



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Fall Newsletter - 2009

Message From the President:

Hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer, and staying healthy and safe. The kids are almost headed back to school.....I bet a lot of parents are looking forward to that too. ☺ Another thing we're all looking forward to is this year's edition of the Nittany Lions!

We're going to do our Annual Meeting at Beef O'Brady's again, at their Nine Mile Road location in Pensacola just off I-10. Please send your RSVP no later than August 28th (see the announcement on the back page) so we can get a decent idea of head count. The meeting will coincide with our first game against the University of Akron. The game itself is being broadcast only on the Big Ten Network, according to the official athletic website. The BTN has expanded their contracted coverage; unfortunately for many of us down here on Cox Cable, that doesn't include us. However, it looks like this year will be a lot like the last several – some games will be in limbo status regarding TV coverage in our area until the last minute. I've included elsewhere in this newsletter the coverages/times (Central) that have been announced so far. Some of the games are still up in the air, whether ABC, ESPN or ESPN2 will be carrying it. Regardless, it looks like a sure thing that once again, every game will be on SOME channel.

Our Chapter continues to shine within the Alumni Association; however we are as always in great need of some volunteers, AND some donations, in order to keep our charitable endeavors going strong, as well as maintaining our status as a Chapter in good standing.

This year, among other things, we were again a sponsor for the 39th Annual Bill Hargreaves Fishing Rodeo. This year's Rodeo supported Ronald McDonald House as the designated charity. The Rodeo, held on Father's Day weekend, was another huge success with hundreds of kids and their parents participating. We also bought dictionaries for a 3rd grade classroom and sponsored a science field trip for elementary school kids.

It's also time for dues. Enclosed you'll find a membership form for joining/renewing. Please remit your dues **expeditiously**. The Treasurer/Membership Chair will appreciate it immensely, and so will our coffers.

The 2009 Nittany Lion team is shaping up. While we lost some significant experience and talent in the graduation of Derrick Williams, Deion Butler, and Jordan Norwood at wideout (all of whom are currently on NFL rosters), we have some excellent folks who are itching to show their stuff at that position, and all of them are 6-1 or taller. The OL also lost several stalwarts in Gerald Cadogan, Rich Ormberger and one of the best centers in college football in AQ Shipley from arguably the best offensive line in the Big Ten. There is a ton of young OL talent waiting for their chance however; a key aspect of this season's success will be how quickly the new OL gels. Dan Lawlor also graduated after a solid 2 years at FB – many of Tony Hunt's and then Evan Royster's TDs were direct results of crushing blocks by Lawlor. An interesting twist here is the new first string FB is Joe Suhey....a legacy name at PSU (and at FB). I'm looking forward to seeing how he does. The TB position is probably the

deepest, with All-Big Ten RB Evan Royster and speedster Stephfon Green vying for time, and some truly talented youngsters pushing them hard. Daryll Clark will again lead the troops. He's already on several post-season award watch lists, and I expect some exciting things from the offense. We have an interesting situation in that Clark's primary backup is a true freshman, Kevin Newsome. However, Newsome matriculated early (this past January) and has been working out with the team all year, including the Spring Game. The staff has high praise for him.

On defense, Sean Lee returns at OLB after a year rehabbing an ACL injury; with Navarro Bowman at the other side and Josh Hull in the middle, this could be the best linebacking corps in the country! What should scare the opposition is the primary backups at all three positions would easily start on most any other team.....they're all that good. The DL too looks solid anchored by Jared Odrick, despite the loss of both Maurice Evans and Aaron Maybin to the NFL, and Abe Koroma to personal issues (he'll return next year). The question mark on D is in the secondary, where all four starters graduated. The 'sleeper' news here is, there are 3 returnees with significant game experience (AJ Wallace, Drew Astorino and Knowledge Timmons), so I think we'll be better in the defensive backfield than the pundits are giving us credit.

On special teams, we've got everyone back for kick/punt returns, and one of the better punters in the nation in Jeremy Boone coming back as well. However, another question is at placekicking. Record-holder Kevin Kelly has graduated (it doesn't seem like 4 years ago I watched him set up for his first PAT as a freshman!) Collin Wagner (who did the mop-up duties last year) is presently on first team, but pushing him hard is freshman Anthony Fera, the #1-rated placekicker in the nation out of high school. That should prove an interesting situation this year.

For those who follow such things, we've got one of the top ten recruiting classes coming in this fall, and even though the school will be able to give out only 18 or so next year, the staff has been really cleaning up with verbals for the 2010 class, starting with two of the top ten high school QBs in the nation (of course, depending on which recruiting agencies you read). So far Joe and the staff have landed every top-rated youngster in PA they've gone after, and top-rated kids from other states as well. Exciting stuff!

See you all September 5th! GO STATE!

Stan Allsopp '70

Sideline Chatter

- Rumors that this is Joe's last year are just that.....rumors. Expect to see him pacing the sidelines, 'counseling' his players and 'advising' the referees on calls for quite awhile yet. His hip and leg injuries are fully healed.
- Periodic emails on updates of PSU happenings have been sent out, especially relating to the football program. Make sure your email address is up-to-date; if you haven't seen these emails, contact Tonie at alallsopp@cox.net to verify your email address.
- You may recall that one of our own, Stu Watt, had a bad fall with severe head injury last fall. The good news is he's recovering (slowly but surely!) We're all looking forward to the potential for him to make one of our gatherings this season.
- PLEASE remit your dues expeditiously!
- If you know someone who may want to join, please let Tonie know! alallsopp@cox.net
Also, send them this newsletter to get them interested!

2009-2010 DUES REMINDER

It's that time of the year again and we have to get our roster current. Enclosed you will find a membership form to join/renew. Please fill out the information and return it with your dues ASAP. Thanks!!

Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 5th

11 AM

Beef O'Brady's

2101 West Nine Mile Road

Pensacola, FL 32534

850-332-5040

Beef's is located just off I-10 (Exit 7). Take Pine Forest Road north to Nine Mile Road (light). Turn right onto Nine Mile, and Beef's is on your right @ 500 yards.

RSVP BY AUGUST 28th TO 850-941-0920 OR ALALLSOPP@COX.NET

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2009 Football Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (Central)	TV
9/5	Akron	11 AM	BTN
9/12	Syracuse	11 AM	BTN
9/19	Temple	11 AM	BTN
9/26	Iowa	7 PM	TBA
10/3	at Illinois	TBA	TBA
10/10	Eastern Illinois	TBA	TBA
10/17	Minnesota (Homecoming)	2:30 PM	TBA
10/24	at Michigan	TBA	TBA
10/31	at Northwestern	3:30 PM	ESPN/ESPN2
11/07	Ohio State	TBA	TBA
11/14	Indiana	TBA	TBA
11/21	at Michigan State	TBA	TBA