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Football Release 8 (Glenville State Recap) - September 11, 2002

## Bob Findora leads Golden Rams on rout of Glenville St.

*Sophomore QB earns PSAC East Player of the Week honors; Eckmeyer sets mark*

GLENVILLE, WV - The West Chester University Golden Rams evened their record at 1-1 Saturday, September 7, by trouncing defending West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion Glenville State (WV) 48-7 on Saturday, September 7.

Sophomore QB **Bob Findora (Downingtown/Coatesville)** was tremendous in the blowout, completing 20 of 32 pass attempts for 289 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. Findora was tabbed the *Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Offensive Player of the Week* for his fine performance.

WCU jumped out to a 35-0 halftime advantage, scoring on four of its first six possessions. The Golden Rams racked up 257 rushing yards in the win while holding Glenville St. to just 23 yards on the ground. WCU gained 583 yards of total offense on the night compared to the Pioneers' 325.

The victory marked WCU's first in the month of September since September 26, 1998, when the Golden Rams downed Shippensburg 36-21. It was also the first time WCU claimed a win on the road in September and a win outside of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since beating New Haven 33-27 in overtime in West Haven, CT, on September 12, 1998.

### *Eckmeyer Runs to History*

As usual, junior RB **Mike Eckmeyer (Glendora, NJ/Triton)** accounted for a great deal of the Golden Rams rushing attack. Eckmeyer scampered for 136 yards on 16 carries and eclipsed the 100-yard rushing plateau for the eighth consecutive game dating back to last season. This string of such outings *sets a new WCU record*, breaking Derrick Price's mark of seven straight 100-yard games (9/30-11/12/88).

Eckmeyer scored on a six-yard run in the first quarter against the Pioneers, then took a screen pass 41 yards for a score in the third quarter. The play marked Eckmeyer's first career touchdown reception.

### *Sharing the Wealth*

Findora did a masterful job of spreading the ball around in the victory, connecting with eight different targets in the contest. Sophomore WR **Cory DeForrest (Wycombe/Council Rock)** proved to be Findora's favorite receiver on the evening, snaring five balls for 80 yards and a 26-yard touchdown. The TD was his team-best third scoring reception of the season.

Senior SE **Brian Bradley (Philadelphia/South Philadelphia)** hauled in five receptions for 66 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown catch on the Golden Rams opening drive of the game.

Sophomore WR **Omar Harris (West Chester/Henderson)** turned in a career night against Glenville State, catching three passes for 45 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Harris was on the receiving end of a 25-yard scoring pass in the second quarter, then wrapped up the scoring for WCU with a splendid 17-yard catch and run in the third.

Senior TE **Ryan Koch (Muncy/Muncy)** added three receptions for 40 yards for the Golden Rams.

### *Line Gets Offensive*

The Golden Ram offensive line was dominant at Glenville State, controlling the line of scrimmage the entire game. The unit paved the way for a WCU ground game that accumulated 257 yards. Findora went basically untouched all night as the offensive line did not surrender a sack.

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## ***Devastating Defense***

The WCU defense made a huge statement in the romp over Glenville State, keeping the Pioneers off the scoreboard in the first half. In addition to limiting Glenville to 325 yards of total offense, the Golden Rams held the Pioneers to 7 for 17 on third downs and 0 for 5 on fourth-down attempts.

The defensive unit also did some scoring of its own as junior FS **Jim McCullough** (*Laurel Springs, NJ/Triton*) found paydirt on an 18-yard fumble recovery return in the opening quarter. McCullough recorded WCU's first interception of the season in the fourth quarter, picking off a pass over the middle and returning it 29 yards. He also added three tackles and a pair of pass breakups.

McCullough's running mate in the WCU secondary, sophomore SS **Chad Weaver** (*Mechanicsburg/Red Land*) was all over the field in the victory. Weaver posted five total hits, three pass attempts and forced the fumble that McCullough picked up and ran into the end zone.

Junior CB **Calvin Braxton** (*Philadelphia/Central*) topped the Golden Rams with eight tackles, including one for a loss of a yard. Braxton also broke up a pair of passes.

Sophomore CB **Jason Moore** (*West Chester/Henderson*) registered six tackles and freshman DB **Matt Zenuk** (*Aston/Salesianum, DE*) posted five hits. Senior MLB **Brandon Neely** (*Willow Grove/Upper Moreland*) added three tackles and a pass breakup, while sophomore DE **Graham Eggleston** (*Mechanicsburg/Mechanicsburg*) notched WCU's lone sack of the game - a nine-yard loss.

## ***Second Team Impressive***

WCU's second team offense saw plenty of action against the Pioneers due to the lopsided nature of the contest, and a number of Golden Rams made the most of the opportunity.

Junior QB **George Caroulis** (*Upper Darby/Upper Darby*) entered the game midway through the third quarter and promptly completed four of six passes for 37 yards and a 17-yard touchdown to Harris. Caroulis also added a pair of tackles on special teams.

Red-shirt freshman RB **Kyle Stockton** (*Media/Ridley*) gained 39 yards on seven carries, while freshman FB **A.J. Cummins** (*Lititz/Warwick*) ran the ball six times for 32 yards.

## ***"Special" Teams***

The WCU special teams played a pivotal role in the blow-out victory. Sophomore PK **Dan Wilbourne** (*Doylestown/Central Bucks East*) converted six of seven extra point attempts and was solid on kickoffs. Weaver was strong on punt returns, with three returns for 64 yards, including a long of 41. The Golden Rams also forced Glenville State into two botched punt attempts.

## ***History***

While it is believe to be the first time a West Chester University football team has played in West Virginia, the contest vs. Glenville State also marked the first time the Golden Rams have faced a WVIAC opponent. The win was important from a regional perspective since the WVIAC is in the Northeast Region with the Golden Rams.

## ***Next up for the Golden Rams***

WCU will visit Newark, DE, and I-AA University of Delaware to face the Blue Hens for the first time in two years on Saturday, September 21 at 7 p.m.

The events of September 11, 2001, postponed last year's game.