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## Q&A with Coach Kevin Kiesel

*Energetic new Marauder football head coach Kevin Kiesel (at right) is anxious to get started as he blazes his own gridiron trail. In a recent interview with Greg Wright, MU assistant director of communications & marketing, Kiesel shared his views about Marauder football, what he has inherited and what he hopes to achieve.*

### **Q. Coach Kiesel, what are your overall impressions of Millersville now that you have had a few months to settle into your new post?**

**A.**—There hasn't been much of an adjustment and that's because of the people at Millersville and the players and the state of the program. My very first impression of Millersville football players is that they know how to work, they are willing to pay the price to win, and they have carried on the tradition of "Marauder Pride" that Coach Carpenter made successful during his outstanding career. On campus, everyone has a positive feeling for football. They have taken me in and made it comfortable for me to make a smooth transition. I can't wait to get started.

### **Q. What kind of things has Coach Carpenter told you about MU football?**

**A.** Coach will help me any way he can. He has been an excellent mentor, helping my family move in and get adjusted. Coach has gone through his impressions of every player with me. He's told me the nuts-and-bolts of why he did things in certain ways and all of that information has been valuable.

### **Q. You have been fortunate to have Coach Carpenter's assistants keeping things on an even keel during the transition period. Your impressions?**

**A.** They have been a wonderful staff to work with. They believe in Millersville and they love to coach football and they like coaching here. That positive attitude has made it a smooth transition all the way around. I appreciate their hard work and commitment.

### **Q. What are your philosophies on offense, defense and special teams?**

**A.** Offensively, it won't change all that much. Coach [Brad] Mangle has put in a good system of controlling the football, spreading out the formations and emphasizing the ability to pass and run the ball equally well. Defensively, I like what Ron Rankin does, I like his (4-3) scheme and I like how the players know and believe in it so I am leaving it alone. Special teams-wise, I am going to concentrate on making that our edge and putting our best players on the field.

### **Q. You have an impact player in DE Nick Reynolds. What are the qualities he brings to the program?**

**A.** Nick is the hardest playing competitor I have ever

been around. From the start of practice to the end of the game, he gives more effort than anyone I've ever seen. He loves to attack the football from the line of scrimmage. He's an emotional leader, a vocal leader, and he's a perfect guy to build your defense around. He is versatile enough to play tackle as well as end, and he will also be playing on special team coverages. Nick is a wonderful young man and is doing very well in school.

### **Q. What kind of young man are you looking for in a Millersville recruit?**

**A.** The young man I want to bring in is someone who understands that you have to be a whole person to be a good football player. You have to get up in the morning, work hard on being a good student, and carry that work ethic over to the football field. Being a total and complete person will make you a total and complete team member. I am looking for someone who wants to work hard, be unselfish and understand that it takes all of us to do things effectively if we are to succeed. If that happens, each player has the opportunity to succeed as student-athletes and we can continue to carry on the winning tradition that Coach Carpenter has established here at Millersville.



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## 2001 Football Schedule

*All games are held on Saturdays at 1 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. All HOME Games at Biemesderfer Stadium.*

Sept. 1	ROWAN
Sept. 8	at Delaware State
Sept. 15	at Shippensburg
Sept. 22	at Kutztown, 1:05 p.m.
Sept. 29	EAST STROUDSBURG
Oct. 6	at Cheyney
Oct. 13	at Mansfield
Oct. 20	WEST CHESTER (Homecoming) 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	BLOOMSBURG
Nov. 3	at Slippery Rock
Nov. 10	IUP

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