

ORONO SPARTAN FOOTBALL
2009 PRE-SEASON INFORMATION

- Conference affiliation: Wright County
- 2008 record: 7-0 in the conference
11-1 overall, (lost to Northfield in the state semi-final)
- Head Coach: Jeff Weiland - 8th season at Orono (52-19)
6 years at Watertown-Mayer (22-34)
career record is 74-53
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- Returning player information:

Offense

Returning full-time starters

Name	Pos	Yr	Ht	Wt	Stats/Honors
Chase Gottschalk	RB	SR	6'1	185	669 yds rushing (5 yd ave.) 11 TD's honorable mention all-conference

Returning part-time starters:

Andrew Fleming	OL	SR	6'0	200	has the ability to play center or guard
Joey Falde	RB/WR	SR	5'9	175	great speed and power, can play receiver or running back
Andrew Miller	WR	SR	6'1	170	former QB with great hands

Defense

Returning fulltime starters

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Wt</u>	<u>Stats/Honors</u>
Weslee Kavanagh	DT	JR	6'2	285	70 tackles, 14 for losses, explosive power and great quickness for his position

Returning part-time starters:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Wt</u>	<u>Stats/Honors</u>
Joey Falde	LB	SR	5'9	175	61 tackles in limited duty. Wrestler who can tackle with some of the best to ever have played at Orono
Andrew Miller	LB	SR	6'1	170	Converted from CB because of his ability to hit and cover spread offenses

OTHER PROSPECTS:

Name	Pos	Yr
Matt Waste	LB	SR
Kris Talbot	OL	SR
David Crotteau	OL	SR
Bo Maki	DB/WR	SR
Matt Gottschalk	OL/DE	SR
Jordan Perry	RB/DB	SR
Noah Thoele	LB/RB	SR
Henry Kupfer	LB	SR
Tom Druk	WR	SR
Ryan Arne	DB	SR
Daniel Stephenson	WR/DB	SR
Hunter Moore	TE/DE	SR
Cameron Lyons	OL/DL	SR
Clayton Ernhart	OL/DL	SR
Jacob Klatt	OL/DL	SR
Andy Bunting	OL/DL	SR
Erik Peterson	QB	JR
Chris Whitmore	RB	JR
Tucker Kroll	LB/RB	JR
Chase Myhran	WR/DB	JR
Reese Van Dyck	DB/WR	JR
Sam Persian	DB/WR	JR
Ben Nelson	TE/LB	JR
Jonathan Gasch	DL/TE	JR
Kyle Ignatius	TE/DL	JR
Matt Beck	C/DL	JR
Charlie Bennett	OL/DL	JR
Joey Doyle	OL/DL	JR
Ryan Japs	OL/DL	JR
Stefano Rosati	LB	JR
Caleb Scoles	DL	JR
Gavan Winkles	LB/RB	SO
Kelvin Hanson	LB/OL	SO
Andrew Lautner	OL/DL	SO

OPPONENT OUTLOOK

Last season the Wright County Conference was again one of the best conferences in the state. Orono was undefeated and made it to the state AAAA semi-finals. Glencoe-Silver Lake won their third consecutive state AAA championship, and Waconia only lost to Orono, Glencoe and the eventual AAAA state champions, Mankato West. Look for Glencoe-Silver Lake, Delano, and Waconia to challenge Orono for their conference crown. Dassel-Cokato, Litchfield and Annandale all have key seniors who saw a lot of playing time last season, and Watertown-Mayer and Mound-Westonka will be improved. In the sections, Mound-Westonka and Park Center join Section 6AAAA replacing Columbia Heights and Minneapolis North. Look for Totino-Grace, Spring Lake Park and Benilde-St. Margarets to compete with Orono for the top spot. Orono opens the season at home against Waconia on September 4th. They play Litchfield in week #6 for their homecoming game.

ORONO OUTLOOK:

Orono is coming off its best season in school history. The challenge this year will be to replace 23 seniors who were the core of the team for the past two years. Fortunately, the cupboard will not be bare. There are 20 seniors this year who are excited to take their role in the Spartan football tradition. Many of those seniors were good enough to start on most teams in the conference last year, but played behind last year's seniors. The biggest question will be team depth. If the juniors are able to fill in the gaps, the Orono Spartans could again challenge for a conference and section championship.

Offensively, the Spartans look to the leadership of senior skilled players Chase Gottschalk (RB), Joey Falde (RB), and Andrew Miller (WR), along with juniors Erik Peterson (QB) and Chase Myhran (WR). Gottschalk is the only full-time offensive starter back from last year's team when he rushed for a team-leading 669 yards and 11 touchdowns. Chase also caught 19 passes for a 15.8 yard average. Falde, a wrestler who finished third in the state last year, played mostly on the defensive side of the ball last year, but is more than able to contribute as a running back or receiver. Falde has gained about twenty pounds of muscle in the off-season and looks to be one of the best players in the conference this season. Miller also played mostly defense last year, but is a former QB who will be taking snaps at WR. Erik Peterson was the junior varsity QB last year and led them to a respectable 7-2 record. His favorite receiver was Chase Myhran. Both Peterson and Myhran started on the basketball team, so they are no strangers to varsity competition. Juniors Chris Whitmore (RB), Tucker Kroll (RB) and sophomores Gavan Winkles (FB) and Jack Halverson (RB) should also add depth at the running back positions. While the Spartans lost all five of the offensive linemen from last year's team, there are still several players who are expecting to step right in and lead the way for the backs and receivers. Seniors Matt Gottschalk (OT), Cameron Lyons (C), David Crotteau (OT), Andrew Fleming (OG) and Kris Talbot (OT) along with juniors Weslee Kavanagh (OT), Charlie Bennett (OG) and Joey Doyle (OG) will all be competing for starting spots. At tight end the Spartans are looking for good things from junior Ben Nelson who has made the switch from FB to TE. Ben is a great all-around athlete who plays on the basketball team and starred last spring in the track season. The Spartans will be watching newcomers Jordan Perry (RB/WR), Ryan Arne (WR/RB) and Hunter Moore (TE) closely as they may add depth at several positions. Another change for the Spartans from last year's team will be the play calling of Steve Fedie. Fedie retired last February and turned over the offensive coordinator duties to Bryan Goudy. Goudy was a quarterback at Concordia-Morehead, a coach at Cambridge-Isanti high school, and has worked closely with Fedie for the past three years. Joining Goudy on the offensive staff will be Nathan Thompson (RB's), Mike Jerde (OL), and Rusty Olson (WR's).

Defensively, the Spartans are again looking for seniors, juniors and possibly sophomores to replace the 10 graduates who started on last year's team. The lone returning player on defense is junior defensive tackle Weslee Kavanagh (6'2" 285). What Kavanagh did last season as a sophomore would make most seniors envious, and he appears to be even stronger and quicker this summer. Kavanagh was 4th on the team last year in tackles with 70, and second on the team in tackles for losses with 14. If Kavanagh continues to mature and develop he has the ability to reach the heights of former Orono All-State players Paul Cornick (NDSU) and Sean McWhirter (U of M). Other part-time defensive starters from last year's team are seniors Joey Falde (LB), and Andrew Miller (LB/SS). Falde had 61 tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery and 1 interception last season in limited playing time. Miller had 2 interceptions, 32 tackles and 10 passes defended. Candidates vying for starting spots on the defensive line include seniors Cameron Lyons (DT), Clayton Ernhart (DE), Matt Gottschalk (DE), and Hunter Moore (DE). Juniors Caleb Scoles (DT), Joey Doyle (DT), Jonathan Gasch (DE) and Charlie Bennett (DT/DE) should make this group one of the best in terms of camp competition. Joining Falde and Miller as linebackers are seniors Matt Waste, Andrew Fleming, and Noah Thoele. Juniors Stephano Rosati, Ben Nelson, Tucker Kroll, and sophomores Gavan Winkles and Kelvin Hanson

will all be in the mix early in camp. In the secondary James "Bo" Maki looks to replace Rob Thunheim at the safety position. At cornerback the Spartans are looking at several players including Jordan Perry (SR), Daniel Stephenson (SR), Reese Van Dyck (JR), and Sam Persian (JR). Coach Weiland's defensive staff also lost a long time assistant in Dave Gorder who also retired from coaching after last season. Joining Weiland on the defensive side of the ball will be Justin McCoy (DB's), Bob Perry (OLB'S) and Elliott Tyler (DL).

SPARTAN FOOTBALL 2009

VARSITY SCHEDULE

Practice begins August 17th

AUG. 29	ORONO SCRIMMAGE	ORONO	9:30 AM
SEPT. 4	WACONIA	HOME	7:00 PM
SEPT. 11	MOUND-WESTONKA	HOME	7:00 PM
SEPT. 18	GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE	AWAY	7:00 PM
SEPT. 25	DASSEL-COKATO	AWAY	7:00 PM
OCT. 2	ARMSTRONG (Parents Night)	HOME	7:00 PM
OCT. 9	LITCHFIELD (Homecoming)	HOME	7:00 PM
OCT. 14	ANNANDALE	AWAY	7:00 PM
OCT. 20	DELANO	AWAY	7:00 PM
OCT. 27 & 31	SECTION PLAY-OFFS	TBA	7:00 PM
NOV. 6	SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA	7:00 PM
NOV. 12-14	STATE QUARTERFINALS	TBA	7:00 PM
NOV. 20-21	STATE SEMI-FINALS	METRODOME	
NOV. 28	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	METRODOME	

J.V. SCHEDULE

AUG. 29	ORONO SCRIMMAGE	ORONO	9:30 AM
SEPT. 8	WACONIA	AWAY	4:15 PM
SEPT. 14	MOUND-WESTONKA	AWAY	4:15 PM
SEPT. 21	GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE	HOME	4:15 PM
SEPT. 24	DELANO	HOME	4:15 PM
SEPT. 28	DASSEL-COKATO	HOME	4:15 PM
OCT. 5	ARMSTRONG	HOME	4:15 PM
OCT. 12	LITCHFIELD	AWAY	4:15 PM
OCT. 19	ANNANDALE	HOME	4:15 PM

FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

AUG. 29	ORONO SCRIMMAGE	ORONO	9:30 AM
SEPT. 8	WACONIA	AWAY	4:15 PM
SEPT. 14	MOUND-WESTONKA	AWAY	4:15 PM
SEPT. 21	GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE	HOME	4:15 PM
SEPT. 24	DELANO	HOME	4:15 PM
SEPT. 28	DASSEL-COKATO	HOME	4:15 PM
OCT. 6	ARMSTRONG	AWAY	4:15 PM
OCT. 12	LITCHFIELD	AWAY	4:15 PM
OCT. 19	ANNANDALE	HOME	4:15 PM

ORONO SPARTANS VARSITY 2009

<u>NO.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>DEFENSE</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>
2	Jake Berman	10	WR	DB	5' 6"	140
3	Grant Shoen	10	QB	DB	5' 10"	155
4	Anthonic Tholey	10	WR	DB	6' 0"	165
9	Zach Growchoski	9	QB	LB	5' 10"	165
12	Dan Willson	9	QB	LB	5' 10"	165
15	Sam Persian	11	WR	DB	5' 7"	140
16	Erik Peterson	11	QB	LB	6' 0"	170
17	Andrew Miller	12	WR	DB	6' 1"	160
18	Reese Van Dyck	11	WR	DB	5' 9"	150
20	Ryan Arne	12	RB	DB	5' 9"	150
21	Chase Gottschalk	12	RB	DB	6' 1"	180
22	Chase Myhran	11	WR	DB	5' 10"	145
23	Chris Whitmore	11	RB	DB	5' 9"	150
24	Tucker Kroll	11	RB	DB	5' 9"	150
25	Jordan Perry	12	RB/WR	DB	5' 10"	175
29	Jack Halverson	10	RB	LB	5' 9"	150
30	Tom Druk	12	WR	DB	5' 9"	165
32	Joey Falde	12	WR	DB	5' 9"	150
33	Jimmy Lee	10	RB	LB	5' 9"	165
34	Gavan Winkles	10	RB	LB	5' 10"	175
39	Henry Kupfer	12	WR	LB	5' 8"	135
40	Jackson Line	10	WR	DB	5' 9"	155
43	Noah Thoele	12	RB	DL	5' 10"	160
44	Ben Nelson	11	TE	LB	5' 10"	175
45	Austin Weisbeck	10	TE	LB	5' 11"	165
49	Tony Dvorak	11	WR	DB	5' 10"	155
50	Jacob Klatt	12	OL	DL	6' 0"	210
52	Matt Gottschalk	12	OL	DL	6' 1"	175
54	Cameron Lyons	12	OL	DL	5' 10"	205
55	Matt Waste	12	OL	LB	5' 10"	185
56	Jake Eidenschink	10	OL	DL	5' 9"	180
57	Stephano Rosati	11	OL	LB	5' 9"	150
58	Andrew Flemming	12	OL	LB	5' 11"	180
59	Andrew Lautner	10	OL	DL	6' 0"	190
60	Clayton Ernhart	12	OL	DL	6' 0"	200
62	Kyle Ignatius	11	OL	DL	6' 1"	165
63	Charlie Bennett	11	OL	DL	6' 1"	200
64	Joey Doyle	11	OL	DL	5' 11"	185
65	Jason King	10	OL	DL	5' 10"	170
67	Ryan Japs	11	OL	DL	5' 9"	160
68	Jacob Klatt	12	OL	DL	5' 11"	205
69	Andy Bunting	12	OL	DL	5' 8"	215
70	Matt Beck	11	OL	DL	6' 1"	175
72	Zach Hillstrom	10	OL	DL	5' 10"	200
73	Weslee Kavanagh	11	OL	DL	6' 2"	260
74	Kris Talbot	12	OL	DL	5' 10"	230
75	David Crotteau	12	OL	DL	6' 4"	235
76	Kelvin Hanson	10	OL	LB	5' 9"	190
79	Caleb Scoles	11	OL	DL	5' 9"	260
80	Bo Maki	12	WR	DB	6' 2"	170
81	Nick Hamaty	10	WR	DB	5' 6"	145
82	Jon Gasch	11	TE	DL	6' 0"	170
83	David Bezenar	11	WR	DB	5' 9"	135
84	Sean Geelan	10	WR	DB	5' 6"	135
85	Daniel Stephenson	12	WR	DB	5' 10"	160
87	Hunter Moore	12	TE	DL	6' 3"	205
89	Tom Wachman	9	TE	DL	6' 0"	175

VARSIY COACHES: Jeff Weiland, Bryan Goudy, Mike Jerde, Justin McCoy

JV COACHES: Nathan Thompson, Bob Perry

FRESHMEN COACHES: Elliott Tyler, Rusty Olson