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THE ROAD TO MIAMI HAS BEGUN



**NASHVILLE STORM K/P GARRETT MORGAN (CENTRAL
ARKANSAS) NAILED 3 FIELD GOALS WITH A LONG OF 46 YARDS-
PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP**



**A WITHERING NASHVILLE STORM PASS RUSH SACKED
TORNADO QBS 8 TIMES IN THE GAME- PHOTO BY DONNIE
BEAUCHAMP**



STORM WR JEREMIE "BIRD" WHITTAKER GOES HIGH FOR THIS PASS- PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP



STORM RB MARCELLUS TIBBS (HILLSBORO HS/DODGE CC) LED THE RUNNING GAME WITH 68 YARDS IN 10 CARRIES, INCLUDING A 14-YARD TD RUN- PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP



IF YOU'RE A DEFENSIVE BACK, THIS IS WHAT 6'4", 270 LB NASHVILLE STORM RB JULIUS JOHNSON LOOKS LIKE COMING AT YOU- PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP

WHEN UNDEFEATEDS COLLIDE- NASHVILLE STORM 23- INDIANAPOLIS TORNADOS 13

The Defending NFL National Champions, the Indianapolis Tornados, rode into Nashville with a 7-0 W-L record for 2009 and in pregame warm-ups chanted "Our House" in unison. And in the first offensive series of the game, the Tornados appeared very ready to back up that chant as Tornado QB Quincy Adams (Earlham University) went deep to WR Glenn Ayro for a 78-yard TD pass on the game's 2nd play from scrimmage.

The TD strike would be the Tornados' last offensive highlight of the night. The remainder of the night would belong to the Nashville Storm defensive unit, who held the Tornados to only 91 yards of total offense for the game (80 of which came on that first series), as a withering pass rush from the Storm defensive front sacked Adams 8 times in the game and totally shut down any attempt at a running game by the Tornados. The Storm would generate enough offense against the superb Tornado defense to methodically build a 23-7 Storm lead until the last 2 ½ minutes of the game, when Indianapolis DB Terry Moore stripped a fumble from Storm QB Phellepe Hall and returned it 66 yards to the Storm end zone to close the final Storm victory margin to 10 points.

After the Tornado TD pass to Ayro, the Storm immediately replied with an 8-play, 64-yard TD drive of their own with all but one play being a running play. Storm RB Marcellus Tibbs (Hillsboro HS/Dodge CC) capped the drive with a 14-yard TD run to tie the score at 7-7 at the 7:30 mark of the 1st Quarter.

Then, in the 2nd Quarter, with the running game established, Storm QB Phellepe Hall (Maplewood/TSU) went to the air, hitting WR Roger Moore (Glencliff/Missouri Western) with strikes of 13 and 21 yards, and then hitting Mario Merriwether (Clarksville HS/Bethel College) for a 32-

yard gainer to the Tornado 2-yard line. Then, on the next play, Storm RB Anthony "Batman" Martin (Hillwood HS/Mesa CC) scored from the 2 to put the Storm ahead to stay at 14-7.

In the 2nd half, all but 2 plays of the half originated in Indianapolis territory. Storm K Garrett Morgan (Central Arkansas) kicked a 46-yard FG at the 5:25 mark of the 3rd quarter to put the Storm ahead 17-7, then added a 19-yarder and a 26-yarder in the 4th Quarter to cap the Storm scoring. After Terry Moore of the Tornados' TD fumble return with 2:12 to play in the game, the Tornados tried to get the ball back on an onside kick, but the kick was recovered by the Storm. The Tornados did end up getting the ball back with less than a minute to play, but Storm DLs Desmond Scantling (TSU) and Gary Peete (AF2 Memphis Xplorers) sacked the Tornados' Quincy Adams on consecutive plays to end the game.

The Nashville Storm are now 9-0 (7-0 in NAFL play) going into the Labor Day weekend. The Storm and Tornados will meet in a rematch on September 19 in Indianapolis.

NOTES ON THE GAME:

- **Tornado WR Glenn Ayro, who caught the 78-yard TD pass in the 1st Quarter (and who dominated the 2008 NAFL National Championship Game in Atlanta) has played against the Nashville Storm prior to Saturday night's game---- for the 2007 NAFL Hoosier Hurricanes, who the Nashville Storm defeated 37-34 in Indianapolis. And he caught 2 TD passes against the Storm in that game.**
- **Nashville Storm DE Lonnie Harris (Arkansas Pine-Bluff) registered his 3rd straight 2-QB sack game, but this time Lonnie wasn't the Storm's sack leader for the night; Storm DT Desmond Scantling (TSU) sacked the Tornados' Quincy Adams 3 times in the game.**
- **The game was dictated by the defenses most of the night, but the Storm outgained the Tornados 263-91, as the Storm gained 104 rushing yards along with 159 through the air.**
- **Storm QB PHELLEPE HALL completed 11 of 20 passes for 159 yards, while WR Roger Moore led the Storm receivers with 3 catches for 53 yards.**

- **Storm RB Marcellus Tibbs had a superb night, leading the Storm runners with 68 yards in 10 carries, plus catching 2 passes.**
- **Storm K Garrett Morgan's 3 FGs made him 10 of 11 on Field Goal attempts in 2009, and his punting and booming kickoffs kept the Tornados in bad field position much of the game.**

AND JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED THE NASHVILLE STORM-INDIANAPOLIS TORNADO GAME, HERE'S A COMPLETE -GAME VIDEO

Every play of the classic battle between the Nashville Storm and Indianapolis Tornados, filmed by Kevin Mason. Enjoy.

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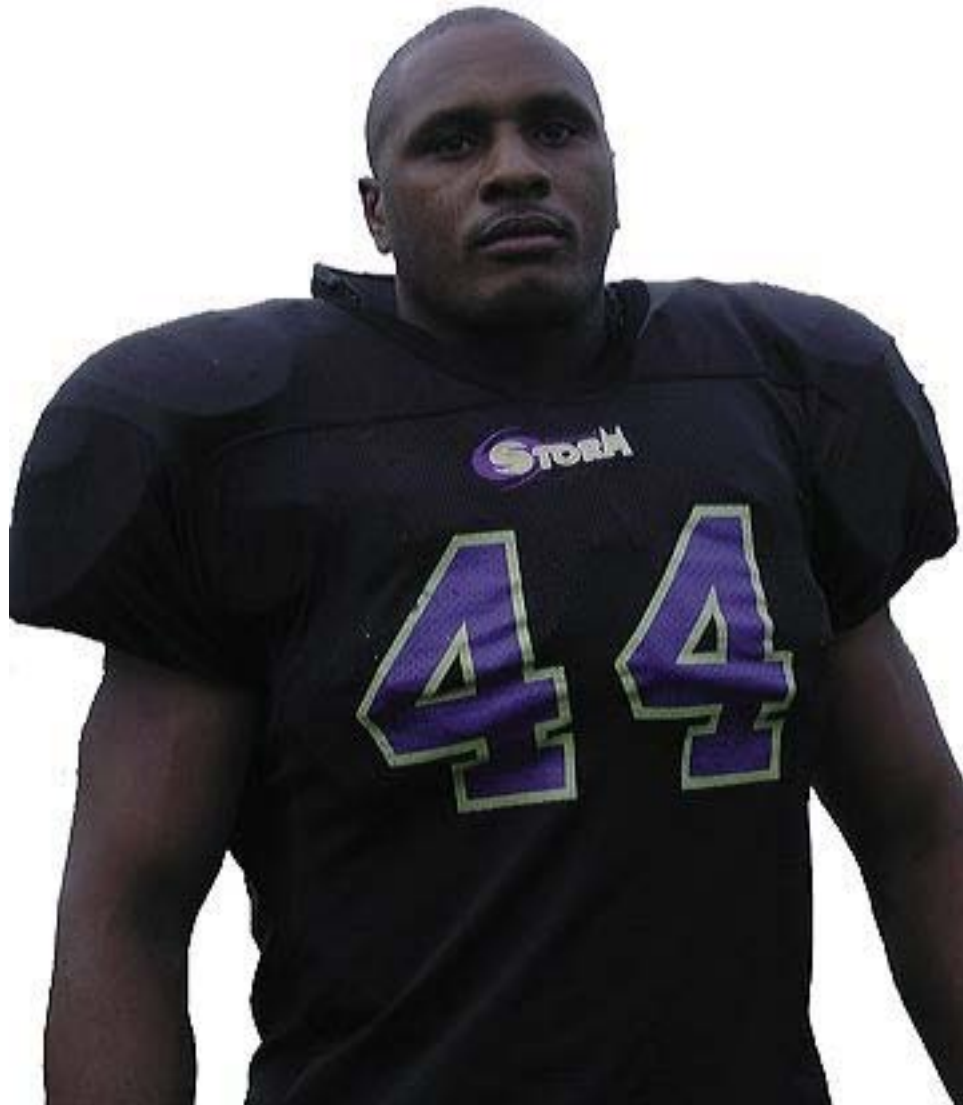


#59, NASHVILLE STORM LB JEREMY SIMS, CELEBRATES A TD BY THE STORM DEFENSE IN 2008-PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP

THE NASHVILLE STORM SAY GOODBYE TO A GREAT LB IN JEREMY SIMS

In Saturday night's game against the Indianapolis Tornados, the player commonly known on the Storm as "Superman", #59, 6'1", 290 lb MLB Jeremy Sims, played his last game in a Nashville Storm uniform (at least for a while). Sims, a brutal force for the last 2 years in the middle of the Storm defense, has been activated by the U.S. Army (Sims is a reservist) and will soon be deployed to Iraq, where he will be stationed throughout 2010. Sims has not only been a highly productive player for the Nashville Storm on the field (he currently leads the 2009 Storm team in tackles for losses), he has been an intelligent and classy representative of the Storm organization in the Nashville community (Sims is preparing for a career as a Medical Doctor). We will miss

Jeremy, and wish him well and a safe return as he serves our nation. And we hope, of course, that someday in the future, Jeremy gets to wear the purple again, a color that has been honored by his participation.



**MTSU AND NASHVILLE STORM LINEBACKER LEGEND
NATHANIEL CLAYBROOKS- PHOTO BY JEFF FREEMAN**

**AND THE NASHVILLE STORM
WELCOME BACK A STORM LEGEND-**

FORMER MTSU ALL-AMERICAN LB NATHANIEL CLAYBROOKS

One of the greatest players in Nashville Storm history, former Maplewood, MTSU, and Arena Football Nashville Kat LB Nathaniel Claybrooks has decided to come out of retirement and play the remainder of the 2009 season for the Nashville Storm. Claybrooks, a First Team 1-AA All-American at LB for MTSU (this was prior to MTSU's move to 1-A), played for the Nashville Storm from 2002-2007 as an Outside Linebacker, winning 1st Team All-American honors from the Minor League Football News before retiring at the end of the 2007 season. Claybrooks' return helps ease the loss to military service of Jeremy Sims, who played his last game with the Storm Saturday night, August 29, against the Indianapolis Tornados. Claybrooks will wear his familiar #44 jersey on the 2009 Nashville Storm.



ON JULY 11, PHELLEPE HALL HAD A STORM RECORD-SETTING PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE INDIANA WARRIORS. THE STORM PLAY THE WARRIORS AGAIN, THIS TIME IN INDIANAPOLIS, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.- PHOTO BY DONNIE BEAUCHAMP.

**NEXT UP- SATURDAY NIGHT,
SEPTEMBER 12- NASHVILLE STORM
@ INDIANA WARRIORS**

The next opponent for the Nashville Storm will be the 3-5 Indiana Warriors on Saturday night, September 12, at Manual High School in Indianapolis, IN (located at 2405

Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46225). Kickoff is expected to be at 7 PM EDT (6 PM CDT). The Storm and Warriors previously played on July 11 in Nashville, with the Storm winning the game 64-14.

The link below is to a Google map to the game site:

maps.google.com/3.webloc