

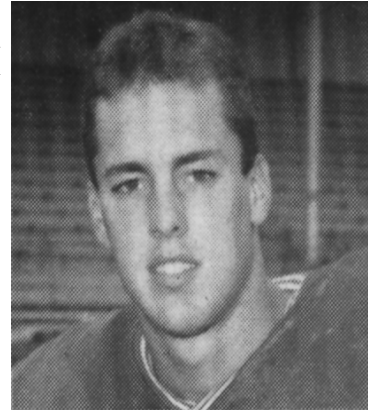
## ***Alumni Spotlight:*** Ed Bubonics

**When did you play at Mount and what**

**position did you play?** “I played at Mount from 1989-1993. I played a fifth year due to a stress fracture in my back in the 1992 season, my true senior year. I played wide receiver, punt returner and kick returner, and my number was #2.”

**What did you study and what is your current job?**

“I majored in elementary education and minored in math. I currently teach 7th and 8th grade math in Solon City Schools. I also coach varsity football and baseball. I am the defensive coordinator and coach the linebackers.”



**Do you have a family?** “I am married to my high school girlfriend and we have 3 boys. Joey is 8, Sammy is 6 and Charlie is 2. My family is my life and my favorite part of it.”

**What do you remember most about playing at Mount?**

“My experiences at Mount are the best of my life. It was obviously capped off by our 1993 National Championship, but there were many, many others. The National Championship was the final days for me at Mount because I graduated that semester. It was an unbelievable ride with many stories and memories that would go along with it. The greatest part was spending those days with your teammates and coaches together and reliving those days with those same people. The only regret is that the team before did not have that chance. They were good enough to do it!!”

**Give your favorite Coach Kehres story:**

“Well, where do I start? Is it when he took the first ride in my wife’s new car instead of me? Is it when he would wink before he went on a tirade just to get us on the right track? Is it when he yelled from the press box when I dropped the first pass ever thrown to me?? I remember one time he made Jim Gresko practice against the first defense because he was so bad that day. There really are too many to pick out just one.”

**When did you and your teammates feel like you were good enough to win a championship in 93?** “We were a confident group and an experienced group who just got beat the year before. We thought we could have advanced and were all coming back. I believe from the start of the season that we were the team to beat. That sounds cocky, but as we know, a certain swagger is needed to win it all.”

**What was it like to be a part of the first national championship team?** “Being a part of that first team was unbelievable and still is nice to be a part of the first one. I stay away from any talk that compares any team. There have been some great ones since and the teams that don’t get any credit are the ones that played previously. The 1990 team that I played on was unbelievable and as I said before the 1992 team was also a great team. Both teams lost tough games to the eventually National Champions. I have great memories of friends and respect for my teammates on both of those teams as well.”

**What’s your best memory of the 93 season?** “Memories of our team would have to be the playoff run. The week leading up to the game was unforgettable. For the whole Mount Union Alumni I believe everyone who has gone to the National game has shown pure class and I think it was recognizable each year. We carried ourselves with class and we played like champions. I think this is a tribute to our coaches and especially Coach Kehres. We all have been lucky to have the coaches that we have had. Coming home to our crowd was a personal favorite!”

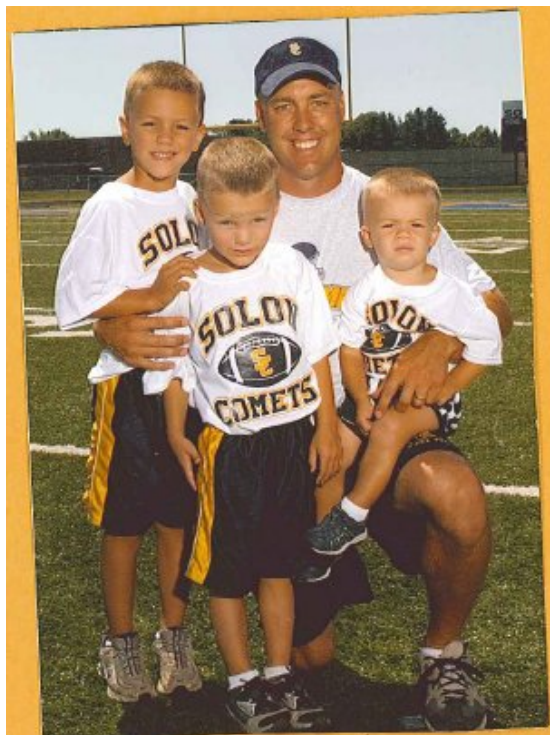
**“I would never change a thing I did at Mount. I thank everyone involved in my educational and academic career for everything that I have accomplished. I remember the day I sat in Coach Kehres’ office when we together decided what major I should change to and it was the best decision I ever made. I also thank Coach Montgomery for the countless hours that he put into me as well. Everyone in the city of Alliance and at Mount Union has been extremely supportive of me and my family when I was there. My two younger brothers also attended Mount and had a great experience”**

Ed Bubonics put up some amazing numbers at Mount Union. Including the playoffs, he posted *102 receptions for 1,769 yards and 14 receiving touchdowns* as a member of Purple Raider first National

- **Championship squad in 1993.**
- **NCAA recognized career numbers include;** *174 receptions, 3,179 yards receiving, 18.3 yard per catch average, and 35 TDs* from 1989-91 and 93.
- **Career numbers including the playoffs;** *204 receptions, 3,692 yards receiving, 18.1 yards per catch, 39 TDs.* In 1991, Ed was

**named First-Team All-OAC wide receiver and 3rd team All-American by Champion USA and Football Gazette. In 1993, he was named First-Team All-OAC, won the Ed Sherman Award as OAC’s top receiver, was named 1st team All-American by Champion USA and Football Gazette, and AP 3rd team All-American. Ed still holds the Raider record for catches in a game with 14.**

While a student at Mount Union, he was a member of the Raider baseball team (’90, ’91, 92). Ed won the Marguerite “Peg” Lynn Freshman Award. He was also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.



To contact Ed, you can email him at [EBubonics@solonboe.org](mailto:EBubonics@solonboe.org)

## 20 RAIDERS Honored for Academic Excellence on 2007 Spring Semester Dean's List

Twenty members of the Mount Union Football Team had their name's posted on the Dean's list for the spring semester of 2007. To make the Dean's list, one must achieve at least a 3.55 GPA for the semester and must not have a grade lower than a B in any single class. Here are the names of the men who were honored:

- J.J. Ditz (Sr. WR/#81)
- Dean Borato (Sr. DL/#98)
- Chris Kappas (Jr. DB/#3)
- Derek Blanchard (Jr. OL/#75)
- Caleb Jones (Jr. DE/#99)
- Matt Diener (Jr. DB/#39)
- Rahim Bradshaw (So. DB)
- Carson Barnes (Fr. LB)
- Jay Carpenter (Fr. P)
- Caleb Crowl (Fr. OL)
- Bryan Hubler (Sr. OL/#54)
- Ryan Magyary (Sr. DB/#25)
- Eric Safran (Jr. OL/#65)
- Justin Wray (Jr. RB/#23)
- Luke Kontras (Jr. DB)
- Pat Nicholson (Jr. DL/#85)
- Greg Micheli (So. QB/#13)
- Andrew McClain (Fr. DB)
- Scott Panchik (Fr. RB)
- Ehrich Zollinger (Fr. DL)



# Player Spotlight: Justin Wray

**Year:** Junior

**Position:** Running Back

**Jersey #:** 23

**Hometown/Highschool:** Pittsburgh PA/ Kiski Area High School '04

**Major/ Minor:** Physics/Business

**GPA:** 3.7

**Activities:** Football, SPS (Society for Physics Students)

**Athletic Honors/ Accomplishments:** *Highschool:* **Football** - 2 time first team all-conference running back **Track**- Westmorland county 100 meter dash champion and 4x100 relay. Silver medal winner at WPIAL finals in 4x100 relay. *College-* Football - 2nd team all OAC running back in 2006. Has lettered in all three seasons.

**Why did you chose Mount Union?** "The first time I came to campus, I just felt comfortable because I was surrounded with guys that seemed to have the same goals that I do and I knew I would have an opportunity to win some championships."

**What other schools were you considering?** Shippensburg (PA), University of Dayton, Marshall University, Bowling Green State University.

**So far, what are two of you favorite memories?** "Well the National Championship victories are my greatest memory, and I'd have to say the other one would be at the beginning of my freshman year when I made some of the best friends and people that I'll ever meet. You know, its weird because you would never imagine when you get here that these guys will someday be in your wedding."

**On the Program:** "It's amazing to just sit back and think about the history we are currently making and it blows my mind that I get to be a part of that. This team doesn't just win on talent, I'd say a lot of our championships are won in the off season. It's a year-round process and we always have our eye on the prize. When you see the countless hours that our coaches put in every single day, it kind of sets the tone for the work ethic that's needed to be as successful as we are."



<i>RUSHING</i>	<i>GP</i>	<i>Att</i>	<i>Gain</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>Avg</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Avg/G</i>
<b>Justin Wray</b>	14	48	458	7	451	9.4	5	41	32.2
<i>RECEIVING</i>	<i>GP</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Yds</i>	<i>Avg</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Avg/G</i>		
<b>Justin Wray</b>	14	28	310	11.1	3	67	22.1		
<i>PUNT RETURNS</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Yds</i>	<i>Avg</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>Long</i>				
<b>Justin Wray</b>	19	195	10.3	0	38				
<i>KICK RETURNS</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Yds</i>	<i>Avg</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>Long</i>				
<b>Justin Wray</b>	9	235	26.1	0	54				
<i>ALL PURPOSE</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>Rush</i>	<i>Rec</i>	<i>PR</i>	<i>KOR</i>	<i>IR</i>	<i>Tot</i>	<i>Avg/G</i>	
<b>Justin Wray</b>	14	451	310	195	235	0	1191	85.1	

## *Mount Union Fleet of Coaches Update*

Last month, we put out our current list of alumni who are coaching around the country. It was brought to our attention that there were a few coaches who were not included in that list, as well as a few who have changed positions.

First, Troy Starr, a 1985 Mount Union grad, has been named the director of football operations for the 2006 Division 1 Football National Champions, The University of Florida Gators. For the last 14 years, he has been the Head Football Coach at Taft High School in Woodland Hills, California, where he compiled a record of 139-36-1.

Starr's duties with the Gators will include overseeing the overall coordination of recruiting, as well as assisting with other administrative duties on a day to day basis.

A few college coaches who were not mentioned in last month's newsletter are; Scott Coy, who is serving as an assistant coach at Westminster College in Pennsylvania, Alex Grinch is an assistant at the University of New Hampshire, and Bruce Notestine helps with the offensive line at Western New England College. At the University of Kansas, Ed Warinner is the Offensive Coordinator, Dave Smith is an assistant at Capital University, and Steve Rogers is an assistant at Bluffton College.



Manning '05

Joining these men as a college coach is Tom Manning, a senior captain of the 2005 national championship team, was recently hired as an assistant coach at Emory & Henry College under Don Montgomery.

## *Fleet of Coaches Update*

Bob Frye is at Olivet College, and Jim Zebrowski, formerly the head coach at Lakeland College, will now be the offensive coordinator at The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, who have been Mount Union's opponent in each of the last two National Championship games.

At the High School level, Moe Daniska is the Head Football Coach at Canton South High School, Frank Horvath is the Head Coach at Vermilion High School, Mark Kobylinski is the Head Coach at Cleveland Central Catholic High School and Joe Culler is an assistant coach at Saltsburg High School in Pennsylvania.

Joe Montgomery, a senior on the 2005 championship team, has been named the head wrestling coach and assistant football coach at Muskingum College.

## *Coaching Job Board*

Tim Hinton, the new HFC at **Marion Harding High School** is looking to fill two varsity spots on his staff. Teaching openings in Math and Social Studies are also available. Call ASAP 740.503.1469.

**Cuyahoga Falls** has teaching openings and coaching openings for 2007. Contact Mike Miller if interested.  
330-414-6863

**Girard High School** has teaching openings in English, Math, and PE/Health. They are also in need of coaches. Contact Adam Slopek 330-398-2789

## *Old Black Jerseys to Go On Sale*

We will be selling the old black jerseys. Alumni get the first crack at purchasing them. If you are interested in purchasing your old jersey, email Coach Larry Kehres at [KehresLT@muc.edu](mailto:KehresLT@muc.edu) as soon as possible to make sure your number is still available. The jerseys will be sold for \$60 a piece and will be shipped directly to you. Requests for jerseys must be made by Friday, August 24th. The jerseys will go on sale to the public in the book store at the beginning of the school year.

## *Improvements Made to RAIDERS Locker Room*

The Wable-Harter locker room has gotten some improvements this off-season. These upgrades include new carpeting, a big screen television, and numerous action photos. All of this was made possible through memorial donations in the name of former Mount Union Head Coach John Thorpe (Coached 1922-31), and by George and Shirley Weimer. Stop in before or after any home game to check out the new look of the locker room.

In addition to the locker room improvements, there have also been a few upgrades made to the Gulling Training Center. The Gulling Center has gotten new weight lifting machines, racks, and platforms.

Another addition that you may notice on campus is the new fence that has been built around the practice fields. This is the same type of fencing that currently surrounds Mount Union Stadium.

## *Recognizing Greatness*

On October 13th, after the home game against Wilmington (1:30 Game time), there will be a cookout for all of the members of the 1996, 1997, and 1998

National Championship Teams at Coach Larry Kehres' house starting at approximately 4:30 PM.

The captains of each of the teams will be asked to speak and give a re-cap of their season. This is a time to catch up with old friends and teammates, and remember those great Raider memories.

- All children are welcome and there will be a back yard football game for them which Vic Ricketts will be coordinating.

Please let us know if you are coming and how many people you will be bringing.

Email Coach Larry or Vince Kehres.

KehresLT@muc.edu or KehresVG@muc.edu.



## *Introducing our new “Top Series”*

Every month we will be asking you to send us what you remember as a top performance from a Mount Union player or team. We will list the comments you send in along with your name in the newsletter. We will continue this every month, changing the theme for each newsletter. (example: Best Defensive Lineman single game performance, or Top overall Defensive Game as a team)

August’s newsletter will feature *“The Best Single Game Individual Performance”*. It can be an offensive or defensive player from any year. Send your comments to [KehresVG@muc.edu](mailto:KehresVG@muc.edu) or [Kappascw@muc.edu](mailto:Kappascw@muc.edu).

## *Scrimmage vs. Washington & Jefferson to be Played at Home.*

The yearly preseason scrimmage against W&J will be played at Mount Union Stadium for the second straight year. The game is set for Saturday, August 25, 2007, with a 10 AM start time.

W&J finished last season with a 10-2 record, and was ranked #18 in the D3Football.com final poll after losing to Mary Hardin Baylor in the second round of the playoffs.

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