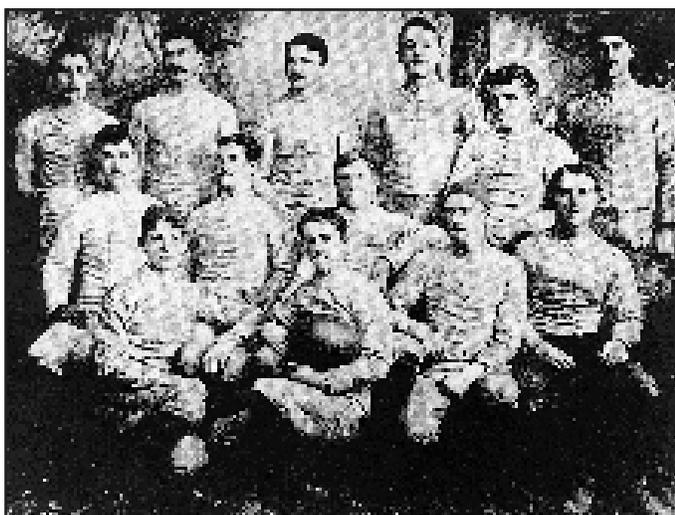


Over A Century of Tradition

Few collegiate football programs have the storied history of Cornell University. With more than 120 seasons of football in the books, the Big Red has collected five national titles, won more than 600 games and has had legendary players and coaches perform on historic Schoellkopf Field. Names such as Glenn "Pop" Warner and Heisman Trophy finalist and NCAA record-breaker Ed Marinaro have suited up for Cornell, while seven College Football Hall of Famers (including Warner, Gil Dobie and Carl Snavely) and multiple-time Super Bowl winner George Seifert have set the strategy as head coaches. Now, with Kent Austin leading the program, there's little doubt that history will continue to be made.



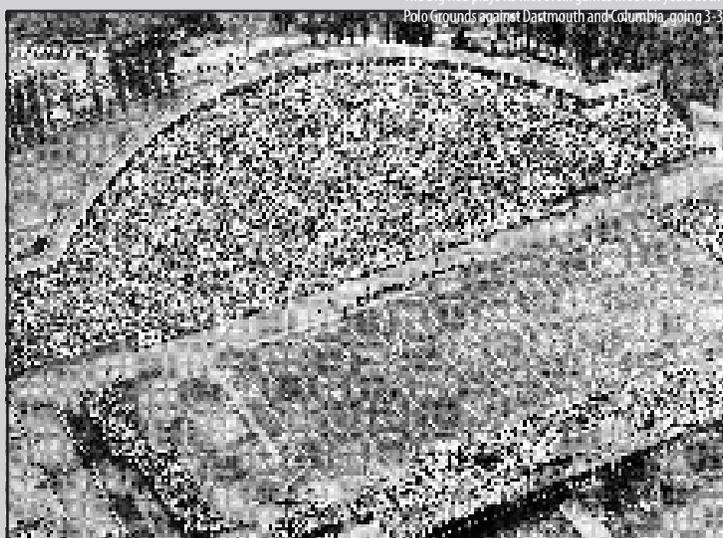
Cornell's first football team, 1887.



Glenn (Pop) Warner, 1894, was a football pioneer.

The Playing Fields

Schoellkopf Field has been an indelible mark of Cornell football since it opened in 1915 and this year will be the 92nd season at the home field. A gift from Willard Straight '01 and the family of Henry (Heinie) Schoellkopf '02 made the construction possible for the current stadium. The Big Red's first year on the field was one of its best, going 9-0 and winning the national championship. In 1915, General Electric Company completed work on a flood searchlight system for the field, and in 1924 a construction project was completed to bring capacity from 9,000 to 21,500 by adding the famed Crescent. In 1947 that was increased to its current capacity of 25,597 and a press box was added. In 1971 a gift was made to put artificial turf on the field, and it has since been resurfaced three times, the latest in 1999. The 2008 season saw installation of FieldTurf synthetic grass to replace the artificial turf. A new press box was built in 1986. Schoellkopf Memorial Hall, which houses the Big Red football offices, locker rooms and a tradition room, finished a renovation in 2006. Schoellkopf Field is the fourth-oldest Division I-AA stadium, opening in 1915. Only Penn's Franklin Field (1895), Harvard Stadium (1903) and the Yale Bowl (1914) are older. Its capacity of 25,597 ranks as the eighth-largest stadium in Division I-AA. Tennessee State's Coliseum seats 67,500 to lead all stadiums. The record crowd, when there were bleachers in the end zones and beneath the Crescent and west stands, was 35,300 for Michigan, Nov. 10, 1951. The playing area before World War I was Percy Field, alongside Fall Creek, the present site of Ithaca HS.



In 1951, the Big Red defeated Michigan 20-7 in front of the largest crowd in Schoellkopf history (35,300).

Opened: 1915
Record at Schoellkopf Field: 285-164-15 (.630)
Largest Football Crowd (all-time):
 35,300 vs. Michigan (W, 20-7) on Nov. 10, 1951
Largest Football Crowd (since 1970):
 23,000 vs. Columbia (W, 24-21) on Oct. 30, 1971

Cornell Football Timeline

1869

The first football game, an intramural contest featuring 40 players per side, occurs on campus.

1874

Cornell president Andrew D. White refuses to let Cornellians travel for a football game against Union College in Cleveland because "I refuse to let 40 of our boys travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind."

1887

Cornell relents, and the first intercollegiate game under modern rules is played against Union College on Nov. 12, 1887. Union wins the game 24-10 in the contest played where Day and Stimson halls stand today.

1888

Cornell picks up its first win in program history, topping Palmyra 26-0 in the season opener on Oct. 20 en route to a 4-2 record.

1892

Glenn (Pop) Warner '94 saw his first football game at Cornell, thinking it was "just a schoolboy scramble with a few bloody noses," gave it a try, and went on to become the best known of the sport's pioneering coaches. He caused more rule changes than all other coaches combined.

1897

Warner begins the first of his two coaching stints at Cornell, going 5-3-1 with wins over Syracuse and Penn State. He ended his Cornell career with a 36-13-3 record.

1901

Cornell wins a record 11 games, going 11-1 under first-year coach Ray Starbuck. Cornell outscores foes 324-38, dropping an 8-6 decision to Princeton in the eighth game of the year. It was the first points the Big Red had allowed all year.

1915

Cornell picks a great year to open play at Schoellkopf Field. Charley Barrett '16 scores a first-quarter TD to lead Cornell to a 10-0 victory over Harvard in a game of unbeaten. The Big Red handed the Crimson its first loss in four years and was declared national champion, the first of five national titles for Cornell.

1919

The Big Red plays its first six games in seven years at the Polo Grounds against Dartmouth and Columbia, going 3-3.

1920

Cornell's all-time winningest coach Gil Dobie leads the Big Red to a 6-2 mark. Dobie's next three squads would win national championships.

1921

The Big Red goes 8-0, claims the mythical national title and begins its school record 26-game win streak. Cornell outscores its foes 392-21.

1922

Cornell wins its second-straight crown, going 8-0 and outscoring opponents 339-27.

1923

National title No. 4 and the third in a row, the Big Red goes 8-0 and blisters foes by a 320-23 margin.

1938

Cornell begins its second-longest win streak (18) with a win over Penn State. The streak ends with the Fifth Down game two years later.

1939

The 1939 team goes 8-0 and claims the program's fifth national crown and is the Lambert Trophy winner, with Cornell defeating Syracuse, Princeton, Penn State, Big Ten champion Ohio State, Columbia, Colgate, Dartmouth and Penn. Cornell overcame a 14-0 deficit in the first quarter to beat the powerful Buckeyes 23-14 in Columbus. The rumor of an invite to the Rose Bowl was quickly quelled by the Big Red administration, which did not want to further strain the players' academic situations.

1940

The Fifth-Down Game. No. 1 Cornell improved to 6-0 with a 7-3 victory over Dartmouth in Hanover, scoring on the last play of the game. After reviewing game film on Monday, Coach Carl Snavelly and acting athletic director Robert J. Kane wire Dartmouth officials to tell them Cornell scored on a fifth down. The Big Green accepts the forfeit, winning the contest 3-0. Cornell also becomes the only Ivy League school to reach No. 1 in the Associated Press poll, hitting the top spot for three weeks.

1943

In the heart of World War II, travel restrictions limit options for a venue to play a contest against Dartmouth. They were unable to travel to each other as no rail line ran between Ithaca and Hanover. Instead, the two teams met in Boston and played at Fenway Park in the shadow of the "Green Monster." The Big Green won 20-0.

1948

Bob Dean '49 scores from 1-foot out and kicks the PAT with 2:40 left, giving the Big Red a 27-26 come-from-behind victory over Dartmouth in front of 30,000 fans at Schoellkopf Field. The Big Red takes the mythical Ivy League championship with a perfect record behind the feats of Hillary Chollet '50 and Pete Dorset '50.

1951

Cornell defeats defending Big Ten Conference and Rose Bowl champion Michigan, 20-7, in front of the largest crowd in Schoellkopf history (35,300).

1963

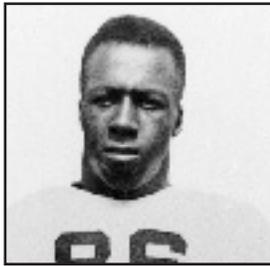
Pete Gogolak kicks a then-NCAA record 50-yard field goal against Lehigh. He also sets a major college record with 44 consecutive PAT kicks.

1969

Sophomore Ed Marinaro bursts onto the collegiate scene with a 162-yard effort against Colgate in the season opener. He ran for 100 yards in seven of the team's nine games, posting a school record 1,409 yards on the ground and 14 touchdowns. Included is a then-school record 281 yard performance against Harvard.

1970

Not to be outdone, Marinaro breaks his own school record with 1,425 yards and shares the Asa S. Bushnell Cup for Ivy Player of the Year with Dartmouth's Jim Chasey.



Jerome Heartwell Holland

Born: Jan. 9, 1916

Died: Jan. 13, 1985

College Football Hall of Fame:

Inducted 1965

Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame:

Inducted 1978

Jerome "Brud" Holland '39

The college football Hall of Famer is known for much more than being the first black football player at Cornell. A two-time first-team All-American at end, Holland scored 10 career touchdowns, and later watched as his son, Joe Holland '78, became one of the school's all-time leading rushers. But it was his greatness as a statesman that earned him international fame.

HONORS AND TITLES

- U.S. ambassador to Sweden
- Chairman American Red Cross
- Chairman Salvation Army
- Chairman Planned Parenthood
- First African American director of the New York Stock Exchange
- 1985 Medal of Freedom Award (nation's highest civilian award)
- President of Hampton Institute
- President of Delaware State
- Trustee Emeritus, Cornell University
- *Sports Illustrated's* Silver Anniversary Award (outstanding contributions to American life)



All-time greats Bob Dean (left) and Pete Dorset

Cornell In The Major College Polls

Year	Record	AP	Coaches
1938	5-1-1	12	—
1939	8-0-0	4	—
1940	6-2-0	15	—
1948	9-1-0	19	—
1949	8-1-0	12	—
1950	7-2-0	—	20



Do You Know Bo?

You should ... a sensational three-sport star at Cornell (football, track and field and basketball), Irvin "Bo" Roberson '58 still holds the Cornell record for longest kickoff return (100 yards). The late Dick Schaap '55, a legendary Cornellian himself, said Roberson was the greatest natural athlete ever in the Ivy League.

The Trustees' Cup

Since 1995, the winner of the Cornell-Penn football game has been awarded the Trustees' Cup. Alumni from Penn and Cornell gathered at the New York Penn Club on Sept. 6, 1995 for the dedication of the Trustees' Cup, which thereafter has been presented to the winner of the annual football game. The idea evolved from a series of discussions between officials and alumni of both universities, focusing on what would be the best way to honor one of college football's most celebrated rivalries. The decision was made to establish an award to be presented at an annual luncheon, with the winning team taking the prize home and displaying it for a year.

Top 10 Division I-AA

All-Time Wins (entering 2012)

1. Yale..... 869
2. Penn..... 823
3. Harvard..... 821
4. Princeton 787
5. Fordham..... 749
6. Delaware..... 658
7. Dartmouth 656
8. Lafayette 654
9. Lehigh..... 650
10. **Cornell623**



The Big Red's 1948 squad and the 1949 team (pictured here) both won Ivy championships while going 8-1 both years. The 1950 unit went 7-2 for a phenomenal three-year record of 23-4.

Cornell's National Champions



According to Helms Athletic Foundation, Houlgate System, National Championship Foundation and Parke Davis



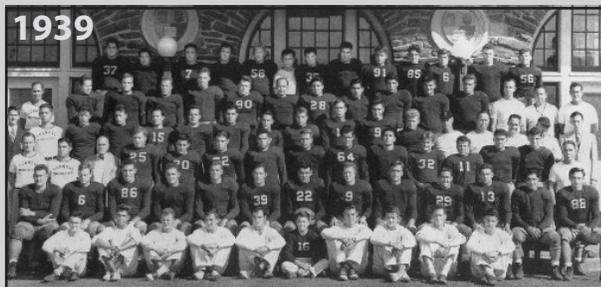
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According to Sagarin



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Ed Marinaro looks for a hole in the 1971 game against Columbia.

1971
Marinaro caps off his fine career with a then-NCAA record 1,881 yards and 24 touchdowns en route to earning first-team All-America honors. He claims all of the major national player of the year awards except the coveted Heisman Trophy, which he finishes second to Auburn's Pat Sullivan in one of the award's closest votes. The Big Red shares its first-ever Ivy crown on Marinaro's shoulders, matching Dartmouth's 6-1 record in Ancient Eight action.

1981
Derrick Harmon becomes the first Cornell player to earn Ivy League Sophomore of the Year (now Rookie of the Year).

1982
Cornell moves to the Division I-AA classification.

1986
The Big Red made an unlikely run for the league title, finishing the year with just one loss in Ivy play a year after going 3-7 overall. Cornell drops a 31-21 decision to Penn in the season finale as the Quakers claimed the crown.

1988
Cornell brought the Ivy League trophy back to the East Hill in 1988 when the team earned six victories against its Ancient foes. Five individuals earned first-team All-Ivy honors, including Cornell Hall of Famers Scott Malaga (RB) and Mitch Lee (LB). The team outscored its opponents by nearly 100 points while averaging 345.0 yards per game.

1989
Cornell makes a Thanksgiving Day appearance on ESPN, playing a 10 a.m. contest against Penn. The Big Red wins 20-6 and is 3-0 all-time on ESPN.

1990
Cornell posts a 6-1 Ivy mark and a share of the Ancient Eight title under the direction of first-year head coach and former gridiron great Jim Hofher '79. The Big Red leads the league in rushing (242.9 ypg.) and total offense (375.0 ypg.) while outscoring its opponents 180-95. Three of the team's offensive linemen — Jay Bloedorn, Greg Finnegan and Chris Field — earned first-team All-Ivy honors, leading the Big Red's 14 overall selections. Scott Oliaro runs for a school-record 288 yards against Yale.

1991
The Big Red travelled to Division I Stanford to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of its sister school from the West. The Cardinal win 56-6.

1995
Cornell wins five straight Ivy games midway through the season and finishes tied for second in the Ancient Eight standings.

1996
The Big Red plays its first overtime game, defeating Princeton 33-27 at home in the season and home opener. Chad Levitt '97 falls 58 yards shy of the school's career rushing record after being hurt in his final collegiate game, ending his four-year run with 4,657 yards. He is named second-team All-America and the Ivy League Player of the Year.

2000
Big Red fans are provided with plenty of excitement, as Cornell's all-time leading passer, Ricky Rahne '02, led the team through some amazing fourth-quarter comebacks. The squad battled to win three games by one point each to challenge for the Ivy title, finishing the season in second place.

2001
The season opener at Bucknell is cancelled after the attacks of Sept. 11. When the season begins, Ricky Rahne '02 builds on his passing totals and graduates as the school's career leader in passing (7,710 yards) and touchdown passes (54).

2002
Keith Ferguson '03 graduates as the school's all-time leader

CORNELL ALL-TIME FOOTBALL TEAM (1887-2003)

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Class
WR.....	Eric Krawczyk.....	1998
WR.....	Joe Splendorio.....	2001
TE.....	Brud Holland.....	1939
OT.....	Nick Drahos.....	1941
OT.....	Frank Wydo.....	1950
OG.....	Bill Warner.....	1903
OG.....	Sid Roth.....	1939
OG.....	Chris Field.....	1991
OC.....	Greg Bloedorn.....	1996
QB.....	Gary Wood.....	1964
RB.....	Ed Marinaro.....	1972
RB.....	Derrick Harmon.....	1984
RB.....	Chad Levitt.....	1997
FB.....	Jeff Fleischmann.....	1951
FB.....	Scott Malaga.....	1989
PK.....	Pete Gogolak.....	1964
Ret.....	Pete Larson.....	1967
Ret.....	Bo Roberson.....	1958

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name	Class
DE.....	John O'Hearn.....	1915
DE.....	Tom McHale.....	1987
DE.....	Seth Payne.....	1997
DL.....	Phil Ratner.....	1966
DL.....	John Sponheimer.....	1969
DL.....	Mike Phillips.....	1974
LB.....	Walt Matuszak.....	1941
LB.....	Bob Lally.....	1974
LB.....	Mitch Lee.....	1990
LB.....	Chris Zingo.....	1994
DB.....	Eddie Kaw.....	1923
DB.....	George Pfann.....	1924
DB.....	Hillary Chollet.....	1950
DB.....	Mike Raich.....	1988
P.....	Bob Dean.....	1949
P.....	Erik Bernstein.....	1987

* - as voted on by the members of the Cornell Football Association (CFA) in 2003.

The Fifth Down Game

"In view of the conclusions reached by the officials that the Cornell touchdown was scored on a fifth down, Cornell relinquishes claim to the victory and extends congratulations to Dartmouth." -Statement from Cornell Athletic Director James Lynah to Dartmouth College-

"I accept the final conclusion of the officials and without reservation concede the victory to Dartmouth ... with hearty congratulations to you and the gallant Dartmouth team." -Statement from Cornell head coach Carl Snavelly to Dartmouth College-

"Thank you for your wire. Dartmouth accepts the victory and your congratulations and salutes the Cornell team, the honored and honorable opponent of her longest unbroken football rivalry." -Statement from Dartmouth Athletic Director William McCarter to Cornell University-

Arguably the greatest example of sportsmanship in the history of athletic competition, the Nov. 16, 1940 Cornell-Dartmouth game has become known as the "Fifth Down Game."

The Big Red, ranked No. 1 in the nation and riding an 18-game win streak, seemingly escaped Hanover, N.H., with a 7-3 victory against the underdog Big Green, scoring on a 6-yard touchdown pass by Walter Scholl on the game's final play. After reviewing game film on Monday, Coach Carl Snavelly and acting athletic director Robert J. Kane wired Dartmouth officials to tell them Cornell scored on an inadvertent fifth down, as referee Red Friesell had lost track of the downs.

After Snavelly called a team meeting later that day, he let the players make the decision on how to handle the situation. Led by captain Walt Matuszak, Cornell voted to forfeit the contest. Though there were no rules compelling the outcome to be changed, in an unprecedented act of sportsmanship, the Big Red relinquished claims to the win. The Big Green accepted the forfeit and the 3-0 victory. It remains the only time a collegiate sporting contest has been decided off the field after the completion of a game.

Some of Cornell's Greatest Games ...

Union 24, Cornell 10 (Nov. 12, 1887 at Ithaca, N.Y.)

Cornell's first official varsity game. The Big Red jumped out to a 10-2 lead before a more experienced Union squad used its greater understanding of the rules of the day to score 22 straight points.

Cornell 10, Harvard 0 (Oct. 23, 1915 at Cambridge, Mass.)

Cornell's first national championship season was highlighted by a stunning 10-0 victory over Harvard, snapping a 10-game Crimson win streak to begin the all-time series.

Cornell 23, Ohio State 14 (Oct. 28, 1939 at Columbus, Ohio)

The powerful Big Ten champs jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the second quarter with 86- and 72-yard touchdown drives, but Cornell rallied, scoring the game's final 23 points to claim the upset. Walter 'Pop' Scholl '41 ran for a 79-yard touchdown, passed for a 26-yard score to knot the game, then watched as Hal McCullough gave the Big Red the lead for good. All-America tackle Nick Drahos '41 kicked a field goal to give Cornell the win.

Dartmouth 3, Cornell 0 (Nov. 16, 1940 at Hanover, N.H.)

The famous "Fifth Down Game." See above.

Cornell 20, Michigan 7 (Nov. 10, 1951 at Ithaca, N.Y.)

In front of a Schoellkopf Field record crowd of 35,300, the Big Red blitzed defending Rose Bowl champion and four-time defending Big Ten champion Michigan 20-7. The Big Red limited the Wolverines to 39 yards rushing, just 16 in the second half, to stifle the visitors. Cornell rallied from a 7-0 halftime deficit for the crowd-pleasing victory.

Cornell 19, Penn 6 (Nov. 19, 1988 at Ithaca, N.Y.)

The Big Red claimed a share of the Ivy League title by topping previously unbeaten Penn 20-6 in the season finale. Cornell scored 16 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to erase a 6-3 deficit. Included was a goal-line stand with less than four minutes remaining in the third quarter keyed by a fourth-down stop by Brent Felitto at the 1-yard line on fourth-and-2. The Cornell offense then took the ball and marched 99 yards for the go-ahead score, a 15-yard run by Steve Lutz.

Cornell 33, Princeton 27 (Sept. 21, 1996 at Ithaca, N.Y.)

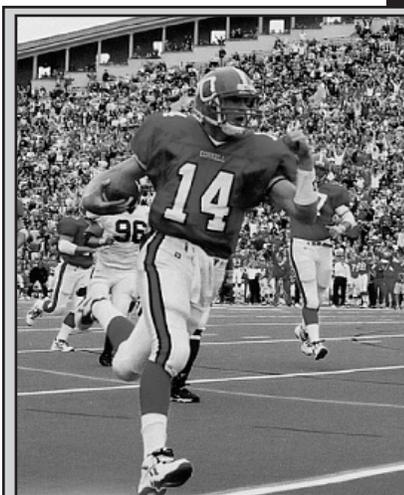
The Big Red wins the first overtime game in school history as Cornell and Princeton battled to two extra sessions to determine a winner. Cornell scored 13 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to tie the game on a 45-yard John Rodin field goal. After both teams scored in the first overtime, Brian Oppe ran in from 1-yard out to collect the win.

Cornell 29, Harvard 28 (Oct. 7, 2000 at Cambridge, Mass.)

Joe Splendorio '01 blocked a 27-yard game-winning field goal try in the final seconds as Cornell stormed back from a 28-0 halftime deficit for a 29-28 win. It was the second straight year Splendorio blocked a field goal in the waning seconds to protect a one-point Big Red win over the Crimson.

Cornell 32, Columbia 26 (Nov. 13, 2004 at New York, N.Y.)

First-year head coach Jim Knowles '87 preached all year to his players that they must believe in themselves. He saw the result of that belief in one of the most improbable comebacks in Cornell football history. The Big Red rallied from a 26-7 deficit with 9:33 to play for a 32-26 victory over Columbia. D.J. Busch '05 threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns, including the game-winner to Brian Romney '06 with 37 seconds to play. During the rally, Sean Nassoioy '05 intercepted two fourth-quarter passes.



Ricky Rahne runs across the goal line in a 24-23 victory over Yale in 2000.

in receiving yards (2,569) and becomes the first Cornell player to record 200 career catches (202).

2004

Despite being picked to finish last in the preseason poll by the league's coaches after an 0-7 campaign the previous year, first-year head coach Jim Knowles '87 breathes new life into the program. Cornell goes 4-3 in Ivy play, becoming the second Ancient Eight team to go from a winless league record to a winning mark in the span of one year.

2005

The Big Red went 4-1 at Schoellkopf Field and finished the season with a 6-4 overall mark. Three-time first-team All-Ivy pick Kevin Boothe was chosen in the sixth round of the NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders and earned first-team All-America honors.

2006

Cornell posts five consecutive home victories to finish the season 5-5 overall, including triumphs over No. 23 Albany and No. 15 Princeton. The win over the Tigers handed the Ivy champion their only defeat of the year, and it also proved to be the highest ranked team Cornell had ever defeated since moving to Division I-AA.

2008

A last-second touchdown pass from Nathan Ford to Jesse Baker gives the Big Red a 25-24 win at Lehigh and caps a school-record 472 passing yards for the Big Red. Ford also sets Cornell single-game records for total offense (447 yards) and pass completions (39).

2010

Kent Austin takes over the Big Red program, and under his tutelage Jeff Mathews '14 becomes the third Cornellian to earn Ivy League Rookie of the Year honors. He sets freshman passing records and becomes the first Big Red rookie to start a game at quarterback.

2011

Behind a record-setting Big Red offense, Cornell improves its win total from two to five overall and in Ivy League play from one to three, including winning at reigning Ivy champion Penn in its final game. Over the final two weekends of the season, the Big Red scores 110 points in its final two contests, including a modern day record 62 points in a win over Columbia. The offense was directed by sophomore quarterback Jeff Mathews, who was named the Bushnell Cup Winner as Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year. He was joined by All-America receiver Shane Savage, Brad Greenway (PK) and Rashad Campbell (returner) as members of the first-team All-Ivy League squads.