



The BirdBrains

Official Fan Club Of The Iowa Blackhawks

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It is that time again fellow Birdbrains to start thinking about Iowa Blackhawks football. It has been a very good and productive off season for the Blackhawks. With looking ahead at 2009 it will be the best season yet. With that being said, the only way that will happen is to have the **CRAZIEST** and **LOUDEST** bunch of fans in the land. To accomplish that we have to add some new Birds to the flock, so Spread the Word!!!!

Worm Food

Things to look forward to:

Sat April 25- Blackhawks Open 2009 Season @ the MAC against the Nebraska Tornadoes Game time 7:05pm

Quaker Steak and Lube- From 4-6 pm Before Every Blackhawks Home game. Will be the party spot for pre-game fun and the tailgate. There will be food and drink specials for Blackhawk fans in attendance. Blackhawks Trivia , prize give aways and much much more.

Hooters- Will be the Post Game party spot. After every Blackhawks Home game. Fans will be able to meet Blackhawks players, coaches,

and staff. Also in attendance will be the beautiful and talented Hot Wings and very hot Hooter girls.

Coming up soon we will bring back the Birdbrains message board. The place where u can talk about everything Blackhawks.

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Listen to 1620Am THE ZONE (ESPN Radio). To hear for the Special Iowa Blackhawk Zone Ticket deal. I can't tell you about. You will have to listen for yourself. Only thing I can tell you. If you don't have season tickets yet. It is a great deal.

April 25th Will be Council Bluffs Night and all Council Bluffs Residents and Blackhawks fans are asked to wear black and yellow and also come out to the MAC to support the Blackhawks. Get your official yellow and black Iowa Blackhawks t-shirt at the game or order online at www.iowablackhawks.com

Blackhawks keep adding talent

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With less than two weeks before their opening contest of the 2009 season, the Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, have a wave of youngsters on the offensive side of the ball who look to make a splash this season.

Only one, Brad Triplett, a Council Bluffs native, played last season with the Blackhawks; while another local product, Mell Holliday, begins the season with the potential to be a great indoor running back with his blend of strength and speed.

Holliday, a rookie, hails from Omaha, and was a two-way star at Benson High School. The 5-foot-9, 215-pounder lettered twice at Wayne State, before winding up at the University of Colorado, where he rushed for 512 yards on 105 carries, and caught 15 passes for 129 yards in 2006.

Triplett graduated from Lewis Central High School, and played in 2008 with the Blackhawks. A rookie last season, Triplett made great strides learning the indoor game, becoming one of Iowa's most reliable receivers at season's end, after beginning the season low on the depth chart.

His most productive game was against the Nebraska Extreme, when the 6-2, 200-pound receiver caught five passes for 73 yards and one touchdown. He ended the season as the Blackhawks third leading receiver.

Three new receivers are on the roster in 2009. Neuby Ras has experience in indoor football, playing for the Omaha Beef and Bloomington Extreme. Rookies Marque McCray and Zach Hood join the Blackhawks with strong college backgrounds.

Ras caught 30 passes in two seasons with the Beef, scoring four touchdowns during the 2005-06 seasons. Ras also garnered Honorable Mention All-American honors in 2002 while at North Dakota School of Science, a junior college. Ras ran track at Northern State University in Aberdeen, N.D., before finishing his career at St. Cloud State University.

Hood, a 6-2, 210-pound product of Midland Lutheran College and native of Texas, caught 38 passes in four seasons for the Warriors, good for 380 yards including a 13-140 and one touchdown season in 2008.

McCray was an All-American in 2003 at the College of San Mateo, excelling at kickoff and punt returns. The 5-10, 188-pound speedster was all-conference in 2005 at Wayne State, catching 26 passes for 562 yards (21.6 average) and seven touchdowns, as well as returning 13 kickoffs for a 25.5 average and one touchdown a 100-yard return.

Quarterback Ben Alford hails from Florida and will begin his professional career in an Iowa uniform. The 6-2, 210-pounder was an all-everything passer at North Iowa Community College, before transferring to the University of Northern Iowa.

Alford was an Honorable Mention All-American in 2006 at NIACC leading the Trojans to a 7-4 record and Graphics Edge Bowl appearance, throwing for 1,488 yards and rushing for an additional 749.

At UNI, Alford was oft injured, but a member of two conference championship and Division I-AA playoff teams. He is adept at passing on the run and is highly athletic.

Blocking for these new players are rookie linemen Fadil Shabbazz (6-8, 295) and Willie Bradley (6-4, 360) two of the biggest linemen in indoor football.

Shabbazz is a native of California and played at Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif. Shabbazz was voted Offensive Lineman of the Year and Most Improved Player in 2004.

Bradley hails from Lawton, Okla., and attended the University of Central Oklahoma, and lettered for the Broncos in 2006.

The Blackhawks open at the Mid-America Center on Saturday, April 25 against the Nebraska Tornadoes.

Season tickets can be purchased by visiting www.iowablackhawks.com or by calling their office at (712) 256-6180

Article courtesy of the Daily Nonpareil

April 6, 2009

Core vets return to Blackhawks

By Ace Hendricks, Blackhawks staff writer

With less than one month before their first game of the season, the Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, have announced the return of seven seasoned veterans for the 2009 season which begins on Saturday, April

25th at the Mid-America Center. Linebacker Chris Moore (5'10", 215), a perennial all-star; Quarterback Chuck Wright (6'2", 225), the teams all-time leading passer; Defensive back Scott Yates (5'11", 205), who has the most interceptions in team history, will join offensive lineman Tyrice Ellebb (6'3", 360), defensive end Ryan Hoden (6'2", 275), and versatile performers Mike Stuart (WR, 5'11", 190) and Burton Bosan (DB, 5'8", 180) as those who should be impact players for the Blackhawks, who look to be a team to beat in the American Professional Football League (APFL) this season. Moore, Wright, Yates and Ellebb are all in the second year of....

Read the rest of the story at – www.iowablackhawks.com.

February 8, 2009

BLACKHAWKS TEAM UP TO “TREAT THE TROOPS” IN 2009

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Ia. – The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, have announced they will team up with *Iowa Cookie Crumbs* during the 2009 season to help send care

packages to troops serving in the Middle East.

The *Iowa Cookie Crumbs* will set up a table during 2009 Blackhawks home games where they will

take donations to help with the cost of the shipping these packages overseas.

During two November shipments, the *Iowa Cookie Crumbs* sent out more than 31,000 cookies in

234 care packages.

Any military personnel serving in the Middle East can make a request for one of the special care

packages via Treat the Troops website.

In addition to cookies, the organization also collects essential items like small cans of food,

toiletries, batteries, stationery items and letters from people back home let our troops know that

someone back home cares for them and appreciates all that they do.

The Iowa chapter of the *Cookie Crumbs* was founded in 2007 and consists of men and women from

both Southwest Iowa and Eastern Nebraska, who take the time to help fulfill these requests.

To find out more about this project or to find a list of items needed for the troops, please visit

www.treatthetroops.org

Have a question about this article? Feel free to contact anyone below for more information.

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2009 IOWA BLACKHAWKS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	KICK-OFF
April 25 (Sat)	LINCOLN	7:05 P.M.
May 2 (Sat)	@ Springfield Wolf Pack	7:05 P.M.
May 9 (Sat)	KANSAS KOYOTES	7:05 P.M.
May 16 (Sat)	DENVER	7:05 P.M.
May 23 (Sat)	@ Kansas Koyotes	7:05 P.M.
May 30 (Sat)	OPEN DATE	
June 6 (Sat)	MID-MISSOURI OUTLAWS	7:05 P.M.
June 13 (Sat)	@ Kansas Koyotes	7:05 P.M.
June 19 (Fri)	LINCOLN	7:05 P.M.
June 27 (Sat)	SPRINGFIELD WOLF PACK	7:05 P.M.
July 3 (Fri)	@ Lincoln	7:05 P.M.
July 11	APFL PLAYOFFS	TBD
July 18 or 25	APFL CHAMPIONSHIP	TBD

HOME GAMES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLACK



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