

WEBER STATE WILDCATS

Ogden, Utah
Enrollment: 18,303

Ron McBride (Career 120-90)
6th Year at Weber State
McBride's record at Weber St (32-27)

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

QUARTERBACKS - In '08 WSU ret'd the '07 BSC Newcomer of the Yr, QB Cameron Higgins, who threw for 1,959 (56%, 17-9) and 172 rush. Higgins set BSC & WSU records for passing (4,477) and WSU records in pass eff (65.6%, 36-16 ratio), TD passes and was the BSC OPOY in '08. AA Higgins returned LY but his numbers declined to "just" 3,326 (63.7%) with just a 30-20 ratio incl an 0-4 ratio in the playoff gm vs W&M. Backup Mike Hoke hit 7-9 for 74 yds with 40 yds rushing. Both return and Higgins will need numbers closer to his '08 ssn if the Wildcats hope to make the playoffs this year.

RUNNING BACKS - WSU ret 6 of their top 7 rushers in '08 incl two 1st Tm BSC players in RB Trevyn Smith (#1 BSC, 1314, 5.0) and FB Marcus Mailei (42, 2.0). Smith became just the 2nd RB in BSC history to lead the BSC 3 straight yrs in rushing (1585, 5.4, 21 TD). Smith was also WSU's #2 rec (778, 12.5, 7 TD) and led the FCS in scoring (168 pts). LY WSU added Utah transfer FB Zac Eldridge (PS#319) and ret their top 2 rushers led by AA Smith but lost 1st Tm BSC FB Mailei (202 ttl yds). Smith's numbers dropped to "just" 1,001 (4.3) and he departs as the only WSU RB to rush for over 5,000 career yds. FB Bo Bolen rushed for 442 (5.0) as a rF but leaves for a LDS Mission and their top returner had just 42 yds.

RECEIVERS - In '08 WSU ret their top 6 rec led by WR's Bryant Eteuati (720, 13.6) and Tim Toone (698, 21.8). Last year they returned their top 4 rec including AA TE Cody Nakamura (729, 15.2, 10 TD) and AA WR Toone, who set BSC and WSU records with 1,525 (18.2) and is WSU's career leader with 19 TD rec but lost starting WR Eteuati (516, 11.2). Nakamura suffered a ssn ending knee inj after 3 sts and is applying for a 6th yr. Toone led again with 1,109 (13.4, 1st Tm BSC) and was the final pick in the NFL draft (#7 DC DET). They lose 3 of their top 5 rec but return Mike Phillips (704, 18.1) and Joe Collins (455, 9.5), who was granted an extra yr by the NCAA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL ret just 2 st's in '08 and had to replace a #4 DC. While their rush ypc declined the ypc improved from 4.1 to 4.2. However the sks allowed increased from 12 to 20 (4.2%) but that was in 3 more gms. LY the OL replaced 3 st's incl AA LT Paul Carpenter and 1st Tm BSC LG Lawia Naih. They ret'd 1st Tm BSC C Kyle Mutcher and 2nd Tm RG JC Oram. Their numbers dropped again as the ypc fell to 3.6. This yr they must replace 1st Tm BSC C Mutcher and 2nd Tm BSC RT Nestor Cruz. They add JC Joel Turribates (PS#445JC) and move in TE Kevin Halfhill (3 sts) and expect to ret 3 st's but 2nd Tm BSC Oram missed spg (acad).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '08 the DL ret 3 st's incl Utah transfer NG Bryce Scanlon (#5 tk'l'r). Their rush D slipped for a 2nd straight yr as the ypc went from 3.6 to 4.3 (sks 24 to 30). The DL had to replace 3 st's LY incl AA NG Scanlon (#5 tk'l'r). They returned 1st Tm BSC

DE Kevin Linehan (#3 tk'l'r) who was #2 in the BSC with 10.5 sks. They improved the ypc to 4.1 but the sks fell to 22. The losses are heavy TY as they lose 1st Tm BSC DE Linehan (#4 tk'l'r, 6.5 sk), DE Brighton Barkdull (#11 tk'l'r), DT Ryan Eastman (26 tk), trans to Hawaii) and NT Maiah Fa'atoafa (#10 tk'l'r), who had to give up football (inj). They return DE's Sam Fenn (27 tk) and Gabe Bowers (19 tk).

LINEBACKERS - The LB unit had to replace 1 st'r but ret 2nd Tm BSC SLB JD Folsom (#2 tk'l'r) and MLB Clayton Swan (#3) in '08. LY they lost all 3 st's including Swan (#2 tk'l'r) and 1st Tm BSC SLB Folsom (#4 tk'l'r, #7 DC) and while they added JC Val Tafuna, he had just 2 tk. This yr they lose SLB Caldwell Taylor (#6 tk'l'r) but ret their #1, #5 and #9 tk'l'rs led by MLB Taylor Sedillo (100 tk).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The secondary ret 3 st's in '08 and while they dropped from #1 to #2 in pass def they improved the ratio allowed from 25-6 to an impressive 18-19. Last year they lost 2 st's incl FS Scotty Goodloe (#7 tk'l'r, 5 int). They did return 3 of the unit's top 4 tk'l'rs in AA SS Beau Hadley (#1 tk'l'r, 4 int), 1st Tm BSC CB Josh Morris (#6, 5 int) and FS Thyrell Lewis (#8, 1 int) and added 2 JC's, incl Jordan Brown (PS#359JC). They were again #2 in pass def and allowed a 13-11 ratio. They lose SS Hadley (#3 tk'l'r) but return 3 st's including 1st Tm BSC CB Josh Morris (#7 tk'l'r, 7 pd) and FS Brown (#2 tk'l'r, 3 int).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The ST unit ret all of their top players in '08. Last year they had to replace their top returner Bryant Eteuati who avg 22.8 on KR and 12.1 on PR. They returned both kickers incl Jon Williams, who hit 10 of 13 FG (L42), P Mike Snoy avg 41.5 with and outstanding 39.7 net (1st Tm BSC) and took over FG's hitting 12-20. WR Toone was 1st Tm BSC ST avg 19.9 (2 TD) on PR, while Bo Bolen avg 24.6 on KR, but everyone departs this yr.

COACHES - HC Ron McBride enters his 6th season and was the BSC COY in '08. WSU had to replace both coor's LY but this year OC Matt Hammer and co-DC's Jake Cookus and Colton Swan all return for their 2nd season.

FORECAST - Weber St's 10 wins in '08 tied a school record for most wins in a ssn ('87), they won their first Big Sky Title since '68 and made their 1st playoff appearance since '91. One reason for the big upturn was the TO margin that went from (-13) in '07 to +7 in '08. They ret just 9 st's LY (fewest in BSC) but still made their 2nd straight playoff appearance and 2 of their 5 losses were to FBS tms by a comb 8 pts. Last year the off returned 6 starters including 4 AA but their numbers dropped across the board and they ended the ssn -8 TO. This yr the off ret 7 st's, but they lose their all-time leading rusher, their top rec (NFL DC) and their top 2 OL. They do return QB Higgins, who needs just 238 yds to reach 10,000 pass yds, so they do have potential. While the def ret'd just 3 st's LY they remained #2 in scoring

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4 at Boston College
9/11 Northern Colorado
9/18 at Sacramento St
9/25 UC Davis
10/2 Eastern Washington
10/9
10/16 at Idaho St
10/23 Portland St
10/30 Montana
11/6 at Montana St
11/13 at Northern Arizona
11/20 at Texas Tech



2009 RECORD:
(7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (15,18,1)
Lost: 22 (9,12,1)

2009 AVG ATTENDANCE:
6,500 (#60)

BIG SKY

and moved up from #4 to #3 in total def. This yr they ret 6 st's but lose 6 of their top 11 tk'l'rs and took heavy losses up front on the DL. They must also replace all of their top ST players. The Wildcats ret 13 st's this yr but have some big holes to fill and how well they do that will determine if they make their 3rd straight playoff especially since they play 2 FCS teams for a 2nd straight yr.



QB Cameron Higgins

RB JC Oram

STADIUM: ELIZABETH DEE SHAW STEWART (17,500) (#33) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	8Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-4	1-10	6-5	4-7	5-6	10-4	7-5	44-49
Home	3-2	5-2	0-6	4-1	3-3	3-2	5-1	4-1	27-18
Away	0-6	3-2	1-4	2-4	1-4	2-4	5-3	3-4	17-31
Conf	1-6	4-3	1-6	4-3	3-5	4-4	7-1	6-2	30-30
Non Conf	2-2	4-1	0-4	2-2	1-2	1-2	3-3	1-3	14-19
Playoffs							1-1	0-1	1-2

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
RUSHING												
Trevyn Smith	234	1049	48	1001	7	4.3	Taylor Sedillo	100	0	5.5	5	1
Bo Bolen	88	464	22	442	3	5.0	Jordan Brown	97	0	0.5	4	3
Viangamalie Tafuna	5	42	0	42	0	8.4	Kevin Linehan	79	0	3	1	2
Mike Hoke	15	48	8	40	0	2.7	Nick Webb	61	6.5	6	1	0
Joel Hancock	1	6	0	6	0	6.0	Caldwell Taylor	39	1	1.5	2	0
Cameron Higgins	34	36	158	-122	0	-3.6	Josh Morris	38	0	2	5	2
PASSING												
Cameron Higgins	454	289	63.7	3326	30	20	Thyrell Lewis	36	0	1.5	8	2
Mike Hoke	9	77.8	74	1	1		Brett Felton	35	0	1.5	0	0
RECEIVING												
Tim Toone	83	1109	13.4	10	52		Maiah Fa'atoafa	29	1	1.5	0	0
Mike Phillips	39	704	18.1	6	80		Brighton Barkdull	27	2	2.5	0	0
Joe Collins	48	455	9.5	4	45		Sam Fenn	27	1.5	2.5	0	0
Trevyn Smith	37	292	7.9	0	49		Ryan Eastman	26	4	1	0	0
Bo Bolen	27	269	10.0	3	32		Adam Saga-White	23	10	2.5	1	0
Cody Nakamura	21	184	8.8	4	20		Willie Harris	22	0	1	0	0
Kamana Kaimikaua	13	132	10.2	1	23		Faron Creighton	21	0	0	6	0
Tyrell Francisco	12	131	10.9	3	26		Gabe Bowers	19	1.5	2	0	0
Zac Eldridge	6	36	6.0	0	21		Blake Keller	15	0	0	0	0
Brian Jankowski	2	27	13.5	0	17		Aloloifa Levale	11	1	0	0	0
PUNTING												
Mike Snoy	50	2075	41.5	16	39.7	0	Andy Yocom	11	1.5	0.5	0	0
KICKING												
Mike Snoy	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL LONG	NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS
Mike Snoy	32-34	6-8	5-7	1-4	0-1	12-20	47	19	378	19.9	2	0
Jon Williams	4-6	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	39	958	24.6	0	0

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS	
STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	VS	TURN	STS	PTS	YDS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	
6*	28.2	399	115	3.6	283	63.9	14.1	19	-8	2009	3	21.7	376	156	4.4	220	51.6	17.3	22
7*	35.2	455	131	4.2	324	65.1	12.9	20	+7	2008	6	22.6	363	155	4.3	208	51.6	16.1	30
7	27.2	393	163	4.1	230	50.9	14.5	12	-13	2007	6	29.5	348	136	3.6	212	51.5	11.8	24
7	18.3	293	122	3.7	172	54.3	16.0	37	-2	2006	4	24.1	299	113	3.1	187	55.1	12.4	27
8	25.2	381	157	4.0	224	51.5	15.1	20	+1	2005	7	25.2	347	159	4.2	188	46.4	13.8	27
4	18.4	308	104	2.8	204	45.9	16.8	36	-5	2004	6	34.1	414	208	5.0	206	64.2	12.2	26

OFFENSE							2009 STATS BY GAME							DEFENSE				
WSU	ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN		
18,016		at Wyoming	19	21-89	4.2	32-51	322	2	23	48-246	5.1	16-32	188	2	-4			
23,417		at Colorado St	25	36-58	1.6	29-47	258	2	12	23-63	2.7	11-24	243	1	-2			
8,467		Idaho St	26	37-234	6.3	29-35	297	2	21	27-145	5.4	19-39	234	2	+3			
6,659		at Portland St	25	26-89	3.4	31-48	410	2	14	28-124	4.4	17-26	353	3	0			
6,112		Montana St	25	37-132	3.6	28-45	337	2	18	46-202	4.4	11-17	150	2	-2			
5,370		at E Washington	20	42-184	4.4	21-37	325	0	23	27-35	1.3	24-39	354	4	+4			
8,218		Sacramento St	20	28-95	3.4	26-34	305	1	21	37-111	3.0	18-37	205	2	+2			
2,852		at N Colorado	27	45-189	4.2	25-37	292	2	18	29-116	4.0	18-29	278	0	-1			
25,811		at Montana	13	26-56	2.2	16-34	243	3	24	52-288	5.5	14-30	218	1	-4			
4,321		N Arizona	15	41-157	3.8	15-22	170	0	10	36-169	4.7	6-25	66	0	-1			
5,382		Cal Poly	24	29-107	3.7	23-33	364	1	21	52-148	2.8	11-24	166	5	+2			
6,497		at William & Mary	9	18--6	-0.3	21-40	167	2	23	47-221	4.7	15-28	187	0	-5			
TOTALS	248	386-1384	3.6	296-463	3400	19	228	452-1868	4.1	180-350	2642	22	-8					
AVERAGES	20.7	32-115	3.6	25-39	283	1.6	19	38-156	4.1	15-29	220	1.8	-0.7					

2004 RESULTS		2005 RESULTS		2006 RESULTS		2007 RESULTS		2008 RESULTS		2009 RESULTS	
OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE
at Southern Utah	31-34	Western St	61-0	at Colorado St	6-30	at Boise St	7-56	at Montana-Western	62-6	at Wyoming	22-29
at UTEP	0-32	at Fresno St	17-55	at Cal Poly	0-17	at Cal Poly	19-47	at Hawaii	17-36	at Colorado St	23-24
UC Davis	29-31	at North Dakota St	0-41	Southern Utah	24-13	Montana St	5-21	at Dixie St	44-7	at Idaho St	44-17
at Northern Arizona	27-55	Northern Arizona	31-23	Portland St	10-20	at Montana	10-18	at Sacramento St	32-27	at Portland St	36-29
Montana	21-42	at Montana	19-24	Northern Colorado	26-21	Sacramento St	26-7	at Utah	21-37	at Montana St	21-26
at Montana St											