Mesa State College
Football 1925-Present

1925
-First Football team
1939
-Won the Intermountain Junior College Conference Championship.
-Finished 8-1 overall, 5-1 in league
-Defeated Dixie Junior College Fliers from ST. George Utah 26-0.
-First team: Bill Simmons (End), Glen Sorenson (Tackle) and Gilbert Saka (Tackle).
-Coach Pete Carlson was a former All-American selection.
1940
-Cal State Riverside (at the time a J.C.) on schedule.
-All-Conference players: Paul Briggs (tackle), Bill Regian (tackle).
1941
-"One of the mightiest that ever represented Mesa."
-Won the IJCC title with a 9-0 record.
-Outscored opponents 244-42, with five shutouts.
-All-Conference players: Bill Regian (End), Don Cory (Halfback), Dick Goss (Guard), Ray Brown (Tackle), Don Devine (Quarterback) and Ralph Voegley (End).
1942
-Bert Hilt takes over coaching duties.
-Mesa breaks the string of winning conference titles.
-First time someone other than Mesa wins the conference title since basketball in 1941.
1946
-IJCC champions
-New coach Jay Tolman.
-All-Conference players: Craig Harris (Tackle), Frank Shermen (Guard), John Peltus (Center) and Max Kendall (Halfback).
1947
-Played in the Peach Bowl against Trinidad (last season in the IJCC).
-Placed second
1949
-Silver anniversary
1951
-Changed the name of the IJCC to Empire College Conference with the addition of Nebraska Junior Colleges
-Won Empire Conference title (?).
1952
Football
-Finished with a 7-2-1 record.
1955
-All-Conference players: Bill Hanks (End), Hugh Cooley (Center) and Willard Walker (Halfback).
1957
-Spike Rasmussen was named an All-American, Mesa's first.
1964
-Mesa switched to Intermountain Collegiate Athletic Conference
-Alumni defeated varsity.
-Finished 2-5-1, fourth in league.
1966
-Looked to drop the program.
1967
-Defeated Trinidad 41-7, Sterling 36-27 (undefeated).
-Won first conference games over Ricks 28-7, Boise 25-14.

-Undefeated 6-0.
-Beat CU frosh 19-13, Snow 20-13.
-Won ICAC title, Dixie 31-22.
-Finished 8-1-1 lost to Phoenix 29-7.
-Ranked 2nd in the NJCAA the fell to 7th, Northeastern Oklahoma was ranked #1.
-All-Conference Players: Greg Hume, Steve Booras, John Duffy, Jerry Reid, Judd Robinson and Mike Brunson.

1968

-Won the ICAC title along with Dixie and Ricks College

1969

-Open league play against 31-year-old rivals, Ricks
-Won ICAC title, beat Dixie 46-13
-6-2-2 record, third straight ICAC title.

1970

-Coached by Jack Perrin.
-Won the ICAC title, fourth straight.

1974

-Goes 0-9

1975

-Head Coach Jack Perrin
-Finish 0-8,
-RMAC All-Academic, Ted Block and Jim Andre

1976

-Mesa's first full season in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, District seven.

1976

-Head Coach Jack Perrin
-Finish 4-5-1 Overall, 3-5 RMAC (6th)
-RMAC First Team All-Conference Allen Elson (DL)
-RMAC Second Team All-Conference Rick Newton (WR), Craig Synder (k)

1977

-Head Coach Jack Perrin
-Took second in the RMAC by losing to USC, giving Western State the title.
-Lost the title due to USC using ineligible players.
-Beat Western New Mexico 55-11.
-Finished 7-1-1.
-RMAC First Team All-Conference Manuel Ellsworth (OL), Walt Blissit (RB), Ted Block (LB)
-RMAC Second Team All-Conference Gary Rogers (P, DB), Stan Russin (DE), Brian Gottlieb (DL)

1978

-Head Coach Jack Perrin
-Finished 4-6 overall, 4-4 in league (5th)
-RMAC First Team All-Conference Manuel Elsworth (OL), Stan Rusin (DE), Bruce Snell (DL)
-RMAC Second Team All-Conference Kirby Mayberry OL), Randy Baker (DL), Bruce Thompson (LB), Chuck Wiman (DB)

1979

-Head Coach Jack Perrin
-1-8 overall, 1-7 in RMAC (9th)
-Lost Homecoming.
-Perrin's last season.
-Perrin's ICAC record was 17-9, RMAC 14-17-1 and was 61-65-7 overall.
-MVP Kirby Mayberry and Randy Baker.
-RMAC Second Team All-Conference Dave Luckenbach (OL), Randy Baker (DL),

1980

-Bob Cortese first season
-Finish 3-6 overall, 3-5 in league (T 5th)
-RMAC First Team All-Conference Kevin Dooley (OL), Bob Schlagel (DE)
-RMAC Second Team All-Conference Joe Durham (PK)

-RMAC Honorable Mention Mike Childs (P), Jeff Franz (LB), Anthony Heronema (DB), Stu Hellem (DT), Bill Leary (LB), Jeff Morris (RB), Jeff Tootle (DB), Dave Williams (DB)
-Played four top ten teams.

1981

-Head Coach Bob Cortese
-Finish 7-3 overall, 6-2 in league (2nd).
-Ranked first in total defense (allowing 228.8 yards per game
-Fred Moore led league in kickoff returns (30.6 avg), Dave Williams in punt returns (13.3 avg)
-Defeated #5 ranked USC, 20-14.
-Tommy Streald name RMAC defensive player of the week.
-Ranked #1 in the NAIA for a week.
-All-RMAC players: Jeff Henery, Jeff Tootle and Russ Hodgson.

1982

-Head Coach Bob Cortese
-Escape USC 14-13, tie So. Utah State
-RMAC Champions.
-Finish 11-1-1 overall, 7-0-1 league
-NAIA Runner-up in National Championships, 11-1-1.
-Defeated Hillside in semis 18-9, lost to Central Oklahoma 14-11 in Edmund, OK in championship game, Central defeated Moorhead State 43-20 in the semis.
-Highest ranking team in Mesa's history.
-Led league in rushing offense, rushing defense, total defense
-Tim Donohoue led league in interceptions (7), Russ Hodgson in scoring (11.3 avg), Jerry Larghe in kickoff returns ((27.6 avg), had one kickoff return for a touchdown of 100 yards
-Cortese named RMAC and District VII Coach of the Year.
-RMAC All-Conference First Team Keith Howard (TE), Jeff Peak (OL), Dave Dumity (OL), Russ Hodgson (RB), Dean Haugum (DL), Jeff Franz (DL), Jeff Tootle (DL), Tim Donohoue (DB)
-RMAC All-Conference Second Team Don Simonton (OL), Tony Streno (DL), Dave Williams (DB), Jerry Larghe (KR)
-RMAC Honorable Mention Bill Monson (QB), Fred Moore (RB), Joe Stellavato (PK), Jeff Henry (DL), John Mark Chisholm (LB)
-First Team All District VII Team Keith Howard, Jeff Peak, Dave Dumity, Russ Hodgson, Dean Haugum, Jeff Franz, Jeff Tootle, Tim Donohoue
-NAIA All-Americans First Team Dean Haugum (DL), Second Team Keith Howard (TE), Jeff Tootle (LB)

1983

-Head Coach Bob Cortese
-RMAC Champions (second title)
-Ranked #5 on October 14, 1983.
-Ranked #3 on November 18, 1983.
-Went to semis with a 35-9 win over Eastern New Mexico. Beat Central Arkansas 34-17 in the semis. Mesa lost to Carson-Newman 36-28 in the championship.
-Record 20 All-RMAC players.
-RMAC All-Conference First Team Russ Hodgson (FB), Bill Monson (QB), Jerry Laryhe, (TB), Keith Howard (TE), Jeff Peak (OL), Mike Berk (OL), Jeff Tootle (LB), John Mark Chrisholm (LB), Tim Donohoue (DB), Dean Haugum (DL), and Tony Streno (DL).
-RMAC Second Team Don Simonton (OL), Joe Stellavato (PK), Jerry Larghe (KR), Jim Popick (DL), David Williams (DB)
-Honorable Mention Lonne Colglazier (WR), Mike Sellers (DL), Van Greer (DB), Todd Reynolds (P)
-Lead league in rushing offense (268.3), rushing defense (93.6), total offense (392.9)
-Russ Hodgson led league in rushing (110.6), scoring (9.0 per game), Jerry Larghe in kickoff returns (27.6)

1984

-Head Coach Bob Cortese
-Finish 2-8 overall, 1-7 in league (8th), forfeit five conference wins (So. Colo., So. Utah, Western State, Colorado Mines, Western New Mexico) due to the use of an ineligible player
-Lost to Montana State University 30-14
-Mesa's first loss by more than four points in five years.

-Ranked fourth in the NAIA.
-Beat Western 50-7
-Lost to Adams 20-17
-RMAC All-Conference First Team Paul Walter (TE), Donnie Holmes (WR), Jeff Peak (OL), Don Simonton (OL), Tony Streno (DL), Daryl Simonton (LB), Tim Donohoue (DB, KR)
-RMAC Second Team Mark Miller (QB), Mike Sellers (DL), Mike Nelson (DL)
-RMAC Honorable Mention Wade Andrews, Dave Howard, Herman White, Darryl McKennerney, Ken Marchiol
-Ranked first in league in passing defense (127.3), total defense (229.2)
-Donnie Holmes led league in receiving (79.5), Howard Roberts in scoring (9.0), Tim Donohoue in kickoff returns (25.5)
-USFL drafts five Maverick players, Dean Haugum (Denver Gold), Jeff Tootle (Memphis Showboats), -Donnie Holms (Oakland Raiders), Russ Hodgson (Denver Gold) and Keith Howard (Denver Gold).

1985

-RMAC champions with a conference record of 7-0 and 8-1 overall.
-Mesa beat Western Oregon 39-32 in the quarterfinals and lost to Hillsdale 24-21 in the semis.
-All-RMAC players, John Davis (Wide Receiver), Paul Walter (Tight End), Mike Berk (Offensive Line), Mark Miller (Quarterback), Herman White (Defensive Line), Deryl Mackinnerny (Linebacker) and Derron Collett (Defensive Back).

1986

-RMAC champions with a 6-0-conference record and 7-3 overall record.
-Went to the NAIA playoffs and lost to Hillsdale 27-17.
-All-Conference players, Lonnie Williams (Running Back), David Howard (Tight End), Joe Cotroneo (Offensive Line), Mike Berk (Offensive Line), Tracey Bennet (Punt Kicker), Mike Vaughn (Returner), Derron Collett (Defensive Back), Daryl Mackinnerny (Linebacker) and Ken Marchiol.

1987

-RMAC champions with a 6-0-conference record and 11-1 overall record.
-Went to the NAIA Div I playoffs and beat Southwest State 49-7 in the first round. Mesa beat Southern Oregon 38-7 in the quarterfinals and lost to Carson-Newman 21-7 in the semis.
-All-Conference players, Mike Vaughn (Running back), Howard Roberts (Running back), Duncan Bergermiester (Tight End), Shawn Feldman (Offensive Line), Jeff Russell (Offensive Line), Doug Batten (Defensive Back), Gilbert Garcia (Defensive back), John Pagano (Linebacker), Chris Allen (Defensive Line) and Mike Hepp (Defensive Line).

1988

-RMAC champions with a 5-0-conference record and 8-2 overall.
-All-Conference players, Tony Martin (Quarterback), Mike Vaughn (Running back), Marlo Johnson (Running Back), Shawn Feldman (Offensive Line), Jeff Russell (Offensive Line), Tim Riggold (Offensive Line), Doug Bergermeister (Tight End), Tracy Bennet (Punt Kicker), Doug Batten (Defensive back), Gilbert Garcia (Defensive back), John Pagano (Linebacker), Chris Allen (Defensive Line) and Mike Turnbull (Defensive Line).

1989

-Jim Paronto takes over as head coach.
-6-1 in conference and 9-1 overall.
-All-Conference players, Mike Vaughn (Running back), Marlo Johnson (Running back), Jeff Russell (Offensive Line), Rick Vonfeldt (Offensive Line), Jay Madden (Linebacker), Brian Johnson (Outside Linebacker), Chris Allen (Defensive Line), Mike Dinnell (Defensive Line) and Bob Beaudorn (RS).

1990

-RMAC champions with a league record of 4-0 and an8-4 record overall.
-Went to the NAIA playoffs and beat Western New Mexico 37-30. In the semis Mesa beat Central Arkansas 10-9. In the championship Mesa lost 38-16 to Central State.
-All-RMAC players, Marlo Johnson (Running back), Brian Barton (Running back), Jeff Goodell (Offensive Line), Duncan Bergermeister (Tight End), Reggie Brown (Wide Receiver), Richard Hahn (Punt Kicker), Blake Younker (Defensive Back), Jay Madden (Inside Linebacker), Brian Johnson (Outside Linebacker) and Mike Dinnel (Defensive Line).

1991

-3-3 league record and 3-7 overall.

-All-RMAC players, Brain Barton (Running Back), Joe Keene (Offensive Line), Mike Wilpolt (Defensive Back), Greg Miller (Outside Linebacker) and Don Patterson (Defensive Line).

1992

-3-4 league record and 3-8 overall.
-David Bateman (Offensive Line) was named first team All-RMAC.

1993

-Jay Hood takes over as head coach.
-5-2 league record and 5-5 overall.
-Mike Parisi (Defensive Back) was named fist team All-RMAC.

1994

-4-3 conference record and 4-7 overall.
-All- Conference players, Shawn Lenahan (Linebacker) and Barnel Fail (Defensive Back).

1995

-2-5 in conference and 3-7 overall.
-All-Conference players: Seth Littleton (Offensive Line) and Mike Foster (Kicker).

1996

-Went 2-6 in league and 2-8 overall.

1997

-2-6 in league and 3-8 overall.

1998

-Joe Ramunno takes over as head coach.
-2-6 in conference and 5-6 overall.
-Adrian Perez (Kick Returner) was named first team All-Conference.

1999

-4-4 conference record and 6-5 overall.

2000

-RMAC Champions with an 8-0-conference record and 10-3 overall record.
-Went to NCAA II championship playoffs. Beat Northeastern Oklahoma 40-21. Lost to UC Davis 18-62.
-All-Conference players: Andy Coryell (Quarterback), John Lancett (Running Back), Rodney Pierce (Wide Receiver), Dan Burke (Offensive Line), James Bracey (Defensive Back) and Matt Logston (Defensive Line)
-Player of the Year - Andy Coryell.
-Coach of the Year - Joe Ramunno.
-All-West players: Dan Burke (Guard), James Bracey (Defensive Back) and Chris McKinney (Defensive Back).

2001

-5-3 league record and 7-4 overall.
-All-Conference players: James Bracey (Defensive Back), Chris Echols (Outside Linebacker) and Mike Nincehelser (Defensive Line).

2002

-5-3 in league and 5-6 overall
-All-Conference 2nd Team - Charles Dukes, Brian Trautman, Chris Echols, Hank Bevan
-All-Conference Honorable Mention - Jason Arthur, Casey Coulter, Andrew Decker, Mike Kraft, Dustin Phillips, Rodney Pierce, Pat Reiman, Cameron Ross, BJ Russell
-Verizon All-Academic District VII - Jason Arthur - 1st Team, Pat Reiman - 3rd Team

2003

-RMAC Champions with an 8-0 conference record and 10-2 overall
-Hosted NCAA Division II Playoff game. Lost to Central Oklahoma 20-15
-Eight First Team All-Conference (Mowry, Dukes, Coulter, Bevan, Krile, Moore, Reiman, Russell)
-Joe Ramunno RMAC Coach of the Year, NCAA DII Region 5 Coach of the Year and Colorado Chapter National Football Foundation Coach of the Year
-DeMeco Moore invited - Las Vegas All-American Classic Bowl Game and Cactus Bowl
-Jason Arthur – Cosida Academic All-District VII First Team

2004

-Finished 0-11 overall, 0-8 in RMAC
-RMAC 1st Team Defense – BJ Russell (OLB), Joe Krile (KR)

-RMAC 2nd Team Offense – Charles Dukes (RB), Casey Coulter (P)
-RMAC Honorable Mention – Jeff Mowry (QB), Kyle Murray (DB)

2005

-Finish 5-6 overall, 4-4 in RMAC (T5th)
-RMAC All-Conference Offense – First Team - Bobby Coy RB, Drew Bohannon WR, Brian Trautman OL
Second Team All-Conference – Austin Schneider TE, Honorable Mention – Sean McGraw QB
-RMAC All-Conference Defense – First Team – Art Berlanga DB, Scott Hodges ILB, Creed James DE
Second Team All-Conference – Brandon Charles DB, Trevor Wikre DL, Joe Krile KR
Honorable Mention – Kyle Murray DB, Kurt Kissner DE, Joe Krile PR
-RMAC Offensive Freshman of the Year – Bobby Coy
-RMAC Defensive Freshman of the Year – Trevor Wikre
-2005 All-Colorado Football Team Offense First Team – Bobby Coy RB, Brian Trautman OL
Second Team Drew Bohannan WR
-2005 All-Colorado Football Team Defense First Team – Art Berlanga DB, Creed James DL
Second Team Brandon Charles DB, Scott Hodges LB, Honorable Mention Trevor Wikre DL
-2005 All-Colorado Football Newcomer of the Year Bobby Coy RB
-CoSida Academic All-America District VII First Team Creed James, Second Team Austin Schneider
-Joe Krile (CB, KR) and Art Berlanga (DB) selected to play in the Cactus Bowl (Kingsville, TX on 1/6/06)
-RMAC All-Academic Team – Austin Schneider, Creed James, Tyler Johnson, Tim Pepe, Bobby Coy, Brandon Charles, Sean McGraw, Justin Brun, Joe Schubarth, John Lauritzen, Nate Kopenhafer, Kurt Kissner, Phil Vigil, Drew Bohannan, Ryan Kadavy.

2006

-Finish 4-7 overall, 3-5 in RMAC (T 5th)
-RMAC All-Conference Offense – First Team – Drew Bohannan WR – Honorable Mention – Austin Schneider TE.
-RMAC All-Conference Defense – First Team – Creed James DL, Kurt Kissner DE – Second Team – Justin Murray KR – Honorable Mention – Aaron Silverthorn DB.
-2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Football Team – Second Team – Creed James DL.
-2006 All-Colorado Football Team - Offense First Team – Drew Bohannan WR – Second Team – Justin Murray – RS.
-2006 All-Colorado Football Team – Defense First Team – Kurt Kissner DL, Creed James DL – Second Team- Aaron Silverthorn DB.
-2006 NCAA Division II All-American Team – Honorable Mention – Kurt Kissner DE.
-2006 All-Southwest Region Team – Second Team Defense – Kurt Kissner.
-RMAC All-Academic Team – Brandon Charles, Bobby Coy, Mitch Griffin, Creed James, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Kadavy, Kurt Kissner, Sean McGraw, Bennett Newton, Nick Pade, Alberto Rodriguez, Austin Schneider, Philip Vigil, Trevor Wikre.

2007

-Finished 10-2 overall and 7-1(2nd) in the RMAC.
-First season playing on synthetic grass turf at Stocker Stadium.
-Qualified for the NCAA playoffs. Lost to Abilene Christian, 56-12, in the first round.
-RMAC Defensive Player of the Year – Kurt Kissner.
-RMAC Special Teams Player of the Year – Jared Keating.
-RMAC First Team Offense- Bobby Coy, Drew Bohannan, Trevor Wikre, Chris Smith and Jared Keating.
First Team Defense – Brandon Charles, Frank Berlanga, Ryan Kadavy, Nic Pade and Kurt Kissner.
RMAC Second Team Offense- Phil Vigil, Will Zimmerer. Second Team Defense- Brandon Waymire, Mark Gruner. Honorable Mention – Jeremy Mercer, Maurice Manley, Josh Padilla, Cody Walker, Spencer McAdoo, Dominic Applehans, Griffin Chernoff.
-AFCA First Team Defense All-American –Kurt Kissner.
-Daktronics First Team All-America- Kurt Kissner and Jared Keating.
-ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America Second Team- Kurt Kissner.
-NFF All-Colorado Coach of the Year- Joe Ramunno. Special Teams Player of the Year – Jared Keating.
-NFF All Colorado First Team Offense – Bobby Coy, Chris Smith, Trevor Wikre and Jared Keating. First Team Defense – Brandon Charles, Kurt Kissner. Second Team Offense – Drew Bohannan. Second Team Defense – Ryan Kadavy, Frank Berlanga and Nic Pade.

-ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 7 First Team – Kurt Kissner. Second Team – Bobby Coy and Brandon Charles.
-Daktronics All-Southwest Region First Team – Jared Keating and Kurt Kissner.
-RMAC All-Academic First Team Offense – Bobby Coy and Drew Bohannan. First Team Defense – Kurt Kissner and Brandon Charles. Second Team Offense – Phillip Vigil, Trevor Wikre and Lonnie Bierbrauer. Second Team Defense – Nic Pade, Ryan Kadavy. Second Team Special Teams – CJ Smith. Honorable Mention- Mitch Griffin, Brian Aldrich, Alberto Rodriquez and Sean Matheson.
-AP Little All-American – Kurt Kissner.

2008

-Finished 6-5 overall and 6-3 RMAC (4th)
-Bobby Coy rushed for a school record 1,600 yards breaking Mike Vaughn's old record of 1,384 yards.
-Bobby Coy ties Mike Vaughn's school record for career rushing yards with 4,161 yards.
-RMAC Special Teams Player of the Year – Jared Keating
-RMAC First Team Offense – Bobby Coy, Trevor Wikre, and Jared Keating. First Team Defense – Ryan Kadavy and Brandon Waymire. Second Team Offense – Phil Vigil and Maurice Manley. Second Team Defense – Nic Pade, Tony Kelley, and Aaron Silverthorn. Third Team – Chris Dennehy, Ryan Swope, and Griffin Chernoff. Third Team Defense – CJ Smith.
-Daktronics All-America 2nd Team – Bobby Coy
-Daktronics All-Super Region 3 - 1st Team – Bobby Coy 2nd Team – Jared Keating
-Football Gazette All-Super Region 3 – 1st Team – Bobby Coy 2nd Team – Jared Keating
-AP Little All-America 3rd Team – Jared Keating
-National Football Foundation Colorado Chapter Offensive Player of the Year – Bobby Coy
-National Football Foundation Colorado Chapter – 1st Team – Bobby Coy, Trevor Wikre
2nd Team – Jared Keating
-ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VII First Team – Bobby Coy.
-RMAC All-Academic First Team – Bobby Coy, Trevor Wikre, Nic Pade, Ryan Kadavy. Second Team – Phil Vigil, Bennett Newton, Zay Lopez, CJ Smith. Honor Roll – Mitch Griffin, Alberto Rodriguez.