

STORYLINES

Not since...

This past weekend, head coach Eric Hehman and the Tiger Football team accomplished a feat that has eluded ONU teams for the last 20 seasons. They defeated MSFA Mideast opponent, Siena Heights (Mich.), 20-11 Saturday shutting out the Saints for the entire second half. The win was Olivet's third straight to start the season, something that had not been achieved by a Tiger team since the 1996 season. That same team went on to start the season 4-0. ONU will have the opportunity to match that record today with a win over another MSFA Mideast opponent, Concordia-Ann Arbor.

Today will also give the Tigers the opportunity to win their first two home games for the first time since 2007. That season ONU defeated lowa Wesleyan and Quincy in consecutive weeks after starting 0-3 on the road. Notably, the Tigers finished 4-0 at home that season. Since 2007, the Tigers are 15-35 at Ward Field. Meanwhile, the Cardinals are 12-24 on the road in the last eight seasons.

Something has to give
Olivet Nazarene and Concordia-Ann Arbor meet today for the first time since 2014. ONU comes into today's game with a 3-0 record and Concordia-Ann Arbor brings a 2-0 mark into Ward Field. Both teams are currenlty in first place in their respective leagues in the Mid-States Football Association and each team has two more non-conference games before they start league play. Today's game is the third game in the all-time series. Both teams have won once; the Cardinals won 24-21 in Bourbonnais in 2014 and ONU was victorious 24-7 in Ann Arbor in 2013.

Two of the tops defenses will take the field today. The Tigers are third in the MSFA in points allowed (16.3) and the Cardinals are tops in the league at only 13.0 per game. Meanwhile, through two games CUAA is only giving up 231.5 yards (2nd-best) to its opponents while ONU is sixth-best (322.3). ONU's rush defense is fourth among league leaders (82.3 ypg), while the Cardinals have been great against the run (82.5) and pass (149.0). ONU's defense has been great at getting to the quarterback so far, they lead the MSFA in sacks with 12. Nevertheless, CUAA has only been sacked three times.

In the MSFA rankings the Tigers and Cardinals are neck-and-neck in multiple offensive categories. In total offense, CUAA is seventh (398.5) and ONU is right behind them in eighth (366.0). When you consider each team's rushing attack they are almost identical. The Cardinals (5th) are 1.3 yards better per game than the Tigers (6th) at 164.0 per game. In the passing game, the Cardinals are tied for sixth (234.5 ypg) while ONU is eighth (203.3 ypg).

Today's game features two teams that have taken care of the ball so far in 2017. The Tigers only have three turnovers, recording their first interception last weekend and the Cardinals only have one fumble and interception to their credit. At the same time, the Tigers have a plus-three (third-best in MSFA) turnover margin compared to plus-two (fifth-best) for CUAA. These marks are in contrast from the last two times these two teams met. In their meeting in Setember of 2014, ONU had six lost fumbles and CUAA had two. The Cardinals also had two interceptions

PLAYERS TO WATCH

WR Rashaan Gaymon (JR)

One of the top receivers in the MSFA has been the go-to target for Jordan Lawton so far through three games this season. He leads the Tigers with 16 receptions for 255 yards (85.0) and has a team-high four touchdowns. Gaymon is fifth in the MSFA in receptions per game (5.3) and sixth in yards per game (85.0). Not only does Gaymon play out wide, but he is one of the best kick returners in the NAIA. He currently is second among MSFA leaders in yards per return (24.7) and 21st in the NAIA. Gaymon is also nearing a very impressive accomplishment. He is only 73 receiving yards shy of fifth all-time in ONU history. He currently has 1,314 yards in only 17 career games.

DL Arinze Ekowa (FR)

In only three career games, Ekowa, has already been a force for the very tough Tiger defensive line. He currently is sixth on the team with 13 tackles (11 solo). Yet, he has been a force behind the line of scrimmage, tallying six tackles for loss, good for 34 yards and has three sacks (26 yards). Ekowa also has three quarterback hurries. Ekowa is leading the MSFA in tackles for loss per game (2.0) and leads the league in yards loss. He is third in sacks per game (1.0) and second in yards per sack. His efforts on the defensive line alongside his teammates have been instumental in holding teams to only 16.3 points and 322.3 yards per game.

RB Joe Conner (SO)

The leading rusher in the MSFA will be at Ward Field on Saturday. Conner is currently averaging 123.5 yards per game after rushing for 77 yards on Saturday in a win over Trinity International. He is second in the MSFA in carries (36), yards per carry (6.9) and is tied for the lead in rushing touchdowns with five. As a freshman. Conner also led the Cardinals in rushing and for his marks he was named MSFA Mideast First Team Offense. He ran the ball 143 times for 1,052 yards and scored eight times, averaging 7.4 yards per carry. Conner will clash with a Tiger defense that has only allowed 82.3 yards per game so far in 2017, the fourth-best mark in the MSFA.

The junior linebacker was named MSFA Mideast Honorable Mention following his sophomore season. His start to his junior year has been great for the Cardinals. O'Hara leads the team with 13 tackles, two for loss (eight yards), one and half sacks and has two sacks. He also has an interception return for 21 yards, one guarterback hurry, and a fumble recovery. Last season he was third on the team with 65 tackles, which 10 were for loss (53 yards).

AFFILIATIONS: Olivet Nazarene: NAIA; Concordia-Ann Arbor: NAIA CONFERENCES: Olivet Nazarene: Mid-States Football Association Midwest League; Concordia-Ann Arbor: Mid-States Football Association Mideast League COACHES: Olivet Nazarene: Eric Hehman (Taylor), 7-7 at Olivet, 2nd season: Concordia-Ann Arbor: Joshua Schumacher (Concordia-Chicago), 18-27 at Concordia-Ann Arbor, 5th season

NICKNAMES: Olivet Nazarene: Tigers; Concordia-Ann Arbor: Cardinals

COLORS: Olivet Nazarene: Purple and Gold; Concordia-Ann Arbor; Black and Red SERIES RECORD: Series is tied 1-1

LAST MEETING: Concordia-Ann Arbor won 24-21 on Sept. 20, 2014, game played in Bourbonnais, III.

ENROLLMENT: Olivet Nazarene: 4.953: Concordia-Ann Arbor: 800

PRESIDENTS: Olivet Nazarene: Dr. John C. Bowling; Concordia-Ann Arbor: Curt

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							Kamehameha High School
							Wilmington High School
							Valley Christian High School
							Glynn Academy
							Red Bay High SchoolRamsay High School
							Cedarville High School
8	.Raja Burt	JR	DL	6-0	.222	Indianapolis, Ind	Cathedral High School
							Fullerton Union High School
							Cape Coral High School
10	.Da Reco Nix Brandon Jackson	FK	DB KR	5-b 6-0	165 106	Springtield, III	Southeast High School II. Bloom Township High School
							DePaul College Prep
13	.Bailev Shire	FR	QB	6-1	195	Bethany, Okla	Bethany High School
							. Pekin Community High School
							Avon High School
							St. Rita High School
							Hartland High School
							Orchard View High School
19	.Ryan Stoves	SO	WR	5-8	165	Birmingham, Ala	Bessmer Academy
							Ben Davis High School
							Calif.Capistrano Valley Christian High SchoolValhalla High School
							Plainfield East High School
24	Erik Anderson	SR	RB	6-1	213	St. Charles. III	St. Charles East High School
25	.Brian Steele	SO	WR.	5-6	155	Manteno, III	Manteno High School
							Belleville West High School
26	.Kyle Love	SR	DB	6-0	170	Kankakee, III	Kankakee High School
27	. Cornellus vvalker	FK	DB	5-8 5-11	158 160	Cnicago, III	Pleasant Plains High School
29	Seth Cunningham	SR	DB	6-0	193	Medina. Ohio	University of Akron
							Thornwood High School
							n St. Francis High School
							Cheverus High School
							DePaul College PrepSterling High School
							Fremd High School
35	.Pierre Anderson	FR	LB	5-10	198	Chicago, III. South	Shore International High School
							Regis High School
							Clifton Central High School
პგ	. Brock Perry	.SO	DB	6.0	197 วกฉ	Geneva, III	Geneva High School
39	.Zach Terrill	SO	LB	5-11	205	Muncie. Ind	Muncie Central High School
40	.T.J. Foulks	SR	DL	5-11	221	Onarga, III	Iroquois West High School
							Borah High School
							Tri-Cities High School
42	.D'Mariay Young	FR	к DR	5-9 5-0	150 160	Michigan City, Ind.	Michigan City High School III.James B. Conant High School
43	Patrick Ullrich	SR	LB	5-9	197	Ypsilanti. MichYi	psilanti Community High School
44	. Jalon Simpson	FR	LB	6-2	225	Portland, Mich	Portland High School
							Lincoln-Way North High School
							h Forest Hills Northern High School
							Eureka High School .Terre Haute North High School
						,	Michigan City High School
48	. Arinze Ekowa	FR	DL	5-11	270	Plainfield, III	Plainfield North High School
48	.Trenton Johnson	FR	WR	5-8	155	Birmingham, Ala	Shades Valley High School
							Ben Davis High School
							Lawton High School
							Christian Senior High School
							nLakewood High School
53	. Hunter Whatley	FR	OL	6-1	240	Birmingham, Ala. E	Briarwood Christian High School
							Andrews High School
							North Central High School
							Evansville North High SchoolSmyrna High School
							Lely High School
							Mt. Vernon High School
59	. Deonte Roberts	FR	LB	5-10	228	Indianapolis, Ind	North Central High School
							Clifton Central High School
							Murietta Valley High School Hanover Central High School
							Columbus East High School
							Shawnee High School
65	. Tanner Orona	FR	OL	6-3	306	Ocford, Ohio	Talawanda High School
66	. Gabriel Ellis	SO	OL	5-11	275	Mt. Gilead, N.C	West Montgomery High School
							Edwards County High School Piedmont High School
							h Cascade High School
							Glynn Academy
							Valor Christian High School

72Malik JohnsonFR OL 6-8 280Indianapolis, IndHeritage Christian Schot 72Chase SwinfordSR DL 6-3 300 Bismarck, IllBismarck-Henning High Schot 73Chris Barnett SO OL 6-3 300 Bargersville, IndCenter Grove High Schot 74 Nicholas Papenhagen .JR OL 6-2 295 Dundee, Mich
73Chris BarnettSOOL 6-3300Bargersville, IndCenter Grove High Schot 74Nicholas Papenhagen JROL 6-2295Dundee, MichDundee High Schot
74 Nicholas Papenhagen . JR OL 6-2 295 Dundee, Mich Dundee High School
75Karson LueckJR JR OL 6-0300Bloomington, IllNormal West High School
76 Chris Branson FR LB 5-11222 East St. Louis, Ill Althoff Catholic High School
76Zane Burtron SR OL 6-2 288 Westfield, Ind Westfield High School
77Matthew KooimanFR OL 6-5256Houston, Texas Cypress Christian School
78Jared Allen
79 Christian O'Hara SO OL 6-1272 Urbandale, Iowa Urbandale High School
80Brady WallingFR WR 6-0175Meridian, IdahoMeridian High School
81Sheldun BennFR FR TE 6-6 220Lansing, III
82Armani BuchananJRWR 5-11180Chicago, IIIStagg High School
83 Christian ScottJR VR 6-1175 Chicago, III
84Alex KaminskyFR WR 5-11166Fairfield, OhioFairfield High School
85Caleb SchillerSOWR6-1190Hoffman Estates, IIIHomeschool
86Eric CloyFR DL 6-1285Foley, AlaFoley High School
86 Scott Graziano FR WR 5-10175 Elgin, III Westminster Christian High School
87 Dakota McManus SO TE 6-3 240 Taylor Ridge, III Rockridge High School
88Andrew HartsellFRTE 6-1230Joliet, IllJoliet Catholic Academ
89 David Gonzalez FR K 5-8 188 Castle Rock, Colo Castle View High School
89Herbert MillerJRJRDL 6-0262Indianapolis, IndCathedral High School
90Jason Craig
91Ryan BeardsleySODL 6-2220Dublin, OhioDublin Coffman High School
92Ishaq RobinsonSO DL 6-0240Inglewood, Calif Hellen Berstein High School
93Jacob SiccoFR DL 6-1220Mundelein, IIICarmel Catholic High School
94Ty Bartley
95Joel Boser
97T.J. LayneSODL 6-1234Morris, IIIMorris Community High School
98Corey Boyd
99Andru McFadden SO DL 5-11300 Traverse City, Mich St. Francis High School
2017 OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

2017 OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE 2017 Record: 3-0, 0-0 MSFA Midwest (--) DATE OPPONENT

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT					
Aug. 26	#20 Kansas Wesleyan University	W, 31-24					
Sept. 2	@ Lindenwood University-Belleville (Ill.)	W, 39-14					
Sept. 9	@ Siena Heights University (Mich.)	W, 20-11					
Sept. 16	(RV) Concorida University-Ann Arbor (Mich.)	1 p.m.					
Sept. 23	#8 Marian University (Ind.)	1 p.m.					
Sept. 30	Trinity International University (Ill.)*	6 p.m.					
Oct. 14	@ (RV) Robert Morris University-Illinois*	7 p.m.					
Oct. 21	@ University of St. Francis (Ill.)*	1 p.m.					
Oct. 28	Trinity Bible College (N.D.) (Homecoming)	1 p.m.					
Nov. 4	@ #13 St. Xavier University (Ill.)*	1 p.m.					
Nov. 11	#23 St. Ambrose University (Iowa)* (Senior Day)	1 p.m.					
*MSFA Midwest League - Rankings as of 9/11/17							

2017 OLIVET NAZARENE TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs: 67

Rushing Yards/Per-Game Avg.: 488/162.7 Passes (Comp./Att./Int.): 55/81/1

Passing Yards/Per-Game Avg.: 610/203.3

Pass Completion Percentage: 67.9% Avg. Total Offense Per Game: 366.0

Avg. Points Per Game: 30.0

Avg. Opponent Rushing Yards Per Game: 82.3 Avg. Opponent Passing Yards Per Game: 240.0

Avg. Opponent Total Offense Per Game: 322.3

Avg. Opponent Points Per Game: 16.3



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-ANN ARBOR

#Name	Yr	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
1Ra-Heem Hill	JR	DB	5-11	192	Detroit, MI
1Noah Rufo	SO	WR	6-4	214	Decatur, MI
2Rod Lewis	SR	DB	5-10	190	Lansing, MI
2Peter Morrison	FR	QB	5-10	160	Fort Wayne, IN
3Ryan Fish	FR	DB	6-2	186	Allen Park, MI
4Herman Mason	SR	WR	6-2	206	Lansing, MI
4Eli Sherman	FR	DB	5-10	175	Bloomfield Hills, MI
5Prince Alex AyoOla	SO	DB	5-10	168	Dearborn, MI
5Ashton Gray					
6Seth Suida					
6Reggie Thompson					•
7Alex Hinojosa					-
7Ross O'Brien					
8Bobby Desantis					, ,
9Drew Bordner					·
9Bryant Hudson					
10Tyler Fehler					
11Clay Coltson					•
11Will Izera					•
12Ahmard Clay					· ·
12Andrew O'Hara					
13Joe Conner					·
13 Wyatt Mast					
14Kit Martin					
14Jowan Williams					,
15DeMarcus Carter					·
15Roger Engle					• •
16Joshua Kukulies					
18Joe Manuel					
19Matthew Sears					·
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20Kaleb Pohlman					
21Darryl Davenport					
21Joe Duff					
23Brendan Beerer					<u>.</u>
27Amaan Payne					
28Tarek Dalou					
41Kordell McNeal					
30Sam Shick					
32Timothy Koehler					
33Jay Alvarez					
33Timothy Iltis					
35 Garrett Beldt					•
36Quinton Reed					
40Josh Daniel					
48Aaron Rahn					
49Eric Bugg					
50James Williams					
51Justin Blanch					
52Cormac Carroll	SO	OL	6-3	275	Jackson, MI

52Jay Koski	JR	LB	5-11	212	Portage, MI
55Darricle Jones	SR.	OL	6-2	270	Eastpointe, MI
59Nathan Gifford	SR.	OL	6-1	266	Las Vegas, NV
61Josh Berry	SR.	DL	6-2	252	Trenton, MI
62Anthony Galdi	FR .	DE	6-2	206	Birmingham, MI
65Edward Merhi	SR.	OL	6-3	275	Canton, MI
66Matthew Jones	FR .	OL	6-0	245	Wabash, IN
70Tanner Konal	FR .	OL	6-2	310	Saint Clair Shores, MI
72Michael Tabor	SO.	OL	6-2	270	Holland, MI
73Donovan Corlew	FR .	OL	6-2	284	Cleveland, OH
74Nico Candela	FR .	DT	6-1	265	Fenton, MI
75Hunter Smith	FR .	OL	6-5	265	Caledonia, MI
76Cody Kwasniewski	SO.	OL	6-4	290	Canton, MI
77Cody Brassey-Brierle	ySO.	OL	6-7	318	Milan, MI
78Tyler Pummell					
79Steven Vallot	FR .	OL	6-2	330	Abbeville, LA
83Tyler Black	FR .	WR	6-0	187	Grand Rapids, MI
88Donte Desalle					•
89Brady Vis	FR .	WR	6-0	167	Byron Center, MI
90Collin Emmendorfer					
91Nick Edney	FR .	DL	6-2	267	Garden City, MI
92Keith Rubin					•
94Shawn Kelley	SR .	DL	6-2	261	Pinckney, MI
95Cooper O'Gara	SO.	DT	5-11	272	Cincinnati, OH
96Mike Strong					
99Jeff Gill					

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Rushing Yards/Per-Game Avg.: 323/161.5 Passes (Comp./Att./Int.): 33/56/1

Passing Yards/Per-Game Avg.: 469/234.5 Pass Completion Percentage: 58.9% Avg. Total Offense Per Game: 396.0

Avg. Points Per Game: 29.5

Avg. Opponent Rushing Yards Per Game: 82.5

Avg. Opponent Passing Yards Per Game: 149.0 Avg. Opponent Total Offense Per Game: 23.5

Avg. Opponent Points Per Game: 13.0

