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Hawk Times

Tonight's Game Nighthawks vs. Roanoke Steam



After a tough defeat in Moline, IL versus the Quad City Steamwheelers, the Nighthawks return home to face tonight's foe, the Roanoke Steam. This is a big game for the Nighthawks who look to get back on the winning track and stay in the hunt for one of the four arenafootball2 playoff spots while the Steam are looking for their first victory in arenafootball2.

Starting QB Sal Cardella needs to have a good game to help the offense get into gear and the defense needs a strong performance to help shut down the Steam's passing attack. OS Anthony Stringfield will be a key to the Nighthawks passing attack. After returning from a deep thigh bruise injury, Stringfield looked strong at Quad Cities catching two passes for 28 yards and he had a missed field goal return for 32 yards. Stringfield has not scored in his past two games, but look for that drought to end tonight.

Defensively, Nighthawks defensive specialists Desmond Washington and Charles Butler will have their hands full with Roanoke OS Mancel Johnson and QB Will Burch. Burch and Johnson are in the top ten in passing and receiving categories and lead the Roanoke offense which has taken off since Burch replaced former Virginia Tech star Al Clark in the line-up. Johnson has 36 receptions for 481 yards and five touchdowns and Burch has thrown for 715 yards and 17 touchdowns.

After tonight's home game, the Nighthawks begin a tough stretch of games on the road at Augusta on May 27th and Carolina on June 3rd. A win tonight would help send the Nighthawks on the road and erase the loss suffered last week.

Nighthawks Head Coach

Deatrich Wise

Nighthawks Head Coach Deatrich Wise brings a championship attitude to the organization. As a player, Wise won an ArenaBowl championship with the Tampa Bay Storm. He then turned around as a coach and won another championship with the Storm.

NIGHTHAWKS KEY PLAYER:

#4 Anthony Stringfield OS, 5'9 180 lbs. East Tennessee St.

After missing a week due to a deep thigh bruise, Stringfield returned to the line-up showing no signs of the hampering injury. Stringfield will be a key component to the Nighthawks attack tonight as they look to get back on track.

Steam Head Coach

Pete Shaw

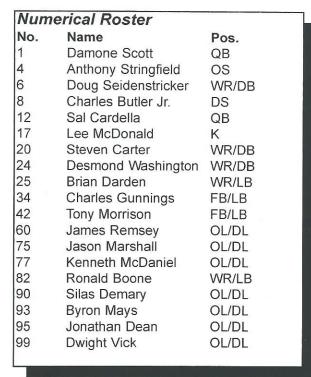
Pete Shaw brings 20 years of coaching experience to the Roanoke Steam. His last Arena Football position was with the New Jersey Red Dogs where he served as the coach for the fullbacks, linebackers and place kickers. Both seasons he was with the Red Dogs, they made it into the playoffs and onto the semi-finals in 1998.

STEAM KEY PLAYER:

#6 Mancel Johnson OS, 6'1 180 lbs. University of Maryland

Johnson leads Roanoke in receptions and receiving yards with 36 receptions for 481 yards. He is 9th in the league in receptions and ranks 6th in receiving yards per game with 96.2.





NIGHTHAWKS ON OFFENSE

FB

42-Tony Morrison 34-Charles Gunnings

OS 4-Anthony Stringfield

QB 12-Sal Cardella

1-Damone Scott

WR

WR 6-Doug Seidenstricker

25-Brian Darden 82-Ronald Boone

21-Steven Carter

99-Dwight Vick 60-Jim Remsey

C 77- Ken McDaniel 93-Byron Mays

TE 90-Silas Demary

95 Jonathan Dean

Numerical Roster

No. Name Pos. 1 Anthony Drakeford WR/DB 2 Kevin Allen DS 4 Moe Cooper WR/DB 5 Al Clark QB 6 Mancel Johnson OS Ramon Davenport DS 11 Jason Bloom K 12 Derrick McBride WR/DB 14 Will Burch QB 18 Charles Briggs WR/LB 20 Jeff Higgins WR/LB 47 Elton Toliver FB/LB 51 Joseph Shin OL/DL 74 Eric Galloway OL/DL 75 Stephan Holloway OL/DL Alex Rodriguez 88 OL/DL 93 Kerwin Hairston OL/DL 94 James Kirkland OL/DL 95 Henley Green OL/DL

NIGHTHAWKS ON DEFENSE

PK 17-Lee McDonald

DS

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