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THE ROAD TO MIAMI HAS BEGUN



**THIS WAS THE SCENE IN NOVEMBER OF 2008 IN ATLANTA AS
THE INDIANAPOLIS TORNADOS WON THE 2008 NAFL
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TORNADOS COME TO
NASHVILLE THIS SATURDAY TO PLAY THE NASHVILLE STORM.**

THE DAY WE KNEW WOULD COME- NASHVILLE STORM (8-0) VS. INDIANAPOLIS TORNADOS (7-0), SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 29 (7 PM), STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

THE TEAMS- The undefeated Nashville Storm (8-0, 6-0 in NAFL play) take on the Defending NAFL National Champion (and equally undefeated) Indianapolis Tornados (7-0). We could call this game "The Game Of The Century" and not be exaggerating; this is almost certainly the most important regular season home game in the Nashville Storm's 8-year history.

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

THE TIME- Saturday night, August 29, 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 Stratford High School Band.

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, Wesley Holmes, Cromwell Stewart, Jimmie Hill, DeQuinn Watford, Jerome Inman, Jason Hankins, Phellepe Hall, Terrance Cogger, Rod Higgins, Gary Peete, Garrett Morgan, 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 Hermev, Michael Kirkland, Jason Grant, Eldred Howard, Anthony "Goose" Smiley, Bryan Patrick, Reggie White, Rocky Russell, Chris Mosley, Keith Buchanan, Rob Spears, Jonathan Saultatos, 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.



NASHVILLE STORM WR MARIO MERRIWETHER (CLARKSVILLE HS/BETHEL COLLEGE) WEAVES THROUGH THE LOUISVILLE SAINTS EN ROUTE TO A 74-YARD PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWN (PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP)



NASHVILLE STORM DE GARY PEETE POUNCES ON A LOUISVILLE FUMBLE (PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP)



STORM DE LONNIE HARRIS (ARKANSAS PINE-BLUFF) "BRINGS THE PAIN" ON A QB SACK OF LOUISVILLE QB KEVIN WARNER (KENTUCKY STATE) (PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP)



NASHVILLE STORM QB PHELLEPE HALL (MAPLEWOOD/TSU) PREPARES TO FIRE (PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP)

STORM ROLLS IN REMATCH; NASHVILLE STORM 50- LOUISVILLE SAINTS 16

On Saturday night (August 22), the Nashville Storm (8-0, 6-0 in NAFL play) rolled to a 28-0 lead in the first 15 ½ minutes of the game en route to a 50-16 shellacking of the Louisville Saints (4-3) at Stratford High School in Nashville. Led by 3 rushing TDs from RB Marcellus Tibbs (Hillsboro HS/Dodge CC) and 2 more rushing TDs from mammoth (6'4", 270 lb) RB Julius Johnson (Whites Creek), plus a spectacular 74-yard punt return for a TD by WR Mario Merriwether (Clarksville HS/Bethel College), the Storm made short work

of a Saints team that on July 18 in Louisville had given the Storm a difficult game, a game the Storm won by a much closer 35-22 score.

The Storm victory set up an August 29 matchup of 2 undefeated teams, as the Storm host the defending NAFL National Champion (7-0 in 2009) Indianapolis Tornados in a 7 PM (CDT) game at Stratford High School.

NOTES ON THE GAME:

- **The Nashville Storm outgained the Louisville Saints 334-185 in total offense, and more importantly, the Storm did not commit a turnover in the game, while Louisville committed 3 turnovers. The Storm also had 146 yards on 3 kickoff returns (Mario Merriwether 1-58, Danarius Fowler 2-88), giving the Storm excellent field position.**
- **The Storm utilized 7 running backs during the game, and they combined for 224 rushing yards on just 24 carries (9.3 YPC), led by Anthony "Batman" Martin with 84 yards on 8 carries and Arrenzo Ocasio (Cumberland University) with 64 yards in 4 carries.**
- **And in the 4th Quarter, a hush went over the crowd as #27, 2008 Nashville Storm MVP RB Johnathan "Bama" Carter entered the game for the first time since he was injured in the first possession of the Storm's June 6 opener against the Tennessee Central Xpress. Carter gained 4 yards on his first carry---- and then, on his 2nd carry, Carter scampered 20 yards to the end zone for the Storm's last TD of the game.**
- **The Storm were quietly effective passing the football too, as Storm QB Phelepe Hall (Maplewood/TSU) completed 10 of 14 passes for 131 yards. Storm WR Jeremie "Bird" Whittaker (Coahoma CC) led the Storm receivers with 4 catches for 60 yards.**
- **Storm DE Lonnie Harris (Arkansas Pine-Bluff) recorded 2 sacks of Saints QB Kevin Warner (Kentucky State), giving Harris 4 sacks in his last 2 games.**
- **Storm K/P Garrett Morgan (Central Arkansas) didn't play due to a freak injury in the fitness center where Morgan works, but Storm backup K John Gorecki (Centennial HS) was 6 for 6 on extra points. DE Gary Peete took over the punting, and in his only punt attempt (a 39-yarder), Peete pinned the Saints back to**

- their 10-yard line. In addition, Peete did the game's last kickoff for the Storm, and kicked a high, hanging kickoff all the way to the Louisville 1-yard line.**
- **Louisville QB Kevin Warner (Kentucky State) was 14 for 25 for 163 yards and 2 TD passes to Ta'Shawn Mcbroom (Georgetown College), but he was intercepted by Storm DB Marcus Hill (McGavock HS/TSU) and Storm DE Lloyd Washington (Allen University), who made a pretty catch of a ball Storm DE Gary Peete had batted into the air. Peete also accounted for the Storm's other turnover on a sack-and strip of Kevin Warner. Louisville only had 22 yards rushing.**
 - **There was a scary moment in the 4th quarter, when Storm FB Quintin Eskridge (Western Kentucky) was down on the field for 20 minutes before paramedics took Eskridge to Skyline Hospital. Fortunately, Eskridge's injury turned out to be a mild concussion, and he was released from Skyline a few hours later. He will be out of action for 2-3 weeks.**