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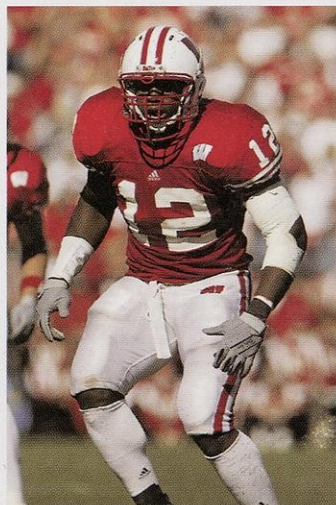
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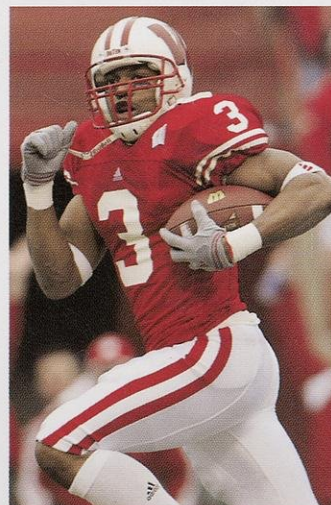
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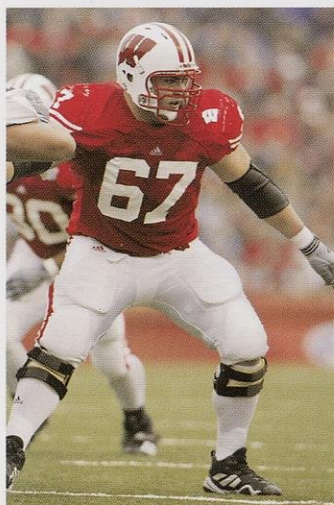
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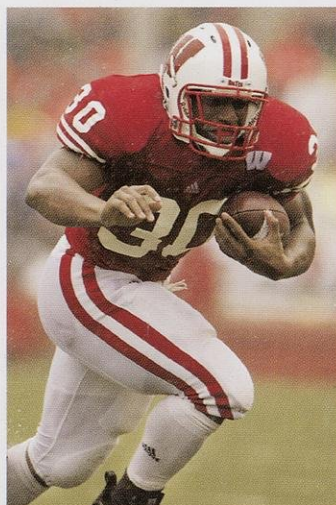
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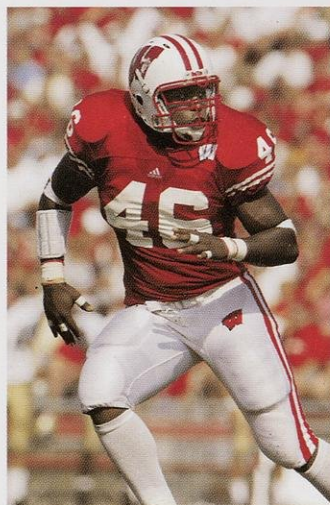
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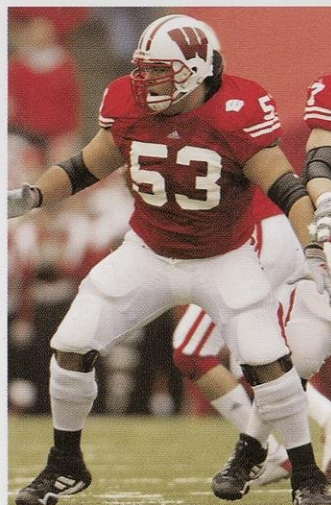
OL Dan Buenning
2nd-team All-Big Ten



RB Dwayne Smith
Hon. Mention All-Big Ten



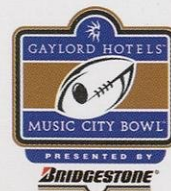
LB Jeff Mack
Hon. Mention All-Big Ten



OL Donovan Raiola
Hon. Mention All-Big Ten

2003 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl Guide

Badgers vs. Auburn
The Coliseum, Nashville, Tenn.
Dec. 31, 2003





Alvarez Era Bowl Victories

**1994
Rose Bowl**

**1995
Hall of Fame Bowl**

**1996
Copper Bowl**

**1999
Rose Bowl**

**2000
Rose Bowl**

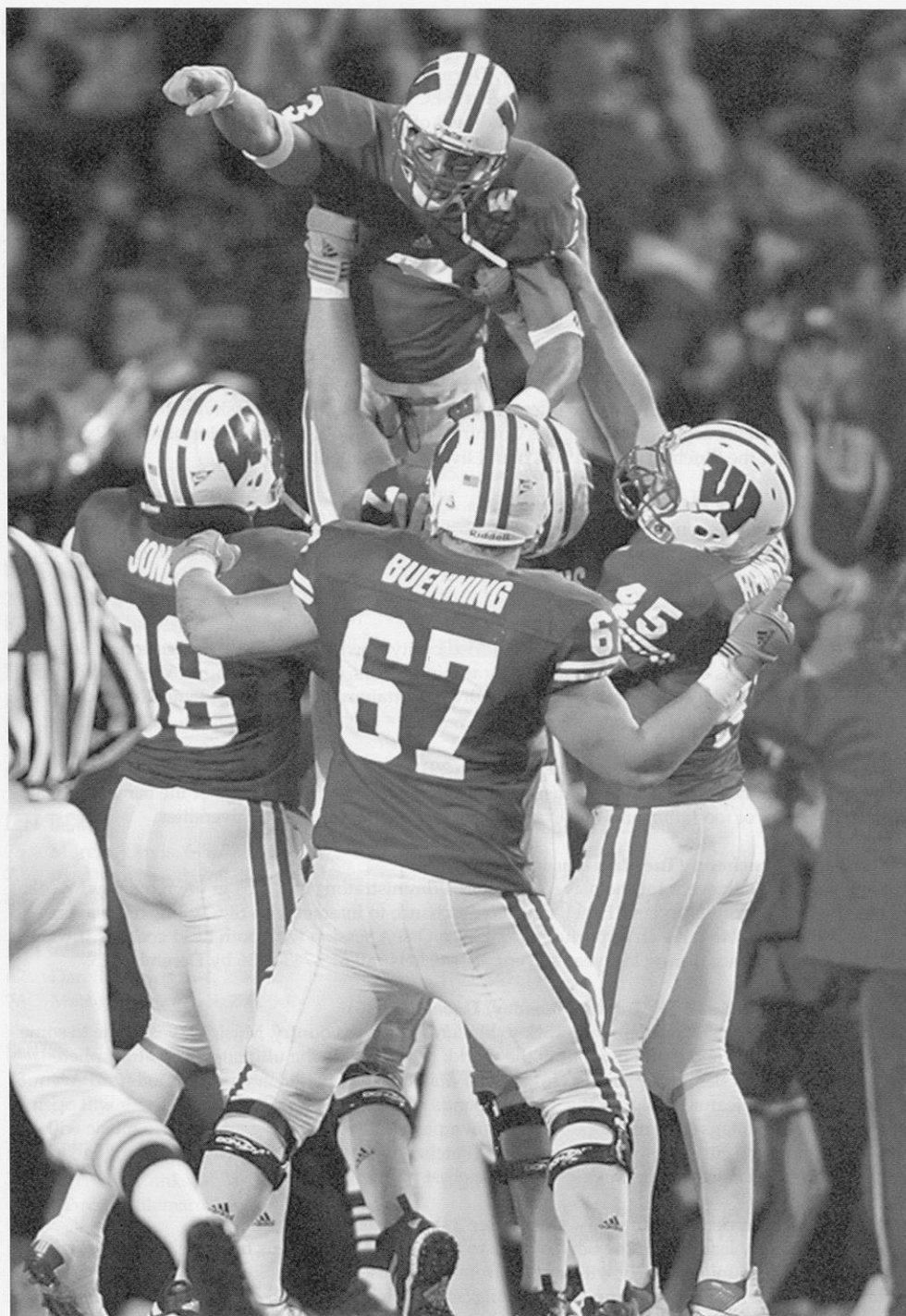
**2000
Sun Bowl**

**2002
Alamo Bowl**



Wisconsin head coach Barry Alvarez could reach two significant milestones at the Music City Bowl. A Badger victory would allow him to tie John Robinson for the highest bowl game winning percentage in history (min. seven games). Alvarez also could become just the 10th coach in Big Ten history to win 100 games at one conference institution.

2003 Wisconsin Bowl Guide



Lee Evans (top) celebrates his game-winning, 79-yard TD reception against No. 3-ranked Ohio State on Oct. 11.

CREDITS

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Wisconsin (7-5) will face Auburn (7-5) in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn., on Dec. 31, 2003. Kickoff at The Coliseum (67,000) is set for 11 a.m. CT. ESPN will televise the game live with Pam Ward (pbp), Chris Spielman (analysis) and Matt Winer (sideline) on the call. The game will be heard live on radio via the Wisconsin Radio Network (WIBA 1310 AM in Madison) with Matt Lepay and Mike Lucas calling the action. The Nevada Sports Network also will air a radio broadcast of the contest.

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QUICK FACTS

Location: Madison, Wis.
 Population: 215,211
 UW Enrollment: 41,595
 Founded: 1848
 Colors: Cardinal and White
 Mascot: Bucky Badger
 Stadium: Camp Randall
 Capacity: 76,634
 Surface: FieldTurf
 Year Opened: 1917
 Conference: Big Ten
 Chancellor: John Wiley
 Faculty Rep.: Linda Baumann,
 Robert Haveman
 Director of Athletics: Pat Richter
 Head Coach: Barry Alvarez
 Alma Mater: Nebraska, 1969
 Career Record: 99-66-4/14th yr.
 UW Record: 99-66-4/14th yr.
 Bowl Record: 7-1
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Media Info. / Bowl Itinerary

MEDIA INFORMATION

Wisconsin will arrive in Nashville on Dec. 27 and will depart on Jan. 1. The Badgers will stay at the Gaylord Opryland Resort, 2800 Opryland Drive (PH: 615-889-1000). UW media relations contacts are:

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Media availability for Wisconsin players and coaches in Nashville prior to the game will include an open practice on Sunday, Dec. 28 (players and coaches available for interviews after practice) at Goodpasture High School (starts at 1:30 p.m.) and the head coaches press conference on Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. in Room 134.06 at The Coliseum.

MEDIA HOTEL

The official media headquarters will be the Renaissance Nashville Hotel (615-255-8400). Hours of operation (media work room) will be from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. on Dec. 29-30 and 8 a.m.-11 p.m. on gameday. There will be shuttle service from the media hotel to The Coliseum during hours of operation. Following are phone numbers for your reference at the media hotel.

Credential Registration Desk

(Davidson A): 615-493-4084

Media Information Workroom

(Davidson A) Phone: 615-493-4082

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BOWL WEEK EVENTS

Music City U.S.A. Welcome Event (Sunday, December 28)

The official welcome event for the players, coaches, SEC & Big Ten administrators, Bowl sponsors & partners, along with Nashville dignitaries. This event officially kicks off Bowl Week and all of the activities centered around the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl Presented By Bridgestone. The event will take place at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

****FCA Breakfast (Monday, December 29)

The Fellowship for Christian Athletes hosts an event for the players and Bowl fans alike. Held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, the FCA Breakfast features a unique guest speaker to share his/her faith and love for sports. Guest speakers have included individuals from the military as well as the Tennessee Titans. Call 615-889-8808 for tickets by December 19.

Wives & Daughters Tour (Monday, December 29)

A fun-filled day for the wives & daughters of coaches, administrators, and Bowl VIP's. The ladies are given a taste of what Music City has to offer as they are whisked through Nashville for a day at some of Nashville's best attractions including the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the Ryman Auditorium, and the Bluebird Café for lunch and live entertainment.

Official Player Party (Monday, December 29)

This is a players-only event on Monday evening hosted by Jillian's at Opry Mills. Players enjoy a friendly competition through a NASCAR Tournament Challenge and have a chance to eat, drink and have fun before game day.

Bowl VIP Dinner (Monday, December 29)

A special evening hosted by the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl Presented By Bridgestone's Board of Directors, this event is exclusively for university administrators, coaches, and other VIPs in town for Bowl Week. Held at the Wild Boar and featuring live entertainment by Rebecca Lynn Howard, VIPs will be treated with true southern hospitality.

Band & Cheerleader Party (Monday, December 29)

Wildhorse Saloon hosts an evening exclusively for team cheerleaders, members of the band, and team mascots. A night of food, fun, and music are in store for the participating universities.

****Coaches Luncheon (Tuesday, December 30)

The official chalk talk event for the players, coaches, administrators, and fans in town for Bowl Week. Hosted by the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, fans have a chance to interact with SEC & Big Ten players and coaches. Fans will have an opportunity to have a Q & A session with both head coaches. Over 750 were in attendance during last year's event. For tickets call 615-743-3136 by December 23.

****MusicFest/Battle of the Bands (Tuesday, December 30)

Nashville's calling card is music. From rock to bluegrass, jazz to country, Music City is home to some of the best musicians and entertainment in the world. MusicFest is the ultimate party atmosphere downtown the night before the game. Thousands of fans will converge on world-famous 2nd Avenue for the Block Party featuring SEC & Big Ten pep bands and cheerleaders. Multiple venues will open their doors to Bowl fans for a memorable downtown party where various genres of live music will play throughout the city. Show your Bowl Patch (Patches available via musiccitybowl.com) and receive special Fan discounts at participating MusicFest partner locations.

****Pre-game Concert (Wednesday, December 31)

This pregame party leads up to the Bowl. Open to the general public, fans from the SEC and Big Ten will have an opportunity to party within steps from The Coliseum in the South End Zone Area Lot R (Admission is Free). Live entertainment featuring Stacy Mitchhart and the Blues U Can Use will be available for Bowl fans along with interactive games. It's a great start for gameday and a great way to be a part of all of the pageantry of the Bowl.

For the latest on BOWL WEEK special events including days, times, and venues, visit www.musiccitybowl.com

****EVENT IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Wisconsin Depth Chart

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

- 19 Jim Sorgi, 6-5, 190, Sr.
- 16 Matt Schabert, 6-2, 203, Jr.
- 2 John Stocco, 6-2, 195, Fr.

TAILBACK

- 28 Anthony Davis, 5-8, 191, Jr.
- 30 Dwayne Smith, 5-11, 225, So.
- 32 Booker Stanley, 5-10, 207, Fr.

FULLBACK

- 45 Matt Bernstein, 6-2, 273, So.
- 37 Greg Root, 6-2, 256, So.

WIDE RECEIVER

- 3 Lee Evans, 5-11, 202, Sr.
- 9 Jonathan Orr, 6-3, 190, So.
- 8 Brandon White, 6-3, 182, So.

WIDE RECEIVER

- 25 Brandon Williams, 5-11, 170, So.
- 87 Darrin Charles, 6-6, 210, Jr.

TIGHT END

- 85 Tony Paciotti, 6-4, 263, Jr.
- 84 Jason Pociask, 6-3, 250, So.
- 11 Owen Daniels, 6-3, 213, So.
- 88 Mark Bell, 6-4, 242, Jr.

LEFT TACKLE

- 75 Morgan Davis, 6-5, 326, Jr.
- 72 Joe Thomas, 6-8, 260, Fr.
- 68 Fred Nieforth, 6-8, 309, Sr.

LEFT GUARD

- 67 Dan Buenning, 6-4, 298, Jr.
- 76 Matt Lawrence, 6-5, 288, So.

CENTER

- 53 Donovan Raiola, 6-3, 290, So.
- 52 Jason Palermo, 6-3, 291, So.

RIGHT GUARD

- 50 Jonathan Clinkscale, 6-3, 308, Jr.
- 65 Marcus Coleman, 6-6, 305, Fr.

RIGHT TACKLE

- 61 Mike Lorenz, 6-5, 313, Jr.
- 78 Jake Wood, 6-6, 296, So.

DEFENSE

LEFT END

- 95 Joe Monty, 6-2, 246, Fr.
- 72 Joe Thomas, 6-8, 260, Fr.
- 56 Jason Clemens, 6-1, 226, Sr.

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 Anttaj Hawthorne, 6-3, 300, Jr.
- 97 Nick Cochart, 6-1, 267, Sr.

RIGHT TACKLE

- 74 Jason Jefferson, 6-3, 307, Jr.
- 58 Calvin Barrett, 6-2, 316, Fr.

RIGHT END

- 92 Jonathan Welsh, 6-4, 228, Jr.
- 95 Joe Monty, 6-2, 246, Fr.
- 91 Traison Lewis, 6-2, 239, Jr.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

- 12 Alex Lewis, 6-1, 237, Sr.
- 24 LaMarr Watkins, 6-1, 216, So.

LINEBACKER

- 46 Jeff Mack, 6-0, 244, Sr.
- 41 Mark Zalewski, 6-2, 232, Fr. or
- 48 John Gillen, 6-4, 246, Jr./So.

LINEBACKER

- 43 Kyle McCorison, 6-0, 242, Sr.
- 47 Elliot Goode, 6-2, 240, So.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 2 Scott Starks, 5-10, 168, Jr.
- 21 Levonne Rowan, 6-1, 178, So.

FREE SAFETY

- 18 Jim Leonhard, 5-8, 183, Jr.
- 42 Robert Brooks, 5-10, 179, Jr.

STRONG SAFETY

- 7 Ryan Aiello, 6-1, 196, Sr.
- 14 Dontez Sanders, 6-1, 201, So.

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 4 Chuckie Cowans, 5-8, 169, Jr.
- 22 Roderick Rogers, 6-2, 185, Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER

- 31 R.J. Morse, 6-1, 246, Jr.
- 94 Ken DeBauche, 6-2, 195, Fr.
- 97 Paul Standing, 6-1, 190, Fr.

PLACEKICKER

- 99 Mike Allen, 6-2, 186, Jr.
- 29 Scott Campbell, 6-0, 245, Sr.
- 17 Matt Domonkos, 5-8, 167, Fr.

KICKOFFS

- 29 Scott Campbell, 6-0, 245, Sr.
- 99 Mike Allen, 6-2, 186, Jr.
- 17 Matt Domonkos, 5-8, 167, Fr.

LONG SNAPPER

- 86 Matt Katula, 6-6, 282, Jr.
- 57 Steve Johnson, 6-3, 230, Fr.

HOLDER

- 16 Matt Schabert, 6-2, 203, Jr.
- 31 R.J. Morse, 6-1, 246, Jr.

PUNT RETURNERS

- 18 Jim Leonhard, 5-8, 183, Jr.
- 25 Brandon Williams, 5-11, 170, So.
- 81 Ernest Mason, 6-0, 180, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURNERS

- 25 Brandon Williams, 5-11, 170, So.
- 81 Ernest Mason, 6-0, 180, Fr.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Ryan Aiello (eye-ELL-oh)
Matt Bernstein (BERN-steen)
Dan Buenning (BENN-ing)
Ken DeBauche (de-BUSH) ... not
de-BOWSH as listed in media guide
Matt Domonkos (duh-MON-koes)
Matt Gajda (GUY-da) ... not GAY-da
Anttaj Hawthorne (ANN-tahj)
Matt Katula (kuh-TOO-luh)
Traison Lewis (TRAY-zon)
Lyle Maiava (my-AY-vuh)
Tony Paciotti (puh-CHOE-tee)
Jason Pociask (POE-zee-ack)
Donovan Raiola (ray-OH-luh)
Matt Schabert (SHAY-bert)
Jim Sorgi (SOR-jee)

Wisconsin Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Yr./El.	Hometown (High School)
7	Aiello, Ryan ***	DB	6-1	196	12/11/81	Sr./Sr.	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino)
99	Allen, Mike **	PK	6-2	186	11/1/82	Jr./Jr.	Prescott, Wis. (Prescott)
21	Balts, Josh	RB	6-1	220	8/12/84	Fr./Fr.	Barron, Wis. (Barron)
58	Barrett, Kalvin **	DL	6-2	316	12/29/81	Sr./Jr.	Spring Valley, Calif. (Monte Vista)
6	Bell, Brett **	DB	6-0	193	4/15/82	Jr./Jr.	Wheaton, Ill. (Warrenville South)
88	Bell, Mark *	TE	6-4	242	8/30/81	Sr./Jr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
45	Bernstein, Matt *	FB	6-2	273	12/26/82	Jr./So.	Scarsdale, N.Y. (Edgemont)
42	Brooks, Robert **	DB	5-10	179	12/10/82	Jr./Jr.	Carrollton, Texas (Newman Smith)
1	Brown, Byron **	WR	6-0	190	3/10/80	Sr./Sr.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Overbrook)
37	Brown, Matt	LB	6-5	230	7/15/85	Fr./Fr.	Madison, Wis. (La Follette)
67	Buenning, Dan **	OL	6-4	298	10/26/81	Sr./Jr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
29	Campbell, Scott *	PK	6-0	245	7/1/81	Sr./Sr.	Clemson, S.C. (Georgia Military/D.W. Daniel)
10	Catalano, Chris **	LB	6-1	206	2/28/82	Sr./Jr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)
87	Charles, Darrin **	WR	6-6	210	5/3/83	Jr./Jr.	Oshkosh, Wis. (North)
56	Clemens, Jason	LB	6-1	226	8/28/80	Sr./Sr.	Lodi, Wis. (Lodi)
50	Clinkscale, Jonathan **	OL	6-3	308	4/17/82	Sr./Jr.	Altadena, Calif. (Muir)
97	Cochart, Nick **	DL	6-1	267	5/8/81	Sr./Sr.	Brussels, Wis. (Southern Door)
65	Coleman, Marcus	OL	6-6	305	11/17/84	Fr./Fr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata)
27	Cook, Enrique	DB	6-2	185	7/8/84	So./Fr.	Hammond, Ind. (Mt. Carmel)
96	Cooper, Jamal	DL	6-4	210	7/14/85	Fr./Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
4	Cowans, Chuckie *	DB	5-8	169	7/20/82	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Richards)
15	Cribbs, Reginald	LB	6-1	224	7/12/84	So./Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Hubbard)
11	Daniels, Owen *	WR	6-3	213	11/9/82	Jr./So.	Naperville, Ill. (Central)
28	Davis, Anthony **	RB	5-8	191	5/21/82	Sr./Jr.	Plainfield, N.J. (Plainfield)
75	Davis, Morgan *	OL	6-5	326	8/7/80	Sr./Jr.	Barron, Wis. (Barron)
94	DeBauche, Kenneth	P	6-2	195	9/26/84	Fr./Fr.	Suamico, Wis. (Bay Port)
17	Domonkos, Matt	PK	5-8	167	7/4/84	So./Fr.	Windber, Pa. (Bishop McCort)
12	Donovan, Tyler	QB	6-1	176	6/4/84	Fr./Fr.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
31	Egholm, Nate	RB	5-10	210	8/1/84	Fr./Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)
44	Ellestad, Patrick **	DB	6-1	178	2/24/82	Sr./Jr.	Fond du Lac, Wis. (St. Mary's Springs)
3	Evans, Lee ***	WR	5-11	202	3/11/81	Sr./Sr.	Bedford, Ohio (Bedford)
14	Flowers, Jonte	WR	6-5	170	4/12/85	Fr./Fr.	Madison, Wis. (La Follette)
22	Fuller, Phillip	RB	5-11	183	11/17/82	So./Fr.	Irving, Texas (Nimitz)
73	Gajda, Matt	DL	6-4	272	9/1/80	Sr./Sr.	Sturgeon Bay, Wis. (Sturgeon Bay)
51	Garrow, Luke	LB	6-1	200	2/14/85	Fr./Fr.	Appleton, Wis. (North)
48	Gillen, John	LB	6-4	246	7/18/82	Jr./So.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)
47	Goode, Elliot *	LB	6-2	240	9/26/83	So./So.	Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville-Manlius)
93	Gorman, Mark	DL	6-4	268	10/9/83	So./Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
77	Gyllin, Randy	OL	6-3	324	8/30/83	So./Fr.	Mauston, Wis. (Mauston)
13	Hayes, Travann	WR	5-11	188	5/6/81	Sr./Jr.	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
26	Hampton, Zach	WR	5-10	173	10/5/83	So./Fr.	Lancaster, Wis. (Lancaster)
77	Hawthorne, Anttaj **	DL	6-3	300	11/15/81	Jr./Jr.	Hamden, Conn. (Hamden)
13	Hogan, Casey	DB	6-5	195	2/2/85	Fr./Fr.	Cross Plains, Wis. (Middleton)
17	Holzbauer, Jeff	WR	5-11	182	8/23/83	So./Fr.	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
29	Hubbard, Paul	WR	6-4	195	6/12/85	Fr./Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Widefield)
90	James, Erasmus **	DL	6-4	261	11/4/82	Sr./Sr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (McArthur)
74	Jefferson, Jason **	DL	6-3	307	12/20/81	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Leo)
36	Jelinek, Adam	LB	6-3	209	4/20/84	So./Fr.	Fairfax, Va. (Centreville)
57	Johnson, Steven	LB	6-3	230	8/22/84	Fr./Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
98	Jones, Darius **	DL	6-3	268	2/19/82	Sr./Jr.	Beloit, Wis. (Memorial)
23	Joran, Paul	LB	6-3	220	4/2/84	So./Fr.	Apple Valley, Minn. (Apple Valley)
39	Kamoku, James	DB	6-2	200	2/5/85	Fr./Fr.	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (Kealakehe)
86	Katula, Matt **	DL	6-6	282	8/22/82	Sr./Jr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)
64	Kaye, Danny	OL	6-8	285	9/6/84	Fr./Fr.	New Berlin, Wis. (Eisenhower)
49	Kelly, Brandon	LB	6-4	220	2/23/85	Fr./Fr.	Bedford, Ohio (Bedford)
79	Kleber, Mike *	DL	6-2	293	6/3/83	Jr./So.	Muskego, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)
60	Knauf, Luke	OL	6-4	295	3/13/84	Fr./Fr.	Stratford, Wis. (Stratford)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Yr./El.	Hometown (High School)
27	Lantagne, Brad	DB	6-2	185	10/7/84	Fr./Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
76	Lawrence, Matt	OL	6-5	288	11/10/82	Jr./So.	Millsboro, Del. (Sussex Central)
18	Leonhard, Jim **	DB	5-8	183	10/27/82	Jr./Jr.	Tony, Wis. (Flambeau)
12	Lewis, Alex *	LB	6-1	237	6/11/81	Sr./Sr.	Delran, N.J. (SUNY-Morrisville/Delran)
91	Lewis, Traison *	DL	6-2	239	12/24/81	Sr./Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
61	Lorenz, Mike *	OL	6-5	313	8/26/81	Sr./Jr.	Manitowoc, Wis. (Lutheran)
46	Mack, Jeff ***	LB	6-0	244	2/20/81	Sr./Sr.	Madison, Wis. (West)
54	Maiava, Lyle	DL	6-2	294	9/10/82	Jr./So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (St. Louis)
81	Mason, Ernest	WR	6-0	180	3/25/85	Fr./Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas (Dunbar)
43	McCorison, Kyle *	LB	6-0	242	4/4/81	Sr./Sr.	Altoona, Wis. (Northern Iowa/Altoona)
59	Meckstroth, Victor	LB	6-1	236	3/17/84	So./Fr.	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
95	Monty, Joe	DL	6-2	246	3/22/84	So./Fr.	Ft. Collins, Colo. (Ft. Collins)
31	Morse, R.J. **	P	6-1	246	9/1/83	Jr./Jr.	Waipahu, Hawaii (Iolani)
5	Moss, Tony	DB	6-0	182	11/10/83	So./Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
89	Nellis, Joel	TE	6-4	243	7/16/82	Jr./So.	Madison, Wis. (Memorial)
68	Nieforth, Fred	OL	6-8	309	7/8/81	Sr./Sr.	Antigo, Wis. (Antigo)
9	Orr, Jonathan *	WR	6-3	190	3/20/83	Jr./So.	Detroit, Mich. (Henry Ford)
99	Ostrowski, Justin	DL	6-5	255	9/14/84	Fr./Fr.	Portage, Wis. (Portage)
85	Paciotti, Tony **	TE	6-4	263	4/14/82	Sr./Jr.	Jessup, Pa. (Valley View)
52	Palermo, Jason	OL	6-3	291	10/16/82	Jr./So.	Madison, Wis. (Edgewood)
20	Pettus, Jerone **	RB	5-9	176	1/30/81	Sr./Jr.	Roosevelt, N.Y. (Roosevelt)
84	Pociask, Jason *	TE	6-3	250	2/9/83	Jr./So.	Plainfield, Ind. (Plainfield)
53	Raiola, Donovan *	OL	6-3	290	12/13/82	Jr./So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
22	Rogers, Roderick	DB	6-2	185	9/7/84	Fr./Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
37	Root, Greg	FB	6-2	256	10/5/82	Jr./So.	Palmdale, Calif. (Highlands)
69	Roscoe, Dan	OL	6-5	305	5/5/85	Fr./Fr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata)
21	Rowan, Levonne *	DB	6-1	178	11/2/82	So./So.	Erie, Pa. (Mercyhurst Prep)
14	Sanders, Dontez *	DB	6-1	201	11/1/82	Jr./So.	Bedford, Ohio (Chanel)
16	Schabert, Matt **	QB	6-2	203	7/7/82	Sr./Jr.	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
30	Smith, Dwayne *	RB	5-11	225	4/3/84	So./So.	Chicago, Ill. (Hales Franciscan)
19	Sorgi, Jim ***	QB	6-5	199	12/3/80	Sr./Sr.	Fraser, Mich. (Fraser)
97	Standring, Paul	P/PK	6-1	190	10/13/84	Fr./Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita)
32	Stanley, Booker	RB	5-10	207	3/24/83	So./Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
2	Starks, Scott **	DB	5-10	168	6/27/83	Jr./Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
2	Stocco, John	QB	6-2	195	6/14/83	So./Fr.	Richfield, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels)
16	Stellmacher, Joe	DB	6-1	198	1/30/84	So./Fr.	Berlin, Wis. (Berlin)
32	Stiever, Josh	DB	5-10	185	10/11/83	So./So.	Cottage Grove, Wis. (Monona Grove)
11	Strickland, Ben	DB	5-9	170	5/21/85	Fr./Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
15	Swan, Luke	WR	6-0	185	9/5/84	Fr./Fr.	Fennimore, Wis. (Fennimore)
26	Sylvain, Johnny	DB	5-10	181	3/27/82	Jr./So.	Hackensack, N.J. (Hackensack)
72	Thomas, Joe	OL	6-8	260	12/4/84	Fr./Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
34	Timbers, Kareem **	LB	6-3	209	5/12/81	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
82	Tobias, Brandon	WR	6-5	215	9/12/84	Fr./Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Thornton)
62	Van Someren, Mike	OL	6-7	295	10/6/84	Fr./Fr.	Somerset, Wis. (Somerset)
38	Ware, Kurt	TE	6-4	243	2/17/85	Fr./Fr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Oak)
24	Watkins, LaMarr *	LB	6-1	216	10/4/83	So./So.	Mt. Laurel, N.J. (Lenape)
70	Weininger, Andrew	OL	6-6	305	5/1/85	Fr./Fr.	Harrison, N.Y. (Harrison)
92	Welsh, Jonathan **	DL	6-4	228	6/9/82	Sr./Jr.	Houston, Texas (B.T. Washington)
8	White, Brandon *	WR	6-3	182	10/8/83	So./So.	Palm Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)
10	White, Chris	QB	6-3	190	11/19/84	Fr./Fr.	Kokomo, Ind. (Western)
36	White, Johnny	DB	6-2	202	6/23/85	Fr./Fr.	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
39	Wielebski, T.J.	LB	6-1	262	11/30/81	Sr./Jr.	Ottawa, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
25	Williams, Brandon *	WR	5-11	170	2/24/84	So./So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
78	Wood, Jake	OL	6-6	296	4/26/83	Jr./So.	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
94	Yentz, Derek	DL	6-3	230	7/25/84	Fr./Fr.	Wauwatosa, Wis. (East)
41	Zalewski, Mark	LB	6-2	232	3/15/84	So./Fr.	Wausau, Wis. (East)
23	Zepplin, Dan	WR	6-1	200	8/25/84	Fr./Fr.	Marshfield, Wis. (Marshfield)

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Wisconsin Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Yr./El.	Hometown (High School)
1	Brown, Byron **	WR	6-0	190	3/10/80	Sr./Sr.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Overbrook)
2	Starks, Scott **	DB	5-10	168	6/27/83	Jr./Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
2	Stocco, John	QB	6-2	195	6/14/83	So./Fr.	Richfield, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels)
3	Evans, Lee ***	WR	5-11	202	3/11/81	Sr./Sr.	Bedford, Ohio (Bedford)
4	Cowans, Chuckie *	DB	5-8	169	7/20/82	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Richards)
5	Moss, Tony	DB	6-0	182	11/10/83	So./Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
6	Bell, Brett **	DB	6-0	193	4/15/82	Jr./Jr.	Wheaton, Ill. (Warrenville South)
7	Aiello, Ryan ***	DB	6-1	196	12/11/81	Sr./Sr.	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino)
8	White, Brandon *	WR	6-3	182	10/8/83	So./So.	Palm Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)
9	Orr, Jonathan *	WR	6-3	190	3/20/83	Jr./So.	Detroit, Mich. (Henry Ford)
10	Catalano, Chris **	LB	6-1	206	2/28/82	Sr./Jr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)
10	White, Chris	QB	6-3	190	11/19/84	Fr./Fr.	Kokomo, Ind. (Western)
11	Daniels, Owen *	WR	6-3	213	11/9/82	Jr./So.	Naperville, Ill. (Central)
11	Strickland, Ben	DB	5-9	170	5/21/85	Fr./Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
12	Lewis, Alex *	LB	6-1	237	6/11/81	Sr./Sr.	Delran, N.J. (SUNY-Morrisville/Delran)
12	Donovan, Tyler	QB	6-1	176	6/4/84	Fr./Fr.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
13	Hayes, Travann	WR	5-11	188	5/6/81	Sr./Jr.	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
13	Hogan, Casey	DB	6-5	195	2/2/85	Fr./Fr.	Cross Plains, Wis. (Middleton)
14	Sanders, Dontez *	DB	6-1	201	11/1/82	Jr./So.	Bedford, Ohio (Chanel)
14	Flowers, Jonte	WR	6-5	170	4/12/85	Fr./Fr.	Madison, Wis. (La Follette)
15	Cribbs, Reginald	LB	6-1	224	7/12/84	So./Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Hubbard)
15	Swan, Luke	WR	6-0	185	9/5/84	Fr./Fr.	Fennimore, Wis. (Fennimore)
16	Schabert, Matt **	QB	6-2	203	7/7/82	Sr./Jr.	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
16	Stellmacher, Joe	DB	6-1	198	1/30/84	So./Fr.	Berlin, Wis. (Berlin)
17	Domonkos, Matt	PK	5-8	167	7/4/84	So./Fr.	Windber, Pa. (Bishop McCort)
17	Holzbauer, Jeff	WR	5-11	182	8/23/83	So./Fr.	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
18	Leonhard, Jim **	DB	5-8	183	10/27/82	Jr./Jr.	Tony, Wis. (Flambeau)
19	Sorgi, Jim ***	QB	6-5	199	12/3/80	Sr./Sr.	Fraser, Mich. (Fraser)
20	Pettus, Jerone **	RB	5-9	176	1/30/81	Sr./Jr.	Roosevelt, N.Y. (Roosevelt)
21	Balts, Josh	RB	6-1	220	8/12/84	Fr./Fr.	Barron, Wis. (Barron)
21	Rowan, Levonne *	DB	6-1	178	11/2/82	So./So.	Erie, Pa. (Mercyhurst Prep)
22	Fuller, Phillip	RB	5-11	183	11/17/82	So./Fr.	Irving, Texas (Nimitz)
22	Rogers, Roderick	DB	6-2	185	9/7/84	Fr./Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
23	Joran, Paul	LB	6-3	220	4/2/84	So./Fr.	Apple Valley, Minn. (Apple Valley)
23	Zepplin, Dan	WR	6-1	200	8/25/84	Fr./Fr.	Marshfield, Wis. (Marshfield)
24	Watkins, LaMarr *	LB	6-1	216	10/4/83	So./So.	Mt. Laurel, N.J. (Lenape)
25	Williams, Brandon *	WR	5-11	170	2/24/84	So./So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
26	Sylvain, Johnny	DB	5-10	181	3/27/82	Jr./So.	Hackensack, N.J. (Hackensack)
26	Hampton, Zach	WR	5-10	173	10/5/83	So./Fr.	Lancaster, Wis. (Lancaster)
27	Cook, Enrique	DB	6-2	185	7/8/84	So./Fr.	Hammond, Ind. (Mt. Carmel)
27	Lantagne, Brad	DB	6-2	185	10/7/84	Fr./Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
28	Davis, Anthony **	RB	5-8	191	5/21/82	Sr./Jr.	Plainfield, N.J. (Plainfield)
29	Campbell, Scott *	PK	6-0	245	7/1/81	Sr./Sr.	Clemson, S.C. (Georgia Military/D.W. Daniel)
29	Hubbard, Paul	WR	6-4	195	6/12/85	Fr./Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Widefield)
30	Smith, Dwayne *	RB	5-11	225	4/3/84	So./So.	Chicago, Ill. (Hales Franciscan)
31	Morse, R.J. **	P	6-1	246	9/1/83	Jr./Jr.	Waipahu, Hawaii (Iolani)
31	Egholm, Nate	RB	5-10	210	8/1/84	Fr./Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)
32	Stanley, Booker	RB	5-10	207	3/24/83	So./Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
32	Stiever, Josh	DB	5-10	185	10/11/83	So./So.	Cottage Grove, Wis. (Monona Grove)
34	Timbers, Kareem **	LB	6-3	209	5/12/81	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
36	White, Johnny	DB	6-2	202	6/23/85	Fr./Fr.	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
36	Jelinek, Adam	LB	6-3	209	4/20/84	So./Fr.	Fairfax, Va. (Centreville)
37	Brown, Matt	LB	6-5	230	7/15/85	Fr./Fr.	Madison, Wis. (La Follette)
37	Root, Greg	FB	6-2	256	10/5/82	Jr./So.	Palmdale, Calif. (Highlands)
38	Ware, Kurt	TE	6-4	243	2/17/85	Fr./Fr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Oak)
39	Kamoku, James	DB	6-2	200	2/5/85	Fr./Fr.	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (Kealakehe)
39	Wielebski, T.J.	LB	6-1	262	11/30/81	Sr./Jr.	Ottawa, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Yr./El.	Hometown (High School)
41	Zalewski, Mark	LB	6-2	232	3/15/84	So./Fr.	Wausau, Wis. (East)
42	Brooks, Robert **	DB	5-10	179	12/10/82	Jr./Jr.	Carrollton, Texas (Newman Smith)
43	McCorison, Kyle *	LB	6-0	242	4/4/81	Sr./Sr.	Altoona, Wis. (Northern Iowa/Altoona)
44	Ellestad, Patrick **	DB	6-1	178	2/24/82	Sr./Jr.	Fond du Lac, Wis. (St. Mary's Springs)
45	Bernstein, Matt *	FB	6-2	273	12/26/82	Jr./So.	Scarsdale, N.Y. (Edgemont)
46	Mack, Jeff ***	LB	6-0	244	2/20/81	Sr./Sr.	Madison, Wis. (West)
47	Goode, Elliot *	LB	6-2	240	9/26/83	So./So.	Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville-Manlius)
48	Gillen, John	LB	6-4	246	7/18/82	Jr./So.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)
49	Kelly, Brandon	LB	6-4	220	2/23/85	Fr./Fr.	Bedford, Ohio (Bedford)
50	Clinkscale, Jonathan **	OL	6-3	308	4/17/82	Sr./Jr.	Altadena, Calif. (Muir)
51	Garrow, Luke	LB	6-1	200	2/14/85	Fr./Fr.	Appleton, Wis. (North)
52	Palermo, Jason	OL	6-3	291	10/16/82	Jr./So.	Madison, Wis. (Edgewood)
53	Raiola, Donovan *	OL	6-3	290	12/13/82	Jr./So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
54	Maiava, Lyle	DL	6-2	294	9/10/82	Jr./So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (St. Louis)
56	Clemens, Jason	LB	6-1	226	8/28/80	Sr./Sr.	Lodi, Wis. (Lodi)
57	Johnson, Steven	LB	6-3	230	8/22/84	Fr./Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
58	Barrett, Kalvin **	DL	6-2	316	12/29/81	Sr./Jr.	Spring Valley, Calif. (Monte Vista)
59	Meckstroth, Victor	LB	6-1	236	3/17/84	So./Fr.	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
60	Knauf, Luke	OL	6-4	295	3/13/84	Fr./Fr.	Stratford, Wis. (Stratford)
61	Lorenz, Mike *	OL	6-5	313	8/26/81	Sr./Jr.	Manitowoc, Wis. (Lutheran)
62	Van Someren, Mike	OL	6-7	295	10/6/84	Fr./Fr.	Somerset, Wis. (Somerset)
64	Kaye, Danny	OL	6-8	285	9/6/84	Fr./Fr.	New Berlin, Wis. (Eisenhower)
65	Coleman, Marcus	OL	6-6	305	11/17/84	Fr./Fr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata)
67	Buenning, Dan **	OL	6-4	298	10/26/81	Sr./Jr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
68	Nieforth, Fred	OL	6-8	309	7/8/81	Sr./Sr.	Antigo, Wis. (Antigo)
69	Roscoe, Dan	OL	6-5	305	5/5/85	Fr./Fr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata)
70	Weininger, Andrew	OL	6-6	305	5/1/85	Fr./Fr.	Harrison, N.Y. (Harrison)
72	Thomas, Joe	OL	6-8	260	12/4/84	Fr./Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
73	Gajda, Matt	DL	6-4	272	9/1/80	Sr./Sr.	Sturgeon Bay, Wis. (Sturgeon Bay)
74	Jefferson, Jason **	DL	6-3	307	12/20/81	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Leo)
75	Davis, Morgan *	OL	6-5	326	8/7/80	Sr./Jr.	Barron, Wis. (Barron)
76	Lawrence, Matt	OL	6-5	288	11/10/82	Jr./So.	Millsboro, Del. (Sussex Central)
77	Hawthorne, Anttaj **	DL	6-3	300	11/15/81	Jr./Jr.	Hamden, Conn. (Hamden)
77	Gyllin, Randy	OL	6-3	324	8/30/83	So./Fr.	Mauston, Wis. (Mauston)
78	Wood, Jake	OL	6-6	296	4/26/83	Jr./So.	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
79	Kleber, Mike *	DL	6-2	293	6/3/83	Jr./So.	Muskego, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)
81	Mason, Ernest	WR	6-0	180	3/25/85	Fr./Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas (Dunbar)
82	Tobias, Brandon	WR	6-5	215	9/12/84	Fr./Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Thornton)
84	Pociask, Jason *	TE	6-3	250	2/9/83	Jr./So.	Plainfield, Ind. (Plainfield)
85	Paciotti, Tony **	TE	6-4	263	4/14/82	Sr./Jr.	Jessup, Pa. (Valley View)
86	Katula, Matt **	DL	6-6	282	8/22/82	Sr./Jr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)
87	Charles, Darrin **	WR	6-6	210	5/3/83	Jr./Jr.	Oshkosh, Wis. (North)
88	Bell, Mark *	TE	6-4	242	8/30/81	Sr./Jr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
89	Nellis, Joel	TE	6-4	243	7/16/82	Jr./So.	Madison, Wis. (Memorial)
90	James, Erasmus **	DL	6-4	261	11/4/82	Sr./Sr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (McArthur)
91	Lewis, Traison *	DL	6-2	239	12/24/81	Sr./Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
92	Welsh, Jonathan **	DL	6-4	228	6/9/82	Sr./Jr.	Houston, Texas (B.T. Washington)
93	Gorman, Mark	DL	6-4	268	10/9/83	So./Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
94	DeBauche, Kenneth	P	6-2	195	9/26/84	Fr./Fr.	Suamico, Wis. (Bay Port)
94	Yentz, Derek	DL	6-3	230	7/25/84	Fr./Fr.	Wauwatosa, Wis. (East)
95	Monty, Joe	DL	6-2	246	3/22/84	So./Fr.	Ft. Collins, Colo. (Ft. Collins)
96	Cooper, Jamal	DL	6-4	210	7/14/85	Fr./Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
97	Cochart, Nick **	DL	6-1	267	5/8/81	Sr./Sr.	Brussels, Wis. (Southern Door)
97	Standring, Paul	P/PK	6-1	190	10/13/84	Fr./Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita)
98	Jones, Darius **	DL	6-3	268	2/19/82	Sr./Jr.	Beloit, Wis. (Memorial)
99	Allen, Mike **	PK	6-2	186	11/1/82	Jr./Jr.	Prescott, Wis. (Prescott)
99	Ostrowski, Justin	DL	6-5	255	9/14/84	Fr./Fr.	Portage, Wis. (Portage)

* - letters won

Head Coach Barry Alvarez

THE FACTS ON ALVAREZ

- 3 Big Ten championships
- 9 bowl bids and 7 bowl victories
- 3 top-5 finishes in the final ESPN/USA Today poll
- 44 NFL draft picks
- 7 first round NFL draft selections (Troy Vincent, Aaron Gibson, Ron Dayne, Chris McIntosh, Jamar Fletcher, Michael Bennett and Wendell Bryant)
- 95 Academic All-Big Ten selections
- a Heisman Trophy winner (Ron Dayne)
- a Ray Guy Award winner (Kevin Stemke)
- a Jim Thorpe Award winner (Jamar Fletcher)
- a Doak Walker Award winner (Ron Dayne)
- an Associated Press, Walter Camp and *The Sporting News* national Player of the Year (Ron Dayne)
- 25 All-Americans, including six consensus first-team choices
- 54 first-team All-Big Ten picks
- a 1,000-yard rusher in 10 consecutive seasons
- 2 Big Ten MVPs (Brent Moss, Ron Dayne)
- 3 Big Ten Defensive Players of the Year (Troy Vincent, Tom Burke, Jamar Fletcher)
- 2 Big Ten Offensive Players of the Year (Brent Moss, Ron Dayne)
- 3 Big Ten Freshmen of the Year (Ron Dayne, Brooks Bollinger, Anthony Davis)
- Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1993 and 1998
- AFCA National Coach of the Year in 1993
- received Distinguished Alumnus Award from University of Nebraska in May of 2003
- named one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics" by *Hispanic Business* in the October 2001 issue
- inducted into the Washington County (Pa.) chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2000
- finalist for ESPN's College Football Coach of the Decade Award
- family includes wife Cindy; daughters Dawn (Mrs. Brad Ferguson) and Stacy (Mrs. Mike Delzer); son Chad; grandsons Joe and Jake Ferguson; and grand daughter Grace Delzer

Having a plan to turn around a major college football program is one thing. Having the ability, confidence and leadership skills to implement and carry out that plan is another thing altogether.

That's why Wisconsin football fans are so fortunate that Barry Alvarez is running the football program they love.

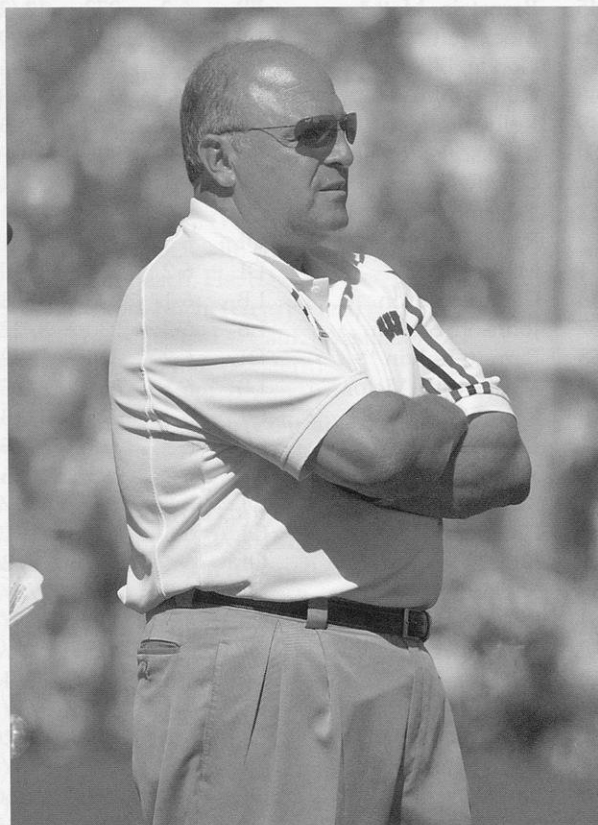
As further evidence of Alvarez's leadership skills, he will take over as Wisconsin's Director of Athletics, serving in a dual role (A.D. and football coach) starting in April of 2004.

In 14 years as the head coach at formerly downtrodden Wisconsin, the 55-year-old Alvarez has built a program that is one of the nation's elite.

When sizing up Alvarez's coaching career, it's easy to get overwhelmed with statistical evidence. Simply, he has restored a proud tradition at Wisconsin, built a fan base that is legendary, won many games and done so in a first-class manner. Consider some of these Alvarez superlatives:

- winningest coach in school history.
- his teams have won at least a share of three Big Ten titles since 1993.
- bowl record of 7-1 (.875).
- coached the four winningest teams in the modern era at Wisconsin.
- one of just 11 coaches with 90 wins at one Big Ten school.
- is one of only three coaches to have won more than one BCS game.
- won back-to-back league titles in 1998 and 1999. Wisconsin hadn't done that since 1896-97.
- coached five national award winners, including Ron Dayne (Heisman, Doak Walker, Maxwell), Jamar Fletcher (Jim Thorpe) and Kevin Stemke (Ray Guy).

Alvarez, who grew up in the mining areas of western Pennsylvania, made a steady climb in the high school coaching ranks before getting his college start from former Iowa Coach Hayden Fry. He got Alvarez to join his Hawkeye staff in 1979, one year after Alvarez's Mason City (Iowa) High School team won a state championship. The Hawkeyes played in six bowls



during Alvarez's eight years in Iowa City. His star player with the Hawkeyes was Larry Station, the school's career tackle leader and an All-American on the field and in the classroom.

Then-Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz hired him from Iowa and during Alvarez's three years there, he was promoted – linebackers coach, defensive coordinator and assistant head coach – every season. Notre Dame was 32-5 while Alvarez was there and won the 1988 national title.

Four of Alvarez's Fighting Irish linebackers earned All-America praise, including Michael Stonebreaker in 1988.

Alvarez's college coach, Bob Devaney, urged him to set a timetable for becoming a head coach by the time he turned 42. Alvarez was hired at UW on Jan. 2, 1990, one day after the Fighting Irish defeated Colorado in the Orange Bowl. His 42nd birthday was three days earlier.

Seemingly every year, suitors have called the football office to see if Alvarez wanted to take on another rebuilding effort. Alvarez has answered those inquiries. "This (UW) is my program, and I think I've got my stamp on it."

ALVAREZ'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	OVERALL			BIG TEN			Big Ten	Bowl Results
		W	L	T	W	L	T		
1990	Wisconsin	1	10	0	0	8	0	10th	—
1991	Wisconsin	5	6	0	2	6	0	T8th	—
1992	Wisconsin	5	6	0	3	5	0	T6th	—
1993	Wisconsin	10	1	1	6	1	1	T1st	Rose (defeated UCLA 21-16)
1994	Wisconsin	8	3	1	5	2	1	3rd	Hall of Fame (defeated Duke 34-20)
1995	Wisconsin	4	5	2	3	4	1	T7th	—
1996	Wisconsin	8	5	0	3	5	0	7th	Copper (defeated Utah 38-10)
1997	Wisconsin	8	5	0	5	3	0	5th	Outback (lost to Georgia 33-6)
1998	Wisconsin	11	1	0	7	1	0	T1st	Rose (defeated UCLA 38-31)
1999	Wisconsin	10	2	0	7	1	0	1st	Rose (defeated Stanford 17-9)
2000	Wisconsin	9	4	0	4	4	0	5th	Sun (defeated UCLA 21-20)
2001	Wisconsin	5	7	0	3	5	0	T8th	—
2002	Wisconsin	8	6	0	2	6	0	T8th	Alamo (defeated Colorado 31-28 OT)
2003	Wisconsin	7	5	0	4	4	0	T7th	Music City
Total		99	66	4	54	55	3		Bowl Record: 7-1

WISCONSIN'S ALVAREZ ERA BOWL TEAMS

2003 (7-5): Wisconsin won six of its first seven games, including a 17-10 upset win over No. 3 Ohio State. Four Badgers earned first-team All-Big Ten mention, including WR Lee Evans, who enters the Music City Bowl ranked second all-time in the conference in receiving yards.

2002 (8-6): A season-opening five-game winning streak and league wins over Michigan State and Minnesota qualified the Badgers for their eighth Alvarez-era bowl game, a 31-28 OT win over 14th-ranked Colorado in the Alamo Bowl. First-team All-Big Ten DB Jim Leonhard led the nation with a Big Ten record-tying 11 interceptions. Anthony Davis (1,555 yards) gave UW a 1,000-yard rusher for a Big Ten-record 10th straight year.

2000 (9-4): A five-game winning streak to end the season highlighted the Sun Bowl champions' 9-4 season. The Badgers downed UCLA 21-20 to cap off the season. Jamar Fletcher (Jim Thorpe Award) and Kevin Stemke (inaugural Ray Guy Award) allowed UW to be the only school in the nation with two different players winning major awards.

1999 (10-2): A 17-9 win over Stanford in the Rose Bowl allowed UW to become the first Big Ten school in history to win the "Granddaddy of Them All" in back-to-back campaigns. The 10-2 Badgers finished fourth in both the media and coaches final polls. Wisconsin defeated five nationally rated foes for the first time in school history and concluded the year with eight consecutive victories. The Badgers led the Big Ten in both scoring offense and scoring defense. Ron Dayne became the NCAA's all-time leading rusher and then walked away with the Heisman Trophy.

1998 (11-1): The winningest season in school history ended in dramatic fashion with a thrilling 38-31 upset of sixth-ranked UCLA at the Rose Bowl. Ron Dayne keyed the win with 246 yards rushing. Wisconsin led the nation in scoring defense and turnover margin. Tom Burke (NCAA sack leader) and Aaron Gibson were consensus All-Americans. Alvarez was Big Ten Coach of the Year.

1997 (8-5): A six-game winning streak catapulted the Badgers to a second consecutive eight-win season and a berth in the Outback Bowl vs. Georgia. Ron Dayne was a first-team All-American.

1996 (8-5): The Badgers opened quickly with a 3-0 non-league slate before losing four games (three by a combined total of 10 points) to highly ranked foes. The UW closed 4-1 and posted a 38-10 win over Utah in the Copper Bowl. Ron Dayne set an NCAA freshman rushing record and had 2,109 yards, including the bowl win.

1994 (8-3-1): Wisconsin won its second straight January bowl game by defeating Duke in the Hall of Fame Bowl. Center Cory Raymer was a consensus All-American. UW had seven NFL draftees.

1993 (10-1-1): The 10-1-1 Badgers were Big Ten co-champions, beat UCLA in the Rose Bowl and were ranked as high as fifth (coaches) in the final polls. The UW had the NCAA's largest attendance increase, and its .875 winning percentage was the best by a Big Ten team since '79. A school-record eight players were named first-team All-Big Ten. Brent Moss was UW's first Big Ten MVP since 1962.



A win at the Music City Bowl would allow Barry Alvarez to reach a couple notable coaching milestones.

ONE MORE TO 100

Badger head coach Barry Alvarez needs one more victory to become just the 10th coach in Big Ten history to win at least 100 games at one conference institution. The others on that list are:

1. Amos Alonzo Stagg, Chicago (243)
2. Woody Hayes, Ohio State (205)
3. Bo Schembechler, Michigan (194)
4. Fielding Yost, Michigan (165)
5. Hayden Fry, Iowa (143)
6. Henry Williams, Minnesota (136)
7. Robert Zuppke, Illinois (131)
8. John Cooper, Ohio State (111)
9. Duffy Daugherty, Mich. State (109)

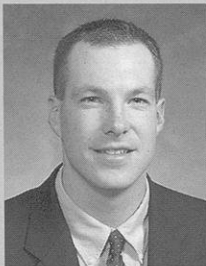
LOOKING FOR NO. 8

Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez is 7-1 (.875) in eight career bowl appearances (all at Wisconsin). That leaves him with the second-highest bowl winning percentage ever among coaches with at least seven bowl appearances. Others on the list include:

1. John Robinson, 8-1 (.889) (USC, UNLV)
2. Barry Alvarez, 7-1 (.875) (Wisconsin)
3. Frank Kush, 6-1 (.857) (Arizona State)
- Gene Stallings, 6-1 (.857) (Texas A&M, Alabama)
- Warren Woodson, 6-1 (.857) (Hardin-Simmons, N. Mexico St.)

Assistant Coaches

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

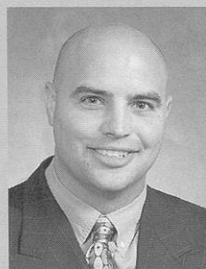


Scott Kavanagh
2nd-year G.A.



Robert Wimberly
1st-year G.A.

FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



Jeremy Sinz
Director of
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BRIAN WHITE

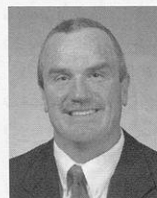
Offensive Coordinator / Running Backs



Ninth year at Wisconsin ... 10th career bowl game ... has coached eight straight 1,000-yard rushers, including '99 Heisman winner Ron Dayne ... has B.A. from Harvard, M.B.A from Notre Dame and M.A. from Fordham.

JEFF HORTON

Quarterbacks



Fifth year at Wisconsin ... sixth career bowl game ... developed Brooks Bollinger into winningest QB in school history ... has guided Jim Sorgi to No. 1 spot on UW's career pass efficiency list with a 141.7 rating.

JIM HUEBER

Offensive Line



Twelfth year at Wisconsin ... 11th career bowl game ... has coached finalists for the Outland Trophy (Chris McIntosh), Lombardi Award (Aaron Gibson) and Rimington Trophy (Al Johnson) at Wisconsin.

ROB IANELLO

Tight Ends



Fifth year at Wisconsin ... eighth career bowl game ... one of nation's top recruiters ... recruiting coord./WRs coach at Arizona before returning to UW last spring ... wife, Denise, is an asst. basketball coach at UW.

HENRY MASON

Wide Receivers



Ninth year at Wisconsin ... seventh career bowl game ... coached several of top WRs in school history, including Lee Evans (No. 2 in career receiving yards in Big Ten) and Chris Chambers (Miami Dolphins).

KEVIN COSGROVE

Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers



Fourteenth year at Wisconsin ... 12th career bowl game ... member of Alvarez's original staff at UW ... coached five first-team All-Big Ten LBs for Badgers, including school's all-time tackles leader.

RON LEE

Defensive Backs



First year at Wisconsin ... eighth career bowl game ... coached 1995 Thorpe Award winner (Greg Myers) at Colorado State ... coached San Jose State's Greg Jones, who finished third nationally with eight INTs last year.

BRIAN MURPHY

Special Teams / Outside Linebackers



Second year at Wisconsin ... fourth career bowl game ... two Badger special teams players (Jim Leonhard and Brandon Williams) have set school punt and kickoff return yardage (single season) records during his time.

JOHN PALERMO

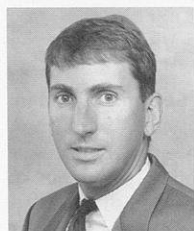
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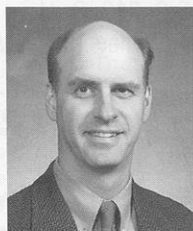
Thirteenth year at Wisconsin ... 15th career bowl game ... has coached nine first-team All-Big Ten selections, including Tarek Saleh, Tom Burke and Wendell Bryant ... son Jason is an Academic All-Big Ten center at UW.

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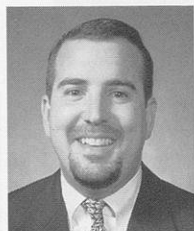
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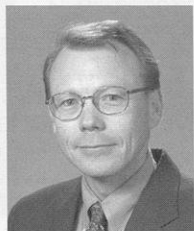
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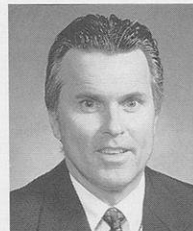
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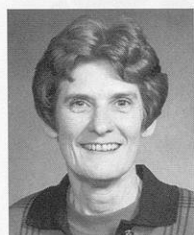


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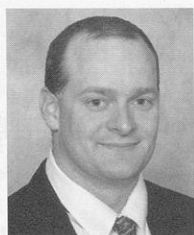


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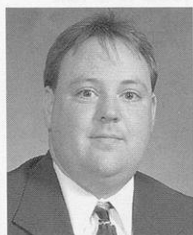
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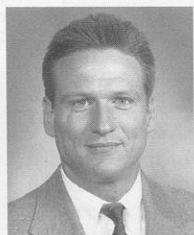
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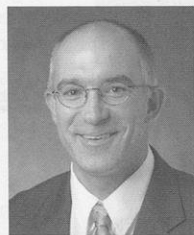
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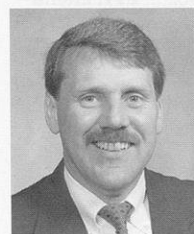
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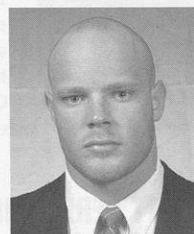
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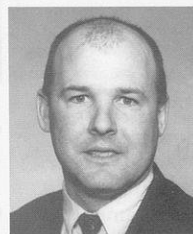
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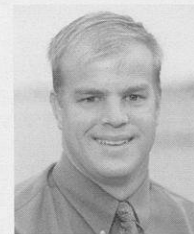
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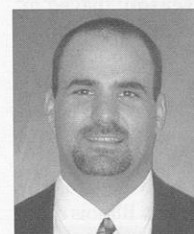
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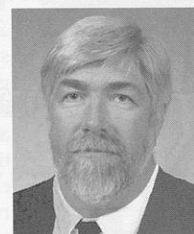
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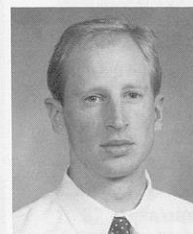
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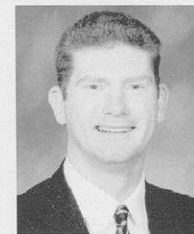
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Spirit Squads



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Team / Player Notes

RECORD

Wisconsin finished the 2003 regular season with a 7-5 overall record and a 4-4 mark in Big Ten action that was good for a tie for seventh place in the conference.

BOWLING AGAIN

The Badgers are playing in their ninth bowl game in the past 11 seasons. Michigan and Ohio State are the only other Big Ten teams to have qualified for bowl games in at least nine of the past 11 seasons. UW is 7-1 in its previous eight Alvarez-era bowl games.

SEVEN AGAIN, TOO

Wisconsin has won at least seven games in nine of the past 11 seasons, joining Michigan and Ohio State as the only Big Ten teams to accomplish that feat.

SEC FOE

Wisconsin will be facing a Southeastern Conference opponent (Auburn) for the first time since meeting Georgia in the 1998 Outback Bowl in Tampa.

UW has only played an SEC foe eight times in history and has compiled a 2-5-1 mark in those games. Wisconsin's last win over an SEC opponent was a 15-0 decision over Alabama on Nov. 3, 1928. Since then, UW is 0-4-1 vs. the SEC, including a 7-7 tie in its only meeting with Auburn (Oct. 10, 1931).

TOUGH LOSSES

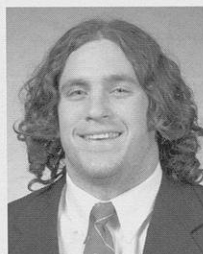
Wisconsin's four Big Ten defeats came by a total of just 21 points (5.3 per game). No. 13 Purdue kicked a game-winning field goal with three seconds left; No. 24 Minnesota kicked a game-winning field goal as time ran out; and Iowa prevented the Badgers from scoring on a last-minute drive that could have won the game for UW.

BEST COLLEGE SPORTS TOWN

Madison, Wis., was named the "Best College Sports Town in the Nation" this fall by *Sports Illustrated on Campus*. Citing raucous Camp Randall Stadium as evidence for its selection, the magazine featured Badger fans on the cover of its inaugural issue along with a full-page photo of a group of UW athletes.

7 RYAN AIELLO

DB, 6-1, 196, Sr./Sr.
Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino)



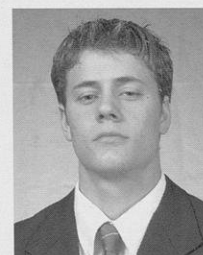
This Season: played in all 12 and started all but one game (UNLV) this season ... team's third-leading tackler with 81 stops from his strong safety position ... 4.5 TFLs this season after having just one for his career entering 2003 ... first career interception vs. Akron on Sept. 6 ... season-high 11 tackles in that win over Zips ... **Career:** started 23 times ... needs four tackles to reach 200 ... **FYI:** learned to surf growing up in California.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2000	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2001	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
2002	73	32	105	1-12	1-12	1	0	0	1
2003	35	46	81	4.5-6	0-0	0	1	1	3
Totals	113	83	196	5.5-18	1-12	1	1	1	5

99 MIKE ALLEN

PK, 6-2, 186, Jr./Jr.
Prescott, Wis. (Prescott)



This Season: missed first three games, as well as Oct. 25 Northwestern game, due to injuries ... team's third-leading scorer with 53 points ... made 7-10 FGs, including 38-yarder vs. No. 3-ranked Ohio State ... made 32-34 PATs ... made 5-5

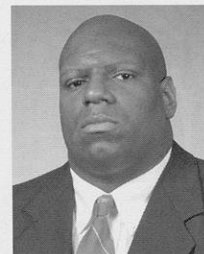
PATs, a 20-yard FG, recovered a fumble and notched TD-saving tackle in season debut vs. North Carolina ... **Career:** made 25-38 FGAs, including career-long 50-yarder vs. Fresno State on Sept. 8, 2001 ... connected on 70-74 PATs ... booted game-winning FG in overtime as Badgers defeated 14th-ranked Colorado in 2002 Alamo Bowl ... **FYI:** walked-on as true freshman after prep career that included a 57-yard FG.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	PAT	FG-FGA	Pts.
2001	8-10	6-9	26
2002	30-30	12-19	66
2003	32-34	7-10	53
Totals	70-74	25-38	145

58 KALVIN BARRETT

DL, 6-2, 316, Sr./Jr.
Spring Valley, Calif. (Monte Vista)



This Season: Played in all 12 games, primarily as a reserve on defensive line ... five total tackles ... this is his first season playing DL ...

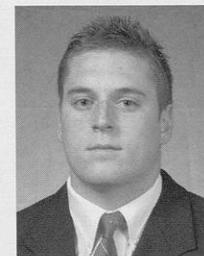
Career: eight career starts as an OG during this first two seasons with the Badgers ...

FYI: won state

wrestling title as a senior with a 64-1 record.

88 MARK BELL

TE, 6-4, 242, Sr./Jr.
Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)



This Season: played in 10 games as reserve tight end ... **Career:** only reception was 3-yard TD catch at Michigan State on Oct. 26, 2002 ... **FYI:** attended the same high school as former Badger quarterback and current Green Bay Packers

quarterbacks coach Darrell Bevell.

45 MATT BERNSTEIN

FB, 6-2, 273, Jr./So.
Scarsdale, N.Y. (Edgemont)



This season: played in all 12 games, including six starting nods ... good blocker ... 28 carries for 118 yards (4.2 avg.) ... seven receptions for 71 yards ... career-high 29 yards rushing vs. Illinois and career-long 28-yard reception vs. Purdue ...

Career: 48 carries for 184 yards and three TDs ... 12 receptions for 105 yards ... Academic All-Big Ten last season ... **FYI:** rushed for two TDs in collegiate debut vs. Fresno State on Aug. 23, 2002.

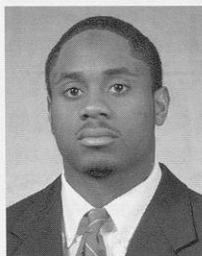
CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2002	20	66	3	3.3	14
2003	28	118	0	4.2	12
Totals	48	184	3	3.8	14

Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2002	5	34	0	6.8	12
2003	7	71	0	10.1	28
Total	12	105	0	8.8	28

42 ROBERT BROOKS

DB, 5-10, 179, Jr./Jr.
Carrollton, Texas (Newman Smith)

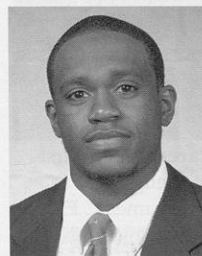


This season: played in all 12 games as reserve (or extra) DB and on special teams ... started as extra DB vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State ... made 24 tackles, including career-high seven vs. 13th-ranked Purdue ... only career QB sack vs.

Boilermakers ... **Career:** has appeared in 37 of 38 games and registered 76 tackles, three pass breakups and one forced fumble.

1 BYRON BROWN

WR, 6-0, 190, Sr./Sr.
Sicklerville, N.J. (Overbrook)

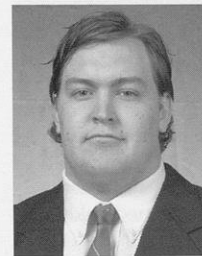


This Season: reserve WR who is a regular on special teams ... made 11 tackles ... 5-yard pass reception vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State is only catch of his career ... **Career:** a regular on special teams the past three seasons, he's made 23 tackles ...

FYI: attended same high school as Wisconsin's 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne.

67 DAN BUENNING

OL, 6-4, 298, Sr./Jr.
Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)

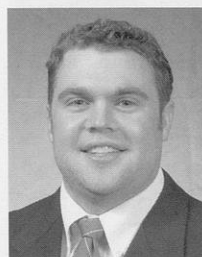


This Season: second-team All-Big Ten by media and honorable mention by coaches ... starter all season at LG ... earned third varsity letter ... **Career:** started 36 of 38 career games, including the last 23 in a row ... **FYI:** in 2001, he was the first Badger

freshman to start entire season on OL since '97.

29 SCOTT CAMPBELL

PK, 6-0, 245, Sr./Sr.
Clemson, S.C. (Georgia Military Academy/
D.W. Daniel)

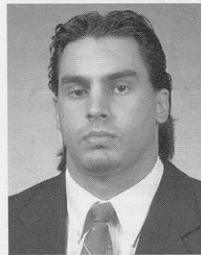


This Season: handles kickoffs and has filled in for injured Mike Allen on FGAs and PATs ... booted four FGs, including season-long 35-yarder vs. Akron ... **Career:** made career-long (at UW) 42-yard FG at UNLV on Aug. 31, 2002 ... 7-13 on

FGs and 23-24 on PATs ... **FYI:** connected for 56-yard FG in junior college.

10 CHRIS CATALANO

LB, 6-1, 206, Sr./Jr.
Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)



This Season: reserve OLB started twice (vs. North Carolina and at Illinois) ... made 12 tackles, including career-high six against Fighting Illini ...

Career: has registered 21 total stops ... **FYI:** has played wide receiver, defensive back and

linebacker during his Wisconsin career.

87 DARRIN CHARLES

WR, 6-6, 210, Jr./Jr.
Oshkosh, Wis. (North)



This Season: played in all 12 games, including starting nod (in four-receiver set) vs. Iowa ... 11 catches for 189 yards and a TD in last three games (had six catches for 73 yards through first nine games) ... 15.4 yards per catch is best average of his career ...

Career: 56 receptions for 771 yards and six TDs in 37 appearances ... **FYI:** had career high-tying five catches for 67 yards and a TD in 2002 Alamo Bowl win over 14th-ranked Colorado.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2001	14	186	2	13.3	27
2002	25	323	2	12.9	28
2003	17	262	2	15.4	40
Total	56	771	6	13.8	40

RARE 200-200 FEAT

Only twice in Big Ten history has a team had a 200-yard rusher and a 200-yard receiver in the same game. It happened for the Badgers both times this season.

RB Anthony Davis rushed for 247 yards and WR Lee Evans piled up 214 receiving yards against Akron on Sept. 6. Later in the season, RB Dwayne Smith rushed for 207 yards and Evans set a school record with 258 receiving yards against 21st-ranked Michigan State on Nov. 15.

GETTING OFFENSIVE

The Badgers rolled up 630 yards in total offense and 385 passing yards against Michigan State on Nov. 15. Both figures are third-highest in school history. UW also tied a school record with five TD passes against the Spartans.

BOOKIN' IT WITH BUCKY

The Wisconsin football program, particularly Coach Barry Alvarez and his staff, will be featured in an upcoming book about college football that is being written by Brian Curtis (to be published by Random House). Curtis is spending each week this season with a different Division I program. He was at Wisconsin while the Badgers prepared to play Ohio State.

TOUGH ON THIRD DOWN

Badger opponents are converting just 34.4 percent of their third-down attempts (the best such mark of the Alvarez era was 33 percent in 1999). In the fourth quarter this season, UW opponents are just 8-41 (19.5 percent) on third down.

VOLUNTEER STATE VISIT

Wisconsin will be playing its first-ever football game in the state of Tennessee. UW has played one game against the University of Tennessee, but that was in the 1981 Garden State Bowl in New Jersey.

HISTORIC PASS

QB Jim Sorgi's 99-yard touchdown pass to WR Lee Evans vs. Akron was a record-setting play. It ...

... set the school record for longest play from scrimmage.

... tied the Big Ten record for longest pass completion.

... tied the NCAA record for longest play from scrimmage (it was, only the 14th 99-yard pass completion and 19th 99-yard play from scrimmage in NCAA history).

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Led by junior Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin is pacing the Big Ten and is ranked No. 7 nationally with a 14.6-yard punt return average. The Badgers and Iowa are the only two Big Ten teams with three punt returns for TDs.

FOURTH-QUARTER "D"

Wisconsin has allowed just 61 points in the last 15 fourth quarters that the program has played (Michigan, Minnesota and Colorado last season, along with the 12 games this year). That's 4.1 points per fourth quarter.

WINGIN' IT

Wisconsin has already broken its school record for passing yardage in a season with 2,630. The old mark of 2,556 was set in 2001. Not coincidentally, WR Lee Evans was the Badgers' leading receiver those two seasons.

THE STREAK

Wisconsin entered the 2003 season with a 10-year streak of having a 1,000-yard rusher. Only North Carolina (12 from 1973-84) has had a longer streak among Division I schools.

Due to injuries and the need for rotating three RBs this season, the Badgers do not yet have a 1,000-yard rusher. Sophomore Dwayne Smith has the best chance to reach that mark. He has 856 rushing yards entering the Music City Bowl.

Following is a list of the 10 straight 1,000-yard rushers:

1993: Brent Moss	1,637
1994: Terrell Fletcher	1,476
1995: Carl McCullough	1,038
1996: Ron Dayne	2,109
1997: Ron Dayne	1,457
1998: Ron Dayne	1,525
1999: Ron Dayne	2,034
2000: Michael Bennett	1,681
2001: Anthony Davis	1,466
2002: Anthony Davis	1,555

BOUNCING THE BUCKEYES

Wisconsin's victory over then-No. 3-ranked Ohio State on Oct. 11 was its first over a top-five rated opponent since a 12-7 win over the No. 3 Buckeyes on Nov. 15, 1986. The Badgers (who ended OSU's 19-game winning streak) and Michigan (on Nov. 22 of this season) are the only two teams to have defeated the Buckeyes since the start of the 2002 season.

56 JASON CLEMENS

DL, 6-1, 226, Sr./Sr.
Lodi, Wis. (Lodi)



This Season: reserve on the defensive line ...
Career: solid scout team contributor ... named scout team defensive player of the week three times ...
FYI: an industrial engineering major.

50 JONATHAN CLINKSCALE

OL, 6-3, 308, Sr./Jr.
Altadena, Calif. (Muir)



This Season: starter all season at RG ... second straight year as season-long starter ...
Career: has started 31 of 33 games ...
FYI: has teamed with Dan Buenting to give Wisconsin the same starters at LG and RG in 22 of the last 23

games the Badgers have played since early last season.

97 NICK COCHART

DL, 6-1, 267, Sr./Sr.
Brussels, Wis. (Southern Door)

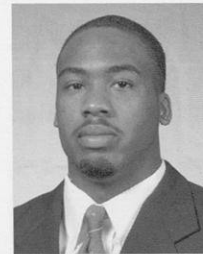


This Season: Academic All-Big Ten ... reserve defensive lineman who started twice (vs. Akron and at 24th-ranked Minnesota) ... one of his two tackles this season was a TFL vs. Zips ...
Career: solid four-year reserve who has eight career

tackles ...
FYI: attended same high school as former Badger OLs Al and Ben Johnson.

4 CHUCKIE COWANS

DB, 5-8, 169, Sr./Jr.
Chicago, Ill. (Richards)



This Season: played in all 12 games (as DB and on special teams) ... has started the last four games (three at CB and one as fifth DB) ... has 24 tackles and six pass breakups ... career-high seven stops at 24th-ranked Minnesota ... only interception of

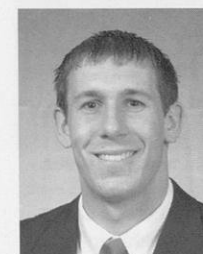
career came at Northwestern ...
Career: has spent most of career as reserve ... 31 career tackles ...
FYI: attended same high school as former Tennessee All-America DB Dwayne Goodrich.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2002	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
2003	18	6	24	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	6
Total	23	8	31	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	8

11 OWEN DANIELS

TE, 6-3, 213, Jr./So.
Naperville, Ill. (Central)



This Season: saw action in all 12 games, coming off the bench to make 14 catches for 179 yards and two TDs ... former QB is in his first season as a WR ... both TD catches came at 24th-ranked Minnesota ...
Career: spent first year of eligibility as

backup QB and played in three games ...
FYI: had begun working out as TE during 2002 Alamo Bowl preparations, but knee injury halted his progress.

28 ANTHONY DAVIS

RB, 5-8, 191, Sr./Jr.
Plainfield, N.J. (Plainfield)



This season: has appeared in just seven games (all starts) due to ankle injuries ... has missed five full games and most of four others ... rushed for 414 yards and four TDs in first two games of season, but sustained ankle injury vs. UNLV ...

played sporadically through most of season ...
Career: No. 3 rusher in school history with 3,626 yards ... has 19 100-yard rushing efforts ...

entered 2003 season having led the nation in rushing the previous two years combined ...

FYI: Davis and Ron Dayne are the only two players in school history to have rushed for 1,000 yards in both their freshman and sophomore years ... student teacher (6th grade) in Madison this fall.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2001	291	1,466	11	5.0	69
2002	300	1,555	13	5.2	71
2003	99	605	7	6.1	45
Totals	690	3,626	31	5.3	71

Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2001	0	0	0	---	0
2002	6	48	0	8.0	21
2003	3	54	0	18.0	30
Total	9	102	0	11.3	30

CAREER 200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

301 vs. Minnesota (11/23/02)

247 vs. Akron (9/6/03)

208 at Minnesota (11/24/01)

200 at Penn State (11/22/01)

75 MORGAN DAVIS

OL, 6-5, 326, Sr./Jr.

Barron, Wis. (Barron)

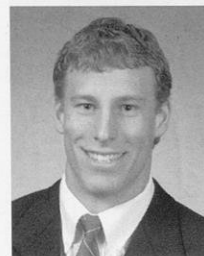


This Season: first season as starter ... has started all 12 games at LT ... **Career:** has appeared in 24 games the past two seasons, primarily on special teams a year ago ... **FYI:** played hockey in high school and is engaged to be married.

44 PATRICK ELLESTAD

DB, 6-1, 178, Sr./Jr.

Fond du Lac, Wis. (Saint Mary's Springs)

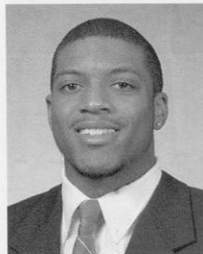


This Season: a regular on special teams, he has registered one tackle ... **Career:** has played in 28 games as a Badger ... **FYI:** won nine varsity letters in three sports as a prep ... a zoology major.

3 LEE EVANS

WR, 5-11, 202, Sr./Sr.

Bedford, Ohio (Bedford)



This Season: has recovered from two left knee surgeries in 2002 to reclaim his spot among the elite offensive talents in college football ... honorable mention All-American (SI.com) ... consensus first-team All-Big Ten choice ... voted team

MVP for the second time (first two-time UW MVP since Al Toon in 1983 and 1984) ... started all 12 games ... has 60 catches for 1,162 yards (both second-most in school history behind his own totals of 75 catches and 1,545 yards in 2001) and 12 TDs (school record) ... Big Ten leading 96.8 yards-per-game average ... broke or tied seven school or Big Ten records in 10-catch, 258-yard, five-TD performance vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State (the yardage total is a school record and the five TDs tied the Big Ten record) ... two-time Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week ... nine catches for 214 yards and two TDs (including NCAA record-tying 99-yarder) vs. Akron ... game-winning, 79-yard TD reception in upset win over No. 3 Ohio State ... **Career:** No. 2 all-time in Big Ten with 3,417 receiving yards (Purdue's John Standeford has 3,686 yards) ... school record holder for receptions (171), receiving yards and TD receptions (26) ... only player in school history with more than one 200-yard receiving game (he has three) ... school-record 37 straight games with a reception ... set Big Ten record for receiving yards in a season with 1,545 in 2001 ... **FYI:** has completed three passes in his UW career, including one to QB Jim Sorgi against Iowa in the regular-season finale.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
1999	3	76	1	25.3	64
2000	33	634	4	19.2	45
2001	75	1,545	9	20.6	78
2002				Redshirted	
2003	60	1,162	12	19.4	99
Total	171	3,417	26	20.0	99

CAREER 200-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

258 vs. Mich. State (11/15/03)

228 vs. Mich. State (10/27/01)

214 vs. Akron (9/6/03)

EVANS AND THE RECORD BOOKS

Big Ten Records ...

... Season receiving yards: 1,545 (2001)

... Game TD receptions: 5, tied (11/15/03)

... Career receiving yards: 3,417 (currently 2nd)

... Game receiving yards: 258, T4th-most (11/15/03)

Wisconsin Records ...

... Career receptions: 171

... Career receiving yards: 3,417

... Career TD receptions: 26

... Season receptions: 75 (2001)

BADGERS HIT THE BOOKS

The latest NCAA graduation figures, released in September, show Wisconsin student-athletes with an 88-percent graduation rate that is tied for third-best nationally. This fall, 14 Badgers were named Academic All-Big Ten (highest total of the Alvarez era).

BORN TO RUN

Wisconsin's rushing average in its seven wins this season was 238.4 yards per game. In the five losses, that figure dropped to 114.8 yards per contest.

SPECIAL DELIVERIES

Wisconsin's special teams have returned punts for TDs at Penn State and vs. Purdue; blocked a punt (for a safety) vs. UNLV; blocked a punt (recovered for a TD) at West Virginia in the season opener; kicked the game-winning FG in overtime at the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and returned a punt for a TD at Michigan in the program's last 16 games dating back to late last season.

RECORD DAY

Wisconsin broke or tied at least 19 school, Big Ten or Camp Randall Stadium records vs. Michigan State on Nov. 15. They are ...

Individual Game Records

... TD catches (Big Ten): Evans, 5 (tied)*

... TD catches (UW): Evans, 5

... Receiving yards (UW): Evans, 258*

... Receiving yards by a senior (UW): Evans, 258

... TD passes (UW): Sorgi, 5 (tied)*

... Points (UW): Evans, 30 (tied)

... TDs scored (UW): Evans, 5 (tied)

... TDs responsible for (UW): Evans and Sorgi, 5 (tied)

... Pass efficiency (UW): Sorgi, 268.38

... 200-yd receiver & rusher (Big Ten): Evans and Smith

... PATs (UW): Allen, 8 (tied)

... PAT% (UW): Allen, 1.000 (min. 8 att.)

Team Game Records

... TD passes: 5 (tied)*

Season Records

... TD catches (UW): Evans, 12

Career Records

... TD catches (UW): Evans, 26

*also Camp Randall Stadium record

HAS IT BEEN 10 YEARS?

This season marks the 10th anniversary of Wisconsin's 1993 Big Ten title and Rose Bowl victory over UCLA. That was the first of nine bowl berths during the Alvarez era. The Badgers also won the Big Ten and Rose Bowl in 1998 and 1999.

TOTAL OFFENSE

Wisconsin has eclipsed the 400-yard mark in total offense six times this season; that happened only four times last season. The last Badger squad to register more than six 400-yard games was the 1994 team that had seven.

20 BELOW

The Badgers are 72-12-2 when they allow 20 points or less during the Barry Alvarez era.

BIG WIN

Wisconsin's 56-21 victory over Michigan State on Nov. 15 gave the Badgers their most lopsided win since a 41-3 verdict over Iowa on Nov. 13, 1999.

BORN TO RUN, PART 2

Wisconsin is 53-5 during the Alvarez era (3-1 this season) in games in which it rushes the ball at least 50 times.

FANS FLOCK TO SEE BUCKY

Attendance at the Wisconsin-Iowa game in Madison on Nov. 22 was 79,931, the third-largest crowd in Camp Randall Stadium history. That marked the 69th straight game at which the Badgers have drawn a crowd of at least 70,000 fans at 76,634-seat Camp Randall Stadium. Among those 69 games, 59 have been sellouts.

Wisconsin's total home attendance of 549,404 this season is the second-highest total in school history for a seven-game season. UW totaled 550,974 during the 2000 campaign. Wisconsin's per-game home attendance average of 78,486 this season is the second-highest average (regardless of number of home games played) in school history. The highest average is 78,711 from the 2000 season.

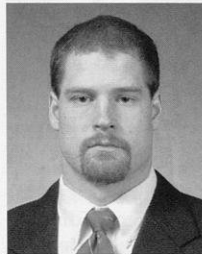
TWO WINS OVER TOP-25

The Badgers defeated two nationally ranked opponents in a season this year for the first time since 1999. Wisconsin has 19 wins over A.P. top-25 opposition during the Alvarez era (since 1990).

... Season receiving yards: 1,545 (2001)
... Season TD receptions: 12 (2003)
... Game receiving yards: 258 (11/15/03)
... Game TD receptions: 5 (11/15/03)
... Game points scored: 30, tied (11/15/03)
... Game TDs scored: 5, tied (11/15/03)

73 MATT GAJDA

DL, 6-4, 272, Sr./Sr.
Sturgeon Bay, Wis. (Sturgeon Bay)

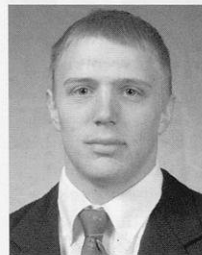


This Season: reserve defensive lineman who earned Academic All-Big Ten honors ...

Career: solid scout team performer ... **FYI:** named UW's scout team defensive player of the year in 2001.

47 ELLIOT GOODE

LB, 6-2, 240, So./So.
Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville-Manlius)



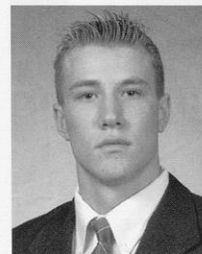
This Season: Saw action in every game, primarily on special teams and as reserve LB ... registered 15 tackles, including season-high three vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State ...

Career: has played in 25 of 26 games and has 29 tackles ... **FYI:**

blocked five kicks and returned three fumbles for TDs as a prep.

26 ZACH HAMPTON

WR, 5-10, 173, So./Fr.
Lancaster, Wis. (Lancaster)



This Season: special teams contributor who has made four tackles ... season-high three stops vs. 17th-ranked Iowa ...

Career: in his first season of action after red-shirting a year ago ...

FYI: played for prep team that compiled 41-1 record during his three

seasons in the program.

77 ANTTAJ HAWTHORNE

DL, 6-3, 300, Jr./Jr.
Hamden, Conn. (Hamden)



This Season: one of the Big Ten's top defensive players, he started all 12 games ... named first-team All-Big Ten by media and second-team by coaches ... won team's Jay Seiler Coaches Appreciation Award (improvement, attitude, willingness to

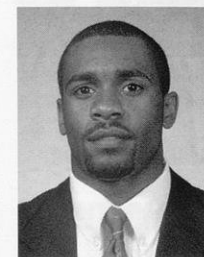
help the program) ... his team-high 20 TFLs are tied for second in Big Ten with Ohio State's Will Smith and are sixth-highest season total in UW history ... recorded at least one TFL in every game and at least two TFLs seven times ... team's leading tackler among DLs ... career-high 13 tackles at Northwestern ... two QB sacks for seven yards in losses in upset win over No. 3 Ohio State ... **Career:** has started 28 straight games ... has 31 career TFLs and three fumble recoveries ... **FYI:** latest standout from state of Connecticut to play for UW ('96 All-America DL Tarek Saleh and former Tennessee Titan DB Bobby Myers are others).

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	9	7	16	4-5	0-0	0	1	0	0
2002	36	32	68	7-13	2-4	0	2	0	2
2003	29	41	70	20-54	4-17	2	0	0	1
Totals	74	80	154	31-72	6-21	2	3	0	3

13 TRAVANN HAYES

WR, 5-11, 188, Sr./Jr.
Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)



This Season: reserve wide receiver ... **Career:** spent career in reserve role at WR ... **FYI:** prep teammate of Badger QB Matt Schabert at Larkin High.

74 JASON JEFFERSON

DL, 6-3, 307, Sr./Jr.
Chicago, Ill. (Leo)



This Season: played in every game, including 11 starts ... 27 tackles, including season-high five in upset win over No. 3 Ohio State ... teams with Hawthorne to form solid run-stopping duo inside ... **Career:** has started 23

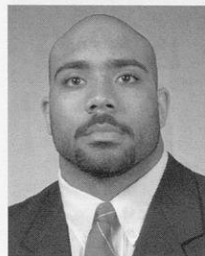
of last 26 games ... has four TFLs ... **FYI:** three-time state finalist as a prep shot putter.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2002	22	23	45	2-2	1-1	1	1	0	2
2003	7	20	27	2-10	1-8	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	43	72	4-12	2-9	1	1	0	2

98 DARIUS JONES

DL, 6-3, 268, Sr./Jr.
Beloit, Wis. (Memorial)



This Season: starter all season on the defensive line ... left Iowa game early with injury ... team's defensive P.O.W. at Minnesota ... fourth on team with three QB sacks (for 25 yards) ... two forced fumbles ...
Career: 13.5 TFLs for 60 yards in losses ... second on team with five QB sacks in 2002 ... **FYI:** enrolled at UW in January of 2000 after graduating from high school a semester early.

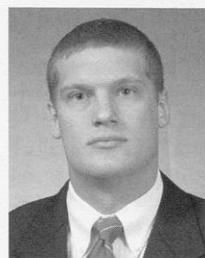
second on team with five QB sacks in 2002 ... **FYI:** enrolled at UW in January of 2000 after graduating from high school a semester early.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2000	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2001	7	3	10	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1
2002	25	17	42	9-33	5-22	2	0	1	6
2003	19	21	40	3.5-26	3-25	2	1	0	0
Totals	51	41	92	13.5-60	8-47	4	1	1	7

86 MATT KATULA

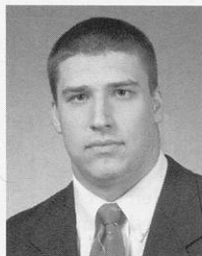
LS, 6-6, 282, Sr./Jr.
Brookfield, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)



This Season: team's No. 1 long-snapper all season ... made three tackles and recovered fumbles in back-to-back games (vs. Penn State and No. 3 Ohio State) ...
Career: two-year starter as long-snapper, having played in 35 of 38 games.

76 MATT LAWRENCE

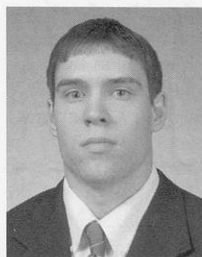
OL, 6-5, 288, Jr./So.
Millsboro, Del. (Sussex Central)



This Season: reserve offensive lineman who earned his first varsity letter ... **Career:** two-time scout team offensive player of the week.

18 JIM LEONHARD

DB, 5-8, 183, Jr./Jr.
Tony, Wis. (Flambeau)



This Season: one of the Big Ten's top play-makers on defense and special teams ... consensus first-team All-Big Ten ... CoSIDA second-team Academic All-American ... Academic All-Big Ten ... UW's special teams player of the year for the second

straight season ... named Big Ten Player of the Week on defense and on special teams ... leads conference with six interceptions ... team-high 93 tackles ... second on team and T5th in Big Ten with 11 pass breakups ... third in Big Ten and 10th nationally with 14.0 punt return average ... only the third player in school history with two punt returns for a TD in a season (at Penn State and vs. Purdue) ... school-record 435 punt return yards broke the former school record of 434 yards set by Leonhard last season ... **Career:** has started last 26 straight games ... his 17 interceptions rank fourth all-time at UW ... 36 pass breakups rank No. 5 in school history ... school-record 13.0-yard punt return average and is No. 2 on all-time UW punt return yardage list ... only the fourth player in school history with three punt returns for TD ... **FYI:** the 5-foot-8 native of Tony, Wis. (pop. 114) won football team's slam dunk contest last spring.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	5	7	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2002	70	29	99	1-2	0-0	1	1	11	25
2003	60	33	93	3.5-14	1-8	0	1	6	11
Totals	135	69	204	4.5-16	1-8	1	2	17	36

Year	Ret.	Yds.	TD	Avg/R	Long
2001	0	0	0	---	0
2002	36	434	1	12.1	39
2003	31	435	2	14.0	65
Total	67	869	3	13.0	65

RENOVATING THE CAMP

Wisconsin's home facility, Camp Randall Stadium, is in the midst of a nearly \$100 million renovation project. The renovation will be fully completed in 2005. Among the changes being made are:

- FieldTurf has been installed in both the stadium and the McClain Center indoor practice facility. The softer surface has been well received by the Badger players. The surface also has been installed at (among others) Michigan, Nebraska, Washington, Oregon and Kansas State, as well as at NFL venues like the Georgia Dome, Ford Field and Giants Stadium.

- increased seating capacity to 79,500.

- new and wider concourses, addition of elevators, renovation and addition of restrooms, larger and more conveniently located concessions stands, installation of two video replay boards plus improved lighting and sound systems.

- addition of private suite and club level seating areas.

- installation of new video scoreboards.

- construction of a new ticket office.

- construction of a new athletic department office building.

- expansion of accessible facilities for disabled fans and visitors.

Following the renovation process at Camp Randall Stadium is made easier by viewing through Wisconsin's "web cam," high atop the stadium's press box. Just log onto uwbadgers.com.

KUDOS FOR CAMP RANDALL

Wisconsin's storied Camp Randall Stadium was last fall named by the *Indianapolis Star* as the best place to experience college football in the Big Ten.

SURPASSING PERFORMANCE

The Badgers passed for more yards (690) in back-to-back games against Minnesota and Michigan State than any Wisconsin team ever has over a two-game span.

QB Jim Sorgi completed 39-58 passes for 685 yards, nine touchdowns and one interception in that two-game period.

BADGER TELEVISION NETWORK

Wisconsin will be playing on ESPN or ESPN2 for the 10th time this season in the Music City Bowl. The Badgers are 25-13 on ESPN during the Alvarez era.

EIGHT WINS FOR NINTH TIME?

The Badgers are looking for their ninth eight-win season in the past 11 years.

RUN "D"

Wisconsin has limited six opponents to fewer than 100 yards rushing this season. The Badgers are 4-2 in those games.

NICE START

Wisconsin began the 2003 season by going 6-1, its best start through seven games since the 1998 squad put together a 7-0 mark.

The Badgers also won their first two Big Ten road games this season (at Illinois and Penn State) for the first time since 1950.

HIGH RANKING

Following its victory over No. 3 Ohio State, Wisconsin climbed to 12th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. UW hadn't been ranked as high as 12th in either poll since taking a No. 7 A.P. ranking into a Sept. 23, 2000 game against Northwestern.

RUSHING RARITIES

Despite having its No. 1 tailback injured for most of the season, Wisconsin was still able to produce a potent ground attack and joined just a few other teams in accomplishing some rare feats this season.

Two different players rushed for 200 yards in a game this season:

WISCONSIN
Oklahoma State
Maryland
Connecticut

Three different RBs with at least five TDs this season:

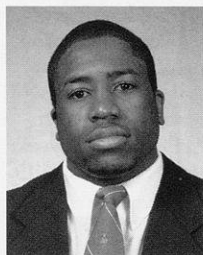
WISCONSIN
Minnesota
Oklahoma State
Navy

Three different RBs with at least 500 yards rushing this season:

WISCONSIN
Connecticut
Florida
Minnesota
Navy

12 ALEX LEWIS

LB, 6-1, 237, Sr./Sr.
Delran, N.J. (SUNY-Morrisville/Delran)



This Season: starter all season at LB ... an impact player on defense and special teams who combines excellent speed and strength ... first-team All-Big Ten by coaches and second team by media ... Academic All-Big Ten ... tied for team

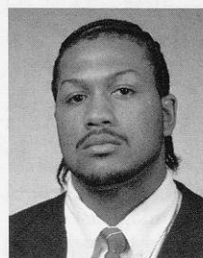
lead (T6th in Big Ten) in QB sacks (8) and leads team with three forced fumbles ... No. 2 on team (No. 4 in Big Ten) with 15 TFLs ... named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week vs. No. 13 Purdue (6.5 TFLs for 42 yards and 5.0 QB sacks for 39 yards; his TFL total and sack yardage total are school records) ... two blocked punts ... fourth on team with 79 tackles ... **Career:** has 165 tackles, including 25.5 for 100 yards in losses, in two seasons as a Badger ... three blocked punts ... **FYI:** sang with a local church choir this past summer.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2002	56	30	86	10.5-26	1-9	2	1	0	1
2003	40	39	79	15-74	8-63	3	0	0	3
Totals	96	69	165	25.5-100	9-72	5	1	0	4

91 TRAIISON LEWIS

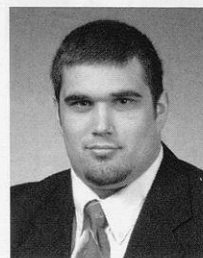
DL, 6-2, 239, Sr./Jr.
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)



This Season: saw action in eight games, mostly on special teams ... **Career:** reserve defensive lineman who has contributed on special teams.

61 MIKE LORENZ

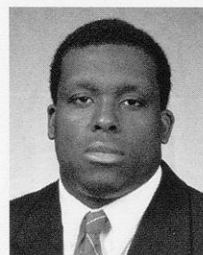
OL, 6-5, 313, Sr./Jr.
Manitowoc, Wis. (Lutheran)



This Season: starter all season at right tackle (this is his first year as a starter) ... history major who earned Academic All-Big Ten honors for the second straight season ... **Career:** played some as a blocking TE wearing No. 89 last season ... **FYI:** has overcome dyslexia to excel in the classroom at UW.

46 JEFF MACK

LB, 6-0, 244, Sr./Sr.
Madison, Wis. (West)



This Season: starter all season at LB ... team captain ... named honorable mention All-Big Ten by media ... team's Ivan B. Williamson Scholastic Award winner (scholarship and sportsmanship) ... team's second-leading tackler (89) ... returned

a fumble 55 yards for a TD vs. No. 13 Purdue ... season-high 14 tackles in win over Akron ...

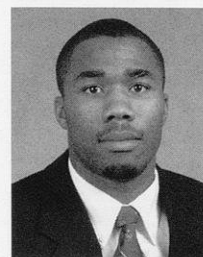
Career: 250 career tackles are most among active Badgers ... defensive MVP of the 2002 Alamo Bowl ... **FYI:** father, Jeff Sr., was a stand-out WR at Wisconsin in the early 1970s.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2000	24	31	55	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2001	23	11	34	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
2002	39	33	72	6-11	0-0	1	0	0	4
2003	44	45	89	5.5-12	1-4	1	1	0	1
Total	130	120	250	11.5-23	1-4	2	1	0	7

81 ERNEST MASON

WR, 6-0, 180, Fr./Fr.
Fort Worth, Texas (Dunbar)

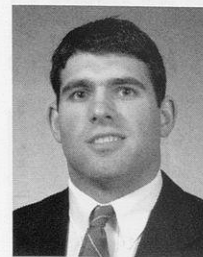


This Season: played in 10 games as reserve WR and KR ... three rushes for 17 yards, one reception for 19 yards and three kick returns for 46 yards as a true freshman ... **Career:** first season of action ... one of four true freshmen to play this season ... **FYI:**

prep coach (Bob Jones) played football for Barry Alvarez at Lexington (Neb.) High.

43 KYLE MCCORISON

LB, 6-0, 242 Sr./Sr.
Altoona, Wis. (Northern Iowa/Altoona)



This Season: played in every game as reserve LB and on special teams ... made 26 tackles, including career-high 10 vs. 17th-ranked Iowa ... registered first career interception against Hawkeyes, too ... **Career:** 72 tackles during two-year UW

career ... four starts last season ... originally transferred from Northern Iowa ... **FYI:** worked

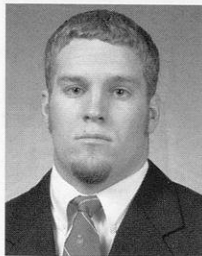
over the summer for construction crew doing the Camp Randall Stadium renovation.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2002	32	14	46	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	0
2003	10	16	26	2.5-11	1-9	0	0	1	1
Total	42	30	72	4.5-14	1-9	0	0	1	1

95 JOE MONTY

DL, 6-2, 246, So./Fr.
Fort Collins, Colo. (Fort Collins)



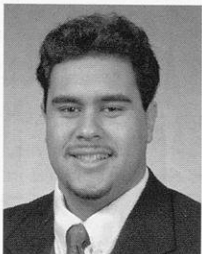
This Season: played in 11 games as reserve DL ... Academic All-Big Ten ... notched nine tackles, including three vs. both 24th-ranked Minnesota and 17th-ranked Iowa ... **Career:** first year of action after joining team last January ...

FYI: brother, Pete, was

a Badger LB from 1993-96 and is school's career tackles leader.

31 R.J. MORSE

P, 6-1, 246, Jr./Jr.
Waipahu, Hawaii (Iolani)



This Season: starting punter all season ... registered 40.8-yard average on 58 punts ... had 48.0-yard average on four attempts in win over North Carolina ... longest punt of season went 51 yards ...

Career: has played in 32 games ... UW's start-

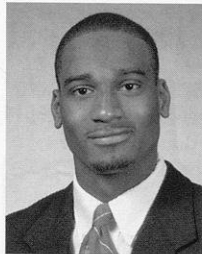
ing punter since late in 2001 campaign ... No. 6 all-time at UW with 6,297 punting yards ... **FYI:** one of four Hawaiians on Badger roster.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	50+	120
2001	28	1,165	41.6	68	6	7
2002	74	2,765	37.4	56	4	24
2003	58	2,367	40.8	51	4	14
Totals	160	6,297	39.4	68	14	45

9 JONATHAN ORR

WR, 6-3, 190, Jr./So.
Detroit, Mich. (Henry Ford)



This Season: saw action in all 12 games, including start vs. 17th-ranked Iowa (four-receiver set) ... caught six passes for 98 yards in 2003 ... **Career:** freshman All-America choice of *The Sporting News* last season ... also named UW's rookie of

the year as he caught 47 passes for 842 yards (second-most ever by a Big Ten freshman) ...

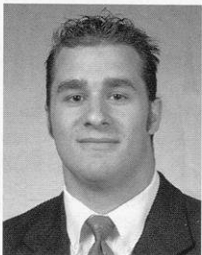
FYI: sang with a church choir in Madison last spring.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2002	47	842	8	17.9	43
2003	6	98	0	16.3	30
Totals	53	940	8	17.7	43

85 TONY PACIOTTI

TE, 6-4, 263, Sr./Jr.
Jessup, Pa. (Valley View)

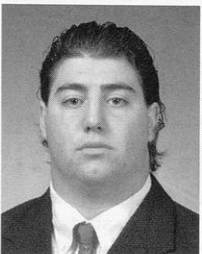


This Season: played in all 12 games at TE and on special teams ... started 10 times at TE ... only reception of career went for 18 yards vs. North Carolina ...

Career: has started 19 times at TE and has been a regular special teams contributor.

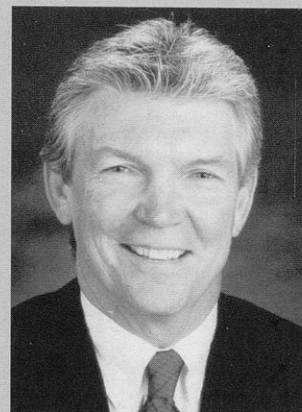
52 JASON PALERMO

OL, 6-3, 291, Jr./So.
Madison, Wis. (Edgewood)



This Season: earned first letter seeing action in reserve role this season ... named to Academic All-Big Ten team ... **Career:** first season of action ... **FYI:** father, John, is Wisconsin's defensive line and assistant head coach ... Jason original-

ly came to UW as a DL.



DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Pat Richter is in his final season as the Director of Athletics at his alma mater. He will officially retire in April of 2004, giving way to head coach Barry Alvarez who will assume the dual role (coach and A.D.). Under Richter's direction, UW has enjoyed unprecedented success across the board.

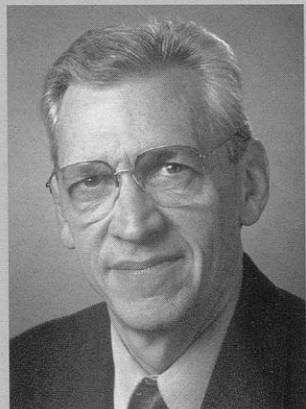
During Richter's tenure, the Badgers have won three Big Ten football titles and three Rose Bowls; two Big Ten men's basketball titles and made one Final Four appearance; won NCAA titles in men's hockey and men's soccer; turned a \$2.1 million deficit into a \$6 million surplus; and remained at or near the top of the conference in Academic All-Big Ten selections.

Richter, a former UW student-athlete, professional football player, and successful businessman, became Wisconsin's athletic director in December of 1989.

An All-America tight end for Wisconsin's 1963 Rose Bowl football team, Richter had a distinguished career with the National Football League's Washington Redskins from 1963-71. He was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

Richter earned his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the UW in 1964, earning Academic All-America honors in 1962. He was named Wisconsin's Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient in 1963. Richter received his law degree from the UW in 1971. In 1995, he was inducted into the CoSIDA Academic Hall of Fame, and was honored as an NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winner for post-college achievements.

After employment with a Madison law firm, he joined the Oscar Mayer Foods Corp., becoming vice president of personnel prior to joining the athletic department staff.



UW-MADISON CHANCELLOR

John D. Wiley, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the 27th leader of the university. He assumed office Jan. 1, 2001.

From 1994-2000, Wiley served as the university's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. From 1989-94, Wiley was dean of the UW-Madison Graduate School and the university's senior research officer. From 1986-89, he served as associate dean for research in the College of Engineering.

In his campus-level positions, Wiley has represented the institution for a variety of external constituencies, including alumni groups, the boards of trustees of university-affiliated foundations and other organizations, domestic and international inter-university cooperatives, chambers of commerce and service clubs, the state legislature and governmental bodies, UW System Administration, and the UW System Board of Regents.

As provost, Wiley was chief operating officer and deputy chancellor, working in the exercise of shared governance and the overall management of the institution. As graduate school dean, Wiley oversaw all aspects of graduate study, grant submission, agency liaison, research infrastructure and centers, and technology transfer.

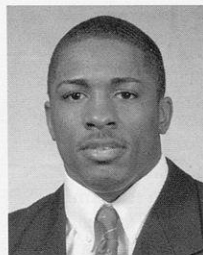
Wiley received his bachelor's degree in physics from Indiana University in 1964. He attended graduate school at UW-Madison as an NSF Fellow and received master's and doctoral degrees in physics in 1965 and 1968, respectively.

Wiley joined the UW-Madison faculty in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in August 1975.

Wiley is married to Georgia Blanchfield and has a 19-year-old stepson, Kai Kennedy, and a 17-year-old stepdaughter, Blythe Kennedy.

20 JERONE PETTUS

RB, 5-9, 176, Sr./Jr.
Roosevelt, N.Y. (Roosevelt)



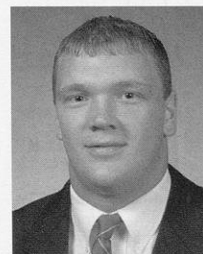
This Season: has seen limited action off the bench ... rushed for 29 yards on 12 carries as a reserve RB ... **Career:** has done a little of everything during his three-year career, including 83 carries for 310 yards and two TDs; seven receptions for 66

yards; and 12 kickoff returns for 233 yards ...

FYI: broke Amos Zeroue's Long Island prep rushing record.

84 JASON POCIASK

TE, 6-3, 250, Jr./So.
Plainfield, Ind. (Plainfield)



This Season: played in all 12 games as backup TE and on special teams ... five starts in two-TE sets ... Academic All-Big Ten selection ... only reception of career went for five yards at Illinois ... **Career:** lettered last

year and was named team's UW Athletic Board Scholar (highest GPA on the team) ... **FYI:** was an Academic All-America nominee this season.

53 DONOVAN RAIOLA

OL, 6-3, 290, Jr./So.
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha)



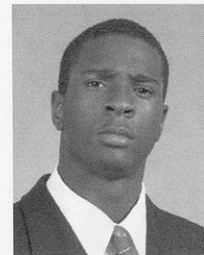
This Season: starter at center all year ... consensus honorable mention All-Big Ten selection ... first sophomore to start at center for Badgers since Casey Rabach in 1998 ...

Career: this was his first season of full-time action ... **FYI:** brother,

Dominic, was an All-American and Outland Trophy finalist at Nebraska and now starts for Detroit Lions ... father, Tony, played football at Miami, Fla.

22 RODERICK ROGERS

DB, 6-2, 185, Fr./Fr.
Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)

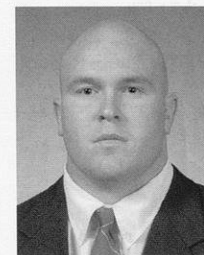


This Season: saw limited action as reserve DB and on special teams ... made six tackles, including two apiece vs. Ohio State and Purdue ... **Career:** first season with the Badgers ... **FYI:** one of four true freshmen to play for the Badgers

this season.

37 GREG ROOT

FB, 6-2, 256, Jr./So.
Palmdale, Calif. (Highlands)



This Season: backup fullback who earned his first varsity letter ... **Career:** switched from linebacker to fullback last spring.

21 LEVONNE ROWAN

DB, 6-1, 178, So./So.
Erie, Pa. (Mercyhurst Prep)

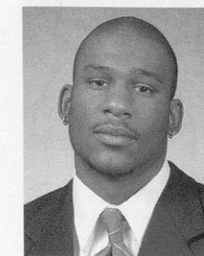


This Season: played in 11 of 12 games, including eight starts ... has played on special teams, too ... Academic All-Big Ten ... made 39 tackles, including career-high 10 vs. 13th-ranked Purdue ... broke up six passes (T3rd on team) ... **Career:** played

in 21 of 26 games ... **FYI:** joined Badger track team for outdoor season last spring.

14 DONTZ SANDERS

DB, 6-1, 201, Jr./So.
Bedford, Ohio (Chanel)

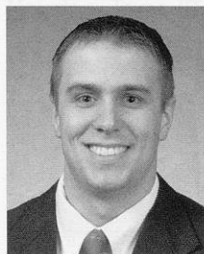


This Season: saw action in every game as a solid special teams contributor ... made seven tackles ... **Career:** has played in 23 games his first two seasons ... **FYI:** comes from same hometown as former Badger WR Chris

Chambers (Miami Dolphins) and current WR Lee Evans ... brother, Darnell, played TE at Ohio State.

16 MATT SCHABERT

QB, 6-2, 203, Sr./Jr.
Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)



This Season: saw action in 11 games, including nine appearances at QB ... holder on placements, too ... came off the bench to fire 79-yard, game-winning TD pass to Lee Evans in fourth quarter vs. No. 3 Ohio State ... first career start came at

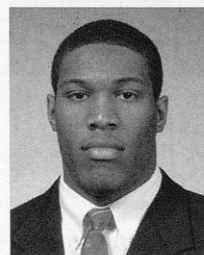
Northwestern (for injured Jim Sorgi) where he completed 20-36 passes for 193 yards ... **Career:** prior to this season, his only extensive experience was in college debut vs. Michigan State (completed 10-18 passes for 177 yards and two TDs) ... **FYI:** first career completion was 70-yard TD strike to Evans vs. Michigan State in 2001.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	C	A	Yds.	Pct.	TD	Int	Effic.
2001	10	18	177	.556	2	1	163.7
2002	0	0	0	----	0	0	----
2003	33	65	441	.508	1	4	100.5
Total	43	83	618	.518	3	5	114.2

30 DWAYNE SMITH

RB, 5-11, 225, So./So.
Chicago, Ill. (Hales Franciscan)



This Season: saw action in all 12 games, including five starts (replacing injured Anthony Davis) ... honorable mention All-Big Ten by coaches ... team's leading rusher (eighth in Big Ten) with 856 yards and nine TDs on 161 carries (5.3 yds.

per carry) ... named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after 193-yard, three-TD performance at Illinois ... rushed for career-high 207 yards and three TDs vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State ... **Career:** has rushed for 1,408 yards and 15 TDs his first two seasons ... average of 5.2 yards per carry during 25-game career ... **FYI:** valedictorian of his high school class.

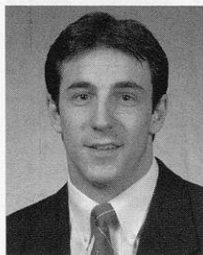
CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2002	110	552	6	5.0	39
2003	161	856	9	5.3	60
Totals	271	1,408	15	5.2	60

Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2002	4	27	0	6.8	12
2003	8	115	0	14.4	37
Total	12	142	0	11.8	37

19 JIM SORGI

QB, 6-5, 190, Sr./Sr.
Fraser, Mich. (Fraser)



This Season: started 11 of 12 games (missed Northwestern game with injury) ... first year as full-time starter ... team captain ... offensive winner of team's Wayne Souza Coaches Appreciation Award (improvement, attitude and willingness to help

program) ... No. 2 in Big Ten in pass efficiency (149.9 rating) ... threw for third-highest yardage total (380) in school history and school record-tying five TDs vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State ... completed 39-58 passes for 685 yards, nine TDs and one interception during two games (combined) vs. Minnesota and Michigan State ... fired NCAA record-tying 99-yard TD to Lee Evans vs. Akron ... currently sixth on UW season passing yards list with 2,082, fourth with 16 TD passes and third in pass efficiency (149.9 rating) ...

Career: school's career pass efficiency (141.7 rating) leader and ranks third at UW with .553 completion percentage ... has delivered 18 of Lee Evans' 26 TD receptions ... **FYI:** served as a student representative on UW's Athletic Board earlier in his career.

CAREER 200-YARD PASSING GAMES

380 vs. Michigan State (11/15/03)
305 at Minnesota (11/8/03)
281 vs. Akron (9/6/03)
246 vs. Fresno State (9/8/01)
243 vs. Purdue (10/21/00)
231 at Oregon (9/1/01)
222 vs. UNLV (9/13/03)
215 at West Virginia (8/30/03)
207 at Indiana (11/11/00)

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	C	A	Yds.	Pct.	TD	Int	Effic.
2000	46	69	615	.667	6	2	164.4
2001	64	132	1,096	.485	9	8	128.6
2002	38	70	536	.543	1	2	117.6
2003	127	226	2,082	.562	16	8	149.9
Totals	275	497	4,329	.553	32	20	141.7

UW RECORD WHEN (ALVAREZ ERA)

in Camp Randall Stadium: 56-31-3
in road/neutral sites: 43-35-1
on artificial turf: 77-49-3
on natural grass: 22-17-1
in overtime games: 3-2
in day games: 83-61-4
in night games: 16-5

on ABC: 12-17-1
on ESPN: 25-13
on ESPN2: 14-7
on CBS: 1-0

vs. A.P. ranked teams: 19-32-1
UW is ranked higher: 33-6-1
UW is ranked lower: 9-25-1

games decided by less than 4 points: 17-14-4
UW scores first: 72-22-2
opponent scores first: 27-44-2

leading after 1 quarter: 58-15-1
leading at halftime: 77-12
leading after 3 quarters: 82-8-3

outrushes opponent: 83-21-4
is outrushed: 16-45
has 50 or more rushes: 53-5
has less than 50 rushes: 46-61-4

outpasses opponent: 40-24-1
is outpassed: 59-42-3

has 25 or more passes: 26-49-3
has less than 25 passes: 73-17-1

has more total offense: 71-13-2
has less total offense: 28-53-2

has fewer turnovers: 63-20-1
has more turnovers: 15-32-1
equal turnovers: 21-14-2

has greater T.O.P.: 74-26-3
has less T.O.P.: 25-40-1

scores more than 20 pts.: 81-20-2
scores 20 or less pts.: 18-46-2
allows more than 20 pts.: 27-54-2
allows 20 pts. or less: 72-12-2

has 100-yard rusher: 77-28-4
has 200-yard passer: 28-18-1

rushes for more than 300 yds: 24-2
rushes for 250-99 yds: 15-2-1
rushes for 200-49 yds: 16-2-2
opp. rushes for less than 100 yds: 32-6-2
opp. rushes for 101-25 yds: 25-4

in August/September: 42-14-1
in October: 27-29-1
in November: 22-22-2
in December/January: 8-1



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The University of Wisconsin, one of the nation's largest and most productive institutions of higher education, is dedicated to the support of academic freedom.

Founded in 1848, the first class of 17 students enrolled February 5, 1849. Today, Wisconsin ranks as the nation's ninth largest university with 41,507 students.

On a single campus, students can find a complete spectrum of liberal arts studies, professional programs and student activities. UW has ranked among the top educational institutions in the country in every published survey of faculty and administrators since the early 1900s.

As one of the nation's first land-grant universities, Wisconsin maintains a strong research emphasis in agricultural and life sciences. Award-winning research spanning the academic disciplines, however, has earned Wisconsin a place among the world's elite institutions of higher education. The quality of its undergraduate, graduate and research programs is recognized world wide.

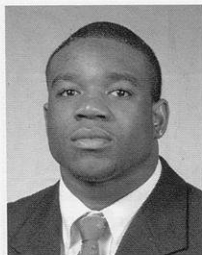
The flagship school of the state system, UW-Madison offers the only public schools of law, medicine and veterinary medicine in the state and is one of only two state-supported schools to offer doctoral degrees.

One of the most picturesque college campuses in the country, Wisconsin sits along the shore of beautiful Lake Mendota. The city of Madison and the University were designed to be linked, signifying the interrelated nature of academic and political life at Wisconsin.

Bascom Hall serves as the centerpiece of the campus. It sits atop the beautiful tree-lined Bascom Hill, which offers a magnificent view of downtown Madison.

32 BOOKER STANLEY

RB, 5-10, 207, So./Fr.
Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)

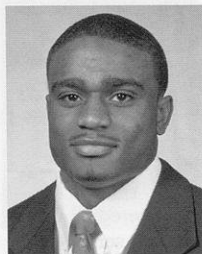


This Season: played in 11 of 12 games as backup RB and had very productive campaign ... named team's rookie of the year ... rushed for 523 yards and five TDs ... three 100-yard rushing efforts, including career highs of 31 carries and 125 yards (and

one TD) in upset win over third-ranked Ohio State ... **Career:** first season of action ... **FYI:** joins Michigan's Chris Perry as the only two players to rush for 100 yards vs. Ohio State.

2 SCOTT STARKS

DB, 5-10, 168, Jr./Jr.
St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)



This Season: started 11 of 12 games ... Academic All-Big Ten ... second in Big Ten with team-high 19 pass breakups (tied for 4th-highest season total in school history) ... his 16 pass breakups in league play led the Big Ten ... sixth on team with 53

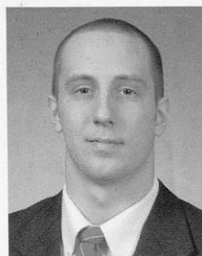
tackles ... career-high four PBUs at Illinois (one of only nine players in school history with four PBUs in a game) ... **Career:** has started 35 of 38 games since start of his freshman season ... ranks fourth in pass breakups at UW with 42 ... has five interceptions ... 2002 CoSIDA Academic All-District selection ... **FYI:** same high school as former Badger stars Jamar and Terrell Fletcher, and current Badger WR Brandon Williams.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	54	10	64	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	13
2002	40	21	61	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	10
2003	35	18	53	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	1	19
Totals	129	49	178	0.5-1	0-0	4	2	6	42

2 JOHN STOCCO

QB, 6-2, 195, So./Fr.
Richfield, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels)



This Season: saw his first collegiate action in the final two regular-season games (vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State and 17th-ranked Iowa) ... Academic All-Big Ten ... led UW on last-minute fourth-quarter drive that came up just

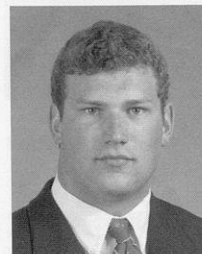
short on final play of game vs. Hawkeyes ...

Career: first season of action as a Badger ...

FYI: 45th round pick of Minnesota Twins in the 2002 Major League Baseball draft.

72 JOE THOMAS

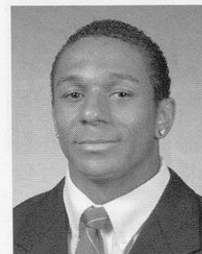
OL, 6-8, 260, Fr./Fr.
Brookfield, Wis. (Central)



This Season: played much of season as a blocking TE (wearing No. 82) ... true freshman ... **Career:** first season at Wisconsin ... **FYI:** first true freshman OL to see action during the Alvarez era.

34 KAREEM TIMBERS

LB, 6-3, 209, Sr./Jr.
Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)



This Season: saw action in all 12 games at OLB and on special teams ... started six times at OLB ... made 21 tackles, including 2.5 for losses of 16 yards ... recovered blocked punt in end zone for UW's first TD of the season at West Virginia ...

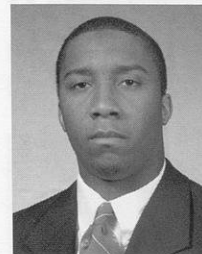
Career: has started 13 times ... made 51 tackles ... **FYI:** has moved from safety to LB to OLB during his career at UW.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	2	1	3	1-9	1-9	0	0	0	0
2002	15	12	27	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	1
2003	7	14	21	2.5-16	2-15	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	27	51	4.5-26	3-24	1	0	1	1

24 LAMARR WATKINS

OLB, 6-1, 216, So./So.
Mt. Laurel, N.J. (Lenape)



This Season: has seen action in 11 games, including one start (at 24th-ranked Minnesota) ... season-high five tackles vs. Golden Gophers ... also plays on special teams ... **Career:** has started seven times ... intercepted a pass at Michigan last season ...

FYI: father, Lawrence, played FB for nine years in NFL ... brother, Lawrence, was an OL at Southern Illinois.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2002	26	15	41	3.5-9	0-0	0	1	1	1
2003	5	9	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	24	55	3.5-9	0-0	0	1	1	1

92 JONATHAN WELSH

DL, 6-4, 228, Sr./Jr.
Houston, Texas (B.T. Washington)



This Season: played in every game and started 10 times ... tied for team lead and tied for sixth in Big Ten with eight QB sacks for 64 yards in losses ... made season-high six tackles on five occasions ... **Career:** first season as full-time starter ... has played in

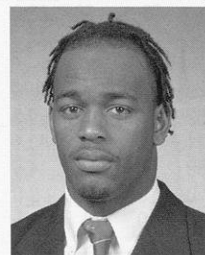
35 games ... 17.5 TFLs for 90 yards in losses ...
FYI: Academic All-Big Ten selection last season.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2001	11	10	21	3-8	2-6	0	0	0	0
2002	18	14	32	3-11	1-9	1	0	0	1
2003	19	30	49	11.5-71	8-64	2	1	0	2
Total	48	54	102	17.5-90	11-79	3	1	0	3

8 BRANDON WHITE

WR, 6-3, 182, So./So.
Palm Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)

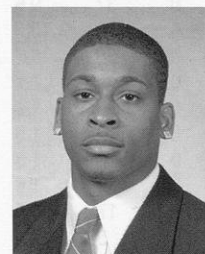


This Season: has seen action as reserve WR and on special teams ... has assisted on four tackles and recovered a fumble ... had a 17-yard pass reception vs. 13th-ranked Purdue ...

Career: played last season as a true freshman.

25 BRANDON WILLIAMS

WR, 5-11, 170, So./So.
St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)



This Season: starter all season at WR ... multi-talented athlete who also returns kicks and plays DB ... team's No. 2 receiver with 43 catches for 592 yards and a TD ... career-high nine catches at Northwestern ... T6th in Big Ten with 22.0-yard

kickoff return average ... career-long 55-yard kick return at Penn State ... registered first career interception vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State ...

Career: an impact player for the Badgers since the start of his freshman year ... second-team freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* last season after UW freshman-record 52 receptions for 663 yards (second-most ever by a UW frosh) ... set school records last season for kickoff returns (32) and kickoff return yards (670) in a season ... **FYI:** same high school as teammate Scott Starks and former Badger stars Jamar and Terrell Fletcher.

CAREER STATISTICS

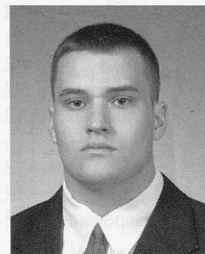
Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Avg/C	Long
2002	52	663	3	12.8	41
2003	43	592	1	13.8	75
Total	95	1,255	4	13.2	75

Year	Ret.	Yds.	TD	Avg/R	Long
2002	32	670	0	20.9	46
2003	24	527	0	22.0	55
Total	56	1,197	0	21.4	55

Year	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL	QBS	FC	FR	Int	PD
2003	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	5
Total	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	5

78 JAKE WOOD

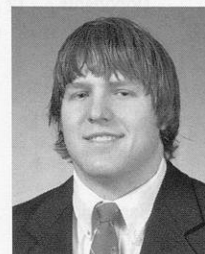
OL, 6-6, 296, Jr./So.
Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)



This Season: reserve offensive lineman who earned his first varsity letter ... Academic All-Big Ten ... **Career:** scout team offensive player of the week once last season ... **FYI:** only Iowan on the team.

41 MARK ZALEWSKI

LB, 6-2, 232, So./Fr..
Wausau, Wis. (East)



This Season: has seen action as reserve LB and on special teams ... Academic All-Big Ten ... started vs. 21st-ranked Michigan State ... six tackles (one each in six different outings) ... **Career:** first season of action after redshirting a year ago.

2003 WISCONSIN HONORS

All-American

Lee Evans, WR (HM-SI.com)

All-Big Ten

Lee Evans, WR (1-M, 1-C)
Jim Leonhard, DB (1-M, 1-C)
Anttaj Hawthorne, DL (1-M, 2-C)
Alex Lewis, LB (1-C, 2-M)
Dan Buenning, OL (2-M, HM-C)
Donovan Raiola, OL (HM-M, HM-C)
Jeff Mack, LB (HM-C)
Dwayne Smith, RB (HM-M)
C=coaches, M=media

Big Ten Player of the Week

Lee Evans (offense), Sept. 8
Dwayne Smith (offense), Sept. 29
Jim Leonhard (special tms), Oct. 6
Alex Lewis (defense), Oct. 20
Jim Leonhard (defense), Oct. 27
Lee Evans (offense), Nov. 17

CoSIDA Academic

All-America Team

Jim Leonhard, DB (2nd team)

Academic All-Big Ten

Nick Cochart
Matt Gajda
Jim Leonhard
Alex Lewis
Mike Lorenz
Joe Monty
Jason Palermo
Jason Pociask
Levonne Rowan
Scott Starks
Joe Stellmacher
John Stocco
Jake Wood
Mark Zaleski

2003 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	BIG TEN		ALL
	W-L	W-L	
Michigan	7-1	10-2	
Ohio St.	6-2	10-2	
Purdue	6-2	9-3	
Iowa	5-3	9-3	
Minnesota	5-3	9-3	
Mich. St.	5-3	8-4	
BADGERS	4-4	7-5	
N'western	4-4	6-6	
Penn St.	1-7	3-9	
Indiana	1-7	2-10	
Illinois	0-8	1-11	

Big Ten Bowl Participants

Wisconsin vs. Auburn (Music City)
Michigan vs. USC (Rose)
Ohio State vs. Kansas St. (Fiesta)
Purdue vs. Georgia (Cap. One)
Iowa vs. Florida (Outback)
Mich. State vs. Nebraska (Alamo)
Minnesota vs. Oregon (Sun)
N'western vs. BGSU (Motor City)

2003 Statistics

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Big Ten Record	Time	Attend	Score By Quarters
Aug 30, 2003	at West Virginia	W 24-17	1-0-0	0-0-0	3:20	60,663	First: UW: 97 / Opp: 70
Sep 06, 2003	AKRON	W 48-31	2-0-0	0-0-0	3:15	75,401	Second: UW: 94 / Opp: 79
Sep 13, 2003	UNLV	5-23 L	2-1-0	0-0-0	3:00	78,043	Third: UW: 64 / Opp: 75
Sep 20, 2003	NORTH CAROLINA	W 38-27	3-1-0	0-0-0	3:20	77,439	Fourth: UW: 86 / Opp: 54
* Sep 27, 2003	at Illinois	W 38-20	4-1-0	1-0-0	3:10	58,495	Total: UW: 341 / Opp: 278
* Oct 04, 2003	at Penn State	W 30-23	5-1-0	2-0-0	3:31	107,851	
* Oct 11, 2003	OHIO STATE	W 17-10	6-1-0	3-0-0	3:00	79,793	
* Oct 18, 2003	PURDUE	23-26 L	6-2-0	3-1-0	3:30	79,541	
* Oct 25, 2003	at Northwestern	7-16 L	6-3-0	3-2-0	3:06	36,233	
* Nov 08, 2003	at Minnesota	34-37 L	6-4-0	3-3-0	3:08	59,543	
* Nov 15, 2003	MICHIGAN STATE	W 56-21	7-4-0	4-3-0	3:05	79,256	
* Nov 22, 2003	IOWA	21-27 L	7-5-0	4-4-0	3:30	79,931	

* indicates conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	WIS	OPP	RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
SCORING	341	278	Smith	12	161	896	40	856	5.3	9	60	71.3
Points Per Game	28.4	23.2	Davis	7	99	631	26	605	6.1	7	45	86.4
FIRST DOWNS	251	222	Stanley	11	133	560	37	523	3.9	5	29	47.5
Rushing	129	94	Bernstein	12	28	118	0	118	4.2	0	12	9.8
Passing	112	115	Schabert	11	25	98	24	74	3.0	0	13	6.7
Penalty	10	13	Pettus	8	12	32	3	29	2.4	0	6	3.6
RUSHING YARDAGE	2243	1649	Fuller	2	4	24	0	24	6.0	0	12	12.0
Yards gained rushing	2571	2001	Mason	10	3	22	5	17	5.7	0	13	1.7
Yards lost rushing	328	352	Sorgi	11	57	178	162	16	0.3	2	18	1.5
Rushing Attempts	536	428	Evans	12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
Average Per Rush	4.2	3.9	Stocco	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
Average Per Game	186.9	137.4	Williams	12	2	4	5	-1	-0.5	0	4	-0.1
TDs Rushing	23	17	Team	--	8	0	10	-10	-1.2	0	0	-1.7
PASSING YARDAGE	2630	2617	Morse	12	2	0	16	-16	-8.0	0	0	-1.3
Att-Cmp-Int	303-167-12	400-217-11	Total	12	536	2571	328	2243	4.2	23	60	186.9
Average Per Pass	8.7	6.5	Opponents	12	428	2001	352	1649	3.9	17	56	137.4
Average Per Catch	15.7	12.1	PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G	
Average Per Game	219.2	218.1	Sorgi	11	149.86	226-127-8	56.2	2082	16	99	189.3	
TDs Passing	17	13	Schabert	11	100.53	65-33-4	50.8	441	1	79	40.1	
TOTAL OFFENSE	4873	4266	Stocco	2	134.76	10-6-0	60.0	89	0	49	44.5	
Total Plays	839	828	Team	--	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	
Average Per Play	5.8	5.2	Evans	12	251.20	1-1-0	100.0	18	0	18	1.5	
Average Per Game	406.1	355.5	Total	12	138.62	303-167-12	55.1	2630	17	99	219.2	
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	36-639	59-1275	Opponents	12	114.43	400-217-11	54.2	2617	13	73	218.1	
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	34-495	23-227	RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G		
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-202	12-158	Evans	12	60	1162	19.4	12	99	96.8		
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.8	21.6	Williams	12	43	592	13.8	1	75	49.3		
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	14.6	9.9	Charles	12	17	262	15.4	2	40	21.8		
INT RETURN AVERAGE	18.4	13.2	Daniels	12	14	179	12.8	2	27	14.9		
FUMBLES-LOST	21-11	18-10	Smith	12	8	115	14.4	0	37	9.6		
PENALTIES-YARDS	62-468	75-586	Bernstein	12	7	71	10.1	0	28	5.9		
Average Per Game	39.0	48.8	Orr	12	6	98	16.3	0	30	8.2		
PUNTS-YARDS	58-2367	71-2792	Davis	7	3	54	18.0	0	30	7.7		
Average Per Punt	40.8	39.3	Stanley	11	3	15	5.0	0	8	1.4		
Net punt average	36.9	32.4	Mason	10	1	19	19.0	0	19	1.9		
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	31:53	28:07	Paciotti	12	1	18	18.0	0	18	1.5		
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	72/167	62/180	Sorgi	11	1	18	18.0	0	18	1.6		
3rd-Down Pct	43%	34%	White	11	1	17	17.0	0	17	1.5		
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3/13	6/14	Brown	8	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.6		
4th-Down Pct	23%	43%	Pociask	12	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.4		
SACKS BY-YARDS	31-226	31-166	Total	12	167	2630	15.7	17	99	219.2		
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	44	32	Opponents	12	217	2617	12.1	13	73	218.1		
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-19	19-23										
PAT-ATTEMPTS	42-44	29-32										
ATTENDANCE	549404	322785										
Games/Avg Per Game	7/78486	5/64557										

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Leonhard	31	435	14.0	2	65
Lewis	2	38	19.0	0	0
Williams	1	22	22.0	0	18
Timbers	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	34	495	14.6	3	65
Opponents	23	227	9.9	0	38

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Williams	24	527	22.0	0	55
Bernstein	5	60	12.0	0	20
Mason	3	46	15.3	0	17
Sanders	1	0	0.0	0	0
Pociask	1	3	3.0	0	3
Stanley	1	3	3.0	0	3
Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	36	639	17.8	0	55
Opponents	59	1275	21.6	1	97

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Mack	1	55	55.0	1	55
Total	1	55	55.0	1	55
Opponents	3	62	20.7	1	55

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Leonhard	6	98	16.3	0	54
McCorison	1	33	33.0	0	33
Starks	1	26	26.0	0	26
Williams	1	23	23.0	0	23
Aiello	1	22	22.0	0	22
Cowans	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	11	202	18.4	0	54
Opponents	12	158	13.2	0	39

SCORING	TD	FGs	[----- PATS -----]			Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
			Kick	Rush	Rcv				
Evans	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
Smith	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Allen	0	7-10	32-34	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	53
Davis	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Stanley	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Campbell	0	4-9	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	22
Sorgi	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Charles	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Daniels	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Leonhard	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Timbers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mack	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Lewis	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Total	44	11-19	42-44	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	341
Opponents	32	19-23	29-32	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	278

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Sorgi	11	283	16	2082	2098	190.7
Smith	12	161	856	0	856	71.3
Davis	7	99	605	0	605	86.4
Stanley	11	133	523	0	523	47.5
Schabert	11	90	74	441	515	46.8
Bernstein	12	28	118	0	118	9.8
Stocco	2	11	1	89	90	45.0
Pettus	8	12	29	0	29	3.6
Evans	12	2	7	18	25	2.1
Fuller	2	4	24	0	24	12.0
Mason	10	3	17	0	17	1.7
Williams	12	2	-1	0	-1	-0.1
Team	6	9	-10	0	-10	-1.7
Morse	12	2	-16	0	-16	-1.3
Total	12	839	2243	2630	4873	406.1
Opponents	12	828	1649	2617	4266	355.5

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Campbell	4-9	44.4	0-0	3-3	1-2	0-4	0-0	35	0
Allen	7-10	70.0	1-1	4-4	1-1	1-3	0-1	46	0

FG SEQUENCE	Wisconsin	Opponents
West Virginia	44,42,(29)	(27)
AKRON	(27),(35)	(30)
UNLV	(27),47	(26)
NORTH CAROLINA	(20)	(25),(51),47
Illinois	(18)	(27),(47)
Penn State	(46),43	(35),48,42
OHIO STATE	(38)	(24)
PURDUE	(25)	(42),(20),(26),(18)
Northwestern	36,40	25,(25)
Minnesota	(27),(23)	(34),(34),(35)
MICHIGAN STATE	43	---
IOWA	52	(50),(28)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Morse	58	2367	40.8	51	10	8	14	0
Total	58	2367	40.8	51	10	8	14	0
Opponents	71	2792	39.3	64	10	11	16	2

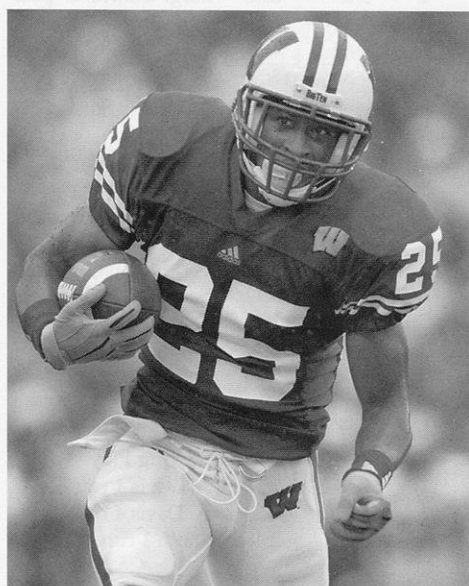
ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Evans	12	7	1162	0	0	0	1169	97.4
Williams	12	-1	592	22	527	23	1163	96.9
Smith	12	856	115	0	0	0	971	80.9
Davis	7	605	54	0	0	0	659	94.1
Stanley	11	523	15	0	3	0	541	49.2
Leonhard	12	0	0	435	0	98	533	44.4
Charles	12	0	262	0	0	0	262	21.8
Bernstein	12	118	71	0	60	0	249	20.8
Daniels	12	0	179	0	0	0	179	14.9
Orr	12	0	98	0	0	0	98	8.2
Mason	10	17	19	0	46	0	82	8.2
Schabert	11	74	0	0	0	0	74	6.7
Lewis	12	0	0	38	0	0	38	3.2
Sorgi	11	16	18	0	0	0	34	3.1
McCorison	12	0	0	0	0	33	33	2.8
Pettus	8	29	0	0	0	0	29	3.6
Starks	12	0	0	0	0	26	26	2.2
Fuller	2	24	0	0	0	0	24	12.0
Aiello	12	0	0	0	0	22	22	1.8
Paciotti	12	0	18	0	0	0	18	1.5
White	11	0	17	0	0	0	17	1.5
Pociask	12	0	5	0	3	0	8	0.7
Brown	8	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.6
Stocco	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Team	6	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-1.7
Morse	12	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-1.3
Total	12	2243	2630	495	639	202	6209	517.4
Opponents	12	1649	2617	227	1275	158	5926	493.8



DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		QBH	-Fumbles-		Blkd Kick	Saf
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Rcv-Yds		FF			
Leonhard	12	60	33	93	3.5-14	1.0-8	6-98	5	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
Mack	12	44	45	89	5.5-12	1.0-4	0	1	5	1-55	1	0	0	0
Aiello	12	35	46	81	4.5-6	0	1-22	2	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, A.	12	40	39	79	15.0-74	8.0-63	0	3	6	0	3	2	1	1
Hawthorne	12	29	41	70	20.0-54	4.0-17	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	0
Starks	12	35	18	53	0.5-1	0	1-26	18	0	0	1	0	0	0
Welsh	12	19	30	49	11.5-71	8.0-64	0	2	5	1-0	2	0	0	0
Jones	11	19	21	40	3.5-26	3.0-25	0	0	3	1-0	2	0	0	0
Rowan	11	23	16	39	1.0-2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	12	7	20	27	2.0-10	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCorison	12	10	16	26	2.5-11	1.0-9	1-33	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cowans	12	18	6	24	0	0	1-0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brooks	12	13	11	24	1.5-11	1.0-9	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Timbers	12	7	14	21	2.5-16	2.0-15	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Stellmacher	5	7	9	16	2.5-7	1.0-4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goode	12	6	9	15	0.5-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Watkins	11	5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catalano	7	5	7	12	1.0-3	0	0	0	1	1-0	0	0	0	0
Bell	3	9	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	8	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monty	11	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanders	12	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rogers	6	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zalewski	11	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barrett	12	3	2	5	1.0-2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
White	11	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
Bernstein	12	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampton	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katula	12	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2-0	0	0	0	0
Pociask	12	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cochart	9	1	1	2	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	12	2	0	2	0	0	1-23	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lorenz	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
Ellestad	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Clinkscale	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White, J.	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis, M.	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schabert	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orr	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniels	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buenning	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morse	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	12	430	430	860	79-321	31-226	11-202	52	31	10-55	13	4	1	1
Opponents	12	452	488	940	89-302	31-166	12-158	37	18	11-62	10	0	0	0

2003 Team Statistics

Team (A.P. Rank)	Score	Rushing Att.-Yd.-TD	Passing C- A-Int.-TD-Yds.	Total Offense	1st Dns.	3rd-Dn. Conv.	Punt	Punt Ret.	Kick Ret.	Fum.	Pen.	Time Poss.
Wisconsin (21)	24	45-223-1	20-34-0-1-215	79-438	26	4-14 (.286)	5-40.2	4-57	2-40	2-0	6-30	34:00
West Virginia	17	38-162-2	15-26-0-0-138	64-300	14	4-14 (.286)	7-34.9	2-6	5-146	1-0	7-41	26:00
Wisconsin (18)	48	44-310-4	14-25-1-2-281	69-591	25	5-12 (.417)	4-41.0	2-32	5-46	3-1	7-60	28:54
Akron	31	40-162-3	31-52-2-1-372	92-534	29	6-18 (.333)	4-33.5	2-47	7-134	1-0	2-15	31:06
Wisconsin (14)	5	42-52-0	13-30-2-0-239	72-291	17	3-13 (.231)	4-37.8	3-42	3-38	4-3	6-42	31:38
UNLV	23	37-94-0	12-25-0-2-93	62-187	11	5-16 (.313)	9-39.2	2-57	2-32	2-1	12-94	28:22
Wisconsin	38	50-209-3	12-20-2-2-193	70-402	22	7-13 (.538)	4-45.0	3-11	3-42	2-0	5-45	35:50
N. Carolina	27	25-110-1	12-24-1-1-199	56-309	16	3-11 (.273)	3-32.7	1-3	6-246	2-2	9-73	24:10
Wisconsin	38	63-307-5	7-12-0-0-131	76-438	26	10-15 (.667)	2-39.5	1-18	4-94	0-0	3-25	36:57
Illinois	20	21-64-1	23-41-1-1-207	62-271	20	4-12 (.333)	4-36.0	1-4	7-179	0-0	5-40	23:03
Wisconsin	30	51-234-1	9-26-0-2-140	77-374	22	7-17 (.412)	7-41.9	3-82	2-68	1-1	8-66	33:56
Penn State	23	28-45-1	22-44-0-2-379	72-424	21	7-16 (.438)	5-43.8	2-27	4-49	4-3	2-12	26:04
Wisconsin (23)	17	48-141-1	7-10-1-1-158	58-299	13	7-14 (.500)	6-40.0	2-26	2-38	2-1	3-15	34:11
Ohio State (3)	10	26-69-0	14-26-1-1-202	52-271	12	3-12 (.250)	7-44.3	3-1	2-27	2-1	7-51	25:49
Wisconsin (14)	23	34-97-1	11-18-1-0-196	52-293	12	5-11 (.455)	5-41.8	3-99	5-128	3-3	8-55	23:36
Purdue (13)	26	38-66-1	38-55-0-1-411	93-477	27	8-19 (.421)	5-44.6	3-31	5-72	1-1	5-45	36:24
Wisconsin (20)	7	38-135-1	20-36-1-0-193	74-328	19	5-16 (.313)	8-40.8	5-39	1-22	0-0	7-50	29:17
N'western	16	52-245-1	10-23-2-1-176	75-421	20	5-17 (.294)	7-42.6	4-32	2-35	1-0	4-25	30:43
Wisconsin	34	32-119-0	23-34-1-4-305	66-424	27	9-15 (.600)	3-40.0	2-46	4-72	1-0	1-5	31:06
Minnesota (24)	37	55-336-4	11-17-0-0-159	72-495	25	8-13 (.615)	3-40.0	0-0	7-120	0-0	7-77	28:54
Wisconsin	56	39-245-3	17-26-0-5-385	65-630	25	8-12 (.667)	3-38.7	3-36	3-6	1-1	5-45	30:31
Mich. State (21)	21	34-95-1	17-33-2-2-215	67-310	18	7-17 (.412)	7-37.3	1-11	9-169	0-0	11-86	29:29
Wisconsin	21	50-171-3	14-31-3-0-194	81-365	17	2-15 (.133)	7-39.4	3-7	2-45	2-1	3-30	32:45
Iowa (17)	27	34-201-2	8-27-2-1-66	61-267	9	2-15 (.133)	10-38.8	2-8	3-66	2-1	4-27	27:15



The multi-talented Brandon Williams plays wide receiver and defensive back, as well as being the Badgers' top kickoff returner.



ESPN's College Gameday show made a stop in Madison this season for the Badgers' game against Purdue on Oct. 18. Chris Fowler (left) and Kirk Herbstreit looked on in amusement as Lee Corso donned a Bucky Badger head and downed a bratwurst.

2003 Long Plays/Scoring Drives

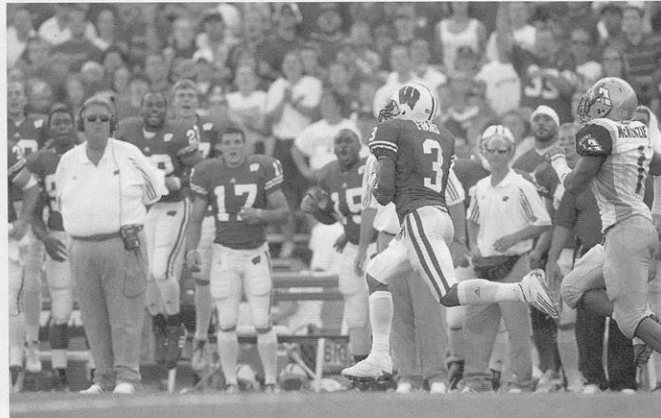
UW'S LONGEST PLAYS OF 2003

Scrimmage plays that gained at least 20 yds.

Type	UW	Opp.
Runs	17	19
Passes	38	28

Yds.	Description
99-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. Akron
79-P	Schabert to Evans vs. Ohio State
75-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. Michigan State
75-P	Sorgi to Williams at Illinois
70-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. Michigan State
60-R	Smith vs. Michigan State
49-P	Stocco to Evans vs. Iowa
47-P	Sorgi to Williams at Minnesota
45-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. Purdue
45-R	A. Davis vs. Akron
44-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. North Carolina
40-P	Sorgi to Charles vs. Michigan State
39-R	Smith vs. Michigan State
39-R	Smith at Illinois
39-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. UNLV
37-P	Sorgi to Smith vs. UNLV
36-R	A. Davis at West Virginia
34-R	Smith vs. Akron
32-P	Sorgi to Charles vs. Michigan State
31-P	Sorgi to Williams vs. North Carolina
30-P	Schabert to A. Davis vs. Iowa
30-R	Smith vs. Iowa
30-P	Schabert to Evans at Northwestern
30-P	Sorgi to Evans at Penn State
30-P	Sorgi to Orr vs. Akron
30-P	Sorgi to Williams at West Virginia
29-R	Stanley vs. Ohio State
28-R	A. Davis at Northwestern
28-R	A. Davis vs. Purdue
28-P	Schabert to Bernstein vs. Purdue
28-P	Sorgi to Williams vs. UNLV
27-P	Sorgi to Daniels at Minnesota
26-R	Smith vs. Michigan State
26-P	Sorgi to Daniels at Minnesota
25-P	Schabert to Williams vs. Ohio State
25-P	Sorgi to Williams vs. North Carolina
25-P	Sorgi to Williams vs. UNLV
25-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. Akron
25-R	A. Davis vs. Akron
24-P	Sorgi to Smith vs. Purdue
24-R	Stanley vs. Ohio State
24-P	Sorgi to Williams at West Virginia
23-P	Stocco to Charles vs. Iowa
23-P	Sorgi to Evans vs. Michigan State
23-R	A. Davis vs. Akron
22-P	Sorgi to Orr vs. Ohio State
22-P	Sorgi to Williams at Penn State
21-P	Sorgi to Smith vs. Michigan State
21-R	A. Davis at West Virginia
21-P	Sorgi to Charles vs. UNLV
21-P	Sorgi to Orr vs. UNLV
20-R	Smith at Minnesota
20-P	Sorgi to Williams at Penn State
20-R	A. Davis vs. Akron
20-P	Sorgi to Evans at West Virginia

R=run P=pass TDs in **bold**



Lee Evans had nothing but green field in front of him after catching Jim Sorgi's pass and leaving an Akron defender behind to complete an NCAA record-tying 99-yard touchdown play on Sept. 6 in Madison.

WEST VIRGINIA

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
3	11-69	5:34	Campbell 29 FG
4	5-33	1:47	Sorgi-Evans 20 pass
4	7-67	2:20	A. Davis 1 run

AKRON

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	5-65	1:44	A. Davis 10 run
1	12-80	5:01	A. Davis 20 run
1	4-(-1)	1:18	Campbell 27 FG
2	6-72	2:22	Sorgi-Evans 6 pass
2	5-52	1:53	A. Davis 14 run
3	9-45	3:17	Campbell 35 FG
4	1-99	0:12	Sorgi-Evans 99 pass
4	4-96	1:20	Smith 34 run

UNLV

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
2	5-41	1:51	Campbell 27 FG

NORTH CAROLINA

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	7-46	3:03	Stanley 5 run
1	3-3	1:21	Stanley 1 run
2	7-80	3:03	Sorgi-Evans 44 pass
3	6-35	2:47	Stanley 2 run
4	11-80	6:09	Sorgi-Charles 17 pass
4	4-8	2:23	Allen 20 FG

ILLINOIS

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	4-45	1:14	Smith 19 run
1	9-68	3:04	Smith 2 run
2	14-80	8:00	Sorgi 8 run
3	2-80	0:16	Smith 5 run
4	14-69	7:15	Sorgi 4 run
4	12-75	7:12	Allen 18 FG

PENN STATE

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	7-80	3:48	Sorgi-Evans 30 pass
2	6-17	2:36	Allen 46 FG
2	4-23	0:25	Sorgi-Williams 20 pass
4	13-80	7:02	Stanley 6 run

OHIO STATE

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
2	13-63	7:26	Stanley 2 run
3	6-18	3:10	Allen 38 FG
4	2-80	0:49	Schabert-Evans 79 pass

PURDUE

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	6-62	2:08	A. Davis 28 run
4	10-69	3:27	Allen 25 FG

NORTHWESTERN

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
2	7-52	2:49	Smith 18 run

MINNESOTA

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	17-75	7:43	Allen 27 FG
2	12-76	5:58	Allen 23 FG
2	5-65	0:36	Sorgi-Daniels 27 pass
3	5-80	2:13	Sorgi-Evans 17 pass
3	8-69	4:56	Sorgi-Charles 12 pass
4	9-80	3:58	Sorgi-Daniels 26 pass

MICHIGAN STATE

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	9-65	3:38	Sorgi-Evans 9 pass
1	5-54	1:30	Smith 3 run
2	5-88	2:35	Sorgi-Evans 75 pass
2	3-81	1:06	Sorgi-Evans 18 pass
3	1-70	0:12	Sorgi-Evans 70 pass
3	7-62	3:41	Sorgi-Evans 18 pass
3	3-55	1:20	Smith 14 run
4	2-35	0:45	Smith 26 run

IOWA

Qtr.	Pl.-Yds.	Time	Scoring Play
1	2-5	0:42	A. Davis 1 run
1	10-80	4:55	A. Davis 4 run
2	6-36	2:46	Smith 1 run

2003 Individual Statistics

GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING (ATT.-YDS.-TD)

	W. Va.	Akron	UNLV	N. C.	Illinois	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Purdue	N'wstn	Minn.	Mich. St.	Iowa
Bernstein	1-3-0		2-5-0	4-16-0	5-29-0	3-17-0	2-5-0		3-13-0		4-20-0	4-10-0
Davis, A.	30-167-1	29-247-3	2-11-0	DNP	DNP	8-35-0	DNP	18-96-1	5-39-0	DNP	DNP	7-10-2
Evans										1-7		
Fuller	DNP		DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-24-0	DNP
Mason	DNP	1-13-0		DNP		1-9-0			1-(-5)-0			
Morse			1-(-10)-0		1-(-6)-0							
Pettus			2-0-0		6-20-0	1-2-0					3-7-0	
Schabert							3-16-0	3-(-13)-0	13-57-0			6-14-0
Smith, D.	4-6-0	6-47-1	18-92-0	15-73-0	34-193-3	9-56-0	5-(-1)-0	3-3-0	10-31-1	7-30	21-207-3	29-119-1
Sorgi	9-47-0	5-(-8)-0	10-(-66)-0	3-1-0	4-17-2	5-(-4)-0	5-1-0	9-13-0	DNP	3-10	2-(-13)-0	2-18-0
Stanley		3-11-0	6-25-0	28-119-3	12-55-0	24-119-1	31-125-1	1-(-2)-0	5-1-0	20-68	3-2-0	DNP
Williams			1-(-5)-0							1-4		

CAREER HIGHS (in yards): Matt Bernstein (29 at Illinois, 9/27/03) • Anthony Davis (301 vs. Minnesota, 11/23/02) • Lee Evans (7 at Minnesota, 11/8/03) • Phillip Fuller (24 vs. Michigan State, 11/15/03) • Ernest Mason (13 vs. Akron, 9/6/03) • Jerone Pettus (82 vs. Indiana, 10/6/01) • Matt Schabert (57 at Northwestern, 10/25/03) • Dwayne Smith (193 at Illinois, 9/27/03) • Jim Sorgi (47 vs. Indiana, 11/11/00 and West Virginia, 8/30/03) • Booker Stanley (125 vs. Ohio State, 10/11/03) • Brandon Williams (10 vs. Northern Illinois, 9/14/02)

GAME-BY-GAME RECEIVING (REC.-YDS.-TD)

	W. Va.	Akron	UNLV	N. C.	Illinois	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Purdue	N'wstn	Minn.	Mich. St.	Iowa
Bernstein	1-2-0				1-6-0			1-28-0		1-16-0		3-19-0
Brown											1-5-0	
Charles		2-24-0	1-21-0	2-21-1				1-7-0		5-52-1	3-89-0	3-48-0
Daniels	3-41-0	1-7-0	1-8-0			2-25-0		1-11-0	2-15-0	3-70-2		1-2-0
Davis, A.	1-8-0			DNP	DNP		DNP	1-16-0		DNP	DNP	1-30-0
Evans	7-70-1	9-214-2	2-58-0	5-80-1	4-45-0	3-50-1	1-79-1	3-76-0	6-90-0	6-66-1	10-258-5	4-76-0
Mason									1-19-0			
Orr		1-30-0	1-21-0	1-14-0		1-5-0	1-22-0		1-6-0			
Paciotti				1-18-0								
Pociask					1-5-0							
Smith	1-5-0		2-48-0					1-24-0		2-16-0	1-21-0	1-1-0
Sorgi									DNP			1-18-0
Stanley									1-2-0	2-13-0		DNP
White								1-17-0				
Williams	7-89-0	1-6-0	6-83-0	3-60-0	1-75-0	3-60-1	5-57-0	2-17-0	9-61-0	4-72-0	2-12-0	

CAREER HIGHS (in yards): Mark Bell (3 at Michigan State, 10/26/02) • Matt Bernstein (28 vs. Purdue, 10/18/03) • Byron Brown (5 vs. Michigan State, 11/15/03) • Darrin Charles (67 vs. Colorado, 12/28/02) • Owen Daniels (70 at Minnesota, 11/8/03) • Anthony Davis (30 vs. West Virginia, 9/7/02 and vs. Iowa, 11/22/03) • Lee Evans (228 vs. Michigan State, 10/27/01) • Ernest Mason (19 at Northwestern, 10/25/03) • Jonathan Orr (150 at UNLV, 8/31/02) • Tony Paciotti (18 vs. North Carolina, 9/20/03) • Jerone Pettus (35 vs. Northern Illinois, 9/14/02) • Jason Pociask (5 at Illinois, 9/27/03) • Dwayne Smith (48 vs. UNLV, 9/13/03) • Jim Sorgi (18 vs. Iowa, 11/22/03) • Booker Stanley (13 at Minnesota, 11/8/03) • Brandon White (17 vs. Purdue, 10/18/03) • Brandon Williams (125 vs. West Virginia, 9/7/02)

GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

Opponent	SORGI					SCHABERT					STOCCO				
	C-A	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.	C-A	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.	C-A	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
at West Virginia	20-34	.588	215	1	0	DNP					DNP				
Akron	14-25	.560	281	2	1	0-0	.---	0	0	0	DNP				
UNLV	11-25	.440	222	0	2	2-5	.400	17	0	0	DNP				
North Carolina	12-20	.600	193	2	2	0-0	.---	0	0	0	DNP				
Illinois	7-12	.583	131	0	0	0-1	.000	0	0	0	DNP				
Penn State	9-26	.346	140	2	0	DNP					DNP				
Ohio State	5-7	.714	54	0	1	2-3	.667	104	1	0	DNP				
Purdue	6-9	.667	118	0	1	5-9	.556	78	0	0	DNP				
N'western	DNP					20-36	.556	193	0	1	DNP				
Minnesota	23-34	.676	305	4	1	DNP					DNP				
Michigan State	16-24	.667	380	5	0	0-0	.---	0	0	0	1-1	1.000	5	0	0
Iowa	4-10	.400	43	0	0	4-11	.364	49	0	3	5-9	.556	84	0	0

CAREER HIGHS (in yards): Jim Sorgi (380 vs. Michigan State, 11/15/03) • Matt Schabert (193 at Northwestern, 10/25/03) • John Stocco (84 vs. Iowa, 11/22/03)

GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES (SOLO-ASSISTS-TOTAL)

	W. Va.	Akron	UNLV	N. C.	Illinois	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Purdue	N'wstn	Minn.	Mich. St.	Iowa
Aiello	1-5-6	5-6-11	1-1-2	2-1-3	1-5-6	6-4-10	2-3-5	2-5-7	5-5-10	8-2-10	2-4-6	0-5-5
Allen	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1								
Barrett						1-0-1	1-0-1	0-1-1	1-0-1			0-1-1
Bell, B.	6-1-7	2-1-3	1-1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Bernstein			0-1-1					1-1-2			1-0-1	
Brooks		3-1-4	1-0-1					2-5-7	2-2-4	2-1-3	3-2-5	
Brown					1-2-3		0-1-1		1-2-3	0-2-2	1-0-1	1-0-1
Buenning			1-0-1									
Catalano			2-3-5	0-1-1	3-3-6							
Charles			1-0-1									
Clinkscale												0-1-1
Cochart		1-1-2	DNP									
Cowans	1-0-1				1-2-3	1-0-1		4-0-4	2-0-2	4-3-7	4-0-4	1-1-2
Daniels							1-0-1					
Davis, M.												1-0-1
Ellestad				1-0-1	DNP							
Goode	0-1-1	1-1-2	2-0-2	0-1-1	0-1-1		1-1-2	1-1-2	0-1-1		1-2-3	
Hampton										1-0-1		1-2-3
Hawthorne	2-3-5	1-5-6	1-6-7	2-6-8	3-1-4	0-1-1	2-2-4	2-2-4	6-7-13	4-2-6	4-2-6	2-4-6
Jefferson	0-3-3	1-1-2	0-4-4	0-2-2	2-0-2	0-1-1	2-3-5	1-1-2	0-2-2	0-1-1		1-2-3
Jones	1-3-4	DNP	1-3-4	1-3-4	3-1-4	3-0-3	0-1-1	1-2-3	1-4-5	3-3-6	3-0-3	2-1-3
Katula	1-0-1							1-0-1	0-1-1			
Leonhard	9-1-10	5-4-9	4-4-8	1-3-4	4-2-6	4-0-4	4-0-4	5-0-5	8-11-19	8-3-11	7-1-8	1-4-5
Lewis, A.	2-5-7	3-3-6	1-2-3	3-5-8	1-5-6	8-3-11	2-2-4	7-2-9	1-6-7	5-4-9	5-1-6	2-1-3
Lorenz										1-0-1		
Mack	7-2-9	5-9-14	2-7-9	1-4-5	4-5-9	4-0-4	2-3-5	8-3-11	2-5-7	4-4-8	4-1-5	1-2-3
McCorison		1-3-4	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-2-2	1-0-1		0-2-2		1-0-1	3-1-4	4-6-10
Monty	DNP	1-1-2								2-1-3	0-1-1	0-3-3
Morse			1-0-1									
Orr								1-0-1				
Pociask	1-0-1			0-1-1								
Rogers						1-0-1	0-2-2	1-1-2		0-1-1		
Rowan			0-2-2	6-1-7	1-2-3	5-0-5	4-4-8	6-4-10	1-2-3	0-1-1		
Sanders		1-2-3		1-0-1	1-0-1						1-0-1	0-1-1
Schabert												0-1-1
Starks	2-0-2	6-3-9	2-0-2	3-2-5	4-1-5	1-1-2	0-1-1	5-3-8	0-3-3	5-2-7	3-1-4	4-1-5
Stellmacher	1-1-2	2-4-6	3-2-5	1-0-1	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Timbers	3-0-3	2-1-3	0-1-1		0-1-1	1-2-3	1-1-2	0-4-4		0-3-3	0-1-1	
Watkins	0-1-1	1-4-5			1-0-1			1-0-1	1-0-1	1-4-5		
Welsh	1-4-5	3-3-6	2-2-4	1-5-6	1-2-3	3-1-4	2-4-6		2-4-6		2-1-3	3-3-6
White, B.						0-1-1		0-1-1		0-1-1		0-1-1
White, J.									1-0-1			
Williams										1-0-1	1-0-1	
Zalewski		0-1-1				1-0-1		1-0-1	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	DNP

GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES FOR LOSS (TFL-YDS.)

	W. Va.	Akron	UNLV	N. C.	Illinois	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Purdue	N'wstn	Minn.	Mich. St.	Iowa
Aiello	1-2	1-1		1-1			0.5-0			1-1	0.5-1	
Barrett								0.5-1				0.5-1
Brooks								1-9			0.5-2	
Catalano					1-3							
Cochart		1-1										
Goode											0.5-0	
Hawthorne	1-1	2-3	1-2	4-9	2-2	1-1	2-7	1-1	2-6	1-1	3.5-17	2-4
Jefferson		1-8	1-1				0.5-1					
Jones	1-1			1-10	2-15							
Leonhard	1-3								1.5-8	1-3		
Lewis, A.	2-7	1-1	1-1		1-2	2-1		6.5-42			3.5-19	0.5-1
Mack	2-3	1-4	1-1	1-2		1-2			0.5-0		0.5-1	0.5-1
McCorison												2.5-11
Rowan			1-1						0.5-1			
Starks						1-1						
Stellmacher			2-3	1-4		DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Timbers		1-7				2-9						
Welsh	1-6	1-10	1-1	1-12	1-2	3-11	1-4		0.5-1		2-20	1-4

QB SACKS (in yards): Robert Brooks (1-9 vs. Purdue); Anttaj Hawthorne (2-7 vs. Ohio State; 1-1 vs. Purdue; 1-9 vs. Michigan State); Jason Jefferson (1-8 vs. Akron) • Darius Jones (1-10 vs. North Carolina; 2-15 at Illinois) • Jim Leonhard (1-8 at Northwestern) • Alex Lewis (1-7 at West Virginia; 5-39 vs. Purdue; 2-17 vs. Michigan State) • Jeff Mack (1-4 vs. Akron) • Kyle McCorison (1-9 vs. Iowa) • Joe Stellmacher (1-4 vs. North Carolina) • Kareem Timbers (1-7 vs. Akron; 1-8 at Penn State) • Jonathan Welsh (1-6 at West Virginia; 1-10 vs. Akron; 1-12 vs. North Carolina; 1-8 at Penn State; 1-4 vs. Ohio State; 2-20 vs. Michigan State; 1-4 vs. Iowa)

2003 Special Teams Statistics

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING (ATT.-YDS.-AVG.)

Opponent	Morse
West Virginia	5-201-40.2
Akron	4-164-41.0
UNLV	4-151-37.8
North Carolina	4-192-48.0
Illinois	2-79-39.5
Penn State	7-293-41.9
Ohio State	6-240-40.0
Purdue	5-209-41.8
Northwestern	8-326-40.8
Minnesota	3-120-40.0
Michigan State	3-116-38.7
Iowa	7-276-39.4

Career Bests (longest punt): R.J. Morse (68 at Illinois, 2001)

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS*

Opponent	Allen	Campbell
West Virginia		44, 42, <u>29</u>
Akron		<u>27</u> , 35
UNLV		<u>27</u> , 47
North Carolina	<u>20</u>	
Illinois	<u>18</u>	
Penn State	<u>46</u> , 43	
Ohio State	<u>38</u>	
Purdue	<u>25</u>	
Northwestern		36, 40
Minnesota	<u>27</u> , <u>23</u>	
Michigan State	43	
Iowa	52	

*made field goals are underlined

Career Bests (longest field goal): Allen (50 vs. Fresno State, 2001) • Campbell (42 at UNLV, 2002)

GAME-BY-GAME KICKOFF RETURNS (ATT.-YDS.-AVG.)

Opponent	B. Williams	Bernstein	Mason
West Virginia	2-40-20.0		
Akron	1-20-20.0	2-23-11.5	
UNLV	2-27-13.5	1-11-11.0	
North Carolina	2-36-18.0	1-6-6.0	
Illinois	4-94-23.5		
Penn State	1-55-55.0		
Ohio State	1-18-18.0	1-20-20.0	
Purdue	5-128-25.6		
Northwestern	1-22-22.0		
Minnesota	2-39-19.5		2-33-16.5
Michigan State	1-3-3.0		
Iowa	2-45-22.5		

Career Bests (longest kick return): B. Williams (55 at Penn State, 2003) • Bernstein (16 vs. Northern Illinois, 2002) • Mason (17 at Minnesota, 2003) • Stanley (3 vs. Akron, 2003) • Pociask (3 vs. Michigan State, 2003)

GAME-BY-GAME PUNT RETURNS (ATT.-YDS.-AVG.)

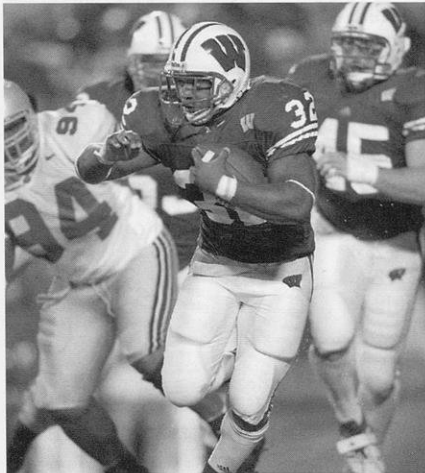
Opponent	Leonhard	Williams
West Virginia	3-32-10.7	
Akron	2-32-16.0	
UNLV	2-29-14.5	
North Carolina	3-11-3.7	
Illinois	1-18-18.0	
Penn State	3-82-27.3	
Ohio State	2-26-13.0	
Purdue	3-99-33.0	
Northwestern	5-39-7.8	
Minnesota	1-24-24.0	1-22-22.0
Michigan State	3-36-12.0	
Iowa	3-7-2.3	

Career Bests (longest punt return): Leonhard (65 (TD) at Penn State, 2003) • Williams (22 at Minnesota, 2003)



Jim Leonhard punctuates his clutch 63-yard punt return late in the fourth quarter against 13th-ranked Purdue by diving across the goal line to avoid Boilermaker tacklers.

Miscellaneous Statistics



CAREER STARTS

Player	Total	Consec.
Aiello, Ryan	23	9
Barrett, Calvin	8	0
Bell, Brett	5	0
Bell, Mark	1	0
Bernstein, Matt	15	0
Brooks, Robert	1	0
Buenning, Dan	36	23
Catalano, Chris	2	0
Charles, Darrin	10	1
Clinkscale, Jonathan	31	16
Cochart, Nick	2	0
Cowans, Chuckie	4	4
Davis, Anthony	31	10
Davis, Morgan	12	12
Evans, Lee	38	30
Goode, Elliot	1	0
Hawthorne, Anttaj	29	28
James, Erasmus	14	2
Jefferson, Jason	23	1
Jones, Darius	13	10
Leonhard, Jim	26	26
Lewis, Alex	21	5
Lorenz, Mike	12	12
Mack, Jeff	37	35
Mason, Ernest	1	0
McCorison, Kyle	5	1
Orr, Jonathan	14	1
Paciotti, Tony	22	0
Pettus, Jerone	2	0
Pociask, Jason	5	0
Raiola, Donovan	13	12
Rowan, Levonne	8	0
Schabert, Matt	1	0
Smith, Dwayne	6	0
Sorgi, Jim	16	11
Starks, Scott	35	9
Stellmacher, Joe	1	0
Timbers, Kareem	13	0
Watkins, LaMarr	7	0
Welsh, Jonathan	13	1
Williams, Brandon	17	9
Zalewski, Mark	1	0

RED ZONE STATISTICS

Wisconsin

Times in Red Zone: 48
 Times Scored: 39
 Percentage: .812
 Touchdowns (R-P): 20-9
 Field Goals: 10

Opponents

Times in Red Zone: 47
 Times Scored: 40
 Percentage: .851
 Touchdowns (R-P): 16-8
 Field Goals: 16

UW IN NCAA STATS

Scoring Offense: 46th (28.4)
 Total Offense: 39th (406.1)
 Rush Offense: 29th (186.9)
 Pass Offense: 58th (219.2)
 Pass Efficiency: 32nd (138.6)

Scoring Defense: 46th (23.2)
 Total Defense: 44th (355.5)
 Rush Defense: 41st (137.4)
 Pass Defense: 58th (218.1)
 Pass Efficiency Defense: 33rd (114.4)

Turnover Margin: 71st (-0.17)

UW IN BIG TEN STATS

Scoring Offense: 4th (28.4)
 Total Offense: 3rd (406.1)
 Rush Offense: 3rd (186.9)
 Pass Offense: 5th (219.2)
 Pass Efficiency: 2nd (138.6)

Scoring Defense: 8th (23.2)
 Total Defense: 6th (355.5)
 Rush Defense: 7th (137.4)
 Pass Defense: 7th (218.1)
 Pass Efficiency Defense: 7th (114.4)

Turnover Margin: 8th (-0.17)

UW IN 2003 POLLS

Date	Coaches	Media
Preseason	20th	21st
Aug. 24	20th	No poll
Aug. 31	17th	18th
Sept. 7	15th	14th
Sept. 14	RV	RV
Sept. 21	RV	RV
Sept. 28	RV	RV
Oct. 5	22nd	23rd
Oct. 12	12th	14th
Oct. 19	17th	20th
Oct. 26	RV	RV
Nov. 2	RV	---
Nov. 9	RV	---
Nov. 16	RV	RV
Nov. 23	RV	RV
Nov. 30	RV	---
Dec. 7	RV	---

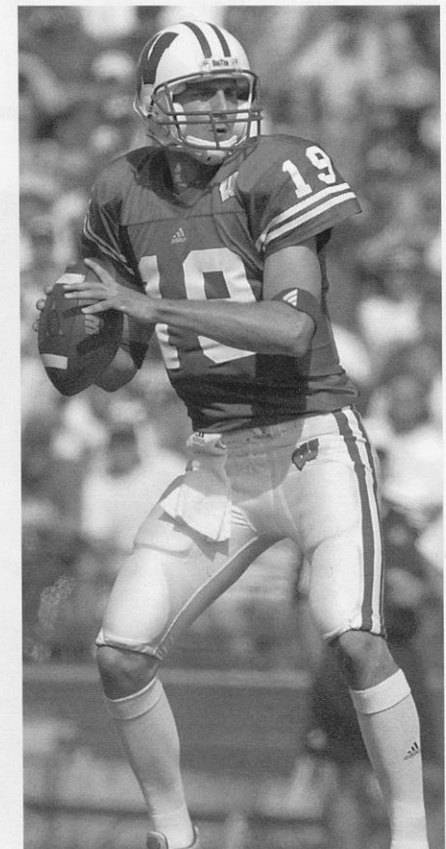
AVERAGE STARTING FIELD POSITION

For Wisconsin

at West Virginia: own 32
 vs. Akron: own 34
 vs. UNLV: own 34
 vs. North Carolina: own 45
 at Illinois: own 28
 at Penn State: own 33
 vs. Ohio State: own 26
 vs. Purdue: own 28
 at Northwestern: own 26
 at Minnesota: own 28
 vs. Michigan State: own 34
 vs. Iowa: own 33
 Season Avg.: own 31.8

For Opponents

West Virginia: own 26
 Akron: own 26
 UNLV: own 38
 North Carolina: own 32
 Illinois: own 38
 Penn State: own 30
 Ohio State: own 28
 Purdue: own 28
 Northwestern: own 29
 Minnesota: own 26
 Michigan State: own 32
 Iowa: own 38
 Season Avg.: own 30.9



2003 Starters by Game

OFFENSE

Player	WVU	Akr	UNLV	UNC	Illinois	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Purdue	N'westn	Minn.	MSU	Iowa
QB	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi	Schabert	Sorgi	Sorgi	Sorgi
RB	A. Davis	A. Davis	A. Davis	Smith	Smith	A. Davis	Smith	A. Davis	A. Davis	Smith	Smith	A. Davis
FB	Pociask*	Pociask*	Bernstein	Bernstein	Pociask*	Pociask*	Pettus**	Bernstein	Bernstein	Bernstein	Bernstein	Orr***
WR	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans	Evans
WR	Williams	Williams	Pociask*	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams
TE	Paciotti	Paciotti	Paciotti	Paciotti	Paciotti	Paciotti	Mason***	Paciotti	Paciotti	Paciotti	Paciotti	Charles****
LT	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis	M. Davis
LG	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning	Buenning
C	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola	Raiola
RG	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale	Clinkscale
RT	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz	Lorenz

*second tight end

**second running back

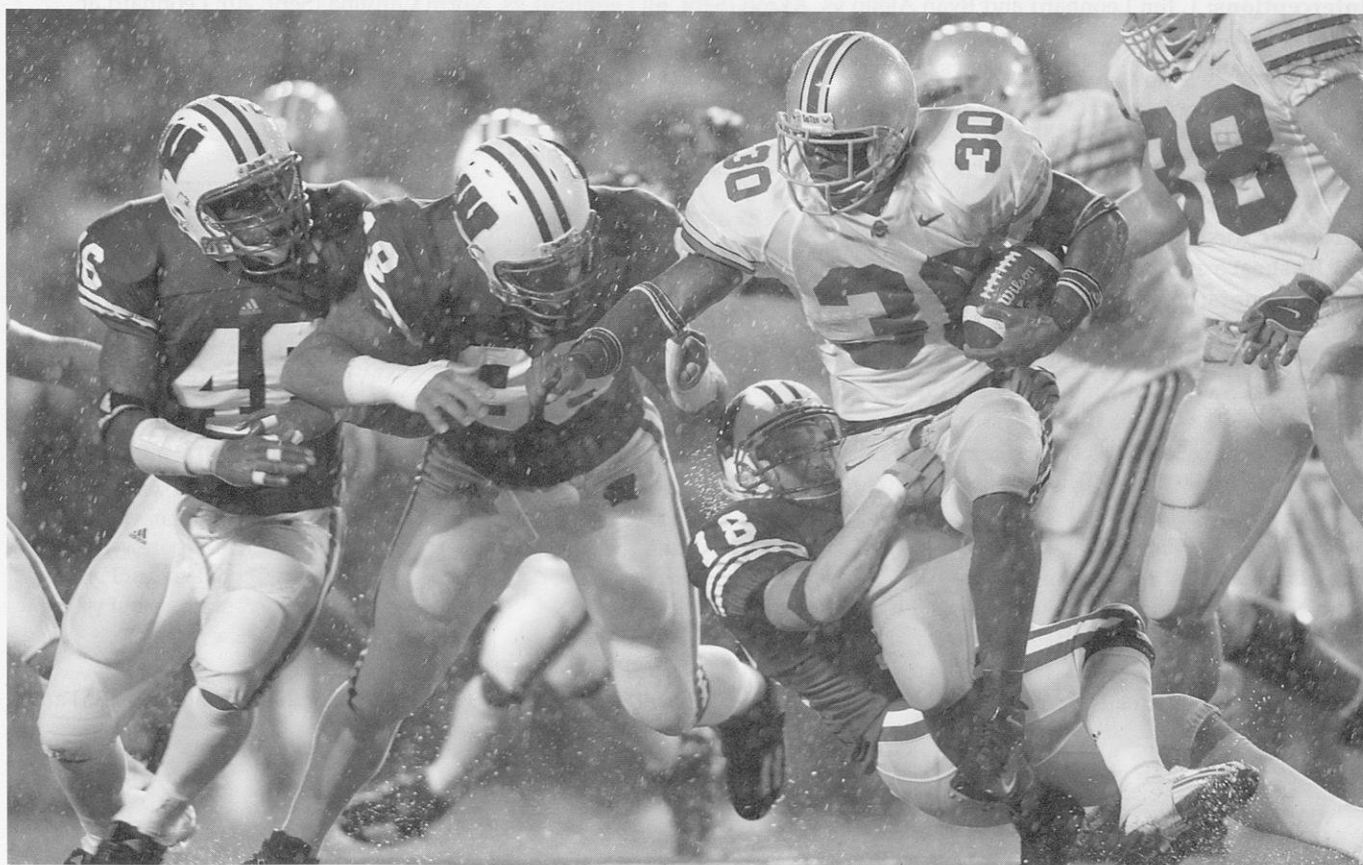
***third receiver

****fourth receiver

DEFENSE

Player	WVU	Akr	UNLV	UNC	Illinois	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Purdue	N'westn	Minn.	MSU	Iowa
LE	Jones	Welsh	Welsh	Jones	Jones	Jones	Jones	Welsh	Welsh	Cochart	A. Lewis	Jones
LT	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	Hawthorne
RT	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Rowan*	Jefferson
RE	Welsh	Cochart	Jones	Welsh	Welsh	Welsh	Welsh	Jones	Jones	Jones	Jones	Welsh
LB	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack	Mack
LB	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	Goode	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	A. Lewis	Aiello	McCorison
OLB	Timbers	Timbers	Timbers	Catalano	Catalano	Timbers	Timbers	Timbers	Cowans*	Watkins	Zalewski	A. Lewis
LC	Starks	Starks	Rowan	Starks	Starks	Starks	Starks	Starks	Starks	Starks	Starks	Starks
SS	Aiello	Aiello	Stellmacher	Aiello	Aiello	Aiello	Aiello	Aiello	Aiello	Aiello	Brooks	Aiello
FS	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard	Leonhard
RC	B. Bell	B. Bell	B. Bell	Rowan	Rowan	Rowan	Rowan	Rowan	Rowan	Cowans	Cowans	Cowans

*fifth defensive back



The Badgers battled the elements as they shut down No. 3 Ohio State in Madison.

2003 Superlatives

Individual Game Highs

Rushes: 34, Dwayne Smith at Illinois (Sept. 27)
Yards Rushing: 247, Anthony Davis vs. Akron (Sept. 6)
TD Rushes: 3, Anthony Davis vs. Akron (Sept. 6); Booker Stanley vs. North Carolina (Sept. 20); Dwayne Smith at Illinois (Sept. 27); Dwayne Smith vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Long Rush: 60, Dwayne Smith vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Pass attempts: 36, Matt Schabert at Northwestern (Oct. 25)
Pass completions: 23, Jim Sorgi at Minnesota (Nov. 8)
Yards Passing: 380, Jim Sorgi vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
TD Passes: 5, Jim Sorgi vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Long Pass: 99, Jim Sorgi vs. Akron (Sept. 6)
Receptions: 10, Lee Evans vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Yards Receiving: 258, Lee Evans vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
TD Receptions: 5, Lee Evans vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Long Reception: 99, Lee Evans vs. Akron (Sept. 6)
Field Goals: 2, Scott Campbell vs. Akron (Sept. 6) and Mike Allen at Minnesota (Nov. 8)
Long Field Goal: 46, Mike Allen at Penn State (Oct. 4)
Punts: 8, R.J. Morse at Northwestern (Oct. 25)
Punting Avg: 48.0, R.J. Morse vs. North Carolina (Sept. 20)
Long Punt: 51, R.J. Morse vs. North Carolina (Sept. 20) and at Minnesota (Nov. 8)
Long Punt Return: 65, Jim Leonhard at Penn State (Oct. 4)
Long Kickoff Return: 55, Brandon Williams at Penn State (Oct. 4)
Tackles: 19, Jim Leonhard at Northwestern (Oct. 25)
Sacks: 5, Alex Lewis vs. Purdue (Oct. 18)
TFLs: 6.5, Alex Lewis vs. Purdue (Oct. 18)
Interceptions: 1, Jim Leonhard and Ryan Aiello vs. Akron (Sept. 6); Leonhard vs. North Carolina (Sept. 20); Leonhard at Illinois (Sept. 27); Leonhard vs. Ohio State (Oct. 11); Leonhard and Chuckie Cowans at Northwestern (Oct. 25); Leonhard vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15); Scott Starks vs. Iowa (Nov. 22); Kyle McCorison vs. Iowa (Nov. 22)

Team Game Highs

Rushes: 63 at Illinois (Sept. 27)
Yards Rushing: 310 vs. Akron (Sept. 6)
Yards Per Rush: 7.0 vs. Akron (Sept. 6)
TD Rushes: 5 at Illinois (Sept. 27)
Pass attempts: 36 at Northwestern (Oct. 25)
Pass completions: 23 at Minnesota (Nov. 8)
Yards Passing: 385 vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
TD Passes: 5 vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Total Plays: 81 vs. Iowa (Nov. 22)
Total Offense: 630 vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Yards Per Play: 9.7 vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Points: 56 vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15)
Sacks By: 7 vs. Purdue (Oct. 18)
First Downs: 27 at Minnesota (Nov. 8)
Penalties: 8 at Penn State (Oct. 4) and vs. Purdue (Oct. 18)
Penalty Yards: 66 at Penn State (Oct. 4)
Turnovers Lost: 5 vs. UNLV (Sept. 13)
Interceptions By: 2 vs. Akron (Sept. 6), North Carolina (Sept. 20), at Northwestern (Oct. 25), vs. Michigan State (Nov. 15) and vs. Iowa (Nov. 22)

Alvarez-era Superlatives

MOST POINTS

1. 62 vs. Indiana, Sept. 24, 1994
2. 59 vs. Indiana, Oct. 16, 1999
59 vs. Hawaii, Nov. 30, 1996
4. 56 vs. Michigan State, Nov. 15, 2003
56 vs. San Jose State, Sept. 13, 1997
56 vs. Eastern Mich., Sept. 10, 1994

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

- 0 vs. Indiana, Oct. 16, 1999
- 0 vs. Iowa, Oct. 24, 1998
- 0 vs. Ohio, Sept. 12, 1998
- 0 vs. Stanford, Sept. 21, 1996
- 0 vs. SMU, Sept. 23, 1995
- 0 vs. Eastern Michigan, Sept. 10, 1994

MOST FIRST DOWNS

1. 36 vs. Minnesota, Oct. 23, 1993
2. 31 vs. Indiana, Oct. 16, 1999
3. 30 vs. Minnesota, Nov. 9, 1996
30 vs. SMU, Sept. 23, 1995
5. 29 vs. Minnesota, Nov. 23, 2002
29 vs. Iowa, Nov. 13, 1999
29 vs. Purdue, Oct. 16, 1993

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

1. 6 vs. UNLV, Sept. 19, 1998
2. 7 vs. Ohio, Sept. 12, 1998
3. 8 vs. Hawaii, Nov. 30, 1996
4. 9 vs. Iowa, Nov. 22, 2003
9 vs. W. Kentucky, Sept. 29, 2001
9 vs. Iowa, Oct. 28, 2000

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. 68 vs. Minnesota, Nov. 23, 2002
2. 67 vs. San Jose State, Sept. 13, 1997
3. 66 vs. Penn State, Sept. 22, 2001
4. 64 vs. Hawaii, Nov. 25, 2000
5. 63 at Illinois, Sept. 27, 2003
63 vs. Michigan State, Oct. 23, 1999
63 vs. Iowa, Oct. 24, 1998

FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS BY AN OPPONENT

1. 14 by Hawaii, Nov. 25, 2000
2. 19 by Fresno State, Aug. 23, 2002
3. 20 by Western Mich., Aug. 31, 2000
by Purdue, Oct. 10, 1998
5. 21 by Illinois, Sept. 27, 2003

MOST RUSHING YARDS

1. 499 vs. Hawaii, Nov. 30, 1996
2. 461 vs. Indiana, Oct. 16, 1999
3. 420 vs. Iowa, Nov. 13, 1999
4. 416 vs. Minnesota, Nov. 23, 2002
5. 403 vs. San Jose State, Sept. 13, 1997

FEWEST RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED

1. -5 by Stanford, Jan. 1, 2000
2. -1 by Western Mich., Aug. 31, 2000
3. 21 by Ball State, Sept. 11, 1999
4. 23 by Penn State, Sept. 22, 2001
by UNLV, Sept. 19, 1998
6. 28 by Illinois, Oct. 17, 1998
by Minnesota, Nov. 7, 1998
by Northwestern, Nov. 21, 1992

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED

1. 51 vs. Iowa, Nov. 18, 1995
2. 48 vs. Minnesota, Oct. 23, 1993
3. 40 vs. Penn State, Sept. 28, 1996
4. 38 vs. Purdue, Oct. 18, 1997
vs. Purdue, Oct. 15, 1994
6. 37 vs. Michigan State, Oct. 27, 2001
vs. Minnesota, Nov. 24, 2001

MOST PASSES COMPLETED

1. 35 vs. Iowa, Sept. 18, 1995
2. 31 vs. Minnesota, Oct. 23, 1993
3. 26 vs. Penn State, Sept. 28, 1996
4. 25 vs. Purdue, Oct. 15, 1994
5. 23 at Minnesota, Nov. 8, 2003
23 vs. Temple, Sept. 22, 1990

FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED BY AN OPPONENT

1. 4 by W. Kentucky, Sept. 29, 2001
2. 7 by Ohio, Sept. 12, 1998
3. 12 by Michigan State, Nov. 24, 1990
4. 13 by Indiana, Oct. 6, 2001
by Ohio State, Oct. 7, 2000
6. 14 by Minnesota, Oct. 25, 1997
by Michigan State, Oct. 1, 1994

FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED BY AN OPPONENT

1. 1 by W. Kentucky, Sept. 29, 2001
2. 3 by Ohio, Sept. 12, 1998
3. 6 by Penn State, Sept. 22, 2001
by Michigan State, Nov. 24, 1990
by Iowa, Oct. 13, 1990
by Ball State, Sept. 15, 1990
7. 7 by Western Illinois, Sept. 14, 1991
by Minnesota, Oct. 25, 1997
9. 8 10 times

MOST PASSING YARDS

1. 423 vs. Minnesota, Oct. 23, 1993
2. 385 vs. Michigan State, Nov. 15, 2003
3. 368 vs. Michigan State, Oct. 27, 2001
4. 355 vs. Northwestern, Oct. 20, 1990
5. 352 vs. Iowa, Nov. 18, 1995

FEWEST PASSING YARDS ALLOWED

1. 28 by W. Kentucky, Sept. 29, 2001
2. 37 by Ohio, Sept. 12, 1998
3. 58 by Michigan, Nov. 17, 2001
4. 66 by Iowa, Nov. 22, 2003
5. 68 by Northwestern, Nov. 23, 1991

MOST TOTAL OFFENSE

1. 705 vs. Indiana Oct. 16, 1999
2. 632 vs. Indiana, Sept. 24, 1994
3. 630 vs. Michigan State, Nov. 15, 2003
4. 605 vs. Minnesota Oct. 23, 1993
5. 604 vs. Iowa Nov. 13, 1999

FEWEST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

1. 102 by Ohio Sept. 12, 1998
2. 131 by Penn State, Sept. 22, 2001
3. 138 by Iowa Oct. 24, 1998
4. 143 by W. Kentucky, Sept. 29, 2001
5. 159 by UNLV, Sept. 19, 1998

PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. OF 5)

1. 49.8 vs. Minnesota, Nov. 7, 1998
2. 49.1 vs. Oregon, Sept. 9, 2000
3. 49.0 vs. Penn State, Nov. 21, 1998
4. 48.4 vs. Iowa, Oct. 24, 1998
5. 48.0 vs. North Carolina, Sept. 27, 2003
48.0 vs. Michigan, Sept. 25, 1999

MOST TIME OF POSSESSION

1. 41:53 vs. Penn State Sept. 22, 2001
2. 41:47 vs. Hawaii Nov. 25, 2000
3. 40:09 vs. Fresno State, Aug. 23, 2002
4. 39:35 vs. Mich. State Oct. 23, 1999
5. 38:58 vs. Purdue Oct. 16, 1993

The Last Time ...

WISCONSIN

200 yards rushing:
207 by Dwayne Smith vs. Michigan State, 2003

300 yards rushing:
301 by Anthony Davis vs. Minnesota, 2002

40 rushing attempts:
45 by Anthony Davis vs. Minnesota, 2002

30 rushing attempts:
31 by Booker Stanley vs. Ohio State, 2003

3 rushing TDs:
3 by Dwayne Smith vs. Michigan State, 2003

300 yards passing:
380 by Jim Sorgi vs. Michigan State, 2003

400 yards passing:
423 by Darrell Bevell vs. Minnesota, 1993

30 pass completions:
35 by Darrell Bevell vs. Iowa, 1995

50 pass attempts:
51 by Darrell Bevell vs. Iowa, 1995

4 TD passes:
5 by Jim Sorgi vs. Michigan State, 2003

100 yards receiving:
258 by Lee Evans vs. Michigan State, 2003

200 yards receiving:
258 by Lee Evans vs. Michigan State, 2003

10 receptions:
10 by Lee Evans vs. Michigan State, 2003

3 TD catches:
5 by Lee Evans vs. Michigan State, 2003

2 TD catches:
5 by Lee Evans vs. Michigan State, 2003

20 tackles:
20 by Chris Ghidorzi and Donnel Thompson vs. Northwestern, 1999

2 interceptions:
2 by Jim Leonhard vs. Minnesota, 2002

5 tackles for loss:
6.5 by Alex Lewis vs. Purdue, 2003

3 sacks:
5 by Alex Lewis vs. Purdue, 2003

recorded a safety:
Alex Lewis vs. UNLV, 2003 (blocked a punt out of the end zone)

3 field goals:
3 by Mike Allen at Indiana, 2002

7 PATs:
8 by Mike Allen vs. Michigan State, 2003

punt return for a TD:
63 by Jim Leonhard vs. Purdue, 2003

kickoff return for a TD:
34 by Lee Evans vs. Indiana, 2000

interception return for a TD:
65 by B.J. Tucker vs. Penn State, 2002

fumble return for a TD:
55 by Jeff Mack vs. Purdue, 2003

blocked a kick or punt:
"Team" blocked a PAT and FGA at Northwestern, 2003

blocked punt returned for a TD:
Alex Lewis blocked, Kareem Timbers recovered punt in end zone at West Virginia, 2003

blocked PAT returned for a TD:
never

scored a two-point PAT:
Dwayne Smith rush vs. Penn State, 2002

OPPONENT

200 yards rushing:
280 by Levron Williams, Indiana, 2001

300 yards rushing:
377 by Anthony Thompson, Indiana, 1989

40 rushing attempts:
40 by Antoino Harris, Illinois, 2002

30 rushing attempts:
40 by Antoino Harris, Illinois, 2002

3 rushing TDs:
6 by Levron Williams, Indiana, 2001

300 yards passing:
411 by Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2003

400 yards passing:
411 by Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2003

30 pass completions:
38 by Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2003

50 pass attempts:
55 by Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2003

4 TD passes:
4 by Gibran Hamdan, Indiana, 2002

100 yards receiving:
184 by John Standeford and 130 by Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2003

200 yards receiving:
206 by Charles Rogers, Michigan State, 2001

10 receptions:
16 by Taylor Stubblefield and 14 by John Standeford, Purdue, 2003

3 TD catches:
3 by Alan Dick, Indiana, 1971

2 TD catches:
2 by Earvin Johnson, UNLV, 2003

20 tackles:
21 by Matt Sinclair, Illinois, 2003

2 interceptions:
2 by Mahlon Carey, North Carolina, 2003

5 tackles for loss:
5 by Jimmy Kennedy, Penn State, 2002

3 sacks:
3.5 by Shaun Phillips, Purdue, 2003

blocked a kick:
Ahmad Briggs, UNLV, blocked FGA, 2002

recorded a safety:
punt snap thru end zone, Minnesota, 1997

3 field goals:
3 by Rhys Lloyd, Minnesota, 2003

7 PATs:
7 by Neil Voskeritchian, Colorado, 1994

punt returned for a TD:
81 by Jeff Graham, Ohio State, 1990

kickoff returned for a TD:
97 by Michael Waddell, North Carolina, 2003

interception returned for a TD:
91 by Don Strickland, Colorado, 2002

fumble returned for a TD:
55 by Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV, 2003

blocked punt returned for a TD:
43 by Marlin Jackson, Michigan, 2001

blocked PAT returned for a TD:
58 by Lance Brown, Indiana, 1993

scored a two-point PAT:
Ben Utecht, Minnesota, pass reception, 2002

Career Records Watch

RUSHING YARDS

1. Ron Dayne, 1996-99	7,125
2. Billy Marek, 1972-75	3,709
3. Anthony Davis, 2001-present	3,626

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. Ron Dayne, 1996-99	1,220
2. Billy Marek, 1972-75	719
3. Alan Ameche, 1951-54	701
4. Brent Moss, 1991-94	694
5. Anthony Davis, 2001-present	690

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

3. Brent Moss, 1991-94	34
4. Anthony Davis, 2001-present	31

AVERAGE PER CARRY

(Minimum 300 attempts)

3. Michael Bennett, 1999-00	5.39
4. Anthony Davis, 2001-present	5.26
5. Billy Marek, 1972-75	5.16
6. Larry Emery, 1983-86	5.12
7. Ken Starch, 1973-75	5.11
8. Ira Matthews, 1975-78	5.05
9. Marvin Artley, 1985-88	5.02
10. Brent Moss, 1991-94	4.94

PASSING YARDS

4. Mike Samuel, 1995-98	4,989
5. Jim Sorgi, 2000-present	4,329

PASS ATTEMPTS

7. Mike Howard, 1983-86	547
8. Jim Sorgi, 2000-present	497

PASS COMPLETIONS

6. Mike Howard, 1983-86	307
7. Jim Sorgi, 2000-present	275

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

2. Brooks Bollinger, 1999-02	38
Randy Wright, 1981-83	38
4. Jim Sorgi, 2000-present	32

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

(Minimum 300 attempts)

1. Darrell Bevell, 1992-95	.614
2. Mike Howard, 1983-86	.561
3. Jim Sorgi, 1999-present	.553
4. Mike Samuel, 1995-97	.549
5. Tony Lowery, 1987-88, 1990-91	.548
6. Brooks Bollinger, 1999-02	.537
7. Jim Haluska, 1952, 1954-55	.532

PASS EFFICIENCY

(Minimum 300 attempts)

1. Jim Sorgi, 1999-present	141.7
2. Darrell Bevell, 1992-95	133.9
3. Brooks Bollinger, 1999-02	126.9
4. Randy Wright, 1981-83	118.7

RECEIVING YARDS

1. Lee Evans, 1999-present	3,417
2. Al Toon, 1982-84	2,103
3. Chris Chambers, 1997-00	2,004
9. Tim Stracka, 1979-80, 82	1,433
10. Mel Reddick, 1967-69	1,320
11. Michael Jones, 1981-84	1,266
12. Brandon Williams, 2002-present	1,255
13. Tom McCauley, 1966-68	1,251
14. Jeff Mack, 1972-74	1,108
15. Al Hannah, 1969-71	1,025
16. Michael Roan, 1991-94	980
17. Jack Novak, 1972-74	965
18. Jonathan Orr, 2002-present	940

RECEPTIONS

1. Lee Evans, 1999-present	171
2. Al Toon, 1982-84	131
3. Chris Chambers, 1997-00	127
4. Pat Richter, 1960-62	121
5. Lee DeRamus, 1991-93	119
8. David Charles, 1976-78	101
9. Tony Simmons, 1994-97	99
10. Brandon Williams, 2002-present	95

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Lee Evans, 1999-present	26
2. Tony Simmons, 1994-97	23

AVERAGE PER RECEPTION

(Minimum 50 receptions)

1. Tony Simmons, 1994-97	20.1
2. Lee Evans, 1999-present	20.0
3. Jeff Mack, 1972-74	19.4

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

4. Billy Marek, 1972-75	3,889
5. Anthony Davis, 2001-present	3,728
6. Ira Matthews, 1975-78	3,700
7. Brent Moss, 1991-94	3,572
8. Rufus Ferguson, 1970-72	3,481
9. Lee Evans, 1999-present	3,465

PUNT RETURN YARDS

1. Nick Davis, 1998-01	1,007
2. Jim Leonhard, 2001-present	869

PUNT RETURN AVG.

1. Jim Leonhard, 2001-present	13.0
2. Nick Davis, 1998-01	12.1
3. Troy Vincent, 1988-91	11.4
4. Thad McFadden, 1980-81, 83-84	10.0

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

1. Nick Davis, 1998-01	1,778
2. Fred Owens, 1986-89	1,510
3. Brandon Williams, 2002-present	1,197

INTERCEPTIONS

1. Jamar Fletcher, 1998-2000	21
2. Neovia Greyer, 1969-71	18
Jeff Messenger, 1991-94	18
4. Jim Leonhard, 2001-present	17

PASS BREAKUPS

1. Mike Echols, 1998-01	62
2. Jamar Fletcher, 1998-00	57
3. Jeff Messenger, 1991-94	44
4. Scott Starks, 2001-present	42
5. Jim Leonhard, 2001-present	36

PUNTING YARDAGE

4. David Greenwood, 1979-82	7,208
5. Brad Brekke, 1988-90	7,149
6. R.J. Morse, 2001-present	6,297

Season Records Watch

RUSHING YARDS

17. Rufus Ferguson, 1972	1,004
18. Terrell Fletcher, 1993	996
19. Larry Canada, 1976	993
20. Marvin Artley, 1987	955
-- Dwayne Smith, 2003	856

RUSHING YARDS BY A FRESHMAN

3. Alan Ameche, 1951	824
4. Dwayne Smith, 2002	552
5. Booker Stanley, 2003	523

PASSING YARDS

1. Darrell Bevell, 1993	2,390
2. Randy Wright, 1983	2,329
3. Randy Wright, 1982	2,292
4. Darrell Bevell, 1995	2,273
5. Mike Howard, 1984	2,127
6. Jim Sorgi, 2003	2,082

PASSING YARDS BY A SENIOR

1. Randy Wright, 1983	2,329
2. Darrell Bevell, 1995	2,273
3. Jim Sorgi, 2003	2,082

PASSING ATTEMPTS

10. Brooks Bollinger, 2002	245
Darrell Bevell, 1992	245
-- Jim Sorgi, 2003	226

PASS COMPLETIONS

8. Mike Samuel, 1997	141
9. Darrell Bevell, 1994	139
10. Mike Carroll, 1976	132
-- Jim Sorgi, 2003	127

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

8. Ron Vander Kelen, 1962	.574
9. Tony Lowery, 1990	.568
10. Mike Howard, 1985	.564
-- Jim Sorgi, 2003	.562

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Randy Wright, 1983	19
Darrell Bevell, 1993	19
3. Darrell Bevell, 1994	17
4. Jim Sorgi, 2003	16

PASS EFFICIENCY

1. Darrell Bevell, 1993	155.2
2. Jim Sorgi, 2003	149.9
3. Darrell Bevell, 1995	137.8

RECEIVING YARDS

1. Lee Evans, 2001	1,545
2. Lee Evans, 2003	1,162
3. Lee DeRamus, 1993	920

RECEIVING YARDS BY A SENIOR

1. Lee Evans, 2003	1,162
2. Chris Chambers, 2000	813

RECEPTIONS

1. Lee Evans, 2001	75
2. Lee Evans, 2003	60
9. Tom McCauley, 1966	46
-- Brandon Williams, 2003	43

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Lee Evans, 2003	12
2. Lee Evans, 2001	9
Al Toon, 1983	9

RECEIVING AVERAGE PER CATCH

1. Larry Mialik, 1970	21.3
2. Lee Evans, 2001	20.6
3. Jeff Mack, 1972	19.6
Al Toon, 1983	19.6
5. Lee Evans, 2003	19.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Randy Wright, 1982	2,481
2. Randy Wright, 1983	2,418
3. Darrell Bevell, 1993	2,387
4. Brooks Bollinger, 2002	2,224
5. Darrell Bevell, 1995	2,162
6. Mike Howard, 1984	2,138
Mike Samuel, 1997	2,138
8. Ron Dayne, 1996	2,109
9. Jim Sorgi, 2003	2,098

PUNT RETURN YARDS

1. Jim Leonhard, 2003	435
2. Jim Leonhard, 2002	434
3. Nick Davis, 1998	427

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jim Leonhard, 2003	2
Earl Girard, 1947	2
Nick Davis, 1998	2

PUNT RETURN AVERAGE

1. Ira Matthews, 1978	16.9
2. Nick Davis, 1998	15.3
3. Jim Leonhard, 2003	14.0
4. Troy Vincent, 1989	13.8

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

4. Nick Davis, 2001	595
5. Greg Johnson, 1969	541
-- Brandon Williams, 2003	527

TACKLES FOR LOSS

2. Darryl Sims, 1982	24
Don Davey, 1990	24
4. Tarek Saleh, 1995	23
5. Tarek Saleh, 1996	21
6. Anttaj Hawthorne, 2003	20

TACKLES FOR LOSS YARDAGE

6. Mike Thompson, 1993	89
7. John Tietz, 1967	86
8. Tom Burke, 1997	79
9. Tim Jordan, 1984	78

10. Dave Ahrens, 1980	77
-- Alex Lewis, 2003	74
-- Jonathan Welsh, 2003	71

QB SACKS

6. Mike Thompson, 1993	10
Bryan Jurewicz, 1996	10
8. Mike Thompson, 1992	9
Tom Burke, 1997	9
10. seven players tied with	8
(including Alex Lewis and Jonathan Welsh, 2003)	

QB SACK YARDAGE

5. Mike Thompson, 1993	83
6. Don Davey, 1990	68
7. Tim Jordan, 1985	67
8. Jonathan Welsh, 2003	64
9. Alex Lewis, 2003	63
Tim Jordan, 1984	63
Bryan Jurewicz, 1996	63

PASS BREAKUPS

1. Jim Leonhard, 2002	25
Mike Echols, 2000	25
3. Jamar Fletcher, 2000	21
4. Jamar Fletcher, 1998	19
Scott Starks, 2003	19

TEAM TOTAL OFFENSE AVERAGE

1. 1993	455.2
2. 1994	423.6
3. 1999	417.2
4. 1983	413.2
5. 2003	406.1

TEAM PASSING YARDS PER GAME

1. 1995	221.7
2. 2003	219.2
3. 1983	216.5
4. 2001	213.0

TEAM TOTAL PASSING YARDS

1. 2003	2,630
2. 2001	2,556

2003 Game Recaps



WISCONSIN 24, WEST VIRGINIA 17

MOUNTAINEER FIELD, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AUG. 31, 2003

The Badgers scored 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to win their season opener on the road. Anthony Davis scored the game-winning touchdown for Wisconsin on a one-yard run with 2:57 remaining. Davis ran for 167 yards and one touchdown on 30 carries. Lee Evans added the other offensive touchdown for the Badgers, scoring on a 20-yard pass from Jim Sorgi in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. Evans, who had not played in a game since Nov. 24, 2001 due to a knee injury, caught seven passes for 70 yards and one touchdown. Sorgi notched his first career victory as a starter completing 20 of 34 passes for 215 yards and a touchdown. Alex Lewis made two key defensive plays in the closing minutes to stop West Virginia's comeback attempt. With just under three minutes remaining, Lewis broke up a pass as the Mountaineers tried to convert on third down. On the following play, Lewis sacked West Virginia quarterback Rasheed Marshall on fourth down to seal the victory for the Badgers. Lewis also had a key play on special teams, blocking a West Virginia punt at the 13:44 mark in the first period. The punt was recovered by Kareem Timbers in

the end zone giving Wisconsin an early 7-0 advantage.

WISCONSIN 48, AKRON 31

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., SEPT. 6, 2003

Wisconsin made history in its home opener, becoming the first team in Big Ten history to have a 200-yard rusher and a 200-yard receiver in the same game. Anthony Davis averaged 8.5 yards per carry, running for 247 yards and three touchdowns. Lee Evans caught nine passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns. Wisconsin led 31-0 at the half, but Akron rallied in the second half, eventually cutting the Badger lead to 34-31. After Wisconsin stopped the Zips on fourth-and-goal from the one, Evans answered with another record-breaking play. On the first play of the drive Jim Sorgi hit Evans down the sideline for a 99-yard touchdown reception. The play tied an NCAA record for the longest play in history. Trailing 41-31 Akron made one last comeback attempt in the fourth quarter, but Jim Leonhard recorded his first interception of the season to end the Zips' rally. Dwayne Smith scored on a 34-yard touchdown run with 4:08 remaining to seal the Wisconsin victory. Wisconsin is 12-2 under Barry Alvarez in home openers.

UNLV 23, WISCONSIN 5

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., SEPT. 13, 2003

Wisconsin suffered its first loss of the season, falling to non-conference opponent UNLV in rainy conditions at Camp Randall Stadium. Safety Jamaal Brimmer led the Rebels' defensive effort, finishing with 11 tackles, two tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions and a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown. The Badgers suffered a setback on their second offensive drive when Anthony Davis was sidelined for the game with an ankle injury. The Badgers totaled 291 yards offensively, but were hurt by eight sacks and five turnovers. The Wisconsin defense was outstanding in defeat, allowing only 187 yards of total offense. UNLV got on the scoreboard first with 8:51 remaining in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal by

Dillon Pieffer. The Rebels increased their lead to 10-0 at the 4:26 mark of the opening quarter when Jamaal Brimmer scooped up a Dwayne Smith fumble and raced 55 yards for the touchdown. In the second quarter, Wisconsin managed a safety on Alex Lewis' second blocked punt of the season and added a 27-yard Scott Campbell field goal. However, the Badgers would be shut out for the remainder of the game, falling 23-5 and dropping to 2-1 on the season.

WISCONSIN 38, NORTH CAROLINA 27

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., SEPT. 20, 2003

The Badgers completed their non-conference schedule with a 3-1 record behind Booker Stanley's 119 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Coming into the game Stanley, a red-shirt freshman, had previously rushed for 36 yards in his college career. After the Tar Heels opened the game with a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, Stanley responded on the ensuing drive with a five-yard touchdown run. Stanley scored on touchdown carries of one, two and five yards. Quarterback Jim Sorgi added to the Badger scoring, throwing for two touchdown passes on 12 of 20 passing for 193 yards. Sorgi hooked up with Lee Evans for a 44-yard touchdown in the second quarter and with Darrin Charles for a 17-yard score in the final frame. It was a historic day for Evans who caught five passes for 80 yards and a touchdown. In the process, he passed Al Toon to become the Wisconsin career receptions leader. Junior tackle Anttaj Hawthorne led the way for the Badger defense with eight tackles, three tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

WISCONSIN 38, ILLINOIS 20

MEMORIAL STADIUM, CHAMPAIGN, ILL. SEPT. 27, 2003

Dwayne Smith became the third Badger running back to rush for at least 100 yards and three touchdowns for Wisconsin in the Badgers' conference-opening win over Illinois. Smith ran for 193 yards and scored on touchdown runs of 19, two and five yards. The Badgers jumped out to a 21-0 lead

early in the second quarter on a pair of Smith touchdown runs and an eight-yard Jim Sorgi touchdown scamper. Illinois responded, outscoring the Badgers 20-7 in the second and third quarters, but Wisconsin held off the Illini to improve to 4-1. The Badger defense shut out Illinois in the fourth quarter and Sorgi scored another touchdown on a four-yard run to seal the victory. Wisconsin held the Illini to 271 total yards and only 62 yards on the ground for the game. Illinois entered the contest averaging 413 yards of total offense per game.

WISCONSIN 38, PENN STATE 20

BEAVER STADIUM, UNIVERSITY PARK, PA. OCT. 4, 2003

Wisconsin quarterback Jim Sorgi passed for two touchdowns and the Badgers rushed for 234 yards, as the UW started the Big Ten season with a 2-0 record. Anthony Davis returned from injury carrying the ball eight times for 35 yards before re-injuring his ankle. Booker Stanley carried the Wisconsin running game, totaling 119 yards and one touchdown on 24 carries. Wisconsin entered the half with a 17-9 advantage and held off a late Nittany Lion comeback to improve to 5-1 overall. Jim Leonhard notched his first of two punt returns for a touchdown on the season, bringing back a 65-yarder to put the Badgers up 23-9 late in the third quarter. Leonhard was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week following the game. Penn State was not able to stop the Wisconsin running game down the stretch as the Badgers held off a late Nittany Lion rally for the victory. On the defensive side of the ball, Wisconsin held Penn State to 45 yards rushing for the game. Alex Lewis recorded a game-high 11 tackles and Jonathan Welsh racked up three tackles for loss, a sack and a fumble recovery. It marked the first time the Badgers started the season with two conference road wins since 1950.

WISCONSIN 17, OHIO STATE 10

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., OCT. 11, 2003

Wisconsin broke third-ranked Ohio State's 19-game winning streak and beat a top-five team for the first time in 18 years under the lights and in the rain at Camp Randall Stadium. With 5:20 remaining in the contest and the score tied at 10, backup quarterback

Matt Schabert connected with Lee Evans for the 79-yard, game-winning touchdown. Schabert threw just three passes on the night, finishing with two completions for 104 yards and a touchdown. The Buckeyes had knotted the score at 10 just 49 seconds before Schabert hit Evans for the score. After a scoreless opening period, the Badgers got on the scoreboard first on a two-yard touchdown run by Booker Stanley at the 14:54 mark in the second quarter. Stanley carried the offensive load for the Badgers, rushing 31 times for 125 yards and a touchdown. Wisconsin rushed for a total of 141 yards against the Buckeyes. On the season, Ohio State opponents averaged 60.5 yards rushing per game. Defensively, the Badgers forced two turnovers and stopped the Buckeyes on nine of 12 third-down conversions. Jim Leonhard picked up his fourth interception of the season on a Craig Krenzel pass in Badger territory in the final period. The attendance for the sixth night game in the history of Camp Randall Stadium was 79,793, the fifth-largest crowd in the history of the stadium. With the win Wisconsin improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in Big Ten play.

PURDUE 26, WISCONSIN 23

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., OCT. 18, 2003

Ben Jones' 18-yard field goal with three seconds remaining helped lift No. 13 Purdue to a 26-23 win over No. 14 Wisconsin, giving the Badgers their first Big Ten loss of the season. Kyle

Orton carried the Boilermakers, completing 38 of 55 passes for 411 yards and a touchdown. Purdue jumped out to an early 14-0 lead in the first period, but the Badgers responded with 13 unanswered points. Jeff Mack's 55-yard fumble return at the 13:45 mark in the second quarter brought the Badgers within a point. A Boilermaker field goal made the Purdue advantage 17-13 at the half. The Boilermakers maintained the lead until the final three minutes of the contest. With Wisconsin trailing 23-16, Jim Leonhard picked the right time for his second touchdown of the season, returning a punt 63 yards for the score. However, Orton and the Purdue offense marched 83 yards to set up the Jones field goal in the closing seconds. In the loss, Alex Lewis recorded nine tackles, including 6.5 tackles for loss and five sacks.

NORTHWESTERN 16, WISCONSIN 7

RYAN FIELD, EVANSTON, ILL., OCT. 25, 2003

Northwestern rolled up 421 yards in total offense and trailed for only five minutes and 11 seconds in the 16-7 upset victory. Wisconsin totaled 328 yards of offense in the loss, including 135 on the ground. The Wildcats scored first when Jason Wright took a Brett Basanez pass 53 yards for a touchdown to cap a four-play, 80-yard drive with 3:42 left in the first quarter. Wisconsin responded as Dwayne Smith ran 18 yards for a score with 6:55 remaining in the first half. Northwestern used a 25-yard field goal by Brian Huffman with 1:44 left in the



Wisconsin's Camp Randall Stadium

first half to go ahead for good, 9-7. Northwestern's 11-play, 80-yard scoring drive with 2:08 left in the third quarter ended with a 1-yard scoring run by Wright and gave the Wildcats a 16-7 advantage. Matt Schabert, starting for the injured Jim Sorgi, completed 20 of 36 passes for 193 yards and one interception. Lee Evans caught six passes for 90 yards. Evans surpassed the 3,000-yard mark for his career, becoming just the seventh player in Big Ten history to do so. Jim Leonhard registered a career-high 19 tackles (eight solos), including 1.5 tackles for a loss. Leonhard also intercepted his fifth pass of the season in the loss.

MINNESOTA 37, WISCONSIN 34

H.H.H. METRODOME, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., NOV. 8, 2003

Rhys Lloyd's 35-yard field goal as time expired gave the Golden Gophers the victory and possession of Paul Bunyan's Axe. Wisconsin battled back from a 24-6 deficit to eventually tie the game in the third quarter. Minnesota took a 24-6 lead after Thomas Tapeh scored on a six-yard run with 2:01 left in the first half. On the next drive for the Badgers Jim Sorgi engineered a five-play, 65-yard drive that ended with Owen Daniels' first career touchdown reception. Trailing 24-13 at the half, the Badgers continued to roll offensively making the score 24-20 on a 17-yard Lee Evans touchdown reception in the opening minutes of the second half. Sorgi's 12-yard touchdown pass to Darrin Charles with 1:35 remaining in the third period finally evened the score at 27. On the Gophers' next possession, Marion Barber III scored on an 11-yard run to give Minnesota a 34-27 advantage. The Badgers rallied once again to tie on a 26-yard touchdown



reception by Daniels from Sorgi. Sorgi completed 23 of 35 passes for 305 yards and four touchdowns. With 2:53 remaining, Minnesota started its final offensive drive of the game, going 62 yards to set-up the game-winning Lloyd field goal.

WISCONSIN 56, MICHIGAN STATE 21

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., NOV. 15, 2003

Lee Evans caught 10 passes for school-records of 258 yards and five touchdowns as Wisconsin scored its highest point total of the season. Dwayne Smith added a career-high 207 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Evans and Smith combined to become the second duo in Big Ten history to receive for at least 200 yards and rush for at least 200 yards in one game. Evans and Anthony Davis also accomplished this feat against on Akron Sept.

6. Jim Sorgi and Evans connected on touchdown passes of nine, 75, 70, 18 and 18 yards. Wisconsin set or tied 19 different school and conference records in the game. The UW jumped out to an early 21-0 lead and never looked back. After Evans' third touchdown catch of the first half, the Badgers entered the break with a 28-7 advantage. The senior added a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter to put the Badgers up 42-14 entering the final frame. Sorgi completed 16 of 24 passes for career-highs in yards (380) and touchdowns (five). On the day the Badgers racked up 630 yards, the third-highest single game total in school history. The Wisconsin defense limited the potent Michigan State offense to just 310 yards of total offense.

IOWA 27, WISCONSIN 21

CAMP RANDALL STADIUM, MADISON, WIS., NOV. 22, 2003

Wisconsin came up just short in its 27-21 regular season finale loss to Iowa -- four yards short to be exact. Backup quarterback John Stocco's pass intended for Jonathan Orr in the end zone as time expired was broken up by Sean Considine, preserving the comeback win for the Hawkeyes. Wisconsin jumped out to a 21-7 first-half lead, but Iowa rallied to score the final 20 points of the contest and then halted a Badger rally in the final seconds. Anthony Davis saw his first game action since Oct. 18 after being sidelined with an ankle injury. Davis scored a pair of touchdowns in the first half before re-injuring his ankle. Dwayne Smith also scored on a one-yard run in the first half. Smith carried the ball 29 times for 129 yards and a touchdown. Lee Evans caught four passes for 76 yards and moved into second place on the all-time Big Ten list with 3,417 receiving yards. Evans also continued his streak of catching a pass in a school record 37 consecutive games. The attendance at Camp Randall Stadium was 79,931, the third-largest crowd in the history of the stadium.

Worker B: UW's Bernstein a blocker first

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Wednesday, October 8, 2003
Jeff Potrykus

Madison - Matt Bernstein didn't garner player-of-the-year honors in high school because of his blocking ability.

"In high school I couldn't block at all," the University of Wisconsin's starting fullback said after practice earlier this week. "Sometimes they asked me to block. But when I did I didn't block very well."

Now the 6-foot-2, 262-pound, third-year sophomore earns his scholarship money by blocking on almost every play for Wisconsin's tailbacks. Bernstein's overall performance last week at Penn State was his best ever at UW.

"I think he's more consistent than he was a year ago at this time," UW head coach Barry Alvarez said. "I think he understands the game more, and he's a better technician, and he should be after a year of playing and all that he's done."

When third-ranked Ohio State (5-0 overall, 1-0 Big Ten Conference) visits Camp Randall Stadium at 8 p.m. Saturday, Bernstein's blocking will help determine how effectively the Badgers (5-1, 2-0) run the ball against the No. 1 rushing defense in the nation.

"I'm going to have to block my (expletive) off," said Bernstein, who estimates he takes on linebackers 90% of the time. "It is going to be tough. Those linebackers are all good. But I'm not going to lay down for anyone."

Bernstein generally followed his blockers at Edgemont High School in Scarsdale, N.Y. As a junior, he rushed for 1,885 yards and 25 touchdowns and was named the

Class C player of the year. He bettered those numbers as a senior, rolling up 2,002 yards and 37 touchdowns and was again named Class C player of the year. He left high school with 504 points, the third-highest figure in New York prep history.

In one game, Bernstein carried more than 40 times. In another game, he rushed for 332 yards.

Ah, the memories.

Yet when the Wisconsin coaches watched Bernstein in high school, they saw a 240-pound athlete who would make an ideal college fullback. A strong blocker, dependable short-yardage threat and an effective receiver out of the backfield if needed.

"We were pretty honest with him," offensive coordinator Brian White said. "I wasn't going to sit there and tell him he was going to be the next Ron Dayne."

Dayne would have enjoyed running behind Bernstein, at least this year's vintage. When Bernstein arrived at Wisconsin in the summer of 2001, he knew what the coaches expected of him.

"No one ever told me I'd get the ball," he said. "The coaches told me straight up."

Yet he didn't have a clue how much work would be required to fulfill that assignment.

"I was just a fat freshman," said Bernstein, whose weight topped out at 275. "I didn't know what I was doing."

He smartly watched the players in front of him on the depth chart, particularly starter Chad Kuhns.

"You see what they are doing," he said of the veterans. "They did a great job helping me."

Bernstein played in all 14 games last year, starting nine. As the season progressed, Bernstein showed signs of being able to move linebackers wherever he wanted.

"'Bernie' is a load," Alvarez said. "As you study film from a year ago, by the end of the year he was a very physical blocker. By far the most physical we've had."

That progress has not abated so far in 2003.

"I'm starting to block better," Bernstein said.

Not surprisingly, Bernstein has also run the ball effectively when called upon. He rushed 20 times for 66 yards and three touchdowns as a freshman. In six games this season, he already has 15 carries for 70 yards, an average of 4.7 yards per carry.

The plan hasn't changed, though. Bernstein was brought in to clear a path for the tailbacks, run the dive play and catch an occasional pass.

"I feel like I'm an offensive lineman," Bernstein said with a laugh. "I weigh as much as they do."

More importantly, he is performing like one of the linemen.

UW Guards Have Pull

Linemen Buenning And Clinkscale Lead Way For Davis

Capital Times

Saturday, September 13, 2003

Mike Lucas

One favors Pat Green, a Texas-nurtured country singer/song writer; the other is into hip-hop and Busta Rhymes, an East Coast rapper. Both are fans of Anthony Davis, a Big Ten rocker who is climbing the charts. The rushing charts.

More often than not today at Camp Randall Stadium, if Davis is running to daylight, a No. 67 or a No. 50 will be pulling and leading the University of Wisconsin tailback upfield.

No. 67 is left guard Dan Buenning, a starter in 26 of the last 28 games. No. 50 is right guard Jonathan Clinkscale, a starter in 21 of the last 23.

The pulling guards.

Since arriving on the Madison campus together as members of the 2000 recruiting class - assembled on the heels of back-to-back Big Ten championships and Rose Bowl triumphs - they have been pulling for each other, too.

"The first time I met Dan, we didn't really talk - we were on the same recruiting trip and we had different hosts," Clinkscale said. "But during that first training camp we seemed to hit it off pretty well, and we started to bond."

Although they both line up as offensive guards, they are as different as left and right, and their respective hometowns.

Buenning is from Green Bay and Bay Port High School, a short hike from Lambeau Field and the Packers Hall of Fame.

Clinkscale is from Altadena, Calif., which is part of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area, just north of Pasadena and the Rose Bowl.

"We talk about a lot of things and we have different points of view," Buenning said. "Which is great, because we argue and then get over it. Like a brotherly thing."

Music is not a common denominator. Buenning was disappointed that he couldn't attend Green's concert last Friday at Luther's Blues. Clinkscale has always gravitated to the Brooklyn-born Rhymes, though you will likely find a mixture of songs on his CD.

"Dan is a Wisconsin guy and I'm from California - that's kind of the difference right there," Clinkscale pointed out.

At that, Clinkscale's personality became somewhat of an issue during his formative years in the UW program.

"I remember when I was younger, the coaches told me that they had to get the California out of me," he said. "They were saying I was a little bit too laid-back; I took everything a little bit too easy."

"That just comes with living out there (the West Coast). Everybody is laid-back, real cool. So I had to pick up my tempo, and pick up the pace."

The results have been gratifying. "We all thought he could be a good player," opined Wisconsin offensive line coach Jim Hueber. "But I really think Clink' has taken an attitude that he wants to be outstanding - he really wants to be a physical player. And he has played that way for us."

Physically, the 21-year-old Buenning doesn't resemble the same player, either. At least not the player he was in 2002, when he had to overcome a bout with mono during training camp and dislocated a shoulder at UNLV.

"I was off all year - I just never felt good. I never felt right," Buenning admitted.

Added Hueber: "Right now, he's confident in everything that he does. He really knows our scheme, he knows what we're looking for and he's into it. He's just a different guy."

The pulling guards.
No. 67 and No. 50.

There's a skill involved.

"The standard here for a guy pulling is Joe Rudolph, always will be," Hueber said, referencing the Badgers' starting left guard on the 1993 championship team. "Maybe Al Johnson, if he would have stayed at guard, would have been that same type of player."

"Al came in as a defensive lineman and Joe was a linebacker. There's an athleticism and feel for the game to pulling. If you have that athleticism to start, that feel becomes easy - you're in air a lot faster rather than the guy struggling to get there."

As it turned out, Al Johnson, the UW's former starting center, was a sounding board for both Buenning and Clinkscale.

"When I was trying to figure it all out, Al was there for me," Buenning said. "It was just the way he played - he was football-smart, and consistent. He kept after it play after play."

Buenning and Clinkscale are now passing along their knowledge to the three new starters on the offensive line: tackles Morgan Davis and Mike Lorenz, and center Donovan Raiola. "We're taking on the responsibilities of being the old guys," Clinkscale conceded.

How does their experience translate to their own game?

"Once you've been out there, once you've been in the fire for awhile, everything is not moving

so fast or whizzing by you," Clinkscale said. "Things slow down a little bit, so you can make your reads, make your blocks and you don't have as many mess-ups."

"You still mess up. But not as much as when you were younger and still new to the offense and trying to get a feel for what's going on out there."

The pulling guards.
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Both enjoy the opportunity to get out of the trenches.

"What's it like?" Buenning posed. "It's fun to run around out there and get a shot on some linebackers and spring A.D. for some long runs. It's a great feeling when I can see him take off past me."

"Most guys, when they see you (pulling), kind of freeze," said the 308-pound Clinkscale. "The hardest thing is trying to hit one of the little guys when they're trying to give you a move and shake you off."

Both have taken a special pride in escorting Davis around the corner. "That's everything for us, everything," Buenning emphasized.

Michigan's Chris Perry leads the nation in rushing; Davis is No. 2. "And we want A.D. to be the leader," Buenning said, "and we're not going to be satisfied until he's breaking away from the rest of the pack."

They have another mission. "We want to make sure Sorge' doesn't get hit too much," Clinkscale said of UW starting quarterback Jim Sorgi. "He got hit a couple of times last week (against Akron) and we were kind of mad about that."

Sorgi, after all, is their meal ticket. Take that literally. On Wednesday nights, Sorgi takes the offensive line out for dinner and picks up the tab.

Food for thought?

"We B.S. about everything," Clinkscale said. "We talk about what's going on in school, the team, and the opponent we're playing. We get the whole group together and bond. Sorge' is not an O-lineman. But he can kind of relate to us. He's trying his best and he's real genuine."

Knowing that Sorgi is living on a college student's budget, have they cut him some slack and curbed their appetites?

"We eat more so we can raise the bill," Buenning said.

"C'mon, we're O-linemen. We feed our face until we're full," Clinkscale said.

The pulling guards.
No. 67 and No. 50.

They don't pull punches.

Inside the Huddle: Cochart is collision expert

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As a 230-pound freshman walk-on, Nick Cochart labored on the defensive scout team at tackle. Because he was so undersized and inexperienced, he was the equivalent of a blocking sled during practice for the interior of the University of Wisconsin offense line: center Casey Rabach and guards Bill Ferrario and Dave Costa.

"I remember every one of those collisions," Cochart said with a sigh. "Billy (Ferrario) used to kill me. He was like 320 then and I had no clue."

How did Cochart wind up at Wisconsin? He was following his heart and his former high school teammates from Southern Door: Al and Ben Johnson. Whereas they were highly recruited prospects, he was an unknown and vulnerable to getting lost in the shuffle.

"That goes through every walk-on's mind when they get here - they can get kind of overwhelmed with the program," Cochart acknowledged. "But you have to keep plugging away and, hopefully, somebody will notice you."

In this vein, Cochart tried to learn as much as he could about the nose tackle position from the starter, Eric Mahlik, who, at 261 pounds, also was considered undersized.

"Eric did all the little things right and he was nice enough to take me under his wing," Cochart said. "He told me if you play the run well, then play it super well. Do something to get people to notice. That's what I started doing."

Today, the 22-year-old Cochart is scheduled to make his first collegiate start at defensive end for the Badgers, who are without two regulars up front: Erasmus James (injured) and Darius Jones (suspended).

Over the years, Cochart (6-1, 267) has proven to be a dependable role player, appearing in 21 games. He's still not the biggest, the strongest or the most athletic lineman. So how has he compensated?

"You've just got to be a little smarter and spend a little more time watching film," he said. "You just can't go out there and say, 'I'm a better athlete and I'm just going to run past somebody.' Whatever you lack, you can become a solid football player by knowing your limitations and strengths."

Joe Monty - a freshman and the younger brother of Pete Monty, the UW's all-time leader in tackles - also will factor heavily in the defensive line rotation against the pass-happy Akron Zips.

Meanwhile, the starting assignment is a dream come true for Cochart, a fifth-year senior who has remained close with the Johnsons. Al is recovering from a knee injury in Dallas while Ben is on the developmental squad in Detroit.

"I talk to them once a week or so and they're always wanting to know how I'm doing," said Cochart, a sociology major. "I never thought I'd be able to say I was starting. But, for once in my career, I'm finally out of their shadow."

Cowans Small In Stature, Big On The Field

Chuckie Cowans' Ability To Make Plays Has Landed Him The Starting Right Cornerback Position.

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Tom Mulhern

It would be wrong to sell University of Wisconsin junior cornerback Chuckie Cowans short.

Plenty of people have tried.

In the past few years, UW coaches have been on a crusade to find bigger defensive backs. That did not bode well for Cowans, who is listed at 5-foot-8.

Cowans was not much more than an afterthought coming into this season after playing sparingly on defense his first two years.

But going into Saturday's game at Camp Randall Stadium against Michigan State, which leads the Big Ten Conference in passing, Cowans is the team's starting right cornerback, having moved ahead of 6-1 sophomore Levonne Rowan.

"(Cowans) has really been competing the last three games," UW defensive backs coach Ron Lee said. "He's been making plays. It's hard to keep a guy off the field when he's making plays. He's always in position."

Cowans started against Northwestern two games ago when UW opened in a nickel defense with five defensive backs and played well enough to move ahead of Rowan and earn the start against Minnesota last week.

Along with 5-10 cornerback Scott Starks on the left side and 5-8 free safety Jim Leonhard, the Badgers have what is likely one of the

shortest starting secondaries in the country. The other starter is 6-1 strong safety Ryan Aiello, who shares time with 5-10 Robert Brooks.

Cowans was not feeling well after Wednesday's practice and was unavailable for an interview, the last day of the week players are allowed to talk to the media.

Lee said Cowans is an example that size, while coveted, is not everything.

"If you've got heart, you can play," Lee said. "(Cowans) has the heart to go out there and compete.

"Sometimes 6-6 compared to 5-9, you say that's kind of a mismatch. If you can do your job, if you're in man-to-man, if you take care of the line of scrimmage, (the receiver) won't get deep."

Cowans gave up one big play against Minnesota last week, which seemed to be directly attributed to his size. He had good position, but 6-1 Jared Ellerson reached up to catch the ball over Cowans for a 39-yard reception, which led to a field goal.

Lee said what made it even tougher for Cowans is that the Gophers were in maximum protection, giving backup quarterback Benji Kamrath ample time to throw. Also, Cowans was off the line of scrimmage, giving Ellerson a free release.

"That's when you can have some problems, when you're off with a smaller guy against a taller guy," Lee said.

UW defensive backs have not been under a lot of pressure the past two games, facing only 40 attempted passes, as Northwestern and Minnesota ran for a combined 581 yards.

That will not be the case against Michigan State, which is averaging

278.2 passing yards a game, but is last in the Big Ten in rushing with an average of 103.4 yards per game. Spartans quarterback Jeff Smoker completed 35 of 55 passes for 351 yards in last week's 33-23 loss to Ohio State.

Lee played for first-year Michigan State coach John L. Smith at Washington State when Lee was a defensive back and Smith was the defensive coordinator. That's where Smith learned some of the passing concepts of his spread offense under Dennis Erickson. Lee also coached for a year at Idaho under Smith in 1992.

"It's going to be very, very similar to Purdue," Lee said of UW's 26-23 loss, in which the Boilermakers attempted 66 passes and threw for 411 yards. "But we have to be able to make more plays, create more turnovers than we did against Purdue.

"Those (receivers) coming across the middle, we have to take their heads off. We've got to make those wide receivers say, 'We don't want to come over the middle.'"

Rowan, in particular, had a rough day against Purdue, losing patience while defending the short passes.

That should not be a problem with Cowans.

"Chuck didn't play a lot at the beginning (of the season), but he stayed with it and stayed with it," Lee said. "That's encouraging.

"That's a lesson for all the guys, to see if you persevere and keep working, good things will happen. The team needed him, his number was called and he stepped up."

Daniels switches into gear

Former QB finds it's blessed to receive

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Madison - In a span of 17 days, University of Wisconsin sophomore Owen Daniels transformed himself from intriguing prospect to invaluable performer.

All without playing a game.

When the Badgers closed their 17-day, pre-season camp last week, one certainty was that the coaches' decision to switch Daniels from quarterback to tight end/wide receiver should bolster the offense immediately.

"I think Owen Daniels will give us another dimension on our football team," Badgers coach Barry Alvarez said. "I couldn't be more pleased with his progress and how he has learned a couple different positions. He has a chance to be a big-time player."

Daniels, who made his reputation as a star quarterback at Naperville (Ill.) Central High School before coming to Wisconsin, entered camp a promising but unknown quantity. The coaches had made the position switch in December only to see Daniels suffer a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his second bowl practice.

Yet despite undergoing surgery and enduring grueling rehabilitation, the 6-foot-3, 213-pound Daniels looked like a natural receiver in camp.

"I'm surprised at what good ball skills he has," wide receivers coach Henry Mason said. "He is not a blazer but he is fast enough. If you use him as your fourth wide receiver/tight end, that is pretty good."

Where Daniels lines up - split wide or in the slot as a receiver or just off the tackle as a tight end - won't matter. What does matter is that Daniels could provide the Badgers with a big body to help move the chains, particularly on third down. And that is something the team lacked last season.

Wisconsin's tight ends had just 11 receptions last season and 10 of those were by Bob Docherty, who has left the program. Six of those receptions resulted in first downs, but just two came on third down. Those numbers were down from the past four seasons and contributed to the fact that Wisconsin converted just 35.3% of its third-down chances, the 10th-worst conversion rate in the Big Ten Conference.

Daniels has been timed at 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash. That isn't exceptional for a wide receiver but it's more than adequate for a tight end.

"Owen is a good athlete who catches the ball extremely well," offensive coordinator Brian White said. "So when we use three wide receivers with two backs, you've got two big athletes in Darrin Charles and Owen who can play that inside position and really create some problems for defenses."

"He has fantastic hand-eye skills and is a big body who can position himself."

In addition, Daniels has just as many receptions as Wisconsin's No. 1 and No. 2 tight ends, Tony Paciotti and Jason Pociask, combined: Zero.

Paciotti is generally a stout blocker but has yet to show any receiving skills in 22 games at Wisconsin. To that end, he worked hard on improving his hands and route-running in the off-season.

"I'm going to give it 100% when I'm blocking and 100% when I'm running a route," Paciotti said. "And I think things will work out and people are going to have a good show when they come."

Daniels, who could develop into a show-stopper, acknowledges that accepting the position switch wasn't easy at first.

"It was a tough decision to make because I've been a quarterback since junior high," he said. "I've always thought of myself as a quarterback. I came to college to play quarterback."

UW football: Badgers running on full with Davis, Smith and Stanley

By Jim Polzin
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Brian White wasn't calling the shots back in 1988 and '89 when he was a graduate assistant for the Notre Dame football team, but the experience was invaluable.

Drawing on his days with the Fighting Irish may come in especially handy this season as White, now the University of Wisconsin's offensive coordinator and running backs coach, tries to figure out how to spread the wealth on a Badgers offense that is rich in talent.

Over the course of his two-year stay at Notre Dame, White helped tutor a running backs corps that included Reggie Brooks, Anthony Johnson, Mark Green, Rodney Culver and Dorsey Levens. Throw in quarterback Tony Rice and playmakers Rickey Watters and Raghib "Rocket" Ismail and two things become obvious:

First, it's easy to see why the Fighting Irish went 23-1, won the national title in '88 and were runners-up in '89. And second, it must have been a challenge - keeping in mind that having too many offensive weapons never should be considered a problem - to keep everybody happy.

"We tried to play as many as we could and...the people we felt would give us the best chance to win consistently played the most," White said of his stay at Notre Dame, where he met UW coach Barry Alvarez, who was running the Irish's defense at the time.

"You always had to be ready. It forced you to compete every snap in practice, improve, focus, concentrate - all things that are good."

White is hoping the same thing happens this season for the Badgers, particularly at the wide receiver and running back positions that are star-studded and deep.

Great running backs have been an annual fixture at the UW since Alvarez arrived, but this may be the Badgers' best group yet.

It starts with junior Anthony Davis, a 5-foot-8, 191-pound speedster who has rushed for 3,021 yards and 24 touchdowns in his first two seasons in Madison. Davis, who has a 5.0-yard career average, is already sixth on the UW's all-time rushing list and needs just 689 yards to pass Billy Marek for second on the list behind Ron Dayne.

Next in line behind Davis is sophomore Dwayne Smith, a 5-11, 225-pound bulldozer who gained 552 yards and six touchdowns as a true freshman last season while subbing for Davis.

Waiting in the wings is redshirt freshman Booker Stanley (5-10, 207), who raised eyebrows with an impressive spring and surpassed junior Jerone Pettus on the depth chart. And there's also sophomore fullback Matt Bernstein, whose 6-2, 273-pound frame makes him valuable in short-yardage situations.

Said White: "We have a very good group, one I'm very excited to be working with."

Dividing the carries isn't an easy task. In the 2002 regular-season finale, Davis carried

the ball 45 times for 301 yards and five touchdowns in a 42-31 victory over Minnesota that clinched a bowl berth for the Badgers. Smith had three carries against the Gophers and only nine in the final three games of the season, compared to Davis' 96.

"The philosophy has always been (to) play your best players more than the rest, but at the same time play as many players as deserve to play," White said. "How that breaks down, I don't think there's a magical formula for it."

"In a perfect world, you'd like to have Anthony get 20-25 carries, and Dwayne 12-15 and get 'Book' a handful of carries."

"How that shakes down, I don't have a crystal ball. I just know this: They're all going to have opportunities during the year to be productive, and our jobs as coaches - and mine in particular as their position coach - is to make sure they're ready to be productive when it's their time to shine."

No Division I-A back has rushed for more yards the past two seasons than Davis. A bit of an unknown when he came to the UW, he seized the starting tailback spot that opened when Michael Bennett bypassed his senior season to enter the NFL Draft.

All Davis has done is surpass the 100-yard mark 17 times in the 24 games he has played.

"Anthony's probably one of the bigger surprises I've had in coaching," Alvarez said.

Added Smith: "Anthony is obviously the best running back in the nation."

Some experts agree. Most preseason rankings have Davis among the top-five tailbacks in the nation and some have his name on their respective Heisman Trophy watch lists.

Yet the soft-spoken New Jersey native enters the 2003 season focused on self-improvement - and he's not necessarily talking statistics, either.

"I don't get caught in the numbers game," Davis said. "That's not my style."

Davis admits he'd like to improve as a pass catcher and a blocker. He had just six catches last year and none as a freshman.

"I just want to improve my overall knowledge of the game," he said.

Anything, Davis says, to help the team win. And if that means sharing the ball, so be it.

"We have so many weapons on offense," Davis said. "The ball needs to be spread around."

Smith filled in nicely when Davis needed a break last season, and even showed he could be the featured back when Davis sat out against Illinois after being arrested following a physical confrontation with an ex-girlfriend.

Smith, who according to Alvarez "could be one of the better backs that we've had come through here," carried the ball 28 times for 122 yards and two touchdowns against the Fighting Illini.

His bruising, in-your-face style is a perfect complement to Davis' make-you-miss approach.

"Dwayne is like a bull," Davis said of his backup. "His lower-body strength is crazy. You can have him wrapped up and he'll just break through you. The guy runs so low and

with so much power, you can stuff him and he'll still get like three or four yards."

It's not Smith's style to be jealous, so he relishes the opportunity to work behind - and learn from - Davis. Smith could be the featured back somewhere else, but he said he's content right where he is.

"This just gives me the opportunity to be able to learn from somebody like him," Smith said. "And I'm going to use that, too - you can believe that. I'm thankful to be behind him and learn from him and what he does. And, hopefully, I can take that and learn from it and put into my game as well."

With Davis and Smith ahead of Stanley, it's not surprising to hear Alvarez say Stanley "has to wait his turn."

That's fine with Stanley, who knows he has to earn his playing time.

And if he gets the "handful" of carries that White hopes to get him each game?

"The ones I get," Stanley said, "I'll just go with it."

Stanley was almost thrown into action as a true freshman last season after Davis was stabbed in his thigh during the domestic dispute. Stanley was glad he didn't have to use a year of eligibility, as he was putting his redshirt to good use.

"By sitting and watching these guys it kind of helped me improve over the year," he said. "Coming into this year I feel a lot more comfortable."

Stanley looked comfortable during spring drills, when he drew raves from White and his teammates.

"Booker is very aggressive off his cuts," Davis said of Stanley, who rushed for 2,036 yards and 31 touchdowns as a prep senior at Whitefish Bay. "When he cuts, he cuts with a lot of power. He can really get by people."

White may not have as many options at his disposal as were available at Notre Dame during the late '80s, but he has three capable threats at tailback in Davis, Smith and Stanley.

The best news for White? To a man, the members of the terrific trio are more worried about the good of the team than individual numbers.

"It's no problem at all," Smith said. "We have a lot of weapons. You might think that somebody might get jealous, but everybody is excited for each other. Whoever touches the ball, we're rooting for each other."

"As long as we win, that's the main goal."

A Lasting Impression

After Biding His Time, 23-year-old Junior Left Tackle Morgan Davis Is Making An Impact At UW

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Tom Mulhern

The devotion of Morgan Davis and his family to the University of Wisconsin football program is more than skin deep. But that's a good place to start.

Davis, the Badgers' starting left offensive tackle, has a motion W tattooed on his right shoulder blade. His parents, Cathy and Scott, also got into the act. Mom has a matching tattoo, while Dad opted for a Bucky Badger.

And then there's the Davis house in Barron -- an hour's drive north of Eau Claire, near the Minnesota border -- the one with the UW flags flying from the roof. The family car is a bright red Durango with Badgers decals on the tailgate and adorned with a Badgers windsock. The license plate is OL 75, which is Davis' number.

After four years of relative obscurity in the program, Davis is thoroughly enjoying life as a starter, although maybe not as much as his parents.

"It's been really weird because my parents e-mail me or call me and say, 'These people have stopped us on the street,'" Davis said. "My parents are really loving it and I love it just as much. I just probably don't show it as much."

Going into the season, left tackle was considered the biggest question mark on offense. Some people thought Davis, a junior in terms of eligibility, was merely keeping the spot warm for highly regarded freshman Joe Thomas, who quickly moved up to the backup spot in training camp.

But heading into Saturday's Big Ten Conference opener at Illinois, Davis is entrenched as a starter for a line that appears to be jelling nicely. And nobody seems to be worried about left tackle anymore.

"I think that was unfair to (Davis)," UW offensive line coach Jim Hueber said of speculation that Thomas would soon win the starting job. "It was unfair to both of them."

"You've got a kid who bided his time. (Davis) sat there and basically waited for Ben (Johnson) to leave, then stepped in there. He's done a great job in the weight room. He's really had great attention to detail. I can't ask anything more out of him in practice. I don't think he looks like a guy who's waiting for somebody to beat him out."

The biggest question about Davis, who is 6-foot-5 and 326 pounds, had to do with his ability to handle quick outside rushers. So far, that has not been a problem.

Barron High School football coach Ken Mueller said Davis' athleticism is underrated. Davis was a defenseman on the hockey team in high school.

"What was really amazing was to watch him play hockey," Mueller said. "Can you imagine him on skates playing defense?"

Davis also played baseball in high school, before switching to track and field as a junior. He finished third at the state meet in the discus in 1998 as a senior, only his second year in the event.

"He's such a quick athlete and can move so good for a guy that big," Mueller said. "That's what (UW coaches) saw when he went down to camp (after) his junior year."

If Mueller had any reservation about Davis, it was that he was too nice of a guy.

"I always called Morgan the gentle giant," Mueller said. "He's the nicest kid you ever met. He was 6-foot-3 in sixth grade. He just stuck out like a tower because he was so darn big."

"The big rap on him was his (lack of) aggressiveness. That's how he was in high school. I think he was afraid he was going to hurt people."

UW quarterback Jim Sorgi, who lived with Davis for two years, noticed the same thing. "I told him: You are a big dude. Just go out and play like it. Most

of these guys, you could probably toss around if you really wanted to and got mad. You're the nicest guy in the world. Now it's time to make you mean," Sorgi said.

"The way he's come out and played his butt off, he's going to continue to do it."

Davis also benefited from being a "grayshirt," which means he attended UW only as a student his first semester in 1999, before joining the football team the following January. He had to buy his own tickets to go to games and watched the Rose Bowl from his parents' house.

But it helped ease the transition of going from a small school to the Big Ten.

Also, the maturity of being in the program for four years -- not to mention being 23 years old and engaged -- has been evident in Davis' play.

"I think just being in the program for so long has helped me a lot," Davis said.

Mueller said Davis has been at UW for so long, "I think people (in Barron) even forgot he was down there a little bit."

All they had to do was drive by the middle school, where Cathy Davis works with special education students and can be seen decked out in her Badgers garb as a crossing guard.

"You get so proud," Cathy Davis said, fighting back tears. "It's so nice somebody from a small town is getting a chance. Everybody laughs at me, I wear all this red stuff. It's just an awesome experience."

Wisconsin's Evans catches back on Badgers star didn't let surgeries and suspension keep him down

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MADISON, Wis. -- There were times when he felt like quitting instead of enduring 16 months of rehabilitation from two reconstructive knee surgeries.

There were times when he doubted he'd play football again, much less return to his All-America form.

There were times when he cried, fearful he'd never lead the Wisconsin Badgers to a New Year's bowl game or realize his dream of playing in the NFL.

Today, having emerged from his tunnel of despair, Lee Evans, 22, the inspirational co-captain of the Badgers (4-1, 1-0 Big Ten), looks back on those trying times with humility, marveling at the strength he has gained from persevering through adversity.

Fully recovered from two surgeries on the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, Evans is his old self, leading the Big Ten in yards receiving a game (93.4). He has 27 catches for 467 yards and four touchdowns.

Outside of his family, his closest friends and Wisconsin strength coach John Dettmann, Evans says few people know the blood, sweat and tears he expended in the hopes of being able to step back onto the field.

"A lot of people never saw me at my lowest points because it's hard to let all that out," Evans says. "I wrote in a journal to get it off my chest. I look back at it, and it makes me grateful for where I am today."

Badgers coach Barry Alvarez repeatedly uses Evans as an example of the rewards that result from holding onto a vision.

"I never saw Lee in a down mode. He always had a vision to get back," Alvarez says.

"Each season I talk to the kids about dealing with adversity, tell them that the natural response is to feel sorry for yourself, to give up. They see the results of challenging adversity by what Lee has accomplished. Lee's our rallying cry. He gives us confidence that we can overcome anything."

After he rewrote the Big Ten and school record books in 2001 as a junior, catching 75 passes for 1,545 yards, Evans' confidence was at an all-time high. He ran a 4.3 40 for NFL scouts. And he was projected to be among the top five wide receivers in the 2002 draft. After much soul-searching, Evans decided not to leave school early.

"Things came up on me so quickly," Evans says of his instant stardom. "I didn't feel I was very mature at the time."

Then in late April 2002, in the Badgers' spring game, the same day as the draft, Evans' confidence was severely tested: He shredded his knee on a routine post pattern when he landed awkwardly after catching a pass. Alvarez, in the radio booth doing color commentary, got sick to his stomach.

"When I saw Lee go down, it probably affected me more than any other player," Alvarez says. "I was in the tank. My last comment was, 'Get up, Lee!' Then I threw down my headsets and ran down to the field."

"In hindsight, I shouldn't have ever played him."

Evans opted for an innovative surgery that he hoped would allow him to return in the fall. However, the knee swelled during the early part of the season. When doctors suggested a second surgery, Evans crumbled in tears.

"I was in a state of disbelief and shock," he says.

And just when he thought life couldn't get any worse, Evans was dealt another crushing blow. While driving to the Iowa game last November, Evans was pulled over for speeding in Wisconsin. Police found a small bag of marijuana and two marijuana cigars. Evans, who was accompanied by three teammates, pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge of drug possession and was

placed on probation for a year by an Iowa County court.

Says Evans: "You just got to watch the company you keep. Anybody who really knows me knows I wouldn't have any part of that."

Alvarez suspended Evans for four games and stripped him of his co-captaincy.

"Lee was taking the rap for other people," Alvarez says. "When he came back on Monday, I had the doctors give him the strongest drug test possible, and he came up clean. He hadn't even been around secondary smoke."

Three weeks later Evans had his second knee surgery.

"He was backed into a corner and came back even more determined," Dettmann says. "Today he's stronger physically. But let's face it: How he handled it, how he managed it, Lee dealt with adversity in a way many of us couldn't have."

In addition to his journal, Evans surrounds himself with motivational reminders of how far he has come. A poster on his bedroom wall is a proclamation to fight through adversity. The words read: "I will get through this better. I will get through this stronger. And I will be a better person after this." Another poster, of Oakland Raiders Pro Bowl wide receiver Jerry Rice, who overcame ACL surgery, states, "Everything happens for a reason."

These days, Evans doesn't look back or ahead. Instead he's grateful for the man he has become over the course of his journey home.

"After I first got hurt, I'd ask, 'Why me?' " Evans says. "Now I think, 'Why not me?' I've grown up. I've gotten to know myself and my body so much better. I'm humbled by my athletic gifts. And I'm grateful for my accomplishments."

Badgers' Evans: From the pits to peak

Rehabbing from 2 knee surgeries was tough on the wideout, but he's rolling now

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The play everyone will remember is the 79-yard touchdown pass Lee Evans caught to beat Ohio State two weeks ago.

That was great: Prime-time national television at Camp Randall Stadium against the defending national champions. Still, it might not have been the biggest play the Wisconsin senior has made in his comeback.

Evans, a 5-foot-11-inch, 202-pound wide receiver from Bedford, Ohio, had gone from a top NFL prospect to a question mark after two knee surgeries forced him to miss last season. His return was a painful process—mentally as well as physically.

Against Akron, in his first home game in almost two years, Evans caught a 99-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jim Sorgi. That single play signaled he was back and his team knew it.

"It was one of those things where it showed the expectations my team had upon me," said Evans, who will line up against Northwestern on Saturday in Evanston. "I have built a lot of trust with them, and [when] we need a big play, they are not afraid to call my number. Having that feeling was as special as anything.

"It's a one-man route—hit or miss. If you're going to make it, now is the time."

Akron, which came into the game as a huge underdog, had closed to 34-31 in the fourth quarter and had the Badgers pinned on their own 1-yard line. Evans ran a pattern to get behind the defense, hauled in Sorgi's long pass and ran free to the goal line.

"It was an out-and-up, and [the defender] bit on the out," Evans said. "I just turned it up and the ball was out there. I ran and got it and took it the

distance. I was looking to the end zone and thinking, 'You'd better not get caught.'"

Evans is back to being a top NFL prospect. He has caught 34 passes for 672 yards and six touchdowns on a team that likes to run the ball and now is playing backup quarterback Matt Schabert, who threw him the TD pass against Ohio State.

"If anything, he's a better player," Illinois coach Ron Turner said of Evans, who caught four passes against the Illini in a game in which Wisconsin passed only 13 times. "He's very instinctive and aggressive. If anything, he's a little faster. I can't imagine him being any better before."

After the surgeries, getting better didn't come easily. Despite his superior athletic skills, Evans found there were times when things looked bleak and his spirit was at the breaking point. There were times when he was down and wondered if he would ever rebound.

"I wrote in a journal, just to get everything off my chest," he said "There were moments where I didn't feel comfortable talking to somebody but I could write something down on paper and be as honest as I could be. Sometimes I go back and read it now, and it's amazing. It makes me grateful for what I am now compared to what I have been. I can look back and see how everything unfolds."

Things are unfolding the way Evans had hoped. The Badgers (6-2, 3-1) are in the Big Ten race and Evans now is the school's all-time receiving leader with 145 catches.

"I think the situation he went through with the injury and then having to redo the surgery and the tough decision he made to stay in school has made him even stronger," coach Barry Alvarez said. "Quite frankly, he has been a very positive influence on our team with how he dealt with adversity."

Evans has come a figurative 99 yards from where he was Nov. 22 when he had his second knee surgery. Evans originally hurt his left knee in the team's spring game in 2002. He had ACL surgery on May 22 and had hoped to return to the field last fall.

His rehabilitation had gone well, and Evans had expected to return for Wisconsin's 2002 Big Ten opener against

Penn State. He had practiced well but missed the Penn State and Indiana games. The day before the Ohio State game he was ruled out for the season. A month later, he had a second surgery and a new perspective.

"After my first surgery, my whole mind-set was to get back and play," Evans said. "I was on a pretty strict time line. I had lofty goals. There was a sense of urgency about everything. I wasn't very patient.

"After the second surgery, it was still intense but it was more of a paced rehab. A lot of signs pointed that my knee was not in very good shape [before the second surgery]. But at that time I ignored them. I never envisioned redshirting a whole year and coming back. That was crazy to me."

There was some question of where Evans would play this fall. Would he return to the Badgers or make himself eligible for the NFL draft? He thought it would be foolish to enter the draft and started working toward rejoining Wisconsin in 2003.

Evans has been changed by moments of doubt, the days when he questioned whether he ever wanted to play again. He's a much more patient person and has savored his time on a football field. He has not taken anything for granted and has had his love for football reaffirmed.

"It definitely tests your heart for the game," Evans said of his struggle. "If I didn't have it in my heart, I wouldn't be playing. There were moments where you were down, just down. You definitely have to feel the lows to appreciate the highs."

Evans triumphs through tribulations

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) _ On the day he could have been counting his blessings and millions, Lee Evans lay on the cold ground at Camp Randall Stadium, his left knee shredded in a meaningless spring scrimmage.

Eighteen months and two operations later, Wisconsin's leading career receiver has no regrets about staying in school for his senior season.

"It's the best decision I ever made," he says without hesitation. "I'm coming out of it pretty strong."

Not only has Evans returned to his pre-injury form with an 85-yard receiving average and six touchdown catches so far, but he also has a better appreciation for his talents, a keener understanding of his body and a more mature outlook on life.

This spring he'll get his degree in personal finance, which will come in handy when he starts cashing his NFL paychecks next year.

It's been a quite a journey for Evans since he got hurt on April 20, 2002, the day of the NFL draft, which he spurned after setting a Big Ten record with 1,545 yards receiving as a junior.

"Getting hurt was obviously one of the cons of staying," he said, "and it happened."

Although doubts didn't impede his rehab, his desire certainly did. His body wasn't as willing as his spirit, and six months after his first operation to repair the torn anterior cruciate ligament he needed another.

That's when disbelief and despair began creeping their way into his head, and he kept a journal to help him conquer those demons.

"When everything is going good, it's easy to put things in perspective. But when times are hard, you really don't know what to do. That's when you've really got to look inside and do some soul searching," Evans said.

He studies the entries now for inspiration. And on his bedroom wall he has a poster that reads: "I will get through this better. I will get through this stronger. And I will be a better person after this."

"I'm not saying staying in school now two whole years is going to make me just a perfect being," Evans said. "But I think it will help me to make smarter decisions in situations that I'm going to face."

Evans experienced more than just personal growth over the last 18 months.

"Athletically, I would say he's as good if not better than before," offensive coordinator Brian White said. "He's probably stronger, too."

"He was mature before he got hurt. But I think he has a tremendous appreciation now for the life expectancy of an athlete and how precious and special every snap is," White said.

And the greatest of these lessons is patience.

"I can feel the flow of a game now," Evans said. "Even if I'm not getting the ball, I have a sense for the precise time I need to make a play."

He put that composure to work last month when he caught the game-winning 79-yard touchdown pass in the closing minutes as the Badgers ended defending national champion Ohio State's 19-game winning streak.

His only catch of the night was the biggest of his life, even larger than his NCAA record-tying 99-yarder

against Akron in September or his first catch since the injury, in the season opener at West Virginia.

"My junior year, I think I would have been a little frustrated, a little upset, because at times during that Ohio State game, I was open and I didn't get the ball," Evans said. "I know I definitely wouldn't have been able to mentally stay in the game that long."

Sitting in the stands at Camp Randall that night were his parents, Lee Sr. and Annette, from Bedford, Ohio.

As their son cradled the pass in his hands and raced to the end zone, they couldn't help but think about how far he'd come since the injury.

"When you can deal with adversity, then you're going to be fine in life," his father said. "As a parent, it really gives me a sense of pride to see the way he has dealt with this. I know whatever obstacles that he meets in life he'll be able to deal with."

Badgers coach Barry Alvarez, who has vowed never again to play key starters in the spring scrimmages, is grateful his program was graced with Evans for two extra seasons.

Last year, Evans motivated his teammates through advice and this year through action. And his leadership won't leave with him.

"There just aren't that many people who could handle that much adversity as well as he did," Alvarez said. "I'll use him as an example forever."

UW football: Unbe-LEE-vable UW career winding down

By Jim Polzin
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There's no shortage of material for this "Best of" list.

Among Lee Evans' fine compilation, you will find 167 catches, 3,341 yards, 26 touchdowns and a seemingly endless line of school records.

What Evans could not find in that group - at least not right now - is a favorite moment. The talented University of Wisconsin senior wide receiver briefly glanced back over his career earlier this week and came up with no clear frontrunner for a career highlight that shines brighter than the others.

"It's tough," Evans said. "There's so many plays that really stick out for different reasons."

It's important to note that Evans' trademark highlight may be a work in progress. It may come Saturday, when he plays his final home game in a UW uniform as the Badgers take on Iowa at Camp Randall Stadium.

"There's so many that have touched me in a different way," Evans continued. "They're all really special and it's hard to just put one above another."

Others, including those closest to Evans, had an easier time picking their favorites.

One notable highlight that didn't make the "Best of Evans" list was his first career catch, a 64-yard touchdown reception as a true freshman against Ball State on Sept. 11, 1999. It was the only play Evans specifically mentioned as a possible candidate.

Another that didn't make the short list was Evans' 99-yard touchdown reception vs. Akron earlier this season. It set a school record for the longest play from scrimmage and served as irrefutable evidence that Evans had made it all the way back from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee that required two surgeries and forced him to sit out the entire 2002 season.

What you will find on the list is a cross-section of classic plays - some obvious, some not - that only begin to define Evans' legacy with the Badgers.

Jim Sorgi's favorite is a no-brainer. Oct. 14, 2000, Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich. The UW and Michigan State are tied at 10-10 with less than a minute remaining in the game and the Badgers are desperately trying to end a three-game losing streak.

With Sorgi in at quarterback for injured starter Brooks Bollinger, the UW converts a fourth down, goes to its two-minute offense and sends three receivers deep on the next play. One of them is Evans, a sophomore at the time. He escapes a jam by Spartans cornerback Cedric Henry at the line of scrimmage, races downfield, adjusts and hauls in a 45-yard reception in the end zone with 29 seconds remaining. The result is a 17-10 victory for the Badgers and the official start of a Sorgi-to-Evans combination that has been lethal ever since.

"It really doesn't get any better than that for me," said Sorgi, who also will be playing his final home game Saturday. "I've had a lot of interesting highlights over the years and usually Lee is on the back end of all of them. That's the one that sticks out and that will always stick out for me."

It sticks out for UW athletic director Pat Richter as well. A former standout receiver for the Badgers, Richter has seen his name erased from the UW's record books in recent years as Evans has piled up big numbers.

Not only was Richter in East Lansing that day, he had a perfect line of sight as Sorgi tossed the pass toward Evans.

"I remember Jim threw the ball almost like a baseball; it was fired hard," Richter said. "And Lee just caught it matter-of-factly."

Henry Mason's favorite came two weeks later - Oct. 28, 2000 - at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. The UW, trying to hold onto a 13-7 lead in the fourth quarter, was facing a third-and-7 from its own 47-yard line.

The Badgers got the first down - and more - when Evans delivered a breathtaking, over-the-shoulder catch from Bollinger for a 40-yard gain. The UW then ran the clock out to end a 17-play drive that secured the victory.

"We decided we were going up top," Mason, the UW's receivers coach, recalled earlier this week, "and Lee made an unbelievable catch. That's really the first time when I looked at him and said, 'Boy, this kid can be a great player.'"

Lee Evans Sr.'s favorite came last month - Oct. 26, 2003. The Badgers vs. then-No. 3 Ohio State under the lights at Camp Randall Stadium.

For the younger Evans, this game was special because he grew up in Bedford, Ohio. For Evans Sr., it meant bragging rights.

Evans caught only one pass against the Buckeyes, but it was a 79-yard touchdown from backup quarterback Matt Schabert with 5 minutes, 20 seconds remaining that proved to be the difference as the Badgers ended the Buckeyes' 19-game winning streak with a 17-10 victory. Chris Gamble, Ohio State's highly regarded cornerback, bit on an outside move by Evans, who caught the ball at the Ohio State 45 and raced untouched into the end zone.

"That's one I'm sure will stick with me forever," Evans Sr. said, "because I'm here in Ohio and was a Buckeyes fan. And all my friends are Buckeyes fans. That was just an awesome play."

One of many for the younger Evans in his career. Evans has countless useful tools as a receiver - UW coach Barry Alvarez said he has never had a receiver with stronger hands - but his heart is equally as valuable.

Just ask his father.

"What really impresses me the most about my kid," Evans Sr. said, "is how determined he is."

Like Evans, UW offensive coordinator Brian White had trouble picking a favorite.

The aforementioned game-winning touchdowns against Michigan State and Ohio State made the list. So did a spectacular, one-handed grab that Evans made along the sidelines for a 34-yard gain in a loss at Minnesota on Nov. 24, 2001.

But if you really want to see White's eyes light up, mention Evans' 75-yard touchdown catch from Sorgi during the Badgers' 56-21 victory over Michigan State last Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium.

It was a classic Sorgi-to-Evans connection. Sorgi put the ball up for grabs, knowing their was an excellent chance Evans would come down with the ball. And Evans did just that, extending above safety Greg Cooper to catch the pass before exploding into the end zone.

"That'll be a catch that I never forget," White said. "Ripping it away from the guy, then coming down and accelerating into the end zone, it was remarkable."

It was part of a signature game for Evans, who caught 10 passes and set school records with 258 receiving yards and five touchdowns.

"Just the tenacity he played with was phenomenal," White said. "And he always plays with that demeanor, but for him to be rewarded with that sort of performance was great."

After the Michigan State game, White had a message for UW fans: Cherish Evans' big day, because performances like that don't come around very often.

Although when it comes to Evans, memorable highlights seem to come around nearly every Saturday.

"It's just been wonderful," Evans Sr. said. "I've just had so much fun watching him, man. I'm going to miss it."

He's certainly not alone.

Crisscrossing tailbacks

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MADISON, Wis. -- Sometimes life calls an audible, as it did last year in an unexpected handoff between two Northern Illinois tailbacks.

One player took the ball and never stopped running. The other, temporarily empty-handed, improvised a route to daylight.

Their lives intersected because one had an enlarged heart, but both men are clearly bigger people for the experience.

Former Huskies running back Thomas Hammock was forced to give up the game last year when doctors diagnosed a potentially life-threatening thickening of his heart walls.

Initially devastated, Hammock closed one door behind him and wedged another open when he sent a blind e-mail to Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez.

A few months later, the marketing major and two-time academic All-American walked away from a steady job at a bank to become a student assistant on Alvarez's staff.

"I play through them," Hammock said of the Badgers players he works with now.

Meanwhile, Hammock's one-time understudy, Michael Turner, became a star, making the most of the opportunity that came his way under the worst of circumstances. Currently the nation's third-leading rusher with 1,305 yards, Turner has piled up 3,800 yards of all-purpose offense since he inherited the job.

He will be a focal point for the 21st-ranked Huskies (9-1, 5-1) on Saturday in Toledo as they try to avenge last year's loss to the Rockets (6-3, 4-1) and move closer to a Mid-American Conference Western Division title.

The soft-spoken Turner and the gregarious Hammock waged a friendly but intense competition for the starting position for more than two years. After the abrupt end of that rivalry, Turner said, he had no choice but to put aside the shock and sadness he felt for his

buddy.

"My teammates needed me," said Turner, a senior from North Chicago. "That was the most important thing. I didn't want to get the starting job like that, but I really didn't have time to think about it."

Every yard Turner gained came with encouragement and an absence of jealousy from Hammock, who remained on the Huskies' bench for the rest of the 2002 season, occasionally giving discreet advice.

"Every now and then if he saw something on the field, like if I should have made a certain cut, or a certain move, he'd let me know," Turner said. "He was just like an extra coach. It was great to have him next to me on the sideline."

That unselfish role turned out to be a precursor of the passion Hammock would discover he had for his new vocation.

"Maybe it's my calling," said Hammock, who works with running backs under Wisconsin offensive coordinator Brian White. "That's how I look at it."

"I wasn't able to fulfill my dreams of playing professionally, but maybe I can help these other guys reach their potential, reach their goal of playing in the NFL. I truly think this is what I was meant to do. I enjoy it, and I'm loving each day."

A special bond

Hammock, 22, matter-of-factly refers to his hypertrophic cardiomyopathy as an "injury." The term refers to a thickening of the inner and outer walls of the heart that can affect circulation and interfere with the electrical signals that regulate the heartbeat.

He had some symptoms—shortness of breath, tightness in his chest—as a freshman, and was fully checked out. As with many young athletes, years of demanding workouts had left his heart slightly enlarged.

But the condition was not deemed dangerous then, and Hammock, a New Jersey native who spent his high school years in Ft. Wayne, Ind., kept playing. He was the Huskies' rushing leader in 2000 and 2001, gaining more than 1,000 yards in each of those seasons.

People around the NIU football program say Turner—who entered Northern a year after Hammock—probably had more raw talent, but Hammock's sheer desire and work ethic kept him on top of the depth chart.

The two first bonded when Turner was a freshman and Hammock a sophomore, as two running backs ahead of them washed out with academic difficulties.

"We were the big question on the team: Could we really do the job?" Turner recalled. "We had something to prove my first year. That's why we were more supportive, not enemies."

Hammock was named a co-captain at the start of his senior year. He had stayed on campus and worked out all summer, and felt he had done all he could to put himself in a position to attract interest from pro scouts.

Northern upset Wake Forest 42-41 in the season opener as Hammock rushed for 172 yards and scored the winning touchdown in overtime, a 7-yard sideline run that finished with a twisting dive into the end zone. It would be his last official carry.

That Tuesday during practice, Hammock told NIU trainer Phil Voorhis he was having trouble breathing. Voorhis took him to the hospital for the first of a series of doctors' consultations that all led to the same advice: Hammock should stop playing.

Many people live normal lives with the condition, but some are fatally stricken with no warning. As an athlete subjecting his body to unusual stresses, Hammock was high-risk, the doctors said. And Northern was prone to be unusually cautious, having lost a walk-on player to heart failure the year before.

"When I was first told, it hit me like a ton of bricks," Hammock said. "I was distraught. I was feeling good, I had worked hard, did everything the coaches told me to do. At that point, I thought I was invincible. I just assumed the doctors had to be wrong."

Before the Huskies' next game, Hammock told Turner to capitalize on his chance. Turner responded by rushing for a conference-record 1,915 yards that season, earning his preseason nickname of "The Burner."

"I wanted to do good and show Thomas that we miss him," Turner said. "Not like, 'We can move on without you,' but ... we had a group of running backs who had a goal, and if he couldn't be there to help, I wanted to carry on."

Hammock was advised there was an outside chance the condition would improve if he took time off. He spent some weeks clinging to the hope that he might play again before he made his peace with the situation.

"It was hard, but as the weeks went on, it got easier," he said. "My desire to play lessened with each week. Mike had a great year, and I was happy to see that from him. I had to move on and find my niche in life."

His fiancée, Cheynnitha Pinson, marveled at how well he adjusted.

"He told me, 'If it had to happen to any player on this team, I'm glad it was me,'" said Pinson, who is earning her master's degree in accounting at Northern. "At that point, I knew I wanted to spend the rest of my life with this guy."

Hammock graduated a semester early, in December 2002, and went to work as a credit manager for Wells Fargo in Bolingbrook. He liked the job, but in late February he felt a tug he couldn't disregard any more than he could ignore chest pains.

He wanted to find his way to grad school and he missed football terribly. Maybe he could combine the two, Hammock reckoned, and began researching programs.

Wisconsin does not post Alvarez's e-mail address on its athletic Web site. Hammock looked at other university addresses, took an educated guess and sent the coach (and soon-to-be athletic director) a note indicating his interest in a student coaching position and a slot in UW's education administration program.

He heard back the next day. Hammock is now on track to get his master's degree in a year. He has an educational grant to attend school and a small stipend from the athletic department. He took a pay cut when he left the bank, but you'll never hear him put it that way.

Learning the ropes

Madison is just a 90-minute drive from Northern's campus in DeKalb. Hammock visited recently on a game day when Wisconsin was idle and spoke to Turner.

"The guy has the potential, the skills, the ability," Hammock said, sounding very much like the coach he aspires to be. "All he needed was the opportunity, and I was the one stopping him from having that opportunity for a couple of years. I look at it that I stole a couple years of playing time. Sometimes scouts come up and I talk to them about him. It gives me a lot of joy that he's doing well."

The experience, along with the premature deaths of two other teammates, has marked Turner too.

"You take every opportunity you have and live life to the fullest," Turner said. "Life is more than just football. That's what Thomas did, and he let all of us know that, and you can see he's doing great now."

Hammock is thriving, but life isn't without its challenges. His condition doesn't prevent him from doing moderate workouts, but he's finding it difficult to keep weight off with his more sedentary lifestyle. He recently consulted with a dietician to help set him on the right path.

Every now and then, to illustrate a point to players, he will get out a videotape of himself.

"When this injury happened, a part of me, that aspect of being competitive, died with it because I couldn't do it anymore," Hammock said.

"But now that I'm coaching, I feel all the competitive juices. I'm working my way back to being the person that I was before I got injured.

"I think my competitiveness is going to help me in this profession. I'm not going to allow myself to settle for anything less than the best. I'm just going to run with it and see where it takes me."

Battling In The Trenches

Jefferson, Hawthorne Excel At Doing The Dirty Work On The Defensive Line

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Their vast differences range from their roots to their personalities to the amount of fanfare they received when they arrived in Madison.

Yet Jason Jefferson and Anttaj Hawthorne share one common ground: Holding their ground as the starting defensive tackles for the University of Wisconsin football team, which closes the nonconference portion of its schedule Saturday with a game against North Carolina at Camp Randall Stadium.

Battling in the trenches against the Tar Heels will be Jefferson and Hawthorne, a pair of 300-pound juniors whose handiwork is often hidden.

At the end of the day, running backs, quarterbacks and wide receivers can measure their worth by yards and touchdowns; linebackers by tackles; and defensive backs by interceptions and passes broken up.

It's not as easy for Jefferson and Hawthorne. "We do the little things," Jefferson said.

And they do them well. Opposing coaches rave about Jefferson and Hawthorne, who also get a passing grade from UW defensive line coach John Palermo - albeit with a caveat.

"I think right now they're both playing solid football," Palermo said. "I don't think either one of them is playing great. I'd like to see them make more plays."

So would Jefferson and Hawthorne, although a big part of their job description is stuffing the run and occupying blockers to free the linebackers.

"I'm not really out for the glitz and glamour," said Hawthorne, a statement

that was echoed by Jefferson. "You can't get that at this position, just like offensive linemen. Unless you're making a sack every single play, it's hard to get the glitz and the glamour."

Hawthorne, who will be making his 20th straight start Saturday, is the more glamorous of the two by virtue of his gaudy prep resume. A native of Hamden, Conn., Hawthorne was recruited by the likes of Michigan and Florida State before settling on the UW.

The 6-foot-3, 300-pound Hawthorne has shown flashes of greatness with the Badgers, including an excellent performance in the UW's Alamo Bowl victory over Colorado. Hawthorne had eight tackles against the Buffaloes and helped limit running back Chris Brown, the third-leading rusher in the nation, to 97 yards on 28 carries.

In some ways, Hawthorne has carried that momentum over to the 2003 season - he's fourth on the team with 18 tackles and shares the team lead with four tackles-for-losses - although he, like Palermo, would like to see more.

"I'm getting to the quarterback a split-second too late," said Hawthorne, who still is looking for his first sack of 2003; he had two last season. "It gets frustrating, but (the sacks) will start to come. I'm not too worried about it."

Palermo, for one, thinks Hawthorne's work ethic needs a jumpstart.

"Anttaj is a little lazy at times," Palermo said. "You've got to kick him in the (butt) to get him going."

When Hawthorne does make a big play, you'll notice his excitement on the field. Jefferson, on the other hand, is laid-back on the job, perhaps the biggest difference between the two.

"I'm more quiet," said the 6-foot-3, 307-pound Jefferson, a Chicago native. "I just want to get my job done. I'm a get-in-and-get-out-of-there type of guy."

While Hawthorne was highly recruited, Jefferson was ignored by big-time schools. He chose the UW over Eastern Illinois and Eastern Michigan, arriving in Madison feeling like he had to prove himself. He still feels that way.

"They gave me the opportunity," Jefferson said of the UW coaching staff, "and I just want to make the best of it."

So far, so good. A classic underdog, Jefferson, who will be making his 16th career start against North Carolina, has nine tackles - two for losses - on the season. He was named the UW's defensive player of the week after its season-opening victory at West Virginia and added a sack the following week against Akron.

When comparing Jefferson's style of play to Hawthorne's, Palermo said, "Jason is probably a better fundamental football player than Anttaj. Anttaj is more of a physical, grab-you, throw-you-on-the-ground kind of guy."

Jefferson relies on technique, an approach that helps him overcome his limitations.

"I'm not the biggest or the fastest or the strongest," Jefferson said, "so I need to be good at something, and that's being fundamentally strong."

Count on Jefferson and Hawthorne being on the field a lot against North Carolina. A rash of injuries has thinned a once deep defensive line, leaving Jefferson and Hawthorne to man the interior of the line with little rest.

That's fine with them. For all their differences, one trait they share is a desire to be on the field.

"We both love to play football," said Hawthorne.

Leonhard Cashes In On Opportunity

But Former Walk-on Still Feels Like He Has Something To Prove

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It was Tuesday and Jim Leonhard had plenty of items on his plate.

The first was food.

After all, if anybody has earned a good meal it's Leonhard, a junior free safety for the University of Wisconsin football team. And the good smell floating down from whatever was cooking one floor above him at the McClain Athletic Facility was making him hungry.

The next item on the list was payback, and it had nothing to do with Akron, the Badgers' opponent in their home opener Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium.

After filling his stomach at training table, the meal program given to athletes - something he couldn't do as a walk-on the past two seasons - Leonhard planned to check on the status of his first scholarship check. Sure, it was a foregone conclusion that the favorite son of tiny Tony, Wis., would go on scholarship at the UW after his breakthrough sophomore season in 2002, but that didn't make Tuesday any less special for Leonhard.

Part of it had to do with the fact he overcame odds as a small kid from a small town. But the most rewarding part of going on scholarship for Leonhard was easing the financial sacrifices his parents, Don and Debbie, have made since their son arrived in Madison two years ago.

"That's for them, for all the stuff that they helped me out with," Jim Leonhard said. "I finally get to give them a little break. All the work and time that they put in, and I finally feel like I'm giving back to them."

Beyond the satisfaction he takes from that accomplishment, life won't change much for Leonhard.

The only noticeable difference is a change in living quarters. He upgraded to a bigger apartment this year, big enough to fit himself and four roommates: R.J. Morse, Owen Daniels, Jason Palermo and Joel Nellis.

"And I'm sure that won't be the end of him calling home and saying, 'Dad or Mom, I need some cash,'" joked Don Leonhard,

before turning serious about his son earning a scholarship. "I think that's something he worked for when he was in high school. And that's what he wanted when he left here. When he went down there, that's what he was going to try to work for and that's what he ended up with. That's one of his goals that he attained now."

But Jim Leonhard feels like he has plenty of other goals to attain, which is precisely the reason the scholarship version you see against the Zips on Saturday won't be any different than the walk-on version from a year ago.

"He's a mature young man," UW secondary coach Ron Lee said of Leonhard, who had a team-high 10 tackles in last week's opener against West Virginia. "He's not going to change the way he does things."

Duplicating his accomplishments from a year ago will be next to impossible for Leonhard. Consider:

His 11 interceptions led the country and tied a Big Ten record.

His 434 return yards set a school record.

He was the first sophomore since 1947 to win team most valuable player honors.

And he was named a first-team All-American by cnnsi.com.

There's a constant reminder of the latter accomplishment. Outside the Badgers' locker room in the basement of the McClain facility is a likeness of Leonhard on a plaque, right next to the rest of the football program's All-American honorees.

"It's still kind of weird," Leonhard said of seeing the plaque. "I know I had a good season, but I turn on any game and I feel like there's a lot of guys that are just as capable of doing that, that are just as good or better than me. It's kind of weird seeing it up there."

If anything, the plaque - and his status as an All-American - will serve as motivation for the 5-foot-8, 183-pound Leonhard this season.

"There's still so many people that doubt you," said Leonhard, who nonetheless was named to preseason watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski (nation's top defensive player) and Thorpe (top defensive back) awards.

"I mean, I didn't grow. I didn't get any taller since last season, so teams are going to take their shots based on that. I've felt the whole time that I'm kind of the underdog and I've got to go and improve myself every game.

Now, it's proving you're an All-American, proving you've earned that status."

That doesn't necessarily mean Leonhard has to put up huge numbers like he did a year ago. An offseason move from strong safety to free safety will give Leonhard more freedom in the secondary. He's a true center fielder now.

Whether that translates to another gaudy interception total remains to be seen.

"My feeling, especially with interceptions, it's something that you can't really try harder to get," said Leonhard, who's sixth on the UW's all-time interception list, 10 behind Jamar Fletcher.

"That's when it gets harder and harder and harder to get one. You've just got to play the game. In certain situations you might get that extra little break where you can go for the ball. But it's just staying patient, playing the defense and taking advantage."

Which is exactly what Leonhard will try to do Saturday against the pass-happy Zips. Quarterback Charlie Frye completed 36-of-46 passes for 407 yards in Akron's 41-38 season-opening loss to Kent State, numbers that are sure to interest any opposing defensive back.

"He's a great quarterback," Leonhard said of Frye, "but if they throw the ball as many times as they do, you're going to have chances."

Even if he doesn't intercept a single pass this season, Leonhard is determined to be more of a complete player than he was a year ago. After reviewing the 2002 campaign, Leonhard vowed to make significant improvement in two areas: tackling and pass coverage.

"It's always the little things you try to improve," said UW defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove. "Jimmy will tell you himself, looking back at last season, as much as he did well there were things that he needed to improve on."

"We're fortunate that Jimmy made a lot of big plays and that's very noticeable when that happens. But some of the little things about his position he needs to improve."

Said Leonhard: "There's so much stuff that I did wrong last year that a lot of people wouldn't notice, but I know it and I know I have to work on it."

That work ethic is a Leonhard trademark, something that won't disappear when he cashes his first scholarship check.

"I still feel like a walk-on," Leonhard said, "as far as having an attitude that I'm coming in with something to prove."

Gentle Giant

Lewis A Big Hit On And Off The Field

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Jim Polzin

Ladies and gentlemen, meet Alex Lewis. He's a starting linebacker on the University of Wisconsin football team. He packs 237 pounds on his muscular, 6-foot-1 frame.

He has been known to flash an imposing scowl in the heat of battle.

He once flattened a Mountaineer. OK, it was a Mountaineer, who, by the way, coughed up blood as a result of one of Lewis' ferocious hits.

And he's intimidating, even to those who know him best.

"If you see Alex play football and you don't know him," said UW teammate Jonathan Orr, one of Lewis' closest friends, "you'd think he was some crazy man or a violent man off the field."

Now, meet the other Alex Lewis.

He sings in a choir. He studies the Bible on a regular basis.

He's a master at pulling pranks. He has been known to flash his trademark grin, quite frequently actually.

He will refer to you as either "sir" or "ma'am," when you approach him on the street - which he encourages you to do, by the way. Plus, he will tell you to have a nice day when you part ways.

And he loves his mama.

"He's completely different from what he is off the field," Orr said. "He's a real nice person. He gets along with everybody. Everyone who comes in contact with Alex falls in love with him."

It's like Lewis flips an on-off switch. When the helmet and shoulder pads are on, he's a self-proclaimed "beast;" when they come off, he turns into a big softie, a gentle giant.

"Off the field, I'm a God-fearing man. But on the field, I fear no man," Lewis said. "On the field, I hope people do fear me. That's just how a football mentality has to be. But off the field, I want people to approach me and think of me as a nice person."

That Lewis is a nice person is a direct reflection of the way he was brought up by Belva Lewis-Taylor, a single mother of two who taught Alex and his sister Roselyn to treat others with respect.

"You treat people how you want to be treated," Lewis said. "You respect your neighbors."

Another important life lesson Lewis-Taylor passed on to her children was the value of hard work. At one point, Lewis-Taylor held three jobs, going from one to the next while still finding time to shuttle Alex, who had discovered a love for sports, to practice or a game.

"That's my heart and my soul," said Alex, who doesn't see his father very often. "She provided for me my whole life. She's the one that sacrificed for me my whole life. I love her."

Alex returned the favor by being very protective of his mother, even at a young age.

"Alex was very afraid of thunder and lightning when he was younger - he got that from me," said Lewis-Taylor, a native of Jamaica. "I went to the supermarket once and I got caught in the rain and had to wait at the supermarket. In the midst of all this, I saw this little fella - 9 or 10 years old - running outside with an umbrella like crazy. It was Alex, terrified of the storm, yet he was able to do that for me."

Although Lewis-Taylor felt guilty about spending more time at work than she did at home with her children, a silver lining came out of Alex's childhood years. He became self-reliant and self-motivated, traits that helped Lewis' athletic career take off at Delran (N.J.) High School.

"He always wanted to do well," said Jim Johnson, Lewis' track and field coach during his freshman year at Delran. Lewis and Johnson have developed a close relationship, so much so that Lewis calls Johnson his uncle.

"He was always saying, 'Let me try this, let me try that,'" Johnson said of Lewis, who won a state title in track and a district title in wrestling at Delran in addition to being a stellar football player. "He always wanted to do something to become better."

Somewhere along the line, Lewis developed an intensity that he has carried from Delran to junior college at State University of New York-Morrisville, a junior college, and now to the UW.

Said UW defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove of Lewis, who shares the team lead in both tackles-for-loss (three) and quarterback hurries (two): "He runs with a full motor all the time."

Lewis' calling cards are his speed and ability to deliver a big hit, the latter of which earned him a spot in highlight reels all over the nation after he pulverized the aforementioned Mountaineer, West Virginia quarterback Rasheed Marshall, during the Badgers' season-opener on Aug. 30.

"He's always said he wants a 'woo hit.'" Johnson said of Lewis, who also blocked a punt against the Mountaineers that resulted in a touchdown. "A 'woo hit' is when you get a hit and the crowd goes 'woo.' He got one."

Did Lewis ever, knocking Marshall out of the game for a while with a bruised abdomen. Here's the scary part: Lewis wasn't totally satisfied with the hit.

"I still don't think it was as big as I thought it could be," he said.

Of course, the last thing Lewis wanted to do is hurt Marshall. By now, you should know that hidden away behind the helmet, shoulder pads and bulging body is a kind-hearted soul.

"He's really," Lewis-Taylor said of her son, "a lovable man."

Learning The Hard Way

By Tom Mulhern
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You stare at the printed words on the page and have no trouble making out the individual letters. You know each one represents a distinct sound and they fit together to form a word.

But somewhere between the page and your brain, something misfires. You have trouble processing the information. It doesn't make sense.

You're in elementary school in Manitowoc. Your name is Mike Lorenz and you will grow up to be a starting offensive lineman for the University of Wisconsin, a 313-pound Goliath who looks as though nothing could stop him on the football field.

All you know right now is you can't keep up with the rest of the class with your reading assignment. You labor over each word. The kid next to you reads a couple of pages in the time it takes you to read one paragraph.

Writing is a chore. But those spelling tests are the worst. You get the spelling list every Monday with 20 to 25 words and the test is on Friday. You take the list home and dutifully study it. Your mother always helps you. You study for four days, much longer than most of the kids in class.

Then the test comes and it's always the same. You're lucky if you spell five of the words correctly. The teacher has a rule. If you get one word wrong, you have to write it 10 times.

Try getting 18 wrong, having to re-write 180 words. Recess comes and you're still at your desk, pencil in hand, re-writing the words over and over while your friends play outside.

No matter how many times you write them, it doesn't seem to make any difference. You grow to hate school. The kids in your class think you're dumb. Why else would you struggle so much to spell those words?

In second grade, they make you go back to the first-grade class for reading. It makes you so mad.

Your parents, Ed and Diane, have raised four other kids, but they never have gone through anything like this. They suspect some sort of eye problem.

On Mondays, your mom drives you to Seymour, where you have to jump on a trampoline and catch a ball, while reciting the alphabet backward.

It has something to do with how different regions of the brain are used for different tasks. It doesn't help.

Sorting out the problem

You go to see an eye doctor in the third or fourth grade. Your mom prays that you will need eye surgery, anything to fix the problem. But the eye doctor comes up with a new word to describe your condition: dyslexia.

A puzzling word like that isn't much help to a kid just trying to keep up in school. Dyslexia is a reading disorder that affects up to one in five schoolchildren. You will not grow out of it.

A popular misconception is that you end up reversing the letters in your head. That's not what happens.

Doug Tiedt is an assistant director of academic services for the UW athletic department.

He will eventually become your right-hand man when you arrive in Madison.

"With Mike, if I write a letter B on a paper, it'll take him a second or 2 seconds to try and figure out what that letter is," Tiedt says. "In his mind, he goes through, Is that a B or a D?"

"The letter A, he actually pictures an apple. He's been taught as a little kid, when he sees the letter A, that word is apple; A for apple. Imagine doing this as someone trying to read. Each word you come across you have to stop and concentrate on. It takes forever."

One of the worst things about dyslexia is how it can crush a child's self-confidence. "You lose confidence in yourself," says your mom. "It's hard to read in front of people and (Mike's) self-esteem went down."

So, the whole family chips in. Those reading assignments used to seem so endless at night. You'd sit down to read with your mom and complain, "Oh, my gosh, Mom, we've got six pages to read."

But your mom reassures you, telling you to take it one paragraph at a time. She reads one, then you read one.

"After four normal children, you could say it was kind of different," your mom says. "What is wrong with our Michael? We're so very thankful he can do as much as he can and he's as healthy as he is."

Fortunately, you also have sports. You're the biggest kid in your class and you have some athletic ability. The playing fields are a good place to retaliate against the kids who tease you and call you dumb.

You tell anyone that will listen you're going to grow up to play football for the Badgers and coach Barry Alvarez. That's what you tell your mom in the driveway. You don't have any weights in your home, so you go to the YMCA to lift.

Your dad, who is a trucker, is away for most of the week. Your mom picks you up, as usual, and wonders after the drive home: Is all this really worth it?

"Just you wait, Mom," your mother recalls you saying. "It's going to pay off. Alvarez is going to knock on my door."

Well, Alvarez never knocks on your door. But he does send you a letter. And after a summer football camp in Madison, he offers you the scholarship you always wanted.

One of your older brothers, Tom, also comes up with a unique way to motivate you. Get a 3.0-grade point average, and he will buy you a 40-ounce steak. By your last year of high school at Manitowoc Lutheran, you get the 3.0 average and Tom antes up for the steak.

More challenges at UW

If it's overwhelming coming to UW, a prestigious university filled with the highest academic achievers, you never let on. It's just so thrilling to finally accomplish your goal and become a Badger.

On your first day at UW, you meet Tiedt, who will provide you with so much help and direction, as other teachers and learning specialists have done for you in the past.

Just like the rest of a blind person's senses become more attuned, you have honed other skills to get by. You've always had good comprehension, scoring well on verbal tests. Often people with dyslexia are skilled problem-solvers because they tend to think outside the box.

You sit in the front row of every one of your classes, trying to absorb the information.

"You focus on what you do well," Tiedt says. "For a lot of kids, that's taking things in visually. A lecture environment for (dyslexic) kids is really difficult. Because even though we're watching a professor speak to us, we're not watching him, we're listening to him. We're listening and it does this magic in our brain and it comes out of our fingers and we've got to write something down. It's also a writing process, too."

"For Mike, trying to take in the information full speed and trying to get it to come out his fingers and make sense in the notes is nearly impossible."

The McBurney Disabilities Resource Center on campus determines what the appropriate accommodation is for students with all types of disabilities. Some people think you get a break because you've got people to take notes for you or scribe your exams. You also get extended time for exams. Some break.

After you get the notes from a class, you must find someone to read them with you, or some voice-recognition software on a computer.

You also tape record your classes and rely on books on tape. It's all a laborious process, especially given your football schedule. Studying takes up almost every minute of your free time.

"They assign all these books to me," you say. "I hate to tell my professors but I really don't read them. I have books on tape and try to listen as much as I can. But books on tape is a lot slower than reading."

"It's impossible to listen to all these tapes, especially with football, because it takes up so much of your time. I pick out the key stuff, the most important things, listen to that and rely on note takers."

As a sophomore last year, you get extended playing time, lining up as a third tight end in short-yardage situations. This year is your first as a starter at right tackle.

"He not only played, he played well," Alvarez says of you on media day. "When he played at tight end, there was movement, now. He was wearing some people out."

Last spring, the news comes that you've made the Academic All-Big Ten team. You have a 3.1 grade-point average. Your brother owes you another steak.

Your response to all those kids who used to tease you in class was to be better than them on the athletic field. Now, you're beating them in the classroom, too.

"It's a tribute to Mike," Tiedt says. "It's a tribute to all the hard work he puts into it. It's what he does every day. It's a reward."

You are a history major and an American history buff. You love the History Channel. You want to become a high school history teacher some day. Your parents still can't believe that, given how much you used to hate school. Your mom wants to be there in your class that first day when it finally happens.

You would love, at some point, to also try and help children with learning disabilities. But you think if you can't read very well, you may not be able to help them.

Not to worry. The example you set every day is enough to help all kinds of people.

UW's 'security blanket'

Mack lifts defense with his presence

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Madison - Statistics can't always be trusted.

Sometimes numbers can serve to exaggerate the worth of an athlete, as in the case of a running back who rolls up big yardage against weak teams but disappears against tougher competition.

Other times, numbers reveal the true value of a player, as in the case of University of Wisconsin senior linebacker Jeff Mack.

The most telling numbers regarding Mack's value to the Badgers in 2002 weren't his 72 total tackles, the No. 5 mark on the team, or his nine tackles in the Alamo Bowl victory over Colorado, a performance which garnered him defensive MVP honors.

The most important number was six, as in games missed because of injury. Wisconsin's record in those games was 1-5, with the lone victory coming against a foundering Michigan State team that finished 4-8.

"You could tell a difference in our football team when Jeff Mack wasn't there," Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez said. "When he is in the lineup we become a much more physical group and a group that plays with more confidence because of his awareness."

Mack has missed 10 games over the last two seasons because of injury, four in 2001 because of a cracked vertebrae in his back and six last season because of a shoulder stinger. The former Madison West High School star is again healthy, back at home at strong-side linebacker and poised for his most productive season.

"He played very well in that game we had," ESPN analyst Mike Gottfried said, referring to the Alamo Bowl. "He seemed to be the guy they rallied around in that football game. He was all over the place."

Mack, who broke into the starting lineup as a redshirt freshman in 2000, packs 244 pounds on his 6-foot frame. In full uniform or shorts and a T-shirt, he looks like a linebacker.

"He is a physical player," Alvarez said. "You saw the games. When he played, we were a different defense."

"I think in the bowl game he was as physical as you'll ever see."

Yet wearing street clothes and adorned with glasses, Mack appears more professorial than predatory.

In truth, his brains are equally as important as his brawn to the Wisconsin defense. Mack, a business major, grasps schemes and tendencies quickly and is a voracious viewer of game video.

"I do believe that I bring something to the defense that only I can bring," Mack said without a hint of arrogance. "A confidence. I believe some intelligence. I think I know what I'm doing out there. I know I can get everybody in the right positions before the play is called."

He is, without question, the quarterback of the defense.

"In our schemes you have to get lined up and everybody has to know what to do," Alvarez said. "I think if a defensive line has somebody behind them that is secure, makes calls quickly and gets them lined up, they are more confident. That is so settling for a defense."

"When an offense comes out and changes formations, somebody (has to) make checks to get guys lined up. He handles all that and sometimes you can take that for granted. He is a security blanket for a lot of the players out there."

A security blanket for senior weak-side linebacker Alex Lewis, who struggled at

times last season to follow through on his assignments, and to the coaches.

"We need Jeff in the lineup," defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove said.

Mack went out of the lineup in Week 6, the Big Ten opener against Penn State. In the six games he missed, opponents rushed for an average of 160.5 yards per game. That was an increase of 20.5 yards per game from the eight games in which Mack played.

In the final two games of the season, Mack helped Wisconsin's defense limit Minnesota and Colorado to 130 and 123 rushing yards, respectively.

"You're not really going to run the ball right at me," said Mack, who noted that defensive tackles Anttaj Hawthorne and Jason Jefferson made his life easier. "I've got a little bit more pride in myself. You're not just going to run over me."

Well, Mack was overpowered at times during his redshirt freshman season, when he played weak-side linebacker next to Nick Greisen. He was forced to play out of position at outside linebacker as a sophomore because the Badgers were thin there. Mack was allowed to move back inside last season and was on his way to a stellar season when he suffered the shoulder injury.

Now that he is healthy and locked into his natural position for a second consecutive season, there is no reason Mack shouldn't enjoy his best season at UW.

"Jeff every year seems to get better and better," Alvarez said. "He is healthier now than he has ever been. He has always been a student of the game. He understands the game."

"And the thing I think he has really improved in is his leadership, managing the defense and being the quarterback of the defense."

"He has developed the way you'd want him to."

Paciotti Savors A Job Well Done

Stellar Blocking Aside, The UW Tight End Won't Let Go Of His Only Career Reception Two Weeks Ago.

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Tom Mulhern

University of Wisconsin senior quarterback Jim Sorgi and junior tight end Tony Paciotti were lifting in the weight room on Monday morning and had a conversation that went something like this:

Paciotti: "You know where we're playing this week?"

Sorgi: "Yeah, we're playing (at) Penn State."

Paciotti: "You know where I'm from? I'm going to have a lot of fans there that want to see me catch the ball."

Sorgi: "I already gave it to you once this year. Let's not go overboard."

Paciotti, who is from Jessup, Pa., about a 2 1/2-hour drive from Penn State, has been hearing it from teammates since catching the first pass of his career against North Carolina two games ago.

"A lot of people have been cracking jokes about that," said Paciotti, who has started 12 straight games and 17 overall. "Three years and my first catch. It's like I broke a record or something."

Paciotti had big plans for what he would do when the moment finally arrived. But he was so shocked after catching the 18-yard pass on a third-quarter touchdown drive, he just got up and jogged back to the huddle.

"I've always been saying, If I catch a pass, even if it's for a 1-yard gain,

I'm getting the ball and punting it in the stands," Paciotti said. "After I caught the ball, I was still in shock.

"I got up and (backup quarterback Matt) Schabert comes running off the (sidelines) with his headset on, screaming. All the coaches were going nuts. When I got to the huddle, the guys were like, Oh, my God, Paciotti caught a pass.' "

Sophomore Jason Pociask, who is the backup tight end, joined the fun with a 5-yard catch for his first career reception in the second quarter Saturday against Illinois.

But just because Paciotti and Pociask finally got their hands on the ball, don't expect it to go straight to their heads. Both have a pretty clear grasp of their roles.

In the past two games, the Badgers have rushed 113 times for 516 yards, using a lot of double-tight end formations. UW backs have continually been able to get outside, an indication the tight ends are doing their job.

Toss in converted quarterback Owen Daniels, who plays mostly in passing situations, and the position has turned from a concern, after Bob Docherty quit the team in training camp, into a positive, UW coach Barry Alvarez said.

"Paciotti has blocked very well," Alvarez said. "You don't see (defenses) getting penetration on the corner. For us to be successful running the ball, our tight ends have to block well.

"I think Pociask is getting better and getting a better feel for fitting in (as the motion tight end). He's been a very pleasant surprise. We thought he could be a good, solid player. He's got all the athletic ability. A year ago, I just think he may have lacked some confidence."

There's nothing Paciotti enjoys more than formations with extra tight ends.

"The more tight ends, the merrier," he said. "I like it when we get down to the goal line and throw three tight ends in. That, to me, shows the coaches have confidence in us."

Sorgi jokes that he never met a tight end that didn't believe he was open on every pass play. "Then you watch film and you see different," Sorgi said.

All joking aside, Paciotti spent a lot of hours in the offseason catching passes and working on his hands.

"It was always, Tony Paciotti, good blocker, zero catches," Paciotti said. "Now that I've got one, people know, if you throw it, I could catch it."

That's what he plans on doing at Penn State, if he can only get Sorgi to throw him the ball.

"He's my Paisan," Paciotti said of Sorgi. "We're Italian brothers. Hopefully, we have the Italian connection going.

"I talked to him already, Jimmy, Penn State's coming up, let's go. I had to get 30 tickets for this game. I'm blocking for you so when I release, give me a little look, just check me out."

An offense that eats together, . . .

Sorgi, linemen bond at weekly outings

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Madison - Call it therapy by candlelight.

Each Wednesday night during the football season, University of Wisconsin quarterback Jim Sorgi and the starting offensive linemen enjoy dinner on the town.

The rules are simple: casual dress, relaxed conversation (no football, please), a different menu each week and perhaps most important of all, the quarterback picks up the tab.

The goals: Devour good food during the week and do the same to the opponent on the weekend.

It may sound corny, perhaps contrived. But Sorgi and his linemen insist that the weekly sessions have helped the line's three first-year starters and two third-year starters to mesh quickly into a cohesive, productive unit.

"It was Jim's idea and it was a great idea," said junior right tackle Mike Lorenz, one of the first-year starters. "It is a time to get away from football, get away from school, get away from the downtown area. It's just us.

"It is just more motivation for us to keep people off of Jim during the game. We don't want people hitting him. You get angry if anyone hits Jim."

Sorgi and his personal bodyguards don't anticipate a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere when they take the field against third-ranked Ohio State at 8 tonight at Camp Randall Stadium. The defending national

champion Buckeyes boast perhaps the best defensive line in the nation, a unit that dominated Miami in the Fiesta Bowl last season and has helped limit foes to 43.4 rushing yards per game this season, the No. 1 mark in the nation.

"It is going to be tough," left tackle Morgan Davis said. "We have to play our best game of the year so far.

"We respect them but we definitely are looking forward to the challenge."

The challenge is one for which they have prepared on the practice field and at the dinner table for nearly two months.

Sorgi, who has lived with most of the linemen during his four-plus years at Wisconsin, sensed a little culinary camaraderie couldn't hurt the unit or the offense in general. He knew the three new faces on the line - Davis, Lorenz and center Donovan Raiola - would need time to feel comfortable joining third-year starters Dan Buenning and Jonathan Clinkscale. Also, it was no secret that the 2002 line hadn't performed to the staff's standards.

A year ago, the Badgers rushed for 190.2 yards per game. Through six games this season, that number is up to 222.5, the No. 9 mark in the country. That number is particularly impressive considering tailbacks Anthony Davis and Dwayne Smith both have missed time because of injury. Yet third-string tailback Booker Stanley has contributed a pair of 119-yard performances.

"We're functioning at a good level right now, basically because our intensity is so high," said Buenning, whose play last season suffered because of illness and injury. "We're not out trying to prove something to everybody. We're trying to win the game.

"I think that is a bit different from last year. Last year we were trying to prove that we were the best line. Sometimes that overshadowed the fact of just trying to win the ball game and opening holes."

This year, Sorgi has opened his wallet and the line has opened holes. And it's no surprise that there have been a few entertaining moments during dinner.

One week the group had dinner at Hooters. Davis' fiance didn't approve.

"That wasn't my choice," Davis said with a sheepish grin. "She wasn't too happy but it was good food. What can I say?"

Recently, the group went to Red Robin Restaurant.

"No one really noticed us until we got up to leave," Davis said. "Then they wanted to know what high school team we played for.

"We said we were on the tennis team, just joking around with them a little bit."

Having fun every Wednesday is a requirement, but it is clear the dinners are not a joking matter.

"I like it because it is just another time for us to get together as a group and talk, see what is going on and get closer as a group," Buenning said. "That helps us when we go out on the field."

Passing on his legacy

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MADISON — A visit from a college football quarterback was the sole request of an injured young child days after losing both parents in an auto accident.

The University of Wisconsin's Jim Sorgi had plenty to do preparing as backup quarterback for the 2000 Sun Bowl against UCLA. But the child's call from a hospital room in El Paso, Texas, became a priority for Sorgi.

The five-year-old, not knowing the fate of his parents, talked at length with Sorgi about how much he liked football. Sorgi listened and couldn't imagine a game-costing interception or season-ending injury even coming close to the pain the child would soon experience.

"What the kid was going to go through is worse than anything I've ever been through and anything I'll ever go through," Sorgi said. "It keeps you centered. It helps you when you're living your own life and remembering to live each day to the fullest."

Soaking up the college experience to the fullest, Sorgi has found time for even more activities besides volunteering at the hospital. He also was the male vice president of the student athletic board for three years prior to taking over as the Badgers starting quarterback this season. Sorgi had to juggle weekly board meetings and hospital visits with daily schoolwork and football practice.

One of the biggest games of the season against defending national champion Ohio State did not keep Sorgi from making his regular Friday visit to the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital.

"Sadly, that's a rarity for an athlete to do much outside of sports," Wisconsin football coach Barry Alvarez said. "We try to encourage the players to get involved, but they don't have much free time and unfortunately not a lot get involved. I'm really pleased Jim has."

Sorgi has become masterful at handling a packed schedule.

"Being an athlete helps you manage your time really well," he said. "During the season, it gets kind of rough because it seems like you're always running to practice, to school, to meetings and stuff like that."

As another player busy with the demands of school and sports, Badgers sophomore defensive tackle Anttaj Hawthorne admires Sorgi's ability to stretch his time.

"There is so much stuff you have to do off the field, extra things like lifting and school work. Finding time to go to the Children's Hospital and the other stuff he does, it has to be hard, and he's a great guy for doing it," Hawthorne said.

Unlike many high-profile athletes, Sorgi thrives in being just another number in the 40,000-plus student body. He said he wishes he could add another activity to his busy schedule, like joining a fraternity.

"As a student-athlete, it's hard to experience the whole student life," Sorgi said. "I've always been one of those guys who wanted to be part of a fraternity growing up, and you don't have time for that."

Outside football, the hospital staff of the UW Children's Hospital Child Life Services Program have welcomed Sorgi as a gentle, humble 6-foot-5 athlete who is a hit with the kids.

"He's just got a very warm personality," Child Life Services manager Mary Kaminski said.

"There is something about him that just makes you feel like you can talk with him. The kids are very comfortable around him.

"Jim is very careful not to ignore the shy kids. Some will just come up and ask for his autograph, but he sees the kids who are too shy to ask. He'll go to them and ask if they want his autograph. It takes a sensitive person to see that."

Sorgi has been dedicated to the program even when one visit was anything but uplifting for him. Last year, the week following a game in which he played as backup, he visited a child at the hospital. In the child's room, his family talked about how poorly the Wisconsin quarterback performed that week, not knowing that Sorgi was that quarterback.

"Jim just listened without saying anything, and it didn't discourage him from coming back," Kaminski said. "Quarterbacks are the hardest ones to come over because they have so much going on during the week, but Jim's bought into this."

Sorgi Ready For The Final Stretch

Senior Quarterback Returns After Knee Surgery

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Tom Mulhern

The clock is ticking on senior Jim Sorgi's one-year tenure as the starting quarterback for the University of Wisconsin football team.

The ticking probably never sounded louder to Sorgi than it did the past two weeks.

Sorgi had to sit out a disappointing 16-7 loss to Northwestern two weeks ago in the Badgers' last game, having undergone arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn meniscus cartilage in his left knee on Oct.19.

It was the first time in Sorgi's football career that he was unable to play because of an injury. Still, it could have been much worse. When Sorgi was bent over backward on the end of a quarterback keeper against Purdue, he heard a pop in his previously injured left knee and feared it was a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"Everyone says when you hear a pop that you tear your ACL," Sorgi said Monday in his first comments since the injury. "There were a bunch of thoughts going through my mind when I was on the field because I really couldn't move my leg from my knee down, I couldn't straighten it.

"My first thought was, I tore my ACL, I'm done. I'm never going to play football again.' It kind of hit me pretty hard on the sidelines when I was sitting there."

But after two weeks of rest, following last week's bye, Sorgi feels energized and ready for the Badgers' stretch run, which starts Saturday at No.24 Minnesota (8-2 overall, 4-2 Big Ten Conference). Sorgi, tailback Anthony Davis (ankle) and kicker Mike Allen (groin) were all expected to take part in Monday's practice.

"My body feels pretty good," Sorgi said. "I've been throwing the football. I seem to have a little bit more on it, a little more feel to it. ... It's amazing how fast you can heal when you have to."

Sorgi vowed he would be a different player -- at least emotionally -- for the rest of the season, having taken time recently to assess his career and the little time he has left.

"I think you're going to see a different player in me coming back, because maybe I was taking being the starting quarterback a little bit for granted," Sorgi said. "I mean, going out there and playing to the best of my ability, but not going out there with that fire, with that emotion and pumping the guys up and getting things going."

It has been an up-and-down season for Sorgi, who has displayed toughness and leadership, but has been an inconsistent passer.

He ranks fifth in the Big Ten in pass efficiency with a rating of 130.9, with seven touchdown passes and seven interceptions. Minnesota senior quarterback Asad Abdul-Khaliq leads the conference and ranks first nationally with a 176.2 rating.

Like the Badgers (6-3, 4-2), who have lost two straight games, Sorgi knows he will ultimately be judged by what happens the rest of the way.

"To go out there and win ballgames, that's kind of what I learned from Brooks (Bollinger)," Sorgi said. "It's

not really how you play, it's only what the score is at the end of the game. That's basically the way it's been.

"We've won ballgames this year and we'll win more ballgames before the year is over with. I think the team is having a very successful season -- so far. Now, it all depends on what we want to do with that through the last part of the season."

Sorgi also would like to take another lesson from Bollinger, the former UW quarterback who seemed to be at his best when returning from an injury. UW coach Barry Alvarez is hoping sitting out a game could have a similar impact on Sorgi.

"I think sometimes you get away from the activity a little bit and get a chance to look at it from a little different angle," Alvarez said. "More than anything else, you're able to charge your batteries. You're a little healthier. Get rid of a few bumps and bruises. Hopefully, he comes back fresh and is able to pick it up and play well."

Mostly, Sorgi came to the realization that he better enjoy it while it lasts, because his UW career will be over in the blink of an eye.

"I took a long look back on my career," Sorgi said. "Maybe I treated (being a starter) more as a responsibility and a job -- which it is, to an extent.

"But I'm still young. I'm 22 years old, I'm playing a sport that got me a college education. There's a lot of people that would like to be in my shoes right now. I'm going to take advantage of it. If anyone's going to enjoy it, it might as well be me, because it's my life. I'm just going to go out there and have fun and play football."

Stanley Looking To Regain Swagger

Redshirt Freshman Running Back Again Will Be Called Upon To Help Carry Offense

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Mike Lucas

In the McClain Facility hallway, connecting the team locker room and the weight room, the walls are adorned with achievement boards - framing individual pictures of University of Wisconsin football players who have achieved, or overachieved, as the case may be, in games.

Flanking one of these boards - the Offensive Player of the Week board - UW offensive coordinator Brian White is discussing the on-going development of Booker Stanley, a 20-year-old redshirt freshman from Milwaukee who prepped at Whitefish Bay.

The tough-minded Stanley entered the 2003 season as the No. 3 tailback behind starter Anthony Davis and Dwayne Smith. But with Davis still sidelined by an ankle injury, Stanley and Smith will once again share the backfield today against Michigan State at Camp Randall Stadium.

"Booker has done a fantastic job of transitioning from his redshirt year to a pretty significant role on our football team," White is saying. "He has been mature, he has been competitive and he has helped us win a bunch of games."

White then pointed at the Offensive Player of the Week board, and said, "You look at his picture over there. He has been player of the game three times. That's not bad."

Not bad at all when you consider that Davis is posted on the board just once (due to ankle injuries which have forced him to miss the equivalent of nearly six games). Not bad at all when you consider Lee Evans is also posted on the board three times.

Stanley was singled out for the North Carolina game (28 rushes for 119 yards and three scores), the Penn State game (24 rushes for 119 yards and three scores), the Penn State game (24 rushes for 119 yards and one score) and the Ohio State game (31 rushes for 125 yards and one score). Maybe it's only a coincidence, but the Badgers won all three. Maybe not.

Last spring, White said head coach Barry Alvarez and offensive line coach Jim Hueber agreed, "That if they've got one yard to get, of all the backs, including Ron Dayne, they would give the ball to Brent Moss because of his tenacity and toughness."

Stanley has drawn favorable comparisons to Moss, the tailback on Wisconsin's 1994 Rose Bowl team. "I like Booker's maturity and the way he has handled himself in preparing for games," White is saying now. "I just love the fact he

loves to compete. He's a tremendous competitor."

Former Whitefish Bay High School football coach Joe Wieland first saw that competitiveness when Stanley was a seventh grader. "You could just tell he had a physical presence compared to the other kids his age," he said. "He was pretty special at that point - just a fluid, natural athlete."

Wieland played with Stanley in some pickup basketball games between the middle school teachers and students. Often they would discuss goals. Stanley talked about being the starting tailback on the varsity high school team.

That was his No. 1 goal, and midway through his freshman season at Whitefish Bay, he took over as the starter.

"He probably could have started a little earlier but we had some junior and senior running backs ahead of him," Wieland recalled. "But it just became obvious at that point that he was the best athlete at tailback, probably the best athlete in our whole high school, even as a freshman."

In his first game as the starter, Stanley rushed for three touchdowns. "The weird thing about that," Stanley offered, "was that I had never been to a high school game before, so the first time I had ever gone to one I was playing in one. That was exciting."

Was there any resentment over a young player starting ahead of upperclassmen?

"We had some good senior leaders who wanted to win," Wieland pointed out, "and they didn't care who played as long as the best players were on the field, so it wasn't an issue of, 'Why is this freshman standing with us in the huddle?'"

"Good athletes earn respect from other good athletes by showing they can play. The kids knew he could play."

By the end of his freshman year, nobody had any questions about Stanley's potential. He rushed for over 1,000 yards as a sophomore and junior. And he punctuated his prep career by rushing for 2,036 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior.

Stanley didn't have a fumble in nearly 250 carries. "It's pretty tough to rip the ball away from the strongest kid on the team," Wieland said.

Stanley, the third of seven children, needed strength to survive the Milwaukee streets. He moved around a lot and stopped counting at six moves. "His maturity comes from his upbringing," Wieland said. "He had some tough times."

Wieland remembered the time that Stanley showed up late for football practice.

"I saw him walking up and I decided that I was going to really give it to him today," Wieland said. "So I'm thinking, Here we go, what's going to be the excuse?"

"Booker looked at me said, My neighbor got shot last night, can I stay with you tonight? He was scared. Some of the kids walk through the neighborhood with the bravado, I'm invincible. He didn't think that way."

It was not unusual for Stanley to stay with Wieland and his family in Whitefish Bay. "Sometimes I just didn't want to go all

the way home and come back to go to school in the morning," Stanley said.

When asked how he avoided the trouble spots, Stanley said, "I just kept away from them. I stayed busy. It could have been easy to get into trouble and get caught up with all the other stuff but I just kept busy with sports and surrounded myself with good people."

Stanley still has the highest respect for his mom, Ramona, who did what she could to raise the family. His brother-in-law, Jason Key, and his uncle, Delta Triplett, a former UW football player, were also part of his support group.

As was Wieland. "He was a great influence - like another father to me," Stanley said.

To this day, he still cherishes the friendships that he cultivated as a teenager.

"My mom moved around a lot, so I was always picking up new friends," he said. "I still see and talk to a lot of them. And they always tell me how proud of me they are and how glad that someone got out of the city and is doing something for themselves."

Financial issues were a bigger concern, according to Stanley, than gang recruitment. The neighborhood guys were OK, cool, he said. But money was in short supply. What was the one thing he wanted to have that he couldn't afford?

"There were plenty of things I wanted - clothing, shoes," he said softly. "When I was really young, I wanted a go-cart. I remember watching the Toys-R-Us commercials and getting all excited. But I wasn't able to get those things."

"My mom did what she could and I was happy with that. I learned you have to be grateful for what you have."

Ramona reminded him of that lesson the other night during a telephone conversation.

"She said, 'You've never been in the situation that you are in now,'" he recounted, "where you have your own room, and it's being paid for and you have food all the time. You never really had any of that."

That has made Stanley even more appreciative of his physical gifts and current surroundings. "You can't take anything for granted," he said.

Wieland and Stanley still talk once a week. "Booker is quiet. He doesn't need to be the center of attention," Wieland said. "That's just his nature. After he scores, he just flips the ball to the official - he's not jumping around."

Wieland conceded that Stanley has been frustrated lately. "He's disappointed that the team is not winning," he said. That competitive streak, again.

Wisconsin's last win came against Ohio State, and Stanley was a huge part of it. "I kind of think about that game sometimes," Stanley said. "It's like, Man, I wish we had that same fight in us." Stanley paused and added, "I want it back."

Mike Lucas: The gospel truth on Orr, Starks

By Mike Lucas
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Scott Starks was discussing his newfound strength and how he got knocked around some last season because the 5-foot-10 University of Wisconsin cornerback simply wasn't strong enough to deliver a blow and hold his ground against bigger receivers. A few feet away, Jonathan Orr, a taller receiver, was listening to what Starks was saying and nodding his head in agreement, because Orr went through a similar experience and the same growing pains.

Starks and Orr each identified their own weakness. And to say that these two good friends and roommates needed to get a lot stronger during the offseason would be merely preaching to the choir. Oh, by the way, did we mention that Starks, Orr, linebacker Alex Lewis, safety Robert Brooks and defensive tackle Lyle Maiava were actually singing in the choir last spring? We'll get around to their music and Marvin, Carvin, Juan and Michael Winans later.

"Believe it or not, I feel a lot stronger," Starks was saying after practice this week at the O'Connor Center. "I was thinking about that when I was laying in bed last night. I just feel a lot stronger this year for some reason. I weigh about 170 right now, so I guess that's a little bigger than I've been."

In the 2001 UW media guide, Starks was listed at 170. In the 2002 guide, Starks was listed at 161. In this year's guide, he's listed at 168. You could make the claim that he has played smaller over the last two seasons in the Badger secondary, where he has started 24 straight games. If, in fact, he feels stronger, does he feel like that will make a difference in his performance?

"Yes, sir, I do feel like that's the key," said Starks, who answers many questions with a "Yes, sir" or a "No, sir."

Orr walked up behind Starks, sat down on the grass field and listened intently to what he had to say about the game within the game: receivers vs. defensive backs.

"I'm able to do a little more to the receivers now than I was able to do last year - I'm not getting pushed around as much, either," Starks continued. "I'm not that tall, but many DBs aren't that tall. I just feel like we've got to be better athletes than the receivers because most of the time they're going to be taller."

Glancing over at Orr, he went on, "Jonathan is my best friend and we go back and forth every day on the practice field and we talk about it when we get home. He tells me some of my weaknesses, I tell him some of his weaknesses. He tells me some of the receiver tendencies, I tell him some of the DB tendencies." They know each other pretty well.

"Jonathan is a lot stronger and bigger this year," Starks pointed out. "You can actually see the difference in Jonathan. When I'm sticking him, if he gives me a little push, I can feel the difference, too."

A year ago, Orr didn't get a chance to learn the nuances of his position at his own pace. Instead, he was immediately forced to play a contributing role on a Wisconsin offense that was learning to adjust without its fallen star, Lee Evans. Ready or not - and he wasn't ready physically - Orr accepted the challenge and responded with 47 catches for a team-high 842 yards, breaking the school's freshman record. He caught scoring passes in five straight games and finished with eight touchdowns.

Along the way, there were some dropped passes at critical junctures of games, which only served to underline his youth and inexperience.

"Looking back on last season, I made some mistakes and a lot of them had to do with just a lack of experience," Orr said. "This year, I feel like I have an all-around better view of the whole game. Physically and mentally, I'm ready. I'm a lot stronger and a lot bigger."

Orr noted that he weighed 184 pounds going into camp last season. He's now at 194. Has he noticed a difference? "Most definitely," he said. "Last year, if you noticed, especially during the Big Ten season, I got thrown around a little bit by the DBs, especially on routes over the middle. I was getting knocked off course."

That's something that he has shared with Starks, who acknowledged, "It's

important to have a good relationship with everybody on the field. But I have a great relationship with Jonathan, and because he is a receiver, he can help me out a little bit more as far as knowing other receivers."

Evans, of course, is like no other receiver. And his presence has helped everybody.

"I don't know about everybody else," Starks said, "but he's definitely helped me because he's the best receiver in the country. And going against him every day is only going to make me and the other DBs better. That's why I was so glad when he came back. If you're going against the best, eventually, you're going to be one of the best."

"Last year, Lee was around and he could tell me a few things here and there," Orr interjected. "But it was more of a mental thing. Now, I get to actually see it (on the field). I get to see him do it. And it pays off to have a guy with that attitude and competitive spirit around because it rubs off on the whole receiving corps as well as the rest of the team."

Starks and Orr take a special pride in their individual games when they are matched against each other in the one-on-one drills. "We do have a lot in common," Orr said of their friendship. "We come from similar backgrounds and we have a lot of the same beliefs. We agree on music, too."

Gospel music. Orr favors the Winans (Marvin, Carvin, Juan, and Michael), which is also popular with their other roommate: Alex Lewis. "Alex might be the best singer on the team," Orr volunteered.

Last spring, Orr, Starks, Lewis, Brooks and Maiava sang in a local church choir. "Lyle had a solo, and he can sing, too," Orr said. "Singing is not one of my strong points." Added Starks, "Alex did most of the singing - I just stood up and lip-synched a little bit." It seemed to bring everyone closer together. And that was the gospel truth, according to Orr and Starks, and the real source of their strength.

Junior grows into his job

Welsh impresses UW coaches

By JEFF POTRYKUS

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Madison - If not for a timely conversation six years ago with his high school track coach, Jonathan Welsh wouldn't call the University of Wisconsin his home away from home today.

"I'd be at Texas A&M," said the junior defensive end, who attended Booker T. Washington High School in Houston. "Probably just going to school."

The brief conversation led Welsh, who played basketball and ran cross-country at the time, to give football a shot his junior year.

"I was in the weight room lifting one day," Welsh said, "and he asked me if I wanted to play football."

Welsh said he did, with one caveat. He wanted to play defense.

"I wanted to hit people," he explained.

His intelligence, work habits and athletic ability led to Welsh being named one of the top 100 players in the state by the Forth Worth Star-Telegram. That led to a scholarship offer from Wisconsin and the rest, as they say, is history.

When he reported to pre-season camp as a freshman in the summer of 2000, Welsh looked more like a cross-country runner or a small forward than a defensive lineman. He stood 6-foot-4 but weighed in the mid-190s.

Today, Welsh weighs 230 pounds. He still can cover 40 yards in about 4.6 seconds. And he is using his added bulk and strength to get the best of the most of the offensive tackles he faces.

Entering the Badgers' Big Ten Conference showdown with visiting Purdue on Saturday, Welsh is second among the UW linemen in tackles with

34, one behind junior tackle Anttaj Hawthorne. He leads the team in sacks with five and is second to Hawthorne in tackles for loss with eight. He has recorded at least one tackle for loss in all seven games and his 46 yards in tackles for loss is the highest total on the team.

"Jonathan Welsh really gives you a lot of pressure off the edge," Badgers head coach Barry Alvarez said. "He never gets knocked off his feet, always going against much bigger people.

"He gives you a push in the pass rush. He can chase you down. He is really playing well."

Unlike Hawthorne and fellow tackle Jason Jefferson, who started 14 and 12 games, respectively, last season and junior end Darius Jones, a state product, Welsh was something of an unknown quantity entering the 2003 season.

Playing behind senior Jake Sprague last season, Welsh recorded 32 tackles in 14 games. It was unclear whether Welsh could adequately replace Sprague, who put up his best numbers at UW in his final season.

Welsh and defensive line coach John Palermo didn't harbor any doubts.

Welsh's grades put him in the top 10% of his graduating class in high school and he is majoring in business at UW. Bright and attentive, Welsh grew comfortable with the mental aspects of the game last season. When he gained more strength this past off-season, he felt adequately prepared physically for the first time.

"He now understands the game," Palermo said. "Having been here for three years he can now play the game at his speed.

"He was a 4.6 guy (in the 40-yard dash) playing at 5.0 speed because he wasn't sure what to do. Now he has grasp of what to do and he plays like it."

After serving a two-year apprenticeship as a reserve, Welsh has become an indispensable cog on the strongest unit of the Wisconsin defense. That line, despite the loss of end Erasmus James,

has improved all season and dominated Ohio State's offensive front last week.

The Buckeyes struggled to block Hawthorne (four tackles, two holding penalties drawn) and Jefferson (five tackles) and Welsh wreaked havoc off the edge (six tackles).

"He is a very smart football player who has tremendous intensity and he is a really good athlete," UW defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove said. "He is fast. He gets a great jump off the ball and he is hard to block."

Talking The Talk, Walking The Walk

Uw Sophomore Receiver Brandon Williams Exudes Confidence While Excelling In Lee Evans' Shadow

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Jim Polzin

Tammy Davis was too far away to read lips as she watched from her seat in Camp Randall Stadium last Saturday night.

She didn't need to. Davis knew her son, Brandon Williams, was engaged in a serious game of trash talk that lasted from the first snap until after the final second had ticked off the clock.

"He talks a lot," Davis said of Williams, a sophomore wide receiver for the University of Wisconsin football team. "I notice. And I'm like, 'OK, Brandon, stay in the game.'"

It's actually all part of the game within the game for Williams, who at 5-foot-11, 178 pounds makes up for his lack of size with soft hands, quick feet and an I'm-not-going-to-back-down-from-you-even-though-you're-bigger attitude.

Hence, the non-stop yapping with opponents. It will be on display again Saturday when the 14th-ranked Badgers (6-1, 3-0 Big Ten) meet No. 13 Purdue (5-1, 2-0) in a Homecoming game at Camp Randall.

"I play with a certain type of swagger that I feel you've got to play with," Williams said. "Especially at my position, I've got to play big. So I've got to talk it up quite a bit."

It has become sort of a contest for Williams, who has to be one of the best pound-for-pound trash talkers in the Big Ten.

"I think me and Donovan Raiola," Williams said of the UW's starting center, "go tit-for-tat every play about who can talk the most stuff during the game."

You may not agree with the verbal give-and-take that takes place between opponents during the game; UW coach Barry Alvarez doesn't necessarily, either. But Alvarez admires confidence when he sees it. And Williams has confidence in bulk.

"He's a guy that came in and was never in awe of anyone," Alvarez said of Williams, another product from the successful pipeline between Hazelwood East High School in St.

Louis and the UW. "He's a fierce competitor. He's got a personality and an attitude about him when he's on the field."

It's not like Alvarez wasn't warned. When he and offensive coordinator Brian White made a home visit while recruiting Williams, Alvarez asked Davis to describe her son's personality.

"And I said, 'Just wait, he'll show you how he is. He's very confident about his talent.'" Davis said.

When the UW coaches caught up with Davis at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio last December, they sung praises for Williams.

"Coach White was like, 'Wow, were you right,'" Davis recalls. "And coach Alvarez was like, 'I love him.'"

What's not to love? After catching a team-leading 52 passes last season - the most by a freshman in program history - there have been no signs of a sophomore slump for Williams in 2003. While some thought his numbers would be down because of the return of senior All-American Lee Evans at the other receiver spot, Williams actually is on pace to equal his production from a year ago.

Assuming the Badgers qualify for a bowl game - they need one more victory to do so - Williams is on pace to catch 48 passes for 799 yards in 13 games. He had 52 catches for 663 yards as a true freshman in 14 games.

"He really started playing well the second half of last year and he carried it over to this year," UW wide receivers coach Henry Mason said of Williams, who added 18 pounds in the offseason. "We were trying to figure out who was going to play opposite Lee and Brandon won the job. And to this point, he's done just about everything we've asked him to do."

In fact, Williams has been a terrific complement to Evans. There was no better illustration of that than the UW's 17-10 victory over third-ranked Ohio State last Saturday. The Buckeyes, who were intent on stopping Evans, matched him with highly regarded cornerback Chris Gamble and kept a safety over the top in coverage.

The Badgers countered by looking to Williams, who had four catches for 32 yards on the opening two series. He finished with five catches for 57 yards after adding a 25-yard reception in the fourth quarter.

To top it off, Williams played the role of a psychic to Evans, who was in the process of being held without a catch by Gamble and Co. before hauling in a 79-yard TD reception from Matt Schabert with 5 minutes, 20 seconds remaining that proved to be the difference in the game.

"I told Lee during the game, 'I'm getting these little catches, but we're going to need you to get that 40-, 50-yard touchdown pass,'" Williams said. "It just happened to be almost 80 yards. I'm like, 'I'll take that, too.'"

During and after the game, Williams made sure he let some of the Buckeyes know about the big game he was having. Once he left the field, however, the trash talk stopped. When he met with the media afterward, he was polite and humble, as usual.

Something he learned long ago was to not do his talking through the media. That lesson came from his uncles, Lee Brown and Terrell Davis, who coached him at Normandy High School, where he spent two years before transferring to Hazelwood East.

"They did a little quiz on me: 'What if you had 150 yards receiving in a game and then they asked you about the next opponent in an interview, what would you say?'" Williams said. "And I was like, 'Yeah, we're going to crush them and things like that.'"

"And they said, 'Naw, you don't need to say anything like that. Don't bring attention to yourself.'"

On the field, it's a different story - even on the practice field, where Williams does some of his best jawing."

"I guess you'd call it little-man syndrome," said UW junior cornerback Scott Starks, Williams' teammate at Hazelwood East. "We're not the biggest guys, not the strongest guys, but we have to compensate for it to keep an edge. And Brandon has done well his two years to compensate it."

Along the way, Williams has gained the respect of his teammates.

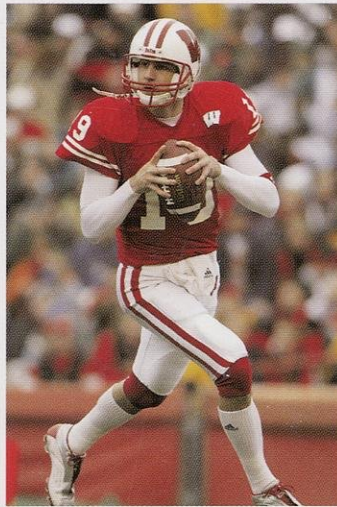
"Brandon Williams is a guy who is going to go out and make plays for you," said senior quarterback Jim Sorgi. "He is small in stature, but he's got a huge heart and he just loves to play the game. If you've got 11 Brandon Williams on the field, you are going to win."



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Morgan Davis
Offensive Line



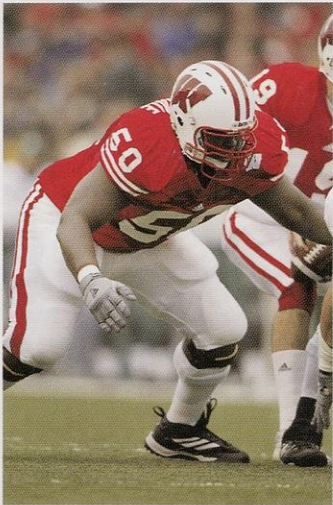
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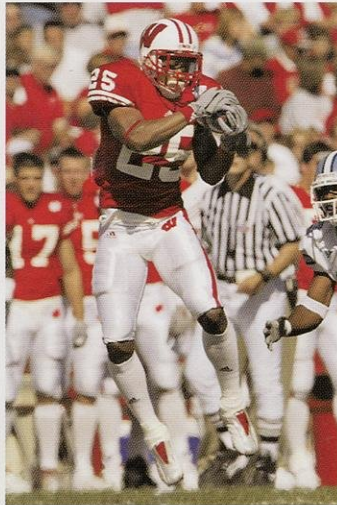
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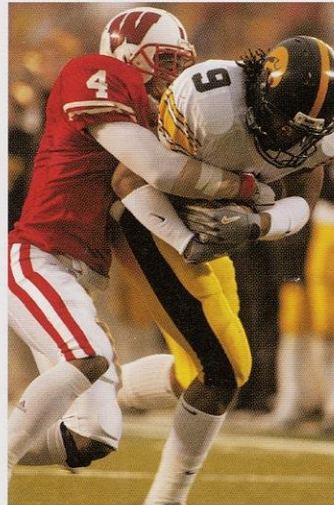
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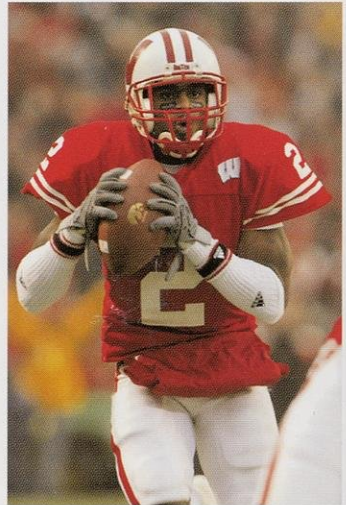
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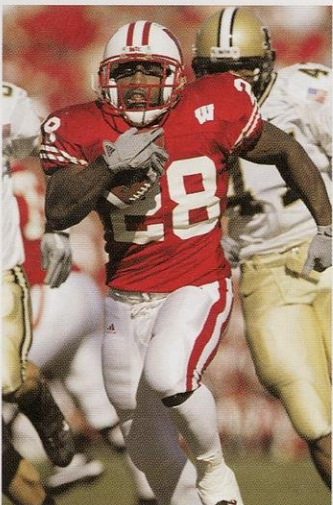
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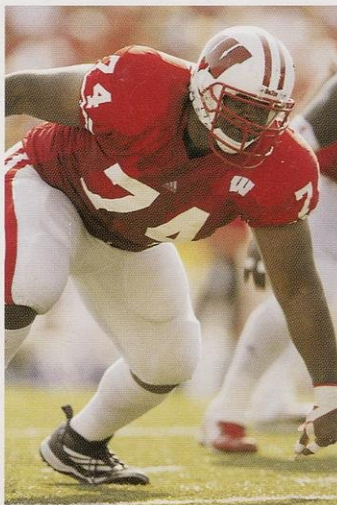
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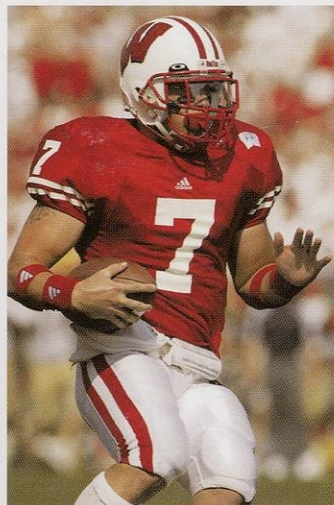
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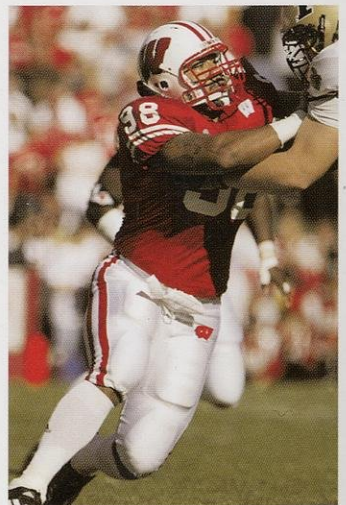
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