

FOOTBALL

Do you like being part of a team that plays hard, hangs together and stays tough? Together, Manchester Spartans help each other succeed – on the field and in the classroom. Play NCAA Division III football, one of 17 varsity sports at MC, where the black and gold gridirons are members of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC).

opportunities

At Manchester, the Spartan attitude is first class. Respectful, competitive and proud. As a student-athlete, you'll balance class assignments with team practice and games. Like others who love the game, you'll go for it all – a conference championship and a berth in the Division III playoffs on the way to a four-year degree. For certain, you get the chance to compete – either in a 10-game varsity schedule and/or a four-game junior varsity schedule.

meet the coach

In his sixth season, Head Coach Shannon Griffith, along with his staff, are revitalizing Spartan football. Coach Griffith brings 20 years of coaching experience at the NCAA level including 14 years at the Division I and II levels. Coach Griffith was a member of Ball State's football team that won a Mid-American Conference Championship and a bid to the California Raisin Bowl.

highlights

The Spartans have tagged six conference championships, named eight All-Americans, and listed more than 160 All-Conference selections and 28 Academic All-Conference selections. HCAC has recognized 36 Spartans as Players of the Week, and 20 players and two teams have been inducted into the Manchester College Hall of Fame. The final record in 2008 was the Spartans' best since 1997.

facilities

Spartan football plays home games on the natural grass playing surface of Carl Burt Memorial Stadium, along the banks of the Eel River. The stadium features a two-story press box, lighted field, and seating to accommodate 3,500 spectators. Along with Carl Burt Stadium are two practice fields, a filming tower, and the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC) with locker rooms, a weight room, meeting rooms, coaches' offices and our accredited athletic training facilities.

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My closest friends are all guys that play football. The team works together like community. Anyone who wants to come in, work hard and have fun will have a great experience. I love the challenge and competition. My first year, I got an interception against a rival team, and that was one big thrill!

Tyler Pedersen '09, management major

Find your place.

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