



When Washington State University Athletic Director Jim Sterk began searching for the Cougars' next head coach last December, he didn't have to look far. About 70 miles north of Pullman, former WSU All-America center Paul Wulff had just completed his eighth season as the head coach of Eastern Washington University, leading the Eagles to a quarterfinal appearance in the 2007 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.

Following a national search, Sterk announced Wulff as WSU's 31st head coach on December 11, 2007. With that announcement Wulff completes the cycle of former student-athlete returning to lead his alma mater. "Obviously this has been a dream of mine since I joined the coaching profession," Wulff said at his introduction. "It is my alma mater, a university with great tradition and a program I feel very strongly about. WSU is an important place in my development as a human being with respect to the university culture. Being named head coach is the biggest honor I have ever received and I am excited about the opportunity."

Wulff wasted no time assembling his staff, bringing with him five assistants from Eastern Washington, retaining two from the 2007 WSU staff and bringing in two new assistants, though one, assistant head coach/co-defensive coordinator Chris Ball, served two different stints at WSU under former coach Mike Price.

"We are all working hard to make sure we are on the same page and conveying the same message to the kids," said Wulff. "The nice thing is I am familiar with all the guys and everyone is very comfortable with each other. Everyone's goal is the same, to have our program perform at a high level. All of these guys are team guys and don't have their own agendas. I know that is how the staff is and ultimately how it needs to be for us to succeed."

This season marks the 20th anniversary of the Cougars' 24-22 win over Houston in the 1988 Aloha Bowl, and Wulff, the starting center on that team, is looking to lead the Cougars back to bowl contention.

"We are changing the culture of Cougar football and after watching this team during spring ball and seeing how hard they have worked the past six months, both on the field and in the classroom, I am very encouraged by the strides we are making," said Wulff. "We have senior leadership and competition at every position, two factors that will speed up the development of this program. I am excited about the future of Cougar football."

Quarterback

For the first time in four years the Cougars will enter the season without the services of record-setting quarterback Alex Brink. Drafted in the seventh round by the Houston Texans, Brink was one of the most prolific quarterbacks in Pac-10 history and continued a long legacy of talented Cougar quarterbacks.

Taking over the signal-calling duties this season will be redshirt senior Gary Rogers, who cemented his place as the Cougars' No. 1 quarterback this past spring. Playing the role of backup each of the last three seasons, Rogers completed 24-of-52 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns during that span. At 6-foot-7 and 233 pounds, Rogers stands tall in the pocket, but also has the ability to take the ball and run for a first down. These abilities are a perfect match for the spread offense implemented by Wulff and offensive coordinator Todd Sturdy.

Following spring ball WSU's No. 2 quarterback position had also

been locked up, with Cougar coaches giving the nod to redshirt junior Kevin Lopina (6-3, 232). Lopina transferred to WSU from Kansas State following the 2005 season, and much like Rogers, his ability to both throw and run the ball fits the spread offense.

Redshirt freshman Marshall Lobbestael saw action as WSU's third quarterback this spring. The 6-2, 195 pound Oak Harbor, Wash., product was named a Blue Chip prospect by the *Seattle Times* after leading his prep squad to the 4A State Championship. Freshman J.T. Levenseller and redshirt freshman Dan Wagner round out the Cougar quarterbacks.

Running Back

Redshirt junior Dwight Tardy started each of the first eight games in 2007 before tearing his ACL against UCLA, but is slated to return in time for the season-opener to regain his duties as starter. Tardy (5-10, 200) rushed for 676 yards and five touchdowns on 143 carries last season, including a 214-yard, two-touchdown effort against UCLA, tied for the ninth-best single-game performance in school history. He also surpassed 100 yards against Idaho (112), and fell just short of the mark against both Wisconsin (96) and San Diego State (99).

Battling Tardy is junior Chris Ivory who stepped in as the starter when Tardy went down towards the end of the 2007 season. Ivory (6-0, 228) picked up more than 100 yards against both Stanford (104) and Washington (114) in two of his three starts. On the season Ivory rushed 60 times for 313 yards and two touchdowns.

Redshirt sophomore Marcus Richmond and redshirt freshman Logwone Mitz should also see action in 2008. Both Richmond (6-1, 215) and Mitz (6-0, 228) showed impressive ability while getting time in spring practice.



Dwight Tardy

Wide Receiver

All-American and first-team All-Pac-10 wide receiver Brandon Gibson returned to WSU for his senior season and is the only starter returning for the Cougars at the position in 2008. Gibson (6-1, 202) set a school record with 1,180 yards in only 11 games last season, leading the conference in the statistical category. Gibson caught 67 passes in 2007, nine of which went for touchdowns. He should again be the one of the Cougars' most potent offensive

weapons, entering the season tied for eighth on the Cougars' career receptions list with 125.

Sophomore Jeshua Anderson will see a lot of action as an outside receiver. Anderson, who captured the 2008 NCAA Championship in the 400-meter hurdles, showed blazing speed as a true freshman in 2007, catching 12 passes for 372 yards (31.0 average) and two touchdowns. He will be a legitimate deep threat for quarterback Gary Rogers.

Battling Anderson is redshirt senior Benny Ward. The 6-3, 195-pound receiver appeared in all 12 games last season backing up WSU's all-time receptions leader Michael Bumpus. He caught three passes for 18 yards, the first receptions of his career.

Looking to replace WSU's all-time receptions leader Michael Bumpus at the flanker position is sophomore Daniel Blackledge. The 6-2, 179-pound Colorado Springs, Colo., product was arguably the most impressive wideout in spring camp. Blackledge played as a true freshman in 2007, catching one pass for 21 yards.

If Blackledge wasn't the most impressive offensive development in spring camp, then that title would befall Michael Willis. Willis (6-1, 204), who has impressed WSU coaches with his raw athletic ability since he set foot on campus as a safety in 2005, moved to wide receiver in 2006 and is coming into his own at the position. Willis made acrobatic catches and flashed a quick burst in spring camp, positioning himself for playing time in 2008.

Redshirt sophomores Anthony Houston, a 6-3, 201-pound receiver out of San Diego, Calif., and Keith Rosenberg could also see action in 2008.

Tight End

Devin Frischknecht enters the season as WSU's No. 1 tight end. The 6-3, 256-pound senior from Ephraim, Utah, caught 18 passes for 191 yards and three touchdowns in 2007. Frischknecht broke out towards the end of 2007 when starter and all-conference honoree Jed Collins was limited due to injury. In the final game of 2007 against Washington, Frischknecht caught five passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns.

Redshirt senior Ben Woodard and redshirt junior Tony Thompson are listed as the Cougars' No. 2 and No. 3 tight ends, respectively. Woodard (6-5, 244) appeared in each of WSU's 12 games in 2007, catching eight passes for 82 yards and two touchdowns. Thompson (6-2, 240) made appearances in six games last season.

Offensive Line

The offensive line looks to be one of the strengths of the Cougar football team in 2008, returning players with starting experience at each of the five positions, three of which started all 12 games. Last season WSU's offensive line helped pave the way for two different 100-yard rushers, and helped WSU lead the conference in passing offense and rank second in total offense. WSU linemen allowed the third-fewest sacks in the Pac-10 last season.

Anchoring the Cougars' experienced offensive line is redshirt junior Kenny Alfred, who was named to the Rimington Trophy watch list this past summer. Alfred, a two-year starter, missed only one start in 2007 due to a concussion. The 6-2, 310-pound Alfred will be backed up by Chris Prummer, a 6-1, 254-pound product of Renton, Wash.



Kenny Alfred

Senior Vaughn Lesuma started each of WSU's 12 games in 2007 after transferring from Mt. San Jacinto College. At 6-5, 329 pounds, Lesuma is slated to fill the same role in 2008, and will be backed up by 6-7, 275-pound redshirt sophomore Joe Eppele.

Redshirt sophomore Micah Hannam returns to start opposite of Lesuma at right tackle, after starting all 12 games in 2007. Hannam (6-4, 279), who garnered Freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News in 2007, will be backed up by redshirt freshman Steven Ayers (6-4, 299).

Redshirt senior Dan Rowlands returns as the starter at right guard, the only other Cougar offensive lineman to start all 12 games in 2007. Rowlands (6-4, 284), a three-year starter at guard for WSU, will be backed up by 6-4, 316-pound redshirt freshman Kevin Freitag, a *Seattle Times* Blue Chip selection following his senior season at Kennedy High School.

Opposite of Rowlands at left guard is sophomore Andrew Roxas. Roxas (6-1, 295) notched one start in 2007, replacing injured center Kenny Alfred against UCLA. Redshirt freshman B.J. Guerra (6-3, 315) moved from the defensive line to the offensive line this season, and is listed as the back-up to Roxas.

Defensive End

At each defensive end position, WSU returns a tandem of experienced players, with each of the four individuals on WSU's 2008 two-deep having gained starting experience last season.

Junior Kevin Kooyman is slated to get the starting nod at left end after recording 3.5 sacks in extensive action early in 2007. Kooyman, at 6-6, 242 pounds, started at both USC and at Arizona last season. Just as he was beginning to break out for the Cougars, he injured his right hand in the Arizona game. He came back two games later to play against UCLA and at California, but a high ankle sprain forced him to miss WSU's final three games.

Redshirt senior Matt Mullennix returns to the Cougars after being granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA this past May. The 6-6, 258-pound end racked up 33 tackles last season, including 2.5 tackles-for-loss and one sack. Mullennix started 10 of WSU's 12 games, but missed the entire 2006 season with a knee injury.

suffered in fall camp. As evidenced by both last season and in 2005, when he appeared in 11 games and recorded three sacks, when healthy, Mullennix has the ability to pressure opposing quarterbacks.

WSU's biggest threat to get to the quarterback last season was Andy Mattingly, who garnered All-Pac-10 honorable mention honors. Though he returns as a 6-4, 241-pound junior in 2008, Mattingly will be coming at quarterbacks from a different position: right end. Mattingly, an outside linebacker in 2007, burst onto the scene last year, recording five tackles-for-loss against Arizona State in his first career start. Mattingly, who wound up starting each of WSU's final seven games, ended the season as the Cougars' second-leading tackler with 91 stops, and leading the team in both TFLs (11) and sacks (eight).

Playing behind Mattingly will be redshirt senior Mike Graise, who made his first two career starts in 2007. Graise (6-3, 211) made 14 tackles last year, including 2.5 tackles-for-loss. Graise has played in 27 games over the past three seasons, racking up 35 career tackles, seven TFLs, 2.5 sacks and an interception return for a touchdown.

Defensive Tackle

Senior A'i Ahmu is the Cougars' sole returning starter at defensive tackle. Ahmu (6-0, 292) has started in each of his first three seasons at WSU, racking up 51 tackles in 26 games (22 starts). Ahmu registered 22 tackles, including two tackles-for-loss and a sack in 2007. As a true freshman in 2005 Ahmu started 11 games, making 26 tackles and 2.5 TFLs. Ahmu was limited in 2006 with a stress fracture in his foot, but made three starts and recorded three tackles and one sack.

Backing up Ahmu will be redshirt senior Andy Roof, who is switching to the defensive line in 2008 after playing each of his first three seasons as a member of WSU's offensive line. Roof (6-4, 299), who played on both sides of the ball in high school, impressed WSU coaches this spring with how quickly he was progressing as a collegiate defensive lineman.

Starting opposite of Ahmu is redshirt senior Matt Eichelberger, who recorded four tackles, including one sack, in eight 2007 games. The 6-4, 317-pound Eichelberger saw quite a bit of action as a member of the defensive tackle rotation last season when healthy, but missed four games in the middle of the season with an MCL sprain.

Likely to see time in the tackle rotation backing up Eichelberger will be redshirt sophomore Toby Turpin. In 2007, his first season playing for WSU, the 6-6, 268-pound Turpin played in four games, registering four tackles, one sack and an interception which he returned 30 yards.

Linebacker

The linebacking core is the strength of the Cougar defense, with each of the starters from last season returning in 2008. The returners missed only one start between the three of them in 2007.

The leader of not only the linebackers, but the WSU defense, senior Greg Trent returns at middle linebacker after being named honorable mention All-Pac-10 in 2007. Trent is entering his fourth year as a starter for the Cougar defense, starting all 12 games



Andy Mattingly

in each of the last two seasons and making five starts as a true freshman in 2005, taking over for the injured Will Derting. The 5-11, 220-pound inside linebacker was WSU's third-leading tackler in 2007 (89), and its second-leading tackler in both 2006 (77) and 2005 (69). He needs only 18 tackles to become the 17th player in school history to accumulate 250 total career tackles. Trent racked up a career-high 5.5 tackles-for-loss this past season, and his four sacks, also a career high, were second only to Andy Mattingly.

Backing up Trent at middle linebacker is redshirt freshman Marshal Pirtz. The 6-0, 231-pound Boise, Idaho, product was the Southern Idaho Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a senior at Centennial High School.

Senior Cory Evans started all 12 games for WSU in 2007, and returns as the strong side linebacker in 2008. Evans (6-1, 237) finished fourth on the team in tackles last season (84) and second in tackles-for-loss (10.5), including a school-record 6.5 TFLs against Oregon State. Though his first official starts came in 2007, Evans did start several games as the fourth linebacker in 2006 when WSU switched to a 3-4 alignment. Evans posted 44 tackles as a sophomore, including two TFLs and a sack.

Sophomore Hallston Higgins will back up Evans this season after appearing in nine games as a true freshman, racking nine tackles. Though a majority of his action came on special teams, he did see action at linebacker as well.

After transferring from Blinn Community College prior to last season, Kendrick Dunn stepped right into the starters' role at weak-side linebacker in 2007, missing only the Arizona State game with a hamstring injury. Dunn (5-11, 224), a redshirt senior, finished fifth on the team with 81 tackles, and posted 6.5 tackles-for-loss and three sacks.

Redshirt junior Jason Stripling is slated to back-up Dunn in 2008 after rendering himself academically ineligible in 2007 and missing the entire season. Stripling (5-11, 219) redshirted the 2006 season, but appeared in 10 games as a true freshman, registering seven tackles.

Cornerback

Just like his cousin Kendrick Dunn, Alfonso Jackson stepped right in as a starter in 2007 after transferring from Blinn Community College. Jackson (5-9, 204) played safety in 2007, but is switching to cornerback in 2008. In his first season with WSU Jackson, now a senior, finished seventh on the team in tackles (65), despite missing three games with concussions. Jackson added two interceptions last season.

Redshirt freshman Tyrone Justin will back-up Jackson in 2008. Justin (5-10, 151) was named defensive back of the year as a senior at Culver City High School, and recorded seven interceptions over his final two prep seasons. He also played wide receiver in high school, hauling in 55 receptions for 813 yards and 12 touchdowns in two years.

Starting opposite of Jackson is redshirt senior Markus Dawes, who appeared in both the San Diego State and Idaho games last year before being shut down due to shoulder surgery. Dawes (5-11, 193) appeared in six games in 2006, though also missed some time that season due to injury. If he can stay healthy, the WSU coaching staff looks for Dawes to continue to play as he did before transferring, when he was named all-conference at College of the Sequoias.

Sophomore Romeo Pellum will back up Dawes after appearing in 10 games as a true freshman in 2007, but should see quite a bit of action as WSU's No. 3 corner. Pellum (5-10, 162) played a majority of his time on special teams last year, but also saw action as a defensive back. He recorded nine tackles, including two tackles-for-loss.

Safety

Though the Cougars' backfield will look a little different than it did last season with the departure of all-conference defensive back Husain Abdullah, each of the safety positions in 2008 will be manned by players with starting experience.

Sophomore Chima Nwachukwu, who garnered Freshman All-America honors at cornerback as a true freshman in 2007, is moving over to strong safety in 2008. Nwachukwu (5-11, 189) finished sixth on the team in tackles last year (73) after starting each of WSU's 12 games. Nwachukwu also intercepted one pass, recorded five pass break-ups and forced a fumble.

Redshirt sophomore Myron Beck will back-up Nwachukwu after transferring from Glendale College and walking on this past spring. Beck (6-0, 207) led the Western States Football League with six interceptions, returning three for touchdowns. He was named NJCAA All-Region First Team and second-team All-WSFL.

Starting at free safety for the Cougars will be redshirt junior Xavier Hicks, Jr., who started three games in 2007 when starter Alfonso Jackson was out with concussions. Hicks (6-0, 193) registered 53 tackles, two-tackles-for-loss and an interception last season. Against Arizona State Hicks recorded 17 tackles and blocked an extra point.

Like Beck, Easton Johnson also walked on this spring after transferring from junior college. Johnson, who transferred from Feather River College, will back-up Hicks at free safety. The 5-11, 196-pound redshirt sophomore is converting to safety after playing wide receiver at Feather River.

Kicker

Sophomore Wade Penner backed up starter Romeen Abdollmohammadi last season, but enters 2008 looking to lock down the starters' job with Abdollmohammadi's departure. Penner (5-10, 155) was the Cougars' kickoff specialist for most of 2007, and is looking to add field goal and PAT to his list of duties for 2008.

Battling Penner for the starting job is sophomore Nico Grasu, who walked on to Washington State this season after transferring from Moorpark Community College. Grasu (6-1, 195) was 9-of-11 on field goals last year.

Also in the mix is redshirt junior Patrick Rooney, another junior college transfer aspiring to be WSU's starting kicker. Rooney played at El Camino College the past two seasons, handling the team's kickoff duties.

Punter

Redshirt sophomore Reid Forrest returns as the starting punter in 2008 after booting 46 punts in 2007 for an average of 40.5 yards, downing 13 of them inside the 20-yard line. Forrest (6-0, 179) initially walked on as a wide receiver, but took over the punting during midway through last season.

Redshirt freshman Dan Wagner is slated to be the Cougars' No. 2 punter. Also a back-up quarterback, Wagner (5-11, 209) led Jesuit High School to a 13-0 record and the 6A State Championship as a senior.

Schedule

For the second time in the last six seasons, the Cougars will open the season at Qwest Field in Seattle. WSU and Oklahoma State kick-off the 2008 season in the Cougar Gridiron Classic (Aug. 30) presented by Washingtons Beef Producers. WSU and Oklahoma State have squared off twice, with WSU holding a 2-0 series advantage, but the two teams haven't met on the field since 1952.

In nonconference action the Cougars will also travel to Waco, Texas to face Baylor (Sept. 13), host Portland State (Sept. 20) and close out the regular season at Hawaii (Nov. 29). WSU has two victories over Baylor in five meetings, with the Cougars winning each of the last two. The meeting with Portland State will be the first for the Cougars, and WSU is 2-1 against Hawaii, including victories in each of the last two meetings.

The Cougars will begin the Pac-10 schedule a bit early this season, facing California in Pullman in just the second game of the season (Sept. 6). WSU's second conference game is also at home, a Sept. 27 meeting with Oregon. The Cougars then hit the road for two games, traveling to Los Angeles to face UCLA (Oct. 4) and Corvallis, Ore., to square off against Oregon State (Oct. 11). After hosting USC in Martin Stadium (Oct. 18), the Cougars travel to face Stanford (Nov. 1), host Arizona (Nov. 8) and travel to Arizona State (Nov. 15).

The Cougars will face the Huskies in the Apple Cup, presented by Boeing, Nov. 22 in Pullman, looking for their fourth win in the last five meetings.

Cougar Football 2008 Facts

LETTERMEN RETURNING: (36)

Offense - 19 (Seniors - 7, Juniors - 3, Sophomores - 9)

Defense - 15 (Seniors - 8, Juniors - 4, Sophomores - 3)

Kickers - 2 (Seniors - 0, Juniors - 0, Sophomores - 2)

Totals - 36 (Seniors - 15, Juniors - 7, Sophomores - 14)

LETTERMEN LOST: (18)

Offense - 8; Defense - 9; Kickers - 1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6)

OL Kenny Alfred, 6-2, 300, #Jr., 2V, Gig Harbor, Wash. (Gig Harbor)	11
WR Brandon Gibson, 6-1, 202, Sr., 3V, Puyallup, Wash. (Rogers)	11
OL Micah Hannam, 6-4, 279, #So., 1V, Gig Harbor, Wash. (Peninsula)	12
OL Vaughn Lesuma, 6-5, 329, #Sr., 1V, Laie, Hawaii (Fiji)	12
OL Dan Rowlands, 6-4, 284, #Sr., 3V, Seal Beach, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	12
RB Dwight Tardy, 5-11, 212, #Jr., 2V, Santa Fe Springs, Calif. (St. Paul)	8

OFFENSIVE BACKUPS RETURNING (6)

WR Jeshua Anderson, 6-2, 184, So., 1 V, Mission Hills, Calif. (Taft)	1
WR Daniel Blackledge, 6-2, 179, So., 1V, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)	0
TE Devin Frischknecht, 6-3, 256, Sr., 1V, Ephraim, Utah (Manti)	0
RB Chris Ivory, 6-0, 228, Jr., 2V, Longview, Texas (Longview)	3
QB Gary Rogers, 6-7, 234, #Sr., 2V, Mukilteo, Cash. (Kamiak)	0
OL Andrew Roxas, 6-1, 295, So., 1V, Sun Valley, Calif. (St. Francis)	1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5)

QB Alex Brink, 6-3, 215, #Sr., 4V, Eugene, Ore. (Sheldon)	12
SB Michael Bumpus, 6-0, 195, Sr., 4V, Culver City, Calif. (Culver City)	12
OL Bobby Byrd, 6-7, 316, #Sr., 4V, Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside)	12
TE Jed Collins, 6-2, 251, Sr., 4V, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	12
SE Charles Dillon, 6-0, 190, Sr., 2V, Oxnard, Calif. (Ventura College)	12

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (9)

DT Fevae'i Ahmu, 6-1, 289, Sr., 3V, San Diego, Calif. (Serra)	3
LB Kendrick Dunn, 5-11, 224, #Sr., 1V, Hearne, Texas (Hearne)	11
LB Cory Evans, 6-1, 227, Sr., 3V, Lena, La. (Northwood)	12
CB Devin Giles, 6-0, 158, Jr., 1V, Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson)	12
CB Alfonso Jackson, 5-9, 204, Sr., 1V, Hearne, Texas (Hearne)	9
LB Andy Mattingly, 6-4, 229, #Jr., 2V, Spokane, Wash. (Mead)	7
DE Matt Mullennix, 6-6, 258, #Sr., 3V, Spangle, Wash. (Liberty)	10
S Chima Nwachukwu, 5-11, 189, So., 1V, Allen, Texas (Allen)	12
LB Greg Trent, 5-11, 219, Sr., 3V, Keller, Texas (Keller)	12

GENERAL INFORMATION

NICKNAME: Cougars

COLORS: Crimson and Gray

PRESIDENT: Elson S. Floyd

FOUNDED: 1890

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Jim Sterk

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE: Ken Casavant

CONFERENCE: Pacific-10

ENROLLMENT: 23,300

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DEFENSIVE BACKUPS RETURNING (6)

DT Matt Eichelberger, 6-4, 312, #Sr., 3V, Bellingham, Wash. (Sehome)	0
DE Michael Graise, 6-3, 214, #Sr., 3V, Inglewood, Calif. (Inglewood)	1
FS Xavier Hicks, 6-0, 196, #Jr., 2V, Fullerton, Calif. (Fullerton)	3
LB Hallston Higgins, 5-10, 215, So., 1V, Magnolia, Texas (MacArthur)	0
DE Kevin Kooyman, 6-5, 236, Jr., 2V, Maple Valley, Wash. (Tahoma)	0
CB Romeo Pellum, 5-10, 162, So., 1V, Norwalk, Calif. (Santa Fe)	0

DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (2)

FS Husain Abdullah, 6-1, 178, #Sr., 3V, Pomona, Calif. (Pomona)	12
DT Ropati Pitoitua, 6-8, 291, Sr., 3V, Spanaway, Wash. (Clover Park)	12

KICKERS RETURNING (2)

P Reid Forrest, 6-0, 179, #So., 1V, Ephrata, Wash. (Ephrata)	8
K Wade Penner, 5-10, 155, So., 1V, Corvallis, Ore. (Corvallis)	0

WSU FOOTBALL INFORMATION

HEAD COACH: Paul Wulff, Washington State, 1990

WSU RECORD: First Year

CAREER RECORD: 53-40 (eight years)

ASSISTANTS:

Chris Ball, assistant head coach/co-defensive coordinator/safeties

Jody Sears, co-defensive coordinator/cornerbacks

Todd Sturdy, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks

Steve Broussard, special teams/running backs

Harold Etheridge, offensive line

Mike Levenseller, wide receivers

Travis Niekamp, linebackers

Rich Rasmussen, recruiting coordinator/tight ends

Malik Roberson, defensive line

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2007 RECORD: 5-7 Overall

2007 PACIFIC-10: 3-6(T-7th)

OFFENSE: Spread

DEFENSE: 4-3

2008 CAPTAINS: TBA

KEY TRANSFERS (7)

*S Myron Beck, 5-11, 205, #So., Seattle, Wash. (Glendale College)

*DB Easton Johnson, 5-11, 185, Jr., Renton, Wash. (Feather River College)

DT Josh Luapo, 6-0, 295, Jr., Torrance, Calif. (LA Harbor College)

DE Jessy Sanchez, 6-2, 265, Jr., Culver City, Calif. (West L.A. College)

RB Chantz Staden, 5-11, 200, Jr., Campbell, Calif. (DeAnza College)

OL Zack Williams, 6-3, 285, Jr., Pasadena, Calif. (Glendale College)

DE Bernard Wolfram, 6-3, 270, Jr., San Mateo, Calif. (College of San Mateo)

FRESHMEN (21)

S Louis Bland, S, 6-0, 205, Modesto, Calif. (Central Catholic)

DE/TE Adam Coerper, 6-5, 230, Hood River, Ore. (Hood River Valley)

DB LeAndre Daniels, DB, 6-1, 180, San Leandro, Calif. (San Leandro)

DB Kevin Frank, 5-10, 170, Elk Grove, Calif. (Elk Grove)

DB Terrance Hayward, 6-1, 175, Carson, Calif. (Culver City)

OL Timothy Hodgdon, 6-3, 287, Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Tesoro)

WR Jared Karstetter, 6-4, 195, Spokane, Wash. (Ferris)

DT Anthony Laurenzi, 6-3, 260, Placentia, Calif. (El Dorado)

LB Mike Ledgerwood, 6-1, 215, Kennewick, Wash. (River View)

*QB J.T. Levenseller, 6-1, 187, Pullman, Wash. (Pullman)

TE Andrei Lintz, 6-4, 220, Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian)

WR Cory Mackay, 6-4, 215, Redmond, Wash. (Eastlake, Wash.)

S Jay Mathews, 6-1, 200, Lake Oswego, Calif. (Lake Oswego)

WR Kevin Norrell, 5-9, 180, Los Angeles, Calif. (Long Beach Poly)

DE/TE Tyson Pencer, 6-6, 260, Delta, B.C., Canada (Sands Secondary)

OL Alex Reitnouer, 6-5, 235, La Canada, Calif. (St. Francis)

RB/DB Daniel Simmons, 5-10, 180, Ontario, Calif. (Colony)

TE/DE Dan Spitz, 6-5, 245, Spokane, Wash. (Mead)

TE/DE Skylar Stormo, 6-4, 227, Everett, Wash. (Kamiak)

DB Tyree Toomer, 6-0, 180, Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco)

WR Michael Vandenkolk, 5-10, 175, Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)

* = Enrolled in January, 2008, and participated in spring drills

KICKERS LOST (1)

K Romeen Abdollmohammadi, 6-0, 235, #Sr., 2V, Camano Island, Wash. (Stanwood)12

KEY REDSHIRTS (8)

OL Steven Ayers, 6-4, 275, #Fr., Bellingham, Wash. (Sehome)

DB Eric Block, 6-0, 179, #Fr., Bellevue, Wash. (Bellevue)

OL B.J. Guerra, 6-3, 315, #Fr., Moses Lake, Wash. (Moses Lake)

OL Kevin Freitag, 6-3, 275, #Fr., Maple Valley, Wash. (Kennedy)

QB Marshall Lobbstaal, 6-2, 195, #Fr., Oak Harbor, Wash. (Oak Harbor)

LB Marshal Pirtz, 6-0, 215, #Fr., Boise, Idaho (Centennial)

LB Jason Stripling, 5-11, 220, #Jr., 1V, Tyler, Texas (Robert E. Lee)

WR Michael Willis, 6-1, 213, #Jr., 1V, Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln)

HONOR CANDIDATES

ALL-AMERICA

WR Brandon Gibson, 6-1, 202, Sr., 3V, Puyallup, Wash. (Rogers)

ALL-PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE (Offense)

WR Brandon Gibson, 6-1, 202, Sr., 3V, Puyallup, Wash. (Rogers)

ALL- PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE (Defense)

DE Andy Mattingly, 6-4, 229, #Jr., 2V, Spokane, Wash. (Mead)

LB Greg Trent, 5-11, 219, Sr., 3V, Keller, Texas (Keller)



Cougar Football Depth Chart



COUGAR OFFENSE

X	85	*	[1]	JESHUA ANDERSON (6-2, 184, So.)
	15	***	[0]	Benny Ward (6-3, 186, Sr.)
	84		[dnp]	Jared Karstetter (6-4, 195, Fr.)
F	86	*	[0]	DANIEL BLACKLEDGE (6-2, 179, So.)
	3	*	[dnp]	Michael Willis (6-1, 204, #Jr.)
	87		[dnp]	Keith Rosenberg (5-10, 190, #So.)
LT	55		[12]	VAUGHN LESUMA (6-5, 340, Sr.)
	67		[0]	Joe Eppele (6-7, 277, #So.)
	52		[0]	Nick Cantlon (6-5, 274, #Sr.)
LG	73	*	[1]	ANDREW ROXAS (6-1, 295, So.)
	79		[dnp]	B.J. Guerra (6-3, 315, #Fr.)
	68		[dnp]	Mike Bruce (6-3, 285, #Fr.)
	61		[0]	Jeff Bowen (6-1, 281, #Sr.)
C	69	**	[11]	KENNY ALFRED (6-2, 293, #Jr.)
	57		[0]	Chris Prummer (6-1, 236, #Fr.)
	64		[0]	Jimmy Magee (6-2, 289, #Jr.)
RG	60	***	[12]	DAN ROWLANDS (6-5, 290, #Sr.)
	56		[0]	Kevin Freitag (6-4, 316, #Fr.)
	79		[0]	Brian Danaher (6-3, 273, #So.)
	51		[0]	Nick LaBorde (6-2, 246, #Fr.)
RT	76	*	[12]	MICAH HANNAM (6-4, 279, #So.)
	78		[dnp]	Steven Ayers (6-4, 299, #Fr.)
	66		[0]	Reed Lesuma (6-3, 302, #Jr.)
	75		[0]	Will Hunter (6-5, 295, #Fr.)
TE	80	*	[0]	DEVIN FRISCHKNECHT (6-3, 256, Sr.)
	48	**	[0]	Ben Woodard (6-5, 249, #Jr.)
	46	*	[0]	Tony Thompson (6-2, 237, #Jr.)
	40		[0]	Aaron Gehring (6-5, 237, #So.)
Z	4	***	[11]	BRANDON GIBSON (6-1, 202, Sr.)
	88	*	[0]	Anthony Houston (6-3, 201, #So.)
	6		[dnp]	Cory Mackay (6-4, 215, Fr.)
QB	17	**	[0]	GARY ROGERS (6-7, 234, #Sr.)
	12		[dnp]	Kevin Lopina (6-3, 229, #Jr.)
	12		[dnp]	Marshall Lobbstaal (6-3, 201, #Fr.)
	5		[dnp]	J.T. Levenseller (6-1, 187, Fr.)
RB	31	*	[10]	DWIGHT TARDY (5-11, 212, #So.)
	34	**	[3]	Chris Ivory (6-0, 228, Jr.)
	30		[0]	Marcus Richmond (6-1, 215, #So.)
	33		[dnp]	Logwone Mitz (6-0, 228, #Fr.)
K	35	*	[0]	WADE PENNER (5-10, 155, So.) OR
	29		[dnp]	NICO GRASU (6-1, 195, So.)
	99		[dnp]	Patrick Rooney (5-11, 190, #Jr.)

2008 CAPTAINS:

Offense – TBA

Defense – TBA

[] = Number of 2007 starts.

* = Varsity letters earned

= Has redshirted

COUGAR DEFENSE

LE	93	**	[2]	KEVIN KOOYMAN (6-6, 242, Jr.)
	58	***	[10]	Matt Mullennix (6-6, 258, #Sr.)
LT	77	***	[0]	MATT EICHELBERGER (6-4, 317, #Sr.)
	90		[0]	Toby Turpin (6-6, 268, #So.)
	74		[0]	Luke Hansell (6-2, 244, #Jr.)
RT	92	***	[8]	A'I AHMU (6-0, 292, Sr.)
	74	***	[dnp]	Andy Roof (6-4, 299, #Sr.)
	65	*	[dnp]	Adam Hineline (6-2, 305, #Sr.)
RE	45	**	[6]	ANDY MATTINGLY (6-4, 241, Jr.)
	19	***	[2]	Mike Graise (6-3, 220, #Sr.)
	83		[dnp]	Bryce Buslach (6-5, 179, #Fr.)
SAM	38	***	[12]	CORY EVANS (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	53	*	[0]	Hallston Higgins (5-10, 215, So.)
	39		[dnp]	Andrew Kreutz (5-11, 194, #So.)
MIKE	52	***	[12]	GREG TRENT (5-11, 220, Sr.)
	47		[dnp]	Marshal Pirtz (6-0, 231, #Fr.)
	54		[0]	Sam Tennant (6-0, 205, #Jr.)
WILL	49	*	[11]	KENDRICK DUNN (5-11, 224, #Sr.)
	51	*	[dnp]	Jason Stripling (5-11, 219, #Jr.)
	46		[dnp]	Darrin Friberg (6-2, 194, #So.)
LCB	6	*	[0]	MARKUS DAWES (5-11, 193, #Sr.)
	29	*	[0]	Romeo Pellum (5-10, 162, So.)
SS	21	*	[12]	CHIMA NWACHUKWU (5-11, 189, So.)
	13		[dnp]	Myron Beck (6-0, 207, #So.)
	42		[dnp]	Eric Block (6-0, 179, #Fr.)
FS	26	*	[2]	XAVIER HICKS, Jr. (6-0, 193, #Jr.)
	25		[dnp]	Easton Johnson (5-11, 196, #So.)
	27		[dnp]	Phillip Jennings (6-1, 195, #Fr.)
RCB	1	*	[9]	ALFONSO JACKSON (5-9, 204, Sr.)
	37		[dnp]	Tyrone Justin (5-11, 151, #Fr.)
	47		[dnp]	Tali Talakai (5-11, 185, #Jr.)
P	8	*	[8]	REID FORREST (6-2, 175, #So.)
	19		[0]	Dan Wagner (5-11, 209, #Fr.)

WSU SPECIAL TEAMS

KO:	35	Wade Penner (5-10, 155, So.)
	29	Nico Grasu (6-1, 195, So.)
FIELD GOALS:	35	Wade Penner (5-10, 155, So.)
	29	Nico Grasu (6-1, 195, So.)
LONG SNAPS:	43	Tony Thompson (6-2, 240, #Jr.)
	63	Zach Enyeart (6-0, 267, #So.)
P-RETURNS:	37	Tyrone Justin (5-11, 151, #Fr.)
	86	Daniel Blackledge (6-2, 179, So.)
KO-RETURN:	4	Brandon Gibson (6-1, 202, Sr.)
	34	Chris Ivory (6-0, 228, Jr.)