

2008 Salisbury Football

6 NCAA Tournament Appearances • 1986 National Runner-up
 3 ECAC Bowl Game Appearances • 2 ACFC Championships
 2005 ECAC Southeast Bowl Champions • 2006 ECAC South Atlantic Bowl Champions
 12 All-Americans



2008 Salisbury Schedule (2-0)

September

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| 6 | at Albright | W, 30-28 |
| 13 | Geneva | W, 48-6 |
| 20 | Christopher Newport | 1 pm |
| 27 | at Delaware Valley | 1 pm |

October

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| 4 | at Apprentice School* | 1:30 pm |
| 11 | at St. John Fisher | 12:00 pm |
| 18 | Lake Erie (Homecoming) | 1 pm |
| 25 | Becker | 12:00 pm |

November

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| 1 | Wesley* (Family Day) | 1 pm |
| 15 | Regents Cup% vs. Frostburg State* | 7 pm |

Home Games in Bold

* Atlantic Central Football Conference
 % U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

ACFC Standings

| | Overall | | Conf. | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Salisbury | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apprentice School | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Frostburg State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wesley | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

SU Information

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| Location/Zip | Salisbury, MD/21801 |
| Founded | 1925 |
| Enrollment | 7,500 |
| President | Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach |
| Mail Address | 1101 Camden Avenue |

Athletic Department

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| Affiliations | NCAA Division III/ECAC |
| Conference | Atlantic Central Football |
| Nickname | Sea Gulls |
| Colors | Maroon & Gold |
| Stadium | Sea Gull Stadium |
| Capacity | 2,500 |
| Surface | A-Turf |
| Athletic Director | Dr. Michael Vienna |
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Sports Information

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Today's Game: No. 8 Salisbury (2-0) vs. Christopher Newport (0-0)

Saturday, September 20, 2007

1:00 pm • Sea Gull Stadium

Radio: WICO 1320 AM | Online - www.wicoam.com/wico_sports

Live Stats: <http://livestats.prestosports.com/salisbury/fball/football.html>



Today's Game

Salisbury University hosts Christopher Newport University in today's non-conference game at Sea Gull Stadium. The Sea Gulls enter with a perfect 2-0 record while the Captains begin their '08 season with this game. CNU's first game against Wesley College scheduled for September 6 at home was canceled due to Tropical Storm Hanna. CNU and Wesley will not reschedule.

The Series

The Sea Gulls hold a 4-2 series advantage over the Captains. CNU's two wins against Salisbury have come in Sea Gull Stadium in 2004 and most recently in 2006. The series began in CNU's inaugural season in 2001 as Salisbury defeated the Captains, 21-6, in Pomoco Stadium. One season later SU improved to 2-0 over CNU with a 20-13 win in Sea Gull Stadium. That was the last time SU defeated the Captains in Sea Gull Stadium. Salisbury and Christopher Newport didn't meet in the 2003 season but met in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament in 2004. CNU outscored Salisbury 28-17 in the second half and went on to a 35-24 win to notch its first win in the series. In the 2005 regular season the Gulls traveled to Pomoco Stadium and left with a 20-point win, 44-24. In 2006, the rivalry saw a first as SU and CNU played an overtime game. The Captains scored on their only possession of the extra period and escaped Sea Gull Stadium with a 23-17 win. Last season, SU traveled south to Newport News, Va., and won 35-21. The Gulls scored the game's first 14 points and then broke open up the game with three rushing touchdowns to take a 35-7 lead with seven minutes left in the game. This will mark the eighth meeting between the two schools on Saturday.

National Rankings

The Salisbury University football team moved up three spots to No. 8 in the D3football.com poll released this week after SU manhandled Geneva College, 48-6, at Sea Gull Stadium this past Saturday night. This is the highest SU has ever been ranked by the Web site since it started its online poll in 2003. The Sea Gulls are joined by Atlantic Central Football Conference rival Wesley College as the only two teams in the ACFC to be ranked. Wesley dropped 12 spots to No. 15 after they lost to Delaware Valley, 25-22, on Saturday. Salisbury moves into the top 10 for the first time this season. Last week, the maroon and gold were ranked No. 11. The highest SU was ranked by D3football.com was No. 9 last season after the Sea Gulls began the season 8-0.

ACFC Players of the Week

Senior quarterback Ronnie Curley was selected as the Atlantic Central Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week as he led the Sea Gulls to a 48-6 win over Geneva College. Curley rushed for 100 yards and scored one touchdown and threw for 21 yards and one touchdown. Curley scored the game's second touchdown on a 68-yard run in the first quarter that gave SU a 14-0 lead. SU freshman Randal Smedley was also honored with the ACFC Rookie of the Week award. Smedley ran the ball three times for 50 yards late in the win on Saturday. He scored the game's final touchdown with a 26-yard scamper to the end zone with less than two minutes left.

What's Next?

Today's game ends Salisbury's two-game home stand. SU will be on the road for its next three games as the Sea Gulls head north to Doylestown, Pa., next week to face a hot Delaware Valley College team. Salisbury then begins its ACFC schedule with a contest against the Apprentice School in Newport News, Va., on October 4 followed by a trip to New York to face nationally ranked St. John Fisher on October 11. SU returns to Sea Gull Stadium for Homecoming on October 18 against Lake Erie at 1 p.m.

Salisbury University Football Game Notes - Week 3

Salisbury vs. Christopher Newport (SU leads series 4-2)

| September 8, 2001 | Score | Highlight |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Salisbury @ Christopher Newport | SU, 21-6 | Pomoco Stadium packed in over 6,000 fans to see the first game in CNU program history. |
| September 7, 2002 | | |
| Christopher Newport @ Salisbury | SU, 20-13 | SU had three players rush for over 100 yards, the fourth time in program history. |
| November 20, 2004 | | |
| Christopher Newport @ Salisbury | CNU, 35-24 | CNU handed SU its only loss of the season in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament. |
| September 17, 2005 | | |
| Salisbury @ Christopher Newport | SU, 44-24 | Salisbury ran for over 400 yards, picked off four CNU passes and had six different players score. |
| September 16, 2006 | | |
| Christopher Newport @ Salisbury | CNU, 23-17 (OT) | SU hit the game-tying field goal with six-second left but CNU scored on its first possession of overtime for the win. |
| September 15, 2007 | | |
| Salisbury @ Christopher Newport | SU, 35-21 | Salisbury scores the game's first two touchdowns and adds three rushing touchdowns to take a 35-7 lead with eight minutes left. |

Week 2 Recap

Salisbury 'lights out' in first-ever night game, capture 200th program win

SALISBURY, Md. - The No. 11 Salisbury University football team hosted Geneva College in the first-ever football night game under the lights at Sea Gull Stadium on Saturday evening before a crowd of 2,221. The Gulls scored early and often to ground the Golden Tornadoes, 48-6.

The victory is the 200th win in the program's history since SU football began as a junior varsity team in 1972 and moved to varsity a year later. SU coach **Sherman Wood** has won 62 of those 200 wins since he took over at his Alma Mater in 1999.

Salisbury (2-0) delivered the first blow 53 seconds into the game when senior superback **Shelby Fisher** (127 yards, one TD) tore through the Geneva (0-2) defensive line and scampered all the way to the end zone for a 62-yard touchdown run.

Two possessions later, senior quarterback **Ronnie Curley** (100 rushing yards, one TD, 22 passing yards, one TD) broke loose for a 68-yard touchdown run to put SU up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Gulls never looked back as SU never trailed in the contest and ran for a combined 484 yards and six touchdowns as a team.

Six different Sea Gulls scored on the ground in the contest including Fisher, Curley, senior quarterback **Bobby Sheahin**, junior slot **William Midgette**, sophomore quarterback **Sean Kelly** and freshman slot **Randal Smedley** scored the final touchdown with 1:35 left in the game.

Midgette was the only Sea Gull to both rush and catch a touchdown in the game. Salisbury faced a third and goal at the Geneva five-yard line with 11 seconds before the half. Curley dropped back and fired a pass into the left corner of the end zone. The pass tipped off the fingertips of sophomore superback **Bryan Woolson** (32 yards rushing) and into the hands of Midgette for the touchdown with four seconds left. The extra-point was blocked as junior kicker **Andrew Geisert's** attempt from the 18-yard-line, moved back due to a Salisbury penalty, was swatted by the Geneva defense. SU led 20-0 at the half.

Defensively the Gulls held Geneva to a 1.3 yard-per-carry average (31 attempts for 74 yards) on the ground as Geneva sophomore quarterback David Girardi (15-for-33) struggled with the SU defense all night. Girardi threw for 83 yards as he was intercepted twice and sacked four times.

Senior **Jarrell Chandler** (seven tackles) and sophomore **Marcus Randolph** (one sack) led the Gulls with five solo tackles apiece. Senior **Matthew Bookard** was a terror in the Tornado backfield as he recorded 3.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks that dropped Geneva for 17 yards. Senior **Greg Miletic** and junior **Justin Sykes** each intercepted a Tornado pass in the victory. Sykes returned his pick 29 yards into Geneva territory in the fourth quarter. On the next play SU's Kelly dashes 29 yards into the end zone for the score.

The lone Tornado touchdown came in the fourth quarter as SU led 27-0 but was forced to punt from its own 27-yard-line. As Geisert prepared to punt Geneva defensive back Brian Wilson (six tackles) broke through and blocked the kick. Linebacker Dan Terracciano (six tackles) recovered for the Golden Tornadoes at the 2 yard-line. On the next play, junior fullback Matt Dean (40 yards on 10 carries) scored with 12:02 left in the game. Geneva's extra-point attempt bounced off the right goal post.

By the Numbers Week 2

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| 2,221 | Attendance to see first-ever SU football game under the lights at Sea Gull Stadium |
| 517 | Total SU offense yards |
| 484 | Total yards gained on the ground by SU. |
| 383 | Punt yards by Geneva |
| 200 | Wins in SU football program history |
| 127 | Yards gained by SU leading rusher Shelby Fisher |
| 100 | Yards gained by SU quarterback Ronnie Curley on the ground. |
| 48 | Points scored by SU |
| 31:12 | Time of possession for Salisbury's offense |
| 24 | First downs by SU |
| 8.8 | Average per rush by the Salisbury offense |
| 6 | Points allowed by SU |
| 5 | Rushing touchdowns by the Salisbury offense |
| 4 | Sacks by SU defense |
| 2 | Interceptions made by Salisbury defense |
| 0 | Turnovers by SU. |