

Otterbein University
CARDINALS



(0-0, 0-0 OAC)

VS.

Ohio Wesleyan University
BATTLING BISHOPS



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RECENT HISTORY: Otterbein has taken three of five matchups since these schools resurrected the non-conference series back in 2017. Last fall, the Cardinals hung on for a 21-13 triumph up in Delaware after holding OWU scoreless for the entire second half. Siraj Muhammad (now graduated) carried the load with 149 yards and two rushing touchdowns.

TOMMY BOY: Head Coach Tommy Zagorski makes his highly-anticipated debut at the reins, after coming aboard in late January following a national search. He has spent the last 6-7 months assembling his staff, grinding on the recruiting trail, engaging with alumni and learning various parts of campus.

FRIENDLY CONFINES: This marks the first of three-consecutive home games inside Memorial Stadium for the Cards, who will also host Muskingum (9/9) and Wilmington (9/16) to begin the slate. The last time Otterbein hosted these three schools in the same exact order was back in 2017, which saw a 3-0 start.

VICTORY LAP: A strong handful of (now) fifth-year seniors opted to use an extra/final year of eligibility, including the likes of Tayon Howard (LB), Carlos Alamo (DB), Clayton Adams (LT) and Jordan Bost-Floyd (RB). Each has spent multiple years in a Cardinal uniform.

GIMME' FIVE: Howard was recently chosen by the coaching staff to wear the prestigious No. 5 jersey this fall, helping carry on the tradition of honoring former/fallen player Josh Worthington. He was killed in a 2004 car accident after his vehicle was struck by a drunk driver.

BART-LETT IT BE: Junior linebacker/edge rusher Justin Barlett earned All-OAC honors last year after ranking fifth in the league with 88 total tackles. He also finished ninth in the conference in tackles for loss.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: Eight true freshmen grace the initial two-deep for Otterbein, as the program looks to blend some very talented newcomers with experience in the older classes.

OWU OUTLOOK: The Battling Bishops have been picked fourth in the North Coast Athletic Conference preseason coaches poll. They went 6-4 last season (6-2 NCAC), settling in a three-way tie for second place in the standings, after closing out the schedule with three-straight victories.

2023 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB:				
#10	Eason Hardouin	Sr.	5-11	185
#12	Beau Burtscher	Jr.	6-4	200
RB:				
#4	Ahjay Cody	Jr.	5-10	205
#7	Jordan Bost-Floyd	R-Sr.	5-7	175
TE:				
#87	Christian Pataky	So.	6-2	210
#84	Vincent Berardi	Fr.	6-2	185
WR:				
#16	Gavin Edwards	Jr.	6-1	185
#8	Armani Burton	Sr.	6-3	205
WR:				
#17	Adyn Snyder	Jr.	6-1	185
#45	Declan Jewitt	Jr.	6-0	175
SL:				
#83	Owen Menge	So.	5-7	160
#37	Zane Duning	So.	6-0	165
LT:				
#78	Clayton Adams	R-Sr.	6-4	320
#67	Aaren Penn	So.	6-2	220
LG:				
#59	Alex Pataky	Jr.	6-3	275
#65	Jaylan Davis	Fr.	6-3	315
C:				
#54	Keaton Snyder	Jr.	6-1	265
#74	Ridge Webb	Fr.	6-0	220
RG:				
#53	Thomas Bobovnyk (or)	Sr.	6-0	265
#73	Jacob Neri	Jr.	6-2	270
RT:				
#72	Cael Dent	Jr.	6-3	310
#63	Bryce Mount	So.	6-5	305

DEFENSE

DE:				
#15	Justin Bartlett	Jr.	6-0	215
#36	Earlonte Cousins	Jr.	6-2	225
DT:				
#68	Austin Burchinal	So.	5-10	315
#66	Cole Holbrook	Jr.	6-1	260
DT:				
#90	Caden Masterson	Jr.	6-2	230
#99	Tinell Edwards	Fr.	6-0	265
DE:				
#52	Zach Hymer	Jr.	6-1	210
#8	Markie Anderson	R-So.	5-10	220
LB:				
#51	Bobby Buckler	Sr.	6-1	220
#57	Thomas Cherry	So.	5-10	225
LB:				
#6	Bryce Walker	R-So.	5-11	230
#50	Carson Vaulx	So.	5-10	205
NICKEL:				
#5	Tayon Howard	R-Sr.	5-11	205
#3	Rashaun Broomfield	Fr.	5-11	180
CB:				
#1	Carlos Alamo	R-Sr.	5-7	170
#18	Dori Flowers	Fr.	6-0	175
CB:				
#2	Vincent Fisher	Jr.	6-0	180
#34	Izaac Swope	Fr.	6-2	185
FS:				
#24	Randy Cochran Jr.	R-Jr.	6-0	195
#30	Sam Howell	So.	5-10	175
SS:				
#7	Tyreek Gunnell	So.	5-7	160
#41	Cade Denius	Jr.	5-8	185

SPECIALISTS

KR:				
#4	Ahjay Cody	Jr.	5-10	205
#24	Randy Cochran Jr.	R-Jr.	6-0	195
PR:				
#3	Rashaun Broomfield	Fr.	5-11	180
#46	Kasey Middendorf	Fr.	5-9	160
LS:				
#33	Nate Clark	Sr.	6-3	210
#84	Vincent Berardi	Fr.	6-2	185

PK:				
#43	Hayden Brooke	So.	5-8	145
#91	Carson Blank	Jr.	5-10	150
P:				
#17	Adyn Snyder	Jr.	6-1	185
#91	Carson Blank	Jr.	5-10	150
HOLD:				
#12	Beau Burtscher	Jr.	6-4	200
#46	Kasey Middendorf	Fr.	5-9	160

2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER - (WEEK 1)

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
1	Carlos Alamo	R-Sr.	DB	5-7	170	Columbus / Westerville South
2	Vincent Fisher	Jr.	DB	6-0	180	Springfield / Springfield
3	Rashaun Broomfield	Fr.	DB	5-11	180	Columbus / Whetstone
4	Ahjay Cody	Jr.	RB	5-10	205	Cleveland / Euclid
5	Tayon Howard	R-Sr.	LB	5-11	205	Westerville / South
6	Bryce Walker	R-So.	LB	5-11	230	Springfield / Springfield
7	Jordan Bost-Floyd	R-Sr.	RB	5-6	175	Cleveland / James Ford Rhodes
7	Tyreek Gunnell	So.	DB	5-7	160	Columbus / Centennial
8	Markie Anderson	R-So.	LB	5-10	220	Youngstown / Eastern Gateway
8	Armani Burton	Sr.	WR	6-3	200	Cleveland / Holy Name
9	Xavier Conrad	So.	DL	6-2	215	Lancaster / Lancaster
9	Jordan Ermalovich	Fr.	QB	6-1	170	South Point / South Point
10	Eason Hardouin	Sr.	QB	5-11	185	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Christian
11	Lorenzen Horace	Fr.	QB	5-10	175	Stockton, Calif. / Edison
11	Brad Morgan	So.	QB	6-0	210	New Concord / John Glenn
12	Beau Burtcher	Jr.	QB	6-4	200	North Canton / Hoover
13	Cayden Lassiter	Fr.	QB	5-10	180	Richwood / North Union
14	Sil Kent	Jr.	WR	5-8	160	Columbus / Harvest Prep
15	Justin Bartlett	Jr.	LB	6-0	220	Cambridge / Cambridge
15	Aiden Mick	So.	QB	6-0	170	Toronto / Toronto
16	Gavin Edwards	Jr.	WR	6-1	185	Pickerington / Central
17	Adyn Snyder	Sr.	WR/P	6-1	185	Blacklick / St. Charles Prep
18	Dori Flowers	Fr.	DB	6-0	175	Cleveland / Gilmour Academy
19	Niels Abessolo	Fr.	DB	5-10	175	Columbus / Independence
19	Austin Hardin	Fr.	QB	5-9	185	Cincinnati / Milford
20	Landen Pettet	Jr.	DL	6-0	235	Malta / Morgan
21	Jay Bradley	Sr.	RB	5-7	180	Maple Heights / Lutheran West
22	Fanny Uwishimwe	Jr.	RB	5-10	180	Dayton / Carroll
23	Matt Griffin	Fr.	RB	6-0	220	Chillicothe / Unioto
24	Randy Cochran Jr.	R-Jr.	DB	6-0	195	Norcross, Ga. / Norcross
26	Holden Barlow	Fr.	DB	5-10	165	Kettering / Fairmont
27	TJ Cook	Fr.	LB	5-10	200	Canal Winchester / Canal Winchester
28	Joe Governale	Jr.	RB	5-9	175	Columbia Station / Columbia
29	Patrick Beck	Sr.	RB	5-7	185	Bexley / Bexley
30	Sam Howell	So.	DB	5-10	175	Baltimore / Liberty Union
31	Malik Ali	Fr.	LB	6-0	200	Columbus / Marion-Franklin
32	Jiovanni Rodriguez	Fr.	LB	5-9	188	North Olmsted / North Olmsted
33	Nate Clark	Sr.	LB	6-3	210	Cincinnati / Sycamore
34	Izaac Swope	Fr.	DB	6-2	185	Sugar Grove / Logan
35	John Lard	Fr.	RB	5-9	155	Youngstown / Liberty
36	Earlonte Cousins	Jr.	DL	6-2	225	Calhoun City, Miss. / Calhoun
37	Zane Duning	So.	WR	6-0	165	Lebanon / Lebanon
38	Jordan Blankson	Fr.	DL	6-1	220	Columbus / Northland
39	Vasilios Nyktas	Fr.	DB	5-8	160	Cincinnati / St. Xavier
40	Turtle Haney	Fr.	DL	5-11	245	South Point / South Point
41	Cade Denius	Jr.	DB	5-8	185	Ava / Shenandoah
42	Jacob Medas	Fr.	LB	6-2	198	Galena / Columbus Crusaders
43	Hayden Brooke	So.	K / P	5-8	140	Cincinnati / Anderson
45	Declan Jewitt	Jr.	WR	6-0	175	Fairview / Fairview
46	Kasey Middendorf	Fr.	WR	5-9	160	Pickerington / Central
47	Tristan Pijor	So.	WR	5-9	165	Lorain / Amherst Steele
48	Lain Copper	Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Newark / Licking Valley
49	Brayden Sturgell	Fr.	DB	6-0	170	Logan / Logan
50	Carson Vault	So.	LB	5-10	205	Delaware / Buckeye Valley
51	Bobby Buckler	Sr.	LB	6-1	200	Vandalia / Butler
52	Zach Hymer	Jr.	LB	6-1	210	Maineville / Kings
53	Thomas Bobovnyk	Sr.	OL	6-0	265	Westerville / North
54	Keaton Snyder	Jr.	OL	6-1	265	Pickerington / Central
55	Nathan Brady	Fr.	OL	6-2	225	Cincinnati / Withrow
57	Thomas Cherry	So.	LB	5-10	225	Akron / Buchtel
58	Frank Mickovsky Jr.	So.	LB	5-7	180	Delaware / Hayes
59	Alex Pataky	Jr.	OL	6-3	275	Lagrange / Keystone
61	Caden Hicks	Jr.	OL	6-0	275	Pickerington / Central
62	Sharrod Laney	Jr.	DL	5-7	260	Cleveland / Warrensville Heights
63	Bryce Mount	So.	OL	6-5	305	Chesapeake / Chesapeake
64	Zane Gogolin	Fr.	DL	6-1	320	Carroll / Bloom-Carroll
65	Jaylan Davis	Fr.	OL	6-3	315	Columbus / South
66	Cole Holbrook	Jr.	DL	6-1	260	Westerville / South
67	Aaren Penn	So.	OL	6-2	220	Lucasville / Northwest
68	Austin Burchinal	So.	DL	5-10	315	Delaware / Olentangy Berlin
71	Jason Samuel	Fr.	OL	5-8	230	New Albany / New Albany

72	Cael Dent	Jr.	OL	6-3	310	Columbus / Bishop Ready
73	Jacob Neri	Jr.	OL	6-2	270	Hilliard / Darby
74	Ridge Webb	Fr.	OL	6-0	220	Delaware / Buckeye Valley
78	Clayton Adams	R-Sr.	OL	6-4	320	Homeworth / West Branch
79	Sawyer Herdlick	Jr.	DL	6-1	210	Tiffin / Columbian
80	Cam Smart	Fr.	WR	5-11	155	Hillsboro / Hillsboro
82	Cullen Dent	Fr.	LB	6-0	205	Columbus / Bishop Ready
83	Owen Menge	So.	WR	5-7	160	Columbia Station / Columbia
84	Vincent Berardi	Fr.	TE	6-2	185	Columbia Station / Columbia
85	Ethan Boyd	So.	WR	5-11	190	Strongsville / Strongsville
86	Hayden Wiley	Fr.	TE	6-4	210	Sandusky / Margaretta
87	Christian Pataky	So.	TE	6-2	210	Lagrange / Keystone
89	Owen Bebie	Sr.	WR	5-9	180	Rocky River / Rocky River
90	Caden Masterson	Jr.	DL	6-2	230	North Ridgeville / North Ridgeville
91	Carson Blank	Jr.	K	5-10	145	Columbus / Bishop Watterson
92	Braylon Balandra	Fr.	K	5-11	170	South Point / South Point
93	Sam Darla	Fr.	DL	6-2	260	West Chester / Lakota West
94	Sam Jones	So.	DL	6-0	210	Circleville / Teays Valley
95	Devin Wesley	Fr.	DL	5-8	210	Delaware / Hayes
96	Rommel Robinson	Jr.	DL	6-1	230	Columbus / South
98	Brock Pemberton	Jr.	DL	6-1	245	Gahanna / Big Walnut
99	Tinell Edwards	Fr.	DL	6-0	265	Akron / Buchtel

STAFF:

Tommy Zagorski	Head Coach
Jake Schaefer	Offensive Coordinator / QB's
Anthony Cicone II	Defensive Coordinator
Jalen Kindle	Linebackers
Manny Belluccia	Tight Ends
Jimi McAdams IV	Defensive Line
Billy Eakins	Defensive Backs
Doug Ehinger	Offensive Line
Preston Eisnagle V	Wide Receivers
Kieran Johnson	Running Backs
Joshua Price	Quality Control

Adam Prescott	Sports Information Director
Skip Ford	Equipment/Facilities Manager
Ally Smith	Athletic Trainer
Jake Sherer	Athletic Trainer

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OWU	Muskingum	Wilmington	Marietta	Capital	Heidelberg	BW	Mount Union	ONU	John Carroll
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