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**STORM ROLL TO 57-7 VICTORY IN  
2009 OPENER AGAINST TENNESSEE  
CENTRAL XPRESS BEHIND 48  
SECOND-HALF POINTS**



**“PURPLE POWER”- 2009 EDITION; PHOTO BY MIKE ORGAN**



**LEGENDARY FORMER HILLSBORO HS RUNNING BACK MARCELLUS TIBBS (DODGE CC) LED THE STORM RUNNERS WITH 85 YARDS IN 14 CARRIES- PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP**



**STORM DB MARCUS HILL (MCGAVOCK/TSU) GOES HIGH FOR ONE OF HIS 2 INTERCEPTIONS- PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP**



**TOUCHDOWN- JEREMIE "BIRD" WHITTAKER (COAHOMA CC)-  
PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP**



**TOUCHDOWN- GARY PEETE (AF2 MEMPHIS XPLORERS)-  
PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP**

## **NOTES ON THE GAME**

- **The Nashville Storm opened their 2009 season on Saturday night, June 6, with a 57-7 victory over the Tennessee Central Xpress from Cookeville, TN. The Xpress, a first-year team entering the game with a 1-1 W-L record, battled gamely and showed the skills of some superb athletes in holding the Storm to only 9 first-half points. However, the Storm, with a better than 2-1 advantage in offensive snaps, sufficiently tired the Xpress defense to facilitate the Storm's 48-point 2<sup>nd</sup> half scoring explosion.**
- **The factor in the game that was a "constant" throughout was the superb play of the Nashville Storm defensive unit, which held the Xpress to (-9) yards of total offense on the night and only 1 non-penalty first down, in addition to forcing 5 Xpress turnovers. The Storm recorded 12 tackles for losses in the game, led**

**by DT Eldred Howard (TSU) with 2.5, LB Jeremy Sims (Georgia State) with 2.5, and DT Danny Roberson (TSU) with 2. The Storm secondary accounted for all 5 Xpress turnovers as Cromwell Stewart (Father Ryan/UT Martin) and Marcus Hill (McGavock/TSU) picked off 2 Xpress passes apiece, while Hill also recovered an Xpress fumble. One of Stewart's 2 INTs stopped the Xpress' only offensive scoring threat in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr; Hill returned both of his INTs for TDs, but one of the returns was called back for a blocking infraction penalty on the Storm.**

- **Each team had a Touchdown on special teams; Storm rookie T J Evans scored on a 41-yard punt return, while the Central Xpress' Kelon Lee's spectacular 96-yard KO return gave the Central Xpress their only score of the game. In addition, the Central Xpress blocked 2 Storm extra point attempts. The Nashville Storm kickoff coverage unit has now surrendered 7 TD returns since the last time the Storm returned a kickoff for a Touchdown (October, 2005, by former Storm WR Grantley Hunter (Cumberland University)).**
- **The Nashville Storm offense was a study in balance, as the Storm O racked up 217 rushing yards and 198 passing yards for a total of 415 yards on the night. Marcellus Tibbs (Hillsboro HS/Dodge CC) led the Storm runners with 85 yards on 14 carries, but the Storm used 5 other runners (Johnathan Carter, Cordale Adams, Terrance Coger, Kelcey Williams, and Monroe Simmons), and all were effective. Cordale Adams (Whites Creek) had both a 10-yard rushing TD and the game's longest scrimmage run (34 yards), while Kelcey Williams (Humboldt HS/Northeastern Oklahoma), a former TSSAA "Mr. Football", scored on an 8-yard run. QBs Tye Forte (Arkansas State) and Phellepe Hall (Maplewood/TSU) each played for a half; Forte was 6 for 11 passing for 63 yards and 1 TD pass, while Hall was 6 for 12 for 135 yards and 3 TD passes. Jeremie "Bird" Whittaker (Coahoma CC), Dan Reed (Campbellsville U), Roger Moore (Glenclyff/Missouri Western), and Gary Peete (AF2 Memphis Xplorers) had TD catches.**
- **The Tennessee Central Xpress, now 1-2, will play Nashville's Tennessee Rattlers of the USFL Saturday, June 13, at the football stadium at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN. The Nashville Storm, now**

**1-0, travel to Memphis to take on the 3-0 Memphis Panthers at the Mid-South Fairgrounds in Memphis, TN on Saturday, June 13.**

## **HIGHLIGHT FILM OF THE 2008 NASHVILLE STORM**

**Hope you'll enjoy this highlight film of the 2008 Nashville Storm season that was superbly edited by Storm film guru Kevin Mason (this is one of 3 2008 highlight films Kevin did for us):**

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**NASHVILLE STORM DEFENSIVE LINE COACH GLENN YOUNG (VANDERBILT)- PHOTO BY MIKE ORGAN**

## **FORMER VANDERBILT STAR DE GLENN YOUNG EMBRACES NEW CHALLENGE AS NASHVILLE STORM DEFENSIVE LINE COACH**

**The Nashville Storm's newest assistant coach looks like he could still put on the pads and do a lot of damage. And he should; after all, former Vanderbilt DE Glenn Young, the QB sack leader of former Vanderbilt HC Woody Widenhofer's nationally-ranked 1996-7 defensive units, was a**

**professional PLAYER as recently as last year, when he was deciding whether to play in the All-American Football League, where he had been offered a contract, or accept a management position he had been offered with Metro Parks and Recreation in Nashville.**

**Glenn, a devoutly religious man, prayed for guidance. And his prayers were answered with the proper advice. Glenn chose to take the Parks and Recreation management position and retire as a football player--- and it was definitely the right move, as the All-American Football League folded a week later.**

**Coach Young has made numerous football “stops” since leaving Vanderbilt; he has a Super Bowl Ring from the 1999 St Louis Rams, and also played in NFL Europe, both the Arena Football League AND Arena Football League2, the Canadian Football League, and yes, for one year in the NAFL (the Nashville Storm’s league) for the former Mountain Empire Warriors from the Tri-Cities of East Tennessee.**

**The football “itch” doesn’t go away when a player retires to a non-football job, and Glenn Young’s new “itch” was to be a Coach. And the Nashville Storm had a vacancy. The rest is history. Glenn Young is now COACH Young, bringing his long and varied playing experience to bear as the Coach of the Nashville Storm’s Defensive Linemen.**

**Coach Young’s coaching debut was a successful one last weekend, as his Defensive Linemen turned in a dominating performance that was a major factor in the Nashville Storm’s 57-7 victory. The next challenge? This weekend in Memphis.**

# Memphis



# PANTHERS

**NEXT UP, A FAMILIAR FOE IN  
MEMPHIS; THE MEMPHIS PANTHERS  
(3-0)**

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**THE TEAMS- The Nashville Storm (NAFL- 1-0) travel to  
Memphis, TN to take on the Memphis Panthers (PFL- 3-0)**

**THE DATE AND TIME- Saturday Night, June 13; Kickoff is at  
7:30 PM Central Daylight Time.**

**THE PLACE-** The football stadium at Memphis' Mid South Fairgrounds, located at 940 Early Maxwell Road, Memphis, TN 38104.

**THE HISTORY-** The Nashville Storm and Memphis Panthers have played each other 5 times, and the Nashville Storm are 5-0 in these games. However, the 2 games that have been played in Memphis between the 2 teams have been close games where the Storm had to rally from behind in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter to win (37-30 in 2006, 21-18 in 2007). In 3 games in Nashville, the Storm won 14-6 in 2006, 28-12 in 2007, and 41-6 in 2008.

**THE STAKES-** This is a non-league game, but the Nashville Storm have 2 "streaks" on the line here. The Nashville Storm have won 16 straight road games in a streak dating back to June 2006; and the Storm have not lost to another team from the State of Tennessee since 2002. The undefeated Panthers will be a challenge to both Storm winning streaks and would love nothing better than to get their first-ever victory against the Nashville Storm.

**THE PERSONALITIES-** The Memphis Panthers are owned (and GMed) by Native Nashvillian Charles Wade, who played at Nashville Meigs High School, at TSU, and in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins, Chicago Bears, and Kansas City Chiefs. And Nashville Storm Head Coach Charles Hunter, at TSU, was the favorite receiving target of TSU QB James Wade----- Charles Wade's nephew.