



2001 ~ 2006			Total - Offense			Rush - Offense			Pass - Offense				Misc
YR	Pts	FD	Ply	Yds	YPP	Att.	Net	YPC	Att	Comp	YDS	YPA	APY
2006	38	23	67	475	7.1	37	185	5.0	30	19	290	9.8	954
2005	43	24	71	482	6.8	39	189	4.8	31	21	294	9.4	1087
2004	50	27	74	539	7.2	45	250	5.6	30	21	289	9.6	1193
2003	35	23	70	489	7.0	40	228	5.7	30	18	261	8.6	1031
2002	29	18	70	333	4.8	35	107	3.1	35	19	226	6.5	1038
2001	31	19	69	382	5.5	36	122	3.4	33	20	260	7.9	938

Offensive Preview:

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The University of Louisville Cardinals embark on a 2007 campaign replete with question marks:

How will Steve Kragthorpe handle a new coaching position with very high pre-season expectations?

How will Senior quarterback Brian Brohm handle the change in offensive philosophies from a very successful offensive mind in Bobby Petrino?

How will Louisville handle the loss of the right side of their offensive line as well as the late loss of projected starting right guard Marcel Benson to a heart condition?

Who will become the primary ball carrier in an offense that averaged 5.0 yards per carry in 2006?

The overwhelming first matter of business for Louisville is the impact of the loss of Bobby Petrino to the Atlanta Falcons. Petrino had established an outstanding foundation based on a physical running attack with big backs setting up intermediate and deep passing routes in the passing game, and it worked in an unparalleled fashion for Louisville. Petrino's style was hard nosed discipline in practice and preparation, and an assassin's attention to detail; his style is contrasted somewhat to a Steve Kragthorpe who has a comparable pedigree to Petrino's (son of a successful Division I-AA college coach, experience in the NFL as a QB's coach with the Bills, experience as an offensive coordinator at a BCS school), but a significantly different manner of dealing with the program intangibles of media handling, personnel interaction that translates on the recruiting front, and delegation of playcalling to his offensive staff.

Whatever the differences are between Petrino and Kragthorpe's style of coaching, they each share a common denominator...a quality quarterback to build their offense around. Kragthorpe maintained quarterback coach Jeff Brohm and inherits Brian Brohm as the trigger in an offense that returns several significant components, most notably at wide receiver. The end result is likely a move away

from the power running components that Petrino favored (at least until Michael Bush's injury against Kentucky), but Louisville from November on of 2006 was throwing the football more effectively than they did in the previous year and a half.

And Brohm has the weapons to work with to make the attack formidable. Harry Douglas returns off of a record challenging campaign and garnering a prolific 18.0 yards per catch on 70 catches. With the change in offenses to a short passing game and use of wideouts in the running game, Douglas will likely see a reduction in total yards per catch, but it seems fairly certain his touches per game may well increase in screen and jetsweep packages favored by the new staff. Douglas' sidekick is Mario Urrutia who would seem likely to be incorporated more into the third down passing game that Douglas has been so effective in, in part because Urrutia played most of 2006 with a leg injury. Tight end Gary Barnidge looks like he's going to get the biggest bump in touches if the Tulsa offense that Kragthorpe and offensive coordinator Charlie Stubbs is any indication; NE Patriot Garrett Mills set an NCAA single-season record for receiving yards by a tight end with 87 receptions for 1,235 yards in 2005 while playing for Tulsa. Sophomores Trent Guy and Jajuan Spillman likely augment the production of the principles with integration into the screen packages and jetsweeps as smaller, quicker alternatives, and fellow sophomore Scott Long (6'3, 210) looks like the physical inside receiver to spell and complement Mario Urrutia.

Brohm will be protected by three incumbents from a 2006 lined that paved the way for a surprisingly improved yards per carry despite the loss of Michael Bush for the bulk of the campaign. George Bussey, Danny Barlowe and Eric Wood return, with two game LT starter Breno Giacomini getting the nod at RT. Mike Donoghue serves as the biggest question mark given the late scratch. Look for a little more of the blocking principles found in a spread attack over the rugged isolation plays favored in the previous offense.

Filling out the offensive roster for Louisville is a running backs corps that lacks a feature back, but returns a lot of versatility. Anthony Allen (6'1, 232) was the principle short yardage back in 2006 and looks to enhance his all-purpose role along with Junior Brock Bolen (6'0, 238) who doubles as a fullback. George Stripling (6'0, 192) and Sergio Spencer (5'10, 192) serve as the quicker, pass catching threats out of the backfield to compliment the hammering running styles of Allen and Bolen.



Coached By: Jeff Brohm (QB and passing game coordinator)
Projected Starter: Brian Brohm (4th yr Sr.)
Key Losses: None
Percentage Returning: 100%

NO	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp	Att.	Comp.	Yds	Int	TD
12	Brian, Brohm	6-4/224	QB	SR	1	313	199	3049	5	16
14	Hunter, Cantwell	6-4/230	QB	JR	2	70	45	700	2	5
5	Matt, Simms	6-3/195	QB	FR	3	0	0	0	0	0

Quarter backs:

Brian Brohm returns off of a year that saw him on the shelf for two full games from a thumb injury sustained against Miami, FL. His 63.6% completion percentage was a nearly five percent drop from 2005, but he did garner 3049 yards in the air.

Junior Hunter Cantwell spelled Brohm for the Middle Tennessee State and Kansas State wins after coming in for relief of Brohm vs. Miami, FL (3-4, 113 yds, 1 TD) going 35-58, 513 yds, 4 Tds, 2 INT.

R-freshman Tyler Wolfe serves as the understudy for Brohm and Cantwell and hasn't seen action thus far..

In a capsule that could be written for it's third consecutive year, Brian Brohm and Hunter Cantwell return as the two principle triggermen for Louisville's aerial attack. What has changed is the offense is now the union of offensive minds between Head Coach Steve Kragthorpe, Wide receivers coach and Offensive coordinator Charlie Stubbs and Quarterbacks coach Jeff Brohm. The precision intermediate and deep passing game of Bobby Petrino is replaced by an attack that gets the ball out of the hands of the QB quicker and into the hands of wide receivers in a shorter passing game more reminiscent of the traditional Brigham Young attacks than that of Petrino's. Whether remnants of Petrino's offense are sustained with the presence of Jeff Brohm is subject to debate, but the skill set of Brohm and Cantwell is accuracy in the intermediate to deep crossing, skinny posts and deep out routes that were the focal point of Petrino's playaction attack. The biggest difference between Brohm and Cantwell comes in the intangibles of understanding defenses and checking out of bad plays where Brohm is outstanding and Cantwell struggles.

Projection: If Brohm stays healthy, it seems a safe bet that he'll exceed his numbers of 2006 especially in his completion percentage which was a dip from 2005. Louisville's offense is projected to be more high percentage than that of Bobby Petrino's in that it's going to be throwing more screen passes, so Louisville is also likely to throw more than the

Running backs:

Anthony Allen returns after garnering two starts in 2006 and leading the Cardinals with 14 TDs (on 96 rushing attempts and 4 receptions).

George Stripling returns after two starts in 2006 and 459 yards rushing on the season (compared to 621 in 2005). Stripling's 2006 numbers in the last half of 2006 plummeted in the second half of the season with only 41 yards rushing and 3 yards receiving; his season high water mark was 90 yards on 9 carries and two scores against Kentucky.

Brock Bolen returns to his role as a hybrid FB/TB and will likely see

Coached By: Tony Alford (1st Season)
Projected Starter: Anthony Allen
Key Losses: Kolby Smith
Percentage Returning: 66%

NO	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
42	Anthony, Allen	6-1/232	RB	SO	1	96	406	4.2	13
24	George, Stripling	6-1/192	RB	JR	2	81	459	5.7	5
32	Brock, Bolen	6-1/240	FB	JR	1	48	296	6.2	2
28	Sergio, Spencer	5-10/192	RB	JR	3	16	78	4.9	2
30	Dale, Martin	6-1/190	RB	FR	3	--	--	--	--
20	Victor, Anderson	5-9/175	RB	FR	3	--	--	--	--

more carries out of the tailback position in 2007. The Illinois transfer had several different stretches of production and ended 2006 with 296 yards rushing on 48 carries splitting time between FB and RB. His two rushing touchdowns in 2006 salted away Kansas State and Wake Forest in the Orange Bowl respectively.

Joe Tronzo is the blocking FB and will have very few if any carries in the offense. At 5'11, 243 will play a significant role in jumbo packages with both Allen and Bolen serving as the tailbacks.

Jr. Sergio Spencer will see an enhanced role in the Stubbs offense, as it integrates all-purpose backs into the offense more than Petrino did in his four year stint at Louisville. To this point in his career Spencer's contributions have been in the kick return game and on special teams.

No single offensive corps at Louisville is more different from August of 2006 than the running backs. With the loss of Michael Bush in the first game, George Stripling and Kolby Smith went from augmenting Bush's production to being the focal point of Louisville's ground attack. The results were mixed, with Smith ultimately becoming the every down back with a breakout game at Syracuse in late October and Allen becoming the short yardage and goal-line back about the same time. Stripling's production plummeted about the same time. Smith now plies his wares with the Kansas City Chiefs, and Bush continues to rehab in Oakland with the Raiders, but Stripling, Allen and Bolen remain to carry the load. None are projected as NFL candidates and there are no senior RBs on the roster so opportunities abound for a handful of backs. Two late candidates for work are true freshman Victor Anderson and Bilal Powell should the redshirts be lifted on either one. Both would be the homerun threat that the other five RBs are not.

Projection: In 2006 Louisville had the type of uneven production you'd expect from a team that lost their unquestioned bell cow in Bush. There were some bright spots and they did improve from 4.8 ypc in 2005 to 5.0 ypc in 2006, but overall the second half production in the last seven games fell to 4.39 from 5.66 ypc the first six games. It's probably no coincidence that Louisville started going to the air and away from the running game in that same timeframe, as Brohm's thumb started showing signs of life in the West Virginia game. Change seems afoot in the running attack in 2007 moreso with the coaching change than likely any one position on Louisville's squad. The strong-side lead play that was favored under Petrino with the frontside guard pulling and the fullback filling the gap vacated by the pulling guard will be replaced by more horizontal attacking of the defensive perimeter with the RBs as well as incorporation of the WRs into jetsweep packages. The running game likely goes from a more hammering/vertical approach to one that looks like it's trying to run a race around the defensive ends. Louisville still has good short yardage and goal-line personnel with big backs Allen and Bolen as well as the physical FB of Tronzo, but on a down-for-down level look for Louisville to transition into a more all-purpose attack as the season progresses. The 5.0 ypc average of 2006 is going to be tough to match though.



Wide Receivers and Tight Ends:

Coached By: Charlie Stubbs (1st Season)

Projected Starters: Douglas, Urrutia, Guy & Barnidge

Key Losses: None

Percentage Returning: 91%

NO	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
85	Harry, Douglas	5-11/170	WR	SR	1	70	1265	18	6
7	Mario, Urrutia	6-6/220	WR	JR	1	58	973	17	6
82	Gary, Barnidge	6-6/230	TE	SR	1	31	511	17	4
4	Patrick, Carter	6-3/215	WR	SR	2	5	68	14	0
81	Scott, Kuhn	6-5/255	TE	SR	2	7	65	9.3	1
87	Corey, Thompson	5-11/165	WR	JR	3	3	33	11	0
9	Chris, Vaughn	6-3/223	WR	JR	3	54	14	13.5	0
3	Trent, Guy	5-9/170	WR	SO	1	--	--	--	--
84	Scott, Long	6-2/215	WR	SO	2	--	--	--	--

Mario Urrutia comes off of a sophomore season that saw his overall production elevate from 2005, but his per catch average dropped 21.5 ypc to 16.8 with the increased workload. Harry Douglas was the unquestioned breakout performed of the offense, going from 27 receptions to 70 and 457 yards receiving to 1265 yards. You won't find many wideouts in college football as productive as Douglas and he's among the unquestioned leaders of the program. He's a threat on reverses as well, getting a 65 yard td jaunt in 2004 against Boise State and a 37 yarder against Va Tech to setup Louisville's final score in the Gator Bowl as well as a starting the 2006 Governor's Cup with a 26 yard reverse on the first play from scrimmage.

Jajuan Spillman and Scott Long appear to be the principle candidates for the third receiver slot from a cast of Sr. Pat Carter, Jr. Chris Vaughn and Corey Thompson, Sophomore Trent Guy and redshirt freshman Troy Pascaley. Despite a varied combination of speed (Carter and Guy were participants on Louisville's track and field squad, Spilman is among the fastest players on the squad) and size (Carter, Vaughn and Long each top 6'3 and are over 210 lbs.), the unit only garnered 19 receptions for 211 yards. Harmony Prep of Cincinnati signee Josh Chichester at 6'8, 210 is a compelling candidate for the future, but given his frame and the depth in front of him a redshirt seems likely. The tight end production in 2006 was pretty good with Barnidge (31 catches for 511 yards and 4 TDs) pressing for all-league honors in the Big East and Scott Kuhn serving as a quality blocking option. Given the tight end production at Tulsa Barnidge looks like he's going to see the football more in 2007 and is very good after the catch for a tight end.

Louisville has quality receiving options for Brohm to work with in 2007, but the production from the third, fourth and fifth receiver slots has to escalate significantly over 2006. Douglas took on a massive workload for a 170 pound receiver, and given the integration of the wide receivers into the running and screen games his touches might escalate even further in 2007. Urrutia at times appeared underutilized by the previous staff despite the 58 catches and is at his best when he comes underneath of press coverage on slant routes. He needs to elevate his game on third down to take some of the load off of Douglas and the same can probably be said of Scott Long who had an outstanding Spring pressing for playing time as a third down option. Given the changes to the offense, the presence of Spillman, Guy, and

Douglas is a big plus due to the integration of the jetsweep and reverses as each is among the fastest players on the squad. Douglas and Urrutia are likely future NFL draftees, with Barnidge standing an outside shot with a big 2007 season.

Projection:

The wide receiving and tight ends should be among the most compelling stories for the 2007 edition of the Louisville Cardinals. With the change of offenses to a more short yardage/high efficiency passing game as well as the increased use of jetsweeps, bubble screens and jailbreak screens there are a lot of components for Stubbs to work with. The two biggest production leaps are likely to come from Jajuan Spillman as well as Gary Barnidge, and Spillman got a good dress rehearsal when he started becoming a factor in Louisville's return game in Big East conference play in 2006, as well as a jetsweep touchdown against Pittsburgh from 13 yards out. Barnidge seems like a cinch to clear the 31 catch mark and you're likely to see more tight end motion and two tight end sets than you saw in 2006. Zach Meagher is a redshirt freshman that will play a role in the two tight end sets but as more of a blocking option.

Offensive Line

Coached By: Brent Myers (1st year)

Projected Starters: Giacomini, Wood, Barlowe, Bussey & Donahue

Key Losses: Kurt Quarterman, Renardo Foster

Percentage Returning: 60%

NO	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp
78	Breno, Giacomini	6-7/300	RT	SR	1
77	Eric, Wood	6-4/301	C	JR	1
63	Danny, Barlowe	6-5/290	OL	SR	1
68	George, Bussey	6-2/295	OL	JR	1
66	Mike, Donoghue	6-3/296	OL	SO	1
71	Abdul, Kuyateh	6-2/295	OL	JR	2
55	Greg, Tomczyk	6-6/290	OL	FR	2
62	Nick, Borgelt	6-3/291	OL	JR	2
74	Jeff, Adams	6-8/309	OL	RS FR	2
79	Mark, Wetterer	6-5/300	OL	FR	2

Brent Myers is serving in his first year as Louisville's offensive line coach; interestingly, Myers was not only an offensive line coach but the offensive coordinator on the Boise State squad that defeated Louisville in the 1999 Humanitarian Bowl. Myers served previously on the Rick Neuheisel staff when they went to the Rose Bowl in 2002 as well as under Urban Meyer at Utah in 2003 before serving in that capacity at Arizona State.

Louisville loses three year starter Kurt Quarterman as well as multi-year starter Renardo Foster. They return Jrs. C Eric Wood and George Bussey at OL, as well as Sr. Danny Barlowe at LG. RT Breno Giacomini started two games at LT in 2006.

Marcel Benson was the projected starter at RG in the Spring until a heart condition was detected in the practice the night before the Spring Game. He is being held out of competition and will not participate in the 2007 season.



Benson's vacated guard slot is likely to be filled by redshirt sophomore Mike Donoghue (6'2, 300); Abdul Kuyateh (6'3, 290) was a late JUCO signee brought in to enhance a thin position.

George Bussey and Wood are the strength of the Louisville offensive line and are poised for all-Big East honors. Wood is a preseason Rimington nominee at center.

With the change of running attacks under Kragthorpe and the loss of highly regarded offensive line coach Mike Summers to Petrino's staff with the Atlanta Falcons, Louisville is in transition at offensive line. The previous three offensive lines were large and contained four players currently in NFL camps (Ots Travis Leffew and Renardo Foster, guards Jason Spitz and Kurt Quarterman). This particular edition has Ots who will be integrated into the screen game with all the mobility that demands, but the guard presence with Donoghue instead of behemoth Quarterman (6'5, 335-345) isn't projected to be remotely as physical.

Projected: it probably came as a surprise to many that an offensive line that lost four year starters Leffew and Spitz escalated their per rush average from 4.8 to 5.0 ypc and the sacks dropped from 25 to 20 on the season. But all seems judged against the performance in Piscataway that saw a veritable collapse and meager 2.6 ypc as well as a season high 5 sacks (no other game saw more than two allowed). The yards per carry numbers seems a good bet to diminish, but the sack totals may also diminish given the quickness of the passing game vs. the Petrino offenses. Bussey and Wood are all-star candidates and very good athletes at their positions as is Giacomini. Perhaps the most underrated strength of the principles is that each is very intelligent and quality students, but the experience and numbers behind them are noticeably thin in comparison to the three offensive lines that preceded this group. Among reserves the JUCO transfer Kuyateh is the most athletic and Nick Borgelt (r-Jr., 6'4, 290) serves as a backup at center and guard. But the dropoff in talent and experience from first to second string is pronounced and a concern for all Cardinal followers.



2007 Offensive Depth Chart and Player Rating's

Current Depth Chart				Past Players	
Depth	Position	Name	07' PR	06' PR	05' PR
1	QB	Brian Brohm	8	8	58
2	QB	Hunter Cantwell	94	123	179
1	RB	Anthony Allen	79	1	26
2	RB	Sergio Spencer	130	42	67
1	FB	Brock Bolen	26	28	59
2	FB	Joe Tronzo	120	51	76
1	WR	Mario Urrutia	32	67	20
2	WR	Scott Long	91	84	102
1	WR	Harry Douglas	32	67	2
2	WR	Patrick Carter	40	91	122
1	TE	Gary Barnidge	15	109	146
2	TE	Scott Kuhn	51	66	101
1	C	Eric Wood	31	100	48
2	C	Nick Borgelt	85	81	202
1	RG	Mike Donahue	74	61	86
2	RG	Abdul Kuyateh	105	62	145
1	RT	Breno Giacomini	60	55	38
2	RT	Jeff Adams	95	99	107
1	LG	Danny Barlow	40	28	38
2	LG	Mark Wetterer	113	13	37
1	LT	George Bussey	25	34	16
2	LT	Greg Tomczyk	197	82	122
Total			1543.2	1351	1797

2007 Offensive Depth Chart and Player Rating's

Current Depth Chart				Past Players	
Depth	Position	Name	PR	06' PR	05' PR
1	DE	Brandon Cox	83	20	14
2	DE	Michael Adams	82	104	129
1	DT	Adian Grady	66	126	32
2	DT	L.D. Scott	85	57	107
1	DT	Earl Heyman	22	50	124
2	DT	Willie Williams	42	121	151
1	DE	Maurice Mitchell	69	65	133
2	DE	Peanut Whitehead	62	112	45
1	SLB	Mailk Jackson	17	61	52
2	SLB	Terrance Butler	74	89	173
1	MLB	Lamar Myles	36	7	38
2	MLB	Mozell Axson	57	121	105
1	WLB	Preston Smith	62	27	33
2	WLB	Willie Williams	17	77	112
1	CB	Rod Council	24	59	84
2	CB	Travis Norton	78	62	117
1	SS	Deon Palmer	57	71	96
2	SS	Jon Russell	58	66	198
1	FS	Richard Raglin	78	73	17
2	FS	Lattarius Thomas	71	72	108
1	CB	Woodny Turenne	19	68	130
2	CB	Bobby Buchanan	31	108	93
Total			1186	1614	2089



Coaches Spot light:

Written by: Guy Godwin

Louisville football fans have been blessed with some of the best offensive football the game has ever witnessed. Head coach Bob Petrino established a reputation of being one of the best offensive football coaches of the modern era. In 4 short years and with mostly John L. Smith players, Petrino consistently averaged what most teams consider banner seasons.

Petrino has left for the NFL and Steve Kragthorpe with Offensive coordinator Charlie Stubbs have been hired to engineer the freight train Petrino built. Fortunately for the new coaches, Petrino and the move into the Big East have elevated the talent level giving plenty of options to achieve the "lofty" expectation for offensive production.

Louisville and Kentucky fans alike now have a common understanding; both groups have a level of expectation that needs to be met. For UK it is in basketball, Tubby Smith did a fine job leading the Wildcats to a championship in his 1st season. However, from the begging of his tenure he was constantly criticized for style of play and the lack of recruiting top players.

Will the new Cardinals new coaching staff be able to maintain a high enough level to maintain harmony and karma among the players and fans?

Much like Kentucky basketball fans, Louisville football fans are now accustomed and expect elite offensive football. Collectively, in the 4 years under Bob Petrino, Louisville was the only team in the NCAA that ranked in the top 3 in nearly every "relevant" offensive category.

Team	Pts	Yds	YPP	YPC	YPA	APY
UL	42 (1st)	496 (2nd)	7.0 (1st)	5.3 (3rd)	9.4 (1st)	1066 (2nd)
Tulsa	23 (30)	383 (40th)	5.6 (35th)	4.4 (24th)	7.3 (40th)	896 (45th)

Last 4 years combined

Kragthorpe has a very similar resume as Petrino did, both are sons of coaches and both came up through the ranks as quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinators. Like Petrino, Kragthorpe also spent a couple years in the NFL as a QB coach rather than an Offensive coordinator. However, coach "K" did have 4 seasons as a head coach in college which is something Petrino did not have. In 2003 he took over a Tulsa team that won just 2 games the two previous seasons. In his four seasons at Tulsa Kragthorpe and Stubbs lead Tulsa to an impressive 29 of 20 record.

Stubbs a 51 year old veteran has made several stops through out his career. Stubbs spent three seasons (1998-2000) as passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Alabama. He was also the offensive coordinator at four different universities, including UNLV, Tennessee-Martin, Memphis and Oregon State. At Oregon State, he coached under Head Coach Dave Kragthorpe, the father of New Louisville Head Coach Steve Kragthorpe. He began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant on LaVell Edwards' staff at BYU in 1983, and in 1984 was a member of the BYU coaching staff that led the Cougars to the national championship.

With the passing game backgrounds of the head coach and offensive coordinator and returning talents like Brian Brohm, Harry Douglas and Mario Urrutia it is no surprise that the Cardinals will have a new look on



offense. Although, at Tulsa these coaches had run to pass ratio per game of 39/29, it is widely expected that the 2007 Cardinal offense will look similar to the BYU team coach by legendary Lavell Edwards.

Despite top-flight talent, the odds are somewhat stacked against the new staff to succeed at a satisfactory level.

Back in the 1990's studying the NBA I had a chance to see and understand several coaching changes. Through out that time, I developed a simple philosophy on coaching changes. When a successful organization changes coaches with little reason the effects can be catastrophic. Key point is "successful" (Example: Ole Miss with Cutcliff, A&M with Slocum and Syracuse with Paul Pasqualini). However, that is when the organization makes the change. In cases when a successful organization loses a coach it is a result of the coach choosing to move on. Playing at the highest "Offensive" levels require harmony and karma between fans, boosters, administrators and players. When a coach is successful and has several options available it is a result of complete agreement and everyone is working as one. Problems arise when these teams bring in a new face with different methods and philosophies. Despite how great the new coach is, when the harmony is interrupted a negative snowball tends to form. The complete opposite can happen with a good team with bad Karma replace a coach.

In this case we had a program playing at the summit of offensive football with a coach that believed in physical football featuring the "Power I". Now the replacement is bringing in a finesse mostly single back offense. Despite the philosophy of designed defenses to have 1 extra tackler, Petrino's offense seemed to always have the numbers in "the" zone the ball



passes through. This allowed UL to consistently average exceed the NCAA average Yards Per Carry, which lead to play action and wide-open receivers running deep routes.

Past Examples: (College Coaches to the NFL)

In 2001 the final year for Steve Spurrier at Florida the Gator offense finished the season ranked 2nd in scoring at 45 points per game. In 2002, Florida had a new head coach (that players loved) and a Co-offensive coordinator who lead Marshall to a #8 ranking at 37 points per game. Strangely enough other

Offensive coordinator was from the 9th rated scoring offense of MTSU. With two proven Offensive minds, one the most talented teams in the nation the Gators went from averaging 45 points per game to just 26 points per game.

In 2004 LSU won 9 games and Nick Saban left for the NFL. His replacement, Les Miles did the smart thing. He retained current offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher who simply improved his offensive in 2005.

Since 2000, here are the coaching changes if the team averaged 30 or more points per game. I have sorted them based on which teams had the best results versus the worse.

Summary:

Twenty five schools averaged over 30 PPG and made a coaching change since 2000. Twenty one of these schools had a weaker offensive production the following season. Of the four schools that did not regress; three of them actually improved, two of that three promoted the Offensive Coordinator to Head coach. Oregon State was the only school to improve offensive production with out hiring from with in. Could Spurrier go back to Florida and succeed? Mike Riley did, he went back to Oregon State where just 3 years prior he had left for the NFL after taking a wishbone recruited team and guiding them to their first season of 5 PAC 10 wins in 27 years. Remember the above quote, *"Playing at the highest "Offensive" levels require harmony and karma between fans, boosters, administrators and players."* Riley had that before he arrived.

In closing, I mentioned several coaches' and transitions, two of them the following season lead their team to National Championships the following season and both staff's included familiar faces.

Details	PPG Margin
Boise Lost Hawkins and <u>improved</u> from 36 → 40 PPG. (Kept OC as HC)	4
Miami Redhawks lost Heoppner and <u>improved</u> from 31 → 34 PPG (Kept OC as HC)	3
Oregon State lost Erickson and <u>improved</u> from 32 → 33 PPG.	1
Miami lost Butch Davis and stayed the exact same 43 → 43 PPG. (Kept OC as HC)	0
Toledo lost Gary Pinkel and regressed from 36 → 34 PPG.	-2
Washington State lost Price and regressed from 33 → 30 PPG.	-3
Florida lost Zook & Co. and regressed from 32 → 28 PPG (w/ +18 TO's).	-4
Ohio State fired Cooper and regressed mildly from 30 → 26 PPG.	-4
Kentucky lost Morris and regressed from 32 → 27 PPG.	-5
Alvarez retired at Wisconsin and regressed from 34 → 29 PPG.	-5
2002 Michigan State lost Bobby Williams and regressed from 31 → 26 PPG.	-5
Washington lost Neuheisel and regressed from 31 → 26 PPG.	-5
San Jose State changed in 2001 and regressed from 32 → 24 PPG.	-8
Bowling Green lost Myers and regressed from 41 → 33 PPG.	-8
Georgia Tech hired Chan Gailey in 2002 and regressed from 31 → 21 PPG.	-10
UCLA lost Bob Toledo and regressed from 30 → 19 PPG.	-11
Boise Lost Koetter in 2001 and regressed form 45 → 34 PPG.	-11
Oklahoma State lost Less Miles and regressed from 32 → 20 PPG.	-12
Akron changed coaches and regressed from 36 → 24 PPG.	-12
TCU changed coaches in 2001 and regressed from 37 → 24 PPG.	-13
Ohio lost Jim Grobe and regressed from 31 → 18 PPG.	-13
Stanford lost Tye Willingham to Notre Dame and regressed from 35 → 20 PPG.	-15
Utah lost Urban Myers and regressed from 45 → 30 PPG.	-15
North Western lost Randy Walker and regressed from 32 → 16 PPG.	-16
Florida lost Spurrier and regressed from 45 → 26 PPG.	-19



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Details			TotalOff.					Rushing			Passing			Misc.				Opponent Defense					
Date	Site	Opp	Plays	Yds	YPP	Pts	FD	No	Net	YPC	Att	Yds	YPA	TO	Sax	TFL	APY	YPC	YPC rk	YPA	YPA rk	YPP	YPP rk
9/3	H	UK	87	631	7.3	59	31	55	363	6.6	32	268	8.4	0	3	6	1315	4.7	110	8.5	114	6.6	116
9/9	A	Tem	78	671	8.6	62	31	43	312	7.3	35	359	10.3	1	5	10	1245	6.0	119	8.4	110	6.9	117
9/16	H	Mia	49	389	7.9	31	14	31	95	3.1	18	294	16.3	1	4	8	745	2.3	4	7.2	68	4.5	13
9/23	A	KSU	68	401	5.9	24	22	42	228	5.4	26	173	6.7	-1	2.5	5	820	3.9	70	6.7	39	5.2	55
10/6	N	MTSU	63	526	8.3	44	26	31	186	6.0	32	340	10.6	-1	1	6	1046	3.6	52	7.4	77	5.3	61
10/14	H	UC	62	429	6.9	23	22	26	105	4.0	36	324	9.0	-2	6	7	691	3.5	42	6.6	36	5.1	46
10/21	A	SU	62	426	6.9	28	24	36	223	6.2	26	203	7.8	-1	7	12	852	4.6	105	7.6	81	5.9	100
11/2	H	WVU	58	468	8.1	44	22	32	114	3.6	26	354	13.6	2	2	7	1014	2.9	14	7.7	89	5.3	64
11/9	A	RU	66	266	4.0	25	13	39	103	2.6	27	163	6.0	0	1	2	882	2.8	12	6.4	32	4.3	6
11/18	H	USF	69	446	6.5	31	20	36	172	4.8	33	274	8.3	0	6	10	898	3.1	23	6.1	20	4.6	18
11/25	A	Pitt	60	499	8.3	48	20	31	162	5.2	29	337	11.6	3	2	3	1057	4.2	91	6.7	42	5.3	65
12/2	H	Uconn	73	570	7.8	48	28	44	221	5.0	29	349	12.0	-1	1	5	1016	4.2	92	8.2	107	5.6	89
1/2	A	Wake	72	457	6.3	24	23	37	125	3.4	35	332	9.5	1	4	10	826	3.0	21	6.8	44	4.9	33
Season Avg.			67	475	7.1	38	23	37	185	4.9	30	290	10.0	0.2	3.4	7.0	954	3.8	58	7.3	66	5.3	60
1st Half Avg.			67	496	7.4	39	24	38	216	5.5	29	280	9.9	-0.4	4.1	7.7	959	4.1	72	7.5	75	5.7	73
2nd Half Avg.			66	447	6.8	35	21	36	160	4.4	29	287	9.8	0.6	3.3	7.0	935	3.6	51	7.1	59	5.1	54
1st vs 2nd half margin			-1	-49	-0.6	-3	-3	-1	-56	-1.1	0	7	0.0	1.0	-0.8	-0.7	-24	-0.5	-21	-0.4	-16	-0.5	-19
Home Avg			66	489	7.4	39	23	37	178	4.5	29	311	11.3	0.0	3.7	7.2	954	3.4	48	7.4	72	5.3	58
Away Avg			68	453	6.7	35	22	38	192	5.0	30	261	8.6	0.5	3.6	7.0	954	4.1	70	7.1	58	5.4	63

2006 OFFENSIVE KEYPOINTS:

Total Offense

UL's offense was better the first half of the season than the second. Most likely this is a result of the S.O.S being considerably tougher.

» YDS: 496→447, » YPP: 7.4→6.8
» PPG: 39→35, » FD: 24→21

Rushing Offense

The Cardinals offense had much better stats at home than on the road in 2006. Also, the rushing stats seemed to be better in the 1st half of the season versus the 2nd half. This result is skewed by two 300 plus outing's at versus two teams ranked below 110th in Defensive Yards per Carry.

Passing Offense

There is basically no difference in the UL passing game based on point of season or game location. The passing game was great in all aspects.

All Purpose Yards

954 APY is the lowest mark from a UL team since 2001. (938) However, considering the YPP average and the # of plays.

Opponents Defense

Yards Per Carry = 3.8 YPC (68th toughest)
Yards Per Att. = 7.3 YPA (102nd toughest)
Yards Per Play = 5.3 YPP (88th toughest)

Home vs. Away comparisons

Criteria	Home	Away
Rushing	178	192
Passing	311	261
Scoring	39	35

Details			Rushing			Opp Def		Result
Date	Site	Opp	No	Net	YPC	YPC	Rk	Result
9/3	H	UK	55	363	6.6	4.7	110	OK
9/9	A	Tem	43	312	7.3	6.0	119	OK
9/16	H	Mia	31	95	3.1	2.3	4	OK
9/23	A	KSU	42	228	5.4	3.9	70	OK
10/6	N	MTSU	31	186	6.0	3.6	52	OK
10/14	H	UC	26	105	4.0	3.5	42	OK
10/21	A	SU	36	223	6.2	4.6	105	OK
11/2	H	WVU	32	114	3.6	2.9	14	OK
11/9	A	RU	39	103	2.6	2.8	12	X
11/18	H	USF	36	172	4.8	3.1	23	OK
11/25	A	Pitt	31	162	5.2	4.2	91	OK
12/2	H	Uconn	44	221	5.0	4.2	92	OK
1/2	A	Wake	37	125	3.4	3.0	21	OK

2006 RUNNING GAME :

- LOUISVILLE'S RUSHING ATTACK WAS ABLE TO EXCEED 12 OPPONENTS FINAL YARDS PER CARRY AVERAGE.
- LOUISVILLE EXCEEDED THE NCAA AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (3.8) IN 9 OF 13 GAMES. IN THE 4 GAMES VERSUS THE NCAA #4, #14, #12, #23 AND #21ST YPC RANKED OPPONENTS; UL DID NOT EXCEED THE NCAA AVERAGE.
- VERSUS OPPONENTS WHO'S DEFENSE IS ABOVE OR BELOW THE NCAA AVG.
 - Opp. < 3.8 YPC = 3.9 YPC vs U of L
 - Opp. > 3.8 YPC = 6.0 YPC vs U of L

Details			Passing			Opp.		Result
Date	Site	Opp	Att	Yds	YPA	YPA	YPA rk	Result
9/3	H	UK	32	268	8.4	8.5	114	X
9/9	A	Tem	35	359	10.3	8.4	110	OK
9/16	H	Mia	18	294	16.3	7.2	68	OK
9/23	A	KSU	26	173	6.65	6.68	39	X
10/6	N	MTSU	32	340	10.6	7.4	77	OK
10/14	H	UC	36	324	9.0	6.6	36	OK
10/21	A	SU	26	203	7.8	7.6	81	OK
11/2	H	WVU	26	354	13.6	7.7	89	OK
11/9	A	RU	27	163	6.0	6.4	32	X
11/18	H	USF	33	274	8.3	6.1	20	OK
11/25	A	Pitt	29	337	11.6	6.7	42	OK
12/2	H	Uconn	29	349	12.0	8.2	107	OK
1/2	A	Wake	35	332	9.5	6.8	44	OK

2006 PASSING GAME :

- LOUISVILLE'S PASSING GAME EXCEEDED THE OPPONENTS YEAR END SEASON AVG IN 10 OF 13 GAMES.
- ONLY 17 NCAA OFFENSIVE TEAMS FACED OPPONENTS WITH A HIGHER DEFENSIVE YARDS PER ATTEMPT RATIO.
- LOUISVILLE PASSED FOR 6 OPPONENTS SEASON HIGHEST MARK.
- OVERALL, LOUISVILLE WAS THE 3RD RATED PASSING TEAM IN MY POWER RATINGS.
- VERSUS OPPONENTS WHO'S DEFENSE IS ABOVE OR BELOW THE NCAA AVG.
 - Opp. < 7.0 YPC = 8.5 YPA vs U of L
 - Opp. > 7.0 YPC = 11.3 YPA vs U of L



BOXSCORE ANALYSIS:

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OFFENSIVE RUSHING:

In Bob Petrinos 1st year at UL the YPC jumped from 3.1 to 5.7 with virtually the same offensive lineman. During his tenure at UofL never once did he have a team average less than 4.8 YPC.

Common sense will tell most people that the better the run stopping defense you face the less effective a ground game will be. The same applied for the Cardinals in 2006. UofL faced 7 teams that ranked inside the NCAA top 52 (YPC), versus these teams the UofL offense was less effective.

Facing Top 53 Rush Defenses
KEY POINTS:

- Pts/Gm: 45 →32
- Yds/Gm: 533 →426
- First Dwns: 26 →20
- Rush Yds: 252 →129
- Avg. Opp Def Rk. 98th→24
- 5 of 7 Opps held ≤ 4.0 YPC

In games the Cardinals rushed for more than 4.0 YPC the offense averaged 29 Pts/gm. Conversely, in games the Cardinals rushed for more than 4.0 YPC the offense averaged 43 Pts/gm.

Details			Misc				Rushing			Opp. Defense	
Date	Site	Opp	Pts	Yds	FD	APY	No	Net	YPC	YPC	Rk
9/9	A	Tem	62	671	31	1245	43	312	7.3	6.0	119
9/3	H	UK	59	631	31	1315	55	363	6.6	4.7	110
10/21	A	SU	28	426	24	852	36	223	6.2	4.6	105
12/2	H	Uconn	48	570	28	1016	44	221	5.0	4.2	92
11/25	A	Pitt	48	499	20	1057	31	162	5.2	4.2	91
9/23	A	KSU	24	401	22	820	42	228	5.4	3.9	70
10/6	N	MTSU	44	526	26	1046	31	186	6.0	3.6	52
10/14	H	UC	23	429	22	691	26	105	4.0	3.5	42
11/18	H	USF	31	446	20	898	36	172	4.8	3.1	23
1/2	A	Wake	24	457	23	826	37	125	3.4	3.0	21
11/2	H	WVU	44	468	22	1014	32	114	3.6	2.9	14
11/9	A	RU	25	266	13	882	39	103	2.6	2.8	12
9/16	H	Mia	31	389	14	745	31	95	3.1	2.3	4
Vs. Opp Rush Def > 3.8			45	533	26	1051	42	252	6.0	4.6	98
Vs. Opp Rush Def < 3.8			32	426	20	872	33	129	3.9	3.0	24
Margin			-13	-107	-6	-179	-9	-123	-2.0	-1.6	-74

OFFENSIVE RUSHING ANALYSIS EXPANDED:

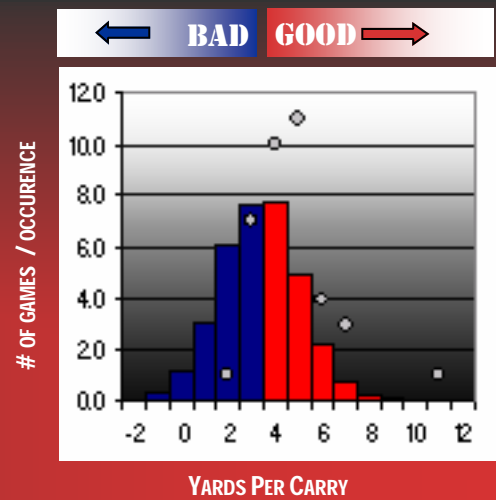
In the last 3 years, UofL has exceeded the NCAA YPC (3.8) average in 29 of 37 games. Which is the most over that time period in all the NCAA.

Below is a closer break down of each game:

- >8 YPC = 1 game (70 Pts/gm)
- 7 YPC = 3 games (56 Pts/gm)
- 6 YPC = 4 games (44 pts/gm)
- 5 YPC = 11 games (45 Pts/gm)
- 4 YPC = 10 games (40 Pts/gm)
- NCAA Average/Game = 3.8 YPC
- 3 YPC = 7 games (38 Pts/gm)

2 YPC = 1 game (25 Pts/gm)
As previously noted the 2006 Louisville rushing attack embarked on great success in the Bob Petrino era.

In 2006 the Cardinals did not achieve 3.8 YPC in 4 games which is 50% of all 8 games of the Petrino era. Overall, Yards Per Play, Yards Per Carry and Yards Per Attempt all increased how the overall Points Per game decreased. Which is most likely a result of rushing game being "contained".



OFFENSIVE PASSING:

As good as the running game has been for UofL, compared to the rest of the NCAA the passing game may be better. During Petrino's 50 game tenure the Cardinals offense had the most games of exceeding each YPA milestone:

- > 7.1 = 42 games (NCAA#1)
 - > 8.0 = 35 games (NCAA#1)
 - > 9.0 = 24 games (NCAA#1)
 - > 10.0 = 19 games (NCAA#1)
- In only 8 games did an opponent hold the Cardinals of-

fense less than the 7.1 NCAA average for YPA.

In 2006, UofL faced 6 teams that ranked in the nations upper half for Defensive YPA. In these games the offense was not stopped but limited.

KEY POINTS:

- Pts/Gm: 48 →29
- Yds/Gm: 526 →416
- Pass Yds: 312 →271
- First Dwns: 27→19

Details			Misc.				Passing			Opp Def	
Date	Site	Opp	Yds	Pts	FD	APY	Att	Yds	YPA	YPA	Rk
9/3	H	UK	631	59	31	1315	32	268	8.4	8.5	114
9/9	A	Tem	671	62	31	1245	35	359	10.3	8.4	110
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11/2	H	WVU	468	44	22	1014	26	354	13.6	7.7	89
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10/6	N	MTSU	526	44	26	1046	32	340	10.6	7.4	77
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11/9	A	RU	266	25	13	882	27	163	6.0	6.4	32
11/18	H	USF	446	31	20	898	33	274	8.3	6.1	20
Vs. Opp Pass Def > 7.0			526	48	27	1081	30	312	10.5	8.0	96
Vs. Opp Pass Def < 7.0			416	29	19	846	29	271	9.6	6.6	40
Margin			-110	-18	-8	-236	-1	-41	-0.8	-1.3	-56



2001 ~ 2006			Total - Defense			Rush - Defense			Pass - Defense				Misc
YR	Pts	FD	Ply	Yds	YPP	Att.	Net	YPC	Att	Comp	YDS	YPA	APY
2006	16	16	63	320	5.1	31	105	3.4	32	16	216	6.8	742
2005	24	19	69	324	4.7	38	114	3.0	31	17	210	6.9	878
2004	20	17	67	306	4.6	35	109	3.1	32	16	197	6.1	854
2003	28	24	76	429	5.6	39	170	4.3	36	20	258	7.1	962
2002	25	18	72	320	4.4	40	113	2.9	33	16	207	6.3	899
2001	18	18	70	339	4.8	39	139	3.6	32	16	199	6.3	838

Defensive Preview:

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Whereas the 2007 version of the Louisville Cardinal offense looks reconnoitered with the change in coaching staffs, many of the principles in the defensive coaching staff remain. Co-Defensive coordinator Mike Cassity remains in his position along with linebackers coach Reggie Johnson. Defensive line coach Mark Nelson joins the fray along with secondary coach Mike Mallory, who worked with Cassity at Illinois under Ron Turner.

Louisville's first order of business defensively is replacing the production and leadership of wunderkind DT Amobi Okoye who now plies his wares with the Houston Texans. The person spotlighted for the bulk of that responsibility is Jr. Adrian Grady (6'2, 292), as well as his running mate part-time DE starter Jr. Earl Heyman (6'3, 290). Louisville juggled their rotation in 2006 to be Okoye, Heyman and Willie Williams due to injuries sustained to Grady during the Kentucky game, so if they get production out of underclassmen LD Scott (6'2, 280) or LT Walker (6'3, 305) Louisville will be a little deeper than their predecessor. The defensive end position also sees a loss to graduation in the person of Zach Anderson and needs to solidify what is largely an underclassmen position from among the projected principles of Peanut Whitehead (So, 6'6, 250), Michael Adams (So, 6'3, 260), Rodney Gnat (r-Fr, 6'3, 240) and Senior Brandon Cox (6'4, 260). The buzz player of August on the defensive line has been Junior Maurice Mitchell, who at 6'3, 275 is more physically comparable to the run support provided by the graduated Anderson.

The strength of Louisville's defense appears to be the linebacking corps, in part because it's dominated by upperclassmen. Malik Jackson saw a huge jump in production in 2006 and is the big play man of the defense; he's the leading returning sacker at nine and had sixteen tackles for loss on the season, recovered three fumbles, broke up three passes and

forced a fumble. Lamar Myles comes into a junior season as the anchor in the middle, and while small at 6'0, 220 is the most physical player on Louisville's defensive front seven (forced a co-team high of three fumbles on 42 tackles). The casting call at the WILL is being answered by savvy senior Preston Smith and the athletically gifted former Miami Hurricane Willie Williams.

The biggest number of defensive question marks can be found in the secondary where a sizable combination of veterans--Sr. SS Jon Russell, junior corners Rod Council, Travis Norton and Bobby Buchanan, as well as juniors Richard Raglin and Deon Palmer at S--transfers in corners Woodney Turenne and Chaz Thompson and underclassmen at safety in the persons of Soph. LT Thomas and r-freshman Brandon Heath are auditioning for playing time. Council and Turenne appear to be your most likely starters at the corners, while the safety position returns two safeties who started throughout 2006 in Russell and Thomas. There are no shortage of combatants, but finding the right combination is the chore of coaches Mallory and Cassity.

Defensive Line:

After recording 31.5 sacks from defensive linemen in 2005, the sack production of the defensive linemen reached 20 in 2006. Graduated DT Amobi Okoye accounted for eight sacks. The highest returnee is the four recorded by Deantwan Whitehead.

Louisville defensively has more experience at it's defensive tackle positions than it's defensive ends. Willie Williams returns for his senior campaign, Adrian Grady and Earl Heyman are entering their junior years and LT Walker will be a sophomore. Brandon Cox has been a part-time starter prior to entering his senior year, but the remainder of defensive ends are underclassmen (Whitehead and Michael Adams are sophomores, Rodney Gnat is a redshirt freshman).

Jonathan Holston was projected into the two deep out of Spring Practice, but was dismissed from the squad over the summer.



Coached By: Mark Nelson (1st Year)
Projected Starters: Cox, Grady, Heyman & Mitchell
Key Losses: Amobe Okoye
Percentage Returning: 75%

NO	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp	Tackles	Sacks
88	Brandon, Cox	6-4/260	DE	SR	1	10	2
99	Earl, Heyman	6-3/290	DT	JR	1	9	0.5
94	Adrian, Grady	6-2/291	DT	JR	1	16	5
95	Maurice, Mitchell	6-3/275	DE	JR	1	1	0
8	Deantwan, Whitehead	6-6/250	DE	SO	2	16	4
56	Michael, Adams	6-3/261	DE	SO	2	5	2
92	Willie, Williams	6-4/305	DT	SR	2	1	1
93	L.D., Scott	6-2/280	DT	SO	2	--	--
90	Johnnie, Burns	6-3/225	DE	JR	3	1	1
91	L.T., Walker	6-4/305	DT	SO	3	3	1

Of the position groups defensively for Louisville, the defensive line is probably the one with the steepest learning curve. Kevin Wolthausen was the defensive line coach for three years and the regard was so great for Wolthausen's work last year that he was elevated to co-defensive coordinator and was thought of as part of a braintrust with Mike Cassidy that saw the defense improve its scoring defense from 23.8 to 16.3 points per game. Despite the loss of sack master and Nagurski Award winner Elvis Dumeril. Louisville equaled the success at getting to the passer in 2006. Yet, they saw their yards per carry rushing defense go from 3.0 to 3.4 yards per carry. The task of the defensive line is to reduce that yards per carry back down to the 3.0 yards or below threshold and generate more than the 20 sacks defensive linemen accounted for in 2006. Louisville needs to replace DT wunderkind Amobi Okoye to the NFL and also solid run defender Zach Anderson to improve upon the 2006 numbers.

Louisville opened 2006 with Earl Heyman and Zach Anderson at the defensive ends, and by season's end Heyman had been moved to DT, Brandon Cox joined the group at midseason after an injury and Whitehead started seeing an increase in reps due to injuries to Holston, Anderson and Cox. The two most likely starters

at DE are Cox and Whitehead who lack the strength of Heyman and Anderson, but would be considered more likely to pressure QBs. Whitehead is your most likely candidate to see a jump in overall production which saw him 16 tackles, the four sacks and another tackle for a loss. Whitehead suffered through a tough campaign and was reputed to be playing at 6'5, 245, so an offseason in the weightroom may be just what Whitehead needs to go from a prep stalwart forced into action to a seasoned sophomore. Cox to this point in his Cardinal career has been a third or fourth defensive end since playing as a true freshman in 2004. Louisville has little to no experience behind Cox and Whitehead with r-Soph Michael Adams (6-3, 260) and r-Frosh Rodney Gnat (6-3, 245).

The defensive tackle positions look like they have solid athleticism and versatility. The projected starters Adrian Grady (6-2, 292) and Earl Heyman (6-3, 290) are veterans more renowned for their quickness, while the projected backups Willie Williams (6'2, 305) and LT Walker (6'3, 310) are the beefy run stoppers. Underclassmen LD Scott (So. 6-2, 280) and Andre Henderson (r-Fr. 6-4, 286) serve as the understudies. For DTs, Grady and Heyman will likely have to take on the enhanced pass rushing role that previous defensive tackles Montavious Stanley (5.5 sacks in 2005) and Okoye had last year with his eight sacks. If there is a breakout player in the group with enhanced production it's most likely to be Adrian Grady whose 16 tackles and 1 TFL was pretty light production compared to the 4 tackles he had in a half against Kentucky before breaking a bone in his leg.

Projection: overall Louisville's defensive line is a study in contrasts. In 2006 it was believed they wouldn't match the 31.5 sacks on the season and garnered 20, but the 3.4 ypc defense was confusing. The feeling coming out of Spring Practice was that the defensive tackles would be a strength, but that the defensive ends were thin in numbers behind projected starters Brandon Cox and Peanut Whitehead, both of whom enjoyed good Springs. If they clear the 20 sacks produced by last year's defensive line it's fairly likely they'll improve upon the 3.4 ypc, because the linebackers on paper appear to be the defensive playmakers again. In order to improve upon those numbers, they'll need for Cox, Whitehead and Grady to remain healthy for a full season. The rushing defense looks like it will improve, but the sack numbers will be tough to clear given the likelihood of Louisville's OLBs (Malik Jackson and Willie Williams) and the integration of the safeties into Mike Cassidy's blitz schemes.

Defensive backs:

Louisville loses three principles from their secondary of 2006: CB William Gay who had a banner year with 6 INTs and two big ones in the Orange Bowl, CB Gavin Smart who stepped into Rod Council's position when Council suffered a leg injury against Temple in Game Two and saved the Cincinnati game with a PBU in the end zone on the game's last play, as well as S Brandon Sharp who was a three year starter and the second leading tackler.

The projected starters appear to be CB and JUCO transfer Woodney Turenne (pronounced tur-rain Jr., 6-1, 190), the primary 2005 and 2006 preseason starter Rod Council (Jr. 5-11, 190) at the other corner, FS Lattarius Thomas (Soph, 6-2, 213) and SS Jon Russell (Sr., 6-2, 203).

Three juniors figure to compete for reps at the two corners: JUCO transfer Chaz Thompson (6-0, 185), Bobby Buchanan (5-11, 190) and Travis Norton (6-1, 192). Buchanan and Norton both garnered a start in 2005. Louisville defensive backs only accounted for five interceptions in 2005 and bumped that production to twelve in 2006 with Gay getting half. Despite a reputation as being a good cover corner, Rod Council only has one career interception. Perhaps the most underrated player on Louisville's roster from a productivity standpoint is SS Jon Russell who has juggled between SS and FS throughout his career after being a WR in high school in Alexander City, AL. In 2006 Russell made big play after big play and was utilized as something of a nickel back in blitz packages garnering 2.5 sacks, 3.5 TFL, 3 PBU, 3 INT, 1 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. His sack and forced fumble of Kyle Wright in the third quarter of a 17-7 game spelled the end of Miami's offensive hopes in what setup a touchdown run from Kolby Smith two plays later.

In last year's preview I thought that Louisville had to improve considerably on three things in their secondary: 1. there wasn't an enforcer from among the starters in the secondary, the biggest hitters being among second stringers, 2. turnover generation via interceptions had to improve and 3. playing the deep ball from the corners. The enforcer wasn't found to the extent I thought it would with the addition of Brandon Heath to the lineup, but Heath sat out the 2006 campaign due to a foot injury in August. Turnover generation doubled, and fumbles forced went up as well, but Louisville was burnt on long passes throughout 2006, most notably against Kentucky and fatefully against Rutgers. Louisville did improve their percentage pass defense from 54% to 50% and while the defense held offenses to a 31% conversion rate on third down, Louisville gave up significant 3rd and 10 or

Coached By: Mike Mallory (1st year)
Projected Starter: Council, Turenne, Palmer & Raglin
Key Losses: William Gay, Gavin Smart & Brandon Sharp
Percentage Returning: 50%

NO	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp	Tackles	Int
14	Rod, Council	5-11/190	DB	JR	1	12	0
2	Richard, Raglin	6-2/182	DB	JR	1	10	0
38	Deon, Palmer	5-10/206	S	SR	1	2	0
9	Woodny, Turenne	6-1/190	DB	JR	1	--	--
13	Johnathan, Russell	6-1/209	S	SR	2	34	3
34	Bobby, Buchanan	5-11/190	DB	JR	2	18	0
4	Travis, Norton	6-1/177	DB	JR	2	10	0
10	Lattarius, Thomas	6-2/213	S	SO	2	20	0
24	Scedric, Moss	6-1/175	DB	RS FR	3	--	--
33	Bilal, Powell	6-1/200	DB	FR	3	--	--
5	Brandon, Heath	6-1/215	S	RS FR	3	--	--
21	C.J., Peake	6-2/210	S	FR	3	--	--

greater in the Kentucky, Rutgers and Wake Forest games when marginal pressure was applied.

Projection: The secondary is a tough one to project for Louisville, in part because there seem like so many candidates at both safety and the corners. The corner auditioners are all upperclassmen and in the cases of Woodney Turenne and Rod Council heavily recruited. Turenne's reputation coming out of Sequoia College is that of a tall but extremely fast corner who is very comfortable in the bump and run. Council shored up the position in the third game of his freshman season and was having a pretty good game against Kentucky until a late breakdown in zone coverage in the first half sprung Keenan Burton for the big gainer that setup Kentucky's second score. He never fully recovered from the foot injury sustained in the second game but got the start in the Orange Bowl when Gavin Smart broke his foot in the practices leading up to it. The safeties look like they're set with Jon Russell and LT Thomas, who at 6'2, 213 started showing glimpses of the enforcer Louisville has lacked since Kerry Rhodes trolled the secondary for Louisville in 2004. SS Brandon Heath may challenge Russell for first team SS honors and is regarded as the biggest hitter in the secondary at 6'1, 215. Richard Raglin (Jr., 6-2, 195), Deon Palmer (Sr., 6-0, 206) and true freshman CJ Peake (6-2, 210) are among the safety aspirants.



Coached By: Reggie Johnson (5th Season)
Projected Starter: Jackson, Smith & Myles
Key Losses: Nate Harris
Percentage Returning: 66%

No.	NAME	Ht./Wt.	POS	CL	Dp	Tackles	TFL	Sacks
6	Preston,Smith	6-1/219	LB	SR	1	44	5	1
22	Lamar,Myles	6-1/220	LB	JR	1	45	4	2
11	Malik,Jackson	6-2/230	LB	SR	1	57	16	9
46	Terrance,Butler	6-3/225	LB	SR	2	4	1	0
57	Mozell,Axson	6-1/230	LB	JR	2	5	0	0
7	Willie A. Williams	6-3/230	LB	JR	2	--	--	--
23	Stephen,Garr	6-1/210	LB	SO	3	13	0	0
31	Darius,Mann	5-11/210	LB	SO	3	--	--	--
55	Chase,Floyd	6-1/210	LB	JR	3	--	--	--

Line Backers:

Reggie Johnson is Louisville's LBs coach and in his fourth season in the position at Louisville and fifth on the Louisville coaching staff; he was the defensive line coach in his first year at Louisville. Johnson is an ex-player under Schnellenberger. Louisville loses to graduation leading tackler Nate Harris (65 tackles, 2 sacks, 7 TFL) from its linebacking corps as well as Abe Brown (39 tackles, 1 sack, 7 TFL).

Harris and Brown will be replaced by part-time starter Lamar Myles (So. 6-0, 222) and Willie Williams (Jr. 6-3, 228) or Preston Smith (Sr. 6-1, 220; 44 tackles in 2006) respectively. Senior Malik Jackson returns off of a 2006 season that saw a breakout campaign with 57 tackles, 9 sacks, 7 TFL. He is garnering some preseason accolades and is the most likely All American candidate on Louisville's defense.

Louisville enters 2007 with significant expectations being heaped on its linebacking corps. It's a unit that returns a lot of veterans as well as players projected into the two deep with career starts. And it gets an infusion of talent in the person of former prep All American Willie Williams.

The 2006 edition proved to live up to some of the projections bestowed upon it in the preseason. It was expected that Nate Harris would see a leap in productivity vs. his 2005 season, but as fate would have it Malik Jackson embraced a switch to the SAM linebacker from the Will and had a tremendous season. Harris is gone to the KC Chiefs and is likely to be replaced by Lamar Myles, himself a starter for a stretch in midseason 2006. Myles proved his mettle at Syracuse in one of those starts when he forced a fumble on the goal line in a tight game, and is the most renowned pure hitter at 6'0, 222 of any other Louisville defender. He doesn't have Harris' pure sideline-to-sideline speed and isn't used in coverage quite as confidently as Harris, but between the tackles Myles is adept at standing up lead blockers and attacking the line of scrimmage. Myles is backed by Jr. Mozell Axson (6-1, 226).

The third projected starter remains undecided. Senior Preston Smith has been a part-time starter in 2005 and 2006 and re-



turns off of a quiet but solid 2006 campaign. Smith is small at 6'1, 220 and a converted QB, but he is extremely productive and that's exhibited by the fact that he had 5 TFL. He is embattled with former Miami Hurricane and JUCO transfer Willie Williams, whose troubled past has always butted heads with prodigious talent. Smith has the jump on Williams in knowledge of the defensive schemes and is rarely if ever out of place, but Williams talent at the WILL linebacker might be too great to keep on the bench for long. Senior Tarrence Butler returns off of a career more renowned for special teams production than linebacker play, but Butler did garner a start in 2005 against Cincinnati and himself is one of the better hitters on the squad.

Projection: The 2007 edition of the Louisville linebacking corps is fraught with possibilities. Malik Jackson had the breakout 2006 campaign with the switch to the strongside linebacker, and that likely has a beneficial impact on whoever lands at the Will linebacker from among Williams and Smith. Williams has big play potential with his combination of size and athleticism, and Smith's experience and productivity suggest that he's going to see the field somewhere. Cassity likes to use Myles in blitz packages that see Myles more aggressive in the running game, especially on A gap stunts between the guard/center gaps. There were times in 2006 where Jackson's pass rushing ability was utilized by putting a hand down and rushing out of a DE, so don't be too surprised if you see all four of the linebackers from among Myles, Jackson, Smith and Williams on the field at the same times in specialty situations. Cassity loves using his linebackers in blitz packages and zone blitzing, so look for some highlight reel material out of a linebacking corps that looks to have two potential first day NFL draftees among it. The linebackers are the heart and soul of the Louisville defense.



Special Teams:

Coached By: Mark Nelson (1st year)

Projected Starter: Carmody-K, Flannery-P, Spillman & Guy

Key Losses: None

Percentage Returning: 100%

Return

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	Class	Depth	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
3	Guy, Trent	PR	5-9/170	So	1	10	74	7.4	1
26	Spillman, JaJua	PR	5-10/161	So	1	6	72	12	0

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	Class	Depth	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
3	Guy, Trent	PR	5-9/170	So	1	5	71	14.2	0
26	Spillman, JaJua	PR	5-10/161	So	1	15	419	28	1

Kicking

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	Class	Depth	Attp	Make	%	Lg
18	Carmody, Art	K	5-9/180	Sr	1	25	21	84	51

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	Class	Depth	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg
36	Flannery, Todd	P	6-1/184	Sr		16	675	39.7	58

Defensive line coach Mark Nelson takes over special teams privileges from Tom McMahon who was in the position for one year.

Art Carmody is the most decorated of the special returnees and the school's all-time leading scorer, the Groza Award winner in 2006 for the nation's best placekicker and has made ten straight kicks from beyond 40 yards.

Louisville only had 13 touchbacks on 91 kickoffs in 2005 between Art Carmody and returning punter Todd Flannery but escalated that to 21 in 2006.

Louisville had wildly uneven production in its kick coverage and return units. Louisville gave up two touchdown returns on kickoffs, one against Kentucky and one against MTSU. Louisville also returned a kick for touchdown against Rutgers when Jajuan Spillman bolted 100 yards and a punt for a touchdown against West Virginia when Trent Guy returned a punt 40 yards for a touchdown. Pat Carter was the initial punt returner but muffed punts against MTSU and Cincinnati and subsequently lost his job to Guy. Louisville tried a litany of kickoff return options (with variations including Rod Council, Harry Douglas, Sergio Spencer, LT Thomas, Spillman and Guy) before settling on Spillman and Guy in the Syracuse game.

Corey Goettsche took over primary punting duties at Syracuse but only garnered nets of 33.5 on the year as did his predecessor at the position Flannery.

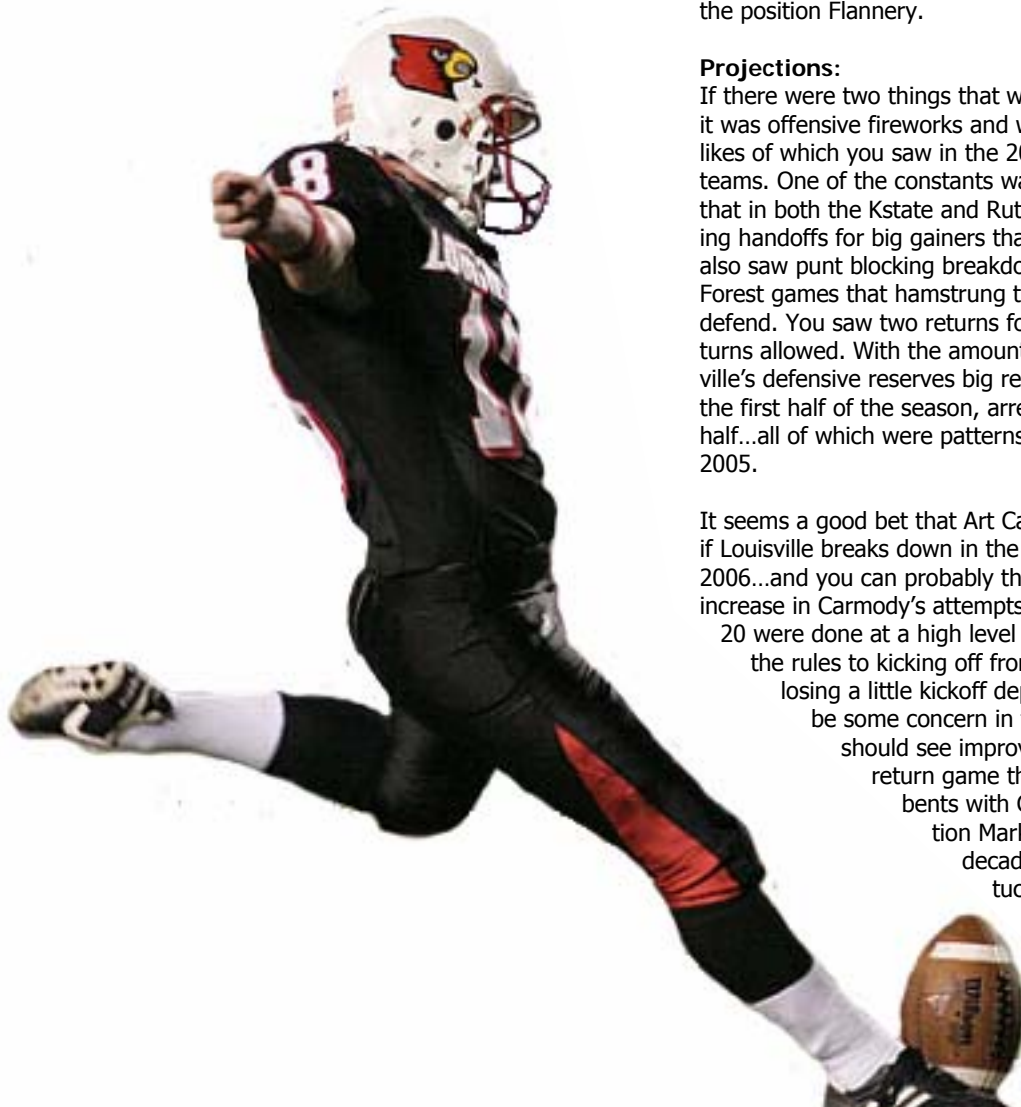
Projections:

If there were two things that were emblematic of the Petrino era it was offensive fireworks and wildly erratic special teams play the likes of which you saw in the 2006 edition of Louisville's special teams. One of the constants was quality fake punts, and you saw that in both the Kstate and Rutgers games with Nate Harris taking handoffs for big gainers that ultimately led to scores. But you also saw punt blocking breakdowns in the Rutgers and Wake Forest games that hamstrung the defense with short fields to defend. You saw two returns for scores and two touchdown returns allowed. With the amount of speed and talent among Louisville's defensive reserves big returns were remarkably frequent in the first half of the season, arrested somewhat in the second half...all of which were patterns remarkably similar to 2004 and 2005.

It seems a good bet that Art Carmody is a good fallback position if Louisville breaks down in the Red Zone with the frequency of 2006...and you can probably thank Michael Bush's injury for the increase in Carmody's attempts. Punts being downed inside the

20 were done at a high level last year, but with the change of the rules to kicking off from the 30 yard line and Flannery losing a little kickoff depth about midseason there has to be some concern in that regard. Where Louisville

should see improvement and consistency is in a return game that seems set among its incumbents with Guy and Spillman and the reputation Mark Nelson has garnered in the last decade as a special teams coach at Kentucky, Baylor and Tulsa. Nelson has a history of getting production out of his return units, and there's a good foundation for success among Louisville's principle returnees.





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Details			Total Defense					Rushing			Passing			Misc.				Opponent Offense					
Date	Site	Opp	Plays	Yds	YPP	Pts	FD	No	Net	YPC	Att	Yds	YPA	TO	Sax	TFL	DAPY	YPC	YPC rk	YPA	YPA rk	YPP	YPP rk
9/9	H	UK	45	260	5.8	28	8	19	22	1.2	26	238	9.2	1	3	6	1039	3.0	103	8.4	17	5.7	37
9/16	A	Tem	56	230	4.1	0	12	27	16	0.6	29	214	7.4	2	5	10	601	1.8	119	6.5	81	4.0	117
9/23	H	Mia	63	342	5.4	7	20	29	64	2.2	34	278	8.2	2	4	8	626	3.2	93	7.3	55	5.1	73
9/30	A	KSU	64	247	3.9	6	13	19	108	5.7	45	139	3.1	2	2.5	5	631	3.7	64	6.6	77	5.2	62
10/7	N	MTSU	69	250	3.6	17	15	35	83	2.4	34	167	4.9	1	1	6	814	3.5	79	6.6	78	4.7	100
10/14	H	UC	80	341	4.3	17	19	52	212	4.1	28	129	4.6	1	6	7	766	3.2	95	8.2	22	5.2	68
10/28	A	SU	69	322	4.7	13	18	28	19	0.7	41	303	7.4	2	7	12	609	3.0	100	6.1	101	4.3	111
11/4	H	WVU	71	540	7.6	34	24	50	318	6.4	21	222	10.6	3	2	7	948	6.6	1	8.8	6	7.3	2
11/11	A	RU	51	332	6.5	28	13	30	143	4.8	21	189	9.0	1	1	2	805	4.6	18	7.2	59	5.7	41
11/18	H	USF	62	286	4.6	8	14	30	49	1.6	32	237	7.4	1	6	10	588	3.8	59	8.1	26	5.6	45
11/25	A	Pitt	75	398	5.3	24	22	24	70	2.9	51	328	6.4	4	2	3	846	3.6	76	9.7	3	6.3	14
12/29	H	Uconn	50	236	4.7	17	8	31	147	4.7	19	89	4.7	2	1	5	716	4.4	31	5.5	113	4.9	89
1/3	A	Wake	62	382	6.2	13	18	29	111	3.8	33	271	8.2	3	4	10	656	3.7	61	8.0	31	5.2	65
Season Avg.			63	320	5.1	16	16	31	105	3.2	32	216	7.0	1.9	3.4	7.0	742	3.7	69	7.5	51	5.3	63
1st Half Avg.			64	285	4.5	13	15	30	75	2.4	34	210	6.4	1.6	4.1	7.7	727	3.1	93	7.1	62	4.9	81
2nd Half Avg.			63	357	5.7	20	17	32	122	3.6	31	234	7.7	2.3	3.3	7.0	738	4.2	49	7.6	48	5.6	52
1st vs 2nd half margin			-1	72	1.1	7	2	2	48	1.2	-3	24	1.3	0.7	-0.8	-0.7	12	1.2	-44	0.5	-13	0.7	-29
Home Avg			62	334	5.4	19	16	35	135	3.4	27	199	7.4	1.7	3.7	7.2	781	4.0	64	7.7	40	5.6	52
Away Avg			63	319	5.1	14	16	26	78	3.1	37	241	6.9	2.3	3.6	7.0	691	3.4	73	7.4	59	5.1	68

2006 DEFENSE KEYPOINTS:

Total Defense

UL's Defense was much stronger in the early 1/2 of the 2006 season. Part of the reason was the improved schedule after the October bye week. Several measurements became worse.

- » YDS: 285→357,
- » YPP: 4.5→5.7
- » PPG: 13→20,
- » FD: 13→20

Rushing Defense

The Louisville Cardinal Defense face 5 of the worst rushing teams in college football in the first 7 games. Conversely, WVU and Rutgers are both in the top 20 with the Mountaineers being #1. Louisville's Defensive YPC changed accordingly one would expect. Rather than getting worse as the season progressed this change is a result of how the schedule provided.

Passing Defense

The Cardinals faced 7 teams in the NCAA top 31 in Offensive Passing (YPA). Only two of the seven were at the on the Road. (24 & 28 Pts allowed) The other 5 games UL allowed 20 Pts/gm. Overall there is not much to analyse here, However, I am curious to see the difference in 2007 as the locations will flip and the Cards will face the better passing teams on the road vs. returning QB's. The Best QB traveling to PJS will be either Mike Teel of Rutgers or who ever Utah brings in.

Defensive All Purpose Yards

In 2006 the UL defense had it's best year in DAPY since I have been tracking the metric. With all the methods to break the data down, there are no trends to be seen here. Overall the # of plays a defense faces will ultimately impact this. I believe that the UL SP teams has improved in coverage.

Opponents Offense

Yards Per Carry = 3.8 YPC (68th toughest)
Yards Per Pass = 7.3 YPA (102nd toughest)
Yards Per Play = 5.3 YPP (88th toughest)

Home vs. Away comparisons

Criteria	Home	Away
Rushing	135	78
Passing	199	241
Scoring	19	14

Details			Rushing			Opp. Off.			Result
Date	Site	Opp	No	Net	YPC	YPA	Rk		
9/9	H	UK	19	22	1.2	3.0	103	OK	
9/16	A	Tem	27	16	0.6	1.8	119	OK	
9/23	H	Mia	29	64	2.2	3.2	93	OK	
9/30	A	KSU	19	108	5.7	3.7	64	X	
10/7	N	MTSU	35	83	2.4	3.5	79	OK	
10/14	H	UC	52	212	4.1	3.2	95	X	
10/28	A	SU	28	19	0.7	3.0	100	OK	
11/4	H	WVU	50	318	6.4	6.6	1	OK	
11/11	A	RU	30	143	4.8	4.6	18	X	
11/18	H	USF	30	49	1.6	3.76	59	OK	
11/25	A	Pitt	24	70	2.9	3.6	76	OK	
12/29	H	Uconn	31	147	4.7	4.4	31	X	
9/3	A	Wake	29	111	3.8	3.7	61	X	

2006 RUNNING GAME :

- LOUISVILLE'S RUSH DEFENSE WAS ABLE TO HOLD 8 OF 13 OPPONENTS BELOW THEIR SEASON YARDS PER CARRY AVERAGE.
- LOUISVILLE HELD 8 OF 13 OPPONENTS BELOW THE NCAA YPC AVERAGE (3.8) . 4 OF THE 8 WERE RANKED WORSE THAN 100TH IN RUSH YPC.
- VERSUS OPPONENTS WHO'S OFFENSE IS ABOVE OR BELOW THE NCAA AVG.
 1. Opp. > 3.8 YPC = 5.3 YPC vs U of L
 2. Opp. < 3.8 YPC = 2.5 YPC vs U of L

Details			Passing			Opp. Off			Result
Date	Site	Opp	Att	Yds	YPA	YPA	Rk		
9/9	H	UK	26	238	9.2	8.4	17	X	
9/16	A	Tem	29	214	7.4	6.5	81	OK	
9/23	H	Mia	34	278	8.2	7.3	55	X	
9/30	A	KSU	45	139	3.1	6.6	77	OK	
10/7	N	MTSU	34	167	4.9	6.6	78	OK	
10/14	H	UC	28	129	4.6	8.2	22	OK	
10/28	A	SU	41	303	7.4	6.1	101	X	
11/4	H	WVU	21	222	10.6	8.8	6	X	
11/11	A	RU	21	189	9.0	7.2	59	X	
11/18	H	USF	32	237	7.4	8.1	26	OK	
11/25	A	Pitt	51	328	6.4	9.7	3	OK	
12/29	H	Uconn	19	89	4.7	5.5	113	X	
9/3	A	Wake	33	271	8.2	8.0	31	OK	

2006 PASSING GAME :

- LOUISVILLE'S PASS DEFENSE WAS ABLE TO HOLD 7 OF 13 OPPONENTS BELOW THEIR SEASON AVERAGE.
- THE CARDINALS PASS DEFENSE HELD 5 OF 13 OPPONENTS LESS THAN THE NCAA YPA AVERAGE (7.0) 5 OF THE NCAA'S MOST EFFICIENT PASSING TEAMS WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE 7.0 NCAA YPA AVG.
- VERSUS OPPONENTS WHO'S FINAL OFFENSE YPA AVERAGE IS ABOVE OR BELOW THE NCAA AVG.
 1. Opp. < 7.0 YPC = 5.5 YPA vs U of L
 2. Opp. > 7.0 YPC = 7.9 YPA vs U of L



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DEFENSIVE RUSHING:

The Louisville football team has been built on the most fundamental aspect of "winning football". For an entire season the Cardinals have averaged less than 3.8 DYPC every season since 1999 when they allowed 4.2.

Many conclude that this mark is a result of the talent on the other side of the ball. However, consider last season the Cardinals faced 4 teams that were in the upper half of the NCAA ranking's. These teams collectively averaged an impressive 4.8 YPC. However, the Cardinal Defense was able to hold them to a collective 4.4 YPC. The Cardinal defense also performed well vs. the less talented Running teams as well holding 5 of 8 below their season average.

There is very little correlation between the ability to run the ball and scoring. Six teams

were able to achieve the 3.8 mark, however in those games only 2 teams could achieve the NCAA scoring average.

As expected the Good Rushing teams performed "better" than the bad, but overall the UL defense was extremely strong up front.

Good Rushing teams compared to Poor.

KEY POINTS:

- Pts/Gm: 22→14
- Yds/Gm: 349→308
- First Downs: 15→16
- Rush Yds: 164→78
- YPC: 4.4→2.6

Details			Misc				Rushing			Opp. Off	
Date	Site	Opp	Pts	TYDS	FD	APY	No	Net	YPC	YPC	Rank
11/4	H	WVU	34	540	24	948	50	318	6.4	6.6	1
11/11	A	RU	28	332	13	805	30	143	4.8	4.6	18
12/29	H	Uconn	17	236	8	716	31	147	4.7	4.4	31
11/18	H	USF	8	286	14	588	30	49	1.6	3.8	59
9/3	A	Wake	13	382	18	656	29	111	3.8	3.7	61
9/30	A	KSU	6	247	13	631	19	108	5.7	3.7	64
11/25	A	Pitt	24	398	22	846	24	70	2.9	3.6	76
10/7	N	MTSU	17	250	15	814	35	83	2.4	3.5	79
9/23	H	Mia	7	342	20	626	29	64	2.2	3.2	93
10/14	H	UC	17	341	19	766	52	212	4.1	3.2	95
10/28	A	SU	13	322	18	609	28	19	0.7	3.0	100
9/9	H	UK	28	260	8	1039	19	22	1.2	3.0	103
9/16	A	Tem	0	230	12	601	27	16	0.6	1.8	119
Vs. Opp Rush Off > 3.8			22	349	15	764	35	164	4.4	4.8	27
Vs. Opp Rush Off < 3.8			14	308	16	732	29	78	2.6	3.2	88
Margin			-8	-41	1	-32	-6	-86	-1.8	-1.6	61

DEFENSIVE PASSING:

In the past when looking at the Louisville defense, there has never been a consistent schedule that had several teams with efficient passing offenses.

In 2006 there were 8 teams that averaged better than the NCAA YPA mark of 7.1.

5 of the 8 above average teams were able to exceed their year end average facing the Cardinals.

3 of those 5 teams were able to score 28 Points or better on the Cardinals. However, overall the defense did not allow many points when facing the good passing teams.

Teams must find other ways to score. The 3 teams, that scored over 28 all had a 2nd aspect of the game come into play. WVU and RU ran for good average and UK Special had a score.

Good Passing teams compared to Poor.

KEY POINTS:

- Pts/Gm: 20→11
- Yds/Gm: 360→257
- First Downs: 17→13
- Pass Yds: 237→182
- YPA: 7.9→5.5

Details			Misc				Passing			Opp. Off	
Date	Site	Opp	Yds	Pts	FD	APY	Att	Yds	YPA	YPA	Rank
11/25	A	Pitt	398	24	22	846	51	328	6.4	9.7	3
11/4	H	WVU	540	34	24	948	21	222	10.6	8.8	6
9/9	H	UK	260	28	8	1039	26	238	9.2	8.4	17
10/14	H	UC	341	17	19	766	28	129	4.6	8.2	22
11/18	H	USF	286	8	14	588	32	237	7.4	8.1	26
9/3	A	Wake	382	13	18	656	33	271	8.2	8.0	31
9/23	H	Mia	342	7	20	626	34	278	8.2	7.3	55
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10/7	N	MTSU	250	17	15	814	34	167	4.9	6.6	78
9/16	A	Tem	230	0	12	601	29	214	7.4	6.5	81
10/28	A	SU	322	13	18	609	41	303	7.4	6.1	101
12/29	H	Uconn	236	17	8	716	19	89	4.7	5.5	113
Vs. Teams ≤ 7.1			360	20	17	784	31	237	7.9	8.2	27
Vs. Teams > 7.1			257	11	13	674	34	182	5.5	6.3	90
Margin			-103	-9	-4	-110	3	-54	-2.5	-1.9	63

TOTAL DEFENSIVE ANALYSIS:

In the 37 games that Mike Cassidy has coached there have 11 games where the UL defense held the opponent to single digits. The Cardinals have held 25 opponents below the NCAA scoring average; 7 teams scored between the NCAA average and 5 teams achieved 40 points or better.

As a result of the Cardinal Offensive averaging 11 yards per play and scoring at will, the Oregon State Beavers took 94 snaps in order to achieve the average.

Boise State in a some what more traditional mode used a +3 Turn over margin to score 40 on the Cardinals.

The remaining 10 teams that exceeded the scoring average all did something well. They

either ran the ball for a good average or they passed the ball for a good average.

The averages for those games are listed to the right. But one thing of note teams that can not achieve either average still have an opportunity.

Balance does not require hitting the average.

Over the same time period there have been 10 teams that the opp. could achieve 2.5 YPC & 6.5 YPA and collectively these teams averaged 31 points per game. (This includes a 14 pt gm vs UNC that was -4 in Turn Overs)

In summary the UL defense is very difficult to score on and requires an offense to excel in something or be moderate in both running and passing and NO mistakes

Date	Opp.	YPC	YPA	YPP	Total	Points
09/17/05	Oregon St.	1.2	6.4	4.5	419	27
11/20/04	Houston	2.0	8.5	5.6	446	27
09/03/06	Kentucky	1.2	9.2	5.8	260	28
11/10/04	TCU	2.8	7.5	4.6	308	28
11/09/06	Rutgers	4.8	9.0	6.5	332	28
11/02/06	West Virginia	6.4	10.6	7.6	540	34
01/02/06	VirginiaTech	3.9	9.7	5.7	390	35
12/31/04	Boise St.	2.3	6.3	4.1	284	40
10/14/04	Miami (Fla.)	3.7	8.3	6.2	431	41
09/24/05	South Fla.	5.3	10.4	6.2	355	45
10/15/05	West Virginia	5.3	4.0	4.9	390	46
11/04/04	Memphis	6.2	7.8	7.1	603	49
Average		3.8	8.1	5.7	397	36