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**NASHVILLE STORM VETERANS WR ROGER MOORE, TE
MONROE SIMMONS, CB CROMWELL STEWART, AND QB
PHELLEPE HALL "REPRESENT" AT NASHVILLE'S LARGEST
ORGANIZATION OF URBAN PROFESSIONALS- FIRST FRIDAY
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**BUT ON SATURDAY, ROGER WILL LOOK LIKE THIS-----
PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP**

**SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 22, STRATFORD
HIGH SCHOOL- NASHVILLE STORM VS.
LOUISVILLE SAINTS**

THE TEAMS- The Nashville Storm (7-0, 5-0 in NAFL play) take on the Louisville Saints (4-2), an athletically talented NAFL rival consisting primarily of former football players from Kentucky colleges. In the 2 teams' first meeting (on July 18 in Louisville), the Storm were a 35-22 winner, not putting the game out of reach until the final 2 minutes.

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

THE TIME- Saturday night, August 22, 2009; Admission gate opens at 6 PM, Kickoff will be at 7 PM.

THE ENTERTAINMENT- Entertainment will be provided by DJ Lil Les, the lovely ladies of the Nashville Storm Dance Team, and the Category 5 Drumline, led by Michael Seay. In addition, recording artist SONYA WRIGHT will sing the National Anthem.

PROMOTIONS- Hold onto your ticket stub; as always, the sponsors of the Nashville Storm will be giving away plenty of goods and services in our halftime and 4th-quarter drawings.

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

YOUR NASHVILLE STORM- Charles Hunter (Head Coach), Tondrick Davis (AC), Timmie Clardy (AC), Shawn Malone (AC), Chauncey Smiley (AC), Glenn Young (AC), Christopher Fisher (AC), Michael Parrish-Walker (AC), Dan Tillman (Manager), Lachelle Fitzgerald (Nurse/Trainer), Blake Harris, Marcellus Tibbs, Roger Moore, Cromwell Stewart, DeQuinn Watford, Jerome Inman, Jason Hankins, Phellepe Hall, Terrance Coger, Rod Higgins, Gary Peete, Garrett Morgan, FaQuan Harris, Joshua Gordon, Robert Knight, Kevin Carter, John Gorecki, Jeremie "Bird" Whittaker, Arrenzo Ocasio, Mario Merriweather, Cord Cowan, Marcus Hill, Cordale Adams, Jemmel Roberts, Johnathan "Bama" Carter, Danarius Fowler, Monroe Simmons, Sherrod Robinson, Quintin Eskridge, Michael Curtis, Anthony "Batman" Martin, Walter Davis, Willie James, James Lyons, Kelcey Williams, Fred Johnson, Terry Hicklen, Jeremy Keogh, Marcus Cole, Justin Ely, James Stephens, Ricky McDowell, Julius Johnson, Mark Williamson, Will Stilley, Corvelli Haynes, Jeremy Sims, Nick Capps, Dominique Fisher, Stephen Hermey, Michael Kirkland, Jason Grant, Eldred Howard, Anthony "Goose" Smiley, Bryan Patrick, Reggie White, Rocky Russell, Chris Mosley, Keith Buchanan, Rob Spears, Jonathan Soutatos, Fred Beard, Marquis Douglas, James Finch, TJ Evans, Ivan Burley, Lance

Richardson, Calvin Andrews, Danny Roberson, Lloyd Washington, Lonnie Harris, Desmond Scantling, Roddrick Dumas, Jeffery Chambers, Mike Cunningham, Anthony Hardy.



THIS PHOTO IS FROM A 2007 NASHVILLE STORM-ARKANSAS RHINO GAME, BUT WITH THE TEAMS WEARING “THROWBACK” UNIFORMS, BOTH TEAMS LOOKED THE SAME ON SATURDAY NIGHT AS IN THIS PICTURE- PHOTO BY DANNY HARRIS

**SECOND VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST;
NASHVILLE STORM DEFEAT ARKANSAS RHINOS
22-6 IN JACKSONVILLE, AR FOR 20TH STRAIGHT
ROAD VICTORY**

The Nashville Storm traveled to Jacksonville, AR Saturday night, August 15 and struck quickly with touchdown drives on their first 2 offensive possessions to take control of the game, then used a superb defensive performance and 3 FGs by K Garrett Morgan (Central Arkansas) to secure a 22-6 victory over the Arkansas Rhinos. The victory was the Nashville Storm’s 20th straight victory in a road game in a

streak dating back to June of 2006 and brought the Storm's 2009 record to 7-0 (5-0 in NAFL games), while the Rhinos' record fell to 4-3. The Storm have now won 6 straight games in the rivalry with the Rhinos, and have now won 4 consecutive games against the Rhinos in Little Rock/Jacksonville, giving the Storm an 11-8 lifetime edge in the Storm-Rhino series.

The Storm opened the game with an 8-play, 55-yard drive capped by RB Kelcey Williams' (Humboldt HS/Northwestern Oklahoma) 4-yard TD run to take a 6-0 lead (the Rhinos blocked Garrett Morgan's extra point attempt). The Storm got the ball back when Gary Peete (AF2 Memphis Xplorers) recovered a fumble by Rhino FB AJ Thompson on the Storm 22. Storm QB Phellepe Hall (Maplewood/TSU) hit WR Ivan Burley (TSU) with 2 straight first-down passes and then threw a 49-yard completion to Storm WR Mario Merriweather (Clarksville HS/Bethel College) to give the Storm a first down at the Rhino 1-yard line. 2 plays later, Storm RB Marcellus Tibbs (Hillsboro HS/Dodge CC) ran the ball into the end zone from the 1 to raise the Storm lead to 13-0.

The Rhinos struck back on the next possession with their only scoring drive of the game, aided by 2 pass interference penalties (totaling 50 yards- the second PI penalty gave the Rhinos a first down at the Storm 1-yard line), as Rhino QB Damien Dunning ran the ball into the end zone from the 2. The Rhinos had a bad snap on the XP attempt, resulting in a 13-6 Storm lead.

The Storm, on their next possession, looked in trouble when two long penalties gave the Storm 2nd down with 50 yards to go from the Storm 35. However, the Storm picked up an improbable first down when Phellepe Hall hit WR DeQuinn Watford (THE St.Ambrose University) for a 43-yard gain, followed by a 7 yard run by Marcellus Tibbs for the first down. This set up a 31-yard FG by Garrett Morgan to raise the Storm lead to 16-6. Then, the Storm's Mike Cunningham (Mt Juliet HS) sacked Rhino punter Stewart Franks (Arkansas-Pine Bluff) on 4th down at the Rhino 15 to set up Garrett Morgan's 2nd FG (a 25-yarder) on the last play of the first half to give the Storm a 19-6 halftime lead.

The only score in the 2nd half came when Storm S Michael Curtis (Aaron Academy/Campbellsville University) intercepted a Damien Dunning pass and returned it to the Arkansas 19, setting up Garrett Morgan's 3rd FG of the night (a 37-yarder) with 6:37 left in the 4th Quarter. The Rhinos would make one more serious scoring threat when Damien Dunning completed a 62-yard pass to WR Stewart Franks, a play on which Storm DB Marcus Hill (TSU) ran Franks down from behind to make a TD-saving tackle at the Storm 17. However, the Storm defense proceeded to hold the Rhinos on downs as Gary Peete threw Rhino RB Brendon Metcalf for a 5-yard loss on 4th down to give the Storm the ball back. The Storm then ran out the clock by gaining 2 rushing first downs.

The Nashville Storm return to Nashville for a Saturday night collision with the 4-2 Louisville Saints on August 22, while the Arkansas Rhinos will be playing the Memphis Panthers in Jacksonville, AR.

NOTES ON THE GAME:

- **7 games into the 2009 season, the Nashville Storm have yet to be behind on the scoreboard at any point in ANY game.**
- **The Storm victory over the Rhinos was Storm HC Charles Hunter's 25th victory as the Nashville Storm Head Coach (against only 3 losses).**
- **For the first time this season, Storm QB Phellepe Hall didn't throw a TD pass, but that doesn't mean Hall didn't do some damage with his throwing arm, as he finished with 10 completions in 20 pass attempts for 208 passing yards. Storm WR Mario Merriweather led the Storm receiving corps with 4 catches for 109 yards.**
- **Storm RB Anthony "Batman" Martin (Hillwood HS/Mesa CC) led the Storm runners with 53 yards in 7 carries, followed closely by Marcellus Tibbs' 38 yards in 8 carries. While Tibbs is having an outstanding year with 422 rushing yards to date, his first quarter TD run was, oddly, Tibbs' first rushing TD of the 2009 season (Tibbs had 5 rushing TDs in 2008).**
- **The Storm outgained the Rhinos 316-138 in total offense as the Storm gained 224 offensive yards in the first half. The Storm also forced 3 Rhino turnovers (2 fumble recoveries and Michael Curtis' INT), while the**

Storm only turned the ball over once. The Rhinos only gained 22 yards rushing.

- **While K Garrett Morgan had his first miss of a Field Goal attempt in the 3rd quarter, his 3 FGs in the game made Garrett 7 for 8 on the 2009 season. And Garrett's booming kickoffs (3 of which landed deep in the end zone) kept the Rhino returners at bay all night.**
- **Storm DE Lonnie Harris (Arkansas- Pine Bluff) led the Storm defenders with 2 QB sacks, while LB Justin Ely (Cumberland) and DE Gary Peete also had outstanding games. Rhino RB Brendon Metcalf, who had gained 84 rushing yards against the Storm on August 1 in Nashville, finished with only 7 yards in 5 carries.**
- **Rhino WR Stewart Franks was the Rhinos' only offensive threat in the game, as he finished with 4 catches for 109 yards, and he also accounted for the Rhinos' only forced turnover on defense with an interception of a Phellepe Hall pass. A good guy and a great player, but we're glad we won't see him again for awhile.**
- **2008 Nashville Storm starting QB Tye Forte (Arkansas State) played most of the game as a slot receiver for the Rhinos, but was inserted by the Rhinos at QB for 2 series after Storm DE Lonnie Harris' sack of Damien Dunning briefly knocked Dunning out of the game. Forte completed 2 of 3 passes for 10 yards and was sacked once (also by Lonnie Harris).**

**AND, LEST WE FORGET----- ON SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29, THESE GUYS ARE COMING TO
NASHVILLE**

