

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

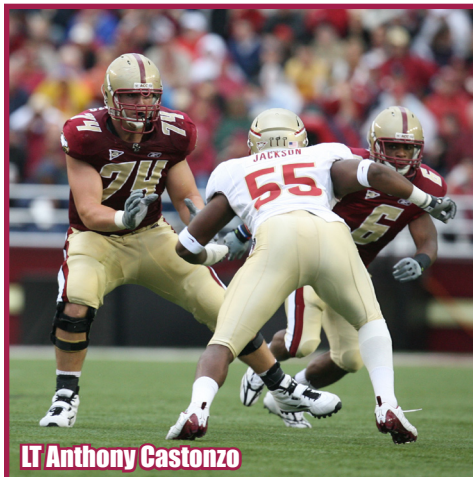
QUARTERBACKS - Matt Ryan was a Heisman contender in 2007 and broke Philip Rivers' ACC single season passing yardage mark throwing for 4,507 (59%, 31-19). Ryan has excelled in the NFL (#1DC). Into '08 BC's QB corps had just 40 career att's. Chris Crane (PS#65) won the starting job and threw for 1,721 (55%, 10-13). He was injured and rFR Dominique Davis threw for 741 (46%, 6-4). They appeared to be in great shape last year but Davis was ruled ineligible in May and transferred to E Carolina. The '09 unit then had zero career att's. They added in 25 year old Dave Shinskie (PS#53) who spent 6 years playing minor league baseball. Shinskie was the frontrunner but broke a rib in Aug (miss 2 wk) and Justin Tuggle (PS#39) took the #1 spot. Tuggle and Shinskie split snaps early and Shinskie took over as the starter in Wk 4. He threw for 279 vs ND but on the season only threw for 2,049 (51.7%, 15-14). Tuggle played in 4 (229, 35%) and transferred after Wk 8. True frosh Mike Marscovetra (PS#207) played in 4 (135, 59%). This year Shinskie and Marscovetra both return and adding depth are two true frosh (both IFS) in Chase Rettig (PS#39) and Joshua Bordner (PS#118). This is the most exp'd BC QB corps in the last 3 years.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Derrick Knight was 5 yards short of tying a school record with 1,721 (5.4) and was the 6th straight BC rusher to top 1,000. Over the next 4 years Andre Callender (PS#30) and LV Whitworth (PS#82) split the job and neither topped 1,000 with Callender's 969 (4.6) in '07 the closest either came. In '08 they had to replace their top 3 rushers and a pair of true frosh, Josh Haden (PS#21) and Montel Harris (PS#159) took the bulk of the snaps. Haden had 479 (4.0) and Harris broke the team's frosh rushing record (776, Shelby Gamble, 1979) with 900 (5.0). Last year Harris took command. Haden had just 58 att in 7 games (213, 3.7) and transferred out after the ND game. Harris set the BC soph rushing record and his 264 vs NCSst broke Phil Bennett's overall single game mark (253, 1972). His 41 carries vs MD tied Fred Willis' 1970 record. Harris finished with 1,457 (4.7) and 14 TD's topping 100 in each of the last 5. True frosh Rolandan Finch (PS#32) had 134 (4.8) despite missing 6. This year the only losses are Jeff Smith (8 yds) and Haden. Not listed below is Mike Javorski (57" 164 So). While it will be tough for Harris to top 2009's outstanding numbers, this unit is more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 Rich Gunnell (PS#70) led with 931 (14.5). He was #2 with 551 (11.2) in '08 while Brandon Robinson (PS#20) led with 646 (15.4). Last year they had to replace Robinson and TE Ryan Purvis (14 st). Gunnell (best hands in ACC) led with 880 (14.7). Colin Larmond (PS#123) became the big play WR (20.6) and was #2 with 596. TE Chris Pantale (PS#27) had 223 (8.9) while Justin Jarvis (6'5", PS#190) added 229 (12.7) and TE/FB Lars Anderson (PS#32TE) had 102 (12.8). This year they lose Gunnell (13 st), Jarvis (12 st) and Clarence Megwa (3 rec). Not in the PSL is Donte Elliott (6'0" 197 So, PS#220) who moved from RB in spring. Despite the loss of their career leader, this unit is about as exp'd.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be called "O-line U" as they have had 12 NFL DC's over the last 14 yrs. When former HC Jeff Jagodzinski took over in '07, he switched BC to a zone blocking scheme and their OL coach Jim Turner resigned due to a "difference in philosophies" after the spring. Jagodzinski signed Anthony Castonzo (spent '06 at Fork Union) who became the first "true" frosh to start on the O-line since Paul Zukauskas in 1997. BC's numbers plummeted to just 99 ypg rush (3.4), their lowest avg since 1990. Thanks in part to Ryan's quick release the team yielded just 3.3% sacks. In '08 they had to replace 3 st's (#1DC) and had just 5 of their top 10 back. Despite the losses, I

speculated they could improve and they did (143 ypg, 3.9, 4.7% sk). Last year they only had to replace one starter (1st Tm ACC) and a bkp. Surprisingly the numbers stayed the same with 137 ypg rush (3.8) and 20 sks (5.7%). Castonzo has started every game of his BC career (1st Tm ACC LY). This year they lose 1st Tm AA C Matt Tennant (13 st, 3Y str, Rimington finalist, #5DC NO) but 9 of the top 10 are back (108 career sts, #8 FBS). This should be BC's most productive O-line in over 5 years.



LT Anthony Castonzo

DEFENSIVE LINE - BC always has a strong rush D. In '08, led by the outstanding DT combo of BJ Raji and Ron Brace (both 325 lbs), they yielded 91 ypg (2.8). Last year those two were #1 and #2 DC's but they did have 3 back who had been full-time starters at DE. They were less exp'd and much smaller in the middle (no st' over 295). They only slipped to 103 ypg (3.0) but only had 18 sks. The unit was hit by injuries with just one player starting all 13 and that was Jim Ramella who played most of the yr in a cast. This year they lose DE Ramella (28 tk, 3 sk), DE Austin Giles (11 st, 30 tk, 2 sk), DT Nick Rossi (1 st, 18 tk) and Brendan Deska (1 tk). They return 4 with starting exp and add PS#35 rFR Dillon Quinn giving them another top-notch unit.

LINERACKERS - Last year BC had to replace 2 LB's (comb 14 sts, 124 tk) but did have back their top 2 LB's in Mark Herzlich and Mike McLaughlin. Unfortunately, McLaughlin tore his Achilles and missed the first 3 and saw his tackles drop from 89 to 56. Herzlich was diagnosed with cancer and missed the season but was still a leader from the sideline. This year they lose McLaughlin (9 st) but Herzlich returns and joining him are 4 who started last year, including super true frosh Luke Kuechly (1st Tm ACC) who had 158 tkls (#1 ACC, #2 FBS) and 13 tfl. Not in the PSL is Andre Lawrence (6'1" 210 rFR). If Herzlich can return close to 100% this could be the best LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '07 BC had to replace 2 st's and surprisingly allowed 252 ypg passing (58%) which was the most in BC history, despite having a 21-25 ratio (#44 PDR). In '08 they only had 1 starter ret but moved up to #29 with an outstanding 9-26 ratio. LY they had to replace 2 st's but had 3 back with 6+ sts. BC slipped to #38 (61.8%, 12-15 ratio). This year they lose CB Roderick Rollins (11 st, 43 tk, 6 pd) and SS Marcellus Bowman (13 st, #2 tk/r, 4 pd). Not listed below are Dan Mulrooney (6'1" 209 Jr, PS#149) and Stephen Atkinson (6'1" 209 So, PS#201, 2 tk). They have 3 exp'd CB's and FS Wes Davis back and could move up in my PDR.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Former HC Tom O'Brien's top finish in his first 7 yrs ('97-'03) in my ST rankings was just #48. They finished #6 in '04 (#97 in '05) and #18 in his final year ('06). In '07 they had everyone back but dropped to #67 and in Jag's 2nd year fell to #110. Last year everyone ret'd including K Steve Aponavicius ("Sid Vicious"). Aponavicius had a great year hitting 13-14 FG's with his lone miss coming in the 12th game (1 att 40+). Soph Ryan Quigley (PS#42) had 7 TB's on 61 KO's and avg 40.8 punting (36.9 net). Jeff Smith was the top KR again (22.1) and Rich Gunnell improved his PR avg to 13.7. The unit was #42. This year they must replace Aponavicius and both returnmen and figure to drop a notch or two.

COACHES - Twice in the last 4 yrs this position has left me scratching my head. Tom O'Brien, who had the most wins in BC history (75), made what I thought was a lateral move to NCSst in '07 despite the fact he had perhaps his most talented team returning. Jeff Jagodzinski, who was the OC here from '97-'98 and the GB Packers' OC in '06, took over. He was my pick for ACC COY with 11 wins being the most ever for a 1st year ACC coach. Jag was successful again in 2008 and then came the 2nd head scratcher. He opted to interview for an NFL HC job knowing that BC would fire him if he did. Jag ended up as Tampa Bay's OC (fired by Bucs before ssn started). One constant for BC has been DC Frank Spaziani (14th yr) who was the interim HC for the bowl in '06 (won). He stayed on the staff despite not getting the HC job in '07 and then took over last year. The OC is Gary Tranquill (2nd yr) who has worked under Bill Belichick, Nick Saban and Woody Hayes. He was the HC at Navy for 5 years ('82-'86). The DC is Bill McGovern (2nd yr) who was the LB coach under Spaziani for 9 years prior.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As I mentioned in the coaches section, Tom O'Brien made a surprising move to NC State in late '06 and his final edition on Chestnut Hill finished 10-3. Jeff Jagodzinski inherited a veteran squad including QB Matt Ryan. BC joined the ACC just 5 yrs ago and in that span has the best conf record of any ACC Atlantic team at 26-14. They tied for the Atlantic Title in '05 and played in the ACC Title Game in '07 and '08. From 2004-'08 they had 5 straight seasons of 9+ wins for the first time in school history. BC's '07 edition had 17 fifth year seniors and 8 fourth year juniors in the 2 deep. They survived some close calls on the way to the ACC Title game. They rose as high as #2 AP, their highest since Nov 1942 (#1). They had a miracle comeback vs VT with 2 TD's in the final 2:11 but at 10-2 lost the ACC Title game. Then they took on a Mich St team playing without 4 susp players and got past them by 3. Their 11 wins were the most in school history tying Frank Leahy's 1940 squad (11-0). In '08 they had to replace QB Ryan and had the 2nd fewest ret st's in the ACC (9). After a 6-3 start, they were a long shot for the Atlantic Title. They needed to win their final 3 (2 away) vs the top 3 in the Atlantic and did just that. In the ACC Title game they were pounded by Virg Tech 30-12 and then had their NCAA-leading streak of 8 consec bowl wins snapped by Vandy. Last year they had 13 ret st's but lost proj starting QB Davis in the summer creating a mess. Also top def player Mark Herzlich missed the season. They were picked LAST in the Atlantic by the preseason ACC poll (I had them 3rd). The team struggled in its first 2 road games with 1 FD in the first 43:00 vs Clemson. Against Virg Tech they were outgained 293-3 in the 1H. They thrashed ex-coach O'Brien's NCSst team 52-20. They were done in by 5-in turnovers at ND. After beating CM and escaping Virginia, BC stood 7-3. The Eagles gave up FR and IR TD's early vs NC putting them in a 21-0 hole and they lost 31-13 but beat MD to finish 5-3 in the ACC. They did drop their 2nd straight bowl (to USC). BC was -62.5 ypg in ACC play (3rd worst) and had a 3 net close wins (see pg 299). They have 14 ret st's and are in Spaziani's

2nd season and last year had 32 sts lost to injury (#13 in FBS). Six of my 9 sets of power ratings call for a double digit win season as they take on my #64 rated schedule. If Herzlich is 100% healthy this team is a contender for the ACC Title.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2010

WR	Shakim Phillips	6-2	191	PS#22
LB	Kevin Pierre-Louis	6-1	215	PS#25 IFS
OL	Seth Betancourt	6-4	285	PS#50
QB	Stelle Divitto	6-2	214	PS#45
QB	Chase Rettig	6-4	205	PS#39
OL	Robert Vardaro	6-5	307	PS#79
OL	Harris Williams	6-4	291	PS#98
OL	Andy Galik	6-3	290	PS#118
TE	Jarrett Darmstadt	6-4	241	PS#39
DB	CJ Jones	5-11	165	PS#18
RB	Andre Williams	5-11	202	PS#101
DB	Bobby Swigert	5-11	185	PS#141
WR	Bobby Swigert	6-1	175	PS#128
WR	Alexander Amidon	5-11	179	PS#149
RB	Tahj Kimble	5-11	198	PS#128
QB	Joshua Bordner	6-4	185	PS#118
DB	Sean Sylvia	6-1	205	PS#324
OL	Andrew Kramer	6-7	275	PS#339
DB	Dominic Appiah	6-5	260	PS#412
DB	Dominic Williams	5-11	196	PS#478
OL	Jaryd Rudolph	6-3	268	PS#61

OFFENSE JERSEY # IN MAROON 2010 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP JERSEY # IN MAROON DEFENSE

QB 15 DAVE SHINSKIE SR. 6-4 216 PS#53.6y MLB. 10st, 2049 (52%), 15-14 ratio true.
7 Chase Rettig PS#39. IFS. **16 Mike Marscovetra** (6'4" 192 So) PS#207. 4 gm, 135 (59%) true.
RB 2 MONTEL HARRIS JR. 5-10 200 PS#159. 900 (5.0) true. 13 st, 1457 (4.7) 2nd Tm
ACC LY. 23 Rolandan Finch (5'10" 201 So) PS#32. 134 (4.8) true. Sterin Philter (5'10" 213 rFR) PS#98.
HB 87 LARS ANDERSON JR. 6-3 243 PS#32TE. 14 gm, 84 (9.3) rFR. 11 st, 102 (12.8) LY.
FB 36 James McCluskey (6'2" 251 Sr) PS#27. 17 st, 135 (3.4) 3Y. 13 Codi Boek (6'3" 221 Sr).
WR 14 Billy Flutie Sr. 6-2 194 PS#53. 3 rec rFR. 14 gm '08. 11 gm, 5 rec (9.6) LY.
80 Johnathan Coleman (6'4" 218 rFR) PS#421. 17 Clyde Lee (6'0" 191 So) PS#183. 4 rec (10.0) rFR.
WR 10 Colin Larmond Jr. 6-3 200 PS#123. 96 (19.2) true. 2 st, 596 (20.6) LY.
Shakim Phillips PS#22. Ryan Lindsey (5'8" 168 Sr) PS#57. 8 gm 3Y. Bobby Swigert PS#128.
TE 81 CHRIS PANTALE SO. 6-6 244 PS#27. 13 st, 223 (8.9) rFR. **88 Jordon McMichael** (6'5" 242 Sr) PS#24. 9 gm, 1 rec, 2Y, 6 gm, 4 rec (16.2) LY. Mike Naples (6'4" 234 rFR) PS#47.
63 NATHAN RICHMAN JR. 6-6 292 PS#144. 5 gm rFR. 10 st LG, 10 gm (inj) LY.
62 Ian White (6'5" 299 rFR) PS#405. **LS 57 Sean Flaherty** (6'2" 212 So). 9 gm LS as rFR.
RG 78 THOMAS CLAIBORNE SR. 6-3 325 PS#59. 5 gm rFR. 14 st RG '08. 13 st RG LY. HM ACC LY. **71 Nick Halloran** (6'6" 277 So) PS#139. 6 gm rFR. Bryan Davis (6'3" 284 rFR) PS#523.
LG 77 Emmett Cleary So. 6-7 297 PS#126. 4 st (3 LG, 1 RT), 12 gm rFR. **69 Mark Spinney** (6'4" 292 Jr) PS#102. 1 gm rFR. 6 gm LY. Harris Williams PS#98. Andy Galik PS#118.
RT 66 RICH LAPHAM SR. 6-8 322 PS#36. 9 gm rFR. 14 st RT '08. 11 st (inj) LY. **72 Mike Goodman** (6'6" 302 So) PS#62. 1 st, 8 gm rFR. Seth Betancourt PS#50. Aaron Kramer PS#339.
LT 74 ANTHONY CASTONZO SR. 6-7 295 14 st RT true. 14 st LT, 2nd Tm ACC '08. 13 st LT. 1st Tm ACC LY. **73 John Weizel** (6'7" 286 So). 6 gm true. **78 Keith Bourne** (6'4" 280 rFR) PS#382.
K 43 Nate Freese Jr. 6-0 170 PS#44. 46 gm Quigley (6'3" 191 Jr) PS#42. 136 punts (40.3), 91 KO (60.0), 8 TB 2Y. **37 Michael Sodic** (6'2" 180 Jr). Walked-on spg '10.

RE 98 ALEX ALBRIGHT SR. 6-5 248 PS#131. 12 st, 58 tk, 2Y. MedRS '08. 8 st, 32 tk, LY. 3 Ileanyi Momah (6'6" 228 Sr) PS#119. 12 rec 2Y. RS LY. **33 Dan Williams** (6'2" 240 Jr) 10 gm, 9 gm 2Y.
DT 55 DAMIK SCAFE SR. 6-3 291 PS#58. 22 tk 2Y. 10 st, 35 tk, 6.5 tfl LY. **93 Bryan Murray** (6'2" 295 So) PS#131. 3 gm, 4 tk, 1 tfl rFR. Dominic Appiah (6'5" 260 Fr) PS#412.
DT 92 Dillon Quinn rFR. 6-6 279 PS#35. 96 Kaleb Ramsey (6'3" 274 Jr) PS#78. 7 gm, 6 tk true. 3 st, 7 gm, 11 tk, 2 sk LY. **61 Conor O'Neal** (6'3" 299 So) PS#362. 6 gm, 4 tk true.
LE 47 Brad Newman Sr. 6-2 256 PS#70. 30 tk 2Y. 6 st, 13 gm, 45 tk LY. **56 Max Holloway** (6'2" 242 So) PS#180. 16 tk, 10 gm rFR. **91 Kasim Edeball** (6'2" 245 rFR) PS#274.
SLB 94 MARK HERZLICH SR. 6-4 238 PS#43. 30 st, 249 tk, 30 tfl, 3Y. Missed LY. **32 Kevin Pierre-Louis** PS#25. **41 Jake Sinkovec** (6'4" 228 rFR). **35 Andre Lawrence** (6'1" 210 rFR) PS#46.
MLB 40 LUKE KUECHLY SO. 6-3 225 PS#77. 12 st, 158 tk, 1st Tm FR AA LY. **54 Nick Clancy** (6'3" 226 So) PS#48. 1 st, 17 tk LY. **39 Darius Bagan** (6'2" 232 Sr) PS#88. 16 tk LY. LY. **53 Mike Morrissey Sr.** 6-2 219 12 gm, 3 tk, 2Y. 7 st, 37 tk LY. Will Thompson (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#59. 16 tk 2Y. **44 Alexander DiSanzo** (6'3" 230 So) PS#72. 4 st, 28 tk rFR.
CB 9 DeLEON GAUSE SR. 5-11 179 PS#467. 23 gm, 13 st, 61 tk, 2Y. 11 st, 49 tk LY.
25 Chris Fox (5'11" 198 Sr) PS#52. 3 tk 3Y. CJ Jones PS#118. **32 AJ Currelley** (5'10" 199 So).
CB 19 Isaac Johnson Jr. 6-0 183 PS#66. 14 tk true. 1 st, 27 tk, 1 int LY. **4** Donnie Fletcher (6'1" 196 Jr) PS#103. 4 st, 36 tk true. 3 st, 51 tk LY. James McCaffrey is PS#141.
SS 26 Dominick LeGrande Jr. 6-2 218 PS#68. 10 gm, 9 tk true. 6 st, 13 gm, 36 tk LY.
23 Jim Noel (6'4" 181 So) PS#61. 12 tk, 12 gm true. **37 Hampton Hughes** (6'3" 203 So) 1 gm rFR.
45 WES DAVIS SR. 6-1 221 PS#107. 1 st, 20 tk true. RS (inj) '07. 12 st, 60 tk '08. 12 st, 46 tk, 2 int LY. **27 Okechukwu Okoro** (6'1" 195 So) PS#45. 1 st, 9 gm, 7 tk rFR.
46 RYAN QUIGLEY JR. 6-3 191 PS#42. 59 punts (39.6) tm net, 33.0 true. 77 (40.8) LY. **14 Billy Flutie** (6'2" 194 Sr) PS#53. 18 (33.2) 2Y. **48 Gerald Levano** (6'2" 214 So).