

Bears are back in town:

Pikeville College returns with several new names, new coach for rematch against No. 2, 1-0 Cougars

If it seems as though it was just yesterday that Pikeville College came to the University of Saint Francis for a game, in football time, it practically was – four games ago.

That’s when PC last visited USF for an NAIA Championship Series first-round game. It was back in November 2005 and what a difference in the two teams that take the Sporturf today at Bishop D’Arcy Stadium.

The Bears are looking for their first win under a new coach – Mac Bryan. Several talented players are gone as well including Indianapolis Colts draftee Antwan Marsh, who was a first-team NAIA All-American defensive back and Mid-South Conference Player of the Year. PC is looking for a back to replace Calvin Joplin, who rushed for more than 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

PC junior Chip English was the starting quarterback for the Bears in 2005 averaging 220.8 yards per game, but freshman Jacob Hundley took the majority of the snaps in the loss to Henderson State last Saturday. Hundley hit on 24-of-42 passes with two interceptions for 160 yards. English was 1-for-4 with two interceptions.

USF’s player personnel has changed quite a bit for the Cougars with the loss of 19 seniors, seven who started on offense and five on defense, six including medical Redshirt Tise Aby, from the team that ended Pikeville’s first berth in the NAIA CS 41-7.

Eric Hooks has earned the USF quarterback slot in place of departed Chris Bramell, the 2005 Mid-

USF in NAIA Team Stats -- 2006

# 1	Total Offense	508.0 ypg
# 1	Passing Offense	323.0 ypg
# 6	Scoring Offense	39.0 ppg
#15	Rushing Offense	185.0 ypg
# 1	3rd Down Conv.	62.5%
# 1T	First Downs	28.0 pg
#15	Pass Efficiency	143.3 rating
#11 T	Turnover Margin	+2.00
# 1	Sacks by USF Defense	5.0
# 1	Opponent 1st Downs	8.30
# 6	Scoring Defense	6.0 ppg
# 3	Total Defense	114.0 ypg
# 4	Rushing Defense	17.0 ypg
#10	Passing Defense	97.0 ypg
#16	Pass Defense Efficiency	90.3 rating
# 1T	Passing TDs Allowed	0
# 1T	Rushing TDs Allowed	0

States Football Association Player of the Year. If necessary, Jeff Wedding is ready and willing to step in at quarterback as well.

USF’s career rushing leader Michael Ledo is gone along with the MSFA’s career all-purpose yardage leader Cory Jacquay and Adam Denning. The most familiar returnee in the Cougars’ backfield is senior Derrick Alderman while sophomore Doug Wasylyk, freshman Daniel Carter are expected to add their names to the impressive backs to play in the USF backfield in eight-plus years.

USF also had been working on replacing NAIA All-American offensive linemen in Nick Krinn, Jarod Leasure and Adam Jacobowitz. Now Luke

USF School Facts

President	Sister M. Elise Kriss
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Nickname	Cougars
Colors	Royal Blue and White
Athletic Affiliation	NAIA
Conference / Football	Mid-States Football Association -- Mideast League
Enrollment	2,000
Founded	1890
Location	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Population	220,000
First Year of Football	1998
Stadium	Bishop D’Arcy Stadium (3,000/Sporturf)

PC School Facts

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Location	Pikeville, Kentucky
Population	6,304
Enrollment	704
Founded	1889
First Year of Football	2001
Affiliation	NAIA
Conference	Mid-South Conference / East Division
Nickname/Colors	Bears / Black & Orange
Stadium/Capacity	Hilliard Howard Field / NA
Surface	SprintTurf

Lichtensteiger has been lost for the season to a leg injury and on defense, William Knepper is out at least one game with a foot injury.

Though there are many new names for both teams, PC is sticking to a similar offensive scheme from the 2005 meeting.

"They appear to still prefer to spread your defense out and throw the ball, so their attack appears to be the same compared to the previous coaching staff," USF defensive coordinator Warren Maloney said.

While USF opened its season with a 39-6 win at William Penn University last Saturday, the Bears took a 7-0 lead, then got outscored 31-0 to lose their home opener to NCAA Division II Henderson State 31-9. Pikeville (0-1) used a blocked punt to set up its only touchdown of the night. Freshman Devaughn Whitley blocked the punt and junior Josh Cullop fell on it for the Bears at the HSU 35. Two plays later, freshman De'von Joseph scored on a 34-yard run. Kyle Chilton's PAT made it 7-0 with 12:37 left in the half.

The Bears ran for 109 yards on 28 carries, with Joseph picking up 50 and a score on only five totes. Sophomore Justin Lamb caught six passes for 32 yards, while sophomore Larry Shaw caught four for 49. Freshman Jacob Hundley started under center for the Bears, going 24-of-42 for 160 yards with two interceptions. He was also sacked twice. On the ground, he picked up 21 yards on 14 hauls.

Lamb caught a 34-yard scoring strike from QB Chip English early in the first quarter against the Cougars for a 7-0 lead. USF dominated statistically in total offense – 504 to 169. English connected on 11-of-22 passes for 95 yards with one interception. Marsh picked off two passes for the Bears.

"We've got some idea what they want to do from watching tape, but you can't really tell about a team's speed until you get out on the field in game situations, so we've got to be ready and treat Pikeville as if they're the best team we've ever played," USF coach Kevin Donley concluded.

The Bears are intent on increasing their offensive production after compiling 272 yards of total offense while surrendering 322 to the Reddies.

Bears picked No. 4 in MSC East

The football coaches of the Mid-South Conference have chosen Georgetown College and Bethel College as their picks to win the MSC East and West Division football titles this fall, respectively. The voting was done recently as the

Mid-South held its annual meeting at Georgetown College.

Mid-South Football will again be playing in two six-team divisions this fall. West Virginia Tech has joined the Mid-South as a full member and will play football in the East Division. Shorter College will move to the West Division to replace Kentucky Wesleyan. Lambuth University will continue to play in the MSC as a football member only. Georgetown captured 5 first place votes on the East Division ballot for a total of 25 points. The Tigers are coming off a season of 9-3, 8-0 in conference play and 5-0 in the East Division.

University of the Cumberlands (8-3, 6-2, 3-2), got the second place nod with 20 points and 1 first place vote. Union College (4-6, 4-4, 3-2) was third with a total of 16 points. Bethel received 5 first place votes on the West Division ballot for a total of 25 points. Last season, the Wildcats were 7-4 overall, 6-2 in conference play, and 5-0 in the West Division. Lambuth University (5-6, 5-3, 3-2) was second in the voting with 21 points and had 1 first place vote. Belhaven College (5-6, 4-4, 3-2) was third with 16 points. Each Mid-South school will play 5 games against all other teams in its own division, and 3 games against teams in the other division. Of the 8 conference games, 4 games will be at home, 4 games will be on the road. The results of the poll are as follows, listed by school, 2005 final overall record, poll points and first place votes, with teams getting 5 points for a first place vote, down to one point for 5th. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team and could only vote for schools in their own division.

East Division

1. Georgetown College 9-3 25(5)
2. U. of Cumberlands (Ky.) 8-3 20 (1)
3. Union College 4-6 16
4. Pikeville College 7-3 15
5. Virginia-Wise 4-7 9
6. West Virginia Tech *0-11 5 (2005 record as member of West Va. IAC)

West Division

1. Bethel College 7-4 25 (5)
2. Lambuth University 5-6 21(1)
3. Belhaven College 2-8 11
4. Campbellsville University 4-7 12
5. Shorter College 2-8 9
6. Cumberland Univ. (Tn.) 2-8 8