

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE CARDINALS



2008 ECAC NORTHEAST CHAMPIONS

REGULAR SEASON RECAP

A look back at the Cardinals' road to the ECACs



#1 MOUNT UNION 33, #10 FISHER 3

St. John Fisher	0	0	0	3	3
Mount Union	7	13	13	0	33

When/Where: Sept. 6/Alliance, Ohio
Game: Nate Kmic gained 231 yards on 26 carries for Mount Union in Fisher's season opening loss to the Purple Raiders. The Cardinals kept it close until right before halftime when a Tim Bailey interception resulted in a Mount Union touchdown. Bailey threw for 231 yards in his first career start.



#13 FISHER 20, BUFFALO ST. 7

Buffalo State	0	0	0	7	7
St. John Fisher	3	0	7	10	20

When/Where: Sept. 13/Pittsford
Game: The Cardinals got their first win of the year against Buffalo State. Fisher was led on defense by senior linebacker Josh Gottlieb. Gottlieb recorded 12 tackles, with three of the tackles being for a loss. Tim Marion caught six passes for 91 yards and a touchdown.



#11 FISHER 24, ROCHESTER 17

St. John Fisher	7	7	7	3	24
Rochester	14	3	0	0	17

When/Where: Sept. 20/Rochester
Game: Tim Marion was named the MVP for Courage Bowl IV after recording two touchdowns and 197 all-purpose yards. The Cardinals defeated the University of Rochester, 24-17. Fisher rallied from a 17-14 halftime deficit to claim the victory. Fisher has won every Courage Bowl against the Yellow-jackets.



#11 FISHER 37, #16 ITHACA 6

Ithaca	3	0	3	0	6
St. John Fisher	3	3	17	14	37

When/Where: Sept. 27/Pittsford
Game: A top-20 showdown ended with 11th ranked Fisher routing visiting 16th ranked Ithaca. Tim Bailey threw for 243 second half yards to raise his total to 315 for the game. A 16-6 game was blown open in the end of the third quarter by a Jimmy Smith 75-yard touchdown reception.



HARTWICK 31, #10 FISHER 28

Hartwick	0	14	7	10	31
St. John Fisher	0	14	7	7	28

When/Where: Oct. 4/Pittsford
Game: Hartwick spoiled the Cardinals' Homecoming with a game-winning 32-yard field goal with a little over a minute left. Fisher responded by driving all the way to Hartwick's 10-yard line before a Tim Bailey fumble sealed the win for the Hawks. Bailey finished with 342 yards and four touchdowns.



#17 SALISBURY 58, #20 FISHER 52

Salisbury	3	14	7	14	20	58
St. John Fisher	10	14	7	7	14	52

When/Where: Oct. 11/Pittsford
Game: The Cardinals suffered their second straight loss at home, this time in four overtimes to Salisbury University. Fisher gave up eight rushing touchdowns and 529 yards on the ground. Freshman Dave Vosburgh led the Cardinal defense by forcing 3 fumbles, just one shy of tying a NCAA Division III record.



FISHER 45, NORWICH 6

St. John Fisher	17	14	7	7	45
Norwich	6	0	0	0	6

When/Where: Oct. 18/Northfield, Vt.
Game: After falling out of the D-III top 25 for the first time in four seasons, Fisher rebounded by going on the road and dominating host Norwich. Sophomore Dan Witkowski led the receiving corps with six catches for 73 yards and two touchdowns. Kenny Bostick recorded eight tackles and returned an interception for a touchdown.



FISHER 38, SPRINGFIELD 35

Springfield	20	0	0	15	35
St. John Fisher	7	14	10	7	38

When/Where: Oct. 25/Pittsford
Game: Fisher held off Springfield University in order to improve its E8 record to 3-1 and stay in the chase for a conference title. Dan Witkowski tied a Fisher single game record with three touchdown receptions while Tim Bailey completed four touchdown passes. On defense, Sean Trapper recorded eight tackles.



FISHER 17, UTICA 10

St. John Fisher	3	7	0	7	17
Utica College	0	7	3	0	10

When/Where: Nov. 1/Utica
Game: The Cardinal defense shined in a win over Utica. The Pioneers, coached by former Fisher defensive coordinator Blaise Faggiano, were held to just 73 total yards. The victory, and a Hartwick loss to Springfield, opened the door for Fisher to be able to clinch a share of the E8 title and an automatic NCAA birth with a victory over Alfred.



ALFRED 36, FISHER 33

St. John Fisher	14	0	0	16	3	33
Alfred	7	16	7	0	6	36

When/Where: Nov. 15/Alfred
Game: The regular season ended in a heartbreaking fashion at Alfred. The Saxons led 30-14 going into the fourth quarter, but Fisher stormed back to force overtime. After Fisher scored a field goal, Alfred won on a 25-yard touchdown pass on its first play. The game ended Fisher's chances of winning the E8 or getting a bid into the NCAA D-III playoffs.