

RAM REVIEW

FOOTBALL



A Message from our Head Coach: David Bowser

As a history major in college, the common theme for an ordinary person to become extraordinary was "**courage**". I read how failure was closer than people realized; however, each individual believed that the results, mission, task, or accomplishment were far greater and more important than the challenge being faced. I remember trying to process how a 26-year-old Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was challenged to lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott in the mid1950's. After much prayer and consideration, he accepted the calling knowing that the outcome was not guaranteed to go their way. We should never shy away from the challenges or dreams in life that require courage because we cannot say that we have faith and never take action on something placed deep within our hearts and/or always on our minds. It is so easy to criticize other people's failures or faults while forgetting that they should be celebrated for having the courage to meet the obstacle or task face to face. Having the courage to start the process is just as big as finishing the task because it took courage to ignore the naysayers and the fear of failing. As we prepare to the move into the next phase of our season, I am very proud of our coaches, players, and support staff for having the courage to prepare each week for the games not knowing the outcome but still pouring their heart and soul into the preparation. That calls for a celebration of each individual who is a part of the Albany State University program. They show courage daily while staying focused on their responsibilities outside of football, and that says a lot about their character and commitment to Albany State University.

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



WEEK 4

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Defense: Derrick Drayton #91

- Position: Defensive Line
- Height: 6-2
- Weight: 215
- Class: Redshirt Senior
- Hometown: College Park, GA

Stats This Week:

- 6 Tackles 1 TFL
- 1 Sack



Offense: Omarion "OJ" Dupree #5

- Position: Tight End
- Height: 6-2
- Weight: 220
- Class: Senior
- Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Stats This Week

- 16 Receiving Yards



Special Teams: Jonathan Rodriguez #46

- Position: Kicker/ Punter
- Height: 5-9
- Weight: 187
- Class: Redshirt Freshman
- Hometown: Powder Springs, GA

Stats This Week

- 1/1 FGA, Long 31 Yards
- 4 Punts, 190 Yards, Long 53 Yards

LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY



Beyond the Field: Golden Rams Continue to Make an Impact

The Albany State University football program continues to demonstrate its commitment to serving and loving our community. So far this semester, our Golden Rams have accumulated an impressive **1,145 community service hours**, showing that our impact goes far beyond the football field.

Through various service opportunities, our student-athletes have continued to give back, build meaningful relationships, and make a positive difference throughout the community. Our commitment to service does not stop here! We look forward to participating in several upcoming events, including Phoebe's Trunk or Treat and Phoebe's Jingle Bell Jog, as we continue finding ways to connect with and support those around us.

We are always looking for new opportunities to serve! If your school, organization, or community group would like to request the Albany State football team for a volunteer opportunity, please contact Director of Football Operations Ashley Jones at ashley.jones@asurams.edu. Be sure to include the nature of the event, date, time, location, and any other relevant details. We will do our best to accommodate requests and add opportunities to our calendar.

At Albany State Football, we believe that being a Golden Ram means more than what we accomplish on Saturdays. It is about the impact we leave on others every day. Our commitment to loving and serving our community remains a priority as we continue to lead through service.

STUDENT BEFORE ATHLETE



Excellence Beyond the Field: Golden Rams Shine in the Classroom

As we approach midterms, the Albany State University football program continues to emphasize the importance of academic success alongside athletic performance. We are proud to report that 91 out of 96 student-athletes with established GPAs (94.8%) currently hold a 2.5 GPA or higher! An additional 37 freshmen and transfer student-athletes have yet to establish a GPA at Albany State.

Among our Golden Rams, three student-athletes have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA, while nine hold GPAs between 3.75 and 3.99, and 11 are between 3.5 and 3.74. Additionally, 13 student-athletes have GPAs between 3.25 and 3.49, 28 are between 3.0 and 3.24, and 27 maintain GPAs between 2.5 and 2.99.

These numbers reflect the hard work and dedication our student-athletes continue to put into their academics while balancing the demands of being collegiate athletes. With 64 student-athletes maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher, we are proud of the standard being set in the classroom.

As midterms approach, we encourage our Golden Rams to remain focused, finish strong, and continue striving for excellence. Our goal is not only to develop successful football players but also well-rounded young men prepared for life beyond the game. The Standard is the Standard, both on and off the field!

BEYOND THE FIELD



Antwan Banks Inspires Golden Rams

Last week, the Albany State University football program had the pleasure of welcoming Antwan Banks as part of our ongoing speaker series, which focuses on pouring into our student-athletes beyond the football field.

Banks spent time encouraging our players and reminding them of the importance of taking pride in who they are and the program they represent. His visit reinforced the sense of brotherhood, unity, and tradition that comes with being a Golden Ram.

One message that stood out was a familiar reminder: "Whose House? Rams House!" More than just a chant, these words represent the pride, passion, and responsibility that come with wearing the Blue and Gold.

We sincerely thank Mr. Banks for taking the time to speak with our young men and continuing to support the growth and development of our Golden Rams, both on and off the field.

THANK YOU, RAMILY!

On behalf of Head Coach David Bowser and the entire Albany State University football staff and team, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Homecoming 2026 a memorable experience!

Despite the storms brought on by the hurricane just a day before, the sun came out just in time for Homecoming, and so did our RAMily! We especially want to thank our loyal fans, alumni, and supporters who weathered the storm and showed up to support our Golden Rams. Your dedication and Golden Ram pride never go unnoticed.

A special thank you goes to all of our donors who continue to invest in our football program and Albany State University. Your generosity helps create opportunities for our student-athletes and allows us to continue building something special both on and off the field.

We would also like to recognize the student-athletes and staff from our fellow athletic programs who stepped up to assist with behind-the-scenes game day operations. Your hard work and willingness to help played a major role in making the Homecoming experience run smoothly.

Homecoming is more than just a football game. It is a reminder of the pride, tradition, and family that make Albany State University so special. Rain or shine, the RAMily always shows up! Thank you for your continued love and support of our Golden Rams.



HOW YOU CAN HELP THE GOLDEN RAMS



Donations

Below is a List of snacks needed.

- Powerade
- Water
- Uncrustables
- Rice Crispy Treats
- Beef Jerky
- Slim Jims
- Fruit Snacks
- Apple Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Sun Chips
- Baked Chips
- Trail Mix
- Pretzels
- Liquid I.V.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of Albany State Football. We are grateful for your commitment to our student-athletes and our program. Together, we are building something special. Go Rams!

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