

BAKER FOOTBALL



2012 GAME NOTES

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NO. 18 BAKER VS. NO. 11 OTTAWA

BAKER COACHING STAFF:

Mike Grossner.....Head Coach
Jason Thoren..Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
Miguel Regalado...Offensive Coordinator/Strength Coach
Jerry Aligo.....Defensive Line Coach
Bruce Young.....Running Backs Coach
Kendall Bradley.....Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers Coach
Matt Brock.....Graduate Assistant Coach
Caleb Blakesley.....Graduate Assistant Coach

LIVE WEBCAST:

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Tom Hedrick.....Play-by-Play
Brian Boyle.....Color Analyst

2012 HAAC Preseason Poll

| Rank | Team | First-Place Votes | Points |
|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | MidAmerica Nazarene | 7 | 96 |
| 2 | Missouri Valley | 3 | 86 |
| 3 | Baker | | 80 |
| 4 | Benedictine | | 78 |
| 5 | Evangel | | 51 |
| 6 | Central Methodist | | 44 |
| 7 | Avila | | 41 |
| 8 | Peru State | | 38 |
| 9 | Culver-Stockton | | 19 |
| 10 | Graceland | | 17 |

Five consecutive winning seasons, including five Top 25 rankings in the final poll, have Baker University's football program poised for a run at a Heart of America Athletic Conference championship and berth in the national playoffs in 2012.

Ranked No. 18 in the preseason NAIA poll, the Wildcats will open against No. 11 Ottawa on Aug. 25 for the third consecutive year.

Baker kicked off last season with a 41-16 decision over Ottawa in Baldwin City en route to a 7-3 record.

The game will kickoff at 6 p.m. at Peoples Bank Field and fans can view the game via live video webcast by clicking here, listen to it on internet radio here and can view the game in live stats by clicking here.

The Baker athletics department is selling tickets to all Baker students on Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the conference room located on the second floor of Mabey Hall. All tickets are 3\$ and are for students only.

Kansas State Bank in conjunction with the Baker Alumni Association is also hosting a FREE tailgate before kickoff for all Baker fans and will be located at the south east corner of 11th & Mulberry in Ottawa, Kan. The tailgate will run from 4-6 p.m., with free hot dogs, hamburgers, bottled water. Parents of members of the football team will also provide additional sides and desserts. Fans and alumni are asked to bring their own chair.

- Saturday's matchup between No. 11 Ottawa (Kan.) and No. 18 Baker (Kan.) marks the sixth time these two squads have played each other to open the season. Baker currently owns a 4-1 record in those meetings. This week's game is tabbed the NAIA's Game of the Week.

- This is the 81st meeting all-time amongst these two teams dating back to 1891. The Wildcats won the inaugural contest 40-0. Baker owns a 45-33-2 all-time record against the Braves.

- Ottawa enters Saturday looking for a strong start following a 2011 season that saw the Braves claim their second Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) championship in three years and a third-straight NAIA Football Championship Series appearance.

- Last season, Ottawa finished 9-3 overall and 4-1 in home contests. The Braves only home loss came against then-No. 9 Georgetown (Ky.), 21-19. Overall, Ottawa is 22-5 all-time at Peoples Bank Field.

- An offensive player to watch for Ottawa in 2012 is the versatile Shane Gimzo. Gimzo, a First Team All-KCAC utility selection in 2011, split time between wide receiver and quarterback for the Braves last season. He ranked third nationally in total scoring (144) and scoring per game (9.5), while ranking 27th in all-purpose yards (1,297).

- Defensively, the Braves return a pair of unanimous First Team All-KCAC selections in defensive back Donald Anderson and defensive end Zach Van Deusen. Anderson ended 2011 with 53 tackles (39 solo) and five interceptions (17th nationally), including interception returns for touchdowns against Kansas Wesleyan on Sept. 9 and McPherson (Kan.) on Oct. 15. Van Deusen led the team with 13.5 tackles-for-loss and was tied for the team-high with 4.5 sacks.

- Baker was the fourth-place finisher in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) last season with a 7-3 overall record. The Wildcats were 2-2 in road contests with victories coming at Culver-Stockton (Mo.) and Graceland (Iowa).

2012 BAKER SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Aug. 25 | No. 10 Ottawa | Ottawa, Kan. | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 1 | Peru State | Peru, Neb. | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 8 | Evangel | Baldwin City, Kan. | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Central Methodist | Fayette, Mo. | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Missouri Valley | Baldwin City, Kan. | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | MidAmerica Nazarene | Olathe, Kan. | 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | Avila | Baldwin City, Kan. | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | Culver-Stockton | Canton, Mo. | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 3 | Benedictine | Atchison, Kan. | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 10 | Graceland | Baldwin City, Kan. | 1 p.m. |

HEAD COACH | MIKE GROSSNER

- Quarterback Jake Morse, HAAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year in 2011, returns for his third season as the starter for the Wildcats. Morse completed 172-of-282 passes for 2,120 yards and 17 touchdowns a year ago, upping his career total to 3,427 yards, which is fifth all-time among Baker quarterbacks.

- Senior linebacker Ryder Werts anchors a Wildcat defense that ranked 11th nationally in rushing defense per game (98.4) last season. Werts, a four-year starter at Baker, led the team with 78 tackles (41 solo) - 29 more than the next highest Wildcat.

- Saturday's contest will be video-streamed live via the KCAC Digital Network.

- The NAIA Football Game of the Week is selected by fans via the official NAIA Facebook page - Play NAIA. Game of the Week voting will begin on Monday evenings with the winner posted Wednesday morning.



Mike Grossner enters his ninth season as head football coach at Baker University and has put together five consecutive winning seasons and a 30-13 (29-10 HAAC) record in the past four years, including an NAIA playoff appearance in 2008. In eight seasons, Baker has gone, 46-39, good for a winning percentage of .541, ranking him ninth in school history.

In 2011, Baker finished the season 7-3 and ranked 11th nationally in scoring offense, racking up over 35 points per game.

Since taking over the program in 2004, Grossner has coached four NAIA first-team All-America selections, three Heart of America Athletic Conference Players of the Year and 41 NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Notable school records set by individual Wildcats under Grossner include points scored by a player for a season (168) and career (306), touchdowns for a season (28), passing yards for a game (433), passing yards for a season (3,185), passing yards for a career (8,278), longest field goal (62 yards), field goals in a game (5) and season (23).

Before his arrival at Baker, Grossner served from 2001 to 2003 as an assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator and academic adviser at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo. From 1997 to 2000, he was the head coach at Glendale (Ariz.) Community College, guiding the Gauchos to the 2000 national championship and earning Coach of the Year honors from the American Football Coaches Association.

Grossner was the head coach at Agua Fria High School in Avondale, Ariz., from 1996 to 1997 and was named Arizona's Class 4A State Coach of the Year in 1996.

He was the offensive coordinator from 1990 to 1995 at Glendale before taking over as head coach.

A quarterback at Bethany College, Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College and Northern Arizona, Grossner played professionally in NFL Europe, where he was a quarterback, offensive coordinator and head coach in Nottingham, England, and Ravenna, Italy, from 1990 to 1993, guiding both teams to the national semifinals.

Grossner and his wife, Karen, live in Baldwin City with their three children, Emma, 15, Jake, 11, and Ryker, 7.

GROSSNER TIMELINE

1979-1983 • Arcadia High School, Phoenix, Ariz. • Played basketball, football and baseball • Started both ways in football, All-City quarterback, All-Region defensive back, MVP of Arizona All-Star Game

1983 • Northern Arizona University, backup quarterback as a true freshman

1984 • Scottsdale Community College, starting quarterback

1986-1987 • Bethany College, starting quarterback • All-Conference as a junior

1989 • Fort Hays State University, graduate assistant

1990-1995 • Glendale Community College, assistant coach

1990-1993 • NFL Europe, quarterback/offensive coordinator/head coach in spring and summer • Led Nottingham, England, and Ravenna, Italy, to national semifinals

1996 • Agua Fria High School, head coach • Inherited program with 16 consecutive losses • Team went 8-3, won conference title

1997-2000 • Glendale Community College, head coach, Avondale, Ariz. • Valley of the Sun Bowl, 1997, 1999, 2000 • 2000 - NJCAA national champions • 2000 - AFCA Coach of the Year

2001-2003 • Western State College, offensive coordinator • Broke school records in rushing, receiving, all-purpose yards and kicking

2004-present • Baker University, head coach • Guided Wildcats to five consecutive winning seasons and in 2008 coached Baker to its first NAIA playoff appearance since 1993. The Wildcats are 29-14 the past four seasons under Grossner

2011 BAKER NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS

| 2011 Team Rankings |
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| Ranks Number 5 in Division I in Punt Returns Yds per Att (16.200) |
| Ranks Number 7 in Division I in 4th Down Conv. (61.100) |
| Ranks Number 7 in Division I in First Downs per Game (22.200) |
| Ranks Number 8 in Division I in Opp 3rd Down Conv. (26.700) |
| Ranks Number 10 in Division I in Punt Yds per Att (39.800) |
| Ranks Number 11 in Division I in Rushing Defense per Game (98.400) |
| Ranks Number 11 in Division I in Scoring Offense per Game (35.700) |
| Ranks Number 12 in Division I in KickOff Returns Yds per Att (22.200) |
| Ranks Number 14 in Division I in Pass Efficiency (142.700) |
| Ranks Number 16 in Division I in Sacks By (2.500) |
| Ranks Number 16 in Division I in Opponent Penalties (559) |
| Ranks Number 16 in Division I in Opponent First Downs (167) |
| Ranks Number 17 in Division I in Total Offense Yds per Game (402.200) |
| Ranks Number 19 in Division I in Total Scoring Offense (357) |
| Ranks Number 20 in Division I in Total Sacks By (25.000) |
| Ranks Number 20 in Division I in Pass Offense per Game (226.900) |
| Ranks Number 22 in Division I in Scoring Defense per Game (20.200) |
| Ranks Number 23 in Division I in Rushing Offense per Game (175.300) |
| Ranks Number 26 in Division I in Pass Def Efficiency (108.800) |
| Ranks Number 27 in Division I in Total Pass Offense (2269) |
| Ranks Number 28 in Division I in Total Defense per Game (308.900) |
| Ranks Number 31 in Division I in Total Rushing Offense (1753) |
| Ranks Number 35 in Division I in Field Goals Pct (0.652) |
| Ranks Number 38 in Division I in Pat Kicking (0.909) |
| Ranks Number 42 in Division I in Opp 4th Down Conv. (44.400) |
| Ranks Number 46 in Division I in 3rd Down Conv. (32.100) |
| Ranks Number 48 in Division I in Penalty Yds per Game (57.000) |
| Ranks Number 49 in Division I in Total Sacks Against (23.000) |

2011 BAKER NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

| 2011 Individual Rankings |
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| Andrew Kimrey Ranks Number 1 in Division I in Field Goals (1.500) |
| Andrew Kimrey Ranks Number 2 in Division I in Scoring (Kicking) per Game (8.500) |
| Andrew Kimrey Ranks Number 3 in Division I in Total Field Goals (15) |
| Reggie Harris Ranks Number 4 in Division I in Punt Return Yds per Att (16.100) |
| Andrew Kimrey Ranks Number 5 in Division I in Total Scoring (Kicking) (85) |
| Andre Jolly Ranks Number 5 in Division I in Fumbles Forced per Game (0.300) |
| Reggie Harris Ranks Number 10 in Division I in Total Punt Returns (274) |
| Garrett Chumley Ranks Number 14 in Division I in Punt Yds per Att (39.800) |
| Andre Jolly Ranks Number 15 in Division I in Sacks per Game (0.700) |
| Jake Morse Ranks Number 16 in Division I in Pass Efficiency (140.500) |
| Jake Morse Ranks Number 17 in Division I in Passing Yds per Game (212.000) |
| Andre Jolly Ranks Number 23 in Division I in Total Sacks (6.500) |
| Jake Morse Ranks Number 24 in Division I in Total Passing (2120) |
| Jake Morse Ranks Number 25 in Division I in Total Offense Yds per Game (212.500) |
| Madison Morris Ranks Number 27 in Division I in Interceptions per Game (0.400) |
| Jake Morse Ranks Number 28 in Division I in Total Total Offense (2125) |
| John Babb Ranks Number 30 in Division I in Rushing Yds per Game (81.600) |
| Madison Morris Ranks Number 31 in Division I in Total Interceptions (4) |
| Madison Morris Ranks Number 33 in Division I in Passes Defended per Game (1.000) |
| John Babb Ranks Number 33 in Division I in Total Rushing (816) |
| Jake Green Ranks Number 35 in Division I in Receive Yds per Game (63.500) |
| Jake Green Ranks Number 40 in Division I in Total Receive Yds (635) |
| Andrew Kimrey Ranks Number 40 in Division I in Field Goals Pct (0.652) |
| Austin Hamm Ranks Number 40 in Division I in Fumbles Forced per Game (0.200) |
| Emmerson Clarke Ranks Number 40 in Division I in Fumbles Forced per Game (0.200) |
| John Babb Ranks Number 44 in Division I in All Purpose per Game (105.100) |
| Andre Jolly Ranks Number 46 in Division I in Tackles For Loss per Game (1.200) |
| Andrew Kimrey Ranks Number 47 in Division I in Pat Kicking Pct (0.909) |
| Robert Woodall Ranks Number 49 in Division I in Passes Defended per Game (0.909) |

2011 TEAM STATISTICS

| | Baker | Category | Opponents |
|--|--------|------------------------|-----------|
| - Baker ranked No. 1 in the country in turnover margin | +25 | Turnover Margin | -25 |
| | 222 | First Downs | 167 |
| | 62-570 | Penalties-Yards | 66-559 |
| | 1,753 | Rushing Yards | 984 |
| | 175.3 | Rushing Yards Per Game | 98.4 |
| | 2,269 | Passing Yards | 2,105 |
| | 226.9 | Passing Yards Per Game | 210.5 |
| | 4,022 | Total Offense | 3,089 |
| | 402.2 | Total Offense Per Game | 308.9 |
| | 359 | Total Points | 202 |
| | 35.9 | Points Per Game | 20.2 |
| | 13 | Forced Fumbles | 4 |
| | 49 | Pass Deflections | 22 |
| | 19 | Interceptions | 5 |

2011 BAKER RESULTS

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Aug. 27 | Ottawa | Baldwin City, Kan. | W, 41-16 |
| Sept. 3 | Peru State | Baldwin City, Kan. | W, 55-12 |
| Sept. 10 | Evangel | Springfield, Mo. | L, 34-27 |
| Sept. 17 | Central Methodist | Baldwin City, Kan. | W, 31-7 |
| Sept. 24 | Missouri Valley | Marshall, Mo. | L, 38-7 |
| Oct. 1 | MidAmerica Nazarene | Baldwin City, Kan. | L, 33-30 |
| Oct. 8 | Avila | Kansas City, Mo. | W, 37-20 |
| Oct. 22 | Culver-Stockton | Baldwin City, Kan. | W, 71-21 |
| Nov. 5 | Benedictine | Baldwin City, Kan. | W, 10-7 |
| Nov. 12 | Graceland | Lamoni, Iowa | W, 50-14 |