



# Walsh University Football Media Notes/Game

## (H) Kentucky Christian University Sat., Sept. 4 at 12 pm



**KICKOFF:** Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 12 pm in Canton, OH

**RADIO BROADCAST:** AM 900 WCER/AM 640 WHLO am and on the internet at [www.wcer.us](http://www.wcer.us), [www.whlo640.com](http://www.whlo640.com) (11:45 am pre game)

**TV BROADCAST:** SportsTime Ohio (STO) 6 pm Saturday night

**STADIUM:** Fawcett Stadium (22,365)

**RECORDS:** Walsh (0-0) / Kentucky Christian University (0-1)

**NAIA RANKINGS:** Walsh 16th NAIA

**COACHES: WALSH:** Jim Dennison (104-59, 16th yr./184-121-2, 29th yr. / **KCU:** Zach Moore (1-11, 2nd yr.)

**TICKETS:** Adults \$5.00, Senior Citizens, children under 12 \$2.00... Walsh students are admitted free with a valid Walsh ID card. Free tickets are available at Giant Eagle in Washington Square.

**MAGNET GIVE-AWAY:** Magnet schedules will be given away to the first 1,000 fans

**SECURITES:** Coolers, Large Bags and Back-packs are prohibited at Fawcett Stadium

**WALSH:** Walsh opens its 16th season, at home, against Kentucky Christian University (0-1). The Cavs finished 16th in the 2009 final NAIA Top 25 and are ranked 16th in the preseason poll.

Walsh finished 8-3 last season, after finishing 3-8 in 2008 and 5-6 in 2007.

**OPENERS:** Walsh is 10-5 in season openers and 13-2 in home openers. They defeated Ohio Dominican University 23-16 in their home opener last year, but lost the season opener 48-17 at West Liberty. The last time Walsh lost the home opener was 2008 to West Liberty (24-10).

**TAILBACK:** Walsh will start Dominic Williams (5-11, 202, So., Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban) at tailback, after suffering injuries to their top four backs. Williams is shifting from defensive back. Clinton Blossomgame (5-11, 208, Sr., Columbus, OH/Beechcroft) had successful surgery on his left knee on Monday and will miss at least the first four games. Blossomgame earned All-MSFA Mideast honors after leading the league in rushing with 1,315 yards last year, with seven 100-yard games. Toba Olarewaju (5-10, 191, So., Youngstown, OH/Christian) is out due to a hip pointer, but is expected back next week. Olarewaju recorded a 200-yard game last year and averaged 5.2 yards per carry. Kevin Beichler (5-10, 175, Sr., Orrville, OH/Smithville) fractured his right

foot and will also miss three to four weeks. Beichler averaged 10.6 yards per carry last year with 110 yards against Marian and 94 yards at Trinity. Reggie Garner (5-9, 182, So., Buffalo, NY/Kiski Prep) pulled a hamstring and will miss today's game. He will be reevaluated next week.

**WALKING WOUNDED:** Wide Receiver's Kade Wagner (6-2, 219, Jr., Green, OH/HS) and Robert Wigfall (5-10, 179, So., Youngstown, OH/Hubbard) are expected to play. Wagner missed most the preseason with a left knee sprain suffered the first day of practice, while Wigfall has been nursing a leg contusion. Tight end Judd Ellinger (6-3, 238, Jr., Lancaster, OH/Amanda Clearcreek) has a right knee sprain and may return next week. Tony Reed (6-1, 300, Jr., Warren, OH/Harding) returns from a right shoulder injury and will start at nose.

**STARTERS:** Walsh will return 16 starters; seven on offense, eight on defense and one on special teams.

**OPENER POINTS:** Walsh has averaged 30.4 in 15 home openers. They averaged 32.5 points per game last year and scored 23 points in a win over Ohio Dominican. Walsh's defense has surrendered an average of 13.0 points per home opener, with two shutouts (8/31/96, 27-0 vs. Mt. Senario, 9/4/04, 41-0 vs. Ohio Dominican).

**DENNISON:** Jim Dennison (104-59, 16th yr./184-121-2, 29th yr.) begins his 16th year at Walsh and 29th on the sidelines as a head coach. He has directed Walsh to 13 winnings seasons. Dennison is fifth among NAIA active coaches with a .638 winning percentage and 12th all-time.

**KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN:** The Knights dropped their season opener 34-7 at Campbellsville University last Saturday. Campbellsville led 3-0 after the opening quarter, but put up 17 second quarter points to lead 20-0 at the half. KCU scored their lone TD on a fumble recovery with 6:21 to play. Starting quarterback Beau Dailey (6-4, 215, Jr.) went down with shoulder injury in the first half and did not return. His status is questionable for Saturday. Freshman Alex Springs replaced Dailey and completed 4-13 passes for 29 yards and one interception. KCU totaled just 91 yards total offense and six first downs.

**SERIES:** This is the first meeting between the two teams.

**NEXT WEEK:** Walsh plays a MSFA crossover game with Quincy University at 12 pm at home.

**MSFA GAMES TODAY:**  
St. Ambrose at Trinity 2 pm  
Olivet Nazarene at McKendree 7 pm