |
|------------------|-------------|

Kickoff returns

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Gage McKinnis | 38.6 Y/Ret. |
|------------------|-------------|

Interceptions

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| T3. Matthew Pearson | 3 |
| T4. Kendall Davis | 2 |

Tackles

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| 12. Jacob Lattimer | 8.4 T/Gm |
|--------------------|----------|

QB sacks

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| 2. Adam Davis | 11.5 |
| T5. Eugene Kinlaw | 7.5 |
| 6. Thatcher Starling | 6.0 |

Tackles for loss

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| 1. Eugene Kinlaw | 4.1 T/Gm |
| 2. Adam Davis | 2.6 T/Gm |
| 3. Jacob Lattimer | 2.5 T/Gm |
| 4. Thatcher Starling | 2.1 T/Gm |

SIMMONS COMMITS TO MISSOURI

HCC sophomore safety Jasper Simmons has verbally committed to play next season at the University of Missouri.

Simmons is a sophomore safety who is 6-foot-1 and 210 pounds from Pensacola, Fla. Not only is he one of the Dragons' defensive stalwarts, but has proven to be a threat on special teams as well. Currently, Simmons is the Blue Dragons' second-leading tackler with 58 stops and has seven passes broken up.

Simmons also received offers from Memphis, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Alabama-Birmingham, Arizona and Mississippi.

DRAGONS MAKE GOWANS TOUGH PLACE FOR OPPOSING TEAMS

Over the years, Gowans Stadium has been a pretty good home for HCC.

Built in 1940, HCC is nearing 200 wins at Gowans. HCC is 201-104-8 at Gowans and 236-115-14 at home all-time.

This season marks the third year of the renovated Gowans Stadium. At an overall cost of \$5.5 million, Gowans Stadium received a major face lift that included a new FieldTurf playing surface, new drainage system, track, press box and many other features.

SPECIAL TEAMS GIVE NO. 4 BUTLER SPECIAL EFFORT

The 2008 Blue Dragons became the first HCC football team since 1995 to block two kicks in a game. Furthermore, both blocks directly led to touchdowns last week against No. 4 Butler.

First, Jacob Yoder blocked a Butler punt in the third quarter and Kevin Cole returned it 10 yards for a touchdown to cut the Grizzly lead to 28-10.

Then down 35-10, Eugene Kinlaw blocked a 46-yard field goal attempt and Thad Williams returned it 55 yards for a touchdown with 9:21 left to play in the game.

The 1995 Blue Dragons blocked two punts in a 49-0 victory against Air Force Prep.

SIMMONS, BASS GRID-IRON PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

A pair of Blue Dragon sophomores earned preseason All-America talk in one of junior college football's leading publications.

Sophomore safety Jasper Simmons and sophomore offensive lineman Jamar Bass were named third-team Grid-Wire Preseason All-Americans for the 2008 season.

Simmons, a sophomore safety from Pensacola, Fla., is the team's leading returning tackler from 2007, posting 62 total tackles with one interception and eight passes broken up. Simmons was also one of the Jayhawk Conference's top kickoff returners, averaging 21.4 yards per return with one TD.



Simmons

Bass

Bass is a sophomore offensive tackle from Apopka, Fla., He transferred to HCC this season after spending his freshman year at Northwest Mississippi.

OFFENSE FINDS STRIDE AGAINST GOLDEN NORSEMEN

For only the third time since the 2005 season, the Blue Dragon offense broke the 300-yard mark in total offense in their 33-14 victory over NEO on Aug. 30.

The Blue Dragons rolled up their highest rushing total since 2004 with 296 rushing yards against NEO. Running back La'Darrian Page had 178 yards on 28 carries.

HCC had only one 300-yard game in 2006 and only one in 2007.

PUNTER STEIN'S LONG-AWAITED DEBUT A MEMORABLE ONE

It took until his third season to actually play for the Blue Dragons, but sophomore punter Clinton Stein finally made his Blue Dragon debut against NEO on Aug. 30 and played a huge role in the Dragons' 33-14 victory.

Stein punted seven times for an average of 48.4 yards per punt. His net average was 43.1 yards, placing four punts until the 20-yard line.

Stein had three punts of 50 or more yards, including a long of 65 yards. His 52-yard punt in the third quarter pinned NEO at the 12; and on the next play, Thatcher Starling forced a fumble and recovered it for a TD to give HCC a two-possession lead.

Stein was a redshirt in his first season at HCC in 2006. Slated to be the starting punter last season, Stein was forced to miss the entire 2007 with an injury.

**Blue Dragon
Career Record Book**

CAREER RUSHING

| Player (Years played) | Yards |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Mack Herron (1966-67) | 2,854 |
| 2. Brian Grimes (1991-92) | 2,482 |
| 3. Jamison Palmer (1997-98) | 2,187 |
| 4. Arland Bruce (1996-97) | 2,010 |
| 5. Dion Marion (1994-95) | 1,810 |
| 6. Leonard Brice (2003-04) | 1,510 |
| 7. Brian Roulhac (2004-05) | 1,396 |
| 8. Tim Vance (1983-84) | 1,451 |
| 9. Gordon Brown (1981-82) | 1,409 |
| 10. Terry Bradshaw (1973-74) | 1,362 |

CAREER PASSING

| Player (Years played) | Yards |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Robert Coates (2003-04) | 3,779 |
| 2. PJ Peters (1994-95) | 3,136 |
| 3. Shaun Hill (1998-99) | 2,948 |
| 4. Brian Shaw (1986-87) | 2,685 |
| 5. Trey Hinkson (1992-93) | 2,654 |
| 6. Donnie Wilcox (1969-70) | 2,650 |
| 7. Matt Imel (1993-94) | 2,540 |
| 8. Pat Rapp (1996-97) | 2,518 |
| 9. Tony Phillips (1988-89) | 2,234 |
| 10. Scott Stiles (1984-85) | 1,707 |

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

| Player (Years played) | Yards |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Lonnie Crittendon (1969-70) | 1,747 |
| 2. Terrance Lloyd (1999-00) | 1,111 |
| 3. Roger Frazier (2005) | 1,072 |
| 4. Marlon Phillip (1994) | 1,070 |
| 5. Jeremy Lutz (1994-95) | 999 |
| 6. Steve Ross (1988-89) | 946 |
| 7. Jack Morris (1968-69) | 860 |
| 8. Danny McEvoy (2006-07) | 831 |
| 9. Kyle Roberts (2003-04) | 809 |

CAREER RECEPTIONS

| Player (Years played) | Rec. |
|--------------------------------|------|
| 1. Lonnie Crittendon (1969-70) | 81 |
| 2. Kyle Roberts (2003-04) | 76 |
| 3. Danny McEvoy (2007-08) | 61 |
| 4. Jeremy Lutz (1994-95) | 59 |
| 5. Terrance Lloyd (1999-00) | 58 |
| Steve Ross (1988-89) | 58 |
| 6. Jack Morris (1968-69) | 55 |
| 7. Roger Frazier (2005) | 53 |
| 8. Marlon Phillips (1994) | 52 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| Player (Years played) | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Robert Coates (2003-04) | 3,832 |
| 2. Shaun Hill (1998-99) | 3,536 |
| 3. PJ Peters (1994-95) | 3,138 |
| 4. Trey Hinkson (1992-93) | 2,996 |
| 5. Mack Herron (1966-67) | 2,854 |
| 6. Brian Shaw (1986-87) | 2,658 |
| 7. Matt Imel (1993-94) | 2,547 |
| 8. Tony Phillips (1988-89) | 2,490 |
| 9. Pat Rapp (1996-97) | 2,454 |
| 10. Brian Grimes (1991-92) | 2,400 |

TACKLES

| Player (Years played) | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Jon McClay (1976-77) | 335 |
| 2. Sam Hamilton (1977-78) | 306 |
| 3. Rion Rhoades (1993-94) | 268 |
| 4. Curtis Townsend (1973-74) | 242 |
| 5. Tony McCright (1973-74) | 237 |

BRAKENHOFF, STARLING SIT OUT TO PLAY FOR RHOADES

In 2006, Michael Brakenhoff and Thatcher Starling both played for Rion Rhoades at Fort Scott and was a part of the meteoric turnaround with the Greyhounds. When Rhoades took the Hutchinson job, both Brakenhoff and Starling sat out the 2007 season after transferring to HCC and will make their debuts against NEO on Aug. 30.

Starling, a native of Wellsville, was Fort Scott's fifth-leading tackler in 2006 with 52 total tackles, nine tackles for loss and 5.5 quarterback sacks. He also forced four fumbles and recovered one as the Greyhounds went to the Heart of Texas Bowl. Starling earned All-Jayhawk Conference honors.

Brakenhoff, from Alta Vista, Kan., had 10 tackles, two for loss, a QB sack and fumble recovery in 10 games played.

WEISSBECK IS A SECOND-GENERATION BLUE DRAGON

Freshman tight end Dustin Weissbeck (Topeka) is a second-generation Blue Dragon. His father, Pat, played on one of HCC's greatest basketball teams of all time.

Pat Weissbeck was part of the 1973 Blue Dragon team that was national runner-up, going 29-4. The down note to that season was that HCC had to vacate that national runner-up finish when it was determined that the Dragons played with an ineligible player, not Weissbeck.

Patt Weissbeck played for Hall of Fame Coach Gene Keady in 1973 and 1974. He played on two Jayhawk Conference championship teams. The 1974 team went 25-4. Weissbeck was 30-2 in games played at the Sports Arena.

**DRAGONS PICKED FIFTH IN 2008
JAYHAWK PRESEASON POLL**

The Blue Dragons were picked to finish fifth in the 2008 Jayhawk Conference title race by the league's coaches.

Seven-time defending league champion and 2007 national co-champion Butler was picked to win it all again, followed by Garden City at Fort Scott.

Coffeyville was picked fourth, followed by Hutchinson, Independence, Highland and Dodge City.

The Dragons are looking for their first upper-division league finish since 2004 and first Region VI playoff berth since 2005.

JAYHAWK PRESEASON COACHES POLL

1. Butler
2. Garden City
3. Fort Scott
4. Coffeyville
5. Hutchinson
6. Independence
7. Highland
8. Dodge City

DRAGON ROSTER FILLED WITH SALTHAWKS

Approximately 15 percent of the Blue Dragons' 55-man roster will feel very comfortable playing at Gowans Stadium this season.

Eight members who made the Blue Dragon roster all played at Kansas prep power Hutchinson High School during their prep careers. HCC and Hutch high share Gowans Stadium.

Every member of this group played part in all four of the Salthawks' current run of four-straight state football championships.

Those former Salthawks who now play at HCC are: Jamin Raigoza (linebacker), Brent Cooprider (receiver), William Thacker (offensive line), Chase Hartman (offensive line), Kelly Roberts (kicker), Albert Markham (defensive line), Gage McKinnis (receiver) and T.J. Duarte (fullback).

SIMMONS BACK TO ANCHOR DEFENSE

Sophomore safety Jasper Simmons is receiving several looks as a player to watch in preseason publications.

Blue Dragon coaches think the 6-foot, 198-pound safety from Pensacola, Fla., is due for a huge season in 2008. Simmons is the team's leading returning tackler. He is receiving looks from Big XII and SEC schools.

Simmons was the fourth-leading tackler with 62 total tackles. He also had one interception and two blocked kicks and five passes broken up. Simmons was also a return specialist, returning 19 kickoffs for an average of 21.4 yards and one touchdowns.

He even had to play both sides of the ball against Independence in the 2007 season finale. Had eight tackles and a force fumble defensively. He caught the game-winning 46-yard touchdown pass with 1:21 to play in a 13-9 victory.

**Blue Dragon
Single-Season Record Book**

RUSHING

| Player (Years played) | Yards |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Jamison Palmer (1998) | 1,576 |
| 2. Mack Herron (1967) | 1,483 |
| 3. Mack Herron (1966) | 1,371 |
| 4. Brian Grimes (1991) | 1,338 |
| 5. Dave Wassenberg (1969) | 1,301 |
| 6. Chico Harris (1993) | 1,257 |
| 7. Dion Marion (1995) | 1,239 |
| 8. Charles Lee (1985) | 1,176 |
| 9. Brian Grimes (1992) | 1,144 |
| 10. Arland Bruce (1996) | 1,122 |

PASSING

| Player (Years played) | Yards |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. PJ Peters (1995) | 3,012 |
| 2. Matt Imel (1994) | 2,431 |
| 3. Robert Coates (2004) | 2,018 |
| 4. Robert Coates (2003) | 1,761 |
| 5. Shaun Hill (1999) | 1,688 |
| 6. John Rapp (1996) | 1,484 |
| 7. Trey Hinkson (1993) | 1,478 |
| 8. Greg Meinzer (2005) | 1,473 |
| 9. Dustin Demel (2000) | 1,436 |
| 10. Donnie Wilcox (1970) | 1,379 |

RECEIVING YARDS

| Player (Years played) | Yards |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Lonnie Crittendon (1970) | 1,209 |
| 2. Marlon Phillips (1994) | 1,078 |
| 3. Roger Frazier (2005) | 1,072 |
| 4. Terrance Lloyd (2000) | 728 |
| 5. Greg Dykes (1987) | 715 |
| 6. Jeremy Lutz (1995) | 712 |
| 7. Steve Ross (1989) | 573 |
| 8. Jack Morris (1969) | 563 |
| 9. Kareem Wise (1995) | 557 |
| 10. Steven Daniels (2004) | 554 |

RECEPTIONS

| Player (Years played) | Rec. |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Lonnie Crittendon (1970) | 54 |
| 2. Roger Fraizer (2005) | 53 |
| 3. Marlon Phillips (1994) | 52 |
| 4. Greg Dykes (1987) | 45 |
| 4. Danny McEvoy (2007) | 45 |
| 5. Kyle Roberts (2004) | 43 |
| 6. Jeremy Lutz (1995) | 41 |
| 7. Steven Daniels (2004) | 39 |
| 8. Dion Marion (1995) | 38 |
| 9. Kevin Covington (1994) | 38 |
| 10. Kevin Ross (1989) | 37 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| Player (Years played) | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. PJ Peters (1995) | 3,014 |
| 2. Matt Imel (1994) | 2,441 |
| 3. Robert Coates (2004) | 2,071 |
| 4. Shaun Hill (1999) | 2,058 |
| 5. Dustin Demel (2000) | 1,825 |
| 6. Robert Coates (2003) | 1,751 |
| 7. Trey Hinkson (1993) | 1,618 |
| 8. Jamison Palmer (1998) | 1,576 |
| 9. Mack Herron (1967) | 1,483 |
| 10. John Rapp (1997) | 1,434 |

DRAGONS BOAST POTENT 1-2 PUNCH AT RUNNING BACK

The last true dynamic one-two punch the Blue Dragons have had at running back was Arland Bruce and Jamison Palmer in 1997, that duo posted nearly 2,000 combined rushing yards in that season.

The current Blue Dragon duo of transfer La'Darrian Page and true freshman Chris Clay has the potential of being that kind of combination in 2008.

Page, from Kansas City, Mo., rushed for 1,254 yards and 14 touchdowns in the football-rich MIAA for Missouri Western last season. Page ran for 155 yards and three touchdowns in a 39-32 Griffon victory over Division II power Pittsburg State last season.

Clay, a freshman from Cuthert, Ga., ranks third in all-time career rushing yards in the state of Georgia. Clay ran for 7,695 yards and 89 touchdowns in his prep career.

WORTH NOTING

- Freshman receiver Gage McKinnis is the son of Blue Dragon defensive line coach Chad KcKinnis.
- Redshirt freshman linebacker Jacob Lattimer is the brother of HCC linebackers coach Josh Lattimer.
- HCC freshman kicker Kelly Roberts kicked a 54-yard field goal in high school at Hutchinson High.
- The Blue Dragons have not won a conference championship since 1995.

SEASON-OPENING SUCCESS

The Blue Dragons have usually had a great deal of success on the opening night. Overall, HCC is 41-34-2 in season openers after a 33-14 victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in the 2008 opener at Gowans Stadium on Aug. 30.

At Gowans Stadium, HCC is 27-9-1 in season openers and 51-24-2 overall in home openers.

After ripping off 11-straight season-opening victories from 1994 to 2004, the Blue Dragons had dropped three-straight season openers. Last season, the Dragons lost 27-6 to Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas.

This was be the seventh time that Hutchinson and NEO have met in a season opener, the first time since 1980. The Golden Norsemen lead the series in those games, 6-2. The only other HCC season-opening win came in 1976, a 40-24 victory at Gowans Stadium.

**JAYHAWK-SJCFC CHALLENGE
NOW IN YEAR 3**

Similar to the Big 10-ACC challenge in basketball, members of the Jayhawk Conference and the Southwest Junior College Football Conference have come up with junior college football challenge.

The leagues completed their third year of the SWCFC Challenge last weekend with the Texas conference winning the season 5-3. Hutchinson, Fort Scott and Garden City were the three Jayhawk Conference winners this season.

The third-year of the challenge in style on Aug. 28 as No. 1 Butler and No. 2 Blinn College squared off in front of 14,000 fans at Wichita State's Cessna Stadium. Blinn won 23-20.

Hutchinson earned its first victory in the series with a 33-14 win over NEO on Aug. 30 at Gowans Stadium.

The Texas schools, and teams filling in for Ranger College when it dropped football after the 2006 season, lead the series 15-9.

BLUE DRAGONS GET PROGRAM VICTORY NO. 400

In its 77th season of existence, the Blue Dragon football program won its 400th game in history on Oct. 11, a 45-13 victory over Coffeyville at Gowans Stadium.

The Blue Dragons all-time record now stands at 402-305-28.

CHALLENGE RECORDS

Jayhawk Conference

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Garden City | 3-0 |
| Butler | 2-1 |
| Fort Scott | 2-1 |
| Highland | 1-2 |
| Hutchinson | 1-2 |
| Independence | 0-3 |
| Dodge City | 0-3 |
| Coffeyville | 0-3 |

SJCFC

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Blinn College | 3-0 |
| Tyler Junior College | 3-0 |
| Cisco Junior College | 2-1 |
| NEO | 2-1 |
| Arkansas Baptist | 1-0 |
| Georgia Military | 1-0 |
| Navarro College | 2-1 |
| Kilgore College | 0-3 |
| Trinity Valley | 1-2 |
| Ranger | 0-1 |

Hutchinson Blue Dragon Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-------|---------------------|
| 1 | Thad Williams | DB | 5-9 | 166 | Fr. | Adel, GA |
| 2 | Trezz Tillman | RB | 5-7 | 160 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 3 | Vincent Harris | LB | 6-1 | 208 | Fr. | Cincinnati, OH |
| 4 | Gage McKinnis | WR | 5-7 | 175 | Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 5 | Dakotah Gettler | QB | 6-0 | 205 | So. | Fort Scott, KS |
| 6 | Brent Coopriider | WR | 5-9 | 180 | R-Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 7 | Bryant Johnson | QB | 6-0 | 200 | So. | Concordia, KS |
| 8 | Matthew Pearson | DB | 6-0 | 173 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 9 | La'Darrian Page | RB | 5-8 | 160 | So. | Kansas City, MO |
| 10 | Jasper Simmons | DB | 6-0 | 198 | So. | Pensacola, FL |
| 11 | Jonathan Wright | WR | 6-2 | 179 | Fr. | Dillon, S.C. |
| 13 | Josh Heimerman | DB | 5-10 | 170 | So. | Colwich, KS |
| 14 | Kelly Roberts | K | 6-1 | 205 | Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 15 | Kendall Davis | DB | 5-8 | 150 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 17 | Josh Goffigan | WR | 6-0 | 200 | So. | Manhattan, KS |
| 18 | Jacob Wilson | DB | 5-8 | 170 | Fr. | Pittsburg, KS |
| 19 | Devan Krausch | WR | 5-9 | 175 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 22 | Lucas Hein | LB | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | Andale, KS |
| 23 | Clinton Stein | P | 5-11 | 197 | So. | Spearsville, KS |
| 25 | Sam Norris | DB | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | Humboldt, KS |
| 27 | Jacob Yoder | DB | 5-10 | 195 | Fr. | Peabody, KS |
| 28 | Chris Clay | RB | 5-9 | 170 | Fr. | Cuthert, GA |
| 29 | Drew Clark | WR | 5-9 | 170 | Fr. | Salina, KS |
| 30 | T.J. Duarte | RB | 5-10 | 205 | Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 32 | Adam Specht | RB | 5-10 | 198 | So. | Overland Park, KS |
| 33 | Clayton Hubbell | RB | 5-9 | 205 | Fr. | Dodge City, KS |
| 34 | Kevin Cole | RB | 5-11 | 165 | Fr. | Shawnee Mission, KS |
| 35 | Brian Gosvener | LB | 6-0 | 208 | Fr. | Sedgwick, KS |
| 41 | Kevin Jerrick | DL | 6-1 | 243 | Fr. | Belle Plaine, KS |
| 42 | Jamin Raigoza | LB | 5-10 | 222 | So. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 44 | Thatcher Starling | DL | 6-4 | 261 | So. | Wellsville, KS |
| 45 | Galen Haaga | TE | 6-3 | 215 | So. | Douglass, KS |
| 46 | Jacob Lattimer | LB | 6-3 | 240 | R-Fr. | Fort Scott, KS |
| 51 | Zach Carey | DT | 6-0 | 266 | So. | Augusta, KS |
| 52 | Morgan Abel | DL | 6-1 | 225 | Fr. | Eudora, KS |
| 53 | Michael Brakenhoff | LB | 6-3 | 220 | So. | Alta Vista, KS |
| 54 | Deandre' Scott | OL | 5-7 | 258 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 55 | Adam Davis | OL | 6-1 | 242 | Fr. | Folkston, GA |
| 56 | Calin Archer | OL | 6-1 | 271 | Fr. | Colwich, KS |
| 57 | Eric Mateos | OL | 6-2 | 285 | So. | Overland Park, KS |
| 65 | Jordan Hackerott | OL | 6-6 | 290 | So. | Kingman, KS |
| 66 | Michael Powell | OL | 6-3 | 281 | Fr. | LaCrosse, KS |
| 69 | Jacob McKenzie | OL | 6-4 | 315 | Fr. | Eureka, KS |
| 71 | Jacob Miller | OL | 6-2 | 282 | So. | Madison, Kan. |
| 73 | Nate Newland | OL | 6-2 | 293 | So. | Frankfort, KY |
| 74 | William Thacker | OL | 6-2 | 265 | Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 75 | Chase Hartman | OL | 5-10 | 255 | Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 76 | Darrell Zellers | DL | 6-3 | 275 | Fr. | Anderson, SC |
| 77 | Jamar Bass | OL | 6-4 | 285 | So. | Apopka, FL |
| 84 | Dustin Weissbeck | TE | 6-4 | 208 | Fr. | Topeka, KS |
| 88 | Devon Byfield | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 95 | Gavin Loehr | DL | 6-2 | 240 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 98 | Albert Markham | DL | 6-2 | 285 | Fr. | Hutchinson, KS |
| 99 | Eugene Kinlaw | DL | 6-2 | 295 | So. | Homerville, GA |

Head Coach - Rion Rhoades

Assistant Coaches - Josh Gooch, Cory Strahorn, Jeremy McAlister, Jordan Bell, Michael Norris, Josh Lattimer, Chad McKinnis, Grant Dreiling; Blake Warner.

Garden City Broncbusters Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown |
|-----|-------------------|--------|------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| 1 | Hiram Atwater | DB | 5-11 | 200 | So. | Decatur, GA |
| 2 | Taylor Elder | DB | 6-1 | 195 | Fr. | Sharon Springs, KS |
| 3 | Cameron Horesky | WR | 6-3 | 205 | Fr. | Hoisington, KS |
| 4 | Adrian Jones | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | Laurinburg, NC |
| 5 | Eugene Smith | QB | 6-3 | 205 | So. | Pensacola, FL |
| 6 | Cameron Kenney | WR/K/P | 6-2 | 195 | So. | Dacula, GA |
| 7 | Jacob Deutsch | QB | 6-0 | 190 | Fr. | Hoisington, KS |
| 8 | Darrell Young | DB | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | Tampa, FL |
| 9 | Evan Bostic | LB | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | Shelby, NC |
| 10 | Dan Rogers | WR | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | Selden, KS |
| 11 | Jarrett Hernandez | LB | 6-1 | 225 | So. | Garden City, KS |
| 13 | Will Powers | LB | 5-10 | 210 | So. | Garden City, KS |
| 14 | Eric Kinney | DB | 6-1 | 165 | So. | Garden City, KS |
| 15 | Chase Sperber | QB | 6-0 | 200 | So. | Oakley, KS |
| 16 | Kelly Younkin | DB | 5-8 | 180 | Fr. | Oakley, KS |
| 17 | Dontrell Johnson | DB | 5-11 | 175 | So. | Moultrie, GA |
| 18 | Jared Sperber | WR | 6-2 | 180 | Fr. | Oakley, KS |
| 19 | Cyrus Jones | WR | 5-10 | 160 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 20 | Nick Allen | RB | 5-10 | 185 | So. | Holton, KS |
| 22 | Ryan Smith | RB | 5-10 | 185 | So. | Kansas City, KS |
| 24 | Caleb Kruse | RB | 5-9 | 190 | Fr. | Ellsworth, KS |
| 25 | Octavious McCoy | DB | 6-0 | 180 | Fr. | Stratford, CT |
| 28 | J.J. Williams | LB | 6-2 | 220 | So. | Derby, KS |
| 30 | Chase Beiberle | RB | 5-10 | 190 | Fr. | Great Bend, KS |
| 32 | Adam Hickel | RB | 5-10 | 205 | Fr. | Clafin, KS |
| 33 | Aaron Racette | LB | 6-2 | 220 | Fr. | Oakley, KS |
| 34 | Jayson Canton | DB | 5-9 | 165 | Fr. | Ashland, KS |
| 40 | Colton McFerrin | K | 6-1 | 175 | Fr. | Wichita, KS |
| 42 | Josh Gaede | LB | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | Hoxie, KS |
| 44 | Keshun Carr | DB | 5-10 | 180 | So. | Garden City, KS |
| 45 | Aaron Anderson | LB | 6-3 | 245 | Fr. | Kansas City, KS |
| 50 | Ryan Patterson | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Garden Plain, KS |
| 51 | T.J. Hawkins | OL | 6-1 | 260 | Fr. | Goodland, KS |
| 52 | Cameron Caine | LB | 6-0 | 185 | Fr. | Garden City, KS |
| 54 | Walt Woolwine | DT | 6-2 | 270 | Fr. | Ashland, KS |
| 55 | Ray Carter | OL | 6-3 | 290 | So. | Ambler, PA |
| 56 | Caleb Crocker | LB | 6-1 | 205 | Fr. | Garden City, KS |
| 60 | David Larson | OL | 6-1 | 265 | Fr. | Garden City, KS |
| 65 | Nathan Heiter | OL | 6-2 | 265 | Fr. | Goodland, KS |
| 66 | Dwayne Lee | OL | 6-3 | 285 | Fr. | Topeka, KS |
| 68 | Kirt Nichols | OL | 6-8 | 305 | So. | Junction City, KS |
| 70 | Mike Bergin | OL | 6-2 | 290 | Fr. | Bushton, KS |
| 75 | Brett Spresser | DL | 6-3 | 275 | Fr. | Gem, KS |
| 76 | Brad Younger | OL | 6-0 | 270 | Fr. | Garden Plain, KS |
| 77 | Marcus Cann | OL | 6-4 | 305 | So. | Bamberg, SC |
| 80 | Vincent Orosco | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | Ulysses, KS |
| 82 | Michael Vratil | DB | 6-0 | 185 | Fr. | Larned, KS |
| 84 | Drew Frasier | TE | 6-2 | 210 | Fr. | Weskan, KS |
| 86 | Klayton Nowak | TE | 6-1 | 255 | Fr. | Russell, KS |
| 88 | Daniel Balman | WR | 6-4 | 200 | Fr. | Jetmore, KS |
| 89 | Zach Ray | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Ulysses, KS |
| 92 | Jovontay Williams | DT | 6-3 | 250 | Fr. | Stone Mountain, GA |
| 95 | Luke Knight | DT | 6-4 | 250 | Fr. | Lyons, KS |
| 96 | Dustin Caine | DT | 6-4 | 245 | So. | Garden City, KS |
| 98 | Terry Vaughn | DT | 6-0 | 285 | Fr. | New Bern, NC |

Head Coach - Lucas Aslin

Assistants - Brian Hill; Jacob Cox; Joe Perri; Russell Durler; David Snodgrass