

# Season Openers

Year	Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Score
1879	May 30	Racine	A	W	1-0
1880	Nov. 5	Toronto	A	W	13-6
1881	Oct. 31	Harvard	A	L	0-4
1883	Mar. 12	Detroit Industrial	H	W	40-5
1884	Nov. 15	Albion	H	W	18-0
1885	Nov. 7	Windsor Club	A	W	10-0
1886	Oct. 16	Albion	A	W	50-0
1887	Nov. 12	Albion	H	W	32-0
1888	April 20	Notre Dame	H	W	26-6
1889	Nov. 9	Albion	H	W	33-4
1890	Oct. 11	Albion	H	W	56-10
1891	Oct. 10	Ann Arbor H.S.	H	W	62-0
1892	Oct. 8	Michigan A.A.	H	W	74-0
1893	Oct. 7	Detroit Athletic Club	H	W	6-0
1894	Oct. 6	Michigan M.A.	H	T	12-12
1895	Oct. 5	Michigan M.A.	H	W	34-0
1896	Oct. 3	Eastern Michigan	H	W	18-0
1897	Oct. 2	Eastern Michigan	H	W	24-0
1898	Oct. 1	Eastern Michigan	H	W	21-0
1899	Sept. 30	Hillsdale	H	W	11-0
1900	Sept. 29	Hillsdale	H	W	29-0
1901	Sept. 28	Albion	H	W	50-0
1902	Sept. 27	Albion	H	W	68-0
1903	Oct. 3	Case	H	W	31-0
1904	Oct. 1	Case	H	W	33-0
1905	Sept. 30	Ohio Wesleyan	H	W	65-0
1906	Oct. 6	Case	H	W	28-0
1907	Oct. 5	Case	H	W	9-0
1908	Oct. 3	Case	H	W	16-6
1909	Oct. 9	Case	H	W	3-0
1910	Oct. 8	Case	H	T	3-3
1911	Oct. 7	Case	H	W	24-0
1912	Oct. 5	Case	H	W	34-0
1913	Oct. 4	Case	H	W	48-0
1914	Sept. 30	DePauw	H	W	58-0
1915	Oct. 6	Lawrence	H	W	39-0
1916	Oct. 4	Marietta	H	W	38-0
1917	Oct. 6	Case	H	W	41-0
1918	Oct. 5	Case	H	W	33-0
1919	Oct. 4	Case	H	W	34-0
1920	Oct. 9	Case	H	W	35-0
1921	Oct. 1	Mount Union	H	W	44-0
1922	Oct. 7	Case	H	W	48-0
1923	Oct. 6	Case	H	W	36-0
1924	Oct. 4	Miami (Ohio)	H	W	55-0
1925	Oct. 3	Michigan State	H	W	39-0
1926	Oct. 2	Oklahoma A&M	H	W	42-3
1927	Oct. 1	Ohio Wesleyan	H	W	33-0
1928	Oct. 6	Ohio Wesleyan	H	L	7-17
1929	Sept. 28	Albion	H	W	39-0
1930	Sept. 27	Denison	H	W	33-0
1931	Oct. 3	Central St. Teachers	H	W	27-0
1932	Oct. 1	Michigan State	H	W	26-0
1933	Oct. 7	Michigan State	H	W	20-6
1934	Oct. 6	Michigan State	H	L	0-16
1935	Oct. 5	Michigan State	H	L	6-25
1936	Oct. 3	Michigan State	H	L	7-21
1937	Oct. 2	Michigan State	H	L	14-19
1938	Oct. 1	Michigan State	H	W	14-0
1939	Oct. 7	Michigan State	H	W	26-13
1940	Sept. 28	California	A	W	41-0
1941	Sept. 27	Michigan State	H	W	19-7
1942	Sept. 26	Great Lakes	H	W	9-0
1943	Sept. 18	Camp Grant	A	W	26-0
1944	Sept. 16	Iowa Pre-Flight	H	W	12-7
1945	Sept. 15	Great Lakes	H	W	27-2
1946	Sept. 28	Indiana	H	W	21-0
1947	Sept. 27	Michigan State	H	W	55-0
1948	Sept. 25	Michigan State	A	W	13-7
1949	Sept. 24	Michigan State	H	W	7-3
1950	Sept. 30	Michigan State	H	L	7-14
1951	Sept. 29	Michigan State	H	L	0-25
1952	Sept. 27	Michigan State	H	L	13-27
1953	Sept. 26	Washington	H	W	50-0
1954	Sept. 25	Washington	H	W	14-0
1955	Sept. 24	Missouri	H	W	42-7
1956	Sept. 29	UCLA	H	W	42-13
1957	Sept. 28	Southern California	A	W	16-6
1958	Sept. 27	Southern California	H	W	20-19
1959	Sept. 26	Missouri	H	L	15-20
1960	Sept. 24	Oregon	H	W	21-0
1961	Sept. 30	UCLA	H	W	29-6
1962	Sept. 29	Nebraska	H	L	13-25

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1963	Sept. 28	Southern Methodist	H	W	27-16
1964	Sept. 26	Air Force	H	W	24-7
1965	Sept. 18	North Carolina	A	W	31-24
1966	Sept. 17	Oregon State	H	W	41-0
1967	Sept. 23	Duke	H	W	10-7
1968	Sept. 21	California	H	L	7-21
1969	Sept. 20	Vanderbilt	H	W	42-14
1970	Sept. 19	Arizona	H	W	20-9
1971	Sept. 11	Northwestern	A	W	21-6
1972	Sept. 16	Northwestern	H	W	7-0
1973	Sept. 15	Iowa	A	W	31-7
1974	Sept. 14	Iowa	H	W	24-7
1975	Sept. 13	Wisconsin	A	W	23-6
1976	Sept. 11	Wisconsin	H	W	40-27
1977	Sept. 10	Illinois	A	W	37-9
1978	Sept. 16	Illinois	H	W	31-0
1979	Sept. 8	Northwestern	H	W	49-7
1980	Sept. 13	Northwestern	H	W	17-10
1981	Sept. 12	Wisconsin	A	L	14-21
1982	Sept. 11	Wisconsin	H	W	20-9
1983	Sept. 10	Washington State	H	W	20-17
1984	Sept. 8	Miami (Fla.)	H	W	22-14
1985	Sept. 14	Notre Dame	H	W	20-12
1986	Sept. 13	Notre Dame	A	W	24-23
1987	Sept. 12	Notre Dame	H	L	7-26
1988	Sept. 10	Notre Dame	A	L	17-19
1989	Sept. 16	Notre Dame	H	L	19-24
1990	Sept. 15	Notre Dame	A	L	24-28
1991	Sept. 7	Boston College	A	W	35-13
1992	Sept. 12	Notre Dame	A	T	17-17
1993	Sept. 4	Washington State	H	W	41-14
1994	Sept. 3	Boston College	H	W	34-26
1995	Aug. 26	Virginia	H	W	17-16
1996	Aug. 31	Illinois	H	W	20-8
1997	Sept. 13	Colorado	H	W	27-3
1998	Sept. 5	Notre Dame	A	L	20-36
1999	Sept. 4	Notre Dame	H	W	26-22
2000	Sept. 2	Bowling Green	H	W	42-7
2001	Sept. 1	Miami (Ohio)	H	W	31-13
2002	Aug. 31	Washington	H	W	31-29
2003	Aug. 30	Central Michigan	H	W	45-7
2004	Sept. 4	Miami (Ohio)	H	W	43-10
2005	Sept. 3	Northern Illinois	H	W	33-17
2006	Sept. 2	Vanderbilt	H	W	27-7
2007	Sept. 1	Appalachian State	H	L	32-34
2008	Aug. 30	Utah	H	L	23-25

**Overall Season Opening Record:** 106-20-3  
**Home Record:** 90-15-2; **Away Record:** 16-5-1

### Most Common Opponents

Opponent	Games	Won	Lost	Tied
Case	16	15	0	1
Michigan State	15	8	7	0
Notre Dame	10	4	5	1
Albion	8	8	0	0

### Home Openers (if different than above)

Year	Date	Opponent	Result	Score
1885	Nov. 14	Windsor Club	W	30-0
1886	Oct. 30	Albion	W	24-0
1888	Nov. 24	Albion	W	76-4
1940	Oct. 5	Michigan State	W	21-14
1943	Sept. 25	Western Michigan	W	57-6
1948	Oct. 2	Oregon	W	14-0
1954	Oct. 2	Army	L	7-26
1957	Oct. 5	Georgia	W	26-0
1965	Sept. 25	California	W	17-7
1971	Sept. 18	Virginia	W	56-0
1973	Sept. 22	Stanford	W	47-10
1975	Sept. 20	Stanford	T	19-19
1977	Sept. 17	Duke	W	21-9
1981	Sept. 19	Notre Dame	W	25-7
1986	Sept. 20	Oregon State	W	31-12
1988	Sept. 17	Miami (Fla.)	L	30-31
1990	Sept. 22	UCLA	W	38-15
1991	Sept. 14	Notre Dame	W	24-14
1992	Sept. 19	Oklahoma State	W	35-3
1998	Sept. 12	Syracuse	L	28-38