POWER OF 97

On Friday, September 6, 2019, Otterbein and its football program suffered a profound loss when sophomore Nigel Chatman was tragically killed in a car accident on his way to morning practice. The incident, occuring after Nigel tried to avoid an accident ahead of him, came just one day before the team's season opener at Ohio Wesleyan.

A standout nose guard, Chatman was a rising star who earned second team All-Ohio Athletic Conference as just a freshman. Even more so, he was well known as a communication studies major with one of the most outgoing, vibrant and boisterous personalities around campus. "Big Nige" was a vocal leader, the life of the locker room and one of the toughest defensive lineman in the entire conference. His unique enthusiasm and presence will always be remembered.

At Nigel's visitation services and Celebration of Life, head coach Tim Doup announced the retirement of No. 97 moving forward.

Nigel Chatman