

**June 15, 2009**

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**NEXT UP- SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 27  
AT STRATFORD- IT'S GONNA BE A  
THRILLA, A KILLA, AND A CHILLA AS  
THE NASHVILLE STORM TAKE ON THE  
GRIDIRON GORILLAZ**



**THE TEAMS- The Nashville Storm (NAFL- 2-0) take on  
the Gridiron Gorillaz, a first-year member of the**

**Alliance Football League from Southaven, Mississippi, a Memphis suburb. The Storm and the Gorillaz have thus far played one common opponent, the Memphis Panthers. The Nashville Storm defeated the Memphis Panthers 38-20, while the Panthers defeated the Gridiron Gorillaz 26-6.**

**THE PLACE- Buster Boguskie Stadium at Stratford High School (1800 Stratford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37216).**

**THE TIME- Saturday night, June 27, 2009; Admission gate opens at 6 PM, Kickoff will be at 7 PM.**

**THE ENTERTAINMENT- Entertainment will be provided by DJ Lil Les and the lovely ladies of the Nashville Storm Dance Team.**

**HONORARY CAPTAIN- Joining the Nashville Storm captains for the game's opening coin toss will be MIKE ORGAN, the longtime sports reporter for THE TENNESSEAN. Most Nashvillians are highly familiar with Mike's 25 years of superb sports reporting at Nashville's largest daily newspaper, but they may not realize that Mike is himself a superb football player, best known for his superb play for the former Tennessee Generals, where he was a teammate of current Nashville Storm coaches Shawn Malone and Chauncey Smiley and WKRN- Channel 2's "Big Joe" Dubin. Mike Organ is a native Nashvillian and a graduate of DuPont High School and MTSU.**

**PROMOTIONS- The first 100 fans to come through the admissions gate will receive a free football-shaped air horn. At Nashville Storm games we believe in making noise, and these horns may be**

**the loudest noisemaker ever made--- they can be used at any sporting event. In addition, hold on to your ticket stub. As part of our "Nashville Storm Stimulus Package", several of our sponsors will be giving away goods and services in our halftime and 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter drawings.**

**THE COST- Adult admission is \$8.00; kids aged 0-14 GET IN FREE. There is abundant parking available on the Stratford High School premises, also FREE OF CHARGE.**

## **MORE 2008 NASHVILLE STORM HIGHLIGHTS ON VIDEO**

**The following video is the second 2008 Nashville Storm highlight video that was put together by Nashville Storm film guru Kevin Mason. Enjoy.**

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**NASHVILLE STORM WINS 17<sup>TH</sup>  
STRAIGHT ROAD GAME BY  
DEFEATING MEMPHIS PANTHERS 38-  
20 AT MID-SOUTH FAIRGROUNDS IN  
MEMPHIS**

Memphis



PANTHERS

**NOTES ON THE GAME:**

- **The Nashville Storm defeated the Memphis Panthers 38-20 Saturday night, June 13, in a game played at Fairgrounds Stadium at Memphis' Mid-South Fairgrounds. The Storm's victory was the Storm's 17<sup>th</sup> straight road victory in a streak dating back to June,**

**2006, and the victory also gave the Storm a 6-0 lifetime record in games against the Panthers (in fact, the Nashville Storm have never lost a game against any team from Memphis, TN). The Nashville Storm are now 2-0 for the 2009 season, while the Panthers record dropped to 3-1. The Nashville Storm have not lost a game to another team from the State of Tennessee since the 2002 season.**

- **The Nashville Storm had 57 players dressed out and available for play in the game against the Panthers. This is believed to be the largest number of players the Storm has ever dressed out for a road game.**
- **The Nashville Storm carried a 17-0 lead into the final minute of the first half, but the Panthers scored twice in that final minute to cut the Storm's halftime advantage to 17-14. The second of these scores was highly controversial, as the Memphis refereeing crew actually granted the Panther offense 2 snaps after time had expired in the half. The halftime horn went off as the Panthers Eric Brent (Lane College) was being tackled at the end of an 8-yard pass play. Despite this, the Memphis refereeing crew granted the Panthers one more snap--- and the Panthers took full advantage, launching the ball deep downfield and drawing a pass interference call on the Storm at the Storm 4-yard line. This gave the Panthers ANOTHER snap, and Panther QB Jeffrey Booker used it to throw a 4-yard TD pass to Eric Brent. The Panthers then scored on a 2-point conversion for the 17-14 halftime score. The Storm, though, outscored the Panthers 21-6 in the second half for the 38-20 final.**
- **Former University of Central Arkansas K/P Garrett Morgan, in his second game with the Nashville Storm, delivered a stellar performance, going 4 for 4 on extra points, hitting a 43-yard Field Goal on his only FG attempt, kicking 3 kickoffs for touchbacks (despite having to kick off twice from the Storm 15-yard line after questionable "celebration" penalties against the Storm), and punting 3 times for a 41-yard average.**
- **MOST CRUCIAL PLAY OF THE GAME-** The most important play of the game was a special teams play in the last minute of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Storm leading 17-14) when Storm S Michael Curtis (Campbellville U) blasted into the Memphis backfield and blocked a punt, then

**scooped up the ball and returned it to the Memphis 22-yard line. Two plays later, the Storm scored a TD to go up 24-14, and Memphis was never within a TD of the Storm on the scoreboard again.**

- **BIGGEST HIT OF THE GAME- Rookie Storm LB Terry Hicklen (Hillwood HS) put a smackdown on a Memphis Panther kickoff returner that could have easily been heard in the nearby Liberty Bowl.**
- **INTERESTING POSITION MOVE THAT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED- Jeremy Keogh, a FB on the 2008 Nashville Storm, put on 25 pounds in the weightroom in the offseason and was moved to Defensive End for 2009. Keogh has recorded 2 QB sacks in his first 2 games as a Storm DE.**
- **On offense, the Nashville Storm had 332 yards on 47 offensive snaps (96 rushing yards and 236 passing yards). Surprise TB starter Kelcey Williams (Northwestern Oklahoma) led the Storm runners with 52 yards on 8 carries, while Marcellus Tibbs (Dodge CC) was 8 for 42 on the ground. The early running success opened up the passing lanes for Storm QB Phellepe Hall (Maplewood/TSU), who threw for 236 yards in his first start since 2007, including 2 TD passes to Mario Merriweather (Bethel College) and 1 TD pass each to De'Quinn Watford (Bethel College) and Jeremie "Bird" Whittaker (Coahoma CC). RB Terrance Coger (Columbia Central) got his first TD as a Storm player in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter with a 5-yard TD run.**
- **On defense, the Nashville Storm held the Memphis Panthers to 152 yards in 40 offensive plays. Memphis QB Jeffrey Booker did some damage in the air as he hit 10 of 20 pass attempts for 176 yards and 3 TD passes (2 to Eric Brent and 1 to Erin Cruthird); but the Storm defense shut down the Panthers' running game (Panther RBs had only 22 yards in 11 tries) and sacked Booker 6 times. Rookie Storm DE Lloyd Washington (Allen University) accounted for 3 of the sacks of Booker, and caused and recovered a fumble from Booker on one of them. Storm S Michael Curtis (Campbellsville U) also recovered a Panther fumble.**



**MOOKIE OWENS BREAKS INTO THE OPEN FIELD IN 2008 GAME AGAINST THE TRI-CITY KNIGHTS**

## **2008 NASHVILLE STORM RB MOOKIE OWENS SIGNS TO PLAY FOOTBALL AT CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY**

**Greg “Mookie” Owens, who played as an 18-year old rookie RB for the Nashville Storm in 2008, has signed to play college football at Lebanon, Tennessee’s Cumberland University, it was learned recently. Owens, a speedy (4.4 second 40-yard dash time) former All-Region CB at Spring Hill High School in Maury County, joined the Nashville Storm in 2008 almost immediately after his graduation from Spring Hill. Owens, in 2008, gained 98 yards in 17 carries and caught 1 pass for 13 yards as a member of the Storm’s RB rotation.**

**The NFL’s official recognition by the NCAA as an amateur football league has facilitated the ability of younger NFL players to move on to college programs as**

**scholarship athletes, and Owens is the latest of several Nashville Storm players who have done so. The best-known of the former NFL players currently in the college football ranks is starting University of Oklahoma MLB Mike Balogun, who played for 2 years for the NFL's Maryland Marauders.**