

DELAWARE FIGHTIN' BLUE HENS

Newark, Delaware
Enrollment: 16,000

KC Keeler (Career 62-39)
9th Year at Delaware
Keeler's record at Delaware (62-39)

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

QUARTERBACKS - In '08 the Blue Hens had to replace the CAA Co-Off POY QB Joe Flacco (#1 DC BAL). Flacco threw for 4,263 (64%, 23-5) in his final ssn after transferring from Pitt. They added Ohio St trans QB Rob Schoenholtz (PS#12), who started the first 7 but threw for just 1,278 (54%) with a poor 7-13 ratio. Lou Ritacco started the L/3 after recovering from inj and threw for 309 (58%, 1-3). Both were out vs Hofstra & JMU and WR Aaron Love and TE Robbie Agnone split time at QB. All 4 departed LY but they added Penn St trans QB Pat Devlin (PS#5), who had 459 yds at PSU in '08. Devlin threw for 2,664 (64%, 16-9) and was the #4 rusher. Devlin returns along with backup Tim Donnelly (1 att, 24 yds rush).

RUNNING BACKS - In '08 the UD had to replace an AA RB, who was the tm's top rusher 4 straight yrs, incl 1,945 (4.9) in '07 but did return 4 of their top 5 rushers and added Notre Dame trans Junior Jabbie. Jabbie led with just 396 (4.4). They had to replace 5 of their top 7 rushers LY with Phillip Thaxton (181, 4.1) being the top returnee. David Hayes led with 409 (4.0) while Leon Jackson had 316 (3.2) and Thaxton had 114 (5.7) but was also the #3 rec (343, 15.0). UD returns 6 of their top 7 rushers but must replace #3 Jerry Butler (274, 3.7) who started the last 4 in '09.

RECEIVERS - In '08 UD ret'd 10 of their top 11 rec but with the QB struggles saw their passing yds cut in half. They lost 4 of their top 6 rec's in '09 incl WR Love who led with 462 (12.2) and 3rd Tm CAA TE Agnone (161, 10.1). They ret'd WR Mark Duncan (352, 9.0) who led with 39 rec. With improved QB play and a new OC, UD improved their pass off by almost 100 ypg and finished #2 in the CAA. This yr they lose TE Trevor Mooney (6 sts, 2 rec) and 1st Tm CAA WR Duncan, who led with 697 (14.5) and a tm best 6 rec TD's. They return 8 of their top 9 rec incl WR's Mark Mackey (374, 11.3) and Tommy Crosby (299, 12.0).

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL ret'd just 2 st's in '08 and had to replace an AA RT and a 3rd Tm CAA RG. UD rushed for 40 ypg less as the ypc fell from 4.3 to 3.5 and the sacks allowed went from 28 to 20 (6.7%). They ret'd 3 st's in '09 but lost 2nd Tm CAA C Kheon Hendricks. UD rushed for 19 ypg less. They finished #9 in rushing as their ypc fell to 3.1 and they allowed 27 sks (7.7%). They ret 4 st's TY and are in the 2nd yr of the new offense but do lose 2nd Tm CAA LG Corey Mackey (3 yr st'r).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '08 the DL ret'd 4 who each started 8+ gms led by 3rd Tm CAA DE Matt Marcorelle (#5 tk'l'r) who led with 15 tfl incl 8 sks in '07. The rush D ypc went from 4.1 to 3.9 but the D had 9 fewer sks (25). Marcorelle (32 tkl, 4.5 tfl) was

2nd Tm CAA despite missing 3 gms but moved to MLB. The DL lost 2 other st's but ret'd 4 who comb for 18 sts in '08. The rush D improved again as the ypc went down to 3.7 but they still finished #8 in rush D and the sack tkl dropped to 17. This yr they lose their top 2 st's in 1st Tm CAA DT Brandon Gilbeaux (#4 tk'l'r, 5.5 sks) and DE John Higginson (#9, 5.5 sk). They ret 2 st's led by DT Siddiq Haynes (#10 tk'l'r). They add Hofstra transfer DE Quincey Barr, who started 2 (10 gm) there in '08 but RS last year.

LINEBACKERS - In '08 the LB unit ret'd 2 st's who were the #1 and #3 tk'l'rs. Last year they lost the #4, #5 and #6 tk'l'rs. They ret'd RLB Andrew Harrison (#2 tk'l'r), added JC Paul Worriow and moved in DE Marcorelle, but he played just 3 gms (inj, 1 tkl). They return their top 4 LB's (comb 33 sts) led by MLB Benard Makumbi (#2 tk'l'r), LLB Worriow (#3, 4 tfl) and RLB Andrew Harrison (#5 tk'l'r, 6.5 tfl). Marcorelle has applied for a 6th year due to injuries.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The secondary ret'd all 4 st's in '08 but SS Anthony Bratton (105 tkl) was lost in the opener and the unit fell from #3 to #6 in pass D but allowed a respectable 10-14 ratio. They returned 3 st's in '09 incl AA FS Charles Graves (#1 tk'l'r, 5 int) and got Bratton back. They surprisingly fell to #8 in pass D with an 11-10 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm CAA FS Graves (#1 tk'l'r, 4 int) but return 4 who comb for 33 sts LY. All 4 finished in the top 11 in tkl's incl 2nd Tm CAA SS Bratton (#8 tk'l'r, 4 int) and CB/SS Anthony Walters (#6 tk'l'r). They add Northeastern transfer Darryl Jones, who was their #2 tk'l'r (68 tkl, 4 int, 10 sts) LY.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The ST ret'd all their top players in '08. LY they lost their P and top PR but ret KR Jerry Butler (29.6, 2 TD) and '07 AA K Jon Strifsky (7 of 13 FG). Mich St transfer Ed Wagner earned 3rd Tm CAA with a 40.0 avg and returns along with their top PR's. UD loses KR Butler (22.6, 1TD) and K Strifsky who has several UD FG records incl most in a gm (4), ssn (21, '07) and career (41).

COACHES - HC KC Keeler enters his 9th year and has had 5 winning seasons including an FCS Championship in '04. DC Nick Rapone returns for his 5th season, while former Buffalo HC Jim Hofher enters his 2nd season as OC.



SS Anthony Bratton

2010 SCHEDULE

9/2	Wester Chester
9/11	South Dakota St
9/18	Duquesne
9/25	at Richmond
10/2	at James Madison
10/9	Maine
10/16	Rhode Island
10/23	at William & Mary
10/30	
11/6	Towson (HC)
11/13	at Massachusetts
11/20	Villanova



2009 RECORD:
(6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8
LETTERMEN:

Returning: 40 (19,20,1)
Lost: 14 (5,8,1)
2009 AVG ATTENDANCE:
20,750 (F4)

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

FORECAST - UD returned just 4 off starters LY but added a Penn St transfer at QB. After finishing last in the CAA (#12) in both scoring (17.5 ppg lowest S/60) and total off (lowest S/61) in '08, UD improved to #6 in scoring and #5 in total off. They ret 8 st's TY and are in the 2nd yr under OC Hofher. UD's def added a JC and ret'd 6 st's LY but 1 was inj and played just 3 gms. They allowed less than 1 ppg more but fell from #2 to #6 in scoring D and allowed just 3 ypg more (#8 in total def). They return 8 def st's and 6 of their top tk'l'rs and add 3 transfers. After falling short of high expectations in '08, with just 10 st's back LY not much was expected of the Blue Hens. They lost by just 1 to the reigning FCS champ Richmond and started 5-2 but won just 1 of their final 4. They still had a winning season and 4 of their 5 losses were to 3 FCS playoff teams and Navy. This year they avoid New Hampshire and host both Maine and Villanova. They are changing their field from grass to FieldTurf this year. The Blue Hens look primed for a playoff run and should be in the hunt for the CAA Crown.

STADIUM: DELAWARE STADIUM (22,000) (#16) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	8Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	15-1	9-4	6-5	5-6	11-4	4-8	6-5	62-39
Home	5-1	10-0	6-1	4-2	3-4	6-1	3-3	4-2	41-14
Away	1-5	5-1	3-3	2-3	2-2	5-3	1-5	2-3	21-25
Conf	4-5	8-1	7-3	3-5	3-5	5-3	2-6	4-4	36-32
Non-Conf	2-1	7-0	2-1	3-0	2-1	6-1	2-2	2-1	26-7
Playoffs	-	4-0	1-1	-	-	3-1	-	-	8-2

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
RUSHING												
David Hayes	101	421	12	409	2	4.0	Charles Graves	69	1	1.5	3	4
Leon Jackson	99	325	9	316	6	3.2	Benard Makumbi	67	0	2	1	0
Jerry Butler	74	290	16	274	3	3.7	Paul Worriow	60	0	4	1	0
Pat Devlin	84	294	167	127	4	1.5	Brandon Gilbeaux	58	5.5	2.5	1	0
Phillip Thaxton	20	120	6	114	1	5.7	Andrew Harrison	56	0.5	6	1	0
Tim Donnelly	3	24	0	24	0	8.0	Anthony Walters	55	0	1.5	10	1
PASSING												
Pat Devlin	344	220	640	2664	16	9	Marcus Burley	51	0	0.5	1	0
Sean Hakes	5	2	40.0	13	0	0	Anthony Bratton	49	0	2.5	2	4
RECEIVING												
Mark Duncan	48	697	14.5	6	79		John Higginson	36	5.5	3	0	0
Mark Mackey	33	374	11.3	1	52		Siddiq Haynes	30	0	2	1	0
Phillip Thaxton	23	345	15.0	1	72		Tyrene Grant	25	0	2.5	0	0
Tommy Crosby	25	299	12.0	2	38		Kasseim Everett	24	0	0	1	0
Nijha White	21	238	11.3	2	39		Michael Atunrase	23	1.5	0	0	0
Mark Schenauer	17	218	12.8	0	56		Chris Morales	23	3	2	0	0
Rob Jones	19	208	10.9	2	28		Brian Void	16	0	0	0	0
David Hayes	12	91	7.6	0	18		Demitrius Hester	15	0	0	0	0
Colin Naugle	6	73	12.2	0	23		Eddie Lugo	14	0	0	0	0
Jerry Butler	8	61	7.6	0	17		Jay Pena	11	0	0	1	0
Josh Baker	3	33	11.0	1	19		Ricky Tunstall	9	0	0	1	0
PUNTING												
Ed Wagner	47	1879	40.0	5	35.3	0	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
KICKING												
Jon Strifsky	29-32	7-8	5-5	1-1	0-0	13-14	47	5	35	7.0	0	
								7	24	3.4	0	
								NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
								37	837	22.6	1	
								2	26	13.0	0	

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS
STS	PTS	YPP	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS %	YPP	VS	VS	TURN	STS	PTS	YPP	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS %	YPP	BY
4	25.6	355	112	3.1	243	63.2	13.8	27	+2	2009	6	21.5	335	138	3.7	198	58.6	15.6	17
6	17.5	276	131	3.5	145	55.3	15.8	20	-2	2008	9	20.8	332	156	3.9	177	57.0	16.0	25
10*	36.2	461	171	4.3	290	63.2	12.7	28	+12	2007	5	25.8	357	178	4.1	179	60.3	13.8	34
6	26.3	357	104	3.3	253	62.9	13.6	23	+2	2006	7	25.9	398	195	5.2	203	59.8	15.4	13
6	24.9	367	195	4.7	172	54.3	14.7	13	+1	2005	4	24.0	365	120	3.2	245	61.1	15.2	31
7	26.5	380	167	3.8	213	58.4	14.4	26	+8	2004	8	23.1	316	115	3.3	200	57.7	13.7	19

OFFENSE

UD 2009 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
22,006	West Chester	19	46-163	3.5	14-20	240	1	10	34-92	2.7	11-28	84	3	+1
20,800	Richmond	15	31-87	2.8	15-31	167	2	19	36-59	1.6	22-33	247	0	+2
20,585	Delaware St	21	33-116	3.5	19-29	227	2	20	37-135	3.6	23-40	208	3	+1
12,259	at Wm & Mary	18	18-(-2)	-0.1	33-49	302	5	22	42-145	3.5	23-37	313	0	-1
4,314	at Maine	25	49-183	3.7	21-31	329	1	18	24-68	2.8	23-36	258	1	+1
22,034	Massachusetts	23	38-127	3.3	19-26	284	1	18	21-32	1.5	28-44	325	1	+1
6,026	at Towson	17	39-204	5.2	9-16	127	0	15	40-231	5.8	9-26	91	4	0
20,639	James Madison	16	29-9	0.3	19-42	215	8	13	49-124	2.5	11-15	262	0	+1
18,433	Hofstra	14	40-120	3.0	14-22	185	2	18	33-111	3.4	21-35	240	3	-3
34,223	at Navy	22	42-176	4.2	17-27	194	2	16	51-242	4.7	4-6	78	1	0
12,073	at Villanova	25	26-45	1.7	42-58	407	3	16	43-275	6.4	9-14	68	1	-1
TOTALS		215	391-1228	3.1	222-351	2677	27	185	410-1514	3.7	184-314	2174	17	+2
AVERAGES		19.5	36-112	3.1	20-32	243	2.5	16.8	37-138	3.7	17-29	198	1.5	+0.2

2009 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS	BY	TURN
10	34-92	2.7	11-28	84	3	+1			
19	36-59	1.6	22-33	247	0	+2			
20	37-135	3.6	23-40	208	3	+1			
22	42-145	3.5	23-37	313	0	-1			
18	24-68	2.8	23-36	258	1	+1			
18	21-32	1.5	28-44	325	1	+1			
15	40-231	5.8	9-26	91	4	0			
13	49-124	2.5	11-15	262	0	+1			
18	33-111	3.4	21-35	240	3	-3			
16	51-242	4.7	4-6	78	1	0			
16	43-275	6.4	9-14	68	1	-1			

2004 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
New Hampshire	21-24
Towson	21-17
West Chester	24-6
at Massachusetts	21-7
Maine	43-38
at Hofstra	20-19
William & Mary	31-28
at Navy	20-34
at James Madison	13-20
at Richmond	23-14
Villanova	41-35
Lafayette	28-14
at William & Mary (2OT)	38-44

2005 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Lehigh (OT)	34-33
West Chester	42-21
Holy Cross	35-23
at Towson	31-35
Hofstra	6-10
at Richmond	10-20
James Madison	34-28
at Maine	15-25
Massachusetts	7-35
at William & Mary	22-21
at Villanova	38-13

2006 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
West Chester	30-7
Albany	10-17
at Rhode Island	24-17
New Hampshire	49-52
at Northeastern	24-27
Hofstra	10-6
at Richmond	28-24
Towson	35-49
at James Madison	24-44
William & Mary	28-14
Villanova	27-28

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at William & Mary	49-31
West Chester	41-14
Rhode Island	38-9
at Towson	27-7
Monmouth	42-7
at New Hampshire	30-35
Northeastern	30-20
at Navy	59-52
James Madison	37-34
Richmond (5OT)	56-62
at Villanova	10-16
Delaware St	44-7
at Northern Iowa	39-27
at Southern Illinois	20-17
at Appalachian St	21-49

2008 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Maryland	