

## **Butte College – 11-0 Overall, 5-0 Nor-Cal Conference 2008 SEASON GAME-BY-GAME RECAP:**

### **Game 1: Butte 40, Sacramento City 13**

The Roadrunners started the scoring early in the game with a long touchdown by Alex Courtney of 60 yards. Butte's defense came up big in the first half holding Sac City to zero first downs in the game's first 24 minutes.

Butte, as a team, was able to run the ball for 193 yards on 34 carries and 3 TD's. Ryan Ratekin ended the game 13 for 24 passing for 268 yards. Josh Bellamy had 5 catches for 131 yards and 2 TD's.

On defense, the Roadrunners held the Panthers to 206 yards of total offense. Alfonso Simmons and Tyree Dickson led the way combining for 6 tackles for loss.

### **Game 2: Butte 42, Feather River 13**

In a matchup of two of the best rushing teams in the North State, it turned into the "Alex Green and Ryan Ratekin Show". Feather River ended the '08 season being the top rated rushing team in the North State, but was held to 111 yards on 33 carries.

Green was a force on the ground with 153 yards and 2 TD's. Ratekin had another strong showing going 12 out of 18 for 254 yards. Angel Quail was the leading receiver for Butte with 3 catches for 101 yards.

The Butte defense shut down the Golden Eagles in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, not giving up a single point. The Feather River QBs were only able to complete 25% of the passes on the day against the Butte secondary.

### **Game 3: Butte 53, Siskiyou 25**

With the Roadrunners making the trip to Weed, it was expected to be a tight ball game. On the first play from scrimmage, the Screaming Eagles tried a trick play to the TE, but AJ Hills made a big interception that got the Roadrunners off to a great start. Butte jumped out to a 20-7 lead after their first 3 possessions and there was no looking back.

Ryan Ratekin had another strong day throwing for 294 yards and completing 55% of his passes. Jordan Rodgers came in and went 3-5 for 114 yards. Erick Clayton and Justin Hilton had 2 receiving TD's each. The Butte rushing duo of Alex Green and Alex Courtney accounted for 191 yards on the ground.

The Butte defense held COS to 13 points in the first 3 quarters and Tyree Dickson ended up with 2 sacks for the game.

### **Game 4: Butte 40, Redwoods 20**

In a hard fought 1<sup>st</sup> half Butte was able to take the lead at home over the Corsairs with 7 seconds left in the half. Ryan Ratekin hit Josh Bellamy with a 14 yard TD pass to put the Roadrunners ahead for good. Butte came out scoring strong with 23 unanswered points to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and put the game out of reach.

Alex Green had another great game rushing for 116 yards on 27 carries. Ratekin found Bellamy 7 times for 106 yards and 3 TD's.

The Butte defense held Redwoods to 178 yards of total offense. They had a great day against a tough Corsairs running game, limiting Redwoods to a total of 25 yards on 27 carries.

### **Game 5: Butte 24, San Joaquin Delta 17**

With both teams coming into the game with perfect 4-0 records something had to give. The game was a hard fought matchup highlighted by Brandon Rankin's 4 sacks and 7 ½ tackles for loss. The Butte defense was able to keep the Delta Mustangs off the scoreboard in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Alex Green had his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive 100+ yards rushing game, ending with 120 yards on 22 carries, including the game winner on a 32 yard TD run. Josh Bellamy finished the game with 1 TD and 73 yards receiving.

The tough Butte defense ended up having more sacks (7) than completions against them (5), while holding the Mustangs to a 20% completion percentage on the day. Butte's defense ended the day only giving up 185 yards of total offense.

### **Game 6: Butte 28, San Francisco 14**

Butte started their conference play against the defending state champions CC of San Francisco. Early in the game, Ryan Ratekin was hurt and replaced by Jordan Rodgers at quarterback. Butte entered the locker room down by 7 at the half, but got on the board with an 89 kickoff return by Kiki Paul on the opening kickoff of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. This led the way to Butte putting up 28 points in the final two quarters. Auggie Heath added a 42 yard FG, his long of the year.

In a ball control game Butte's running back duo of Alex Green and Alex Courtney had 139 yards on the ground.

In another great game by the Roadrunners' defense, they held CCSF to 189 yards of offense. Anthony Conner had an interception return for 51 yards for a touchdown to help put the game away. Butte held CCSF to -69 yards on the ground with Tyree Dickson finishing with 3 sacks on the day.

### **Game 7: Butte 45, Santa Rosa 27**

In what was supposed to be an offensive shootout, Butte started backup QB Jordan Rodgers. Butte was able to keep the Santa Rosa offense off the field for most of the day, limiting the Bearcubs to just over 20 minutes with the ball.

With Conner and Green running the ball for Butte, the offense ended the day with 191 yards rushing on 32 carries and 4 TD's.

The big play of the game came in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with AJ Hills blocking a punt and Lametrius Davis picking it up and running it back for a TD to put Butte up by 14 points.

Butte's defense held the North State's leading offense to a total of 295 yards. Butte's AJ Hills and Anthony Conner each had an interception.

### **Game 8: Butte 41, Diablo Valley 29**

Butte's first league game with new NorCal Conference member Diablo Valley was played in rainy conditions. Butte was able to take a 27-13 lead into the locker room at half. Butte kept the lead throughout the game, giving up one last TD with 1:29 to go in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

Alex Green was able to show off his running skills in the rain for 175 yards on 35 carries with a rushing and receiving TD. Jordan Rodgers passed for 3 TD's, mixing up his completions to 7 different Butte players.

Butte's JonBon Watt's had a sack, which resulted in a fumble and a recovery for a TD by Alfonso Simmons. It was Butte's 1<sup>st</sup> fumble recovery for a TD this year. AJ Hills had another strong performance and was involved in 10 tackles on the day.

### **Game 9: Butte 35, San Mateo 21**

Butte's 4<sup>th</sup> league game of the year saw Jordan Rodger throw for 202 yards and rush for 51 yards. Butte's defense was able to keep the Bulldogs rushing offense almost 90 yards below their season long rushing average.

Alex Green had another 100+ yard day, finishing with 103 yards on the ground and 4 TD's. Rodgers was able to hook up with TE Matt Carter 4 times for 96 yards, including a 55-yard TD that put the game out of reach.

Anthony Conner had a huge day in the secondary, picking off CSM quarterbacks 3 times, and also had 7 tackles. Brandon Rankin had 2 sacks. The win, along with Foothill's loss to Santa Rosa, clinched the NorCal Conference Championship for the Roadrunners.

### **Game 10: Butte 33, Foothill 7**

Butte entered the conference finale playing for its 1<sup>st</sup> undefeated regular season since 1999. In a pretty quiet first half, Butte took a 12-7 lead. The Roadrunners came out of the locker room after the half and put up 21 unanswered points, while shutting out the Owls. Butte sacked Foothill 13 times and held the Owls to 130 yards of total offense.

Butte quarterbacks were 12 of 16 for 254 yards and 3 TD's. Josh Bellamy had 5 catches for a 145 yards and a TD in his final regular season game for Butte. Brandon Rankin produced one of the best game performances ever for a Roadrunner defensive lineman: 6 ½ sacks and 12 tackles. Jon Bon Watts contributed 2 ½ sacks to.

### **Game 11: Butte 24, Reedley 21**

In the State Center Bowl, Butte entered the State Center Bowl as the No. 1 seed but had to travel to Reedley High School to play the host Reedley Tigers for the Northern California Championship and a berth in the state finals.

Butte QB Ryan Ratekin started his first game since the league opener against CCSF. He was able to shake off the rust and complete 16 passes for 279 yards and 2 TD's (both to Matt Carter). Alex Courtney led Butte rushers with 94 yards on 16 carries, including the game winning 23 yard TD in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Butte finished with 406 yards of offense.

Tyree Dickson led the Roadrunners defense with 13 tackles and 1 interception. Freshman AJ Hills had 11 tackles. The Butte defense held the Tigers to 286 yards.

### **Game 12: Butte (11-0) vs. Mt. San Antonio (12-1) in CCCAA State Championship Game, Dec. 13, 5 p.m., at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa.**