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2009 Carson-Newman Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27 (Thurs.)	at Winona St. (Minn.)	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	at North Alabama	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 10 (Thurs.)	Campbellsville	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	UNC Pembroke	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Newberry *	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 03	at Mars Hill *	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Catawba (HC) *	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Lenoir-Rhyne *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Brevard *	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Wingate *	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Tusculum *	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	NCAA Playoffs (1st Round)	TBA
Nov. 21	NCAA Playoffs (2nd Round)	TBA
Nov. 28	NCAA Quarterfinals	TBA
Dec. 5	NCAA Semifinals	TBA
Dec. 12	D-II Championship Game	TBD

* South Atlantic Conference Game
All Times Eastern and Subject to Change



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General Information

Name of School Carson-Newman College
 Location..... Jefferson City, Tennessee
 Founded.....1851
 Enrollment.....2,206
 Nickname Eagles
 Colors..... Orange, Blue and White
 Stadium Burke-Tarr Stadium/Artificial Turf
 Capacity.....5,500
 Conference South Atlantic
 National Affiliation NCAA II
 President..... Dr. J. Randall O'Brien
 Alma MaterMississippi College, 1975
 Athletic Director.....David Barger
 Alma Mater Carson-Newman, 1970
 Athletic Department Phone (865) 471-3359
 Ticket Office Phone (865) 471-3396

History

First Year of Football.....1885
 All-Time Record (Dates to 1913) 544-299-32 (.629)
 # Years in NCAA Playoffs..... 11 (11 NAIA)
 Last Postseason Appearance2008
 Result Lost at Valdosta State, 24-20
 National Titles 5 (NAIA-1983, '84, '86, '88, '89)
 Runners-Up 5 (NAIA-1972, '87, NCAA-1996, '98, '99)

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E-mail: sports@knews.com

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Ken Sparks (30th Season)
 Alma Mater.....Carson-Newman, 1968
 Record at School.....276-67-2 (29)
 Career Record.....Same
 Best Time To Reach.....Mornings
 Office Number.....(865) 471-3466
 Assistant Coaches (Position)
 Jim Deaton.....Assoc. Head Coach/Defensive Coord.
 Mike Clowney.....Asst. Head Coach/Linebackers
 Mike Turner.....Offensive Coordinator
 Mike Whitley.....Defensive Ends/Special Teams
 David NeedsFootball Ops./Quarterbacks
 Dan Redding.....Defensive Tackles
 Alvin Sanders.....Wide Receivers
 Lynn Underwood.....Offensive Line/Video Coord.
 John Cryder.....Tight Ends
 Mo Whitten.....Asst. Running Backs
 Bryce Lybrand.....Asst. WRs and Video Coord.
 Mac Lambert.....Running Backs
 Jason Carey.....Defensive Line
 David Crawford.....Offensive Line
 Alan Duncan.....Kickers/Punters
 Kevin Washington.....Defensive Backs
 Mike Van Bruggen.....Head Athletic Trainer
 Richard Everett.....Chaplain

Team Information

Overall Record Last Year.....7-4 (3-1 home, 4-3 away)
 Conference Record/Finish5-2/1st (tie)
 Final Ranking Last Year18th (AFCA)
 Basic OffenseVeer Option
 Basic Defense4-3
 Starters Returning
 Offense.....7
 Defense.....7
 Special Teams.....4
 Total18
 Starters Lost
 Offense4
 Defense 5
 Total.....9

Radio Information

Play-by-PlayZeke Beam
 Flagship StationWRJZ-AM 620, Knoxville
 Color CommentatorJeremy Ball
 Station Contact.....Dave Clabo
 WRJZ Main Phone.....(865) 525-0620



ZEKE BEAM

Voice of the Eagles
Director of Athletic Communications

Zeke Beam begins his sixth season as the “Voice of the Eagles” for Carson-Newman football and basketball. He is also in his second year as Director of Athletic Communications for the Carson-Newman Athletic Department.

Beam, in his 11th season with the Eagle Radio Network, has called all of the Eagle football action since 2004. In ‘07, he stepped over to television for the Eagles’ two regionally-televised wins against Virginia State and Chattanooga on CSS.

An ‘02 graduate of Carson-Newman, Beam handles play-by-play call for C-N football, as well as Eagle men’s and women’s basketball. He also serves as the host of *The Ken Sparks Show*. He is very familiar with the Eagles’ program as he served as the sideline and halftime reporter for the Eagles’ football games and the color commentator for the basketball games as a student at Mossy Creek.

In addition to his duties for the Eagle Radio Network, Beam was named the Director of Athletic Communications in July of ‘07, and serves as the head of the C-N Athletics Media Relations Office.

Beam completed his M.B.A. in Marketing and Finance from the University of Tennessee in 2004. He spent the summer of ‘04 working for ESPN and *Sunday Night Football* in Bristol, Connecticut.

EAGLE RADIO NETWORK

2009 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27 (Thurs.)	at Winona St. (Minn.)	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	at North Alabama	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 (Thurs.)	Campbellsville	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	UNC Pembroke	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Newberry *	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 03	at Mars Hill *	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Catawba (HC) *	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Lenoir-Rhyne *	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Brevard *	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Wingate *	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Tusculum *	12:30 p.m.

* South Atlantic Conference Game

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Carson-Newman and the Eagle Radio Network will once again have WRJZ-AM 620 (Joy 620) of Knoxville serve as the flagship station for Carson-Newman football.

Each broadcast begins 30 minutes prior to kickoff with the *Farm Bureau of Hamblen County Countdown to Kickoff*, the most complete pre-game show in D-II football. Following the contest, fans can stay tuned for a live interview with Eagle Head Coach Ken Sparks, as well as locker room reaction from the Eagle players.

Joining Zeke Beam in the booth is fifth-year color commentator Jeremy Ball. Spotters Aaron Vargas and Kyle Benjamin, both students at Carson-Newman, will join the Eagle Network for their third seasons.

The Ken Sparks Show

WBIR-Channel 10 (Knoxville) will again be the home of *The Ken Sparks Show (TKSS)*. TKSS is the official television program of Carson-Newman Football.

Join Zeke Beam and Eagle Head Coach Ken Sparks every Sunday night for a look back at the Eagles’ last game, as well as preview of C-N’s next opponent. The show will also take an in-depth look at an Eagle player or coach each week on the *Eagle Insider*.

TKSS airs every Sunday night following *Sunday Night Football* and the news (approx. midnight) on Knoxville’s NBC affiliate. TKSS re-airs on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. on 10News2.



MEDIA INFORMATION



CARSON-NEWMAN MEDIA RELATIONS AND GAME MANAGEMENT STAFF

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TO THE MEDIA

We hope you will find this publication useful while covering the 2009 Carson-Newman Eagles football team. This guide is published primarily as a source of information for reporters representing newspapers, television and radio stations, wire services and magazines. On this page is procedural information that should assist in coverage of the Eagles.

If you cannot find the information you need in this book, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (865) 471-3513 or (865) 471-3477. We are always ready to serve you. The C-N Media Relations and Marketing Office is located in Holt Fieldhouse, Rooms 2120 and 2119. All football offices are located in the football operations facility.

INTEREST ACCESS

Wireless and ethernet access to the internet is available to members of the media in the Burke-Tarr Stadium Press Box. Please see a member of the Carson-Newman Media Relations Staff for access prior to each game.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Requests for press box or sideline passes should be submitted in advance of game dates to the Carson-Newman Media Relations Office. Press box space is limited, so priority will be given to media outlets which regularly cover the Eagles. Remaining seats will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Every attempt will be made to provide indoor seating for scouts, but the working press will be given first consideration. Sideline passes for photographers will be granted upon request. If time permits, credentials will be mailed; Otherwise, the passes will be left at the will call window of the C-N ticket booth.

PRESS BOX

The main press box at Burke-Tarr Stadium is located atop the west stands and provides unobstructed, enclosed viewing of the game for media personnel, both coaching staffs and visitors to the C-N President's Box. The entrance, which is available to only those with proper credentials, and is accessed by the elevator. Restrooms are located in the main press box and beneath the west stands.

STADIUM PRESS BOX TOBACCO POLICY

In accordance with the policies and procedures of Carson-Newman College and the laws of the state of Tennessee, all areas of Burke-Tarr Stadium are a smoke-free environment. This does include the stadium press box. This rule includes all forms of tobacco products. The C-N Media Relations Office appreciates the media's cooperation in adherence to this policy.

MEDIA SERVICES

Final statistics, play-by-play and abbreviated halftime statistics will be furnished to the media. If requested, game statistics will be sent via e-mail to your media outlet. A courtesy phone line is also available for media use. C-N Head Coach Ken Sparks will be available for postgame comments in the press box after doing a brief radio show. A light meal will be served at halftime and soft drinks will be provided throughout the game. Live, in-game stats will be available at www.carsonnewmaneagles.com.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Permission to broadcast from Burke-Tarr Stadium may be obtained by calling the director of the C-N Media Relations Office. The official visiting radio station will be granted priority use of the guest facilities. A phone line has been installed for the visiting radio broadcast and additional lines can be installed for a fee of \$50.00 per line.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews with Carson-Newman Head Coach Ken Sparks, players, or other athletic personnel must be arranged through the Carson-Newman Media Relations Office. Please contact the Sports Information Director to set up a meeting date, time and location. Best times for interviews during the week are before and after practice. Media outlets will not be granted interviews prior to or during a game, but arrangements for postgame meetings can be made.

Telephone interviews are available to the media on a "call-back" basis only. Individual player telephone numbers WILL NOT be given to members of the media under any circumstances. Carson-Newman players are instructed NOT to conduct interviews when contacted directly by telephone. The Carson-Newman Media Relations Office will arrange for telephone interviews at a time most convenient for the student-athlete.

MEDIA PARKING

Media parking at Burke-Tarr Stadium is available on a limited basis. Requests for parking should be made when submitting press and/or photo credentials.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Football practice is usually open to the members of the media. Television and still photographers are welcome to shoot selected parts of practice. Please contact the C-N Media Relations Office to arrange the date and time of arrival for footage and photographs.

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Media Relations Office
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WIVK/WNOX	P.O. Box 11167 Knoxville, TN 37939	865-558-9900	Jimmy Hyams	jimmy.hyams@citcomm.com

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Lenoir-Rhyne	P.O. Box 7356 Hickory, NC 28603	828-328-7174	828-328-7399	John Kars	karsjd@lr.edu
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Newberry	2100 College Street Newberry, SC 29108	803-321-5667	803-321-5169	Josh Manck	josh.manck@newberry.edu
Tusculum	P.O. Box 5021 Greeneville, TN 37743	423-636-7326	423-636-7370	Dom Donnelly	ddonnelly@tusculum.edu
Wingate	Campus Box 3054 Wingate, NC 28174	704-233-8186	704-233-8169	David Sherwood	dsherwod@wingate.edu
South Atlantic Conference	226 North Park Drive Rock Hill, SC 29730	803-981-5240	803-981-9444	Dennis Switzer	dennis@thesac.com

Dr. J. Randall O'Brien
22nd President
Carson-Newman College

Dr. J. Randall O'Brien was named the 22nd president of Carson-Newman College on July 8. Previously the provost, professor of religion and visiting law professor at Baylor University, the McComb, Mississippi native is a graduate of Yale Divinity School, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Mississippi College.

O'Brien went to Baylor in 1991 as an associate professor of religion after serving for three years as senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark. During his service at Baylor, he served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, professor and chair of the department of religion, acting dean of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary and executive assistant to the president of the university before his position as executive vice president and provost. From 1980-1987 he held a tenured faculty appointment at Ouachita Baptist University.

As a Baylor professor, O'Brien received numerous teaching awards selected by students, including Mortar Board's Circle of Achievement Award on three occasions, the Carr P. Collins Outstanding Professor Award presented annually by the graduating class, the Outstanding Professor Award given by Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and the Outstanding Faculty Member Award presented by the student congress.

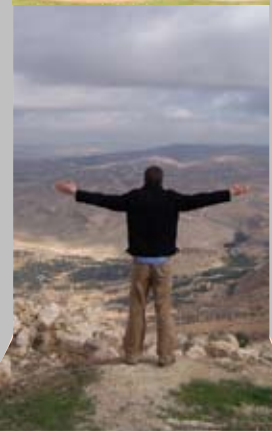
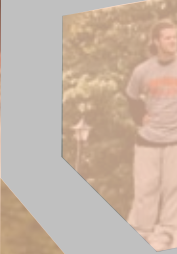
O'Brien is a noted author who has published more than 70 scholarly articles and entries for the Anchor Bible Dictionary, as well as for Eerdmans, Mercer and Holman encyclopedias. His four books are: "Set Free by Forgiveness: The Way to Peace and Healing," "I Feel Better All Over Than I Do Anywhere Else," "Who Is Jesus?" and "The Progression of the Mosaic Motif to the Johannine Concept of Messiah."

O'Brien has also served as pastor or interim pastor of 19 churches in Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. He regularly preaches in revivals and conferences in churches, conventions, and universities across the United States and abroad.

Listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Religion, Who's Who in Humanities in Higher Education, C-N's president is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. He recently completed a term as president of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Southwest Region; and presently sits on the executive board of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities.

He is a decorated military veteran who served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. In that role he received, among other decorations, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the United States Air Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Bronze Star.

O'Brien is married to Kay, a licensed social worker who taught in Baylor's School of Social Work from 1997 until moving to Jefferson City. The couple has two daughters, Allison Elise who is married to Nathan Syer, and Shannon who is married to Eric Evans. Both couples are currently preparing to serve as international missionaries. They also have a son, Chris, a college freshman.



where you learn matters...

EQUIPPING. . .

Carson-Newman College has been recognized regularly as "a great school at a great price" by U.S. News & World Report and as one of America's Best Colleges by Forbes.com. But the real measure of a college or university is what happens in the classroom. And what happens in Carson-Newman's classrooms is teaching -- world-shaking, life-changing, heart-shaping teaching. Classroom teaching is important because each student's calling is important, whether it's unlocking the mysteries of life-threatening diseases, inner-city social work or delivering the message of salvation half a world away. Carson-Newman's mission is to prepare students for those life challenges, no matter where they may arise. At the heart of the Carson-Newman experience is a distinct Christian heritage. For almost 160 years, C-N has been growing hearts and minds to make a difference in the world. The influence of the institution lives in the 18,000 Carson-Newman alumni who span the globe and serve the world.

INVOLVING. . .

Beyond the classroom, C-N students engage community life through SPOTS, the SGA,

honor societies, Appalachian Outreach, pre-professional organizations, Community Connections, bible studies and Operation Inasmuch, to name just a few. Each year, approximately half of the student body takes part in a mission project or community service effort.

And while C-N's athletics program draws athletes and fans from across the U.S., the College also offers one of the best intramural programs in the country. Consistently rated as one of C-N's top three programs by graduating seniors, Intramurals offer more than 40 fun events each year, including flag football, basketball and softball, but also campus favorites "Family Feud" and "Spades."

TRANSFORMING. . .

Ultimately, the school you choose is the way you choose to shape your life. At Carson-Newman you will experience an interested and caring faculty that will challenge you through academic rigor and inspire you to pursue Christian excellence. To discover Carson-Newman and the life you can make here, visit www.cn.edu. Better yet, we invite you to visit us and see why . . . *where you learn matters.*





DAVID BARGER
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
 29TH Year
 Carson-Newman, 1970

A 1970 graduate of Carson-Newman College and a member of the athletic department since 1980, David Barger is in his 19th year as athletic director and is the dean of the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) athletic directors. Since coming on board 29 years ago, Barger has been involved in all facets of the program. He has used that knowledge and expertise to build one of the premier athletic programs at the NCAA Division II level.

As athletic director, he oversaw Carson-Newman's move from the NAIA ranks to NCAA Division II (1993-94). Barger has served on NCAA committees and directed numerous NCAA postseason events on the C-N campus in the sports of football, soccer, wrestling and basketball. He played an instrumental role in the renovation of Holt Fieldhouse and the construction of the Maddox Student Activities Center during the 1992-93 sports year. Barger has had significant input in the planning and promotion of the new Burke-Tarr Stadium.

The Athletic Department has also undergone changes in regards to gender equity as the women's programs have been upgraded under Barger's leadership. There has been a twenty percent increase in the number of student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics since Barger became A.D. Prior to taking the A.D. post on an interim basis in Feb., 1990, and receiving a permanent appointment in May 1990, Barger had served the Carson-Newman athletic program in many ways. His service to the college dates back to his days spent here in pursuit of a degree.

Following his high school days at Chattanooga Red Bank where he was recently inducted into the school's Hall of Fame, Barger worked as a student athletic trainer while earning a degree in business administration. That area of study was put to good use over the next ten years as he worked as an auditor and controller in the banking industry in Chattanooga and Morristown.

In the years following his graduation, Barger continued to serve the athletic department and Carson-Newman in numerous capacities. He served as vice president and president of the National Alumni Association and president of the Eagle Club. He also served as a member of the Alumni Executive Committee, member of the Board of Advisors and president of the Chattanooga alumni chapter. In 1978, the C-N letterman was presented the Eagle Club's Booster of the Year award.

Barger joined the athletic department on a full-time, professional basis in 1980, when he became the director of athletic promotions. After serving in that role for nine years, he was named the director of athletic development in 1989. Just a few months later, Barger was named interim athletic director and later full-time A.D., replacing Ken Sparks.

David resides in Talbott with his wife, Malinda. The Bargers are active members of Manley Baptist Church where David serves as a deacon. They have three children Allyson (Kilgore), Paul and Philip and two grandsons, Taylor and Tanner Kilgore.



Barger has been at Mossy Creek since 1980, and was instrumental in C-N's move to the NCAA level in the early '90's.



The 2009 Carson-Newman Athletic Training Staff (from left to right): ATEP Director Chico Dupas, Misty Hudgins, Chris Melton, Head Athletic Trainer Mike Van Bruggen, Travis Stueve, and Melissa Schneider.

MIKE VAN BRUGGEN
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

9th Year

Mike Van Bruggen begins his ninth year as head athletic trainer for the Eagles.

Van Bruggen oversees all aspects of providing comprehensive health care for the more than 500 Eagle student-athletes. Additionally, Mike is responsible for the implementation of the athletic department's comprehensive Alcohol & Drug Education and Testing Program. As a faculty member in C-N's Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, Van Bruggen has been instrumental in the development of the athletic training education major which was awarded national accreditation in the fall of 2004.

Van Bruggen is an active volunteer on local, regional and national levels, serving as a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross. He currently serves as the Tennessee representative on the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association college and university athletic trainers committee. Prior to arriving in Jefferson City, Mike was the Head Athletic Trainer and Assistant Athletic Director at Howard Payne University in Texas. He has also held appointments at Flowing Wells High School in Tucson, Arizona and in the New York Mets minor league system. Van Bruggen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from the University of Arizona.

The Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society Van Bruggen the Eugene Smith/Mickey O'Brien College Athletic Trainer of the Year for 2008 in January.

Mike is married to the former Sheri Whitney and they have one son, Alex.



FOOTBALL

NAIA National Champions
1983, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989
NAIA National Finalists
1972, 1987
NCAA National Finalists
1996, 1998, 1999
National Playoff
1972, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988,
1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995,
1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004,
2008
South Atlantic Conference Champions
1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990,
1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008

WOMEN'S TENNIS

South Atlantic Conference Champions
2007, 2009
NCAA Tournament
1999, 2000, 2007, 2009

MEN'S TENNIS

South Atlantic Conference Champions
1999, 2000
NCAA Tournament
1999, 2000, 2004, 2006

MEN'S GOLF

South Atlantic Conference Champions
2003
NCAA Tournament
2000, 2003, 2004, 2007

WOMEN'S GOLF

South Atlantic Conference Champions
2009

SOFTBALL

South Atlantic Conference Champions
1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009
NCAA Tournament
1995, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007,
2008, 2009
NAIA District Champions
1988, 1989, 1991, 1992
NAIA National Tournament
1991

MEN'S SOCCER

South Atlantic Conference Champions
2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008
NCAA Tournament
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

WOMEN'S SOCCER

South Atlantic Conference Champions
2003, 2004, 2006, 2008
NCAA Tournament
2003, 2004, 2005 (Final 4), 2006, 2007, 2008

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

South Atlantic Conference
Champions
1993, 1994, 1995, 2005
NCAA Tournament
2000, 2001, 2002, 2005

MEN'S BASKETBALL

South Atlantic Conference Champions
1990-91, 1993-94, 2001-02, 2002-03
NAIA National Tournament
1961, 1962, 1963, 1964,
1965, 1983, 1984
NCAA Tournament
1994, 2002

VOLLEYBALL

South Atlantic Conference Champions
2000, 2002
NCAA Tournament
2002, 2008

BASEBALL

NAIA National Champions
1965
South Atlantic Conference Champions
1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003
NAIA District Champions
1962, 1963, 1964, 1965
1967, 1968, 1969, 1970
NCAA Tournament
1999, 2002, 2007, 2008
NAIA World Series
1965, 1993
NCAA World Series
1999

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

South Atlantic Conference Champions
1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2005
NAIA Tournament
1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1992, 1993
NCAA Tournament
1995, 1998, 2005, 2007, 2009

WRESTLING

NCAA Top 10s: 2 - NCAA Top 20s: 7
NAIA Top 10s: 6 - NAIA Top 20s: 10
All-Americans
NCAA: 20 - NAIA: 36
NCAA Individual National Champions
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NAIA Individual National Champions
4



'09-'10 C-N Spirit Squads (left to right, front to back): Pamela Gray, Christine Steffan, Susan Lesser, Bethany Wells, Julianna Edmisten, Shana Smith, Allee Johnson, Chelsea Phillips, Leah Brooks, Carling Puckett, Tori Branch, Nikki Smith, Tori Gordan, Randi Hurst, Shaleia Whitehead, Natalie Lester, Erin Nanney, Melissa Nanney, Leslie Jones, Heather Goforth, Jessica Hamby, Miriam Wilson, Skyler Martin, Amber Helton, Talon (Antonio Gomez), Miriam Hughes, Briana Rector, A.J. McKee, Havilah Dozier.

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BURKE-TARR STADIUM RECORDS

C-N Record At Burke-Tarr Stadium: 195-38-2 (.834)

C-N Record At "New" Burke-Tarr Stadium: 15-2

New Burke Tarr Stadium Firsts (all vs. Lenoir-Rhyne, 10-22-05):

First C-N rush: Alex Rouse (20 yards)

First C-N pass: Alex Rouse to Otis Miller (13 yards)

First C-N tackle: Anthony Robinson tackles Andrew Tudor

First C-N score: Anthony Robinson recorded safety

First C-N touchdown: Kiel Angry (14 yards)

First C-N field goal: Brandon Mott (27 yards)

Highest Attendance: 5,321 vs. Tusculum, 2007

Most Points By C-N: 77 vs. Tusculum (24), 2000

Most Points By Oppt: 62, New Haven vs. C-N (31), 1993

Most Combined Points: 110, C-N (61) vs. Mars Hill (49), 2008

Longest Rush: 99 by Ronaie Maye vs. Lenoir-Rhyne, 1999

Longest Pass: 98 Leonard Guyton to Alvin Sanders, vs. New Haven, 2002

Longest Kickoff Return: 100, Damon Wright vs. Wingate, 1992 & Presbyterian, 1990; Terry Guess (Gardner-Webb), 1994

Longest Punt Return: 95, David Pool vs. Gardner-Webb, 1988; Steve Dees vs. Shepherd, 1983

Longest Int. Return: 100, Pat Apke vs. Mars Hill, 1983; Mike Schlechter vs. Liberty, 1986; Chuck Proffitt vs. Catawba, 1989

Longest Field Goal: 52, Louis Reveiz vs. Liberty, 1986

Longest Punt: 73, Gary Graves vs. Newberry, 1978

Most Yards Rushing: 299, Heath Hawkins vs. Slippery Rock, 1998

Most Yards Passing: 388, John Craven (Gardner-Webb), 1992

Most Yards Receiving: 319, Tom Jones vs. Lenoir-Rhyne, 1969



MOSSY CREEK



THE "KEN SPARKS ATHLETIC COMPLEX"

Construction on a new "operations" building for Carson-Newman Football began in the fall of 2006. In July of 2008, the Eagles moved into one of college football's premier facilities.

Complete with new athletic training facilities, locker rooms, football offices, and a world-class weight room, Carson-Newman now owns the facilities to match its longstanding on-field success.

On September 4, 2008, when the Eagles played host to North Alabama, the building was re-named the Ken Sparks Athletic Complex, honoring the Eagles' longtime head coach and one of the winningest coaches in college football history.



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