Sophomore Anton Bernard slips past a defender during Saturday’s 38-7 win against Missouri Southern. Bernard rushed for a career-high 122 yards on 16 carries in the 38-7 victory. 

The Bulldogs running game is already off to a great start this season. The offense has been averaging 180 yards rushing per game so far this season.

“Bernard did a great job running the ball,” said head coach Dave Schutter. “I was happy with his performance.”

Bernard had a total of 154 rushing yards on 33 carries in the 38-7 win. He gained at least 100 yards rushing in three of the first four games of the season. The switch has allowed Bernard to be more involved in the ground attack.

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