

The History of Merrimack Football

In 1985, Merrimack College fielded its first football team. The sport was a club sport for its first five seasons. Joe Carvan served as the coach during that time, guiding the team to an 8-22-1 record. Following a slow start and back-to-back seasons without producing a win, the Warriors snapped their losing skid with a 33-0 win over Roger Williams on October 27, 1987.

Carvan was recognized as the Eastern Football Conference Coach of the Year in 1988 following a 5-2 record, the best in school history to that point. Merrimack also saw seven players receive all-conference first team honors and five receive second team accolades.

In 1989, the program was suspended until 1996, when it was reinstated as a varsity sport. In the nine seasons since its reinstatement, the Warriors have posted a 54-42 record (.563 winning pct.). Merrimack joined the Eastern Football Conference in 1997 before it became a member of the Northeast-10 conference in 2001, when the conference added football as a championship sport. In 2006, Merrimack captured a share of the Northeast-10 Championship, along with Southern Connecticut and Bryant University. The Warriors hosted the Owls in the First Round of the playoffs and defeated SCSU for the second time that season, 28-26. The Warriors advanced to face Shepherd University in the second round, where their dream season came to a close with a 31-7 defeat.

All-Time Opponents

Opponent	W	L	T
Albany	0	2	0
American Int'l	1	7	0
Assumption	11	2	0
Bentley	5	7	0
Bryant	6	3	0
Cent. Connecticut	0	1	0
Curry	1	0	0
Gannon	1	1	0
Husson	1	0	0
LIU/C.W. Post	0	9	0
UMass Dartmouth	2	0	0
UMass Lowell	5	2	0
MIT	1	0	0
Nichols	1	0	0
Pace	7	0	0
Sacred Heart	1	1	0
So. Connecticut	2	7	0
Saint Anselm	5	4	0
St. John Fischer	1	0	0
Stony Brook	0	2	0
Stonehill	7	5	0
West.New England	1	1	0

Year-by-Year Results

1985: 0-4
 1986: 0-5
 1987: 2-6
 1988: 5-2
 1989: 1-5-1

Game-by-Game Results

1996 (5-4)

9/13	W. NEW ENGLAND	W, 20-3
9/20	at Bentley	L, 7-58
9/28	at Nichols	W, 22-19
10/5	CURRY	W, 10-7
10/12	MASS. INST. TECH.	W, 17-7
10/19	at Assumption	W, 23-7
10/26	STONEHILL	L, 6-33
11/2	at UMass Lowell	L, 20-21
11/9	at Sacred Heart	L, 3-20

1997 (3-6, 3-5 EFC)

9/12	at Bentley^	L, 12-14
9/20	ASSUMPTION^	W, 33-7
9/27	STONEHILL^	L, 13-16
10/4	at Albany^	L, 3-42
10/11	at American International^	L, 8-21
10/18	SACRED HEART^	W, 17-7
10/25	at Stony Brook^	L, 6-17
11/1	UMASS LOWELL^	W, 27-13
11/8	at Western NE	L, 12-14

1998 (3-6, 2-6 EFC)

9/5	ST. JOHN FISCHER	W, 30-6
9/12	BENTLEY^	L, 7-21
9/19	at Assumption^	W, 42-12
9/26	at Stonehill^	W, 7-3
10/3	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL^	L, 7-59
10/10	vs. Albany (at Bentley)^	L, 6-24
10/17	at C.W. Post^	L, 20-21
10/24	STONY BROOK^	L, 14-19
10/31	at UMass Lowell^	L, 10-12

1999 (7-3, 6-3 EFC)

9/10	at Bentley^	W, 14-9
9/19	ASSUMPTION^	W, 49-21
9/25	STONEHILL^	W, 25-0
10/2	at American International^	W, 31-28
10/9	SO. CONNECTICUT^	L, 17-29
10/16	at C.W. Post^	L, 0-35
10/23	SAINT ANSELM^	L, 5-7
10/30	UMASS LOWELL^	W, 28-7
11/6	GANNON	W, 31-20
11/13	at Bryant^	W, 20-10

2000 (4-6, 4-5 EFC)

9/9	BENTLEY^	W, 21-16
9/16	at Assumption^	L, 17-27
9/23	at Stonehill^	W, 45-28
9/30	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL^	L, 17-42
10/6	at So. Connecticut^	W, 16-14
10/14	C.W. POST^	L, 0-41
10/21	at Saint Anselm^	L, 14-19
10/28	at UMass Lowell^	W, 24-7
11/4	at Gannon	L, 3-28
11/12	at Bryant^	L, 14-17

2001 (6-4, 6-4 Northeast-10)

9/7	at Bentley*	W, 23-20
9/15	ASSUMPTION*	W, 10-7
9/22	STONEHILL*	L, 7-24
9/29	at American International*	L, 7-20
10/6	SO. CONNECTICUT*	L, 17-52
10/13	at C.W. Post*	L, 7-55
10/20	SAINT ANSELM*	W, 21-0
10/27	UMASS LOWELL*	W, 28-20
11/3	at Pace University*	W, 33-13
11/10	at Bryant*	W, 17-3

2002 (6-4, 6-4 Northeast-10)

9/14	BENTLEY*	L, 6-16
9/21	at Assumption*	W, 28-7
9/28	at Stonehill*	W, 17-14
10/5	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL*	W, 18-8
10/11	at So. Connecticut*	L, 3-17
10/19	C.W. POST*	L, 6-34
10/26	at Saint Anselm*	L, 7-21
11/2	at UMass Lowell*	W, 28-14
11/9	PACE UNIVERSITY	W, 24-7
11/16	BRYANT*	W, 20-14

2003 (6-3, 6-3 Northeast -10)

9/6	SO. CONNECTICUT*	L, 27-33
9/13	BENTLEY*	L, 32-42
9/20	at American International*	W, 16-13
9/27	at Pace University*	W, 14-13
10/11	SAINT ANSELM*	W, 38-17
10/18	at Stonehill*	W, 23-0
11/1	BRYANT*	W, 34-19
11/8	at Assumption*	W, 36-16
11/15	C.W. Post*	L, 13-29

2004 (8-2, 7-2 Northeast-10)

9/5	UMASS DARTMOUTH	W, 37-13
9/11	at Bryant*	W, 20-7
9/17	at Bentley*	W, 34-28
9/24	SO. CONNECTICUT*	L, 21-55
10/2	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL*	W, 41-20
10/9	at Saint Anselm*	W, 21-7
10/16	ASSUMPTION*	W, 35-15
10/23	at Pace University*	W, 28-0
10/30	C.W. POST*	L, 27-34
11/6	at Stonehill*	W, 42-7

2005 (4-6, 3-6 Northeast-10)

9/3	at UMass Dartmouth	W, 35-0
9/10	BRYANT*	W, 41-40 (OT)
9/17	BENTLEY*	L, 28-50
9/23	at So. Connecticut*	L, 14-62
10/1	at AIC*	L, 21-28 (OT)
10/8	SAINT ANSELM	W, 19-0
10/14	at Assumption	L, 21-24
10/22	PACE	W, 45-14
10/29	at C.W. Post	L, 7-41
11/5	STONEHILL	L, 28-48

2006 (8-4, 7-2 Northeast-10 Champions)

9/1	at Stonehill	W, 16-3
9/9	at Rhode Island	L, 7-42
9/16	at Bryant	L, 7-34
9/22	at Bentley	L, 21-24
9/29	SO. CONNECTICUT*	W, 35-27
10/7	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL*	W, 37-13
10/14	at Saint Anselm*	W, 52-28
10/21	ASSUMPTION*	W, 34-12
10/28	at Pace*	W, 18-0
11/4	C.W. Post*	W, 10-7
11/18	SO. CONNECTICUT!	W, 28-26
11/25	at Shepherd#	L, 7-31

2007 (4-6, 4-5 Northeast-10)

9/8	at Central Connecticut	L, 7-45
9/14	BRYANT*	L, 34-37 (OT)
9/21	BENTLEY*	L, 26-31
9/28	at So. Connecticut*	W, 34-20
10/6	at American International*	L, 21-44
10/13	SAINT ANSELM*	W, 55-14
10/20	at Assumption*	W, 33-20
10/27	PACE*	W, 31-0
11/2	STONEHILL*	L, 14-24
11/10	at C.W. Post*	L, 22-45

2008 (6-4, 4-3 Northeast-10)

9/6	HUSSON	W, 42-7
9/13	at Bryant	L, 7-20
9/19	ASSUMPTION*	W, 30-28
9/27	SO. CONNECTICUT*	L, 26-40
10/4	at Pace*	W, 31-28
10/10	SAINT ANSELM*	L, 42-48
10/18	at Bentley*	W, 27-11
10/25	at Stonehill*	W, 21-16
11/1	at American International*	L, 26-30
11/8	at Assumption	W, 34-7

Home Games in CAPS

EFC	Eastern Football Conference
*	Northeast 10 game
^	Eastern Football Conference game
!	NCAA First Round (North Andover, MA)
#	NCAA Second Round (Shepherd, WV)