

Hutchinson Community College

BLUE DRAGONS

2009 Football Game Notes

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Game 1



at



#13 Hutchinson
(0-0)

NEO
(0-0)

►► Dragons-Golden Norsemen Briefly

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2009

Site: Miami, Oklahoma

Surface: Natural Grass

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

Internet: www.hutchcc.edu/dragons

Game time: 7 p.m. (CDT)

Stadium: Robertson Stadium

Capacity: 5,000

Live Stats: www.hutchcc.edu/dragons

2009 JAYHAWK CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Hutchinson	0	0	0	0
Coffeyville	0	0	0	0
Dodge City	0	0	0	0
Fort Scott	0	0	0	0
Garden City	0	0	0	0
Highland	0	0	0	0
Independence	0	0	0	0
Butler	0	0	0	1

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YEAR NO. 78 OF BLUE DRAGON FOOTBALL BEGINS SATURDAY WITH A ROAD TEST TO NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M

The 78th season of football at Hutchinson Community College kicks off on Saturday night, Aug. 29 on the road as the Blue Dragons travel to one of junior college football's traditional powers in Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Robertson Stadium in Miami, Okla., and can be heard on KHUT-FM (102.9) and on the Blue Dragon Sports Network at 6:45 p.m. Veteran broadcaster Rusty Hilst (play-by-play), Rod Zook (analyst) and Glen Grunwald (sidelines) will call the action.

Hopes are high for the 2009 Blue Dragons, which come off a 7-4 season and a Region VI runner-up finish. The Dragons ended 2008 ranked 19th in the final NJCAA poll.

The Blue Dragons begin 2009 ranked No. 13 in the NJCAA national poll and are picked to finish second behind defending national champion Butler in the Jayhawk Conference race.

The Golden Norsemen, owns six junior college national championships, the last coming in 1991. But NEO finished 3-6 overall in 2008 and have a new head coach in Don Bigby.

The Coaches

Hutchinson's Rion Rhoades begins his third season with the Blue Dragons. He is 9-11 at HCC and 16-18 overall in his fourth season as a collegiate head coach.

NEO's Don Bigby is in his first season as head coach of the Golden Norsemen. He was NEO's defensive coordinator last season.

The Series

The Golden Norsemen have an 11-3 overall series advantage, but had an eight-game losing streak snapped last season as HCC won 33-14 at Gowans Stadium. Hutchinson is 0-6 in Miami and haven't played at NEO since 1993.

2009 BLUE DRAGON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Series	Last Meeting/Notes
Sat. Aug. 29	at NEO	7 p.m.	NEO, 11-3	HCC won 33-14 last season; Hutch snapped 8-game skid vs. NEO; 0-6 in Miami.
Sat. Sept. 12	Highland	7 p.m.	HCC, 25-2	Highland won 23-10 last season; Highland winless at Gowans Stadium.
Sat. Sept. 19	at Dodge City	7 p.m.	HCC, 40-33-4	HCC won 40-6 last season; Dragons look to win 2 straight vs. DC since 2003.
Sat. Sept. 20	at Fort Scott	1 p.m.	HCC, 33-30-1	HCC won 30-17 last season; Dragons and Fort Scott split home games in 2008.
Sat. Oct. 3	Butler	7 p.m.	HCC, 43-37-1	Butler won 29-14 in '08 Region VI title game; 14-game losing streak to Butler.
Sat. Oct. 10	at Coffeyville	7 p.m.	Cof, 53-18-4	HCC won 45-13 last season; Dragons haven't won in Coffeyville since 1998.
Sat. Oct. 17	Air Force Prep	7 p.m.	HCC, 16-9	HCC won 42-35 last season; Prep plays at Gowans for first time since 2006.
Sat. Oct. 24	at Independence	7 p.m.	HCC, 45-21-5	HCC won 32-10 last season; Pirates have only new coach in Jayhawk in 2009.
Sat. Oct. 31	Garden City	7 p.m.	GC, 37-30	HCC won 17-0 last season; first shutout of Garden City in 25 seasons.
Sun. Nov. 8	Region VI Semifinals	1:30 p.m.		at top two seeds.
Sun. Nov. 15	Region VI Championship	1:30 p.m.		at highest remaining seed.

BLUE DRAGONS UNDER HEAD COACH RION RHOADES

YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
2007	2-7	.222	
2008	7-4	.636	Region VI runner-up
2009			
Totals	9-11	.450	

BLUE DRAGONS UNDER RHOADES

Overall	9-11
vs. NJCAA Ranked Teams	2-6
vs. NJCAA Top 10 Teams	1-3
vs. Unranked Teams	7-4
vs. Non-NJCAA Teams	1-1
vs. Jayhawk Con. Teams (overall)	7-8
vs. Jayhawk Conf. Teams (League only)	6-8
Region VI Playoffs	1-1
Bowl games	0-0
At Gowans Stadium	5-5
On the Road	4-5
Neutral sites	0-1
When scoring 35 points or more	4-0
When holding opp. less 10 pts. or less	4-0
When HCC leads at halftime	9-2
When HCC trails at halftime	0-9
When HCC is tied at halftime	0-0
When game decided by 11 pts. or more	7-7
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. Rion Rhoades	9
10. Moe Cotter	9
12. Dick Towers	8
12. Steve Logan	8
14. Tom Saia	7
16. Britt Williams	5
16. 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. Rion Rhoades	.450
11. Moe Cotter	.450
13. Steve Logan	.421
14. Bill Goldsmith	.419
15. Tom Saia	.412
16. 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 third-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 12 years into his coaching career, Rhoades is working on rebuilding the Blue Dragons back to that level. Rhoades is 9-11 at Hutchinson, leading the 2008 Blue Dragons to a 7-4 record and a Region VI runner-up finish and No. 19 final ranking. Rhoades is 16-18 overall in four years as a collegiate head coach.

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.



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.

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

HCC snapped a three-game season-opening losing streak last season with a 33-14 victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M last August at Gowans Stadium.

After ripping off 11-straight season-opening victories from 1994 to 2004, the Blue Dragons dropped three-straight season openers.

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

JAYHAWK-SJCFC CHALLENGE NOW IN YEAR 4

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 a junior college football challenge.

The leagues are in the fourth-year of the Jayhawk-SJCFC Challenge.

The Texas schools, and teams filling in for Ranger College, which dropped football after the 2006 season, lead the series 16-9.

In 2008 the Texas schools won 5 of 8 meetings with Hutchinson, Fort Scott and Garden City earning the Jayhawk Conference wins.

BLUE DRAGONS REACH PROGRAM WIN NO. 400 IN 2008

In its 78th season of existence, the Blue Dragon football program reached the 400-victory plateau in a 45-13 victory over Coffeyville on Oct. 11, 2008 at Gowans Stadium.

Entering play on Saturday night against NEO, the Blue Dragons are 404-306-28. The Blue Dragons have posted 49 winning seasons in team history.

CHALLENGE RECORDS Jayhawk Conference

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

SJCFC

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

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 Coffeyville at Navarro, 7 p.m.
 Highland at Arkansas Baptist, 1 p.m.
 Hutchinson at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, 7 p.m.
 Kilgore at Fort Scott, 1 p.m.
 Trinity Valley at Dodge City, 7 p.m.
 Tyler at Independence, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 4

Garden City at Air Force Prep, 2 p.m. MT

Saturday, September 5

Butler at Dodge City, 7 p.m.
 Fort Scott at Coffeyville, 7 p.m.
 Independence at Highland, 1 p.m.
 Hutchinson - BYE

Saturday, September 12

Air Force Prep at Coffeyville, 7 p.m.
 Dodge City at Independence, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Butler, 7 p.m. at Cessna Stadium, Wichita
 Highland at Hutchinson, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 19

Air Force Prep at Butler, 2 p.m.
 Coffeyville at Highland, 1 p.m.
 Fort Scott at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Hutchinson at Dodge City, 7 p.m.
 Independence - BYE

Friday, September 25

Dodge City at Air Force Prep, 2 p.m. MT

Saturday, September 26

Coffeyville at Butler, 7 p.m.
 Hutchinson at Fort Scott, 1 p.m.
 Independence at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Highland - BYE

Saturday, October 3

Air Force Prep at Highland, 1 p.m.
 Butler at Hutchinson, 7 p.m.
 Fort Scott at Independence, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Coffeyville, 7 p.m.
 Dodge City - BYE

Friday, October 9

Independence at Air Force Prep, 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Dodge City at Fort Scott, 1 p.m.
 Highland at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Hutchinson at Coffeyville, 7 p.m.
 Butler - BYE

Saturday, October 17

Air Force Prep at Hutchinson, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Dodge City, 1:30 p.m.
 Highland at Fort Scott, 1 p.m.
 Independence at Butler, 1:30 p.m.
 Coffeyville - BYE

Friday, October 23

Fort Scott at Air Force Prep, 2 p.m. MT

Saturday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 31

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

SCOUTING THE GOLDEN NORSEMEN

The Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Golden Norsemen look to turn around a very non-NEO trend - losing seasons.

Last season NEO went 3-6 after posting a 4-5 record in 2007. This is a program that's won six national championships.

First-year coach Don Bigby takes over a that brings back five returning starters on offense, but no starters back on defense.

The 2008 Golden Norsemen allowed 36.1 points per game, while scoring only 17.7 points per game.

Offensively, NEO has quarterback Barrett Ahlberg back. Ahlberg was 1 of 4 passing with one interception and 2 yards against HCC last season. It was the only game Ahlberg played in last season. Bigby may be handing the Norsemen offensive reigns over to Northern Illinois transfer quarterback Brandon Rogers.

NEO has a pair of receivers back with Kenyad Blair, who had 15 catches for 143 yards and Taylor Antle, who caught eight balls for 94 yards and one touchdown.

The Norsemen have three returning offensive linemen in Ryan McCaul (6-5, 305), Scott Powers (6-5, 315) and Jordan Karriman (6-5, 320).

Linebacker Money Davis (6-1, 210) is listed in the conference media guide as the top NEO defensive newcomer.

LAST MEETING WITH NEO

The HCC defense forced seven turnovers and turned two of them into touchdowns as the Blue Dragons snapped a three-game season-opening losing streak with a 33-14 victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on Aug. 30, 2008 at Gowans Stadium.

Twice with NEO within one score of tying or taking the lead, the Blue Dragon defense came through with huge plays.

First with HCC up 14-7 in the third quarter, sophomore defensive end Thatcher Starling hit a defensive grand slam with a quarterback sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery and recovery for touchdown when he fell on the ball in the end zone for a 20-6 lead with 6:03 to play.

Then with HCC up 20-14 late in the fourth quarter, freshman Matthew Pearson intercepted a Trey Munden pass and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown and a two-possession lead with 2:19 to play.

Hutchinson snapped an eight-game losing streak to the Golden Norsemen, defeating NEO for the first time since 1976.

The Dragons racked up 386 total yards of offense, getting 296 yards on the ground. La'Darrian Page rushed for 178 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown.

The Blue Dragons committed five turnovers of their own and had 15 penalties whistled against them for 157 yards.

NEO had just one penalty for 15 yards.

NEO had 304 total yards, but only 94 yards came on the ground. Norsemen quarterbacks were picked off three times (by Pearson, Kendall Davis and Josh Heimerman). Starling, Jasper Simmons, Lucas Hein and Michael Brakenhoff recovered the four NEO fumbles.

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 surpassed 200 wins at Gowans with a 45-13 win over Coffeyville in 2008. HCC is 201-104-8 at Gowans and 236-115-14 at home all-time.

This season marks the fourth 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.

Gowans now has a capacity of 5,000.

SERIES HISTORY VS. NEO

Overall record - 3-11-0
Record in Hutchinson - 3-5-0
Record in Miami - 0-6-0
Most points scored vs. NEO - 40 (1976)
Most points scored by NEO - 49 (1989)
Largest margin of victory - 19 (2008: HCC 33, NEO 14)
Largest margin of defeat - 43 (1989: NEO 49, HCC 6)
Most combined points - 65 (1993: NEO 44, HCC 21)
Shutouts posted by HCC - 0
Shutouts against HCC - 1
Longest winning streak - 1 (3 times)
Longest losing streak - 8

Year	Site	Score
1949	H*	W, 33-27
1961	A	L, 6-27
1962	H	L, 15-46
1975	A	L, 7-21
1976	H	W, 40-24
1977	A	L, 13-27
1978	H	L, 9-21
1979	A	L, 9-20
1980	H	L, 3-27
1989	H	L, 6-49
1990	A	L, 0-41
1993	A	L, 21-44
1994	H	L, 8-30
2008	H	W, 33-14

* - Salt Bowl

2009 NJCAA PRESEASON POLL

Team	2008 Record
1. Butler	11-1
2. Mississippi Gulf Coast	10-2
3. Ellsworth CC, Iowa	8-3
4. Snow College, Utah	11-1
5. Blinn College, Texas	9-3
6. East Mississippi	8-2
7. Navarro College, Texas	10-1
8. Georgia Military College	9-2
9. Dean College, Mass.	10-1
10. Eastern Arizona	8-3
11. Pearl River CC, Miss.....	8-3
12. Trinity Valley CC, Texas.....	6-4
13. Hutchinson	7-4
14. Jones County CC, Miss.	7-2
15. Fort Scott	9-2
16. Rochester CTC, Minn.	8-2
17. Lackawanna College, Pa.	7-3
18. Glendale CC, Ariz.	8-2
19. Northwest Mississippi	6-4
20. Iowa Central CC	8-3
21. Mesabi Range CTC, Minn.	6-5
22. Garden City	6-4
23. College of DuPage, Ill.....	6-6
24. Arizona Western.....	5-6
25. Harper College, Ill.	11-1

2009 NJCAA Bowl Schedule

- November 21** - North Star Bowl
UCR Stadium - Rochester, Minn.
- November 22** - Graphic Edge Printing Bowl
UNI Stadium - Cedar Falls, Iowa (2 games)
- December 5** - Valley of the Sun Bowl
TBA - Phoenix, Ariz., area
- December 5** - C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl
Bulldawg Stadium - Copperas Cove, Texas
- December 5** - Top Of The Mountains Bowl
Rio-Tinto Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah
- December 5** - Central Bank/Salt City Bowl
Gowans Stadium, Hutchinson, Kan.
- December 6** - Mississippi Bowl
Indian Stadium, Biloxi, Miss.
- December 6** - Citizen's Bank Bowl
Carnie-Smith Stadium, Pittsburg, Kan.

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:
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DRAGONS PICKED SECOND IN 2009 JAYHAWK PRESEASON POLL

The Blue Dragons received their highest preseason prediction since 1996 in July at the annual Jayhawk Conference Football Media Day.

The Blue Dragons were picked second behind defending NJCAA national champion Butler in the 2009 Jayhawk Conference Preseason Coaches Poll. Butler will be looking for its ninth consecutive conference championship this season.

The rest of the poll was 3. Fort Scott, 4. Garden City, 5. Coffeyville, 6. Independence, 7. Dodge City; 8. Highland.

The last time Hutchinson was picked as high as second in the preseason poll came in 1996 when the Dragons were picked to finish second.

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

BLUE DRAGONS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

For the first time since 2005, the Blue Dragons in the NJCAA Preseason national football poll.

The Blue Dragons open the season No. 13 in the preseason poll released in July. Hutchinson comes off a 2008 season where it made a run to the Region VI championship game and finished the season ranked No. 19, the first time since the end of the 2004 season that the Blue Dragons finished a season ranked.

The last time that Hutchinson was ranked in the preseason poll came in 2005 when the Blue Dragons started that season ranked No. 16.

Hutchinson is one of four Jayhawk Conference teams ranked in the NJCAA preseason poll. Defending national champion Butler was picked to win the 2009 national crown. Fort Scott starts the season ranked No. 15. Garden City opens the season at No. 22.

GAGE MCKINNIS IS PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN RECEIVER

Sophomore Gage McKinnis was named an NJCAA 2009 Preseason Football All-American. McKinnis is a second-team preseason All-American at wide receiver.

McKinnis is a 5-foot-8, 180-pound receiver from Hutchinson who was a first-team special teams All-American in 2008. McKinnis is one of eight returning All-Americans across the country.



In his freshman season, McKinnis put the 'special' in Blue Dragon special teams. He became the first Blue Dragon since 1999 to return two kicks for touchdowns in the same season.

McKinnis was one of only three freshmen to earn first-team All-America honors in 2008.

McKinnis led the Jayhawk Conference in kickoff returns with an average of 33.8 yards on 14 returns and two touchdowns of 97 against Dodge City and 82 against Air Force Prep. The 97-yard return against Dodge City was the second longest kickoff return in HCC history.

He was second in the league in punt returns at 14.1 yards per return on 11 returns. McKinnis had a major impact in the Dragons' 30-17 Region VI semifinal victory at Fort Scott when he returned four punts for 116 yards. His long of 65 yards early in the fourth quarter set up HCC's go-ahead score when the game was tied at 10-10.

McKinnis was second on the 2008 Blue Dragons in receiving with 13 receptions for 152 yards and one touchdown. McKinnis was also second in all-purpose yards with 1,031 yards.

DRAGON ROSTER FILLED WITH SALTHAWKS

Approximately 11 percent of the Blue Dragons' 55-man roster will feel very comfortable playing at Gowans Stadium this season.

Six members of the 2009 HCC 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 won four state championships for the Salt Hawks. Hutch High has won five straight state championships.

Those former Salthawks who now play at HCC are: Chase Hartman (offensive line), Kelly Roberts (kicker), Albert Markham (defensive line), Gage McKinnis (receiver), T.J. Duarte (fullback) and Romero Cotton (running back).

**Blue Dragon
Team Record Book**

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A GAME

- 83 - vs. Dodge City (1997: HCC 83, Dodge City 34)
- 77 - vs. Arkansas City (1950: HCC 77, Ark City 0)
- 74 - vs. Dodge City (1994: HCC 74, Dodge City 28)
- 69 - vs. Garden City (1948: HCC 69, Garden City 0)
- 65 - vs. Highland (2004: HCC 65, Highland 0)
- 63 - vs. Independence (1967: HCC 63, Indy 14)
- 62 - vs. Chanute (1948: HCC 62, Chanute 0)
- 62 - vs. Highland (2004: HCC 62, Highland 7)
- 61 - vs. Haskell (1986: HCC 61, Haskell 0)
- 60 - vs. Parsons (1949: HCC 60, Parsons 6)

MOST POINTS SCORED BY AN OPPONENT/GAME

- 85 - vs. Pratt (1961: Pratt 85, HCC 7)
- 77 - vs. Coffeyville (1989: Coffeyville 77, HCC 0)
- 70 - vs. Fort Scott (1990: Fort Scott 70, HCC 27)
- 65 - vs. Butler (2005: Butler 65, HCC 14)
- 64 - vs. Coffeyville (1978: Coffeyville 64, HCC 14)
- 63 - vs. Fort Scott (1972: Fort Scott 63, HCC 13)
- 62 - vs. Fort Scott (1971: Fort Scott 62, HCC 14)
- 59 - vs. Glendale, Ariz. (1993: Glendale 59, HCC 9)
- 58 - vs. Coffeyville (2003: Coffeyville 58, HCC 9)
- 58 - vs. Garden City (1994: Garden City 58, HCC 14)
- 57 - vs. Dodge City (2005: Dodge City 57, HCC 14)

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

- 77 - 1950 (HCC 77, Arkansas City 0)
- 69 - 1948 (HCC 69, Garden City 0)
- 65 - 2004 (HCC 65, Highland 0 - playoffs)
- 62 - 1948 (HCC 62, Parsons 0)
- 61 - 1986 (HCC 61, Haskell 0)
- 57 - 1947 (HCC 57, Dodge City 0)
- 55 - 1955 (HCC 55, Cawker City 0)
- 55 - 1950 (HCC 55, Tonkawa, Okla. 0)
- 55 - 2004 (HCC 62, Highland 7)
- 54 - 1963 (HCC 54, Butler County 0)
- 54 - 1949 (HCC 60, Parsons 6)
- 53 - 1951 (HCC 53, Dodge City 0)
- 51 - 1929 (HCC 53, El Dorado 2)

LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT

- 78 - 1961 (Pratt 85, HCC 7)
- 77 - 1989 (Coffeyville 77, HCC 0)
- 56 - 2005 (Coffeyville 62, HCC 6)
- 51 - 2005 (Butler 65, HCC 14)
- 50 - 1993 (Glendale, Ariz. 59, HCC 9)
- 50 - 1978 (Coffeyville 64, HCC 14)
- 50 - 1972 (Fort Scott 63, HCC 13)
- 49 - 2003 (Coffeyville 58, HCC 9)
- 49 - 1990 (Garden City 49, HCC 0)
- 48 - 1998 (Butler County 56, HCC 8 - playoffs)
- 48 - 1978 (Fort Scott 62, HCC 14)
- 48 - 1960 (Garden City 48, HCC 0)
- 47 - 1986 (Butler County 47, HCC 0)
- 47 - 1959 (Garden City 47, HCC 0)
- 45 - 1952 (Tyler, Texas 45, HCC 0)
- 44 - 2001 (Coffeyville 51, HCC 7)
- 44 - 1994 (Garden City 58, HCC 14)
- 44 - 1937 (Fort Scott 44, HCC 0)
- 44 - 1929 (Fort Scott 44, HCC 0)
- 43 - 1990 (Fort Scott 70, HCC 27)
- 43 - 2005 (Dodge City 57, HCC 14 - playoffs)
- 42 - 1984 (Coffeyville 42, HCC 0 - playoffs)
- 42 - 2006 (Butler 48, HCC 6)

BLUE DRAGON DEFENSE LOOKS TO CONTINUE RESURGENCE

Hutchinson's defense was greatly improved in head coach Rion Rhoades' first season in 2007. The Dragon defense took it a step higher in 2008.

The 2008 Blue Dragons led the Jayhawk Conference and was fifth in the nation in rushing defense that allowed just 74.8 yards per game.

The Dragons were No. 2 in the league and 15th in the nation in total defense allowing 251.4 yards per contest. HCC allowed 18.4 points per game, which was third in the Jayhawk Conference.

Rhoades' impact on the defense was immediate when he took over in 2007. 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.

The 2009 HCC defense lost defensive tackle Eugene Kinlaw, the 2008 NJCAA National Defensive Player of the Year and all three starting linebackers.

Defensive end Adam Davis is back after an all-league season with 14.5 quarterback sacks. Starting cornerbacks Kendall Davis and Thad Williams are back, we well as starting safety Matthew Pearson.

CHARTING RB CHRIS CLAY

In a back-up role to 2008 Jayhawk Conference offensive player of the year, LaDarrian Page, running back Chris Clay maximized his playing time last season.

The 5-10, 170-pound hard-charging back from Cuthbert, Ga., rushed for 629 yards on 139 carries and tied for the team lead with 10 touchdowns.

Clay had three 100-yard rushing games (103 vs. Coffeyville, 107 vs. Independence and 138 against Fort Scott in the Region VI semifinals).

Clay is slated to be the starting running back for HCC this season. His Blue Dragon career to this point is progressing very similar to Jamison Palmer, HCC's single-season rushing leader and No. 3 all-time rusher.

In Palmer's freshman season in 1997, he rushed for 611 yards and three touchdowns running behind 1,000-yard rusher Arland Bruce. When Palmer became the featured back in 1998, he rushed for a single-season record 1,576 yards and 17 touchdowns.

**ADAM DAVIS IS MOVING UP
CAREER QB SACK CHART**

Blue Dragon sophomore defensive end has a chance to put his name well up the program's career quarterback sack list.

The 6-1, 245-pound Davis tallied 14.5 sacks in his freshman season of 2008. That was the third-most in a single season.

Those 14.5 sacks already have Davis at No. 5 on HCC's career sack list.

All-American Troy West (1996-97) is the Dragons' top QB sack artist with 34 sacks. All-American Antwaun Bynum (1998-99) is second with 20.

Davis is 1.5 sacks behind Henry Thomas (1994) for fourth.

<u>HCC'S CAREER QB SACKS LIST</u>	
1. Troy West (1996-97)	34
2. Antwaun Bynum (1998-99)	20
3. Tim Waddleston (1992-93).....	17
4. Henry Thomas (1994)	15
5. Adam Davis (2009)	14.5
6. Cedric Tatum (1995).....	13
6. Ty Stucky (1995)	13

WORTH NOTING

+ Freshman receiver Gage McKinnis is the son of Blue Dragon defensive line coach Chad KcKinnis.

+ 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.

+ HCC has seven players from Wichita Heights and four players from Andale High School on its 2009 roster

+ Blue Dragon punter Schuyler Watson was a second-team all-Jayhawk Conference punter in 2006 at Independence. He was second in the league in punting at 38.1 yards per game on 46 punts.

Hutchinson Blue Dragon Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Thad Williams	DB	So.	5-10	173	Adel, GA
2	Trezz Tillman	RB	So.	5-7	159	Wichita, KS
3	Cas Spangler	WR	Fr.	5-8	156	Beloit, KS
4	Gage McKinnis	WR	So.	5-9	178	Hutchinson, KS
5	Chris Anderson	RB	Fr.	5-10	193	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
6	Chip Hester	LB	Fr.	5-11	228	Myrtle Beach, SC
7	John Miller	WR	Fr.	6-0	177	Arkansas City, KS
8	Matthew Pearson	DB	So.	6-1	188	Wichita, KS
9	Aaron Ward	DB	Fr.	6-1	217	Irvington, AL
10	Romero Cotton	RB	Fr.	5-9	200	Hutchinson, KS
11	Ray-Ray Davis	WR	Fr.	5-11	195	Indian Trail, NC
13	Jeremy Linn	K	Fr.	6-3	176	Abilene, KS
14	Kelly Roberts	K	So.	6-2	198	Hutchinson, KS
15	Kendall Davis	DB	So.	5-9	163	Wichita, KS
16	C.J. Madison	QB	Fr.	5-11	212	Howard, KS
17	Angelo Pease	QB	Fr.	5-11	212	Cairo, GA
18	Dorrian Roberts	DB	Fr.	5-9	161	Wichita, KS
20	Schuyler Watson	P	Fr.	5-10	185	Arkansas City, KS
21	Ethan Ungles	WR	Fr.	5-10	168	Andale, KS
22	Lucas Hein	LB	So.	5-11	191	Andale, KS
23	Colton Rohr	LB	Fr.	5-11	211	Manhattan, KS
25	Sam Norris	DB	So.	6-0	192	Humboldt, KS
27	Jacob Yoder	RB	So.	5-11	226	Hillsboro, KS
28	Chris Clay	RB	So.	5-10	170	Cuthbert, GA
29	Marshall McCall	DB	Fr.	5-9	174	Smith Center, KS
30	T.J. Duarte'	LB	So.	5-10	212	Hutchinson, KS
31	Cody Spencer	RB	Fr.	5-10	211	Baxter Springs, KS
33	Danny Weigel	TE	Fr.	6-1	227	Overland Park, KS
34	Tyler Kohlman	RB	Fr.	6-0	263	Wichita, KS
35	Cordell Reed	RB	Fr.	5-7	161	Wichita, KS
36	Matt Fairchild	LB	Fr.	6-0	195	Andale, KS
41	Kevin Jerrick	TE	So.	6-3	253	Belle Plaine, KS
42	Meshak Williams	DL	Fr.	6-3	231	Sylvester, GA
50	Justin Green	OL	Fr.	6-4	303	West Palm Beach, FL
51	Ian Knight	DL	Fr.	6-3	233	Wichita, KS
52	Ben Riedel	LS	So.	6-1	212	Andover, KS
54	Deandre' Scott	OL	So.	5-10	270	Wichita, KS
55	Adam Davis	DL	So.	6-1	245	Folkston, GA
56	Steve Buesch	OL	Fr.	5-11	271	Wichita, KS
64	Calin Archer	OL	So.	6-3	290	Andale, KS
66	Michael Powell	OL	So.	6-4	306	La Crosse, KS
67	Kameron Neal	OL	Fr.	6-1	270	Wichita, KS
69	David Tuley	OL	Fr.	6-2	300	Baldwin, KS
73	Phillips Iheme	DL	Fr.	6-0	264	Wichita, KS
74	Randy Salmon	DL	Fr.	6-2	302	Ellenwood, GA
75	Chase Hartman	OL	So.	6-0	252	Hutchinson, KS
76	Darrell Zellars	DL	So.	6-2	286	Anderson, SC
79	Andrew Niblock	OL	Fr.	6-4	307	Stockton, KS
84	Tanner Wiens	DL	Fr.	6-3	221	Meade, KS
88	Matt Weis	TE	Fr.	6-3	252	Hoxie, KS
95	Gavin Loehr	DL	So.	6-2	242	Wichita, KS
98	Albert Markham	DL	So.	6-2	289	Hutchinson, KS

Head Coach - Rion Rhoades

Assistant Coaches - Josh Gooch, Jordan Bell, Michael Norris, Josh Lattimer, Chad McKinnis, Grant Dreiling; William Thacker.

NEO Golden Norsemen Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/School
2	Romon Beard	DB	5-11	172		Tulsa Washington
3	Da'sor Horton	RB	5-11	204		Oklahoma City Douglas
4	Matt Berrey	K	6-0	174		Purcell
5	Aaron Antle	WR	6-2	181		Foyil
6	Jermaine Sherman	WR	6-2	184		Wagoner
7	Kenyad Blair	WR	6-1	205		Oklahoma City Northeast
8	Alfred Carter	DB	5-10	195		Oklahoma City Douglas
9	Thomas Darrington	DB	5-7	155		Millwood
10	John Goodlett	WR	5-11	174		Owasso
11	Barrett Ahrberg	QB	6-1	180		Cushing
12	Malachi Blankenship	QB	6-0	171		NOAH
14	Colby Ellis	DB	5-9	160		Tonkawa
15	James Pickens	DB	5-8	160		Miami
16	Brandon Rogers	QB	6-0	205		Tulsa Union
17	David Balenseifen	TE	6-3	227		Mustang
20	Josh Morris	RB	5-10	182		Willington
21	Adam Ramsey	LB	5-9	196		Vinita
22	Durwan Roberts	DB	5-9	152		Vinita
23	Devon Fowler	RB	5-9	196		Joplin
25	Nathan Grabow	DB	5-9	182		Kingfisher
26	Herman Walters	RB	5-6	189		McAlester
31	Deon Ruble	DB	5-8	157		Broken Arrow
32	Jeff Richards	DB	6-0	179		Del City
33	Jarod Billups	LB	5-11	184		Collinsville
34	Deon McLain	RB	5-9	180		Racine
35	Eddie General	LB	5-9	178		Trinity Christian
36	Nick Walters	K	6-3	206		Edmond
37	Ryan Russel	DB	5-8	160		Beggs
40	Reed Martin	LB	6-0	218		Tulsa East Central
43	Eric Feemster	LB	6-1	205		Inola
44	R.J. Bartley	LB	5-11	229		Grove
45	John Conaway	LB	6-3	237		Ringwood
46	Tyrel Feilden	TE	6-3	243		Skiatook
49	Garrett Dick	TE	6-0	254		Yukon
50	Garrett Fuggett	DL	5-11	277		Tulsa Union
51	Spencer Hobbs	LB	5-10	198		Catoosa
52	Money Davis	LB	5-11	235		Star Spencer
58	Montrel Robinson	DL	6-0	249		Star Spencer
60	Brandon Barr	OL	6-1	271		Carl Albert
62	Jay Davis	OL	6-0	272		Tishamingo
64	Blake Bennett	OL	6-0	235		Vian
65	Tevin Dixon	OL	6-0	282		Midwest City
66	Colton Hyde	OL	6-2	290		Washington
67	Ryan McCaul	OL	6-4	297		Moore
68	Erich Foor	OL	6-1	308		McAlester
72	Nathan Crownover	OL	6-3	235		Del City
73	Jordan Howlett	OL	6-3	317		Edmond
74	Scott Powers	OL	6-3	312		Sperry
75	Jordan Karriman	OL	6-4	288		Grove
76	Logan Jones	OL	6-6	272		Blackwell
77	T.J. Jones	OL	6-5	314		Coweta
80	Sidney Hadnot	WR	6-4	174		Tulsa East Central
81	Jeremy Richmond	WR	5-8	168		Crooked Oak
82	Grand Longcrier	WR	6-1	180		Miami
85	Thomas Isam	TE	6-2	227		Collinsville
88	Andrew Mueller	TW	6-2	208		Ringwood
90	Caleb Thyer	DL	6-2	256		Miami
91	Leo Gross	DL	6-2	240		Putnam City North
92	Rayvon Johnson	DL	5-11	211		Oklahoma City Douglas
93	Michael Billingsley	DL	6-3	273		Oklahoma City Southeast
94	Andrel McCord	DL	6-1	228		Murpheesboro
95	Mitch Williams	DL	6-1	234		Tulsa Union
96	Stevens Stanton	DL	5-11	261		Guthrie
97	Christian Crigler	DL	5-11	278		Millwood
98	Bobby Pointer	DL	6-0	278		Dewar
99	James Conyers	DL	5-11	277		Clear-Brook

Head Coach - Don Bigby

Assistants - James Cheatham, Stacey Satterwhite, Rich Lillard, Mitchell Bigby, Mac Whitehead, Mike Passarella, Chad Davis, Zach Allen.