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## **West Chester Golden Rams @ Delaware Blue Hens**

***Saturday, September 21, 2002 - Kickoff 7 p.m. - Delaware Stadium, Newark, DE***

**WEST CHESTER, PA** - The Golden Rams of West Chester University (1-1) will make their annual trek to Newark, DE, on Saturday night to tackle the Blue Hens of the University of Delaware (1-2) for the 44th time. Kickoff at Delaware Stadium is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Last season the two teams did not meet following the attack of September 11.

### ***This Week's Opponent: Delaware***

*(Courtesy of Delaware Sports Information)*

**CHARLESTON, SC** - Nehemiah Broughton scored on a one-yard dive with 43 seconds remaining as The Citadel knocked off No. 15 Delaware 24-20 Saturday afternoon at Johnson Hagood Stadium.

For the second straight week, the Blue Hens' hopes to come away with a road victory were dashed in the final minute. Two weeks ago, Delaware had an 18-yard field goal blocked with just 17 seconds left in a 15-13 loss at Richmond.

Delaware got one last crack at the end zone with no time left. After a defensive holding penalty, the Blue Hens had the ball at The Citadel 46. Quarterback Andy Hall threw one last pass up for grabs into the end zone, but it fell incomplete.

For the game, The Citadel ground out 155 yards and held a 374-298 advantage over Delaware in total offense. Nate Mahoney finished the day with 128 yards rushing to go along with 41 receiving yards. Mahoney rushed for 100 yards in the first half, the first time an opponent had done that against Delaware since November 1998.

Hall finished the day 15 of 21 for 147 yards. Seven of those completions went to Brian Ingram, who finished the day with 79 yards receiving.

### ***The Last Meeting***

In the worst loss in West Chester University football history, the Golden Rams fell to Delaware 84-0 on September 23, 2000, at Delaware Stadium.

### ***The Coaches***

Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler (Delaware '81) is in his first season as head coach of the Blue Hens and his 10th as a collegiate head coach...he has amassed an 89-23-1 mark during his career...Rick Daniels is in his 14th year as the head coach of the Golden Rams...he is 82-58-1 all-time...Daniels is second on the all-time win list behind the legendary Dr. W. Glenn Killinger.

### ***WCU vs. Delaware - The History***

The Golden Rams (6-36-2 all-time vs. UD) are looking to capitalize on their 48-7 victory over Glensville State two weeks ago...Delaware beat WCU 29-10 in 1999...the first time these two teams met was in 1941 when they battled to a 7-7 tie...the last time WCU defeated the Blue Hens was on September 26, 1992, when Golden Ram linebacker Chris Emery batted down a two-point conversion attempt to secure the WCU victory...WCU's most lopsided win occurred in 1988 when the Golden Rams crushed the Blue Hens 33-13 behind quarterback Al Niemela and wide receiver Billy Hess...that victory occurred on the last day of the season and propelled WCU into the NCAA Division II Championships for the first time...it proved costly, however, as Niemela was injured on one of the final plays of the season and missed the playoffs that year.

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### ***Golden Rams defeat Glenville State***

**GLENVILLE, WV** - Sophomore quarterback **Bob Findora (Downingtown/Coatesville)** threw four touch-down passes and the Golden Ram defense stifled Glenville State's offense in a 48-7 thumping of the Pioneers on September 7.

The victory gave WCU its first win in September since September 26, 1998 (vs. Shippensburg 36-21), and its first road win in September since a 33-27 overtime victory at New Haven (CT).

It also marked WCU's first win out of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since that same New Haven game.

*(See accompanying press release for details of WCU vs. Glenville State.)*

### ***Ramblings***

The Golden Rams need just five wins to reach 500 all-time...WCU is now the second winningest Division II program in the nation behind Texas A&M - Kingsville...the Golden Rams have finished first or second in the PSAC East in 30 of the 36 years they have competed in the league...seniors **Brandon Neeley (Willow Grove/Upper Moreland)** and **Jason Cserpnyak (Bethlehem/Southern Lehigh)** are the team captains in 2002...WCU was picked to finish fourth in the PSAC East in the league's preseason poll voted on by the head coaches.

### ***Internet Broadcast***

For the first time ever, all 11 Golden Ram football games will be broadcast on Red Zone Media this season...fans may access Red Zone Media through the WCU webpage: <http://iws.wcupa.edu/athletics/>...on the main page will be a link to the football games...seniors **Sean Kane (Guthriesville/Bishop Shanahan)** and **Chris Rudolph (Mortonville/Bishop Shanahan)** will handle the play-by-play and commentary for nearly all of the games this season...the WCU-Delaware broadcast will begin at 6:45 p.m. EDT.

### ***Radio Broadcast***

All seven day games will be broadcast on WCHE 1520 AM again this season...the games will be simulcast with the internet broadcast...Saturday's game is expected to be broadcast on West Chester University's student-run radio 91.7 FM WCUR.

### ***The Next Game***

The Golden Rams will host Shippensburg University on Saturday, September 28, at 1:30 p.m...the game will feature the annual Walk of Champions at halftime, as well as the unveiling of the 2001-02 WCU Male and Female Athlete and Scholar-Athlete of the Year winners.