

St. Ambrose University Football – Mid-States Football Association

The Mid-States Football Association, an NAIA affiliated organization, will feature 16 Midwestern collegiate teams for its 15th gridiron campaign.

Marian College of Indianapolis joined the MSFA in 2007, playing in the Mideast League along with Ohio Dominican, located in Columbus, Ohio; Saint Francis of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Walsh University and Malone College of Canton, Ohio; Urbana of Urbana, Ohio; and Taylor of Upland, Ind. Saint Xavier University, located in Chicago, is in the second year of a move from the Midwest League to the Mideast to balance the association.

That leaves the Midwest with a 2008 lineup of three Iowa institutions – Iowa Wesleyan of Mount Pleasant, St. Ambrose of Davenport, and William Penn of Oskaloosa – and five Illinois schools – McKendree of Lebanon, Olivet Nazarene of Kankakee, Quincy, Trinity International of Deerfield, and St. Francis of Joliet.

Urbana and Ohio Dominican will complete their play in the MSFA in 2008, choosing to move to NCAA Division II. However, Grand View College of Des Moines, Iowa, and Waldorf College of Forest City, Iowa, will begin play in 2009.

Malone, Olivet Nazarene, Saint Xavier, Taylor and Trinity International were among 11 charter members of the MSFA, which was formed in April 1993 and began its first season of competition in 1994. Saint Xavier was added in 1995; Iowa Wesleyan, St. Ambrose and Walsh were added in 1996; Saint Francis (Ind.) and McKendree were added in 1998; St. Francis (Ill.) was added in 2000; William Penn was added in 2002; and Quincy was added in 2003.

Each MSFA team plays the other teams within its league plus one crossover game per season. The champions of the two leagues receive automatic berths into the NAIA playoffs.

The Chairman of the MSFA during the 2008-2009 school year will be Harry Statham, Athletics Director at McKendree College. James D. Houdeshell of Findlay, Ohio, serves as the MSFA Commissioner and Larry Alter of Findlay, Ohio, is the Mid-States Football Association Information Director. Weekly statistical reports, players of the week and highlights are available on the MSFA website at www.mid-statesfootball.org.

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St. Ambrose University Football – MSFA Midwest League Finishes

1996 – 9-1 overall, 5-1 MSFA (2nd)

1997 – 4-6 overall, 3-3 MSFA (4th)

1998 – 5-5 overall, 2-4 MSFA (4th)

1999 – 4-6 overall, 2-4 MSFA (5th)

2000 – 9-3 overall, 7-0 MSFA (1st)

2001 – 8-3 overall, 7-0 MSFA (1st)

2002 – 8-3 overall, 6-1 MSFA (1st)

2003 – 8-4 overall, 5-2 MSFA (1st)

2004 – 7-3 overall, 4-3 MSFA (4th)

2005 – 8-3 overall, 5-2 MSFA (3rd)

2006 – 10-1 overall, 8-0 MSFA (1st)

2007 – 8-3 overall, 7-0 MSFA (1st)

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Beat University of Mary (N.D.), 27-2

NAIA Playoffs Elite 8 – Lost to Northwestern (Iowa), 21-14

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Lost to Concordia (Neb.), 31-26

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Lost to Georgetown (Ky.), 35-15

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Beat MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.), 32-31 (2OT)

NAIA Playoffs Elite 8 – Lost to Saint Francis, Ind., 41-14

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Lost to Morningside (Iowa), 58-7

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Lost to Morningside (Iowa), 38-31

NAIA Playoffs 1st round – Lost to Saint Xavier (Ill.), 33-27